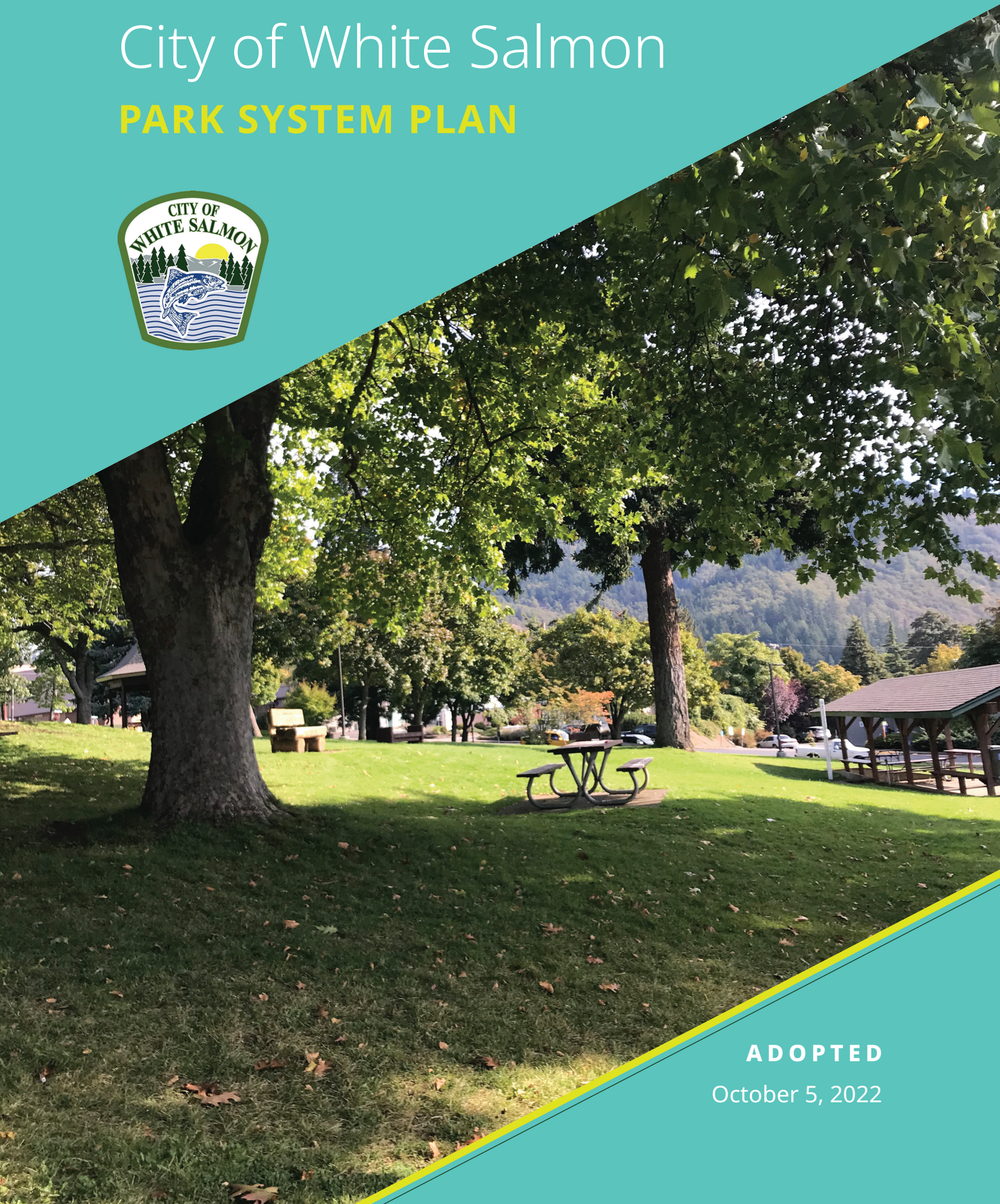


# City of White Salmon

## PARK SYSTEM PLAN



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE

### White Salmon Park System Plan

**To:** Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer, City of White Salmon

**From:** Colin McArthur, Liz Auvil, Victor Garcia (Cameron McCarthy)

**Date:** May 23, 2021

**Subject:** **Community Profile Demographics and Trends Memo**

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#### 1.0 COMMUNITY PROFILE

##### 1.1 Overview

A critical step in the parks planning process is evaluating how the community is served by its parks system. This memorandum provides an overview of White Salmon's regional context and planning area and summarizes the local demographic composition. The regional context is important in considering the environmental and demographic opportunities and constraints related to parks planning. In addition, analyzing trends in demographic composition informs parks-related policy decisions and ensures that parks best fit the diverse needs of varied populations.

##### 1.2 Regional Context & Planning Area

White Salmon, Washington is located 72 miles east of Portland along the Columbia River Gorge. Indigenous inhabitants, including the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Yakama Nation, the Wasco Nation, and the Wishram Nation live and have lived on the land for thousands of years prior to European immigrants occupying the area.

Klickitat County was organized by European immigrants out of Walla Walla County in 1859, and the land currently known as the City of White Salmon was incorporated in 1907. White Salmon is known for its kiteboarding opportunities and whitewater conditions on the Columbia River. The area, with its rivers and waterfalls, is a world-renowned destination for kayakers.

White Salmon is situated on a bluff above the Columbia River and surrounded by several natural features, including the White Salmon River and Jewett Creek, and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. White Salmon provides recreational opportunities which include bike trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, and athletic fields.

The planning area for the Parks System Plan includes land within the city limits of White Salmon. The planning area primarily includes land zoned as commercial and residential uses.

### 1.3 Demographic Analysis

Trends in population growth, age, housing, health, and ethnicity are all key factors in understanding a community’s composition. The following data is pulled from the White Salmon Urbanization Study and American Fact Finder, a part of the United States Census. The White Salmon Urbanization Study Assessment is based on survey data collected from 2019-2020. Data from American Fact Finder is drawn from the most current data available, which may vary. Data is partly supplied through the 2020 Census. As the Census is a decennial event, the American Community Survey (ACS) is a supplemental nationwide survey that provides communities’ perspectives on how they are changing before the next official Census. The ACS collects information such as age, race, income, and other important data. The ACS produces 5-year estimates annually for all geographic areas. In the case of White Salmon, ACS data is available for the period of 2013-2019, hence referred to as 2019 data. White Salmon’s demographic trends are influenced by its employment sectors, which include contractors and builders, retail and dining, health and medicine, agriculture and industry, and transportation. White Salmon’s population fluctuates but is forecasted to grow.

#### POPULATION GROWTH

With a population of 2,685 (2020), White Salmon is a small city in southern Washington. From 2005 to 2020, White Salmon experienced an approximately 17% increase in population. Based on a recent White Salmon urbanization study conducted in 2020, the high-growth forecast for Klickitat County will be 0.96% annual growth rate (AGR)<sup>1</sup>. The high-growth forecast most closely aligns with the growth White Salmon has seen over the last 19 years (0.9% AGR), so the future population forecast for White Salmon assumes the 0.96% AGR. In that scenario, the City will see a 19% increase over the next 20 years, which is slightly higher than the growth rate over the last 15 years (17%). Table 1.1 summarizes historical and projected future populations.

**Table 1.1. White Salmon Historical and Future Population Forecast<sup>2</sup>**

YEAR	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	2,293	2,224	2,508	2,685	2,764	2,899	3,041	3,190

With a population of 22,645 (2020), Klickitat County is in south-central Washington, and ranks 30<sup>th</sup> among Washington’s 39 counties in size. From 2005 to 2020, Klickitat County experienced a 14% population increase. Based on the urbanization study’s high-growth forecast, the County’s population is expected to increase by 21% over the next 20 years, which is significantly higher than the growth rates during the last 15 years (14%). Table 1.2 summarizes historical and projected future populations.

**Table 1.2. Klickitat Historical and Future Population Forecast<sup>3</sup>**

YEAR	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	19,940	20,318	21,594	22,645	23,753	24,916	26,135	27,414

<sup>1</sup> Source: White Salmon, American Community Survey, 2019, White Salmon Urbanization Study, 2020

<sup>2</sup> Source: White Salmon, American Community Survey, 2019, White Salmon Urbanization Study, 2020

<sup>3</sup> Source: Klickitat County, American Community Survey, 2019, White Salmon Urbanization Study, 2020

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Washington state’s current population is approximately 8,413,401 (2020). From 2005 to 2020, Washington experienced a 34% population increase. Based on projections, Washington’s population is expected to increase by 31% over the next 20 years, slightly lower than the growth rates during the last 15 years (34%). Table 1.3 summarizes historical and projected future populations.

**Table 1.3. Washington Historical and Future Population Forecast<sup>4</sup>**

YEAR	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	6,287,352	6,724,540	7,154,219	8,413,401	9,098,447	9,757,009	10,391,037	10,984,980

While growth is anticipated overall, it is important to note White Salmon itself is growing at a significant rate compared to other jurisdictions in the region. As shown below, White Salmon has the third-highest population projection growth (45% increase) in Klickitat County between 2020 to 2045. This suggests a need to accommodate this growth as it pertains to parks and recreation facilities and amenities. Table 1.4 and Chart 1.1 summarizes historical and projected future populations and growth rate.

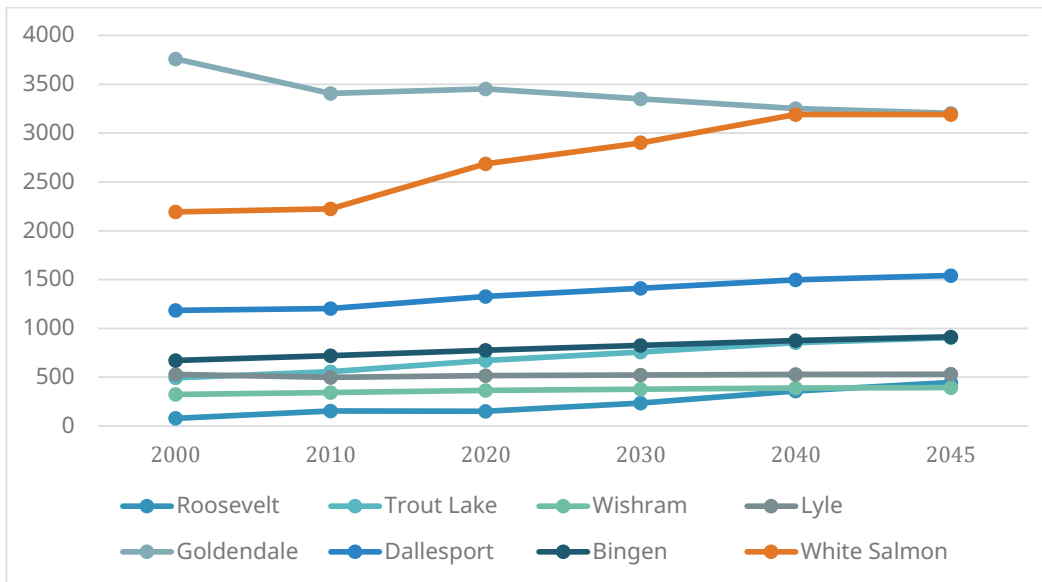
**Table 1.4. Regional Population Trends, 2000-2045<sup>5</sup>**

COUNTY/ CITY	2000 Census Population	2010 Census Population	2020 Census Population	2030 Population Estimate	2040 Population Estimate	2045 Population Estimate
Klickitat County	19,161	20,318	22,645	24,916	27,414	28,755
White Salmon	2,193	2,224	2,685	2,899	3,190	3,346
Bingen	672	720	778	826	877	904
Dallesport	1,185	1,202	1,328	1,410	1,497	1,542
Goldendale	3,760	3,407	3,453	3,351	3,252	3,203
Lyle	530	499	518	523	528	531
Roosevelt	79	156	152	234	360	446
Trout Lake	494	557	672	757	853	905
Wishram	324	342	366	377	389	394

<sup>4</sup> Source: Washington, American Community Survey, 2019, White Salmon Urbanization Study, 2020

<sup>5</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, American Community Survey, 2019, White Salmon Urbanization Study, 2020

**Chart 1.1. Regional Population Trends, 2000-2045<sup>6</sup>**

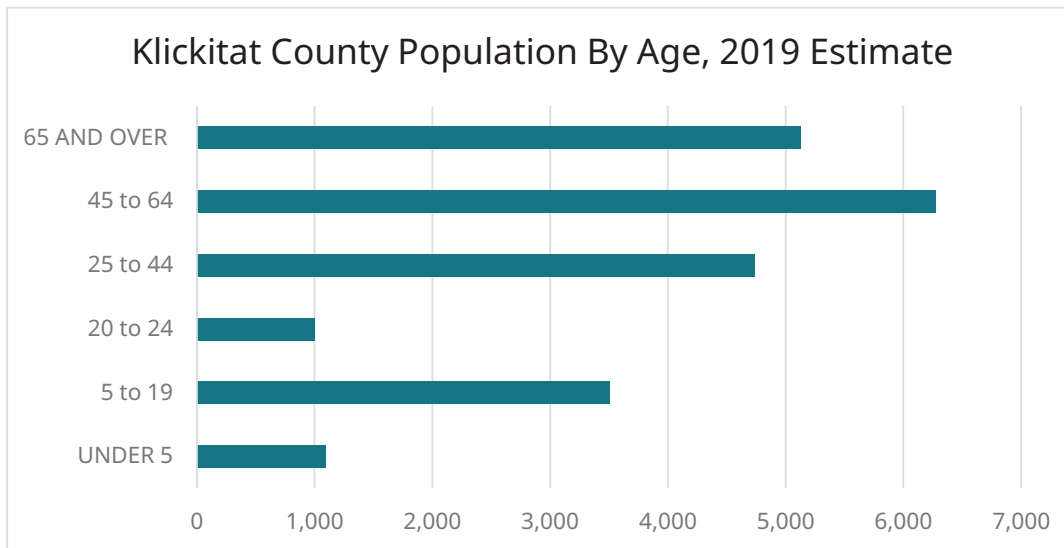
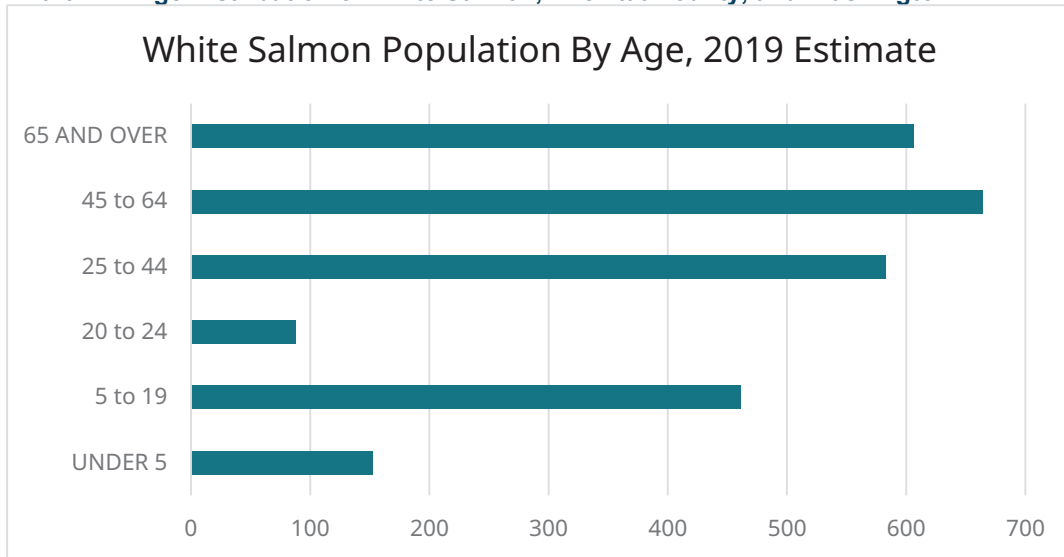


**AGE**

It is important for parks systems to meet the recreation needs of residents of all ages. Analyzing the population by age group can help adjust planning efforts for future age-related trends in recreation. Chart 1.2 summarizes the age distributions of populations in White Salmon, Klickitat County, and Washington.

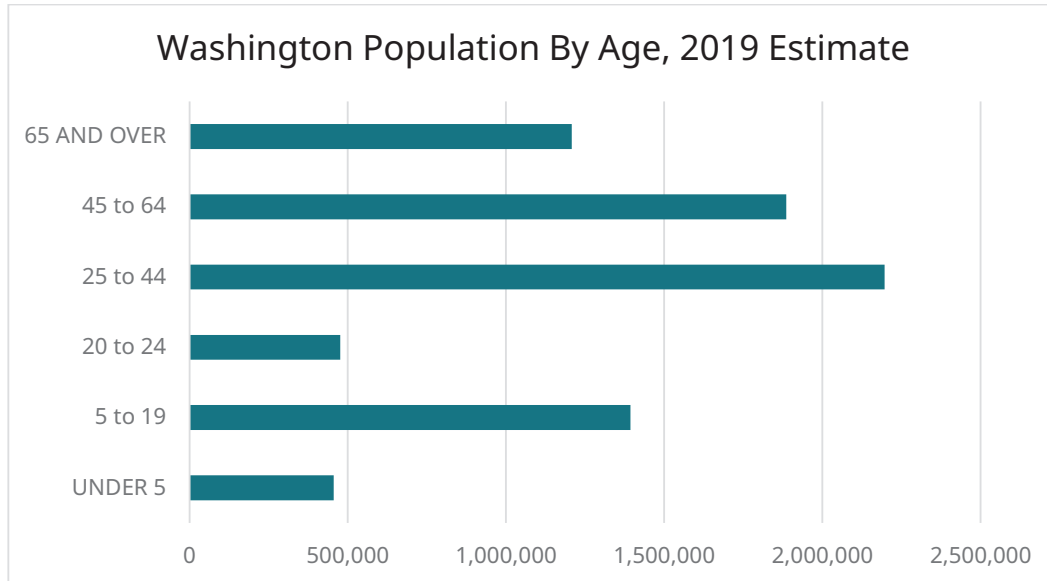
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Chart 1.2. Age Distribution of White Salmon, Klickitat County, and Washington<sup>7</sup>



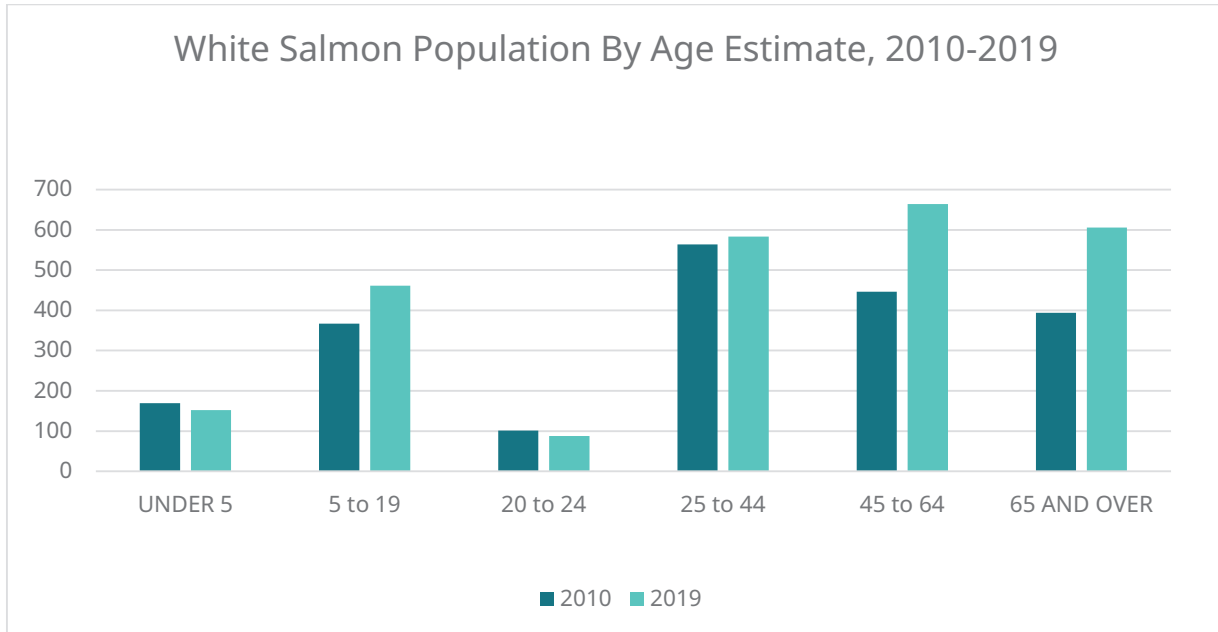
<sup>7</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019





In 2019, the largest percentage of White Salmon residents (26%) was between the ages of 45 and 64. An additional 24% were between the ages of 65 and over, 23% were between the ages of 25 to 44, and 18% were ages 5 to 19. In Chart 1.3, age trends show that since 2010 several age groups are growing, including ages 5 to 19, 25 to 44, 55 to 64, and 65 and over. The percentage of residents between the ages of 65 and over in White Salmon is significantly higher (24%) compared to the population of Washington (16%). Meanwhile, White Salmon has a slightly lower percentage of residents between the ages of 45 and 64 (26%) than Klickitat County (29%) but slightly higher than the state of Washington (25%). White Salmon has a significantly lower percentage of the population groups ages 20 to 24 and 25 to 44 (3%, and 23%, respectively) compared to the state of Washington (6%, and 29%, respectively), yet has a higher population between the ages of 5 to 19 (18%) when compared to the county (16%). This shows a population with a variety of age groups where a range of park planning activities are needed to serve the entire community.

**Chart 1.3. White Salmon Population by Age Estimate, 2010-2019** <sup>8 9</sup>



**FAMILY SIZE**

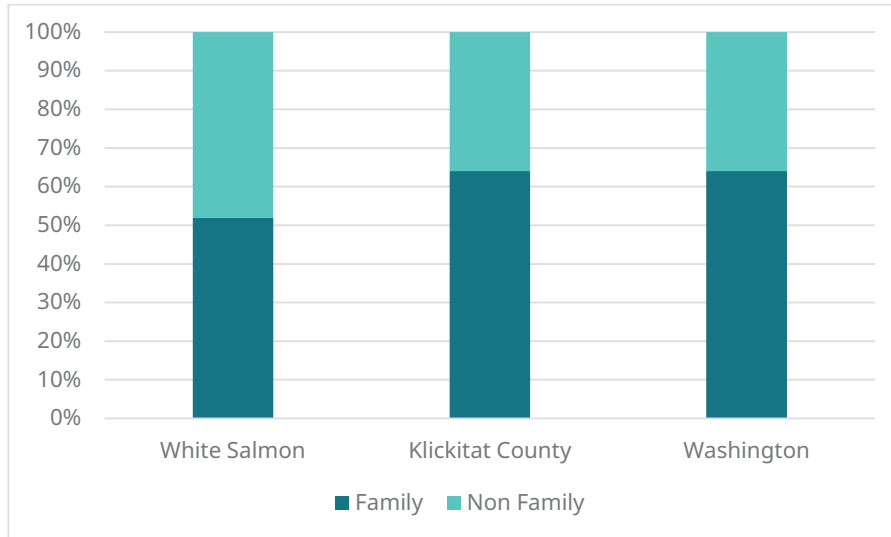
A review of household type, housing tenure, and recent housing construction provides critical information for meeting park and recreation needs. This data assists with planning for the development of new parks and identifying potential funding sources, such as System Development Charges (SDCs). In addition, housing trends establish a snapshot of the type of housing being added to a community, where it is being added, and the type of homes that are being constructed.

In 2019, 52% of White Salmon households were family households (individuals related by birth, marriage, or adoption) while 48% were non-family households (individuals living alone or with non-relatives). Of this 48% of non-family households, 87% live alone. This percentage of non-family households who live alone highlights opportunities for White Salmon to meet the needs of non-family households, including older residents living alone (28% of non-family households are individuals 65 years or older living alone). The high percentage of family households highlights the need to provide activities and opportunities across a wide age spectrum for families. As shown in Chart 1.4, overall, these percentages are consistent across the county and the state.

<sup>8</sup> Source: White Salmon, American Community Survey, 2010

<sup>9</sup> Source: White Salmon, American Community Survey, 2019

Chart 1.4. Makeup of Households, 2019 <sup>10</sup>



In 2019, White Salmon had 1,172 housing units within its city limits. Roughly 60% of residents own their homes, while about 40% are renters. As shown in Figure 1.5, overall, these percentages are consistent across the county and the state. The percentage of residents who are owners in White Salmon (60%) is lower compared to house ownership at the county level (68%) and slightly lower than in Washington state (63%).

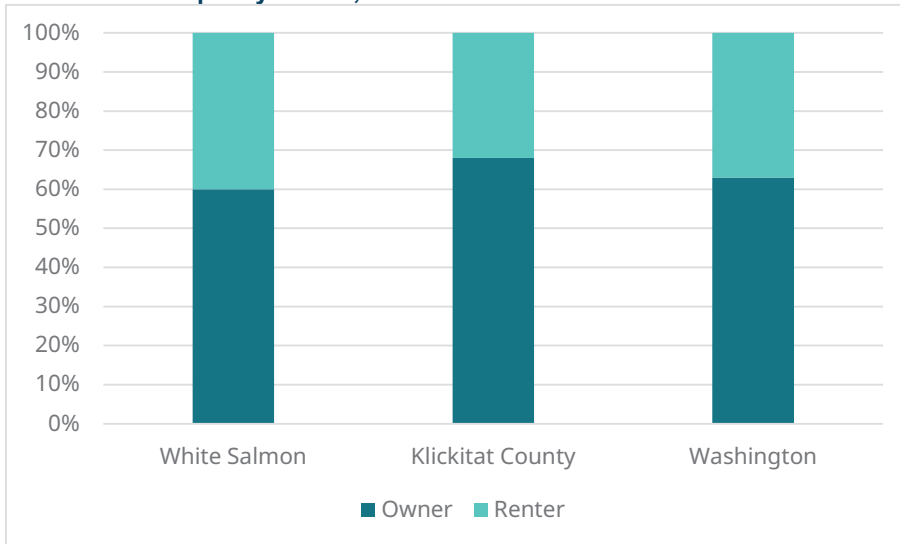
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<sup>10</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

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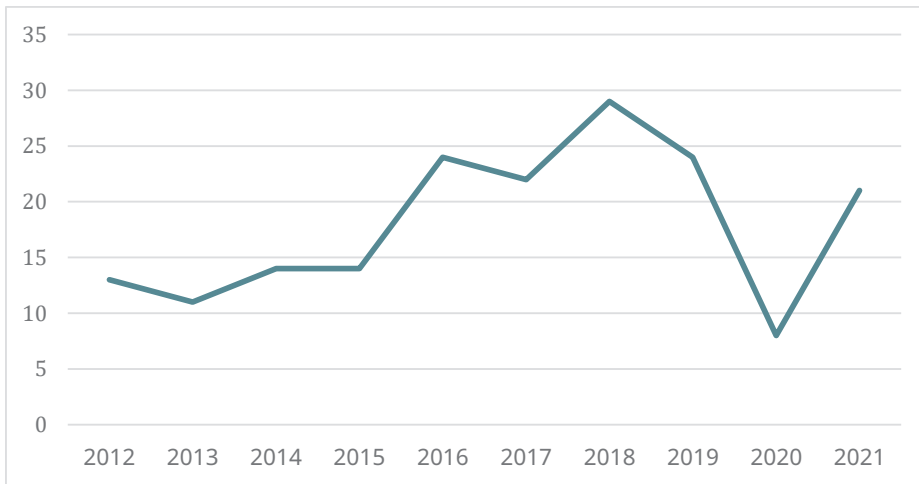
**Chart 1.5. Occupancy Status, 2019** <sup>11</sup>



The need for upgrades to the park and recreation system (additional facilities, amenities, etc.) can also be directly related to the amount of growth experienced by a community.

Understanding the nature of White Salmon’s growth is key to determining priorities for the expansion of park and recreation services. Chart 1.6 presents the number of residential development permits recorded by the City of White Salmon from 2012 to 2021.

**Chart 1.6. Residential Development Permits in White Salmon** <sup>12</sup>



<sup>11</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

<sup>12</sup> Source: City of White Salmon Planning Department, 2022

The number of residential permits in White Salmon has dramatically fluctuated from 2012 through 2021. The number of residential building permits each year was fairly consistent from 2012 to 2015. Beginning in 2016 there was an increase in the number of permits issued. The higher rate of residential development lasted until 2020, reflecting the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated economic recession. However, residential development returned to similar levels in 2021. The highest number of residential permits recorded in the ten-year span was in 2018, with 29 permits recorded. The City saw 21 residential building permits in 2021. These data indicate an increase in residential development in White Salmon in the last ten years, which suggests an increase in population and a heightened need for additional parks and recreation services in the coming years.

**RACE**

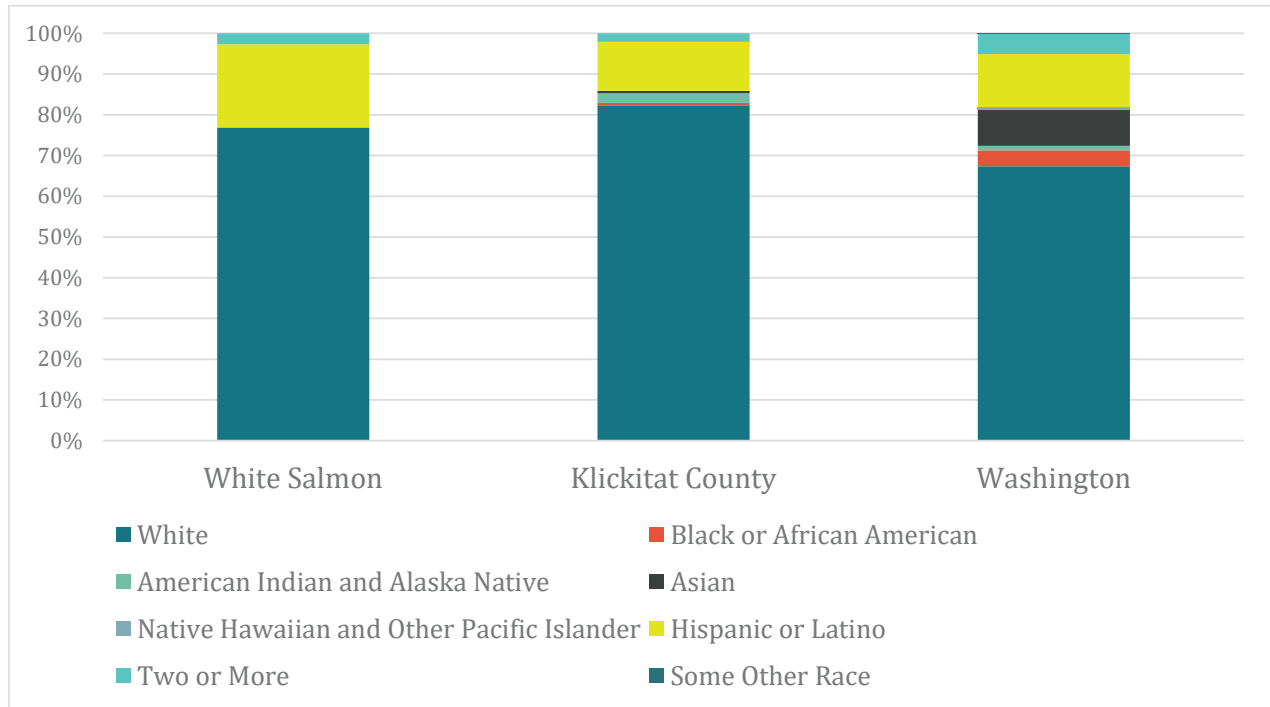
White Salmon’s racial composition is shifting. As shown in Table 1.5, in 2010 34% of the population identified as Hispanic or Latino. The Hispanic/Latino population experienced a decrease to 20% of the population by 2019. In 2019, African Americans, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders made up 0% of the population. 3% of the population identified as Two or More races. Between 2010-2019, White Salmon saw an increase in the percentage of the population who identify as white and a slight increase among those who identify as belonging to two or more races. During that time there was a decrease in the Hispanic or Latino, and the Asian population. As shown in Chart 1.7, White Salmon’s Hispanic/Latino population represents 20% of the total population, compared to 12% in the county, and 13% in the state. With increased diversity in White Salmon among some racial groups, like the Hispanic and Latino population, the City will need to adapt its park and recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents from diverse backgrounds. This diversification has implications for staffing, maintenance, and marketing of park and recreation facilities. The city will need to understand the unique ways in which different groups use services to meet their needs.

**Table 1.5. Racial Composition of White Salmon, 2010-2019<sup>13</sup>**

YEARS	WHITE	HISPANIC OR LATINO	BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE	ASIAN	NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER ALONE	SOME OTHER RACE	TWO OR MORE RACES	TOTAL POPULATION
2010	65%	34%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2,041
2019	77%	20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2,554

<sup>13</sup> Source: White Salmon, American Community Survey, 2019

Chart 1.7. Racial Composition by City, County, and State, 2019<sup>14</sup>



**1.4 Economic Analysis**

Trends in income and education are also vital in understanding a community’s composition. White Salmon’s income and educational trends are influenced by its employment sectors, and proximity to educational opportunities.

**INCOME**

A community’s support of, desire for, and willingness to pay for park and recreation services are directly related to the strength of its economic base. Understanding White Salmon’s economic characteristics is a critical step in determining priorities for park and recreation services. This understanding will also aid the City in preparing grants and applying for alternate funding sources to help pay for park projects. Table 1.6 presents income and poverty information for White Salmon, Klickitat County, and Washington in 2019.

<sup>14</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

**Table 1.6. Income and Poverty; White Salmon, Klickitat County, and Washington, 2019** <sup>15</sup>

	WHITE SALMON	KLICKITAT COUNTY	WASHINGTON
Median Household Income	\$55,652	\$55,773	\$78,687
Median Family Income	\$75,530	\$66,990	\$94,709
Per Capita Income	\$32,287	\$29,521	\$41,521
Percent of Population Below Poverty Level	7%	16%	10%
Percent of Individuals Below Poverty Level	22%	35%	21%

In 2019, White Salmon’s median family income (\$75,530) and per capita income (\$32,287) were higher than Klickitat County income levels but lower than Washington income levels. White Salmon has a low percentage of the total population living below the poverty level (7%) compared to the state (10%) or the county (16%). However, the percentage of individuals living below the poverty level in White Salmon is 22% which is closer to the state levels (21%) but significantly lower than the county level (35%). Poverty and income are important considerations in the parks planning process, as they influence residents’ willingness and ability to pay for higher levels of service and new park facilities.

### 1.5 Education Analysis

A community’s economic base is also influenced by the educational attainment of its residents. Understanding White Salmon’s educational background helps further understand economic factors. Table 1.7 presents educational attainment for White Salmon, Klickitat County, and Washington in 2019.

**Table 1.7. Educational Attainment; White Salmon, Klickitat County, and Washington, 2019** <sup>16</sup>

EDUCATION	WHITE SALMON	KLICKITAT COUNTY	WASHINGTON
High School Diploma	88%	88%	92%
Bachelor’s Degree or Higher	47%	31%	37%

In 2019, 88% of White Salmon adult residents had a high school diploma, and 47% had a bachelor’s degree or higher. The percentage of residents with a bachelor’s degree or higher in White Salmon is greater than the county (31%) or the state (37%). The percentage of residents with a high school diploma is the same in both White Salmon and Klickitat County (88%), but slightly lower than the rate at the state level (92%). Educational completion and subsequent earning potential is an important consideration in the parks planning process, as they influence residents’ ability to pay for higher levels of service and new park facilities.

<sup>15</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

<sup>16</sup> Source: White Salmon City, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

**1.6 Community Health Analysis**

In 2021, the County Health Rankings provided updated data on a wide variety of health issues. The rankings evaluate health at the county level and the state level and include the rates of obesity, diabetes, physical and mental health, and physical activity and exercise.

**Table 1.8. Health Rankings: Klickitat County and Washington, 2021** <sup>17</sup>

	KLICKITAT COUNTY	WASHINGTON
<b>Obesity</b>	27%	29%
<b>Diabetes prevalence</b>	12%	9%
<b>Frequent physical distress</b>	14%	11%
<b>Frequent mental distress</b>	14%	12%
<b>Physical inactivity</b>	18%	16%
<b>Access to exercise opportunities</b>	74%	86%

Physical surroundings are one of the greatest environmental factors influencing community health. Parks and recreation opportunities support physical activity which has an important role in decreasing chronic illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, depression, diabetes, and some cancer. The actions of park providers can influence the physical activity of the people and overall community health.

The assessment found 27% of adults in Klickitat County were obese which is slightly lower than the rate of adults across Washington (29%). The rate of diabetes is higher among adults in Klickitat County (12%) when compared to adults in Washington (9%). The rates of physical and mental distress were slightly higher at the county level than the state level. Physical inactivity was higher in Klickitat County than in Washington (18% and 16%, respectively). In addition, the access to exercise opportunities, which is the percentage of the population with adequate access to locations for physical activity, was significantly lower in Klickitat County (74%) than in Washington (86%).

Understanding regional and community health trends and health disparities is valuable when planning for current and future parks as well as recreation programming. Research suggests that health disparities can be alleviated with access to parks and nature and that physical activity and time spent in nature can reduce the risk of certain illnesses and help manage health disorders. Along with this, the City of White Salmon can tackle such disparities and plan for future generations while acknowledging population trends, along with age distribution, the makeup of households, occupancy status, racial composition, income analysis, educational attainment, and community health. All these elements have a high level of importance due to their interconnectivity and relationship to public space.

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<sup>17</sup> Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings 2021



Overall, the city of White Salmon is expected to increase in population over the next 20 years, at a pace slightly higher than growth rates during the last 15 years. When compared to other jurisdictions in the region, White Salmon has the third-highest projected population growth in Klickitat County between 2020 to 2045. This forecast suggests a need to accommodate more parks for future population growth. White Salmon has higher percentages of the population between the ages of 5 to 19, 22 to 44, and 65 and over when compared to Klickitat County. The City also has a significantly higher population of Hispanic and Latino residents when compared to both the county and the state. This information indicates a need for White Salmon to emphasize the importance of allocating resources in its park systems that appeal to the unique variety of park users in the community.

# APPENDIX B

## INVENTORY

### White Salmon Park System Plan

**To:** Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer, City of White Salmon

**From:** Colin McArthur, Liz Auvil, Victor Garcia (Cameron McCarthy)

**Date:** February 2, 2022

**Subject:** **Inventory and Conditions Report**

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#### 1.0 OVERVIEW

Parks system planning requires the identification and assessment of existing park facilities and amenities through an inventory process. The inventory process highlights system-wide strengths, needs, opportunities and constraints, and reveals underserved areas and services. Knowledge of the activities that occur in each park and the condition of facilities and amenities helps guide recommendations and capital improvement programming efforts. The inventory process includes consideration and assignment of park classifications. Careful review of current and future park system needs by park classification type ensures a balanced parks system capable of efficient service to the community.

#### 2.0 CLASSIFICATION

Cameron McCarthy uses National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) classifications as a basis for the establishment of a classification system specific to the needs, resources, and facilities in White Salmon.<sup>1</sup> Park classification determination considers individual park benefits, functions, size, service area, and amenities.

The 2021 Parks System Plan applies the following park classifications selected for White Salmon.

##### ***Parks***

- Mini Parks
- Community Parks
- Natural Area Parks
- Special Use Parks

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<sup>1</sup> National Recreation and Parks Association Parks Classification and Parks Definitions . National Recreation and Parks Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, Mertes, James D. and Hall, James R. Park, Recreation, and Open Space and Greenway Guidelines. 1996.

## 2.1 Mini Parks

**Description:** Mini parks provide immediate residents with access to basic recreation opportunities. They are designed for passive and unstructured activities.

**Size (Acreage):** 1 acre or less

**Location (Proximity):** Within ¼ mile access to neighborhoods or adjacent to commercial areas.

**Characteristics:**

- Relatively level and usable
- Space for both active and passive uses
- Access via local streets with sidewalks

**Typical Features and Amenities:**

- Children's playground
- Pathways
- Picnic tables
- Picnic shelter
- Interpretive signage
- Landscape/plantings

## 2.2 Community Parks

**Description:** Community parks provide residents with active and passive recreation opportunities. They are designed to enhance neighborhood and community identity, preserve open space, and enhance the quality of life of community residents. These parks often accommodate large group activities and include major recreation facilities, such as sports fields.

**Size (Acreage):** 25+ acres

**Location (Proximity):** Within 1-2 miles of several neighborhoods.

**Characteristics:**

- Space for both active and passive uses
- Major recreation facilities
- Sports fields
- Accommodate group activities
- Preserve open space
- Enhance quality of life and community identity

**Typical Features and Amenities:**

- Children's playgrounds (toddler and youth)
- Designated sports fields
- Designated sports courts
- Skateparks
- Off-leash dog areas
- Indoor recreation center
- Swimming pool
- Performance space
- Community gardens
- Areas for unstructured play
- Picnic shelters
- Picnic tables
- Concession or vendor space
- Natural areas
- Open space
- Interpretive signage
- Public art

- Storage and maintenance buildings
- Restrooms

### 2.3 Natural Area Parks

**Description:** Natural Area Parks are lands set aside to preserve significant natural resources and open spaces. They also provide visual buffering or aesthetics.

**Size (Acreage):** Variable

**Location (Proximity):** No

**Characteristics:**

- Individual sites exhibiting natural resources.
- Lands may be unsuitable for development but offer natural resource potential.
- Light development to preserve integrity of resources.

**Typical Features and Amenities:**

- Nature viewing
- Greenways

### 2.4 Special Use Parks

**Description:** Special use parks include a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented towards a single-purpose use.

**Size (Acreage):** Variable

**Location (Proximity):** No applicable standard.

**Characteristics:** Specialized facility including one or more uses and activities.

**Typical Features and Amenities:** Dependent on activities and site use.

**Table 2.1. Park Classification Categories** includes a summary type, size (acreage), service area (proximity), and typical facilities found in each category.

**Table 2.1. Park Classification Categories**

CLASSIFICATION	ACREAGE	PROXIMITY	TYPICAL FACILITIES
<b>PARKS</b>			
<b>Mini Parks</b>	1 acre or less	¼ mile radius	Children’s playground, picnic tables, shelter, pathways, interpretive signage, and landscape/plantings
<b>Community Parks</b>	25+ acres	1 - 2 mile radius; several neighborhoods	Children’s playgrounds (toddler and youth), designated sports fields, designated sports courts, skateparks, off-leash dog areas, indoor recreation center, swimming pool, performance space, community gardens, areas for unstructured play, picnic shelters, picnic tables, concession or vendor space, natural areas, open space, interpretive signage, public art, storage and maintenance buildings, and restrooms
<b>Natural Area Parks</b>	Variable	Variable—dependent on resource availability and opportunity.	Light development to preserve integrity of resources. Nature viewing opportunities, visual aesthetic/buffering, and greenways.
<b>Special Use Parks</b>	Variable	No applicable standard	Dependent on activities and site use.

### 3.0 INVENTORY

The City of White Salmon owns and/or operates six park facilities that comprise the system. The parks inventory includes all parkland owned and/or operated by the City of White Salmon. The inventory was completed using information provided by City staff and site visits to park facilities.

#### 3.1 Mini Parks

The City of White Salmon has **two** mini parks.

#### **PIONEER PARK CEMETERY**

Pioneer Park is a small (0.4 acre) park located off Northeast Tohomish Street. It provides a grassy expanse with views of Mount Hood. Pioneer Park was originally a cemetery for early pioneers. Central to the park is a memorial in tribute to early pioneers who were previously buried at this location. While no one is currently buried at the park, the grave markers still exist. The land was operated as a cemetery until 1962, when the City designated it as a memorial park.

### **FIREMAN'S PARK**

Fireman's Park is a small (.2 acres) gateway park located on the corner of E Jewett Boulevard and NE Grandview Avenue. This site welcomes visitors to White Salmon and provides views of the Columbia River Gorge and Mount Hood.

## **3.2 Community Parks**

The City of White Salmon has **one** community park.

### **RHEINGARTEN PARK**

Rheingarten Park is 4.1 acres and is the focal point for several local festivals and public events, including SpringFest, July 4th festivities, concerts, fun runs, and the White Salmon Farmer's Market. The park boasts an open lawn area, tennis courts, picnic pavilion, gazebo, playground, recycling/composting demonstration plot, restrooms, and a large office building housing the school district offices, the Underwood Conservation District, and leased office space. Rheingarten Park is adjacent to Whitson Elementary School.

## **3.3 Natural Area Parks**

The City of White Salmon has **one** natural area park.

### **MAMIE & FRANCIS GADDIS MEMORIAL PARK**

Mamie and Francis Gaddis Memorial Park (6.7 acres) is located in a natural setting along the eastern edge of White Salmon and adjacent to Jewett Creek. This park, dedicated in 2003, was originally named in memory of Mamie Gaddis; the name was changed to Mamie and Francis Gaddis Memorial Park in July 2004, and the park was rededicated in 2007 with the completion of a kiosk. Notable features of this park include a white oak woodland, interpretive signs that provide information on native plant species, creekside picnic tables, and an informal trail with limited access due to downed trees and debris.

## **3.4 Special Use Parks**

The City of White Salmon has **two** special use parks.

### **JEWETT SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Jewett Sports Complex is a 4.0 acre active recreation park. The White Salmon Community Youth organization constructed and currently maintains the complex, but the property is owned by the White Salmon Valley School District. The complex is used for community baseball, softball, and soccer. The Jewett family donated the property to the White Salmon Valley School in 1925.

### **WHITE SALMON BIKE PARK**

The White Salmon Bike Park is a 7.6 acre park located adjacent to Jewett Creek and across from the Sports Fields. The park is located on City land and is maintained by volunteers. The bike park hosts a series of jumps, berms, and other challenges for riders of all skills and ages.

## **3.5 Trails**

### **TRAILS**

Two miles of bike and pedestrian trail exists within the city limits of White Salmon. The facility includes a shared-use, off-street path that runs along W Jewett Blvd that transitions to a sidewalk along NW Loop Road.

**3.6 Inventory Summary**

The City owns or maintains six park facilities, which comprise 23 acres. Table 3.1 Inventory Summary contains a list of developed facilities and their associate classifications and size. Table 3.2 Major Facilities and Amenities includes a summary of the quantity of those features including designated sports fields, playgrounds, park structures and other facilities.

**Table 3.1. Inventory Summary**

<b>DEVELOPED FACILITIES</b>	
<b>PARKS</b>	<b>ACRES</b>
<b>Mini-Parks</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Pioneer Park Cemetery	0.4
Fireman’s Park	0.2
<b>Community Park</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Rheingarten Park	4.1
<b>Natural Area Parks</b>	<b>6.7</b>
Mamie & Francis Gaddis Memorial Park	6.7
<b>Special Use Parks</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Jewett Sports Complex	4.0
White Salmon Bike Park	7.6
<b>TOTAL PARK ACRES</b>	<b>23.0</b>
<b>TRAILS</b>	<b>MILES</b>
Trails	2.0
<b>TOTAL TRAIL MILES</b>	<b>2.0</b>

**Table 3.2. Major Facilities and Amenities**

TYPE	QUANTITY
<b>Designated Sports Fields</b>	
Softball/Baseball Field	3
Sports Field	1
<b>Designated Sports Courts</b>	
Tennis Courts	4
<b>Playgrounds</b>	
Children's Playground	1
<b>Park Structures</b>	
Restrooms	1
Gazebo	1
Picnic Pavilion	1
<b>Other Facilities</b>	
Drinking Fountain	1

#### 4.0 LEVEL OF SERVICE

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) publishes an annual report that summarizes key findings generated by the NRPA Park Metrics, a benchmarking tool that evaluates an agency’s performance. Two benchmarks analyzed in the 2021 NRPA Performance Review report are the **ratio of residents per park**, and the **acres of park land per 1,000 residents** as a means of gauging the appropriate level of service. These benchmarks are the foundation for exploring potential service gaps in the City of White Salmon’s park system.

The 2022 population estimate for White Salmon is 2,490 people<sup>2</sup>. Since the City of White Salmon Parks System Plan is meant to guide the City for the next 20 years, all population projections provide service analysis extrapolated out to 2040. This analysis seeks to identify current service needs, as well as the potential needs for a changing future population.

#### 4.1 Residents Per Park

The ratio of residents per park is calculated based on the current population estimate (2,490 people) and the number of existing park properties (6 park properties). Based on this equation, the ratio of residents per park in White Salmon is 415 residents per park. For this benchmark, a lower ratio of resident per park (lower quartile ratio) is preferred, meaning that parks are less crowded. The higher the ratio (upper quartile), the more crowded the existing parks. In Table 4.1a, this ratio is compared to national ratios for jurisdictions surveyed with populations having less than 20,000 residents to be a viable comparison to White Salmon. The national ratios are presented as the median ratio of jurisdictions surveyed, lower quartile ratio of jurisdictions surveyed, and upper quartile ratio of jurisdictions surveyed.

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<sup>2</sup> Washington State Office of Financial Management, April 1 Official Population Estimates. 2022.



**Table 4.1a. Residents Per Park**

Population	Number of Residents	Ratio of Resident per Park	Comparison
<b>White Salmon</b>	2,490	415 residents/park	--
<b>Median</b>	--	1,235	<b>-820</b>
<b>Lower Quartile</b>	--	776	<b>-361</b>
<b>Upper Quartile</b>	--	1,948	<b>-1,533</b>

As shown in Table 4.1a, the ratio of residents per park is lower than the national lower quartile ratio and significantly lower than the national median ratio.

Gauging the ratio of residents per park in the future is also beneficial to ensure the provision of an appropriate level of service over time. Data from the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) shows the average annual growth rate in White Salmon was 0.9% between 2000-2019. During 2010-2019, the growth rate increased to 1.8%. Population forecasts are available from the OFM at the county level. The high growth forecast for Klickitat County (0.96%) most closely aligns with the average annual growth rate trend White Salmon has seen in the past 19 years (0.9%). This analysis will use the high growth forecast rate for Klickitat County (0.96%) to forecast population growth of White Salmon. Using this rate, White Salmon is projected to increase in population over the next 20 years. In order to accommodate this growth, the number of parks owned by the City of White Salmon will need to increase in order to continue to provide a quality level of service. The number of parks needed to at least maintain the current level of service over the next 20 years with the forecasted population increases are calculated below.

**Table 4.1b. Residents Per Park Projection**

	Population	Ratio (Population/ 6 existing parks)	# of Additional Parks Needed to Maintain Current Ratio  (Population / 415 residents per park)	Median	Lower Quartile	Upper Quartile
<b>2022</b>	<b>2,490</b>	415	--	1,235	776	1,948
<b>2023</b>	<b>2,514</b>	419	<b>0.1</b>	1,235	776	1,948
<b>2028</b>	<b>2,635</b>	439	<b>0.3</b>	1,235	776	1,948
<b>2033</b>	<b>2,761</b>	460	<b>0.7</b>	1,235	776	1,948
<b>2038</b>	<b>2,894</b>	482	<b>1.0</b>	1,235	776	1,948
<b>2043</b>	<b>3,033</b>	506	<b>1.3</b>	1,235	776	1,948

As shown in Table 4.1b, the ratio of residents per park is a proportional relationship: the ratio will increase as the population increases. Therefore, White Salmon will need to increase the number of parks in city ownership over time to maintain the current level of service ratio. This population increase can be addressed by the acquisition of approximately 0.3 parks every five years. Assuming no additional park acquisition over the next 20 years, White Salmon would remain below the lower quartile level of service.

#### 4.2. Acres of Park Land Per 1,000 Residents

The ratio of acres of park land per 1,000 residents is calculated based on the current developed acreage of park land (23 acres) and the current population estimate divided by 1,000 (2,490). Based on this equation, the acres of park land per 1,000 residents in White Salmon is 9.23 acres per 1,000 residents. For this benchmark, a higher ratio of acres per resident (upper quartile ratio) is preferred, meaning that parks are less crowded. The lower the ratio (lower quartile), the more crowded the existing parks. In the table below, this ratio is compared to national ratios for jurisdictions surveyed with populations less than 20,000 residents. The national ratios are presented as the median ratio of jurisdictions surveyed, lower quartile ratio of jurisdictions surveyed, and upper quartile ratio of jurisdictions surveyed.

**Table 4.2a. Acres of Park Land Per 1,000 Residents**

Population	Number of Residents	Ratio (acres of park land/1,000 residents)	Comparison
White Salmon	2,490	9.2 acres/1,000 resident	--
Median	--	12.4	<b>-3.2</b>
Lower Quartile	--	5.2	<b>4.0</b>
Upper Quartile	--	21.8	<b>-12.6</b>

As shown in Table 4.2a, the ratio of acres of park land per 1,000 residents is higher than the national lower quartile ratio. White Salmon is also slightly lower than the national median ratio and significantly lower than the national upper quartile ratio. Gauging the ratio of acres of park land per 1,000 residents in the future is also beneficial to ensure the provision of an appropriate level of service over time.

Using data from Washington State Office of Financial Management, White Salmon is expected to increase in population over the next 20 years. In order to accommodate this growth, the acreage of parks owned by the city will need to increase to continue to provide a similar level of service. The amount of additional park acreage needed to at least maintain the current level of service over the next 20 years with the forecasted population increases is calculated in Table 4.2b.

**Table 4.2b. Acres of Park Land Per 1,000 Residents Projection**

	Population	Ratio (acres of park land/1,000 residents)	# of Additional Acreage Needed to Maintain Current Ratio	Median	Lower Quartile	Upper Quartile
<b>2022</b>	<b>2,490</b>	9.2	--	12.4	5.2	21.8
<b>2023</b>	<b>2,514</b>	9.1	<b>0.1</b>	12.4	5.2	21.8
<b>2028</b>	<b>2,635</b>	8.7	<b>1.2</b>	12.4	5.2	21.8
<b>2033</b>	<b>2,761</b>	8.3	<b>2.4</b>	12.4	5.2	21.8
<b>2038</b>	<b>2,894</b>	7.9	<b>3.6</b>	12.4	5.2	21.8
<b>2043</b>	<b>3,033</b>	7.6	<b>5.0</b>	12.4	5.2	21.8

As shown in Table 4.2b, the ratio of acres of park land per 1,000 residents is an inversely proportional relationship: the ratio will decrease as the population increases. Therefore, the City of White Salmon will need to increase the amount of park acreage in the city's ownership over time to maintain the current level of service ratio. This population increase can be addressed by the acquisition of approximately 1.25 acres every five years. Assuming no additional acreage acquisition over the next 20 years, White Salmon would continuously be below the median value.

### 4.3 Conclusion

White Salmon can expect a population increase within the next 20 years. This growth prompts the need to consider how the existing levels of service benchmarks measured both as the ratio of residents per park, and the acres of park land per 1,000 residents, can continue to at least be maintained at their current level, if not improved.

The above NRPA Park Metrics describe the ratio of residents per park as a proportional relationship (the more residents, the greater the ratio), and the acres of park land per 1,000 residents as an inversely proportional relationship (the more residents, the lesser the ratio). Given the need to have a low ratio of residents per park, and high ratio of acres of park land per 1,000 residents, White Salmon should consider acquiring and developing additional parks/acreage for the community in the next 20 years in order to maintain the current ratio levels.

Maintaining the current level of service at 9.2 acres of park land per 1,000 residents for a projected 2043 population of 3,033 residents will require that the City acquire and develop 5 acres of park land.

The White Salmon **Level of Service Map** displays existing park and recreation facilities and their associated service area, as defined by the NRPA classification system, and a walkability factor of 1/4 radius, which is the typical distance a user is willing to walk to access a facility assuming no barriers to access.

### Appendix A. Detailed Inventory

The following inventory identifies the type, size, status and existing facilities at each park and recreation facility. Also included is a description and an aerial map to identify the location and context.

## PIONEER PARK CEMETERY

### Type

- Mini Park

### Size

- 0.4 acres

### Status

- Developed

### Existing Facilities

- Welcome signs
- Memorial to Pioneer Cemetery
- Views of Mt Hood
- Dog clean up station
- Trash cans
- Decommissioned gravestones

### Description

Pioneer Park is a small (0.4 acre) park located off Northeast Tohomish Street. It provides a grassy expanse with views of Mount Hood. Pioneer Park was originally a cemetery for early pioneers. Central to the park is a memorial in tribute to early pioneers who were previously buried at this location. While no one is currently buried at the park, the grave markers still exist. The land was operated as a cemetery until 1962, when the City designated it as a memorial park.



## **FIREMAN'S PARK**

### **Type**

- Mini Park

### **Size**

- 0.2 acres

### **Status**

- Developed

### **Existing Facilities**

- Monument
- Welcome signs
- Flagpole
- Plant beds
- Lawn

### **Description**

Fireman's Park is a small (0.2 acres) gateway park located on the corner of Jewett Boulevard and Grandview Avenue. This site welcomes visitors to White Salmon and provides views of the Columbia River Gorge and Mount Hood.



## RHEINGARTEN PARK

### Type

- Community Park

### Size

- 4.1 acres

### Status

- Developed

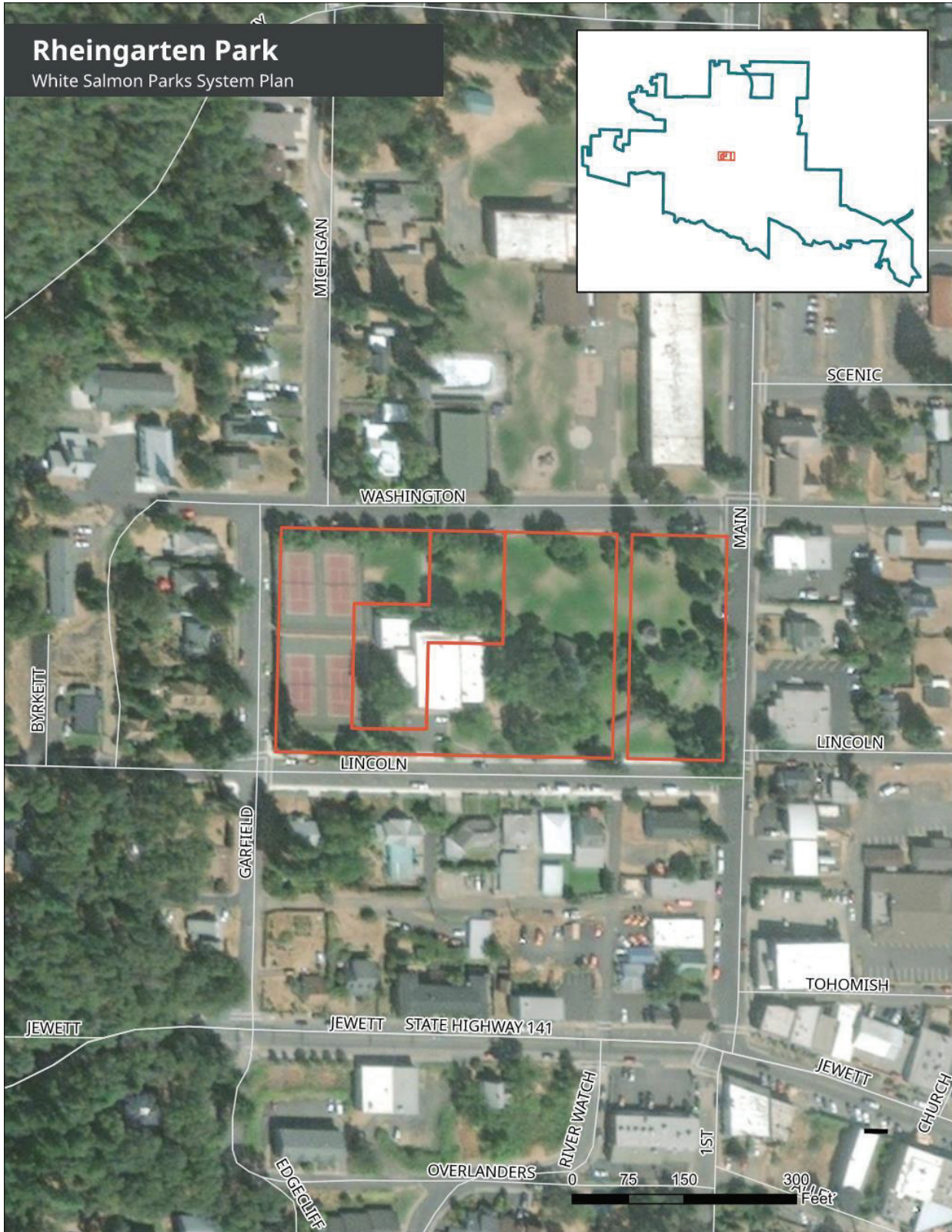
### Existing Facilities

- Picnic tables and benches
- Picnic Pavilion (covered picnic areas)
- Gazebo
- Playground
- Sports field
- Tennis courts
- Restrooms
- Bike parking station
- On street parking facilities
- Interpretive signs
- Bulletin board
- Views of Mount Hood and Columbia River Gorge

### Description

Rheingarten Park is 4.1 acres and is the focal point for several local festivals and public events, including SpringFest, July 4th festivities, concerts, fun runs, and the White Salmon Farmer's Market. The park boasts a large sports field, tennis courts, picnic pavilion, gazebo, playground, recycling/composting demonstration plot, restrooms, and a large office building housing the school district offices, the Underwood Conservation District, and leased office space. The park is adjacent to Whitson Elementary School.





## **MAMIE & FRANCIS GADDIS MEMORIAL PARK**

### **Type**

- Natural Area Park

### **Size**

- 6.7 acres

### **Status**

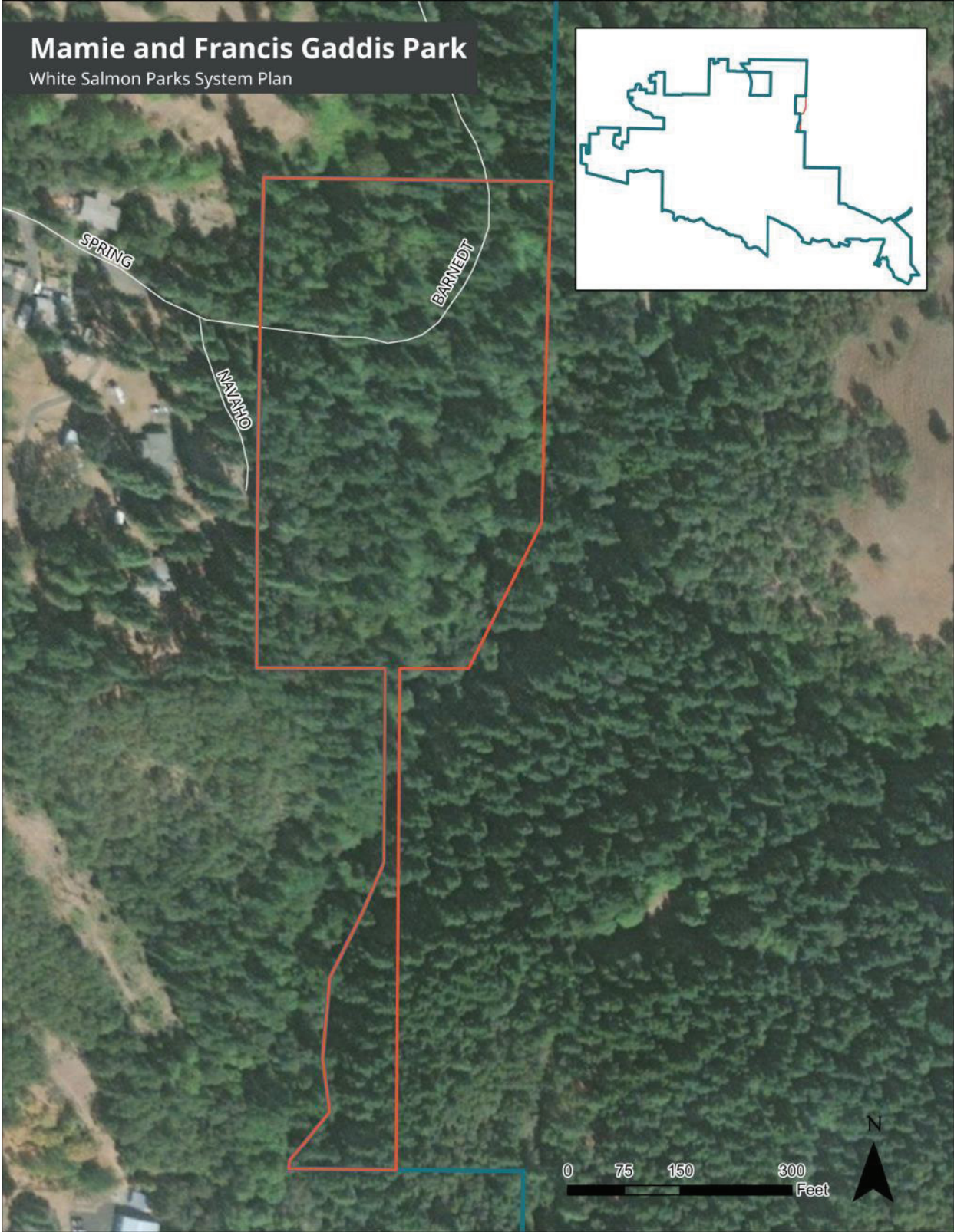
- Developed

### **Existing Facilities**

- Picnic tables
- Interpretive signs
- Views of Jewett Creek
- Dog clean up station
- Informational kiosk
- Garbage and recycling
- Welcome signs
- Trail system

### **Description**

Mamie and Francis Gaddis Memorial Park (6.7 acres) is located in a natural setting along the eastern edge of White Salmon and adjacent to Jewett Creek. This park, dedicated in 2003, was originally named in memory of Mamie Gaddis; the name was changed to Mamie and Francis Gaddis Memorial Park in July 2004, and the park was rededicated in 2007 with the completion of a kiosk. Notable features of this park include a white oak woodland, interpretive signs that provide information on native plant species, creekside picnic tables, and an informal trail with limited access due to downed trees and debris.



## **JEWETT SPORTS COMPLEX**

### **Type**

- Special Use Park

### **Size**

- 4.0 acres

### **Status**

- Developed

### **Existing Facilities**

- Baseball diamonds
- Scoreboards
- Seasonal batting cage
- Dugouts for each field
- Recycling and trash
- Snack shack
- Youth soccer goals
- Water spigot
- Soccer field

### **Description**

The Jewett Sports Complex is a 4-acre active recreation park. The White Salmon Community Youth organization maintains the complex, but the property is owned by the White Salmon Valley School District. The complex is used for community baseball, softball, and soccer. The Jewett family donated the property to the White Salmon Valley School in 1925.



## WHITE SALMON BIKE PARK

### Type

- Special Use Park

### Size

- 7.6 acres

### Status

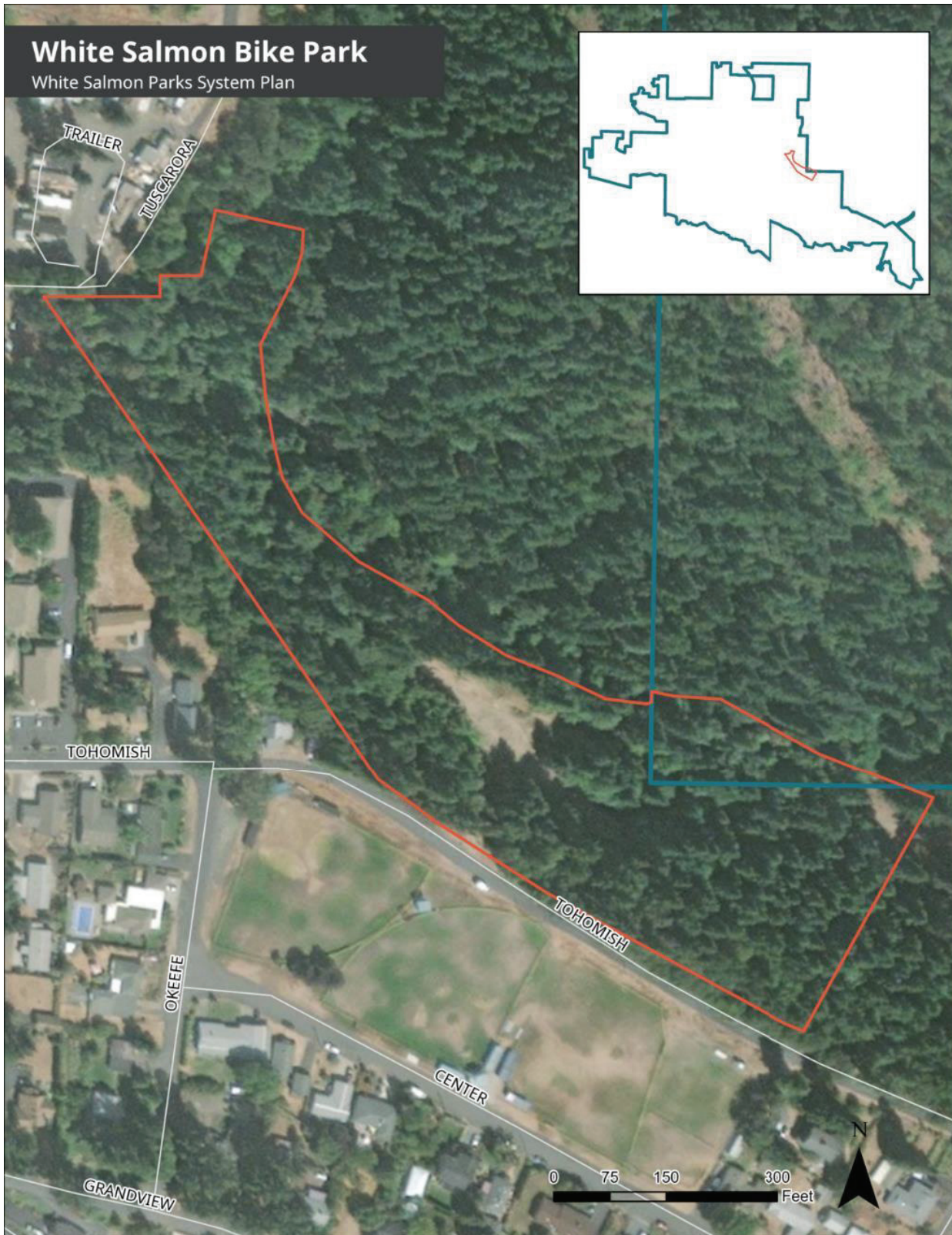
- Developed

### Existing Facilities

- Trails
- Bike challenges

### Description

The White Salmon Bike Park is a 7.6 acre park located adjacent to Jewett Creek and across from the Sports Fields. The park is located on City land and is maintained by volunteers. The bike park hosts a series of jumps, berms, and other challenges for riders of all skills and ages.



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## **TRAILS**

### **Type**

- Trail

### **Size**

- 2.0 miles

### **Status**

- Developed

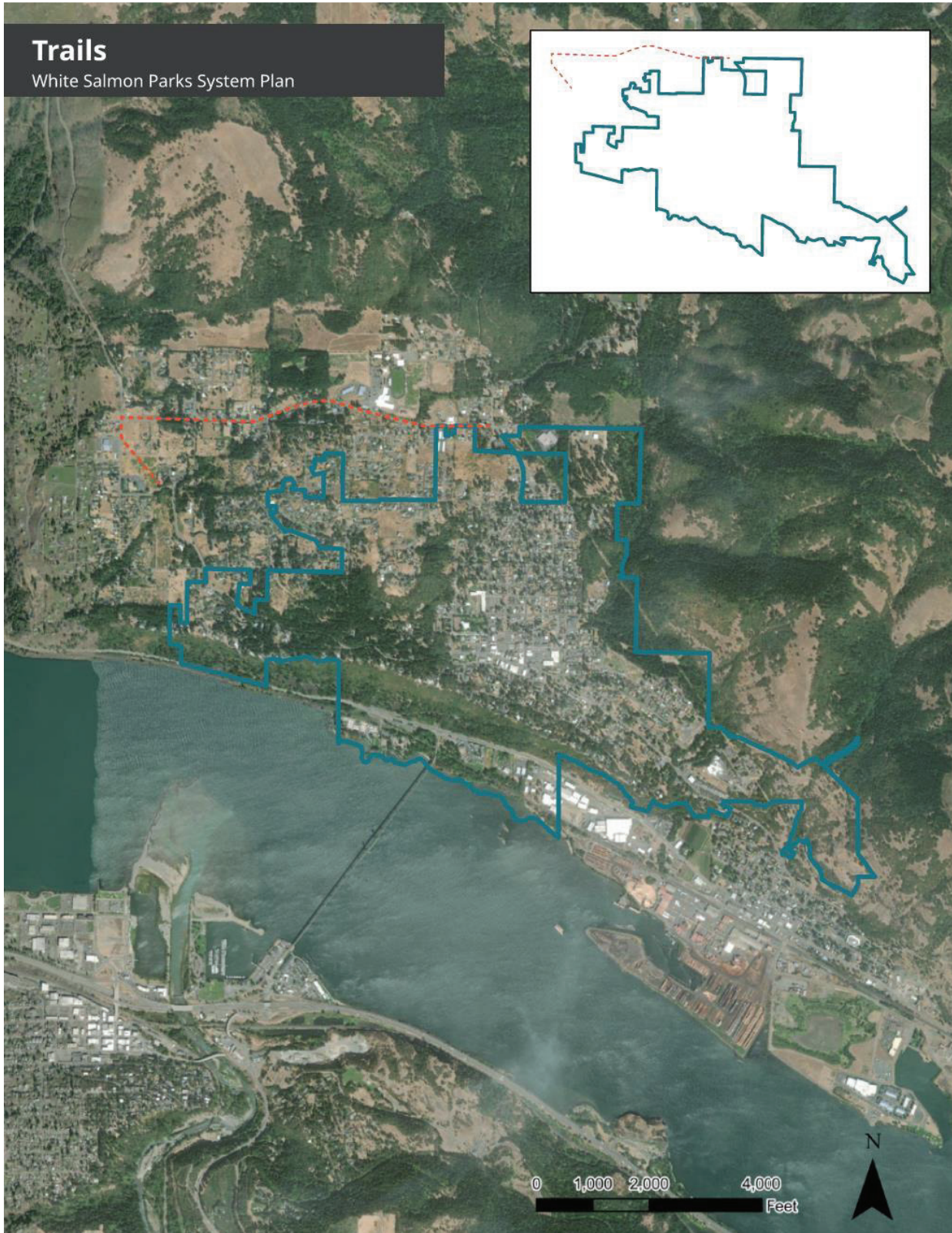
### **Existing Facilities**

- Shared-use, off-street path and sidewalk.

### **Description**

Two miles of bike and pedestrian trail exists within the city limits of White Salmon. The facility includes a shared-use, off-street path that runs along W Jewett Blvd that transitions to a sidewalk along NW Loop Road.





# APPENDIX C

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### White Salmon Parks System Plan

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**Subject:** Needs Assessment Report

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#### 1.0 RECREATION DEMAND

During the parks planning process, it is critical to consider existing sports and activities in White Salmon as well as current trends in park and recreation planning in order to provide facilities and services that meet and exceed user expectations. This task involves an inventory of current parks and recreation sports and activities, an analysis of park use, and historical, current, and future demands for facilities and services.

Data on current facilities and activities were collected from the City, park site visits, stakeholder interviews, focus group conversations, and an online survey. State, regional and national park and recreation user trends were obtained The Outdoor Recreation Trends and Futures: A Technical Document Supporting the Forest Service 2010 RPA Assessment.

#### 2.1 CURRENT PARK AND RECREATION SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Reviewing current sports and activities in White Salmon will be valuable when comparing national and state recreation user trends as well as feedback from the community outreach and involvement process on the current state of parks facilities and potential improvements.

The City does not currently provide recreational programs to youth or adults. However, the City's parks provide a variety of facilities that support recreational activities. Rheingarten Park offers a field for informal sports, tennis courts and a playground. Informal pedestrian trails are available at Gaddis Park and the White Salmon Bike Park provides bike trails. Several sports fields are located at the Jewett Sports Complex, including baseball, softball, and soccer.

The Community Youth Center in White Salmon provides social and educational activities for at-risk youth. The youth center is operated by Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP), which is a local non-profit that supports community needs, like food, shelter, and domestic violence prevention, in Skamania and Klickitat Counties. Their facility offers indoor activities such as ping pong, foosball and pool tables, music, books, and art projects. There is also a cooking program and a community garden.

There are limited providers for youth sports programs in the area. White Salmon Youth Sports offers little league, football, basketball, and soccer for youth. Organization donors offer scholarships and equipment for children. Other access to recreational activities, such as windsurfing, kiteboarding, kayaking, and rafting, are offered by local businesses or accessed by residents privately.

## 2.2 NATIONAL RECREATION PARTICIPATION

The Outdoor Recreation Trends and Futures assessment presents a national study of outdoor recreation trends as part of the 2010 Renewable Resources Planning Act Assessment by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. The assessment reviews past national trends in outdoor recreation participation, describes current outdoor recreation participation patterns, and compares patterns across regional and demographic levels. One clear national category of activity that has been showing growth in the first decade of the 21st century is nature-based recreation. Generally, outdoor recreation activities are projected to grow in number of participants into 2060.

Additional current trends include the rise of individual activities: in the first decade of the millennium, the most popular activities in terms of number of participants were walking for pleasure, family gatherings outdoors, gardening or landscaping, viewing/photographing natural scenery, visiting outdoor nature centers, and attending outdoor sports events. Activities on the decline include downhill skiing, inline skating, snowmobiling, ice skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and windsurfing.

The assessment also notes that while Hispanic/Latino populations have many of the same recreation needs as other groups, there are several key differences that should be considered. Of those surveyed, many Latino workers report having only one day off from work a week and are primarily day-use visitors to parks and campgrounds. In addition, outdoor activities are closely tied to inter-generational family bonding time in larger groups for longer periods of time, which suggests the need for amenities that accommodate more people for most of the day, such as larger picnic tables, group day-use areas, on-site cooking amenities, and adjacent play areas. Removing cultural and language barriers will also support greater parks and recreation accessibility for Hispanics/Latinos. Efforts to increase accessibility can include providing signage, park information, and promotional materials in Spanish.

## 2.3 STATE AND REGIONAL PARTICIPATION

The 2018-2022 Recreation and Conservation Plan is a strategic plan for recreation in Washington State. Developed by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, the Plan was adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in 2017. The Plan maintains eligibility for funding

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and provides guidance to local, regional, state, federal and tribal governments, along with their partners, in outdoor recreation planning and policy decisions. The Plan identifies five priorities and a number of recommendations. This needs assessment will focus on key demographic shifts and changes to recreation demand identified during the creation of the Recreation and Conservation Plan.

**Sustain and Grow the Legacy of Parks, Trails, and Conservation Lands**

Washington State has a plethora of parks, trails, and conservation lands available to residents. However, leaders identify that it is challenging to maintain existing recreation and conservation facilities due to changing public interests, population growth, and the resources needed to build new facilities. The Plan asserts that unified funding strategies will aid in sustaining the state's recreation and conservation legacy. The Plan's specific recommendations include:

- Renovate facilities to meet today's recreation needs
- Pursue regional solutions to recreation and conservation
- Build partnerships to leverage better results
- Include recreation needs when planning for growth
- Maintain residents' level of satisfaction in recreation opportunities

**Improve the Equity of Parks, Trails, and Conservation Lands**

In alignment with NRPA's stance on social equity, the Plan indicates that parks, trails, and conservation lands should be equitably accessible by communities. The health of communities is improved when parks are easily accessible, adequately distributed, provide physical activities, and are well-maintained.

Plan recommendations include:

- Locate and build recreation facilities for underserved populations
- Connect more people to popular activities
- Provide experiences where people go most
- Enhance Community Health and Safety

**Plan for Culturally Relevant Parks and Trails to Address Changing Demographics**

Within the next 20 years, the population in Washington is expected to grow by 2 million people. The population is also diversifying, as the number of residents that identify as people of color is expected to increase from 27 percent to 44 percent between 2010-2040. Additionally, the number of older adults is increasing. It is expected that more than 20% of the population will be 65 years old or older by 2030 and that the senior population will outnumber the youth population by 2040. These trends will influence recreation needs. A larger population indicates greater demand for the existing supply of parks and recreation facilities. An aging and diversifying population will mean evolving interests in various activities as well. As a population grows and diversifies, it is vital to understand how the entire

population participates in recreation activities and to make recommendations that anticipate those needs. Recommendations in the Plan intended to address changing demographics include:

- Create new and diverse opportunities
- Accommodate the Active Senior Population

### **Get Youth Outside**

Youth in Washington State report participating in recreation activities at higher rates than they do nationally. The top five recreation activities include walking, leisure in parks, trending activities, freshwater fishing, and nature-based activities. Youth show an interest in diverse experiences and trending activities, including adventure racing, technology-based games, metal detecting, zip lines, and skateboarding.

Athletics are also a popular activity, with 57 percent of youth participating in an outdoor sport. Considering both youth and adults participate in athletics, building athletic facilities that accommodate a variety of sports will promote both utilization among the entire population and flexibility as the population ages. Programming and technology can also increase youth activity outdoors. Technology can support programming in the forms of social media and mobile applications.

Youth do experience barriers to recreation. Factors that impact youth involvement in recreational activity include their household income status. Youth from households with income exceeding \$100,000 per year represent the majority of youth that participate in sports.

Aligning programs with popular youth recreation activities is key to increasing youth participation. Supporting youth outdoor activity includes the following recommendations:

- Provide a variety of activities for youth
- Build and renovate athletic facilities for youth
- Support programs for youth

### **Position As a Vital Public Service**

The economy, as well as the community, benefit from public investment in parks and outdoor recreation. Parks, recreation, and conservation lands are public services that need clearly dedicated funds in order to maintain, improve, and expand them. The Recreation and Conservation Plan identifies these recommendations for partners looking to bolster views of recreation as a public service:

- Promote the Outdoor Recreation Economy
- Promote the Benefits of Outdoor Recreation and Conservation
- Improve Communication Tools
- Maintain Mapped Inventory
- Maintain Funding and Identify Funding Gaps

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Additionally, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office contracted Eastern Washington University to conduct a demand assessment for the Recreation and Conservation Plan. The assessment included a survey of state residents to identify outdoor recreational needs at state and regional levels. In this survey, Klickitat County is located in the Southwest region. The survey asked residents to assess their participation in 23 outdoor recreation activity categories during the last 12 months using a yes/no response. Future demand was also evaluated by asking residents if they will participate in the same activities in the next 12 months.

The top recreation activities and future demand findings from the survey are included in Tables 1.1-1.6.

**Table 1.1 Top 20 Overall Outdoor Recreation Activities in Washington <sup>1</sup>**

No.	Activity	Activity Category	Percent
1	Walking (park or trail setting)	Walking	84%
2	Visiting rivers or streams	Nature Activities	66%
3	Visiting a beach or tide pools	Nature Activities	60%
4	Attending an outdoor concert or event (e.g. farmer’s market, fairs, sporting events)	Leisure Activities at a park	58%
5	Gather or collect things in a nature setting (e.g. rocks, shells, plants)	Nature Activities	54%
6	Day-hiking	Hiking	53%
7	Sightseeing – Scenic or wilderness area	Sightseeing	51%
8	Wildlife or nature viewing	Nature Activities	50%
9	Swimming/wading at a beach (freshwater)	Swimming	50%
10	Driving or motorcycling for pleasure (note: this is on a paved surface and does not include WATV or off-roading)	Sightseeing	46%
11	Park – Playing	Leisure Activities at a park	43%
12	Park – Picnicking, BBQ, or cookout	Leisure Activities at a park	42%
13	Visiting zoos, gardens or arboretums	Nature Activities	42%
14	Park – Family gathering	Leisure Activities at a park	42%
15	Relaxing, reading, hanging out	Leisure Activities at a park	41%
16	Swimming/wading at a beach – saltwater	Swimming	36%
17	Swimming in an outdoor pool	Swimming	30%

<sup>1</sup> Source: State of Washington 2017 Assessment of Outdoor Recreation Demand Report

18	Sightseeing – Outdoor cultural or historical facility	Sightseeing	28%
19	Outdoor photography, painting, or drawing	Nature Activities	27%
20	Sightseeing – Public outdoor facility (e.g. dam, lock or fish ladder)	Sightseeing	27%

**Table 1.2 Top 10 Activities for the Southwest region (including Klickitat County) <sup>2</sup>**

No.	Activity	Category	Percent
1	Walking in a park or trail setting	Walking	86%
2	Visiting rivers or streams	Nature Activities	69%
3	Visiting a beach or tide pools	Nature Activities	65%
4	Attending an outdoor concert or event (e.g., farmer’s market, fairs, sporting events)	Leisure Activities at a park	58%
5	Day-hiking	Hiking	55%
6	Gather or collect things in a nature setting (e.g., rocks, shells, plants)	Nature Activities	52%
7	Scenic or wilderness area	Sightseeing	52%
8	Wildlife or nature viewing	Nature Activities	51%
9	Visiting zoos, gardens, or arboretums	Nature Activities	49%
10	Swimming/wading at a beach – freshwater	Swimming	48%
10	Playing	Leisure Activities at a park	48%

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<sup>2</sup> Source: State of Washington 2017 Assessment of Outdoor Recreation Demand Report

**Table 1.3 Top 10 Activities for Hispanics in Washington <sup>3</sup>**

No.	Activity	Category	Percent
1	Walking in a park or trail setting	Walking	91%
2	Playing	Leisure Activities at a park	65%
3	Attending an outdoor concert or event (e.g. farmer's market, fairs, sporting events)	Leisure Activities at a park	62%
4	Relaxing, reading, hanging out	Leisure Activities at a park	60%
5	Visiting rivers or streams	Nature Activities	58%
6	Picnicking, BBQ, or cookout	Leisure Activities at a park	56%
7	Family gathering	Leisure Activities at a park	56%
8	Day-hiking	Hiking	48%
9	Visiting a beach or tide pools	Nature Activities	47%
10	Scenic or wilderness area	Sightseeing	46%

**Table 1.4 Top 10 Activities for Children in Washington <sup>4</sup>**

No.	Category	Percent
1	Walking	88%
2	Leisure in Parks	78%
3	Trending Activities	77%
4	Fishing (Freshwater)	77%
5	Nature Activities	75%
6	Bicycling	74%
7	Water-based (Freshwater)	66%
8	Target shooting	62%
9	Hiking	57%
10	Outdoor Sports	57%

<sup>3</sup> Source: State of Washington 2017 Assessment of Outdoor Recreation Demand Report

<sup>4</sup> Source: State of Washington 2017 Assessment of Outdoor Recreation Demand Report



**Table 1.5 Top 10 Activities for Respondents Age 65 and over <sup>5</sup>**

No.	Activity	Category	Percent
1	Walking in a park or trail setting	Walking	71%
2	Driving or motorcycling for pleasure (note: this is on a paved surface and does not include WATV or off-roading)	Sightseeing	59%
3	Visiting rivers or streams	Nature Activities	59%
4	Visiting a beach or tide pools	Nature Activities	59%
5	Scenic or wilderness area	Sightseeing	55%
6	Wildlife or nature viewing	Nature Activities	54%
7	Attending an outdoor concert or event (e.g. farmer's market, fairs, sporting events)	Leisure Activities at a park	53%
8	Gather or collect things in a nature setting (e.g., rocks, shells, plants)	Nature Activities	51%
9	Day-Hiking	Hiking	39%
10	Walking with a pet	Walking	34%

**Table 1.6 Top 10 Activities for Respondents with an Income Less than \$25,000 <sup>6</sup>**

No.	Activity	Category	Percent
1	Walking in a park or trail setting	Walking	84%
2	Visiting rivers or streams	Nature Activities	62%
3	Gather or collect things in a nature setting (e.g., rocks, shells, plants)	Nature Activities	55%
4	Attending an outdoor concert or event (e.g. farmer's market, fairs, sporting events)	Leisure Activities at a park	52%
5	Visiting a beach or tide pools	Nature Activities	50%
6	Day-Hiking	Hiking	49%
7	Relaxing, reading, hanging out	Leisure Activities at a park	48%
8	Swimming/wading at a beach – freshwater	Swimming	48%
9	Scenic or wilderness area	Sightseeing	47%
10	Playing	Leisure Activities at a park	47%

<sup>5</sup> Source: State of Washington 2017 Assessment of Outdoor Recreation Demand Report

<sup>6</sup> Source: State of Washington 2017 Assessment of Outdoor Recreation Demand Report

Washington residents included walking, visiting rivers or streams, visiting a beach or tide pools, attending an outdoor concert or event, and gathering or collecting things in a nature setting in their top five activities. Four of those top activities were also reported by residents in the Southwest region (including Klickitat County). Southwest region residents reported day-hiking as their fifth top activity instead of gathering or collecting things in a nature setting.

The top activities for the Hispanic/Latinx population in Washington mostly overlapped with the top activities for all residents in the Southwest region. They identified playing and relaxing, reading, and hanging out as two top activities instead of visiting a beach or tidepools and day-hiking.

The top activities of Washington children were walking, leisure in parks, trending activities, freshwater fishing, and nature activities. Residents aged 65 years or older reported walking in a park or trail setting, driving or motorcycling for pleasure, visiting rivers or streams, visiting a beach or tide pools, and scenic or wilderness area as their top activities. Most of the activities overlap with the residents surveyed in the Southwest region but the activities unique to residents 65 years or older are the driving or motorcycling for pleasure and the scenic or wilderness area.

Residents in Washington with an income less than \$25,000 reported similar top activities as residents in the Southwest region. Four out five top activities were the same, but they reported gathering or collecting things in a nature setting instead of day-hiking.

Walking in a park or trail setting and visiting rivers or streams were reported across all adult population groups in the survey. Almost all groups, except the Hispanic/Latinx population, responded that visiting a beach or tide pools was a top activity; all adult groups except those 65 years and older reported attending an outdoor concert or event as a top activity. Unique activities for the Hispanic/Latinx population include playing and relaxing, reading and hanging out. Activities unique for residents 65 years and older are driving or motorcycling for pleasure and scenic or wilderness areas.

### **3.0 OUTREACH SUMMARY**

Over the last five months, Cameron McCarthy (CM) has collected feedback from the public and stakeholders in White Salmon through a community outreach and involvement process. The collection of feedback from park users addresses how the City can better serve residents and visitors in the future. Findings from these processes can help identify and prioritize future capital projects. Summaries of key findings from the various processes are provided below.

#### **3.1 Stakeholder Interviews**

The City of White Salmon developed a list of eight stakeholders to interview in the winter of 2021. All stakeholders to Cameron McCarthy's request for an interview. The phone interview process documented information on the background of each stakeholder, their feedback on the current park facilities, amenities, level of maintenance and accessibility, and noted their suggestions for future parks and recreation needs. The interviewees represented the following organizations:

- White Salmon Bike Park
- White Salmon Tree Board

- Mt Adams Chamber of Commerce
- Comunidades
- Underwood Conservation District
- WAGAP Youth Center
- Little Oak Montessori School
- Yakama Klickitat Fisheries Project

### Findings

- More places for youth of all ages to play (play equipment, climbing, running, etc.)
- Add accessible play equipment/play areas
- More parks are needed; the west and north areas of town currently lack parks
- A community facility for year-round use
- Larger event spaces for eating/picnicking, parties, or large groups
- Small stage or performance area
- Demonstration projects for sustainability (stormwater facilities, composting, drought-tolerant landscapes, native plants, pollinator gardens)
- Youth and community education about parks with more educational signage
- Improve accessibility of parks (ADA accessible trails and sidewalks)
- More trails and walking opportunities
- Connect the park system (trail connection between Gaddis Park and White Salmon Bike Park)
- Provide access to water in parks
- Removal of invasive plants; restore habitats
- Trash receptacles and service at all parks
- Increase communication about park locations, opportunities, and events
- Bilingual wayfinding and park signage (English and Spanish)
- Increase bilingual content in marketing (publications, websites, alerts, announcements)
- There's a desire to support for low-income residents (e.g. transportation to parks)
- Increase relationship-building efforts with Latinx community
- Community volunteer partnership with the City to help with park stewardship

### **3.2 Youth Focus Group**

Cameron McCarthy held a phone interview with Todd McCauley, the Principal at Whitson Elementary School in White Salmon in April 2022. Due to scheduling and COVID-19 restrictions, meeting with additional educators at the elementary school was not possible.

### Findings

- Need for more playground equipment in White Salmon.
- Need for accessible play equipment and accessible play surfaces.
- Most residents drive to parks and playgrounds.
- Interested in places for parents/caregivers and children to sit and eat near play areas.
- Accessible restrooms and drinking fountains are needed.

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- There are limited number of basketball hoops in White Salmon.
- Resurfacing the tennis courts is a needed improvement.
- Pickleball courts/stripping is one potential improvement.

### 3.3 Senior Advisory Board Focus Group

Cameron McCarthy met with members of the Klickitat County Senior Advisory Board in March 2022. The board members discussed what they believe to be priorities for future improvements to the park system.

#### Findings

- Transportation access to parks is difficult for some residents.
- Accessibility in the parks can be improved—some sidewalks and trails are undeveloped, inaccessible, or in disrepair making access difficult or impossible.
- Parks are disconnected; connect parks with trails (e.g. Gaddis and White Salmon Bike Park).
- New pocket park at the bluff.
- More places to walk in parks are desired; walking loops central to down or senior living center.
- Additional sports added to Jewett sports complex (e.g., basketball, tennis, volleyball, pickleball, lawn bowling).
- Dog park.
- Public bathroom in Sports Complex.
- Community Center for indoor and outdoor activities (ex: Lincoln City).
- Additional seating/benches at viewpoint locations.
- City communication and signage about park locations and park use can improve.
- Accessibility at parks, including bathrooms.
- Park locations can be communicated more clearly.
- Need for more parks in some places in White Salmon.

### 3.4 Participation Findings

Across seven stakeholder interviews and two focus group conversations, several findings were repeated across the different demographic groups:

- Need for accessible sidewalks and trails in parks.
- Need for more play equipment and activities for youth.
- Need for accessible playgrounds.
- Need for trail connections and walking opportunities.
- More parks are needed to accommodate new improvements.

### 3.5 Survey Summary

In the winter and spring of 2022, the City of White Salmon and Cameron McCarthy conducted a survey to gather community perspectives about the City's park facilities. The survey gave parks users the opportunity to comment on the current state of parks facilities and suggest improvements. Gathering the preferences and opinions of the community helps inform the creation of a responsive park system plan. The input collected through the survey helps to ensure that the concerns and actions outlined in the plan are relevant to current conditions.

#### Survey Methodology

CM used a digital survey administered through Qualtrics to collect the public's perceptions of the City's parks facilities. The survey included 21 questions, provided in English and Spanish. The City distributed the survey by sending survey alerts through the City's e-notification system (Voyent), posting the survey on the City's website, posting survey flyers around town, and posting on the Mayor's Facebook page. The survey flyers were also shared with the stakeholders, some of whom distributed the flyers to their mailing lists or in their newsletters. The survey remained open for responses from March 2022 to April 2022.

The survey received 439 responses, although not all respondents completed all questions to the survey. Since the survey was not administered using a random sample, the responses should not be considered directly representative of the views of White Salmon residents. However, it does provide valuable insight into the preferences of some residents who use the park system (95.9% of respondents indicated they had visited a White Salmon park facility in the past year).

#### Key Survey Findings

##### **Existing Conditions**

To understand how community members of White Salmon are experiencing their parks, the survey asked how frequently respondents visited parks, how they use the park facilities, what their main reasons are for not using parks, how many people they visit the park with or if they usually go to a park by themselves, and how satisfied they felt with the park facilities and maintenance. Respondents were asked to identify their level of satisfaction with the quality of facilities/structures and amount of maintenance with for the following parks in White Salmon: Pioneer Park, Fireman's Park, Mamie & Francis Gaddis Memorial Park, Rheingarten Park, Jewett Sports Complex, White Salmon Bike Park, Washington Gorge Action Program Youth Center, and trails.

The majority evaluation of each park by survey respondents is a range of "Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied" to "Somewhat Satisfied". Raw data shows varying numbers of respondents evaluated each park; respondents likely only evaluated facilities with which they are familiar.

67% of respondents reported that they were at least "Somewhat Satisfied" or "Satisfied" with Rheingarten Park. The highest dissatisfaction rates ("Somewhat Dissatisfied" and "Dissatisfied") reported were among several parks: Jewett Sports Complex (20%), Gaddis Park (20%), Rheingarten Park (20%), and Trails (19%). Reported satisfaction with maintenance was generally similar to these data trends. Respondents also reported that parks are currently used most for exercise (25%),

followed by play (22%), parties/group gatherings (14%), and entertainment (attending special events sponsored by the City) (14%).

### Facility Improvements

To better gauge the ways in which the parks system can be improved, the survey asked residents to consider future resources and amenities. Over 70% of respondents reported thinking the City needs additional parks or recreational facilities, and the majority of those respondents indicated the northern and western areas of White Salmon are in the most need of additional parks.

When asked which populations are underserved by the City's parks and facilities, 16% of respondents indicated teenagers, followed by young children ages 0-5 (13%), people with disabilities (12%) and grade school children ages 6-12 (12%). Several write-in responses for this question also suggested pet-owners are another underserved group. A couple of write-in responses noted people of color and the Hispanic/Latinx community could be better served and welcomed in parks more. Several suggestions to better serve the underserved populations included multi-lingual signage, sports courts, and improving accessibility to and in parks.

Respondents ranked the importance of potential future outdoor park facilities to them or their households. The top five facilities that ranked as "High Importance – I feel improvement or addition of this type of facility should be a high priority" were natural areas/green space (61%), nature playground (51%), children's playground (50%), unpaved trails (46%), and paved trails (36%).

The survey also asked respondents to rate the importance of potential park features. The potential park features that were most ranked "Very Important" were walking/hiking trails (64%), restrooms (61%), nature trails (53%), and children's play areas (51%). Other high priorities were running trails and park amenities (tables, benches, etc.).

After collecting the previous data, survey respondents were also asked to help the City prioritize one action to focus on in the next 10 years. 40% of respondents would like the City to prioritize upgrading existing facilities and equipment.

### 3.6 Findings

This needs assessment takes into account White Salmon's park and recreation trends; the current condition of the parks system; and the park and recreation desires of the community for White Salmon's parks system. Based on the community profile and the above needs assessment, the following provides a summary of key factors to consider in planning for a parks system that meets the current and future needs of White Salmon residents.

- From 2005 to 2020, Klickitat County experienced a 14% population increase. Based on the urbanization study's high-growth forecast <sup>7</sup>, the County's population is expected to increase by 21% over the next 20 years, which is significantly higher than the growth rates during the last 15 years.

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<sup>7</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, American Community Survey, 2019, White Salmon Urbanization Study, 2020

- The number of residential permits<sup>8</sup> trended upward overall in the last ten years with the exception of a steep decline during 2020 which is most likely due to economic constraints related to COVID-19. In 2021, the number of residential permits returned to pre-COVID-19 levels reflecting a growing population and future need for additional parks and recreation facilities.
- Based on population projections, White Salmon’s population is expected to increase by 22% over the next 20 years<sup>9</sup>. White Salmon is projected to be the third fastest-growing city in Klickitat County. With population growth, there will be an increase in demand for new park facilities.
- In 2019, the largest percentage of White Salmon residents (26%) was between the ages of 45 and 64.<sup>10</sup> An additional 24% are between the ages of 65 and older, 23% were between the ages of 25 to 44, and 18% were ages 5 to 19. This age distribution suggests it will be important to represent all age groups in meeting recreational needs.
- Between 2010 and 2019, the Hispanic/Latinx population fluctuated between 20-34% of the population.<sup>11</sup> In 2019, The Hispanic/Latino population in White Salmon represents 20% of the total population compared to 12% in the county and 13% in the state. The needs of Hispanic/Latino residents should be considered in parks planning.
- The number of family households and non-family households is approximately the same (52% and 48%, respectively).<sup>12</sup> 28% of the non-family households are residents age 65 years or older who live alone. This highlights a need to provide park and recreation opportunities for a wide spectrum of individuals with different household circumstances.
- More than half of residents in White Salmon own their home (60%) while 40% are renters.<sup>13</sup> The rate of homeownership is lower in White Salmon than it is compared to the county (68%) and slightly lower when compared to residents across the state (63%). This reflects a need to serve residents who do not have access to private outdoor spaces.
- In 2019, White Salmon’s median household income (\$55,652), median family income (\$75,530) and per capita income (\$32,287) were similar or greater to Klickitat County but lower than Washington.<sup>14</sup> The percentage of individuals living in poverty is 22% which is lower than the county (35%) but similar to the state (21%). This data suggests that the City should manage parks and recreation services, and their benefits, with medium to lower-income residents.

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<sup>8</sup> Source: City of White Salmon Planning Department, 2022

<sup>9</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, American Community Survey, 2019, White Salmon Urbanization Study, 2020

<sup>10</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

<sup>11</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

<sup>12</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

<sup>13</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

<sup>14</sup> Source: White Salmon, Klickitat County, Washington, American Community Survey, 2019

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Overall, there are a variety of opportunities and constraints to consider in planning for the development of White Salmon park and recreation facilities. These conditions, when considered in parks planning, are influential factors in the future of White Salmon's parks system.



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# APPENDIX D

## FOCUS GROUPS

### City of White Salmon Park System Plan

### Senior Advisory Board Meeting Notes

**Date:** March 8, 2022  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** Virtual Webex Meeting

#### GOALS

- 1) Provide residents with an understanding of parks planning process and their role in it.
- 2) Identify opportunities or concerns residents have regarding the parks system.
- 3) Identify activities/amenities/services residents would like to see added or improved.

#### POSR PLAN OVERVIEW

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Process and Timeline

#### CONCERNS

- 1) **What challenges do people face when using existing parks, facilities, and services?**
  - Gaddis Park has safety and ADA accessibility issues.
    - a. Increase the maintenance--fallen trees are a hazard.
  - Accessibility at parks, including bathrooms.
  - Lack of sidewalks, parks are disconnected. Create a system.
  - Communication about amenities. Where are pedestrian trails, and signage to inform use (ex: ped and bike use at White Salmon Bike Park)?
  - Consistent terminology and information about parks across different sources—a guide.

#### OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Existing Opportunities
  - a) **What improvements would make the parks system work better for all people?**
    - Potential Park (City-owned land at Spring Street).
    - Accessibility for all ages, and mobility levels.
    - Places to walk in parks.
    - Pioneer Cemetery add benches/seating (informal dog park/dog walking area).
  - b) **How do you travel to existing parks and park activities?**
    - Most travel by car.

2) Future Opportunities

**a) What would you want to be able to do in parks/facilities?**

- Easily walk in parks or on trails; safe places for pedestrians to walk.
  - a. Walking trail (ped and bike) to Bingen.
  - b. Walking path for seniors that's not in remote park location. A walking path that connects the senior living center, and pool.
  - c. Route on Jewett. Walking path/trail.
- Benches at locations to view the river, mountains, and landscape. (Create viewpoints).
- Pocket park at the bluff.
- Connect Gaddis Park and White Salmon Bike Park.
- Additional sports added to Jewett sports complex (e.g., basketball, tennis, volleyball, pickleball, lawn bowling).
- Dog park.
- Public bathroom in Sports Complex.
- Community Center for indoor and outdoor activities (ex: Lincoln City).

**b) Which future improvements are most needed in White Salmon?**

- Pickleball, lawn bowling, and other outdoor activities would be nice.
- Improve sidewalks and trails at parks.
- Improve walking and biking routes to the parks.

## City of White Salmon Park System Plan

### Whitson Elementary School Meeting Notes

**Date:** April 19, 2022

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** Virtual Meeting

#### GOALS

- 1) Provide residents with an understanding of parks planning process and their role in it.
- 2) Identify opportunities or concerns residents have regarding the parks system.
- 3) Identify activities/amenities/services residents would like to see added or improved.

#### POSR PLAN OVERVIEW

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Process and Timeline

#### CONCERNS

- 1) **What challenges do people face when using existing parks, facilities, and services?**
  - We have a couple of playgrounds on our campus and we provide a pseudo-park for the City. Most of the time it's not available due to school hours.
  - There is a need for more play areas during the school day.
  - There's a deep need for accessible play equipment in town. Our goal is to put inaccessible surfacing and equipment at our school playgrounds, and I would love to see the City do a similar process.

#### OPPORTUNITIES

**25 minutes**

- 1) Existing Opportunities
  - a) **What improvements would make the parks system work better for all people?**

- The types of play structures available now are great. Multiple access points for play equipment or structures so it's not just one spot to get into the play area.
  - Allow a wider variety of kids' skills and confidence to access play opportunities.
  - Safety is also important. There's a playground in Bingen that has some safer spaces. Our play area has splintered wood.
- b) How do you travel to existing parks and park activities?
- My experience as a parent was driving to the parks with my children. The nearest park was 7 miles away or at the school playground. It's a destination and social place where we met other families.
- 2) Future Opportunities
- a) **What would you want to be able to do in parks/facilities?**
- Opportunities to sit and eat comfortably and safely. How to make it easy for parents to set up their lunch with children would be nice. Opportunities for things for parents to do, or comfortable ways for them to socialize as children play.
  - Improved bathrooms that are accessible and easy for families to use, drinking fountains would be nice.
- b) **Which future improvements are most needed in White Salmon?**
- A pool nearby would be nice. Currently, folks must travel to Oregon to use a pool. We used to offer swimming lessons at the school pool and teaching swimming is a huge safety precaution for children. It would be great to see the community build a pool.
  - We have limited basketball hoops in town. I'm not sure we need a skate park. We really need to resurface the tennis courts. Pickleball is another activity that children and families can do. There's a nice park at the Hood River High School. A pump track with Astro-turf. Disc golf could be fun for families or groups too. At Hood River's waterfront park there's a boulder for climbing—it allows multiple access

# APPENDIX E

## STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

### City of White Salmon Parks System Plan

**To:** Jan Brending, City Treasurer  
**From:** Colin McArthur, Liz Auvil  
**Date:** April 22, 2022  
**Subject:** Stakeholder Interviews Memorandum

#### INTRODUCTION

As part of the community involvement and outreach phase of the White Salmon Parks System Plan, Cameron McCarthy conducted various types of outreach, including stakeholder interviews. Below is a list of stakeholders developed by Cameron McCarthy and City staff. The purpose of these interviews is to gather more specific perspectives from community members and organizations about park system needs, desired improvements, and resources they might have to offer. These phone interviews documented the stakeholders’ backgrounds and park system-related feedback. Stakeholders affirmed which aspects of the park system they use and shared suggestions for current and future park needs.

#### STAKEHOLDER LIST

Names	Organization/Role
Scott Hulbert	White Salmon Bike Park
Karen Black Jenkins	White Salmon Tree Board
Tammara Toppel	Mt Adams Chamber of Commerce
Ubaldo Hernandez	Comunidades
Tova Tillinghast	Underwood Conservation District
Leslie Naramore	WAGAP Youth Center
Carmen Brown	Little Oak Montessori School
Jeanette Burkhardt	Yakama Klickitat Fisheries Project

#### KEY THEMES

The list that follows is a summary of park system needs that were identified by the stakeholders. The needs include park improvements, increased number of parks, maintenance, accessibility, and the City’s communication and relationship with the local community.

#### NEEDS

##### Improvements

- More places for youth of all ages to play (play equipment, climbing, running, etc.)
- Add accessible play equipment/play areas

- More parks are needed; the west and south areas of town currently lack parks
- A community facility for year-round use
- Larger event spaces for eating/picnicking, parties, or large groups
- Small stage or performance area
- Demonstration projects for sustainability (stormwater facilities, composting, drought-tolerant landscapes, native plants, pollinator gardens)
- Youth and community education about parks with more educational signage

#### Accessibility

- Improve accessibility of parks (ADA accessible trails and sidewalks)
- More trails and walking opportunities
- Connect the park system (trail connection between Gaddis Park and White Salmon Bike Park)
- Provide access to water in parks

#### Maintenance

- Removal of invasive plants; restore habitats
- Trash receptacles and service at all parks

#### Communication

- Increase communication about park locations, opportunities, and events
- Bilingual wayfinding and park signage (English and Spanish)
- Increase bilingual content in marketing (publications, websites, alerts, announcements)

#### Programs, Policies, and Relationships

- There's a desire to support for low-income residents (e.g. transportation to parks)
- Increase relationship-building efforts with Latinx community
- Community volunteer partnership with the City to help with park stewardship

## APPENDIX A: Stakeholder Interview Notes

Name: Scott Hulbert  
Organization/Role: White Salmon Bike Park  
Date: 2/22/2022

- 1) **Please briefly describe your role in the community, and how you relate to the parks system either individually or through your position.**  
I'm a volunteer who saw an unmet need in the community. The bike park is something I started at the 20-acre property about 10 years ago.
- 2) **Do you see any barriers to access that prevent residents from using the parks as much as they would like to?**  
There are signs around town to lead you to the bike park. The bike park is downhill though and takes some time to access.
  - a) **Does the distribution of parks meet community needs?**  
I'm not sure where all the parks are located. Gaddis Park is not really a park, it's more unmaintained and undeveloped.
  - b) **Are any communities or neighborhoods underserved by parks?**  
At one point, the City was talking about adding a Riverfront Park near the bridge and RV park. The area of the potential pool could use an open space or outdoor area too.
  - c) **Are there any environmental issues related to accessing parks, for example, unsafe streets or sidewalks?** N/A
  - d) **Are park facilities adequately equipped to serve people of all ages and abilities?** N/A
- 3) **Are there any features, services, or activities that you would like to see added to the parks in White Salmon?**  
We need opportunities for kids to be outdoors and play or exercise. There are places to sit in the grass and relax or watch an outdoor event/concert or have a group barbeque. A garbage service at the bottom of the park could be added to the bike park. Benches or shade structures could be added. Water access and electricity would be amazing at the bike park. Connecting Gaddis Park and Bike Park would be a great expansion. It would be really cool to create a long trail along the river between Gaddis and the bike park. The sports complex is a good spot for baseball players, and the school provides green space for soccer. The City could use a dog park. The City needs a sports court (e.g., pickleball) area, and a skate park for kids to meet. Basketball courts aren't available and would be a great addition.
- 4) **Are you satisfied with the current level of maintenance at parks facilities?**  
The City does mow the park lawns. Volunteers do all the maintenance at the bike park; more City maintenance support would be great at the bike park. Gaddis Park could be improved; the City could go down and clear up the vegetation and make the trail more usable.
- 5) **Given limited funding, how would you like to see the City allocate money: new facilities, maintenance of existing facilities, etc.?**  
Lighting at the sports complex and bike park. Basketball near the ball fields and bike park.
- 6) **How do you learn about City of White Salmon activities/programs/events? (For example, social media, emails, newspapers, etc.)**  
White Salmon bike park has an Instagram and Facebook page. Hood River Area Trail Stewards (HRATS) work on bike trails near Post Canyon. White Salmon Happenings is a big page. I'm not sure how much traffic the City's website receives.
  - a) **Do you have any suggestions for how the City of White Salmon could improve communication, specifically around parks and recreation?**  
The City's website could have more easily accessible, prominent information about their parks, including the bike park.



Name: Karen Black Jenkins  
Organization/Role: White Salmon Tree Board  
Date: 2/28/2022

**1) Please briefly describe your role in the community, and how you relate to the parks system either individually or through your position.**

I'm a volunteer member of White Salmon's tree board. I'm a certified arborist and ran a previous tree foundation. My husband is part of the Rotary, and they had the initiative to plant more trees. There aren't many public land places where we can plant new trees. Currently, there is also no tree requirement to get a certificate of occupancy. The tree board is currently trying to write a tree code requirement.

**2) Do you see any barriers to access that prevent residents from using the parks as much as they would like to?**

Barriers include parking and walking routes. It's not a great walk from the West side of town to downtown. For example, there is no parking at Gaddis Park so access is difficult there.

**a) Does the distribution of parks meet community needs?**

Yes, for the most part.

**b) Are any communities or neighborhoods underserved by parks?**

Not really, just sidewalk access can be lacking.

**c) Are there any environmental issues related to accessing parks, for example, unsafe streets or sidewalks? N/A**

**d) Are park facilities adequately equipped to serve people of all ages and abilities?**

Somewhat but it could be better.

**3) Are there any features, services, or activities that you would like to see added to the parks in White Salmon?**

Fireman Park needs landscape, hardscape, and a staircase.

**4) Are you satisfied with the current level of maintenance at parks facilities?**

Yes.

**5) Given limited funding, how would you like to see the City allocate money: new facilities, maintenance of existing facilities, etc.?**

Maintaining existing parks, especially the trees. Also creating a new park where we can plant new trees and more little pocket parks.

**6) How do you learn about City of White Salmon activities/programs/events? (For example, social media, emails, newspapers, etc.)**

**a) Do you have any suggestions for how the City of White Salmon could improve communication, specifically around parks and recreation?**

Sometimes the City website, or the Columbia Gorge newspaper, Mayor Marla's Facebook page, and the White Salmon Happenings Facebook page. Tree Board and Underwood Conservation District has Arbor Day event on Saturday March 19. Attending and handing out flyers may help promote the survey. Submit an announcement for the online survey to the White Salmon Happenings page or Mayor Marla's Facebook page.

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Name: Tova Tillinghast  
Organization/Role: Underwood Conservation District  
Date: 3/28/2022

- 1) **Please briefly describe your role in the community, and how you relate to the parks system either individually or through your position.**  
Underwood Conservation was one of the first sponsors of the Jewett Creek Streamkeepers. They did trail improvements, weed control, water quality testing. Volunteers also contributed to Gaddis Park (signage, picnic tables). I want to honor the history and labor that has been put into Gaddis Park and along Jewett Creek. Unfortunately, UCD was not able to continue funding this role. There is a need to have community engagement and participation in the parks and signage and other existing amenities can use a facelift or some improvements. At one point there was a disc golf suggestion at Gaddis Park but there was some conflict there because its original intent was a natural, relaxing park. It's important for City to understand the history of Gaddis Park.
- 2) **Do you see any barriers to access that prevent residents from using the parks as much as they would like to?**  
Not specifically, there are some good access points in OK shape. There are some steep trails and erosion in some areas that could be improved.
  - a) **Does the distribution of parks meet community needs?**  
I'm not entirely sure. The southern and western ends of town may lack some park access.
  - b) **Are any communities or neighborhoods underserved by parks?**  
South and west parts of town.
  - c) **Are there any environmental issues related to accessing parks, for example, unsafe streets or sidewalks?**  
Trail erosion and garbage dumping. The City has some stormwater problems and street runoff is going down into Jewett Creek. There are some weeds like blackberry and scotch broom along the creek. Rhinegarten Park has a water issue where the lawn area is saturated.
  - d) **Are park facilities adequately equipped to serve people of all ages and abilities?**  
I'm not entirely sure. I think Rhinegarten is accessible and Gaddis Park trail are not accessible because of the steep trails.
- 3) **Are there any features, services, or activities that you would like to see added to the parks in White Salmon?**  
More active stewardship along Jewett Creek (weed control, native plant plantings, improvements to signage that identifies native plants, etc.)
- 4) **Are you satisfied with the current level of maintenance at parks facilities?**  
N/A.
- 5) **Given limited funding, how would you like to see the City allocate money: new facilities, maintenance of existing facilities, etc.?**  
Expanding parks (new parks in areas that don't have easy access, or expanding the Gaddis Park area that ties Gaddis Park and White Salmon Bike Park to make it more continuous). If landowners ever sell their land there's an opportunity to expand access to trails and continuous parkland. The City could pursue easements or eventual purchase of that land. Primarily the City can work on expanding Gaddis Park.  
I'd love to see the City support a parks-focused group (watershed or otherwise). I think the community members need an outlet to be involved with watershed stewardship. It can help the City foster more community engagement and host activities like weed pulls, garbage clean up.
- 6) **How do you learn about City of White Salmon activities/programs/events? (For example, social media, emails, newspapers, etc.)**  
Columbia Gorge News, White Salmon Happenings Facebook page, City of White Salmon website, flyers/posters around town. The City has a banner area near City Hall.

**a) Do you have any suggestions for how the City of White Salmon could improve communication, specifically around parks and recreation?**

I think using some of those existing avenues would work, and also fostering an engagement group could be a new avenue.

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Name: Leslie Naramore  
Organization/Role: WAGAP Youth Center  
Date: 2/23/2022

**1) Please briefly describe your role in the community, and how you relate to the parks system either individually or through your position.**

I'm the Executive Director of Washington Gorge Action Plan. Our main office is in Bingen and the community youth center is in White Salmon. We support low-income neighbors with food security, etc. Kids 6-17 can drop into the youth center in White Salmon, and there's a lot of usage after school. The building is owned by the City. When the pool was operational, we took our kids to the school almost everyday after school. We also attend the farmers market in Rhinegarten Park, and use the park to also play with kids and pets.

**2) Do you see any barriers to access that prevent residents from using the parks as much as they would like to?**

We only have a couple of parks: Rhinegarten, the sports fields, the bike park. One barrier is transportation. Parks are used by residents of White Salmon but also the surrounding communities that come to use the parks as well.

**a) Does the distribution of parks meet community needs?**

One mobile home park is left in town and I would love to see more parks located near low-income neighbors. Apartments (Rhine Village) near the hospital.

**b) Are any communities or neighborhoods underserved by parks?**

**c) Are there any environmental issues related to accessing parks, for example, unsafe streets or sidewalks?** N/A

**d) Are park facilities adequately equipped to serve people of all ages and abilities?**

I can see how it would be difficult for someone with mobility issues to access the parks, sidewalks with cracks.

**3) Are there any features, services, or activities that you would like to see added to the parks in White Salmon?**

I would love to see more playground equipment, especially for bigger kids. Rhinegarten has a structure for tiny kids like toddlers. A dedicated dog area would be great. Rhinegarten is where folks go with their dogs but a dedicated area would be fantastic.

**4) Are you satisfied with the current level of maintenance at parks facilities?**

In the last few years, the maintenance level has improved.

**5) Given limited funding, how would you like to see the City allocate money: new facilities, maintenance of existing facilities, etc.?**

Existing maintenance is pretty good. I'd love to see a facility for the community to use year-round. We don't have a lot of gathering spaces in White Salmon. I'm also interested in a commercial kitchen.

**6) How do you learn about City of White Salmon activities/programs/events? (For example, social media, emails, newspapers, etc.)**

Mostly through Facebook (White Salmon Happenings and Major Marla's page). The City has a new alert system and I get a lot of notifications from them.

**a) Do you have any suggestions for how the City of White Salmon could improve communication, specifically around parks and recreation?**

It's unfortunate because we used to have our own paper but now the paper is a gorge-wide paper. Posting announcements in that paper would be great though. Using existing newsletters and calendars like the Senior Center would increase communication.

Name: Carmen Brown  
Organization/Role: Little Oak Montessori School  
Date: 3/23/2022

**1) Please briefly describe your role in the community, and how you relate to the parks system either individually or through your position.**

I am the office coordinator at the school and work with parents of students and parents of potential students, or residents. My son goes to Little Oak Montessori.

**2) Do you see any barriers to access that prevent residents from using the parks as much as they would like to?**

**a) Does the distribution of parks meet community needs?**

We only have 1 park, and it's small and gets crowded easily. We'll go across the river if it's crowded. Folks do use a small play structure at the school across the street. Behind the school are another larger play structure and an open lawn area. We often go over to use that facility and it's better for older children.

**b) Are any communities or neighborhoods underserved by parks?**

Most of the area is underserved. We have two campuses one in White Salmon and one between White Salmon and Bingen. Parents will go to the park/skate park in Bingen where there is a larger open space and a play structure. There's more space to play. Children really love climbing. Running and climbing is popular with young people.

**c) Are there any environmental issues related to accessing parks, for example, unsafe streets or sidewalks?**

Not at all.

**d) Are park facilities adequately equipped to serve people of all ages and abilities?**

I don't think the facilities would serve children with disabilities. The school may have newer equipment but nothing in Rheingarten.

**3) Are there any features, services, or activities that you would like to see added to the parks in White Salmon?**

Things that would engage children more. Children end up just running and playing with each other; if there were more elements for children to play with the parks would be more interactive/interesting. Like a four-square wall. Activities for children ages 2-12 or 13. We need an amenity for older children.

**4) Are you satisfied with the current level of maintenance at parks facilities?**

Overall, yes. Bathrooms are kept pretty clean. For the most part, I don't see anything that's broken.

**5) Given limited funding, how would you like to see the City allocate money: new facilities, maintenance of existing facilities, etc.?**

Updating the current park and creating more parks. I know there is a bike park with trails for people to walk.

**6) How do you learn about City of White Salmon activities/programs/events? (For example, social media, emails, newspapers, etc.)**

Facebook (White Salmon Happenings group).

**a) Do you have any suggestions for how the City of White Salmon could improve communication, specifically around parks and recreation?**

Social media would be great.

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Name: Jeanette Burkhardt  
Organization/Role: Yakama Klickitat Fisheries Project  
Date: 3/9/2022

**1) Please briefly describe your role in the community, and how you relate to the parks system either individually or through your position.**

I'm a watershed planner and work in Fisheries Management Program for the Confederated Tribes of the Yakama nations. They have treaty rights to hunt, fish, and collect plants and pasture animals in Central Washington (1/3 of the state). I focus on fisheries but also focus on protecting treaty rights related to natural resources. I work on land use planning, some grant management, restoration work, education, and outreach work. My education and outreach work are about tribal treaty rights. I'm also involved with the Jewett Creek Streamkeepers organization. This organization was the caretaker of the Gaddis Park site. There were crossed communication lines about how City wanted to use land and how Streamkeepers were caring for it. Jewett Creek runs through the edge of town and exits into Columbia. There's Steelhead, Trout, Salmon in that creek. It's an important habitat corridor, one of the only flowing water sources during the dry season. There's also cattle use in the area during some seasons. It's also a running trail (but on private land). White Salmon Bike Park was also developed in that area. I have concerns about trail maintenance and impacts on habitat. It's also a gateway to an additional network of trails up on "Hospital Hill".

**2) Do you see any barriers to access that prevent residents from using the parks as much as they would like to?**

A barrier to the bike park is that there are many people in the community that can't afford the equipment to use the park. Bicyclists have yelled at pedestrians using the park. It was promoted as being a multi-use park but it isn't operating that way. Cultural barriers exist. There are people who don't have exposure to using parks, so they aren't comfortable or don't feel welcome. Groups that need more outreach are seniors, low-income, and the Latinx communities.

**a) Does the distribution of parks meet community needs?**

I would like to see more parks, and I'd like to see more public open space up by the high school. There's a wetland there. Potentially a trail that could connect to the high school track.

**b) Are any communities or neighborhoods underserved by parks? N/A**

**c) Are there any environmental issues related to accessing parks, for example, unsafe streets or sidewalks?**

Safer roads and sidewalks or pedestrians access.

**d) Are park facilities adequately equipped to serve people of all ages and abilities?**

Rheingarten Park is pretty good for access and it has sidewalks. But we have a dearth of safe, walkable roads to the parks.

**3) Are there any features, services, or activities that you would like to see added to the parks in White Salmon?**

Better walking access, even if not creating more parks, in the existing parks. There's an opportunity to have demonstration plots for sustainable practices—I would like to see some of the wasted lands or not actively used that is City property that could be sustainable practices, composting, stormwater designs, native plants, water-wise landscape, bioswales, pollinator gardens. Using the right of way, buffer strips, small sections of land could be used to demonstrate stormwater. There's a strip near the USPS office that could be used as a stormwater treatment facility.

**4) Are you satisfied with the current level of maintenance at parks facilities?**

At the bike park, there's quite a bit of unsanctioned cutting of vegetation, and it's a steep hillside with sediment and erosion issues due to the cutting and the activities. This is a maintenance issue that needs to be addressed.

I would like to see a more sustainable lawn at Rheingarten. If a water audit was done, it would be interesting to see if there are low-irrigated lawn seed mixes. More emphasis on native trees and plants.

**5) Given limited funding, how would you like to see the City allocate money: new facilities, maintenance of existing facilities, etc.?**

More could be done to have the local population help with some maintenance. Not Rheingarten, but Jewett Creek could have more volunteer maintenance. It would take renewed good relationships with the City. The group also probably needs a location to meet. The City can restart communications and the Streamkeepers can work on an open relationship with the City. This partnership could be key in helping bring others in the community in to help volunteer. If the City could provide a material form of support or a location for the Streamkeepers to meet.

**6) How do you learn about City of White Salmon activities/programs/events? (For example, social media, emails, newspapers, etc.)**

Word of mouth is a big one. I receive emails from Bingen-White Salmon business partners (Christmas lighting, festivals, tastings).

**a) Do you have any suggestions for how the City of White Salmon could improve communication, specifically around parks and recreation?**

There have been huge improvements in how the City communicates with residents in the last few years. I hear that the Mayor has a Facebook and Twitter feed and that they are widely viewed. There are other traditional ways, like the newsletter along with the utility bill (option to get it physically or digitally).

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Name: Tammara Toppel  
Organization/Role: Mt Adams Chamber  
Date: 2/21/2022

**1) Please briefly describe your role in the community, and how you relate to the parks system either individually or through your position.**

I'm the Executive Director of Mt Adams Chamber of Commerce and President of White Salmon Bingen Rotary Club. My role in the parks system is related to hosting events in the park as a local leader/professional. White Salmon July 4<sup>th</sup> event and music in the park session in the event.

**2) Do you see any barriers to access that prevent residents from using the parks as much as they would like to?**

Rhinegarten is our main park. Gaddis Park is more of a trail. The wind is a constraint, and a wind barrier or buffer would be great to improve the experience outdoors.

- a) **Does the distribution of parks meet community needs?** Riverfront Park is a city park that not many people know about.
- b) **Are any communities or neighborhoods underserved by parks?** N/A
- c) **Are there any environmental issues related to accessing parks, for example, unsafe streets or sidewalks?** N/A
- d) **Are park facilities adequately equipped to serve people of all ages and abilities?**

The steep slope at Rhinegarten Park makes it difficult to have events and move. People are restricted to the lawn near tennis courts. This means the lower half of the park is not being utilized or is not an accessible part of the park.

**3) Are there any features, services, or activities that you would like to see added to the parks in White Salmon?**

I'm not sure about the status of the restroom improvements at Rhinegarten. Electrical outlets are a challenge at the park. Electrical outlets could be more frequent and in more locations, the amount of wattage should be adequate for the services that use them (like a food truck). Gazebo is nice but needs some attention, lifespan may be nearing the end. A different kind of stage would be nice. Hood River has a stage at one of their parks, and maybe a smaller version would be appropriate. Maybe an amphitheater could be great at Rhinegarten because of the views. Riverfront Park could be a huge economic vitality. There was a staircase to the park that went up the slope. Improving this area could be a great way to attract people to this area and draw them up the hill to the main businesses in town.

**4) Are you satisfied with the current level of maintenance at parks facilities?**

I am satisfied with the maintenance. The City takes great care of the facilities.

**5) Given limited funding, how would you like to see the City allocate money: new facilities, maintenance of existing facilities, etc.?**

Gaddis Park is not very inviting, so I would not like to see improvements there and just leave it as a trailhead. An amphitheater at Rhinegarten would be a good use of funds.

**6) How do you learn about City of White Salmon activities/programs/events? (For example, social media, emails, newspapers, etc.)**

Social media pages (White Salmon Happenings, City page), the alerts the City sends/text messaging, event calendars. The Chamber's newsletter and the City newsletters are good for brief notices. Fliers around town are good. Rotary and Soroptimist of Mt. Adams groups are helpful, maybe major employers are good to share information with residents. The hospital, school district, and agricultural entities are big employers.

**a) Do you have any suggestions for how the City of White Salmon could improve communication, specifically around parks and recreation?**

I feel like I don't get information in a timely manner, and I'm very involved in creating events. Our local newspaper.



Name: Ubaldo Hernandez  
Organization/Role: Comunidades  
Date: 3/3/2022

**1) Please briefly describe your role in the community, and how you relate to the parks system either individually or through your position.**

Community organizer and work with Latinos in Klickitat County community through our organization, Comunidades. We use the parks a lot and we bring our pets and sit on the benches to relax and watch the sunsets. We use the park by the elementary school the most.

**2) Do you see any barriers to access that prevent residents from using the parks as much as they would like to?**

People want to go to the water, so they often go to Bingen or Hood River. There are not enough places near the water in White Salmon. More places to eat lunch. I'm not sure how to create a culture that uses parks. More information about parks and activities to do, more information in Spanish. Including signages in English and Spanish.

a) **Does the distribution of parks meet community needs?** N/A

b) **Are any communities or neighborhoods underserved by parks?** N/A

c) **Are there any environmental issues related to accessing parks, for example, unsafe streets or sidewalks?** N/A

d) **Are park facilities adequately equipped to serve people of all ages and abilities?** N/A

**3) Are there any features, services, or activities that you would like to see added to the parks in White Salmon?**

I'd like the City to help the Latino community feel part of the place. It would be nice to have a place to do different sports, a place for musicals/bands. Also, it would be nice to have a place for parties and gatherings, more places to sit. More parks may be needed to have the space to fit these kinds of activities.

**4) Are you satisfied with the current level of maintenance at parks facilities?**

Yeah, they are clean.

**5) Given limited funding, how would you like to see the City allocate money: new facilities, maintenance of existing facilities, etc.?**

Create more facilities so people have more options. New parks to fit all the activities. Also, focus on marketing to welcome the Latino community. For example, the bike park isn't marketed toward the Latino community. It would be great for young Latinos to get into mountain biking. I'm a Latino and I have been mountain biking for years, but I don't see young Latinos using the park.

**6) How do you learn about City of White Salmon activities/programs/events? (For example, social media, emails, newspapers, etc.)**

Social media, White Salmon Happenings.

a) **Do you have any suggestions for how the City of White Salmon could improve communication, specifically around parks and recreation?**

There could be more paper flyers and more posts on social media. The translation isn't enough; marketing needs to be designed to reach the Latino community. Events don't reflect the community. Also doing tabling will help connect with people in the Latino community—potentially more events happening soon as mandates lessen.

# APPENDIX F

## OPEN HOUSE EVENT

### White Salmon Park System Plan

**To:** Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer, City of White Salmon

**From:** Colin McArthur, Liz Auvil, Victor Garcia (Cameron McCarthy)

**Date:** July 14, 2021

**Subject:** SpringFest Open House Event Summary

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#### Purpose

This memo summarizes key takeaways and notes from an open house that occurred on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Members of Cameron McCarthy set up activities at a booth at the White Salmon Fire Hall to gather input on preferred park amenities and four concepts for Rheingarten Park. All materials were labeled in English and Spanish. Attendees could participate in several activities, including:

- Reviewing two splash pad concepts and voting for a preferred concept.
- Reviewing two nature play concepts and voting for a preferred concept.
- Providing general written comments about the park system.
- Reviewing photographs of park amenities and voting for preferred types of amenities.

The Fire Hall was selected as a location because the Pancake Breakfast was hosted simultaneously that morning at the Fire Hall. Participants of a variety of ages visited the booth in the morning and afternoon.

#### Key Takeaways

Data collected at the open house provided a prioritized list of preferred park amenities, several written comments and preferred nature play and splash pad concepts. Broad takeaways from the received input are generalized as follows:

- The seven most popular park amenities are a pollinator garden (23 votes), slides with boulders in hill (22 votes), log play (21 vote), splash pad (20 votes), swings (17 votes), sand play (17 votes), and sloped play area with plant bed (15 votes).
- Out of two nature play concepts, participants preferred concept 1 (22 votes) over concept 2 (2 votes). The preferred concept has a pollinator garden, slide with plant beds built into the slope, a boulder scramble, a separate swing play area and more open circulation.
- Between two splash pad concepts, participants preferred concept 1 (23 votes) over concept 2 (3 votes). The preferred concept has water features, plant beds and seating. This concept is near the existing restroom and gazebo/stage.

- Public comments about the concepts included a request for shade at play equipment and seating areas, reusing the splash pad water, safe play surface materials, and a climbing wall feature for older kids.

### Event Photographs



Attendees at the Fire Hall discuss park improvements during the open house event on June 4.



After reviewing conceptual designs and photographs of park amenities, attendees vote for preferred concepts and amenities.

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Event Graphics

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Rheingarten Park - Splash Pad Concepts

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**  
**PROPUESTA DE MEJORAMIENTO**

- A** Splash Pad  
Juego Splash
- B** Plant Bed  
Camas de plantas
- C** Seating  
Asientos
- D** Sidewalk/Concrete Paving  
Pavimento de acera/concreto
- E** Connect to Existing Paving  
Conectar al pavimento existente

**Rheingarten Park - Splash Pad Concept 1** **Parque Rheingarten - Juego splash concepto 1**  
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**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**  
**PROPUESTA DE MEJORAMIENTO**

- A** Splash Pad  
Juego Splash
- B** Plant Bed  
Camas de plantas
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**Rheingarten Park - Splash Pad Concept 2** **Parque Rheingarten - Juego Splash concepto 2**  
DRAFT JUNE 4, 2022 **BORRADOR JUNIO 4, 2022**

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Rheingarten Park – Nature Play Concepts

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**  
**PROPUESTA DE MEJORAMIENTO**

- A Picnic Tables / Mesas de picnic
- B Boulder Scramble in Bark Mulch / Piedras mezcladas en aserrín
- C Log and Stump Play / Juego de tronco
- D Meeting Circle / Circuito de reunión
- E Activity Trail / Ruta de actividades
- F Accessible Slide / Tobogán accesible
- G Xylophone/Musical Play / Xilófono/juego musical
- H Sand Play and Accessible Sand Table / Juego de arena y mesa de arena accesible
- I Accessible Swing / Columpio accesible
- J Concrete Ramp / Rampa de Concreto
- K Sidewalk/Concrete Paving / Banqueta/Pavimento de concreto
- L Rubber Surfacing / Superficie de goma
- M Plant Bed / Cama de plantas
- N Pollinator Garden / Jardín de polinizadores
- O Quiet Play Area / Zona de juegos tranquilos
- P Retaining Wall / Muro de contención
- Q Seat Wall / Pared de asiento
- R Connect to Existing Paving / Conectar al pavimento existente

**Rheingarten Park - Nature Play Concept 1**    **Parque Rheingarten - Juego de naturaleza concepto 1**  
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**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**  
**PROPUESTA DE MEJORAMIENTO**

- A Picnic Tables / Mesas de picnic
- B Boulder Scramble / Piedras mezcladas
- C Log and Stump Play / Juego de tronco
- D Meeting Circle / Circuito de reunión
- E Activity Trail / Ruta de actividades
- F Accessible Slide / Tobogán accesible
- G Boulder Play in Bark Mulch / Juego de piedras en aserrín
- H Terraced Sand Play and Accessible Sand Table / Juego de arena en terrazas y mesa de arena accesible
- I Accessible Swing / Columpio accesible
- J Concrete Ramp / Rampa de Concreto
- K Sidewalk/Concrete Paving / Banqueta/Pavimento de concreto
- L Rubber Surfacing / Superficie de goma
- M Plant Bed / Cama de plantas
- N Fort / Fortín
- O Quiet Play Area / Área de juegos tranquila
- P Retaining Wall / Muro de contención
- Q Seat Wall / Pared de asiento
- R Connect to Existing Paving / Conectar al pavimento existente

**Rheingarten Park - Nature Play Concept 2**    **Parque Rheingarten - Juego de naturaleza concepto 2**  
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**Park Amenities Survey**

			
SLIDE WITH BOULDERS IN HILL TOBOGÁN CON PIEDRAS EN COLINA	ACCESSIBLE SAND PLAY STATION ESTACIÓN DE JUEGO DE ARENA ACCESIBLE	TERRACED SAND PLAY JUEGO DE ARENA EN TERRAZAS	MUSICAL PLAY JUEGOS MUSICALES
			
ACCESSIBLE SLIDE TOBOGÁN ACCESIBLE	ACCESSIBLE SAND PLAY STATION ESTACIÓN DE JUEGO DE ARENA ACCESIBLE	ACTIVITY TRAIL RUTA DE ACTIVIDAD	ACCESSIBLE SWINGS COLUMPIOS ACCESIBLE
			
SLIDE WITH BOULDERS AND RAMP TOBOGÁN CON PIEDRAS Y RAMPA	ACCESSIBLE SAND PLAY STATION ESTACIÓN DE JUEGO DE ARENA ACCESIBLE	PICNIC TABLE MESA DE PÍCNIC	ACCESSIBLE SWING COLUMPIO ACCESIBLE

**Rheingarten Park Amenities Survey**  
June 4, 2022

**Encuesta de servicios del parque Rheingarten**  
Junio 4, 2022



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LOG PLAY - BASIC JUEGO DE TRONCO - BÁSICO	BOULDER PLAY AND FORT JUEGO DE PIEDRA Y FORTÍN	LOG PLAY AND FORT JUEGO DE TRONCO	SPLASH PLAY - MULTI PURPOSE JUEGO SPLASH - MULTIUSO
			
LOG PLAY - ADVANCED JUEGO DE TRONCO - AVANZADO	BOULDER SCRAMBLE PIEDRAS MEZCLADAS	MEETING AREA ZONA DE REUNIÓN	SPLASH PLAY - MULTI PURPOSE JUEGO SPLASH - MULTIUSO
			
SLOPED PLAY WITH PLANT BED JUEGO INCLINADO CON PLANTAS	POLLINATOR GARDEN JARDÍN DE POLINIZADORES	ACCESSIBLE POLLINATOR GARDEN JARDÍN DE POLINIZADORES ACCESIBLE	SPLASH PLAY - MULTI PURPOSE JUEGO SPLASH - MULTIUSO

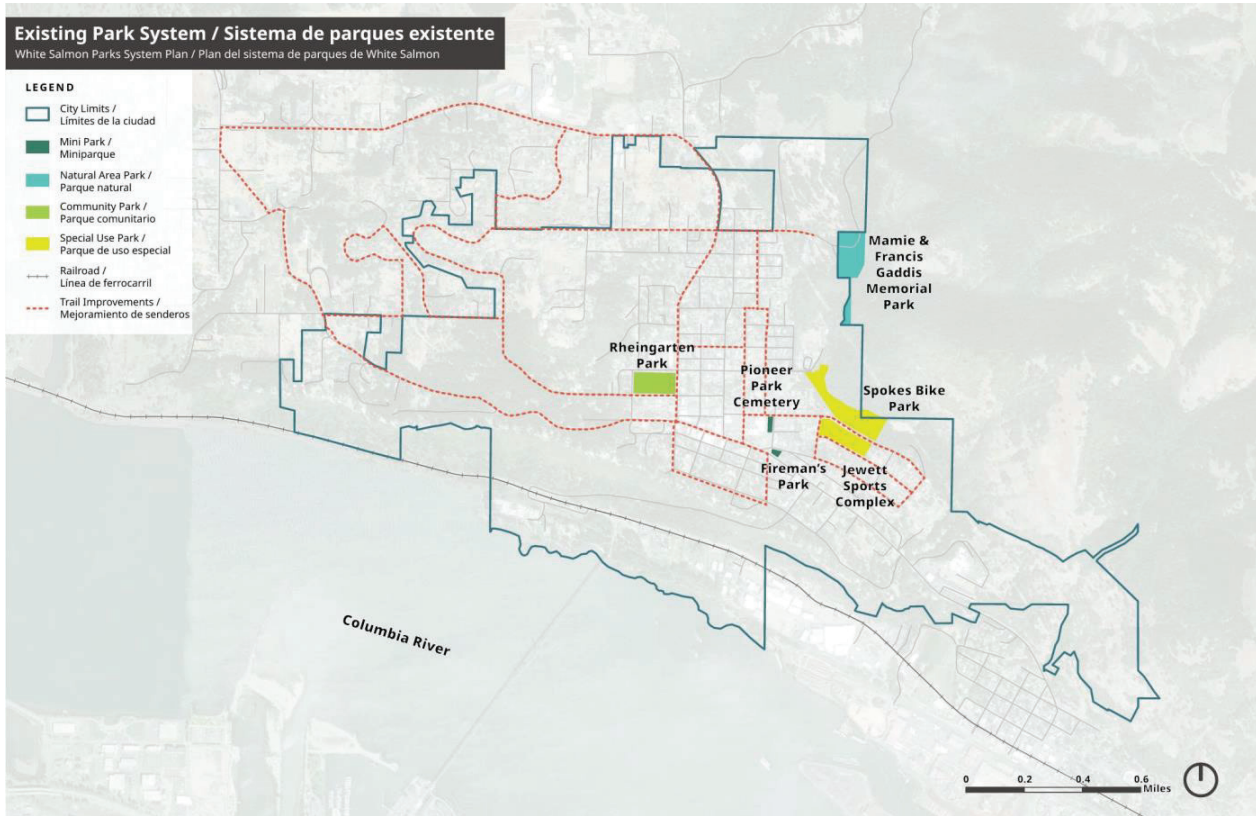
**Rheingarten Park Amenities Survey**  
June 4, 2022

**Encuesta de servicios del parque Rheingarten**  
Junio 4, 2022



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White Salmon Existing Park System Map



# APPENDIX G

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

### White Salmon Park System Plan

**To:** Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer, City of White Salmon

**From:** Colin McArthur, Elizabeth Auvil, (Cameron McCarthy)

**Date:** September 19, 2021

**Subject:** Capital Improvements Plan

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#### 1.0 PURPOSE

Based on the inventory, outreach, and assessments completed in the Park System Plan Scope of Work Tasks 2, 3, and 4, this document contains the 20-year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years (FY) 2023 through 2043 and includes the projected recreational needs of the City; joint development opportunities; and funding sources targeted for facility development.

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is a schedule for capital projects for the twenty-year period beginning Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and ending in FY 2043. Upon adoption, the CIP serves as a guide to planning and budgeting for future capital projects and expenditures. The CIP is intended to be the basis for capital improvements included in the annual budget of White Salmon.

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND

##### 2.1 Project Selection

Proposed projects included in the CIP were identified and selected based on information from:

- Quantitative results from the *2022 Park System Plan Needs Assessment*;
- Qualitative findings from community input;
- City staff input;
- Geospatial analysis;
- Census data
- *City of White Salmon Comprehensive Plan*
- *White Salmon Urbanization Study*
- *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022*
- other relevant plans and policies.

Proposed project funding responds to an ongoing assessment of capital assets, as well as assessments of current and future service delivery needs.



## 2.2 Prioritization

Projects included in the CIP were evaluated based on consideration of the following information sources to determine a prioritization schedule:

- **Planning documents and tools.** The City uses a variety of planning documents and tools to determine service level needs for the development of parks, trails, and recreational facilities. These documents include but are not limited to the Parks System Plan; the City of White Salmon’s Comprehensive Plan, the Urbanization Study; and various population and demographic forecasting resources.
- **Level of Service (LOS).** The Park System Plan defines level of service targets for parks and trails that meet current and future community needs. These targets help the City determine how well existing facilities are meeting current park and recreation needs, and what investments are needed in the future to reach or maintain LOS as the population grows.
- **Geographic Distribution.** The Park System Plan and CIP consider the appropriate location for specific parks based on the facility type and their overall geographic distribution throughout the City, as well as the recommended distance of certain types of parks and facilities to residents.
- **Maintaining existing facilities.** The Park System Plan Needs Assessment results place a high priority on maintaining and improving existing facilities prior to developing new facilities.
- **Grants.** Grants provide an opportunity to seek alternative funding sources for a project. If the project matches the grant requirements and meets the needs of the City, the project may be moved up in priority to take advantage of the funding opportunity, or to match the grant funding cycle.

Each project is prioritized based on a High, Medium, and Low prioritization schedule.

- **High** priority projects are planned for the first 7-year planning period, through 2030;
- **Medium** priority projects are planned for the second 7-year planning period, through 2037;
- **Low** priority projects are planned for the third 6-year planning period, which begins in 2037 and extends to 2043.

## 3.0 FUNDING

### 3.1 Financial Information

The 20-year CIP is flexible and is intended to be revised and translated into a five-year CIP as part of annual budget adoption, funding availability, market conditions, and changes that were unforeseen during the development of the Park System Plan.

Capital improvement project costs are estimated based on considerations including timing and design, construction, and land acquisition. Improvement costs vary widely based on local conditions, economic factors, environmental constraints, and the application of specific funding sources. The following land acquisition and

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development parameters are used for estimating costs and are based on current market conditions in the City, past projects, and other local information.

- Land acquisition costs are based on a conservative estimate of \$120,000 per acre for undeveloped land within the UGB and \$30,000 per acre for undeveloped land outside the UGB;
- Development costs for new parkland are estimated at \$300,000 per acre for neighborhood parks, \$180,000 per acre for special use parks, and \$60,000 per acre for open space areas;
- Development costs for trails are estimated at \$200 per linear foot of 10-foot wide paved trail, \$580,000 for site development of each trailhead, and \$175,000 for each bridge structure.
- Operational and maintenance costs account for the additional future costs of operating and maintaining each capital project upon its completion.

### **3.2. Funding Sources**

There are three primary funding sources the City may utilize for capital improvements:

- *Municipal Capital Improvement Fund.* Property tax revenues from the City's Municipal Capital Improvements Fund are the major funding source for park and recreation annual operating costs and reserves for future operations. CIP projects not eligible for other funding sources can be funded from this source.
- *General Obligation Bonds.* This type of bond is a tax assessment on real and personal property that can supplement other revenue streams. The City may issue a general obligation bond at an election after providing legally required notice but not more than twice a calendar year. A minimum voter participation of forty percent of all voters who voted in the previous state election and a three-fifths majority approval are required to approve a bond. These funds may be used for capital purposes but not for the replacement of equipment. The City does not have any current bond obligations.
- *Alternative Funding.*
  - *Grants* are funds from federal or state governmental agencies or non-profit organizations that support a portion of the capital costs.
  - *Donations* include monies or real property from individuals and/or non-profit organizations.
  - *Partnerships* include financial agreements with non-profit organizations and/or user groups to share in the cost of building facilities.
  - *Other* includes proceeds from the sale of surplus properties and user fees and charges for facilities.

### **4.0. PLANNED PROJECTS**

Table CIP-1 is a list of the priority projects included in the 2023-2043 CIP. Information in the table includes a facility identification number, project title and description, size (expressed in acres for parks and miles for trails), and overall cost. Table CIP-2 identifies the project costs by priority level and planning period. Following the tables, each project is detailed on a project description sheet.

Each project description sheet contains consistent categories of information to help communicate the pertinent data for each project. The categories include:

- *Project Identification (Project ID)*. This category is an alphanumeric identifier that corresponds to the summary table and maps included in the Park System Plan.
- *Project Title*. This is the name of the project.
- *Project Type*. This category identifies whether the project is a park, recreation facility, open space area, or trail.
- *Estimating Stage*. This category identifies whether the estimated costs are order of magnitude or are based on refined design information (master plan, conceptual design, etc.).
- *Site Size/Length*. The overall size of the site or length of the corridor, for trail projects.
- *Project Size/Length*. The actual size of the area to be improved or developed or length for trail projects.
- *Location*. This category provides the project address or general location if available.
- *Description*. This section includes the purpose of the specific project and why it is high enough in priority to be in the CIP.
- *Scope*. This section includes the scope of the project and explains the specific improvements to be developed as part of the project.
- *Considerations*. This section includes various types of information, depending upon the specific project, and may reference partnerships, project history, land use or environmental requirements.
- *Costs*. The section is the total estimated cost for the project, including planning, design, construction, permitting, and administration.

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**Table CIP-1. Planned Projects**

Project ID	Project Title	Description	Size	Cost
R1	Community Center <sup>1</sup>	Conduct a feasibility study and master plan for a community center.	0.8 acres (Site)	\$ 95,000
R2	Basketball court (unsited)	Identify a site and construct 1 full-size basketball court.	5000 square feet	\$ 226,300
P1	Pioneer Park	Construct a walking loop, install benches, and upgrade trash receptacles.	0.4 acres	\$ 39,500
P2	Fireman’s Park	Construct a sidewalk and a stormwater facility with educational signage along E Jewett Blvd.	0.2 acres	\$ 74,100
P3	Rheingarten Park	Evaluate irrigation system coverage, watering schedule, and water conservation opportunities and repair/update as needed. Construct replacement playground, construct splash pad, resurface and restripe tennis courts and update equipment and add pickleball striping. Replace restrooms to include gender-neutral restrooms and a family restroom. Update bike racks, sidewalks, and landscape. Evaluate the application of stormwater facilities as a water quality improvement.	4.1 acres	\$ 1,068,200
P4	Gaddis Park	Acquire additional park property and construct facilities, circulation, parking and landscape in 2001 master plan design. Restore riparian vegetation, maintain and expand trail system. Specific projects and amenities identified in the 2001 plan may be modified, adjusted, reduced or deleted based on current conditions and changes that have occurred since 2001.	6.7 acres	\$ 20,653,100
P5	Jewett Sports Complex	Develop shared-use agreement, contribute to facility maintenance, and improve pedestrian circulation with accessible sidewalks.	4.0 acres	\$ 607,500
P6	White Salmon Bike Park	Install portable restroom enclosure, signage and trash receptacles.	7.6 acres	\$ 275,900

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<sup>1</sup> Funding for future phases is dependent on the completion of a feasibility study.

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A1	Future North Neighborhood Park	Acquire and develop ~5 acres for a neighborhood park to serve the northern residential area of White Salmon.	5-15 acres	\$ 3,255,000
A2	Future North Mini Park	Acquire and develop 2,500 SF to 1 acre for a mini park to serve the northern residential area of White Salmon.	2,500 SF to 1 acre	\$ 651,000
A3	Future West Neighborhood Park	Acquire and develop ~5 acres for a neighborhood park to serve the western residential area of White Salmon.	5-15 acres	\$ 3,255,000
A4	Future Riverfront Park	Acquire and develop 13-acre riverfront parcel from Klickitat County to provide a natural area park with water access.	13 acres	\$ 1,674,000
A5	Future Southeast Neighborhood Park	Acquire and develop ~5 acres for a neighborhood park to serve the southeastern residential area of White Salmon.	5-15 acres	\$ 3,255,000
A6	Dog Park (unsited)	Plan and develop one site (N, W or SE) for a dog park.	5-10 acres	\$ 116,300
T1	Loop Trail	Improve the 11.5-mile pathway for multimodal transportation. Provide directional signage, visual separation between vehicles, and bicycles and pedestrians. Improvements are intended to be on WSDOT right of way and property easements.	11.5 miles	\$ 2,554,700
T2	Riverfront Park Trail Bridge <sup>2</sup>	Conduct a feasibility study for the design and construction of a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the railroad tracks to connect the future Riverfront Park to the area's upland and downtown. The connection location is to be determined and will be influenced by the future Hood River bridge replacement project.	ND	ND
T3	Gaddis Park-Bike Park Trail	Design and construct a trail that connects Gaddis Park and White Salmon Bike Park. Obtain easements from adjacent property owners between the two city parks.	0.25 to 1 mile	\$ 343,200

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<sup>2</sup> Funding dependent on completion of project feasibility study and a future Hood River bridge replacement project.

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T4	Rheingarten-Pioneer-Jewett Sports Complex Trail	Design and construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities that connect Rheingarten Park, Pioneer Park, Jewett Sports Complex and White Salmon Bike Park. Route follows NW Lincoln Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, Hood, Wauna, and Tohomish Street.	1 mile	\$ 161,900
T5	White Salmon Bluffs Trail	Design and construct a stair trail, paved parking, trailhead, and powered incline elevator. Pedestrian connections from downtown to commercial and riverfront areas. Pedestrian connection to riverfront to coincide with the future Hood River bridge replacement project.	ND	ND

ND – Not Determined

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**Table CIP-2. Project Prioritization**

Project ID	Project Title	High	Medium	Low
		FY 2023-2030	FY 2031-2037	FY 2038-2043
R1	Community Center <sup>3</sup>	\$ -	\$ 95,000	\$ -
R2	Basketball court (unsited)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226,300
P1	Pioneer Park	\$ -	\$ 39,500	\$ -
P2	Fireman's Park	\$ -	\$ 74,100	\$ -
P3	Rheingarten Park	\$ 589,500	\$ 478,700	\$ -
P4	Gaddis Park	\$ 1,636,900	\$ 1,366,700	\$ 17,649,600
P5	Jewett Sports Complex	\$ 108,500	\$ 406,000	\$ 93,000
P6	White Salmon Bike Park	\$ 43,400	\$ 232,500	\$ -
A1	Future North Neighborhood Park	\$ 1,860,000	\$ 1,395,000	\$ -
A2	Future North Mini Park	\$ 186,000	\$ 465,000	\$ -
A3	Future West Neighborhood Park	\$ 930,000	\$ 2,325,000	\$ -
A4	Future Riverfront Park	\$ -	\$ 1,674,000	\$ -
A5	Future Southeast Neighborhood Park	\$ 1,860,000	\$ 1,395,000	\$ -
A6	Dog Park (unsited)	\$ -	\$ 116,300	\$ -
T1	Loop Trail	\$ 2,554,700	\$ -	\$ -
T2	Riverfront Park Trail Bridge <sup>4</sup>	-	ND	ND
T3	Gaddis Park-Bike Park Trail	\$ 343,200	\$ -	\$ -
T4	Rheingarten-Pioneer-Jewett Sports Complex Trail	\$ -	\$ 161,900	\$ -
T5	White Salmon Bluffs Trail	\$ -	ND	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,112,200</b>	<b>\$ 10,224,700</b>	<b>\$ 17,968,900</b>

ND – Not Determined

<sup>3</sup> Funding for future phases dependent on the completion of a feasibility study.

<sup>4</sup> Funding dependent on completion of project feasibility study and a future Hood River bridge replacement project.

**5.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**

**COMMUNITY CENTER**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	R1		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Community Center		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Community Center Facility		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	0.8 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	-		
<b>Location:</b>	495 NE Church Ave		
<b>Description:</b>	Conduct a feasibility study and master plan.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Planning.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	-	\$95,000	-
<b>Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>-</b>

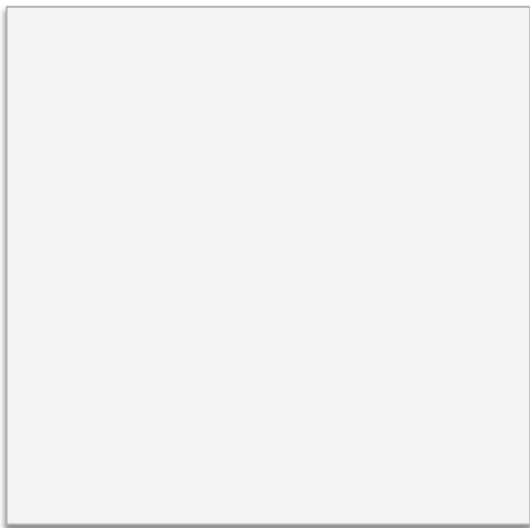


<sup>5</sup> Funding for future phases is dependent on the completion of a feasibility study.



**BASKETBALL COURT (UNSITED)**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	R2			
<b>Project Title:</b>	Basketball court (unsited)			
<b>Project Type:</b>	Recreation Facility			
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude			
<b>Site size/length:</b>	5000 square feet			
<b>Project size/length:</b>	5000 square feet			
<b>Location:</b>	Unsitd			
<b>Description:</b>	Construct one basketball court (full size) to serve the community.			
<b>Scope:</b>	Site selection, planning, design, permitting, and construction.			
<b>Considerations:</b>	Consider site in residential neighborhood.			
<b>Costs:</b>				
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>	
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	-	-	\$226,300	
<b>Total</b>	-	-	<b>\$226,300</b>	

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**PIONEER PARK**

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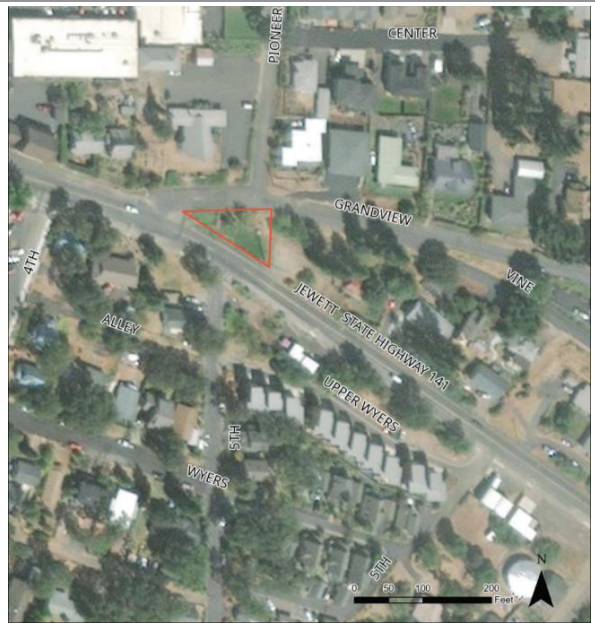
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<b>Project Title:</b>	Pioneer Park Improvements		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Mini Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	0.4 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	0.2 acres		
<b>Location:</b>	NE Tohomish St and NE Pioneer Pl		
<b>Description:</b>	Construct a walking loop, install benches, and upgrade trash receptacles.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	-	\$39,500	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$39,500</b>	-



**FIREMAN’S PARK**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	P2		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Fireman’s Park Improvements		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Mini Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	0.2 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	2,300 square feet		
<b>Location:</b>	NE Grandview Blvd and E Jewett Blvd		
<b>Description:</b>	Construct a sidewalk and a stormwater facility with educational signage along E Jewett Blvd.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	-	\$74,100	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$74,100</b>	-



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**RHEINGARTEN PARK**


**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

<b>Project ID:</b>	<b>P3</b>		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Rheingarten Park Improvements		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Community Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	4.1 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	4.1 acres		
<b>Location:</b>	NW Lincoln Street and N Main Ave		
<b>Description:</b>	Evaluate irrigation system coverage, watering schedule, and water conservation opportunities and repair/update as needed. Construct replacement playground, construct splash pad, resurface and restripe tennis courts and update equipment and add pickleball striping. Replace restrooms to include gender-neutral restrooms and a family restroom. Update bike racks, sidewalks, and landscape. Evaluate the application of stormwater facilities as a water quality improvement.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$589,500	\$478,700	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$589,500</b>	<b>\$478,700</b>	<b>-</b>



**GADDIS PARK**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

<b>Project ID:</b>	P4		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Gaddis Park Improvements		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Natural Area Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	6.7 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	6.7 acres		
<b>Location:</b>	NE Spring Street		
			
<b>Description:</b>	Acquire additional park property and construct facilities, circulation, parking and landscape in 2001 master plan design. Restore riparian vegetation, maintain and expand trail system. Specific projects and amenities identified the 2001 plan may be modified, adjusted, reduced, or deleted based on current conditions and changes that have occurred since 2001.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,636,900	\$1,366,700	\$17,649,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,636,900</b>	<b>\$1,366,700</b>	<b>\$17,649,600</b>

**JEWETT SPORTS COMPLEX**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	P5		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Jewett Sports Complex		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Special Use Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	4.0 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	4.0 acres		
<b>Location:</b>	NE Center Street and NE O Keefe Avenue		
<b>Description:</b>	Develop shared-use agreement, contribute to facility maintenance, and improve pedestrian circulation with accessible sidewalks.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$108,500	\$406,000	\$93,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$108,500</b>	<b>\$406,000</b>	<b>\$93,000</b>



**WHITE SALMON BIKE PARK**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	P6		
<b>Project Title:</b>	White Salmon Bike Park Improvements		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Special Use Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	7.6 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	7.6 acres		
<b>Location:</b>	NE Tohomish Street		
<b>Description:</b>	Install portable restroom enclosure, signage, and trash receptacles.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$43,400	\$232,500	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,400</b>	<b>\$232,500</b>	<b>-</b>



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**FUTURE NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	A2		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Future North Neighborhood Park		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Neighborhood Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	5-15 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	5-15 acres		
<b>Location:</b>	North		
<b>Description:</b>	Acquire and develop ~5 acres for a neighborhood park to serve the northern residential area of White Salmon.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Land acquisition, planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,860,000	\$1,395,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,860,000</b>	<b>\$1,395,000</b>	<b>-</b>





**FUTURE NORTH MINI PARK**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	A2		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Future North Mini Park		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Mini Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	2,500 SF to 1 acre		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	2,500 SF to 1 acre		
<b>Location:</b>	North		
<b>Description:</b>	Acquire and develop 2,500 SF to 1 acre for a mini park to serve the northern residential area of White Salmon.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Land acquisition, planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$186,000	\$465,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$186,000</b>	<b>\$465,000</b>	<b>-</b>



**FUTURE WEST NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

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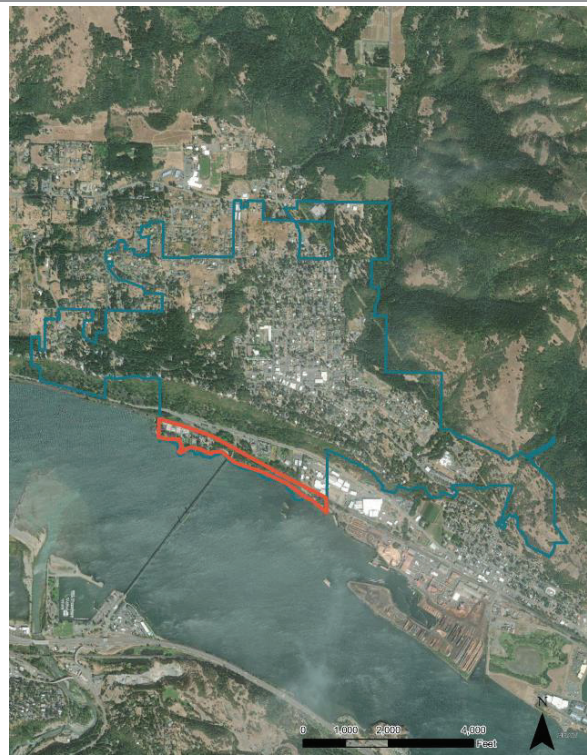
<b>Project ID:</b>	A3		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Future West Neighborhood Park		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Neighborhood Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	5-15 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	5-15 acres		
<b>Location:</b>	West		
<b>Description:</b>	Acquire and develop ~5 acres for a neighborhood park to serve the western residential area of White Salmon.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Land acquisition, planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$930,000	\$2,325,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$930,000</b>	<b>\$2,325,000</b>	<b>-</b>



**FUTURE RIVERFRONT PARK**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	A4		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Riverfront Park Natural Area		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Natural Area		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	13 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	13 acres		
<b>Location:</b>	Along the Columbia River, south of Lewis and Clark Highway and immediately east and west of the Hood River Bridge.		
<b>Description:</b>	Acquire and develop 13-acre riverfront parcel from Klickitat County to provide a natural area park with water access.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Land acquisition, planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	-	\$1,674,000	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$1,674,000</b>	-



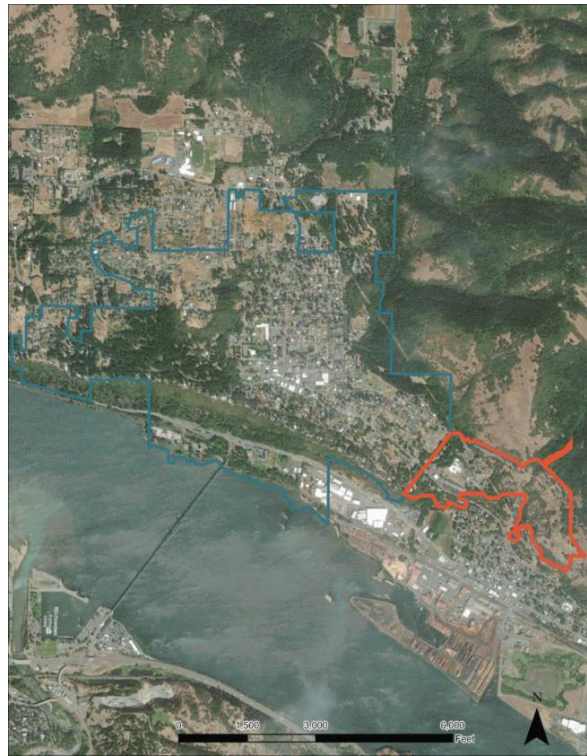
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**FUTURE SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

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<b>Project ID:</b>	A5		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Future Southeast Neighborhood Park		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Neighborhood Park		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	5-15 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	5-15 acres		
<b>Location:</b>	Southeast		
<b>Description:</b>	Acquire and develop ~5 acres for a neighborhood park to serve the southeastern residential area of White Salmon.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Land acquisition, planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,860,000	\$1,395,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,860,000</b>	<b>\$1,395,000</b>	<b>-</b>



**FUTURE DOG PARK (UNSITED)**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	A6			
<b>Project Title:</b>	Future Dog Park			
<b>Project Type:</b>	Neighborhood Park			
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude			
<b>Site size/length:</b>	5-10 acres			
<b>Project size/length:</b>	5-10 acres			
<b>Location:</b>	Unsitd			
<b>Description:</b>	Plan and develop one site (N, W or SE) as a dog park.			
<b>Scope:</b>	Land acquisition, planning, design, permitting, and construction.			
<b>Considerations:</b>				
<b>Costs:</b>				
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>	
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	-	\$116,300	-	
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$116,300</b>	-	

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**LOOP TRAIL**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

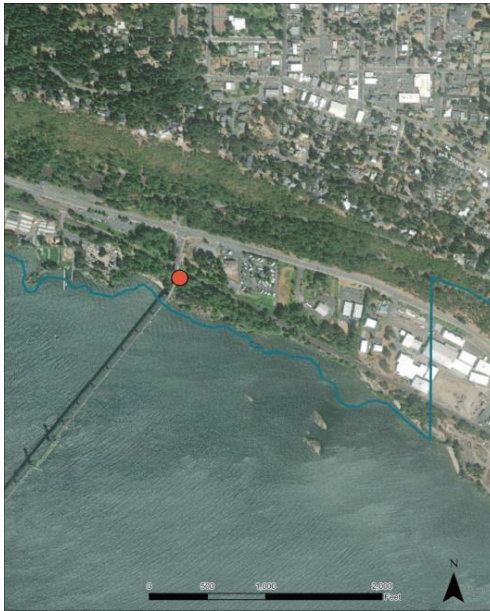
<b>Project ID:</b>	T1		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Loop Trail		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Trail		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	11.5 miles		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	11.5 miles		
<b>Location:</b>	Exact alignment to be determined		
<b>Description:</b>	Improve the 11.5-mile pathway for multimodal transportation. Provide directional signage, and visual separation between vehicles, and bicycles and pedestrians. Improvements are intended to be on WSDOT right of way and property easements.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Acquisition (land or easements), planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$2,554,700	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,554,700</b>	-	-



**RIVERFRONT PARK TRAIL BRIDGE**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	T2		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Riverfront Park Trail Bridge		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Trail		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	13 acres		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	ND		
<b>Location:</b>	Along the Columbia River, south of Lewis and Clark Highway, and immediately east and west of the Hood River Bridge.		
<b>Description:</b>	Conduct a feasibility study for the design and construction of a pedestrian and bicycle connection over the railroad tracks to access the future Riverfront Park from the area’s upland and downtown. The connection location is to be determined and will be influenced by the future Hood River bridge replacement project.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Acquisition (land or easements), feasibility study, planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	-	ND	ND
<b>Total<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>ND</b>



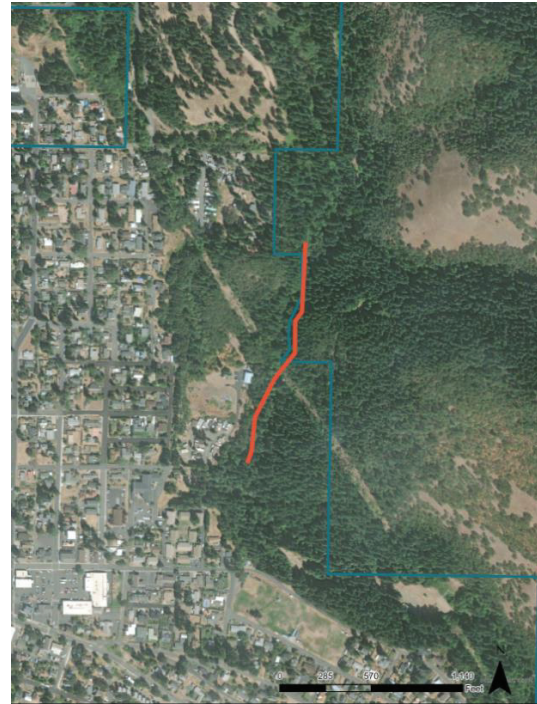
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<sup>6</sup> Funding dependent on completion of project feasibility study and the future Hood River bridge replacement project.

**GADDIS PARK-BIKE PARK TRAIL**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	T3		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Gaddis Park-Bike Park Trail		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Trail		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	0.25 to 1 mile		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	0.25 to 1 mile		
<b>Location:</b>	Unsitd		
<b>Description:</b>	Design and construct a trail that connects Gaddis Park and the White Salmon Bike Park. Obtain easements from adjacent property owners between the two city parks.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Acquisition (land or easements), planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	\$343,200	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$343,200</b>	-	-





**RHEINGARTEN-PIONEER-JEWETT SPORTS COMPLEX TRAIL**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	T4		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Rheingarten-Pioneer-Jewett Sports Complex Trail		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Trail		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	1 mile		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	1 mile		
<b>Location:</b>	NW Lincoln Street, 1st Street, Hood, Wauna, and Tohomish Street.		
<b>Description:</b>	Design and construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities that connect Rheingarten Park, Pioneer Park, Jewett Sports Complex and the White Salmon Bike Park. Route follows NW Lincoln Street, 1st Street, Hood, Wauna, and Tohomish Street.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Acquisition (land or easements), planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	-	\$161,900	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$161,900</b>	-



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**WHITE SALMON BLUFFS TRAIL**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

<b>Project ID:</b>	T5		
<b>Project Title:</b>	White Salmon Bluffs Trail		
<b>Project Type:</b>	Trail		
<b>Estimating Stage:</b>	Order of Magnitude		
<b>Site size/length:</b>	ND		
<b>Project size/length:</b>	ND		
<b>Location:</b>	ND		
<b>Description:</b>	Design and construct a stair trail, paved parking, trailhead, and powered incline elevator. Pedestrian connections from downtown to commercial and riverfront areas. Pedestrian connection to riverfront to coincide with the future Hood River bridge replacement project.		
<b>Scope:</b>	Acquisition (land or easements), planning, design, permitting, and construction.		
<b>Considerations:</b>			
<b>Costs:</b>			
<b>Project Cost by Priority &amp; Source</b>	<b>High FY 2023-2030</b>	<b>Medium FY 2031-2037</b>	<b>Low FY 2038-2043</b>
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	-	ND	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>-</b>

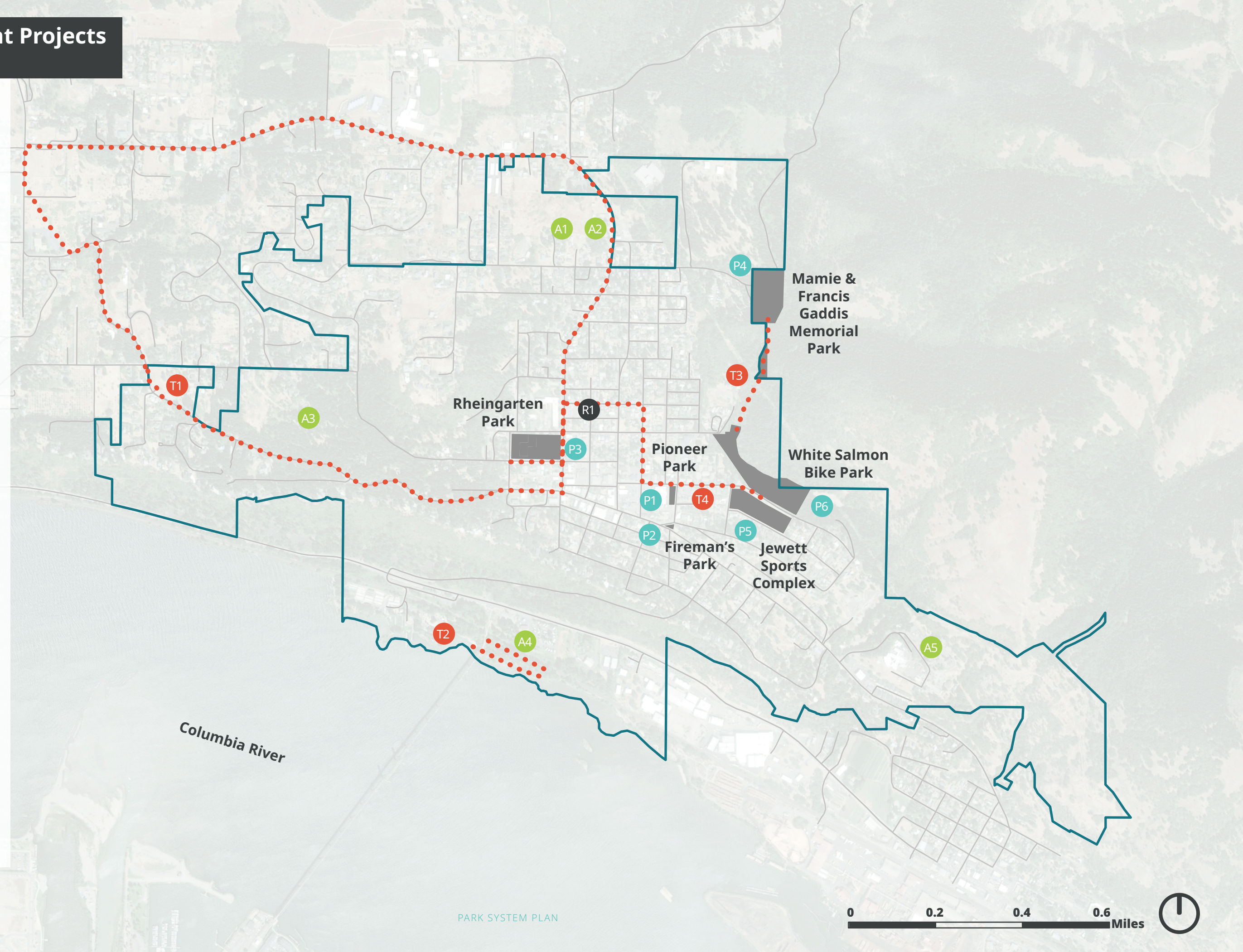
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# Capital Improvement Projects

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- LEGEND**
- RX Recreation Facility Project
  - PX Park Project
  - AX Land Acquisition and Development Project
  - TX Trail Project

- R1 Community Center
- R2 Unsited Basketball Court
- P1 Pioneer Park
- P2 Fireman's Park
- P3 Rheingarten Park
- P4 Gaddis Park
- P5 Jewett Sports Complex
- P6 White Salmon Bike Park
- A1 Future North Neighborhood Park
- A2 Future North Mini Park
- A3 Future West Neighborhood Park
- A4 Future Riverfront Park
- A5 Future Southeast Neighborhood Park
- A6 Unsited Dog Park
- T1 Loop Trail
- T2 Riverfront Park Trail Bridge
- T3 Gaddis Park - Bike Park Trail
- T4 Rheingarten-Pioneer-Jewett Sports Complex Trail
- T5 White Salmon Bluffs Trail



# APPENDIX H

## COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

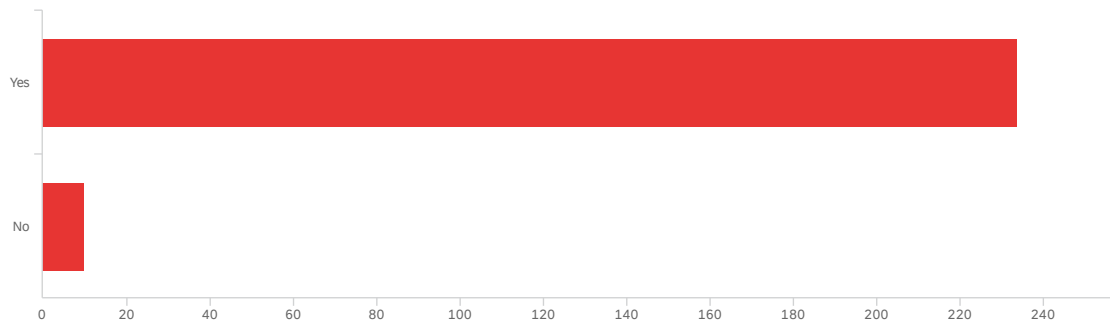
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April 17, 2022 8:54 PM PDT

Q1 - Have you or anyone in your household visited a park or recreation facility in White

Salmon in the last 12 months?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Have you or anyone in your household visited a park or recreation facility in White Salmon in the last 12 months?	5.00	6.00	5.04	0.20	0.04	244

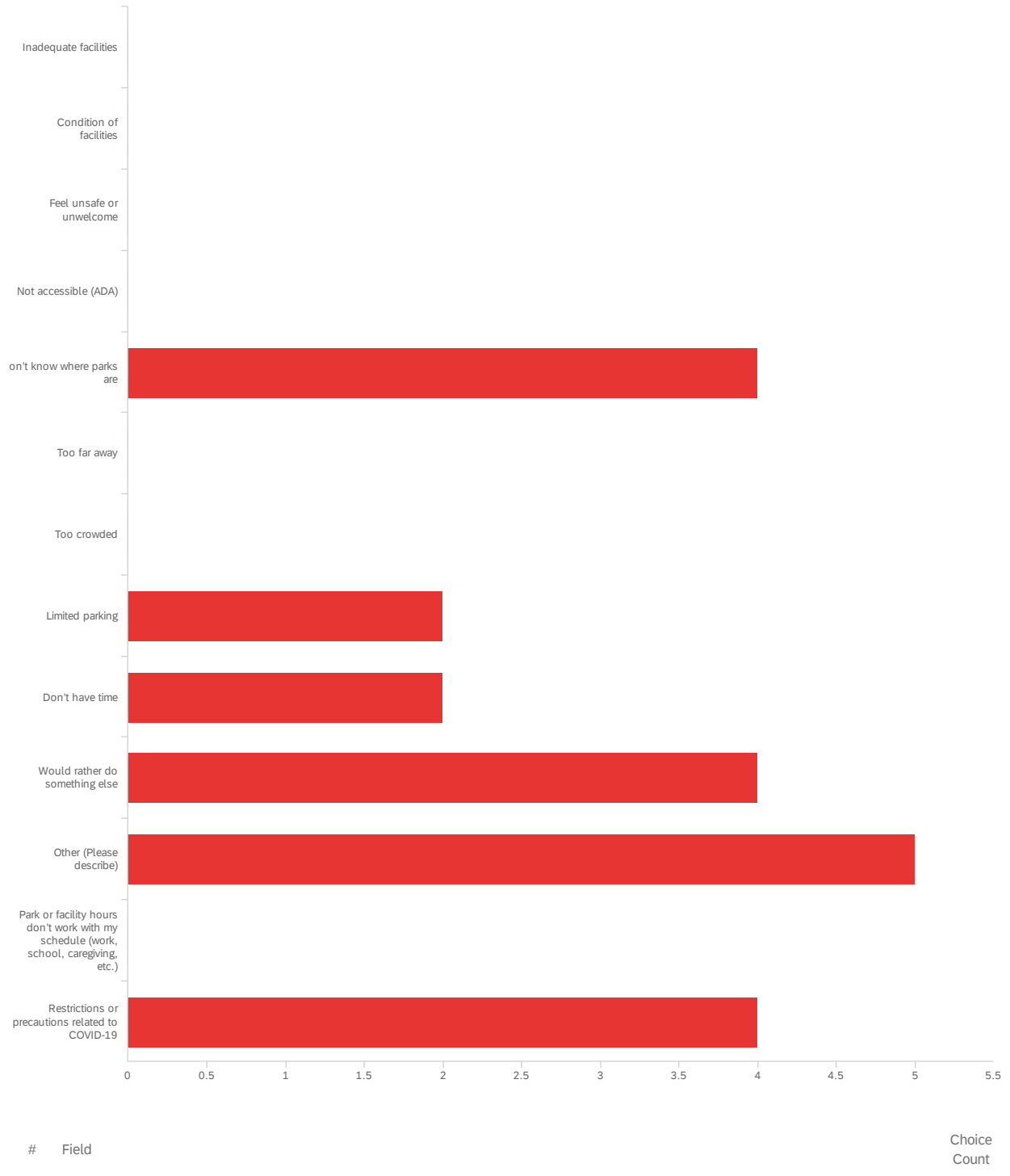
#	Field	Choice Count
5	Yes	95.90% 234
6	No	4.10% 10

244

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# Q1a - If you answered NO, what are the main reasons you or those in your household

DID NOT use a park or recreation facility? Check all that apply.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Inadequate facilities	0.00% 0
2	Condition of facilities	0.00% 0
3	Feel unsafe or unwelcome	0.00% 0
4	Not accessible (ADA)	0.00% 0
5	Don't know where parks are	19.05% 4
6	Too far away	0.00% 0
7	Too crowded	0.00% 0
8	Limited parking	9.52% 2
9	Don't have time	9.52% 2
10	Would rather do something else	19.05% 4
11	Other (Please describe)	23.81% 5
12	Park or facility hours don't work with my schedule (work, school, caregiving, etc.)	0.00% 0
13	Restrictions or precautions related to COVID-19	19.05% 4
		21

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Q5\_11\_TEXT - Other (Please describe)

Other (Please describe)

Wasn't gonna make my kids wear masks to play sports outside. We'll be back on the baseball field this year.

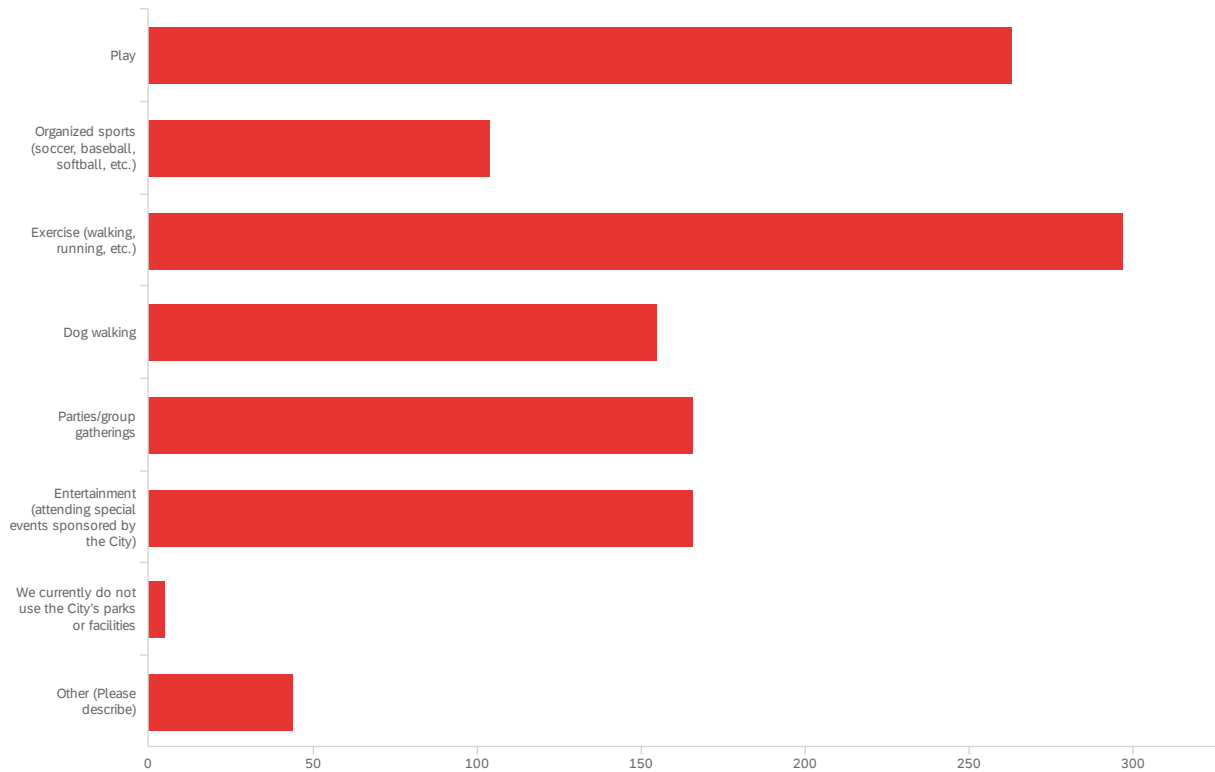
Too old for that stuff

Actually, I did visit the farmer's market but the survey wouldn;t let me go back to change to yes.

Don't want to deal with dogs and droppings in the park.

Caring for terminally ill spouse

Q2 - How do you and your family use the City's parks or facilities? Check all that apply.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Play	21.92% 263
2	Organized sports (soccer, baseball, softball, etc.)	8.67% 104
3	Exercise (walking, running, etc.)	24.75% 297
4	Dog walking	12.92% 155
5	Parties/group gatherings	13.83% 166
6	Entertainment (attending special events sponsored by the City)	13.83% 166
7	We currently do not use the City's parks or facilities	0.42% 5
8	Other (Please describe)	3.67% 44

1200

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Q6\_8\_TEXT - Other (Please describe)

Other (Please describe)

Other (Please describe)

Playing pickle ball

biking

Just sitting & enjoying the space - being with community members

Use tennis courts

Pickle ball

Take pictures and just sit to watch everybody

Market, sitting

Pickleball!

Riding in the bike park! Love it!!!

farmers market

Farmers market

Farmers Market

Farmers Market

Nature retreat/moment while in town. I like to take my lunch breaks at Gaddis.

Biking, farmer's market

farmer's market, quiet nature time (Gaddis Park)

Pickleball at the tennis courts

Up to 20 of us play pickleball, couple times a week

Would love to see pickleball

To play pickleball at the tennis courts

Mentoring

pickleball

PICNIC

Hiking



Other (Please describe)

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Informal dog park

Kayaking

Advocacy group gathering

Tennis

Lunch at and remote work from picnic tables

Farmers Market

Farmer's Market

Farmers Market

Tennis court

Market

biking

Farmers market

Bike rides

Tennis

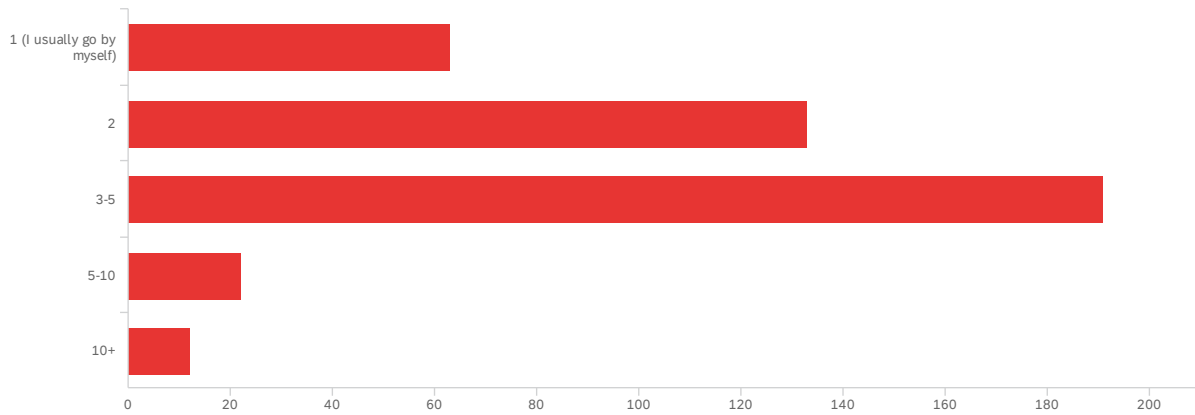
Events sponsored by the city ie farmers market

Farmers market

Tuesday Market

Farmers market

### Q3 - When you visit park facilities, how many individuals are in your group?



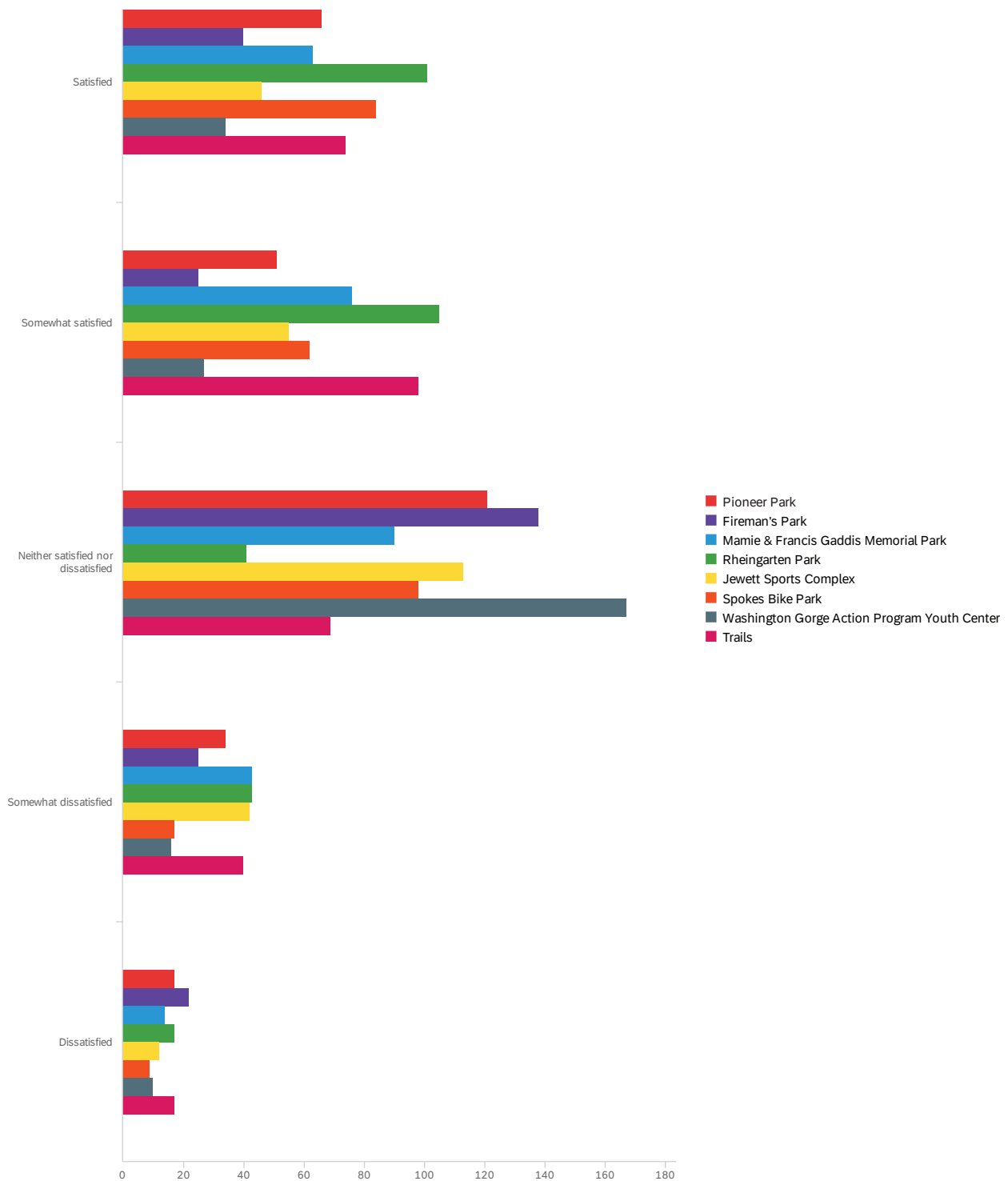
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	When you visit park facilities, how many individuals are in your group?	1.00	5.00	2.49	0.91	0.82	421

#	Field	Choice Count
1	1 (I usually go by myself)	14.96% 63
2	2	31.59% 133
3	3-5	45.37% 191
4	5-10	5.23% 22
5	10+	2.85% 12
		421

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Q4 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of facilities/structures at the

following parks, facilities, or trails?

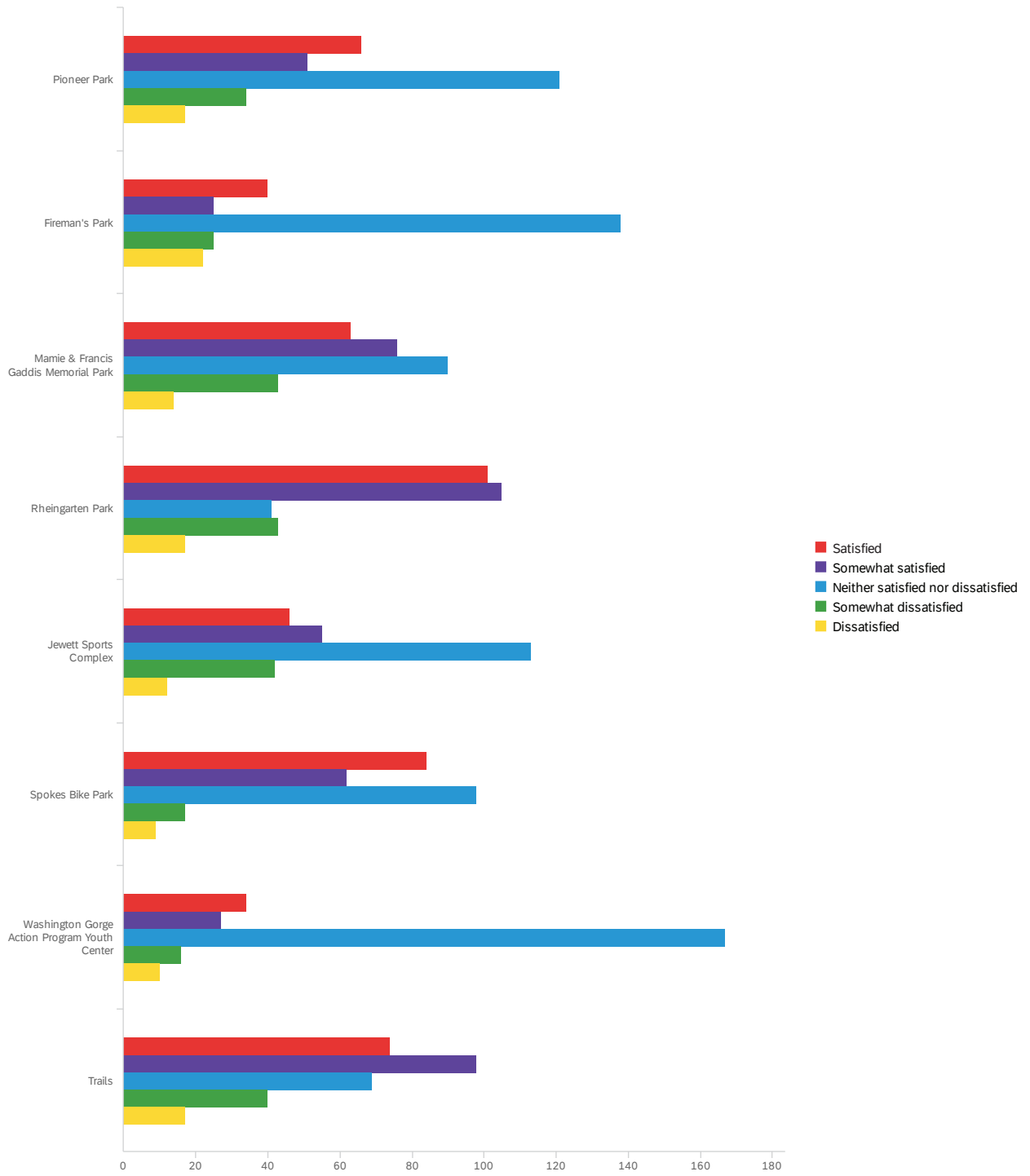


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Pioneer Park	21.00	25.00	22.60	1.13	1.28	289

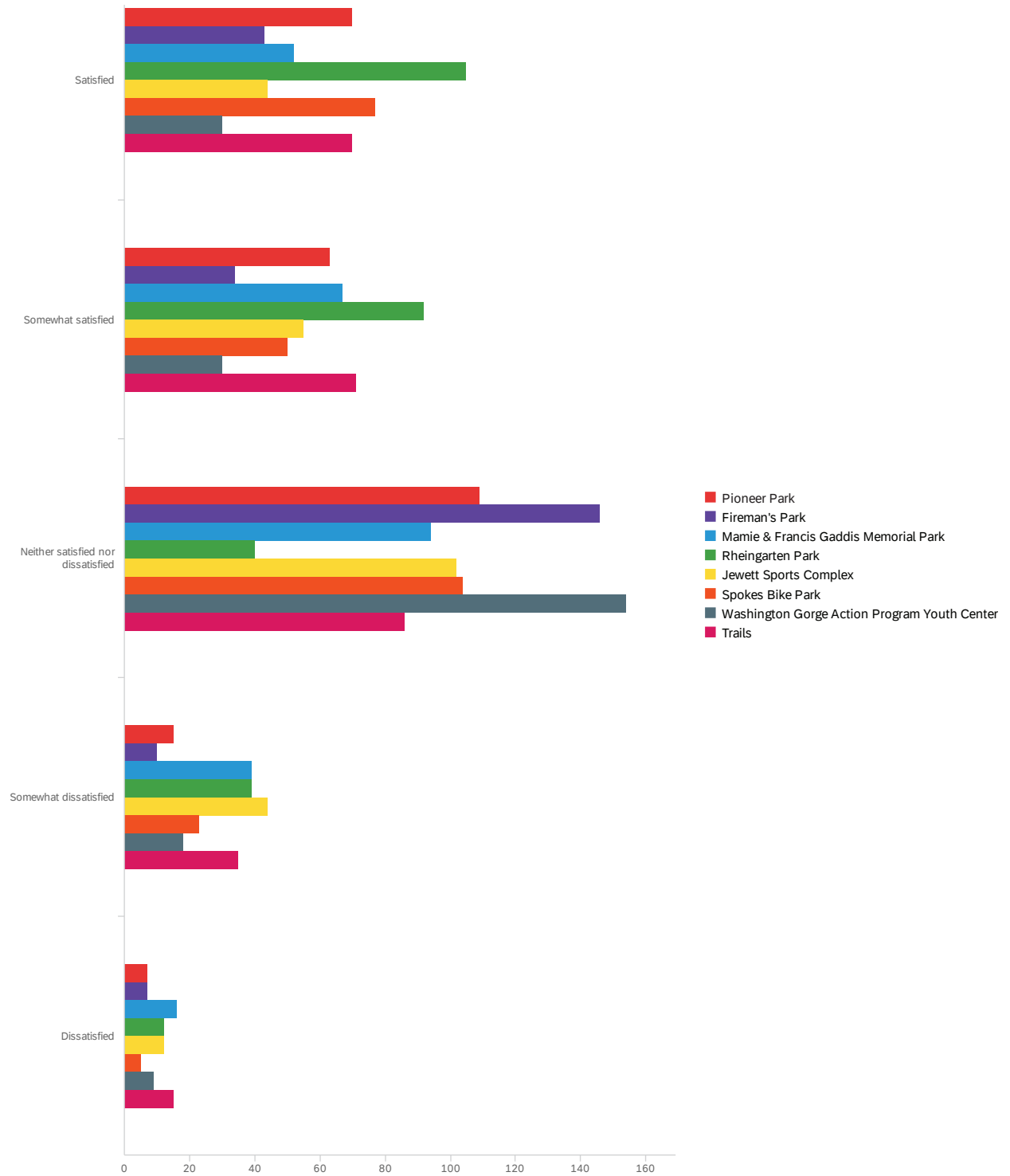
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
2	Fireman's Park	21.00	25.00	22.86	1.08	1.17	250
3	Mamie & Francis Gaddis Memorial Park	21.00	25.00	22.54	1.13	1.28	286
4	Rheingarten Park	21.00	25.00	22.25	1.21	1.46	307
5	Jewett Sports Complex	21.00	25.00	22.70	1.07	1.14	268
6	Spokes Bike Park	21.00	25.00	22.28	1.07	1.15	270
7	Washington Gorge Action Program Youth Center	21.00	25.00	22.77	0.90	0.81	254
8	Trails	21.00	25.00	22.42	1.16	1.35	298

#	Field	Satisfied		Somewhat satisfied		Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		Somewhat dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Total
1	Pioneer Park	22.84%	66	17.65%	51	41.87%	121	11.76%	34	5.88%	17	289
2	Fireman's Park	16.00%	40	10.00%	25	55.20%	138	10.00%	25	8.80%	22	250
3	Mamie & Francis Gaddis Memorial Park	22.03%	63	26.57%	76	31.47%	90	15.03%	43	4.90%	14	286
4	Rheingarten Park	32.90%	101	34.20%	105	13.36%	41	14.01%	43	5.54%	17	307
5	Jewett Sports Complex	17.16%	46	20.52%	55	42.16%	113	15.67%	42	4.48%	12	268
6	Spokes Bike Park	31.11%	84	22.96%	62	36.30%	98	6.30%	17	3.33%	9	270
7	Washington Gorge Action Program Youth Center	13.39%	34	10.63%	27	65.75%	167	6.30%	16	3.94%	10	254
8	Trails	24.83%	74	32.89%	98	23.15%	69	13.42%	40	5.70%	17	298

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Q5 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the maintenance level at each of the following parks, facilities, or trails?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Pioneer Park	21.00	25.00	22.34	1.01	1.03	264

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
2	Fireman's Park	21.00	25.00	22.60	0.93	0.86	240
3	Mamie & Francis Gaddis Memorial Park	21.00	25.00	22.63	1.13	1.27	268
4	Rheingarten Park	21.00	25.00	22.17	1.18	1.39	288
5	Jewett Sports Complex	21.00	25.00	22.71	1.08	1.17	257
6	Spokes Bike Park	21.00	25.00	22.34	1.05	1.11	259
7	Washington Gorge Action Program Youth Center	21.00	25.00	22.78	0.89	0.80	241
8	Trails	21.00	25.00	22.47	1.15	1.33	277

#	Field	Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Total
1	Pioneer Park	26.52% 70	23.86% 63	41.29% 109	5.68% 15	2.65% 7	264
2	Fireman's Park	17.92% 43	14.17% 34	60.83% 146	4.17% 10	2.92% 7	240
3	Mamie & Francis Gaddis Memorial Park	19.40% 52	25.00% 67	35.07% 94	14.55% 39	5.97% 16	268
4	Rheingarten Park	36.46% 105	31.94% 92	13.89% 40	13.54% 39	4.17% 12	288
5	Jewett Sports Complex	17.12% 44	21.40% 55	39.69% 102	17.12% 44	4.67% 12	257
6	Spokes Bike Park	29.73% 77	19.31% 50	40.15% 104	8.88% 23	1.93% 5	259
7	Washington Gorge Action Program Youth Center	12.45% 30	12.45% 30	63.90% 154	7.47% 18	3.73% 9	241
8	Trails	25.27% 70	25.63% 71	31.05% 86	12.64% 35	5.42% 15	277

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Q6 - Please enter any specific comments or concerns you have about parks, facilities, and trails in White Salmon in the box below. Consider landscaping, safety, maintenance, etc.

Please enter any specific comments or concerns you have about parks, facili...

We would like to see a pickleball court in the park. Pickleball is a hugely popular sport for all ages. It is the fastest growing sport in the US. There are many people of all ages who would benefit from pickleball courts in white Salmon. It would also draw in tourism and visitors. Thank you for your consideration

The loop trail is seriously unsafe for use by pedestrians or cyclists. I can't take my kids on it. It's terrible. The sports complex is pretty dilapidated and not well kept up. It's also set up for baseball only and so soccer and other sports are barely able to be played.

I think Gaddis park is a huge asset to the community and should be improved. Trail maintenance could be greatly improved. There was a tree blocking the trail for at least 6 months. If the park had a connection back into White Salmon instead of a dead end I think it would get used a lot more. It would be great if it could connect to the bike park. We are very lucky to use the private property to make this connection now but if that ever goes away or when it is closed for fire it cuts a huge connection from main part of WS to upper end of town.

I'm a senior, so I don't use the parks for the young people but support their use.

Tennis courts while owned by the school are in terrible repair and pickle ball courts would be a great addition for the mid to older community

Need more plants around tennis court to keep the dogs from pooping every where. Sitting in the park with dog crap at your feet. People need to get tickets for not cleaning up after their dog.

I did not know we could use all of those facilities. NOT AVAILABLE

bathroom

Medusa head weeds at the sports complex can be pretty bad and are bike/stroller tire poppers.

We desperately need an off road paved trail along 141 from downtown west to loop road

We mostly use Rheingarten park, with our 17 month old son. The landscaping is lovely and well maintained, however the children's playground is in a state of extreme disrepair. Exposed, rusting metal. Hard, broken plastic sticking up in spots. Its really embarrassing to see our primary children's park in a state of neglect.

The bathrooms need to be redone at Rhinegarden. Also, the play structure is so dated and could use some revamping. I like the bridge, slides, and the wooden pillars around the park. The tennis courts also could use some work. Gaddis park could use some trail maintenance and updating the native plant signs. I have 2 kids and we like the big open area to play soccer. A basketball court would be nice. I am not familiar with a lot of the other parks mentioned.

We need pickleball courts in White Salmon! Fastest growing sport in the country. Good for all ages, young and old

We need a safe biking trail around the city of WS, equipment at parks should blend in with nature

The facilities that currently exist do not adequately serve our city. Rheingarten is very nice to have in the summer time. He kids need better play facilities and a off leash dog park would be a great asset.



Please enter any specific comments or concerns you have about parks, facili...

Please paint/mark Pickleball courts at Rhinegarten Park - and any other Tennis Courts under White Salmon Parkd & Recreation Dept control

The restrooms need to be open on weekends and evenings too. That is when most people use the park and need to have them available.

I'm not sure what trails you are talking about. We have city trails? I don't consider fireman's park a park. It's not like it's a place anybody uses. It's the site of the "welcome to white salmon" sign. That's not a park. Pioneer park isn't really a park either. It's an old cemetery. And I'm not entirely sure where the Jewett dimples is, even though I've lived here and raised kids for 17 years?

Wish there were more trails.

Lots of opportunities to make the parks better!

Trash all over baseball fields and neighboring yards post little league games

Fenced in playground, sand box area, Mary go round, toddler swings

n/a

The tennis courts are often very dirty, missing components, etc. the trail at Gaddis park had a tree fall across the main trail and it wasn't cut or removed to clear the trail for over a year.

There's a need for a dedicated dog park and clear rules about dogs at all city parks

Consider little exercise station that you often see on trails and parks in Europe. Perhaps a lawn chess set for the park in White Salmon.

Would love to have a sand volleyball court somewhere in town - I know several players who would help fundraise!

White salmon would benefit from a skatepark!!! And a dog park!

Gaddis park needs to be cleaned up. Signs updated, fallen trees removed/moved

Kids play area isn't big enough at reingarten

The trails really are not trails and the space allowed for pedestrians on Jewett out of town are inadequate and also confusing since they encourage people to walk with traffic rather than against it

I have never heard of Fireman's park. If the trail system is the "loop" around town I find that very dangerous as there are several blind corners and minimal to no shoulder.

Fix the roads. Hazard to people and cars.

Overwatering occurs consistently at Rheingarten Park. So much water is being applied by the automatic sprinklers that it runs all the way from in front of the park center bldg (where the ground is extremely soggy) all the way down across the playground and onto Lincoln St. I appreciate the green grass as much as anyone but the water need to be used in a more conscientious manner.

We need new structure for kids and adults at our parks

We need more trails. We need more areas to take in the view of the river that are public.

I have no idea what fireman's park is Md walk that area weekly.

Please enter any specific comments or concerns you have about parks, facili...

I so wish the walking/biking trails were more protected from traffic, especially along Jewett.

White Salmon Parks could use more funding and updated play structures especially at Rheingarten Park

There is a lot of potential in WS, with the existing parks. But some upgrades would transform the parks and make them used more. Please do everything you can to make sure the pool is rebuilt.

I do not know what/where Fireman's Park is, and have never used WAGAP center.

The play structure is quite dated and needs to be replaced

Rheingarten play structure is old and had broken and dangerous parts. It would be nice if spokes and Gaddis park connected

Fireman's and Pioneer parks don't seem like they are parks in the sense of useable by the public, or at least inviting. Would like to see more care taken to prevent erosion and social trails at Spoke Park. City should support Jewett Creek Streamkeepers and partner with them on Gaddis Park maintenance/interp signage. City needs more demonstration of green infrastructure like rain gardens & bioswales in current "waste" spaces, showing off rainwater infiltration, low-water/no-chemical landscaping and native plants. Spoke Park needs a more formal maintenance agreement with design specs that protect native vegetation and allow for removal of invasives. Any contemplated trail expansion there should be weighed against potential affect to the habitat and topography (erosion potential, riparian zone, etc.). Spoke Park should be more friendly to other uses than just biking.

Better upkeep and maintenance on the tennis courts at Rhinegarten park. Consider adding court facilities near the High School as well. Thanks

The loop road trail needs widening on 141. Also, it floods and poison oak overgrows it. The Loop Road path wasn't cleared of snow. A month plus before it melted. The bathroom at Reingarten needs to be replaced or refurbished..

Rheingarten park is great.

Growing community of pickleball players need court

Tennis courts need resurfaced and at least 4 changed to pickleball, fastest growing sport in the nation, just about every city is putting in new courts, mt Vernon just broke ground for 10 courts under cover , Richland and Kennewick Wa. Are putting in new courts , time to catch up !

The loop trail needs to widened and barriers placed between trail and vehicle traffic where appropriate

The tennis courts at Rheingarten are cracked and rough.

There are numerous people who would love to see pickleball courts like in Hood River

The tennis courts are poorly maintained and Pickleball lines should also be drawn on them as well the courts need to be redone but the school is too lazy to apply for grants instead build a useless sorts facility on campus

It seems a stretch to consider Pioneer or Fireman's an actual park. And what trails are within city(and not Krepps land)? The "loop" is dangerous - with no shoulder and multiple blind corners. I don't understand how it is advertised as a walking loop.

Many trails that you can walk to from our towns seem to be only accessible by private land owners and not available year round which reduces people's access to being outdoors (especially people who don't have transportation). Covered areas and more spaces for people to gather comfortably outdoors would be great - BBQs, benches, tree swings? Would love to see some of these spaces used for food and increasing access to local foods for all people. Please add recycling bins, access to water (like a water fountain or way to fill up water bottles).

Please enter any specific comments or concerns you have about parks, facili...

Pioneer and Fireman's don't really have facilities to use. Fireman's can't even really be accessed so not sure what makes it a park. Pioneer is underutilized space. Would be a great dog park with a little more fencing. Gaddis is fine, but trails are often better maintained and used on the Kreps side. Rhinegarden is the only park that consider a park. Don't have kids so can't comment on play equipment. Calling the walk/bike routes "trails" is a little misleading. Would love to see the walkability recommendations implemented to make these routes safer.

I only go to two parks (Gaddis and Rhine), but both are great

We need more and better

I think there should be rubber at the play ground instead of wood chips

Jewett to the west of downtown is marked as a trail, however the shoulder is only about a foot wide in places where it goes around curves. I often bike and walk down Jewett, and I feels unsafe to have cars going 30mph around blind corners with barely a shoulder to use. Is there any way to widen the shoulder or create a separated bike/walk lane?

The little league baseball fields I feel need an update

Needs more maintenance

We need more hiking trails in White Salmon.

It would be great to have a dog park so perhaps those with dogs would go there and not have their dogs poop in public parks

Pioneer Park is the first Graveyard of White Salmon. It is now been turned in to a place for your dog to relieve itself. Is that how you treat your grandparents??

(1) There is no map with the survey or on the Parks and Rec webpage, so I have no idea about Fireman's park or several others; (2) WE NEED A DOG PARK! (3) Rheingarten has chronically muddy spots; try a raingarden (UCD can help), not "chemical aeration" which has no scientific basis.

Overall I'm satisfied. As a dog owner sometimes I see waste that isn't cleaned up by other owners. There are also times I see fencing down and I try my best to repair it

The use of Round up without any posting for neighbors and users of the parks

The fields usually need about 2 weeks of work to get ready for Little League, would be nice to see them maintained more throughout the year

More signage along the walking loop, widen the path (especially on the road sections), clean path of debris.

I did not know where the above mentilned parks wefe, other than rheingarten. It would hrlp if you put an address or descriptikn on this survey.

Year round bathrooms at Rhinegarden park

We need a safe bike walk trail down dock grade. We need Gaddis park trail fixed for disabled. I fell and broke my collarbone on the trail as it isn't maintained

All the potholes around town make it difficult/unsafe to access the parks

The above list is not accurate. Rheingartner Park & Jewett Sports is owned by the School District. Fireman's Park is in no way a park nor is the youth center. Why is the City misrepresenting "parks?"

Please enter any specific comments or concerns you have about parks, facili...

Tennis courts need to be fixed. Bathrooms need to be put in for year round use. Pool needs to be put in.

It would be nice if bathrooms were made more available.

The larks need to be better advertised for the expanding community of young people moving in.

I would like to see space that is permanent for the farmers market or any kind of outdoor type of sales space.

Mamie and Francis Gaddis Park is in sore need of some maintenance

trains overgrown, lack of sinage

Tennis court at Rheingarten needs resurfaced and updated. Fields at Jewett sports complex have a bad goat head problem. Many other ballparks in the area look to be in better condition through the many sports seasons.

Why change what is already a good thing

Most spaces and equipment seems run down

Spoke park was not designed for younger kids. It seems to be designed only for a few bikers It was better before

Everything at reihngarden park is broken. Its embarrassing to take my kid there when a place less than a mile away is selling rooms for 300 a night and rents over 1200 a month

It would have been nice to know where some of these parks are as i may know them as something different. For instance Fireman's park is not even on google maps.

Parks are maintained well, but the amount of dog poop & dogs off leash has made them not enjoyable & a safety hazard. I can't bring my children to a park covered in poop, people (especially children) can get very sick from fecal matter. The dogs off leash are scary to my children. I have seen way too many ER visits as a result of off leash dogs to feel comfortable being at a park with dogs off leash. I honestly love dogs... it's the owners that are ruining the parks for everyone.

In general it doesn't seem like the various parks and facilities are easy to find, in spite of the small size of White Salmon.

Would love to see better maintenance of park play structures

The only community play structure is dated. After school the children love to walk over to the park. It would be amazing if we could give them an updated structure to play on. Kids are always playing on it when we have community events x

Encourage bike lane saftey to park and bike racks to lock bikes to.

Play structures desperately need an upgrade

Seems like maintenance is just mowing and if they don't have grass then it's emptying the garbage

I think that landscaping and maintenance are decent in our parks. Fireman's Park has safety issues though. It is on a very busy street and needs a crosswalk, as it is used as a bus stop for the schools. Part of its landscaped hill is very steep and is used by pedestrians as it is otherwise unsafe to access the street above. This hillside would benefit greatly from a staircase to make it safer for pedestrians.

Play structures need updated. Need larger area with trails to walk/run/bike.

Please enter any specific comments or concerns you have about parks, facili...

Rhinegarten park desperately needs updated playground equipment, and better drainage. The grassy field is so swampy sometimes too. We are not dog owners and I feel like over the pandemic it became more of a dog-run park than anything, which can sometimes be a hassle, depending on the owners. Maybe clearer signage on what is and isn't allowed? it seems like Pioneer Park is a great dog run area I see being used. Mamie Gaddis could be used more if trails were cleared more often, we sometimes do our part if we see the need. The Youth Center we haven't used but I value its importance, just like building our community pool, so those are two really important things to focus on as safe spaces for the kids. Spokes bike Park we used to use, but it has become too challenging with the remodel. A bit disappointing design, but I know it was built on volunteer funds and hours. More trails are always great...mostly we walk on the Krepps' Ranch property.

Add safety and activities for seniors. Currently the parks focus on youth. No new taxes.

I would like to see more development in the local trails system and Mamie & Francis Gaddis Memorial Park as well as better upkeep at the Jewett Sports Complex.

I understand the school controls the tennis courts but they are in disrepair and are not reflecting the surge in pickle ball interest. Tourists frequently look for courts to use too. Fireman's park does not signify a community that is welcoming or well maintained( like our streets!) It is not in your questionnaire but several of the downtown planting strips are again a disgrace and do not send a message of prosperity.

Keep toilets open at all locations!

For a community that is active outdoors, natural trails are very important. WS city trails connection and access to privately owned trails used by the public is important too.

Bathrooms and drinking fountains. They need an upgrade and bottle refill fountains

Redo the cemetery inscriptions to be accurate. Take pride in the heritage of those buried there.

Tennis courts are in need of sealing and being reserved for tennis to avoid expensive, long term damage. Nets in need of repair or replacement

Maintenance of parks and trails is lacking. Spokes is in great need of repair.

Leash laws are not followed and always lots of dog poop on grassy areas.

The sports complex looks terrible most of the year. Tall weeds, brown grass, unkept appearance. Gaddis park is overgrown and full of Poison Oak. We need to keep our trails clean, and make them wider near roads

The soggy lawn area at Reingarten park should be fixed. It's almost always a muddy mess there. Also, we should have basketball hoops in our town.

Need a fully fenced dog park!

I would like the trails to be protected or identified for walking only,,or ask bikes to be polite to foot traffic

Jewett Sports Complex needs better sanitary facilities.

Accessing Fireman's Park seems dangerous. There is no safe way, that I know of, to access it by foot

More trails!

Restrooms are never open- COVID related?

Please enter any specific comments or concerns you have about parks, facili...

Pioneer park is a cemetery and allowing dogs to poop there is disgraceful! The city doesn't own the Jewett sport complex the school does. When was the last time anyone from the fire dept did anything at the fireman's park? Never

Rheingarten could use upgraded play equipment and often there is dog poop that owners have neglected to pick up

More/ Upgraded Bathroom facilities.

Pioneer and firemens park are not parks in my opinion. They are green space. There are no places to sit and enjoy a view, play a game etc. Fireman's park is a green space entrance on a busy road that is not appealing to stop and do anything. It is a nice entrance to the city but should not be considered a "park". It is a green space. Pioneer could use some place to sit and admire the view, play a board game or read. There is space for. Mini play area for the multi family area near. The location is great to serve the multi family area nearby because of safe walking access. Gaddis is a great park serving the upper central area of white salmon. Play areas, shelters, open space and walking trails through the park. It serves the surrounding neighborhood well. Gaddis is a nice access point to walking in the forest towards the hospital area and up Burdoin. It doesn't serve the multi family community for park space as there are limited picnic and play structures. Kids play in the street there. Jewett and Spokes are site specific activities serving the organized sports crowd and bike park users. Jewett sports offers little outside of organized ball games, other than watching the games of bike jumping. They are great parks for these activities but don't serve other users well. I have not used WAGAP facility so can't comment, but I appreciate the availability and that they serve the community. My husband and I use the trails frequently. We walk every day. Mostly through neighborhoods, but also hike on trails. The trails are in good condition. Most are on private property so would not expect signage, so it helps to know where you are going. with the increased density of incoming multifamily zoning and infill in the downtown area and south of Jewett the city needs to address open space areas, or Mini park access. One big park north of Jewett is a great facility however the hike up hill and crossing Jewett is not serving these neighborhoods. Driving is an option many would chose just to take their kids to the park. I with increased density, mini parks should be considered. Small parks, with a table, a bench and a small kids play area, swings or climbing structures. Open space is necessary for healthy kids, mental sanity for parents and creating an environment where taking a moment to relax isn't so difficult..

At Rheingarten park... the covering underneath the wood chips is coming up. It is creating a tripping hazard for the kids.

this survey needs a map for reference on this page!

rheighart is ok. Wood chips are old, play structure is run down. Could be great

As far as I can tell the trails at the school campus have been closed to the public. The trails high school / intermediate school are the best maintained for trail running. The trails at the schools have a nice variety of flat and hilly and are mostly tick free. Please reopen the trails on the school campus to the community.

I'd like the swampy part of rhinegarten fixed around the bathrooms. Never heard of firemens park, I'd like to see Pioneer park improved, but I don't think most citizens know it's there. The youth center is awesome and can always use more funding and community involvement, I wish more kids used it.

Rheingaden park playgrounds need replacing and more general cate with bark chip attention more frequently. Pioneer park seems like a wasted space

Would love to see open restrooms year-round at Rheingarten.

Can we make the walking path along Jewett from the mormon church to the west side of downtown, a safer route?

White supremacists roam the area and it makes it very unsafe for people of color. The shooting range in the middle of the parks is especially dangerous for folks of color and for children. Many of the trails require being on roads which is very unsafe and dangerous.

Please save Gaddis Park. It is really falling into disrepair and it is a lovely place. Also, an openable gate to cross The creek to get on Jewett Creek Trail would be very nice to have. It's hard for some of us older folks to crawl through the Barbwire that is strung across the access. The crêpes have created gates in many other places so I don't think it's too much to ask The town to install a gate there. Also it would be nice if they publicize the park end many people don't even know it exists.

The bathrooms at Rheingarten really need cleaning/updating. The play structure needs replacing.

Please enter any specific comments or concerns you have about parks, facili...

Most of the parks seem to have been let go. Only rhinegaeten has a bathroom, and it's pretty scary when it's actually open. And we have trails? Are those just the roads? Gaddis seems forgotten. The bike park is great for it's intended use, although I wouldn't send my daughter without companionship (for safety).

Never heard of fireman's park until this survey

Loop trail should be plowed.

I think parks are fine, but if your car gets swallowed by a pothole on the way there, it doesn't really matter. Prioritize what is used by everyone, street maintenance, over things used by a few.

Fireman's Park is just confusing (what to do in this park?), I've only seen Pioneer Park used for walking dogs, entrance to Gaddis Park is unpleasant, Jewett Sports Complex seems horribly underused and has other potential

The tennis courts are in really bad shape. The nets are sagging and the concrete is cracked and makes safe playing impossible. It would be great if courts could be added to the high school sports area

The sprinklers in Rheingarten seem to have leaks in a few spots causing muddy grass that is a mess. The playground is slowly falling apart. Some of the benches in the park are almost unusable. The tennis courts have massive cracks throughout. Pioneer Park should have a fully enclosed fence and then it could be a dog park. Fireman's Park is not useful to anyone - it's just a green space that is hard to get to without crossing traffic. Gaddis Park doesn't appear to be maintained in general.

I believe there is potential to markedly expand the trail network surrounding White Salmon, building on the existing system to further improve the quality of live

I would like to see more care put into the parks. For example more flowers, nice bushes etc.

More trees

Bathrooms at Rhinegarten and the play structure seem to be aging and needing an update for safety and cosmetic reasons.

Would like to see more trails in community

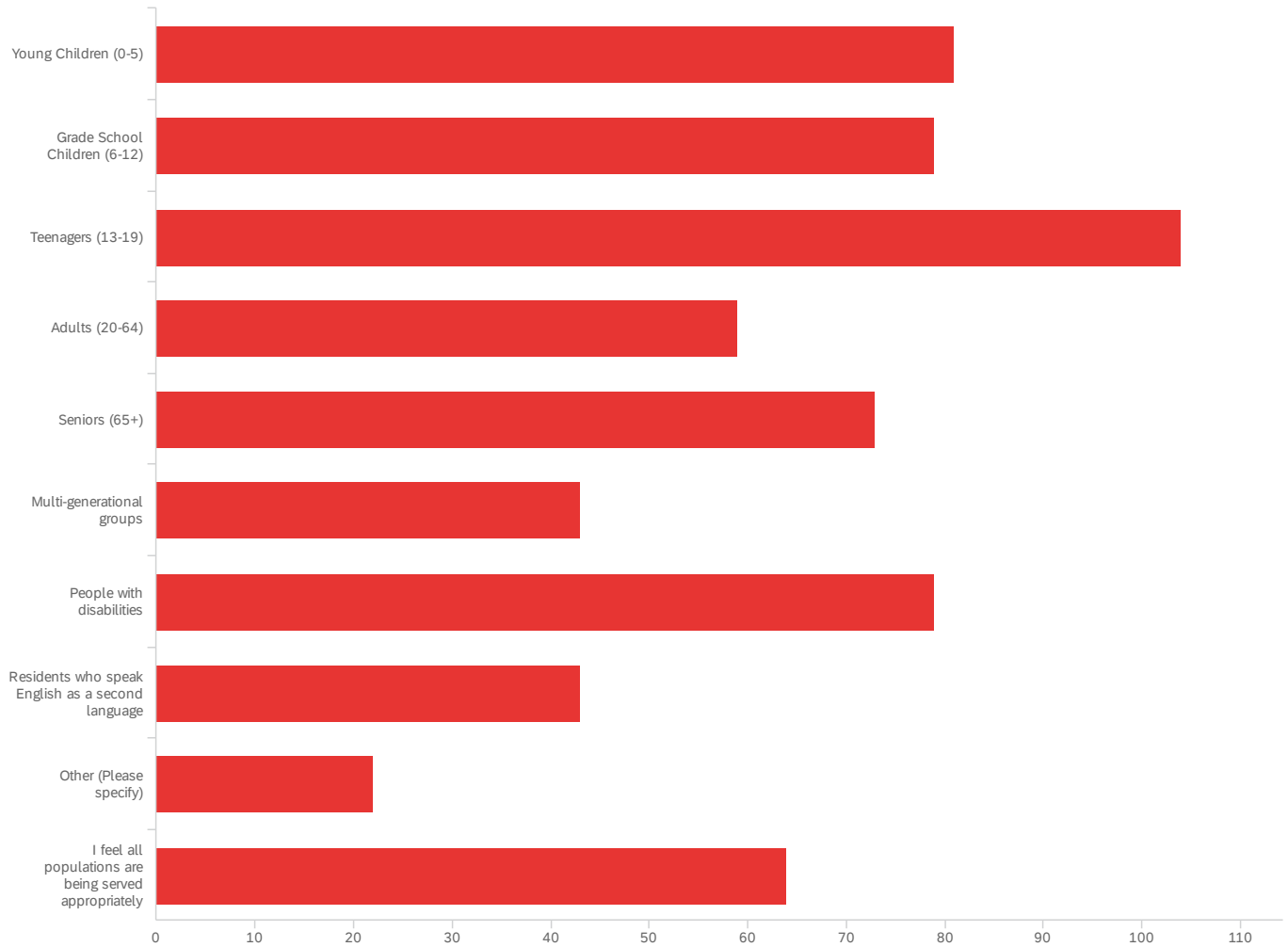
We utilize Gaddis Park trails frequently, and want to see more hiking and biking trails kept separate.

Good bathrooms are super important to me! Especially ones with changing tables.

Trash containers at Rheingarten overflow, Youth Center needs a new, less dilapidated facility, Fireman's Park is poorly maintained and not attractive, also too many signs hanging from railings coming up the hill

More separation for pedestrian safety around town and between each park would be great. And some updated play structure at rhinegarten would also be fun. Like one of those big rope nets. Something unique.

## Q7 - Check any and all populations you feel are underserved by the City's parks and facilities.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Young Children (0-5)	12.52% 81
2	Grade School Children (6-12)	12.21% 79
3	Teenagers (13-19)	16.07% 104
4	Adults (20-64)	9.12% 59
5	Seniors (65+)	11.28% 73
6	Multi-generational groups	6.65% 43
7	People with disabilities	12.21% 79
8	Residents who speak English as a second language	6.65% 43



#	Field	Choice Count
9	Other (Please specify)	3.40% 22
10	I feel all populations are being served appropriately	9.89% 64
		647

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Q10\_9\_TEXT - Other (Please specify)

Other (Please specify)

Unknown

Dogs

We don't have a movie theater or a bowling alley or skating rink or any activity for kids between the ages of 5 and 16 that is Affordable.

Dog owners

Please do not allow any signage that isn't in English and Spanish. This is such a basic step to help 25% of our community feel more included.

I feel well served with my non disabled family under 50 years. I can't speak for other populations.

Some parks are used less by some groups, but not sure if that is a structural or cultural issue

Absolutely our teens and pre-teens are underserved within the community, and by lack of facilities and options.

Skateboarders and others who enjoy skateparks

All ages play pickleball

Houseless people; people in transitional housing situations

People with dogs

Dogs

hills too steep for elderly

Dog owners

All who would like to swim and trail running is very minimal.

A dog park would be used and appreciated by many!

People of color

I've been here only six months but I have never seen any kids playing in any of the parks

Other (Please specify)

Without seeing a needs analysis, it's hard to comment

I think it would make the Main Street more people friendly to have a park( benches and shaded space) to encourage people to pause and relax in the downtown)

Downtown park where people can sit, meet and enjoy the downtown

## Q8 - How can the City's parks and facilities better serve any underserved populations (if applicable)?

How can the City's parks and facilities better serve any underserved popula...

Multi lingual signs

Suggestion only -- involve people from underserved communities in the planning, execution and maintenance of city parks

Safety and accessibility.

Picnic tables and covered areas where multigenerational groups and people with disabilities can mingle

Create Pickle ball courts

Pick it up and make them all the same.....

Let people know they are available

Improvements to the children's playground. Signage in Spanish (love seeing these signs in town and on city hall!)- Desperate to see an elevated or widened bike/running path on the Loop trail (I know that probably isn't part of this survey, but there is genuinely, NO WHERE to run in this town that isn't straight uphill or downhill, except the loop trail, and it is SO dangerous!)

Please support the pool construction!!!! We are all for that

More recreation opportunities that draw people to the parks and get people outside. I think getting some tennis tournaments going or pickle ball tournaments. A basketball court (covered). More family friendly events with food trucks and local vendors to bring people together. A field day that has events for all ages, possibly a bocci court or something that people could use when having parties. The play structure has a big step on it that is impossible for small children to get up on.

Our city needs better sidewalks to improve accesibility for elderly and disabled persons.

Outreach like this survey on-line or Facebook page

Community center for teens would be beneficial

What about a roller skate area?

There is no option for dogs to be off leash without getting yelled at by the community

Fenced in playground, toddler swings, sand box

Seniors - we need a pickleball court for our growing population of pickleball players!

More seating for social opportunities

Free movie Nights in the park during the summer on Friday night. The parts are nice but they're ideal for walking dogs. The playground equipment is suitable for ages 4 and younger. Perhaps update the playground equipment for older children.

How can the City's parks and facilities better serve any underserved popula...

Have a skatepark... there is so many playgrounds and areas for kids to play but nothing for teens/ young adults. Skateparks provide an area where teens and young adults can enjoy activities close to their home. Skateparks build community in teens and young adults

More walkable paths

Splash pad for young kiddos; fenced dog park

More benches and social hang out areas (tables, over hangs to protect from rain, bike racks)

See above. The whole town needs more sidewalks. Many walking areas are unsafe due to lack of sidewalks.

Safer bike/walking trails from traffic

Improved & continuous sidewalks for strollers

Build the pool. We need pickle ball courts.

Support the pool construction and operations financially and substantially, partner with Bingen and county to put a sidewalk down the Bingen hill, completely revamp the park and add an outdoor music venue,

Activities aimed at older age groups.

Additional facilities for specific uses

More disability-friendly facilities

signage in spanish, I rarely see teens at the parks, so maybe add programming geared towards teens

I have been told I cannot put up a temporary volleyball net up on the grass at the city park. That seems silly.

bilingual signage? having events or walks that familiarize citizens with the resources at their disposal (e.g. nature walks, gatherings)?

Support the effort to make the pool happen. Please! Closing the pool years ago was a terrible decision and the opportunity to support a new pool is NOW. Our parks are fine. Our trails are great. We need a pool!

Construction of a white salmon skatepark

Pickleball!

Add recreational activity structures that are culturally diverse

Pickleball courts

Have adult only courts tennis/pickleball basketball

Access to water, electric outlets, food, free activities, parking spaces for ADA, more benches/structures for people to sit on

Keep downtown walkable for children. I miss walking downtown and getting ice cream after a day at the swimming pool.

How can the City's parks and facilities better serve any underserved popula...

More serious attention to creating great recreation spaces for all

Add more things around this city for teen-agers and adults to do like an arcade or something fun!

Additional signage, additional signage in Spanish, better access for people with mobility issues

Remember the lessons of 2020. Don't ever, ever rope off or tape off play structures or common areas due to media induced fear. It was a travesty of justice and inclusion to shut these areas off from the public when the best thing they could have been doing is to be outside breathing fresh air. Use your common sense and don't ever let that happen again.

Bilingual signage.

It would make sense if the city would support the development of the WS Community Pool facility. It is a worthy project that would benefit the entire community.

We desperately need a dog park. I could go on and on, but that's the core concept.

The bike park is designed for a tiny niche group of users, white grown men who own and ride expensive mountain bikes. It really isn't appropriate for a community with such little green space and resources to award the most privileged group in the community such a big chunk of available green space. Name and signage should change to be inclusive. Non bike riders are not made to feel welcome.

Better bathrooms and Update Play structures

Make everything more accessible for older folks. Signage in both English and Spanish.

Ensure paved trails with easy curb-side access. Don't make trails too steep.

More benches to sit. Park bench on top of Spring St for viewing.

Disability friendly

We need more adequate daycare, a larger youth center with more resources for students, a proper community center with indoor basketball, a stage for community theater, an indoor/outdoor pool, tennis courts need to be kept up and repaired. Our community is growing rapidly and to be family oriented and to keep our economy going we need to catch up. Raising 2 kids here over the last 30 years, I have resented going over to Hood River for swimming, indoor tennis and day camps for our kids through community education. We need a viable community education through our parks and rec. in White Salmon.

Signage in Spanish. Play areas for preschoolers. More organized weekly events such as the weekly Farmer's Market at Rhinegarten Park in the summer.

ADA update and area close by for parking

We need an indoor athletic center that is available for use by adults and youth including courts, etc. The new field house at the school is great but we need more access especially in winter. Similar to YMCA. The future pool also needs to be built with a cover for all year swimming. This is an activity that everyone can enjoy. It is also important for swim teams and funding all year rather than just during the summer months. This is a vital facility for the community that should be used year-round.

Ask them! I think more spaces designed for young people - pools, covered sports areas, etc

Spanish english rosetta stone

How can the City's parks and facilities better serve any underserved popula...

Not sure right now

I would like to see more accessible park equipment, ie special swings, activity walls. I think a rock wall would be a great addition. A splash pad would be incredible to serve all ages.

better play areas for under 5 year olds

Ice skating rink teen activities

hand rails

More space for kids to play with sports

We need better activities and options for senior citizens... like a pickle ball court or bocce ball courts or chess tables. We don't have much of anything that appeals to teens. The play equipment is unsatisfactory for children - it's outdated, broken down, and dangerous. Children need better play equipment, especially play equipment that compliments creative play. A water feature would also be much appreciated in Rheingarten Park so that locals have a place to cool off in the extreme heat we've started to experience in our summers. Also - picnic tables and benches are needed in Pioneer Park. This Park is widely used by senior citizens, many of whom live just down the block at Beth El Shalom Retirement. Many of these people walk their dogs at Pioneer Park and would benefit from a place to take a seat. It could also benefit from picnic tables since its the only green space available for that specific neighborhood - and would be appropriate as a picnic area.

Incorporate play equipment for youth 0-5 and a separate equipment for 6-12. Larger park space with more level ground to walk/bike/run.

I think the nature of our town being on a slope with so many hills makes it a challenge for people with physical limitations for sure. Pioneer Park is in the flattest spot and near the senior center so maybe that could be improved upon with benches of a little play area for grandparents to watch little kids.

The steep trail areas should have a better gentle slope with added chips for fall reduction. Improve horse shoe pits.

accessibility does not have to utilize concrete. there are other more earth friendly accessible surfaces

A facility where teens can gather would be wonderful

More options for older kids and multigenerational groups

repair and maintenance to the parks.

Add more benches for families to be able to watch kids at the playgrounds.

I think we very much need a dog park in our town. Pioneer, or the Sports complex would have ample space. The sports complex is the most underused/unkept park as far as I can tell. More and better trails for those who wish to bike/hike/run would be great

Need covered basketball hoops and a swimming pool

Pool

more access,,better trails,,transport to the parks for elderly, handicapped etc....perhaps activities for more elder groups

More seating & more trash bins (picked up more regularly)

How can the City's parks and facilities better serve any underserved popula...

Improve walk and hiking opportunities. Especially a safe walking option to connect Bingen

Designate or create new space for an enclosed off leash dog park

Great idea! Create mini parks on open space areas, negotiate with large property owners to create mini parks to serve areas that don't have a small community area to gather. Stay at home parents, babysitters need a safe access to outdoor space that is away from a busy road, doesn't involve a major hike pushing. Stroller or dragging along toddlers. Seniors enjoy walking and would benefit from taking a break sitting in a park along their walk. The disabled could use space closer to their home to avoid driving. Think many smaller park spaces instead of making one big park to serve everyone's needs. Space it out throughout the community. By providing multiple open space areas you will serve the more of the community.

I can't speak for anyone besides the kids because i don't know the programs offered to them. It would definitely be nice to have a park that kids under 5 could use. Also, a safer park for the kids over 5 as well. No wood chips or tire chips please!!

Better playgrounds, splash pad!

Age appropriate equipment, better signage, multi-use space. Need off leash dog area in town (portion of Rheingarten ideally).

The ground is uneven and potholes are dangerous

Dog park! And more parking near Gaddis park.

Update childrens equipment and incorporate additional options for older kiddos or teens

Fund the pool! There are very few options for teens and school aged kids in our town. Our sweet little town has restaurants, a wine bar, brewery, a tavern, tattoo parlor, nail salon and boutiques, and unfortunately we offer very little to kids and especially teens. Losing the city run pool was devastating, as it served all incomes and all ages, and we've been without it for too many years. Please prioritize supporting a pool in White Salmon!!!

Teens would flock to stronger wifi at Rheingarten. Maybe basketball hoops or ultimate frisbee?

Safer access to trails.

Recognizing the harm and barriers to those folks being able to use the area, such as cultural norms of white supremacy within the white population. Working to not allow weapons/firearms in the city limits and near/next to parks. Creating more culture specific programming and hosting events by specific communities for those communities for example afrosoutdoors, pride festivals, special olympic events etc. Addressing the wealth inequality and protecting natural spaces by building up and saving places along waters and with views to create trails instead of these places being owned the wealthy.

A place for kids to swim would be ideal. Seniors would love to have some kind of recreation to, like a pickle ball court or shuffleboard court.

Bigger, better play structures for kids to utilize safely. The small structure gets very crowded at Rheingarten, posing risk to little kids trying to play on the structure

Not sure...

Playground equipment appropriate for 0-5 year olds.

More targeted facilities. For the most part the parks are open areas with few planned and coordinate activities.

are there ball leagues? a soccer pitch? concerts or events? more playgrounds, please (for kids and adults!)

How can the City's parks and facilities better serve any underserved popula...

Most of the parks cannot be used if someone is in a wheelchair (stairs all over).

Signs in multiple languages. More sidewalk paths and benches

More adult structures ev a boulder structure. It would be idea if kids and adults could play at the same time.

More efforts to bring the diverse city population together, accessible play structures, community services (all we have is a library meeting room), warming and cooling shelters

Accessibility for strollers/wheelchairs

I am concerned about town meeting needs of all residents. Not sure to what degree presently meet these needs

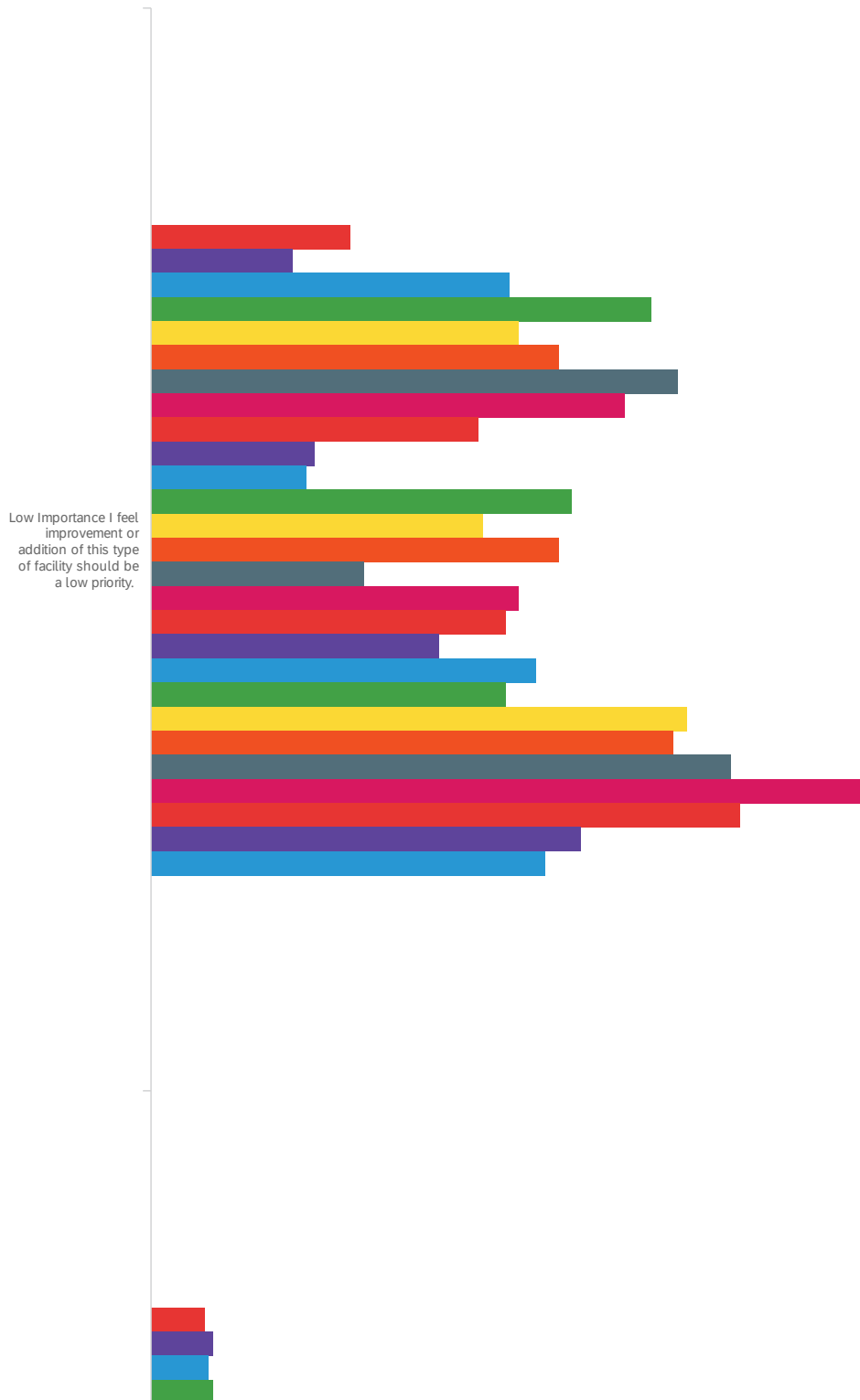
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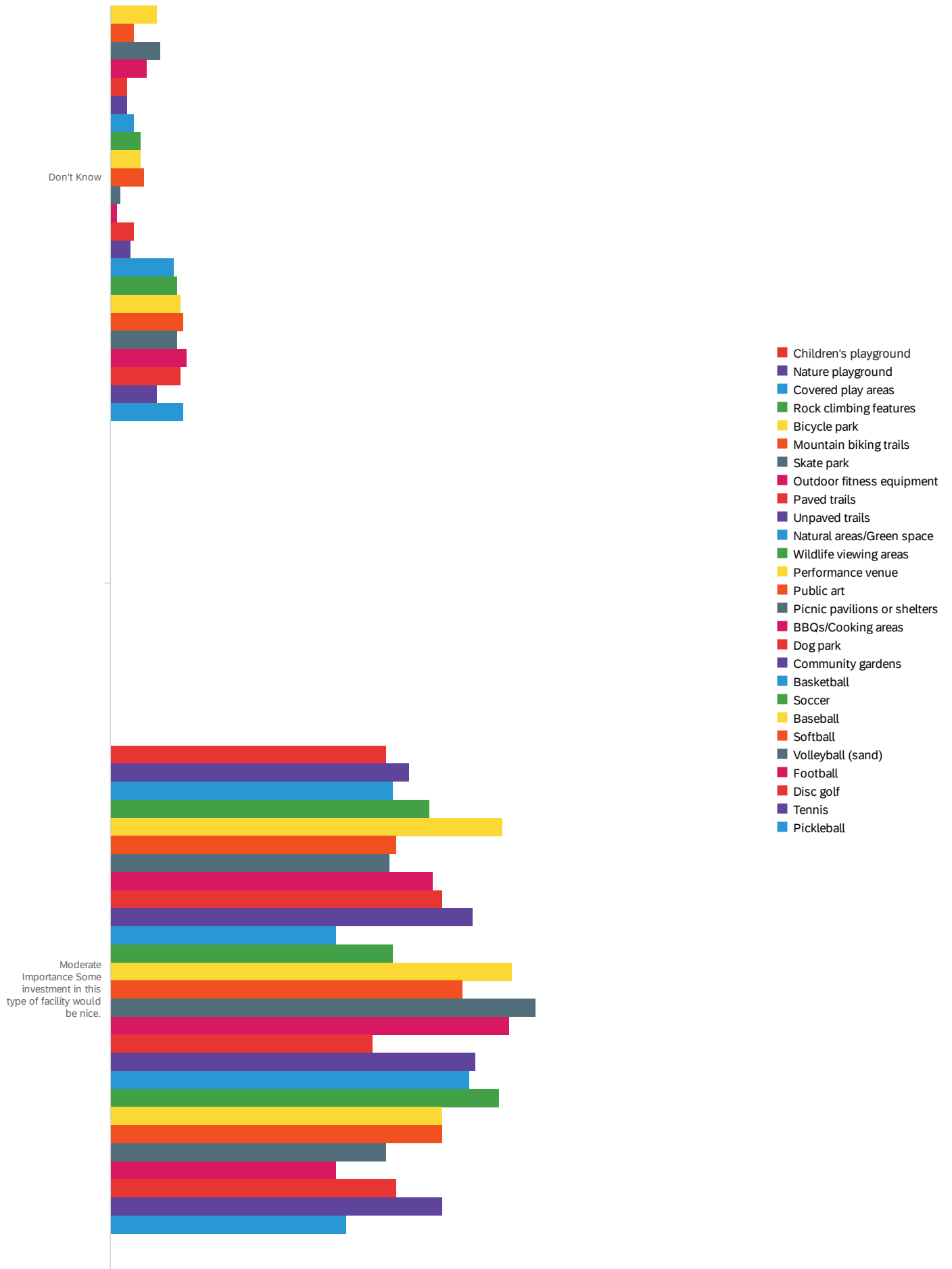
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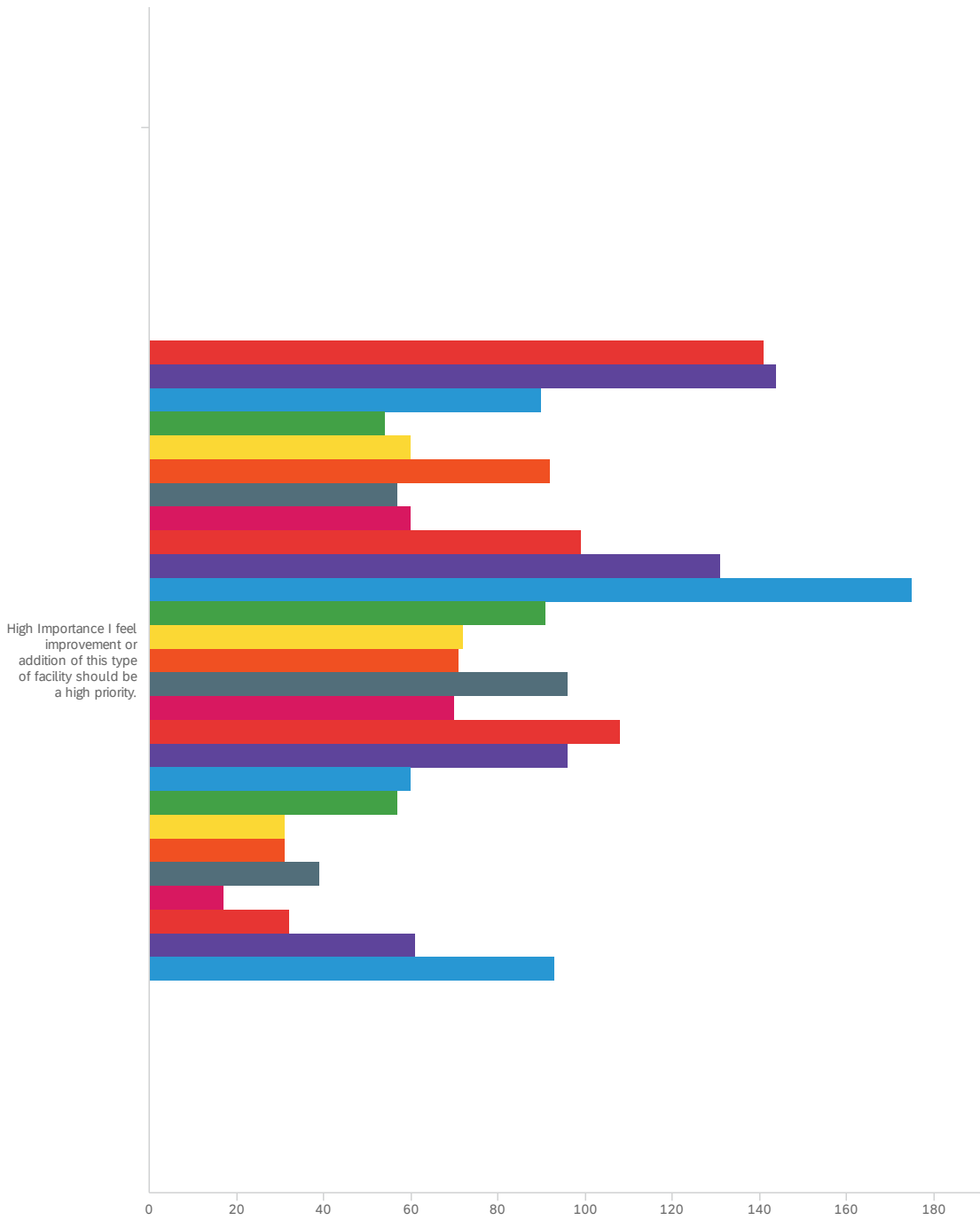
Connect, make safe and maintain the city's trail. Walking for exercise is dangerous.



Q9 - How important are the following potential future outdoor park facilities to you or your household? Mark your preference for future investment in the improvement or addition of the following park facilities.







#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Children's playground	17.00	25.00	23.34	2.82	7.95	281
2	Nature playground	17.00	25.00	23.66	2.46	6.05	280
3	Covered play areas	17.00	25.00	22.18	3.44	11.82	269
4	Rock climbing features	17.00	25.00	21.29	3.59	12.88	277
5	Bicycle park	17.00	25.00	22.05	3.36	11.27	275

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
6	Mountain biking trails	17.00	25.00	21.98	3.54	12.56	277
7	Skate park	17.00	25.00	21.12	3.63	13.19	275
8	Outdoor fitness equipment	17.00	25.00	21.45	3.58	12.84	275
9	Paved trails	17.00	25.00	22.47	3.33	11.09	278
10	Unpaved trails	17.00	25.00	23.53	2.59	6.69	282
11	Natural areas/Green space	17.00	25.00	23.73	2.57	6.58	285
12	Wildlife viewing areas	17.00	25.00	21.92	3.56	12.65	280
13	Performance venue	17.00	25.00	22.33	3.28	10.78	277
14	Public art	17.00	25.00	21.91	3.48	12.08	279
15	Picnic pavilions or shelters	17.00	25.00	23.12	2.85	8.13	275
16	BBQs/Cooking areas	17.00	25.00	22.13	3.40	11.57	275
17	Dog park	17.00	25.00	22.32	3.45	11.92	274
18	Community gardens	17.00	25.00	22.68	3.18	10.13	277
19	Basketball	17.00	25.00	21.93	3.40	11.55	274
20	Soccer	17.00	25.00	22.09	3.31	10.94	274
21	Baseball	17.00	25.00	20.93	3.54	12.51	273
22	Softball	17.00	25.00	20.99	3.53	12.44	271
23	Volleyball (sand)	17.00	25.00	20.71	3.59	12.91	273
24	Football	17.00	25.00	19.79	3.43	11.74	269
25	Disc golf	17.00	25.00	20.62	3.57	12.71	272
26	Tennis	17.00	25.00	21.68	3.51	12.35	272
27	Pickleball	17.00	25.00	21.99	3.50	12.25	275

#	Field	Low Importance I feel improvement or addition of this type of facility should be a low priority.		Don't Know		Moderate Importance Some investment in this type of facility would be nice.		High Importance I feel improvement or addition of this type of facility should be a high priority.		Total
1	Children's playground	16.01%	45	4.27%	12	29.54%	83	50.18%	141	281
2	Nature playground	11.43%	32	5.00%	14	32.14%	90	51.43%	144	280
3	Covered play areas	30.11%	81	4.83%	13	31.60%	85	33.46%	90	269
4	Rock climbing features	40.79%	113	5.05%	14	34.66%	96	19.49%	54	277
5	Bicycle park	30.18%	83	5.09%	14	42.91%	118	21.82%	60	275
6	Mountain biking trails	33.21%	92	2.53%	7	31.05%	86	33.21%	92	277
7	Skate park	43.27%	119	5.45%	15	30.55%	84	20.73%	57	275
8	Outdoor fitness equipment	38.91%	107	4.00%	11	35.27%	97	21.82%	60	275
9	Paved trails	26.62%	74	1.80%	5	35.97%	100	35.61%	99	278
10	Unpaved trails	13.12%	37	1.77%	5	38.65%	109	46.45%	131	282
11	Natural areas/Green space	12.28%	35	2.46%	7	23.86%	68	61.40%	175	285
12	Wildlife viewing areas	33.93%	95	3.21%	9	30.36%	85	32.50%	91	280
13	Performance venue	27.08%	75	3.25%	9	43.68%	121	25.99%	72	277
14	Public art	32.97%	92	3.58%	10	37.99%	106	25.45%	71	279
15	Picnic pavilions or shelters	17.45%	48	1.09%	3	46.55%	128	34.91%	96	275
16	BBQs/Cooking areas	30.18%	83	0.73%	2	43.64%	120	25.45%	70	275
17	Dog park	29.20%	80	2.55%	7	28.83%	79	39.42%	108	274
18	Community gardens	23.47%	65	2.17%	6	39.71%	110	34.66%	96	277
19	Basketball	31.75%	87	6.93%	19	39.42%	108	21.90%	60	274
20	Soccer	29.20%	80	7.30%	20	42.70%	117	20.80%	57	274
21	Baseball	44.32%	121	7.69%	21	36.63%	100	11.36%	31	273
22	Softball	43.54%	118	8.12%	22	36.90%	100	11.44%	31	271
23	Volleyball (sand)	47.99%	131	7.33%	20	30.40%	83	14.29%	39	273
24	Football	59.85%	161	8.55%	23	25.28%	68	6.32%	17	269
25	Disc golf	48.90%	133	7.72%	21	31.62%	86	11.76%	32	272
26	Tennis	35.66%	97	5.15%	14	36.76%	100	22.43%	61	272

#	Field	Low Importance I feel improvement or addition of this type of facility should be a low priority.	Don't Know	Moderate Importance Some investment in this type of facility would be nice.	High Importance I feel improvement or addition of this type of facility should be a high priority.	Total
27	Pickleball	32.36% 89	8.00% 22	25.82% 71	33.82% 93	275

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Q10 - Are there any other outdoor facilities not mentioned above that you would like the City to prioritize for future improvement or addition? Please list and describe them.

Are there any other outdoor facilities not mentioned above that you would l...

Fishing Access f

Running track

I already mentioned the elevated/widened bike/running path on the Loop trail, but I know that isn't probably part of this conversation.

pool. should be highest priority

Swimming and splash pad

Pool

Mark/convert Tennis Court(s) to Pickleball

Roller skate area - flat

farmers market

I'd love to see stairs down to HWY 14

Swimming pool

SKATEPARK!!!

Swimming for kids. Such a disappointment that the new facility plan no longer includes that

Splash pad?

Maybe impossible in our climate but a skating rink would be nice

Recreation center with swimming pool

Splash pad?

Public access to the Columbia River and public access to the bluff. We live in a beautiful area, but access is for the public is very limited.

Ultimate Frisbee field

Sand volleyball

Are there any other outdoor facilities not mentioned above that you would l...

Sand Volleyball Courts are needed

Concrete ping pong tables, in-ground trampolines

maximizing linear and other currently unlandscaped/waste spaces as pollinator gardens, native plantings, stormwater infiltration galleries. A low-key, minimal natural setting along the Columbia River with (limited) river access. Stairs from SR14 to White Salmon up the bluff, and a bike/ped lane on Dock Grade.

Better walking paths, especially improve the Loop Road trail. Pedestrian connection to Bingen from WS would be good.o Bingen

A pool. Why isn't it included on this list??

Outdoor movie space, public restrooms

Just want to re-emphasize - we are desperate for a fenced in dog park

A swimming pool would be great

There are no parks on the west side of town. Even a mini park would be great.

City pool

Swimming Pool!

Support the pool!

Our school district has many of these outdoor facilities. Use them first.

Just do anything necessary not to lose the trails on Hospital Hill / Burdoin Mountain / Jewett Creek which are currently leased to the Kreps and mainly open for mixed use including dogs except when cows are in there. It's the gem of the city, and its loss would be irreversable and profound.

We haven't had the swimming pool operational for some time, that would be great to address. Also, we have no fenced in dog park which is a shame for a city of this size with so many dog owners...

N/A

Splashpad, swimming pool

Children need to take safe risks for developing confidence. A natrual play area would be great

An indoor/outdoor swimming pool should be ofmhighest importance right now!

A community pool with cover for year round use.

Ultimate Frizbee

Team up with the Gorge Makerspace to have the community build a pavilion!

Fields for soccer frisbee kickball etc



Are there any other outdoor facilities not mentioned above that you would l...

I would love if the City would support the Towns to Trails program. It would be great to be able to hike from here to Lyle. Im disappointed the City hasnt maintained right of way in area like Cherry or wabish so folks could walk withou having to be on high street roads. It would be nice if City & state would prioritize the bike path on loop road & Jewett or offer alternative.

Pool funding

Ice skating rink

Swimming and exercise

water access - waterfront park

Help the Park District raise money to get the community pool built!

Stairs to Bingen, bike routes, improve pedestrian crossings to get to areas.

Clean up and maintain downtown planting areas . It does not send a good message. Would you enter the town as a visitor and fell it was a town with civic pride? Does it compare favorably with Hood River or The Dalles? No

It would be best to fix the potholes on city streets!

POOL

Bathrooms

Good job listing them!

Splash pad!

Rebuilding the pool, reopening the trails at the high school/ intermediate school

Pool

Many of the above items already exist within the city; no need to recreate or invest in new—value what's already existing. Improvements to the tennis courts would be great. A splash pad added to Rheingarten would be minimal investment and would serve a wide demographic.

Whitewater park and slalom course, surf park, indoor swimming pool, trampoline park, community center, groomed xc ski trails in connection with mt adams, trails along the rivers

Walking access paths to the Columbia River plus a small park by the bridge for small watercraft, picnicking, kids' play.

Having a bike park like the golden eagle bike track in HR would be amazing. My kids cannot use the WS bike park because it is WAY too difficult to maneuver but my toddler can conquer the pump tracks at Golden Eagle. We would love to not have to drive 30 min to get to a pump track.

An amphitheater for productions and other events

I like the idea of having "walking loops".

Our family would love to have a basketball facility in White Salmon.

Are there any other outdoor facilities not mentioned above that you would l...

An aquatic center (which I know is in the works) that can be used year-round

Outdoor water fountain for children, especially since pool is still a distant goal

Public fountain and public restroom in downtown area

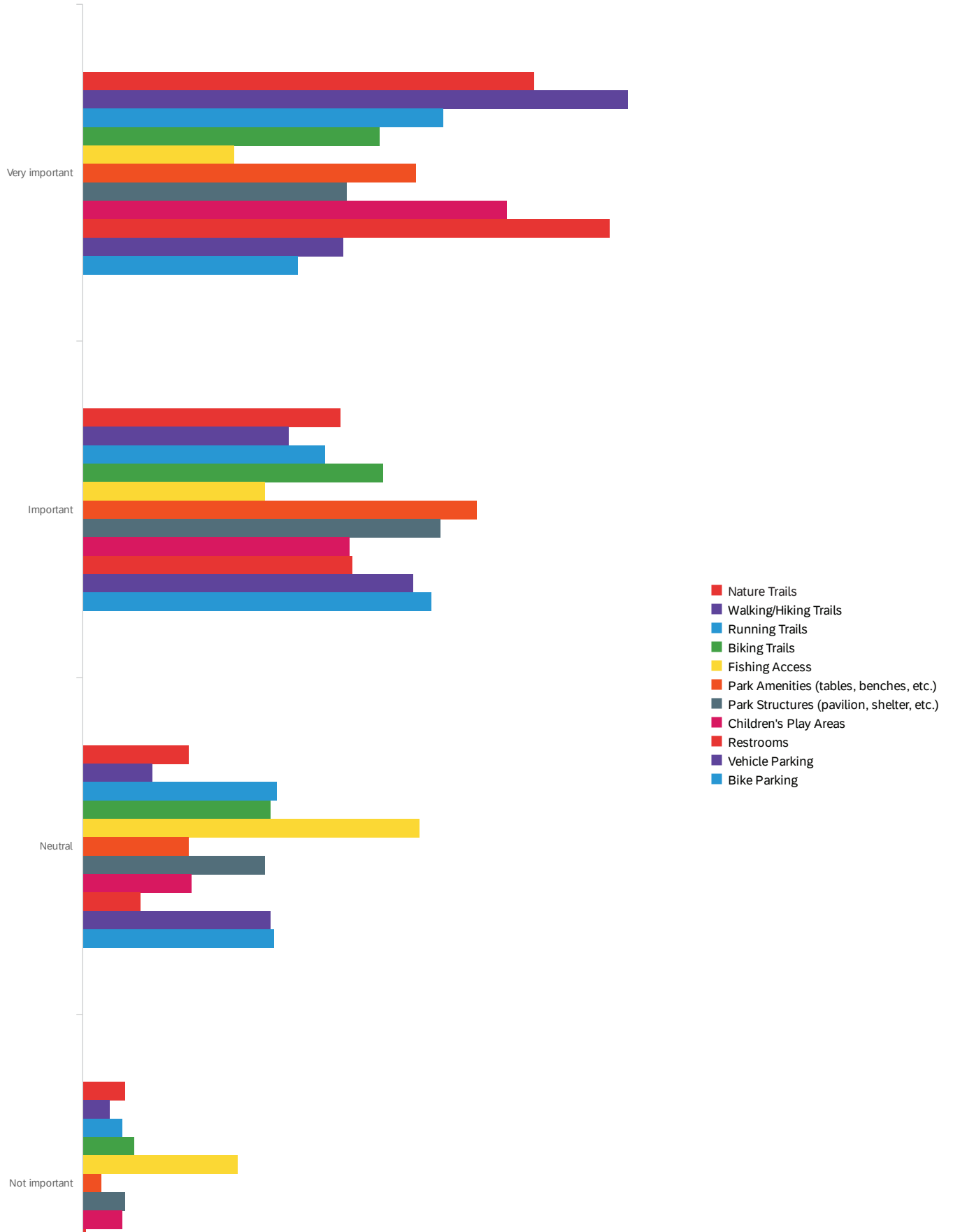
Bike paths!!

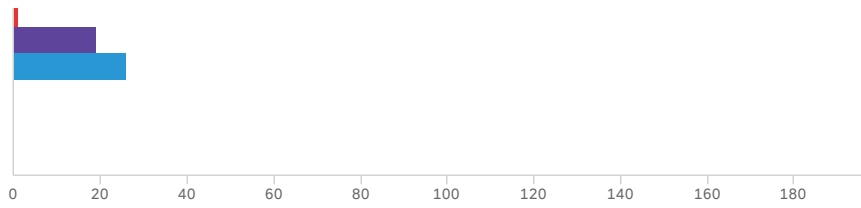
The pool. We need it

Swimming pool

Indoor swimming pool or cover to pool being planned

Q11 - Please rate the general importance of each potential park feature:





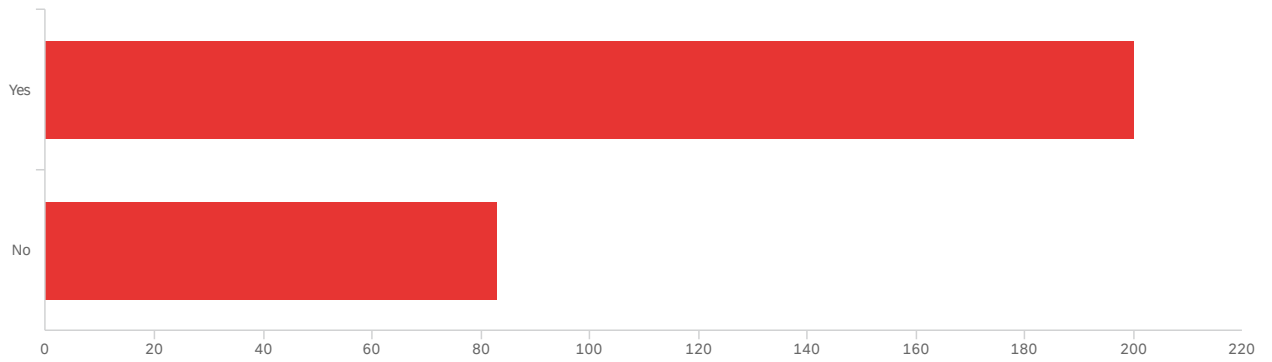
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1	Nature Trails	16.00	19.00	16.70	0.87	0.76	283
2	Walking/Hiking Trails	16.00	19.00	16.50	0.78	0.61	280
3	Running Trails	16.00	19.00	16.89	0.92	0.84	276
4	Biking Trails	16.00	19.00	16.99	0.91	0.83	276
5	Fishing Access	16.00	19.00	17.60	0.99	0.98	272
6	Park Amenities (tables, benches, etc.)	16.00	19.00	16.78	0.74	0.55	281
7	Park Structures (pavilion, shelter, etc.)	16.00	19.00	17.00	0.85	0.73	279
8	Children's Play Areas	16.00	19.00	16.72	0.86	0.74	277
9	Restrooms	16.00	19.00	16.46	0.64	0.40	283
10	Vehicle Parking	16.00	19.00	17.05	0.90	0.81	276
11	Bike Parking	16.00	19.00	17.16	0.92	0.84	275

#	Field	Very important	Important	Neutral	Not important	Total
1	Nature Trails	52.65% 149	30.04% 85	12.37% 35	4.95% 14	283
2	Walking/Hiking Trails	64.29% 180	24.29% 68	8.21% 23	3.21% 9	280
3	Running Trails	43.12% 119	28.99% 80	23.19% 64	4.71% 13	276
4	Biking Trails	35.51% 98	35.87% 99	22.46% 62	6.16% 17	276
5	Fishing Access	18.38% 50	22.06% 60	40.81% 111	18.75% 51	272
6	Park Amenities (tables, benches, etc.)	39.15% 110	46.26% 130	12.46% 35	2.14% 6	281
7	Park Structures (pavilion, shelter, etc.)	31.18% 87	42.29% 118	21.51% 60	5.02% 14	279
8	Children's Play Areas	50.54% 140	31.77% 88	13.00% 36	4.69% 13	277
9	Restrooms	61.48% 174	31.45% 89	6.71% 19	0.35% 1	283

#	Field	Very important		Important		Neutral		Not important		Total
10	Vehicle Parking	31.16%	86	39.49%	109	22.46%	62	6.88%	19	276
11	Bike Parking	25.82%	71	41.82%	115	22.91%	63	9.45%	26	275

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### Q12 - Do you think the City needs additional parks or recreational facilities?



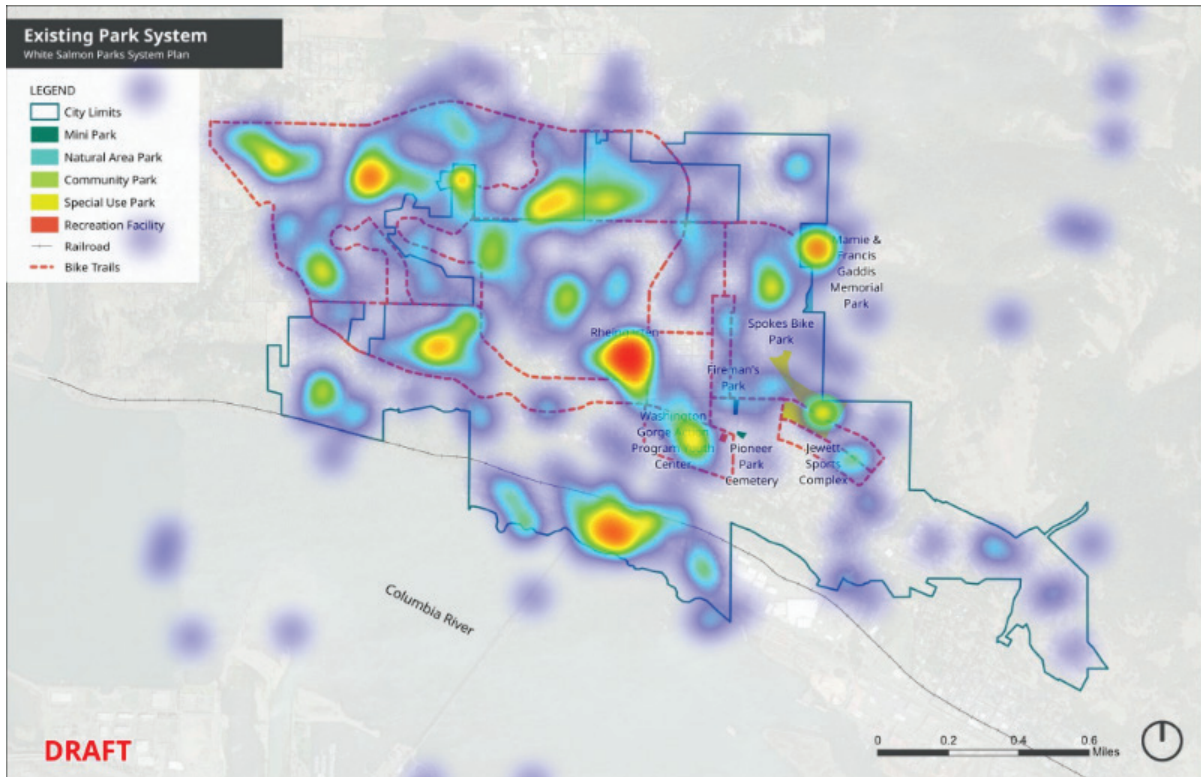
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1	Do you think the City needs additional parks or recreational facilities?	16.00	18.00	16.59	0.91	0.83	283

#	Field	Choice Count
16	Yes	70.67% 200
18	No	29.33% 83

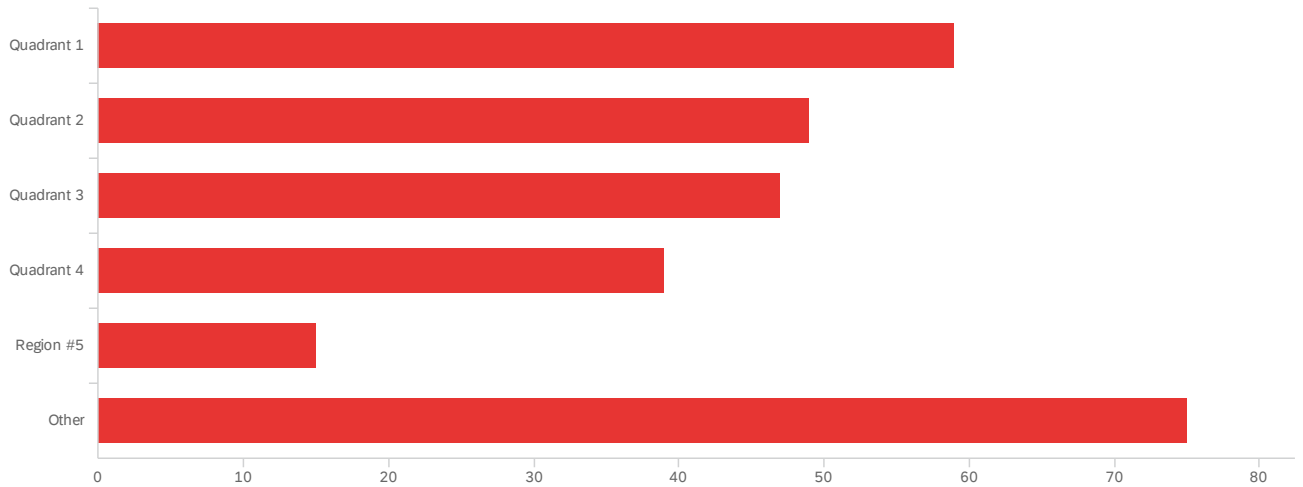
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Q12a - If you think the City needs additional parks, please indicate the section of the City where you would like additional parks to be located. Click up to three locations. Please refer to the map below.



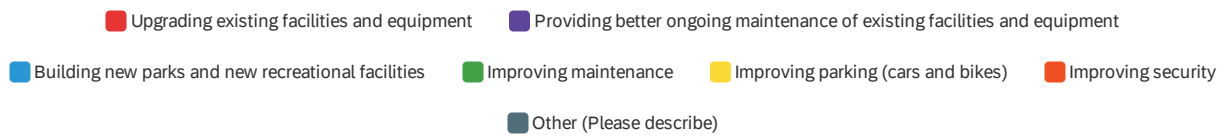
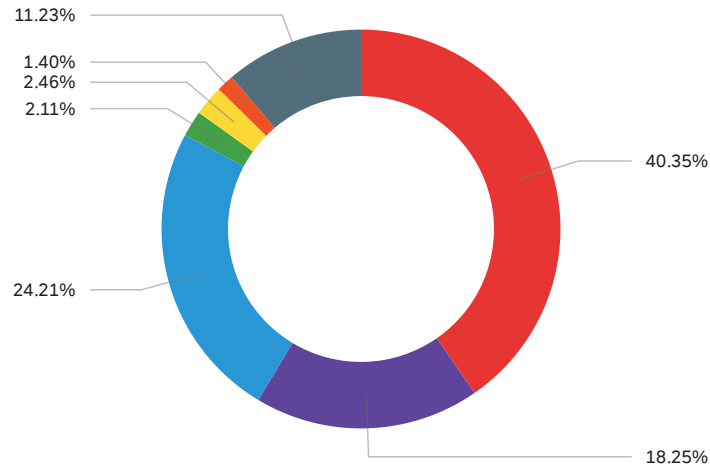
Q12a - If you think the City needs additional parks, please indicate the section of the City where you would like additional parks to be located. Click up to three locations. Please refer to the map below. - Regions





Q13 - If you had to prioritize ONE action for the City to focus on in the next 10 years,

which of the following actions would you choose?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	If you had to prioritize ONE action for the City to focus on in the next 10 years, which of the following actions would you choose? - Selected Choice	1.00	7.00	2.57	1.91	3.66	285

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Upgrading existing facilities and equipment	40.35% 115
2	Providing better ongoing maintenance of existing facilities and equipment	18.25% 52
3	Building new parks and new recreational facilities	24.21% 69
4	Improving maintenance	2.11% 6
5	Improving parking (cars and bikes)	2.46% 7
6	Improving security	1.40% 4

#	Field	Choice Count
7	Other (Please describe)	11.23% 32
		285

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Q15\_7\_TEXT - Other (Please describe)

Other (Please describe)

The on street "trails" shouldn't be classified as a park resource. They're dangerous, inaccessible and probably not even Ada compliant.

Upgrading and improving existing parks (reinharten splash pad and perfoing space in park center) river access, support swimming pool

We have many parks but it's limiting to what you can do there. Playground equipment needs to be updated. We already have a skatepark invention. I propose we put a roller skating rink over the old swimming pool I feel that children in White Salmon between the ages of 5 and 16 do not have affordable entertainment such as a movie theater, or a bowling alley, they are unable to walk to Hood River so they're kind of landlocked. I see that we do have a new community center however it looks like it's ideal for basketball and not sure what else if there's equipment you can check out and play indoor badminton?

traffic calming or reduction measures where children play

pickle ball courts please, and pool

Additional safe walking trails

pickleball courts

improving sustainability of existing facilities

Unequivocally, support a the pool.

The courts are a mess needs to be resurfaced

Pickleball courts

Redo the tennis courts and put up pickleball nets and lines!!!!

A dog park!

Dog park

Swimming pool

Building a really good dog park.

Prioritizing inclusion over specific use to meet more need

Build an indoor/outdoor pool for our community.

Other (Please describe)

Finish the loop Jewett main bike walk trail it's dangerous 🚫

Nature Park

bike routes

look for ways/places to reduce hardscape and replace with greenery

We need a covered basketball court

Natural parks area,,gardens,,nature trails,,more walking tours

Develop a safe walking route to Bingen. Preferably stairs down the bluff.

More trails!

Put in a safe walking path for Loop Rd/hwy 141

Pool

Support the pool. Losing the pool was a devastating loss to our little community. Children for years have had no access to a safe place to swim, and to LEARN to swim. The Whitson Elementary PTO sponsored swim lessons for every 3rd grader for many, many years until the pool was closed. So many lower income kids lost out on the opportunity for access to swimming lessons, and access to a pool throughout the summer. Please, please support the pool.

Please make a safe route for us to go from the west end of city limits to downtown. It's currently quite dangerous.

Outdoor fountain for kids in summer

Make safe the walking trails.

## Q14 - Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about priorities for parks, recreational facilities, and trails in the City? Please describe:

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about priorities for par...

Getting grants to get artists to fund art on the side of buildings in green spaces seems rather accessible these days. I would love to see that more as it adds a lot on a budget. Utilizing the community to volunteer ( like hr did for the wooden park) seems like a great way for all people to lend a hand. A recreation center would obviously be ideal but in lieu of that because of the cost I think that utilizing existing spaces, improving them, and creating simple events to integrate people into these spaces seems like a way to create more community and mutual respect. Also, the Gaddis park trail basically ends nowhere. It would be nice for that to loop back around somehow or have better signage.

On-line scheduling for Pickleball/Tennis Courts

I play pickle ball at least weekly with an informal group. The Tennis courts and Rhinegarten see a significant amount of use and are in pretty bad shape (significant cracks in the court surface). I would be great to see the court resurfaces and pickleball lines drawn on at least on court. I also frequent Gaddis park regularly and really appreciate it. Gaddis park is in good condition and it would be great to see more trails and greenspaces like it in the area.

Wish list for new parks: (1) Use of the empty lots downtown on Jewett as a community space and venue for music. Roslyn, WA has done this with great success. See "The Roslyn Yard". In the summer they have live music, farmers markets, and the local businesses deliver food and drinks to people enjoying the park and music. Something like that could be great for the city. (2) A park on the bluff somewhere so the public can enjoy the views. (3) Columbia River access and picnic grounds (4) Rebuilding the stairs that used to exist on the bluff near Dock Grade. If done safely, it would be great for exercise, views of the gorge, and access to the city. With a new bridge (someday), this would be a great way to visit White Salmon from Hood River while also getting some exercise.

We desperately need a pool. I know it's in the works but we haven't had one for multiple summers now. Youth Center is nice but it's really only aimed for after school care of kids they don't have a place to go, not really for teens as a safe place to hang out.

Thank you. All considered great place

Lets initiate a few volunteer days to help clean up and maintain our parks.

Please do a better job of communicating all of your facilities that are available for residents' use and enjoyment.

sand volleyball court

SKATEPARK!!

Thank you!

Improve trails and encourage electric bike usage; loop road safety

The public needs a viewing area from the bluff.

Improve Children's playground and park

One of my biggest disappointments as a resident of White Salmon is that there is no public park where we can enjoy one of the most spectacular parts of this city - the views from the bluff. Other places I've lived, like Shell Beach, CA had cliff side parks every few blocks. The views and beauty of this area should not be reserved for only the ultra wealthy.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about priorities for par...

We need pickle ball courts.

There are a lot of grants out there to support parks and rec efforts.

I think it's important to give kids & families fun, safe local areas to recreate. eate

Consider adding community garden space to existing parks where residents can have access to planting beds. Consider planting pollinator gardens and more native plants in all parks to support pollinator populations.

volleyball court, our trails all around are very adequate

I'd like to see the City work with the existing and new timber landowners on Hospital Hill to ensure this area remains open space-- open to recreation to some extent but also important wildlife habitat and watershed processes, and does not become converted/developed for residential

Improve the Loop for safety on 141 and maintain it better ...flooding, snow, poison oak.

We have great trails, we have a great park with playground, parking, green space, shelter and picnic areas. We need some options for the teenagers and preteens in town who have nothing to do, and few resources to buy expensive outdoor equipment. But everyone needs to have access to a public pool, and access to learn how to swim. Supporting the pool should be a top priority!

The community would hugely benefit from a skatepark in the area. The Bingen skatepark has a River that runs through it all winter into the dulin er preventing you from riding the main section of the park. This make it very disappointing and un fun to go there 6 months out of the year. This creates huge demand for white salmon to have their own skatepark as well as it being a positive impact on the community and especially the kids of all ages who don't have much to do outside near where they live. A positive outlet for recreation is very important to a young persons life

Dedicated pickleball courts

Upgrading the loop trail should be first priority and making it safer. After that I think you should add a park/food truck area/venue on the abandoned lot in the middle of town..

Please pickleball courts

Fix the courts don't give any other funding to the schools they do not use the money properly and don't allow equal access to facilities

The community needs to offer pickleball courts somewhere we are the only town without a place to play (even underwood has a place) it has been officially adopted as our state sport there is a large community that plays and it's one of very few sports that 10 year oldss through people aged in their 80s can all play together. It builds the community!

Social cohesion is important. White salmon disagreements are either about potholes, road signs, or people with their dogs off leash in our parks. If there were a dog park, the third complaint would rarely come up. As our city population ages, and young people have fewer kids and more fur babies, they're going to want a dog park.

it would be great to have pickleball courts!

Columbia River access via stairs would be amazing. Anything to improve public access to the bluff would be great. Also anything to make WS more bikeable- especially if the future Hood River Bridge will have a bike lane.

LIGHTING WOULD BE NICE

Create biking and hiking trails by the high school field behind the soccer fields.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about priorities for par...

The trails in the Spoke Park are more frequently used by walkers, runners and dog walkers than by bikers. The current signage is discouraging to the groups who use the park. The city allowed the spoke park to be developed without including the wider community in the planning and development. By handing over a huge chunk of city owned green space to a narrowly focused used group, the city shortchanged the community. New signage should reflect the current usage by walkers, runners and dog walkers. Bikers should be warned to expect other users and practice established trail sharing etiquette. The spoke park is especially popular with dog walkers when the Kreps pasture is closed to dogs: March 22- July 20. We need more dog friendly park space. The fenced ball fields should be open to dog activity in the off seasons.

The parking/walking area around the east WS ball fields is Horrid. Without sidewalks, adequate parking and volume of cars, it is not safe. (Thinking: pre-Covid times)

Thank you for all that you do and I appreciate being asked.

N/A

Please create a small pocket park somewhere with a view that families can relax at and view sunset for example. Perhaps at higher elevation. Some of the neighborhoods have amazing views but have nowhere for walkers/families to take a break on a bench. This can be a very small park with just a bench and trash bin. Next priority would be to improve Sports Complex to make a pathway between the fields that is ADA accessible or at least paved or with a sidewalk around the perimeter. It is extremely difficult to walk through on the gravel and tuf in inclement weather.

Help to get the WS pool up

Parking for the park is an issue on Lincoln St. Visitors to the park are always parking in front of residents and leave no room for residents to park or have their visitors park.

Pocket park on top of Spring Street

Please do not advertise these parks in tourism guides

The City does not have 7 parks. First priority would be for the City to disclose their definition of a park. i

Fix tennis courts get a pool

Upkeelingkur current facilities and building a pool complex is necessary for our community. So many kids and adults are needing this. It's taking way too long!!

Can't wait for the pool to happen

green space is a valuable asset for any city even one in such a beauty spot as WS, providing small green areas all over the city with benches encourages people to get out and enjoy the city, make the city walkable for all with strategically placed green rest areas, and spread them out all over the city.

Lighted outdoor fields

A riverfront access park is a big gapping whole in the city of White Salmons

More programming!

Bike tax

Not sure right now

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about priorities for par...

Cover turf fields

SLOW down traffic, give the city a center were people can congregate Add art and flower and the whole city will feel like a park.

Upgrade & use what you already have, stop trying to reinvent the wheel. Just make people be responsible for their dogs so everyone can use the parks. Also, if the city purchases the big white house downtown on Jewett just put the city pool there. The hole is already there, just make it bigger. Make the house a rec area for gorge action plans for our youth, make some of it a venue rental space on the weekend. It could be like an actual community center right in the heart of town. Only good things come from a community center :)

Ice skating rink

A priority should be creating a riverfront access park and a safer loop trail that goes around the perimeter of White Salmon.

Update play structure

less pavement sidewalks are not the answer

Playground upgrades and fenced dog parks

Parks should have tables restrooms and entertainment structures for kids

Just another reminder that there has been much preliminary work on securing and creating a waterfront park. This project is on hold because of bridge replacement planning, however I want to make sure this important feature not be forgotten!

Pioneer park and the ball fields on center are good locations, but both need to be updated with new play equipment, more usable space, higher fencing for flyballs, better turf to play on. If building a new park, find a location that's large enough to accommodate running/walking/biking trails. It would be good to reduce the amount of foot traffic on HWY 141. The shoulders are too narrow.

Pool, new playground equipment and nice benches for seniors, youth center...and go from there

No new taxes.

look for ways to reduce hardscape and replace with greenery. look for ways to connect trails. consider wildlife corridors when planning parkspace.

Sidewalk to complete and improve the safety of the running/walking loop along Jewett.

Emphasize historical heritage and be accurate when you do.

Let's finish the pool. I noticed there were no questions about a pool

Better trash pick up

POOL

For a place with such amazing views, it's amazing that there is no public access to the bluff for views of the gorge. I imagine that's not something that's possible because there are so many houses, but I think it's important to bring up.

More trails!

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about priorities for par...

Don't duplicate park facilities that exist. Rheingarden is a great park offering multiple activities including large community gatherings. We need more small outdoor spaces, walkable from multifamily areas without crossing busy streets or taking a long arduous hike with a disability or with small kids. Multiple mini parks create a more livable environment. Utilize access to the natural area that surrounds us too.

Would like to see better (safer) walkability from westside homes to town.

Please reopen trails at high school

I think that grass-roots efforts are strong community building events that should continue to be utilized. We spent hours building and volunteering at the Spoke Club, which could continue to help foster relationships in our community and have something to show for it.

It seems like Rheingarten Park and Pioneer Park are primarily dog walking areas now, which makes them less suitable for other activities.

If a performance venue is an option, it needs to come with someone to manage it and actually book usage so it's not just a place created and not used, like many are.

We need a pool again

Rheingarten Park is a great space—there is room to add a splash pad. Consider making bathrooms accessible year round for the community.

Unpaved/nature trails would be fantastic if the land is available! I love walking the Indian Creek Trail in Hood River.

Please consider folks of color in this development

I think a splash pad or a pool would be a nice diversification. Weather is getting warmer and it's tough to play in the big open fields in August

Please use your influence to keep SDS trails above WS open. And also the Krepps trails which are so very wonderful. They are very generous to share their land.

It's easy to find trails or places to walk. Not so easy to find good playground equipment, restrooms, etc. I feel like we can do better in that area

Fenced dog park in the city

Quit expanding until you can maintain what you have in a good condition.

prioritize facilities that do not require special equipment to improve accessibility for all

Stay on top of maintenance and improve what we have before we try to expand what we have.

More walking trails

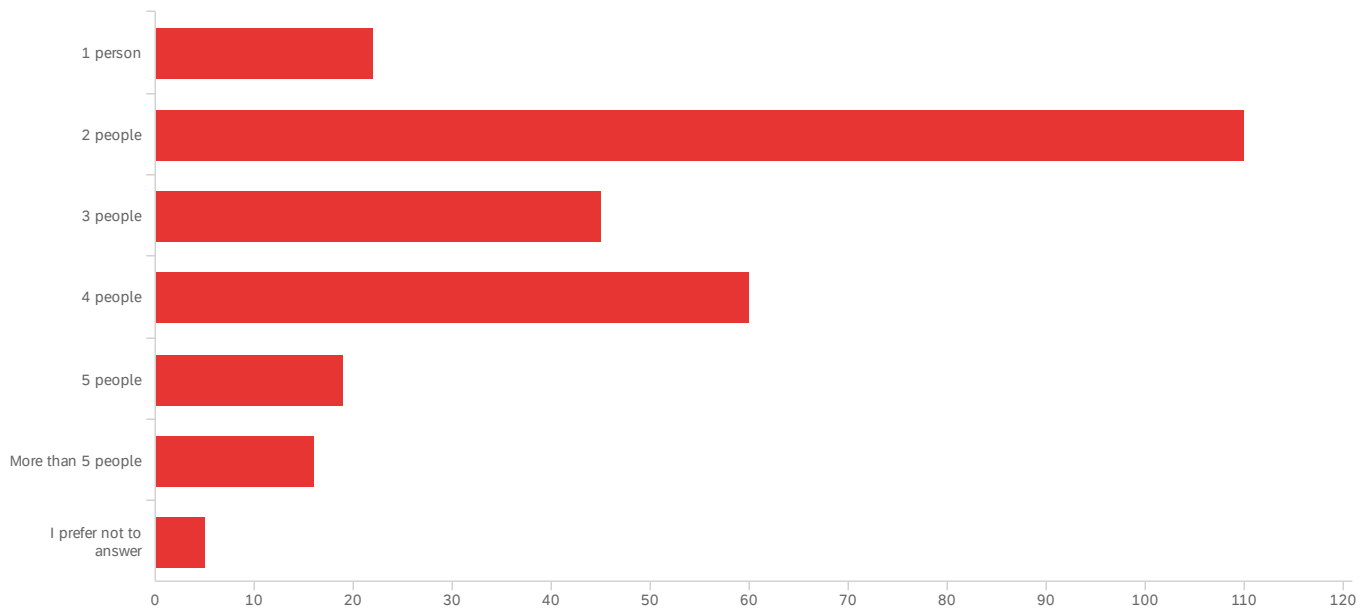
I wish the swimming pool was all seasons so we could all year.

Would like to see yoga return to Pioneer Center

As our city expands with time it is crucial to expand green spaces as well



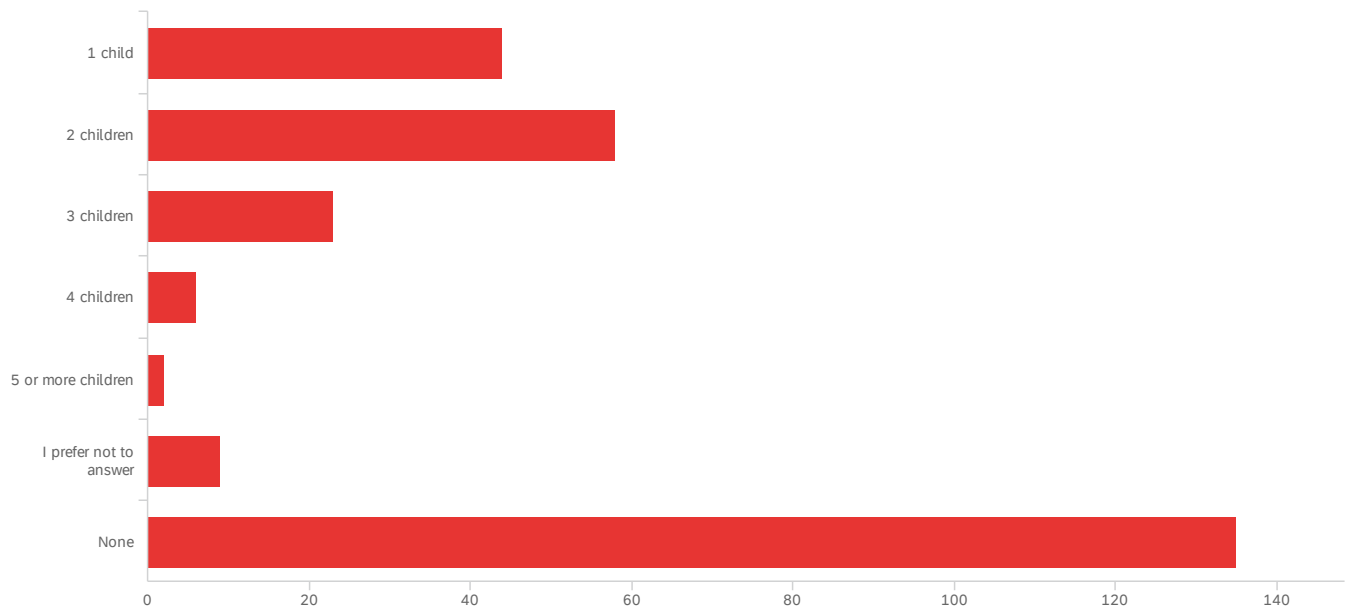
## Q15 - How many people live in your household (including yourself and any children)?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	1 person	7.94% 22
2	2 people	39.71% 110
3	3 people	16.25% 45
4	4 people	21.66% 60
5	5 people	6.86% 19
6	More than 5 people	5.78% 16
7	I prefer not to answer	1.81% 5
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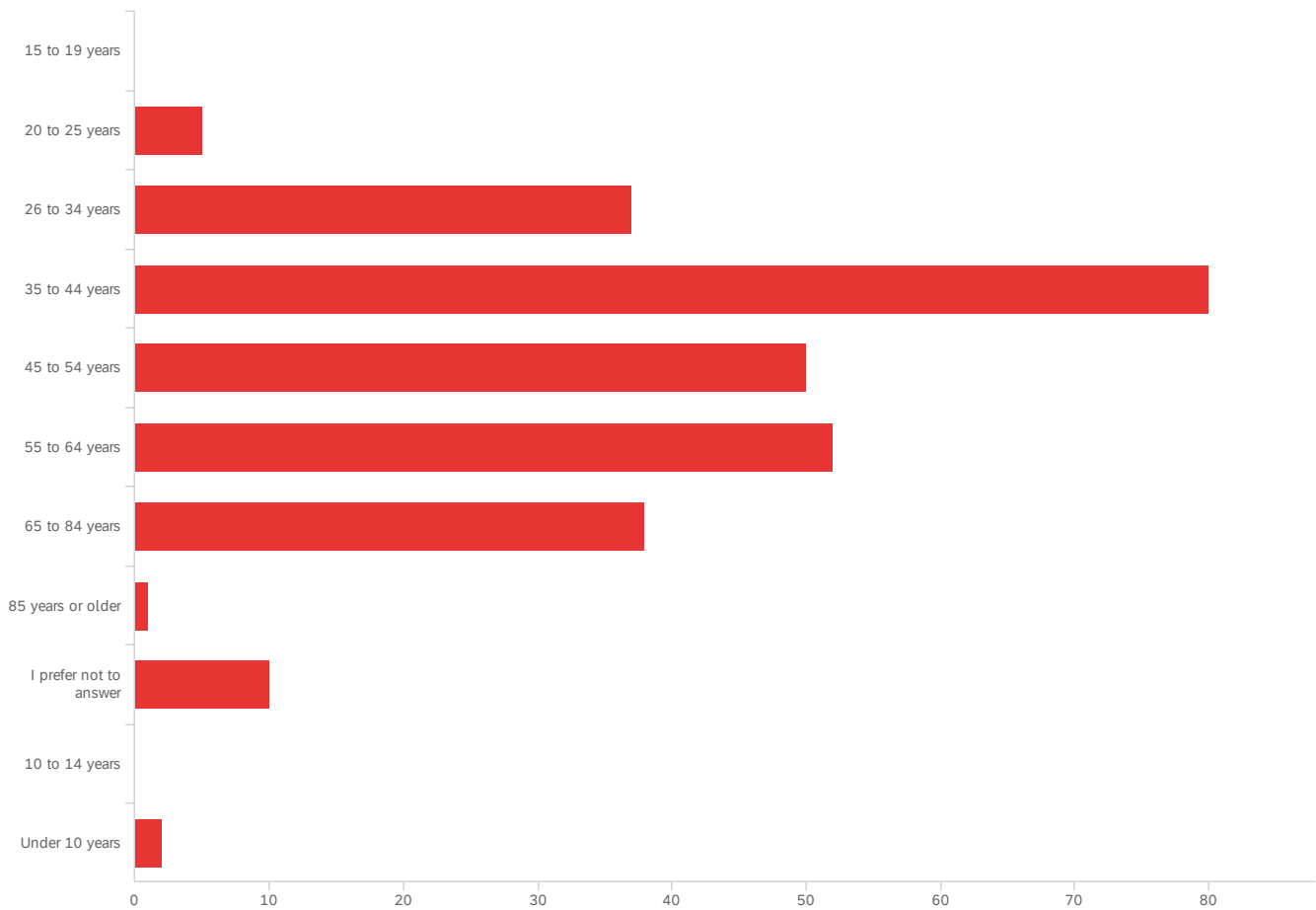
## Q16 - How many children live in your household?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	1 child	15.88% 44
2	2 children	20.94% 58
3	3 children	8.30% 23
4	4 children	2.17% 6
5	5 or more children	0.72% 2
6	I prefer not to answer	3.25% 9
7	None	48.74% 135
		277

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## Q17 - What is your age?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	15 to 19 years	0.00% 0
2	20 to 25 years	1.82% 5
3	26 to 34 years	13.45% 37
4	35 to 44 years	29.09% 80
5	45 to 54 years	18.18% 50
6	55 to 64 years	18.91% 52
7	65 to 84 years	13.82% 38
8	85 years or older	0.36% 1
9	I prefer not to answer	3.64% 10
11	10 to 14 years	0.00% 0
21	Under 10 years	0.73% 2

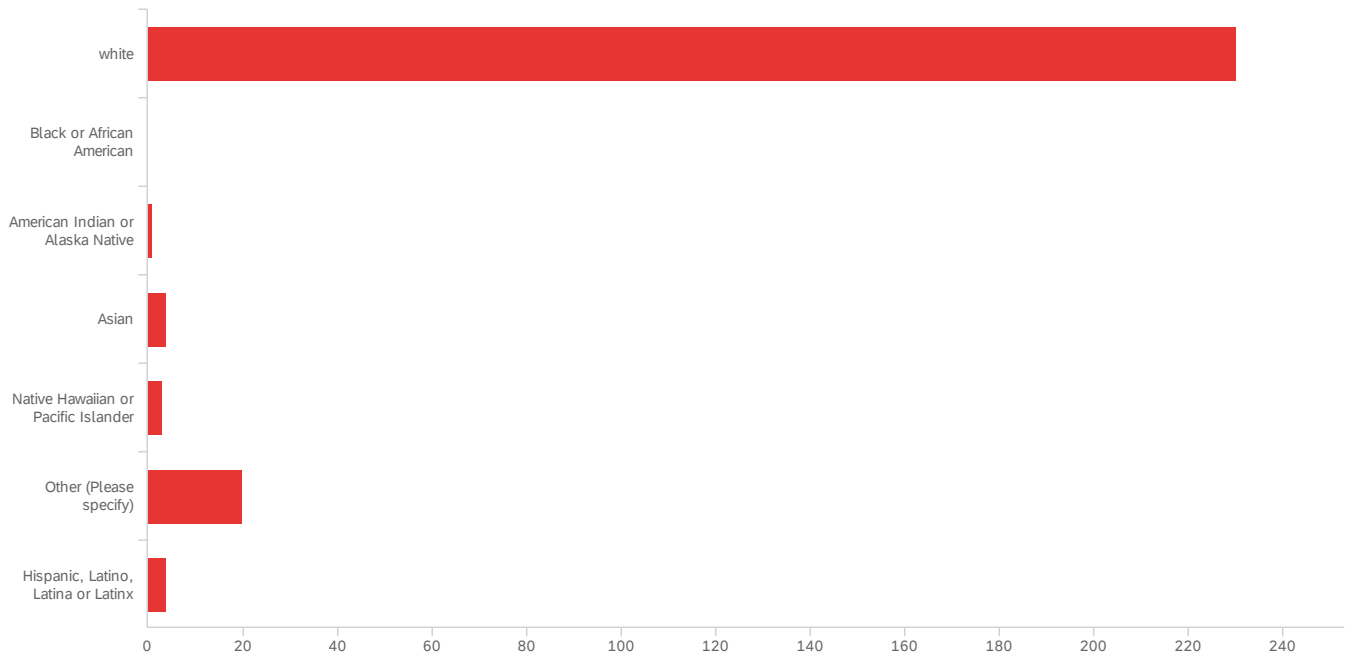
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Choice Count

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## Q18 - To which of the following race(s) do you identify?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	To which of the following race(s) do you identify? - Selected Choice	11.00	17.00	11.57	1.57	2.47	262

#	Field	Choice Count
11	white	87.79% 230
12	Black or African American	0.00% 0
13	American Indian or Alaska Native	0.38% 1
14	Asian	1.53% 4
15	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.15% 3
16	Other (Please specify)	7.63% 20
17	Hispanic, Latino, Latina or Latinx	1.53% 4
		262

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## Q19 - What is the primary language spoken in your household?

What is the primary language spoken in your household?

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English

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What is the primary language spoken in your household?

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See previous response

English

English

English

English

What is the primary language spoken in your household?

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What is the primary language spoken in your household?

English

ENGLISH

English

English

English

English

Pleadian / English / Aborigine / Conversational Klingon

english

English

English

English

English

English / French

English

English

English

english

English

English

english

English

English

English

English

What is the primary language spoken in your household?

You are seriously asking these personal questions? Why does it matter to the park what language I speak?

English

English

English

english

English

english

English

English

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English

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What is the primary language spoken in your household?

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What is the primary language spoken in your household?

english

english

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English

Not a question that pertains to parks.

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English

English

English

english

english and spanish

English

English

English

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What is the primary language spoken in your household?

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What is the primary language spoken in your household?

English

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English

English and French

English

English

English

English

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English

English

English

English

English

English

German

english

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What is the primary language spoken in your household?

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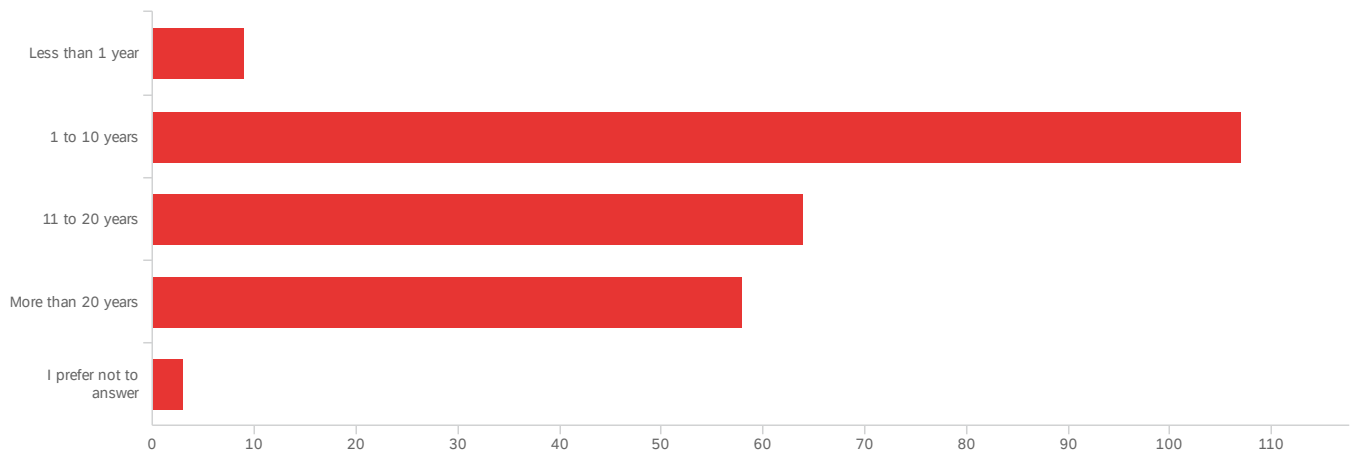
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## Q20 - How long have you lived at your location?

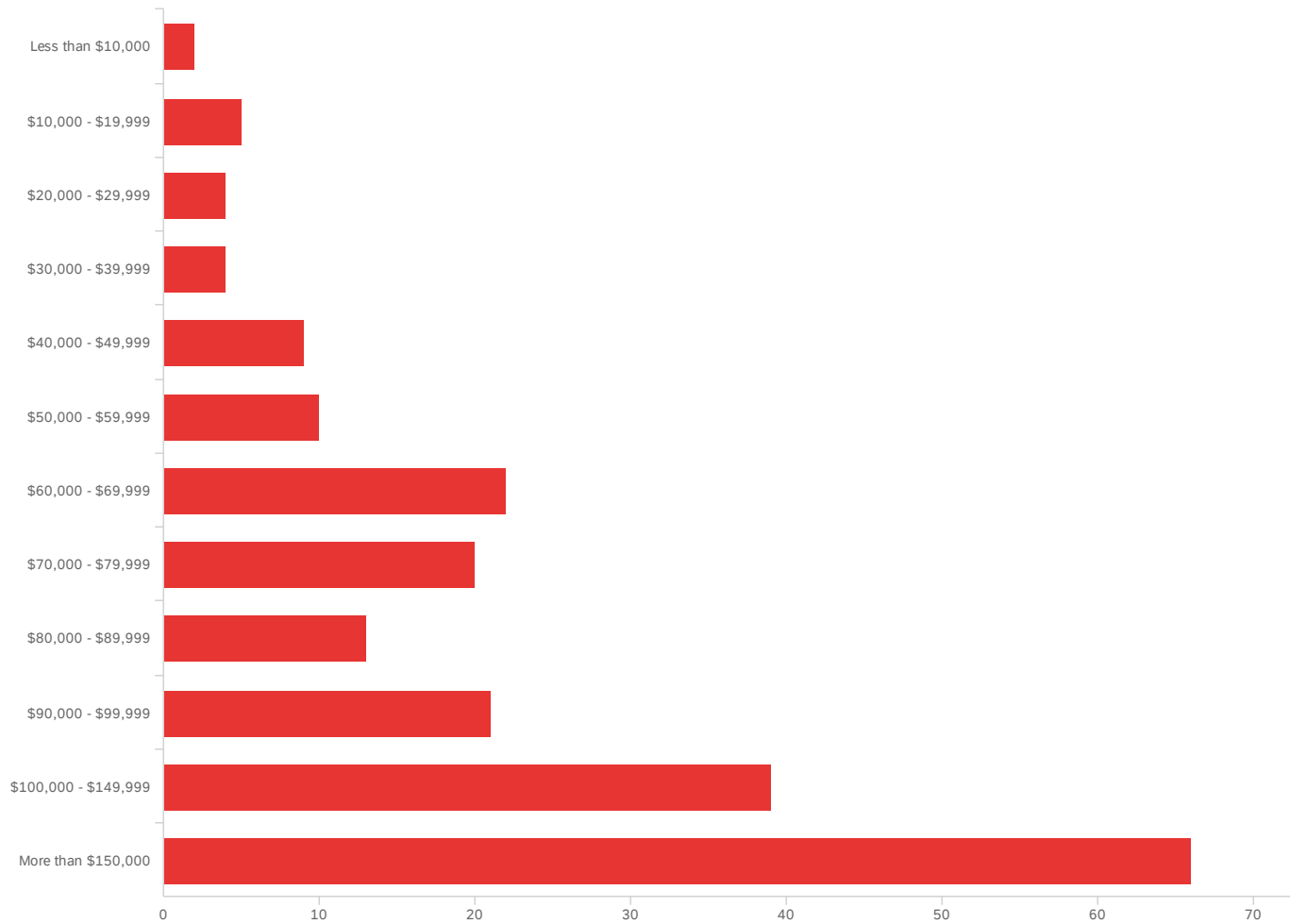


#	Field	Choice Count
1	Less than 1 year	3.73% 9
2	1 to 10 years	44.40% 107
3	11 to 20 years	26.56% 64
4	More than 20 years	24.07% 58
5	I prefer not to answer	1.24% 3
		241

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## Q21 - What was the combined income for your entire household last year?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	What was the combined income for your entire household last year?	11.00	22.00	19.33	2.82	7.93	215

#	Field	Choice	Count
11	Less than \$10,000	0.93%	2
12	\$10,000 - \$19,999	2.33%	5
13	\$20,000 - \$29,999	1.86%	4
14	\$30,000 - \$39,999	1.86%	4
15	\$40,000 - \$49,999	4.19%	9

#	Field	Choice Count
16	\$50,000 - \$59,999	4.65% 10
17	\$60,000 - \$69,999	10.23% 22
18	\$70,000 - \$79,999	9.30% 20
19	\$80,000 - \$89,999	6.05% 13
20	\$90,000 - \$99,999	9.77% 21
21	\$100,000 - \$149,999	18.14% 39
22	More than \$150,000	30.70% 66

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