

AGENDA

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

January 14, 2026

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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
5:30 PM - Regular Meeting**

1. Approval of Minutes

1.A Approve Minutes from November 12, 2025, Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting

2. Citizen Comment

3. New Business

3.A Commission Elections

4. Unfinished Business

4.A Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Sustainable Funding Plan

4.AI Planning Process & Site Recommendations Overview

4.AII Capital Projects Summary

4.AIII Cost and Funding

4.AIV Priorities Worksheet and Discussion

5. Future Meeting Items

6. Member Updates

7. Staff Reports

8. Adjournment

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For more information on the Ellensburg Parks and Recreation Commission, contact Parks and Recreation Director Brad Case at 509-925-8639.

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**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2025**

DATE OF MEETING: November 12, 2025
MEMBERS PRESENT: Nikki Pollock, Frana Milan, Ron Parga, Charlie Smith, Devin Shea
OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Case
LOCATION: Council Conference Room and Virtually

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

MEETING MINUTES – Minutes from the October 9, 2025, meeting was approved.

NEW BUSINESS – West Ellensburg Park Playground – The Commission reviewed three playground options provided by Landscape Structures, a commercial playground manufacturer. The playgrounds included various types of surfacing and play elements, including equipment designed for kids with special needs. The Commission recommended that the surfacing in the adaptive play area be park grass, the inclusive equipment include a merry go ‘round and sensory wall and selecting the playground in ‘Option C’.

OLD BUSINESS – Review of Park Plan Mission, Goals, and Objectives – The Commission started the process of reviewing the Mission, Goals, and Objectives document and decided that it was too much information to review during a meeting. Staff asked Commission members to review the information and provide feedback to staff by December 1, 2025. Staff will bring comments and recommendations to the December 10, 2025 meeting for further discussion.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

A Commissioner recommend that the city develop a parks and recreation department specific app rather than relying on the city website.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported the following: 1. Locations for temporary disc golf baskets have been identified by city staff and disc golf course organizers. 2. The HAC and flat roof replacement projects at the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center are complete. 3. Work on the pedestrian bridge at Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park was recently completed by the City Parks Maintenance Division. In early September staff noticed that the bridge was starting to fail and immediately closed it and started working on the repairs. 4. The City of Ellensburg received the ‘Heart of Downtown’ award from the Ellensburg Downtown Association for Unity Park. This award acknowledges a business or group whose efforts have significantly enhanced the downtown experience. The recipient actively contributes to a welcoming atmosphere and the overall appeal of downtown Ellensburg. They foster the vitality of public gathering spaces and go the extra mile to promote community engagement.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.



ELLENSBURG PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING PLAN

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

January 14, 2026



Presentation Overview

- Planning Process & Site Recommendations Overview
- Capital Projects Summary
 - Indoor Facilities
 - Parks
 - Trails
- Costs and Funding
- Priorities Worksheet & Discussion
- Next Steps

PROS PLANNING PROCESS & SITE RECOMMENDATIONS OVERVIEW

Purpose of the Plan

Update the 2016 Plan to create a realistic and community-supported investment strategy for park improvements and operations.

This planning process will:

- Identify community priorities for the next 10 years
- Identify needs for parks, outdoor and indoor recreation facilities, and programs
- Create a prioritized capital improvement plan
- Identify a sustainable funding strategy to balance desired improvements, development, and ongoing operations
- Ensure RCO compliance for grant applications

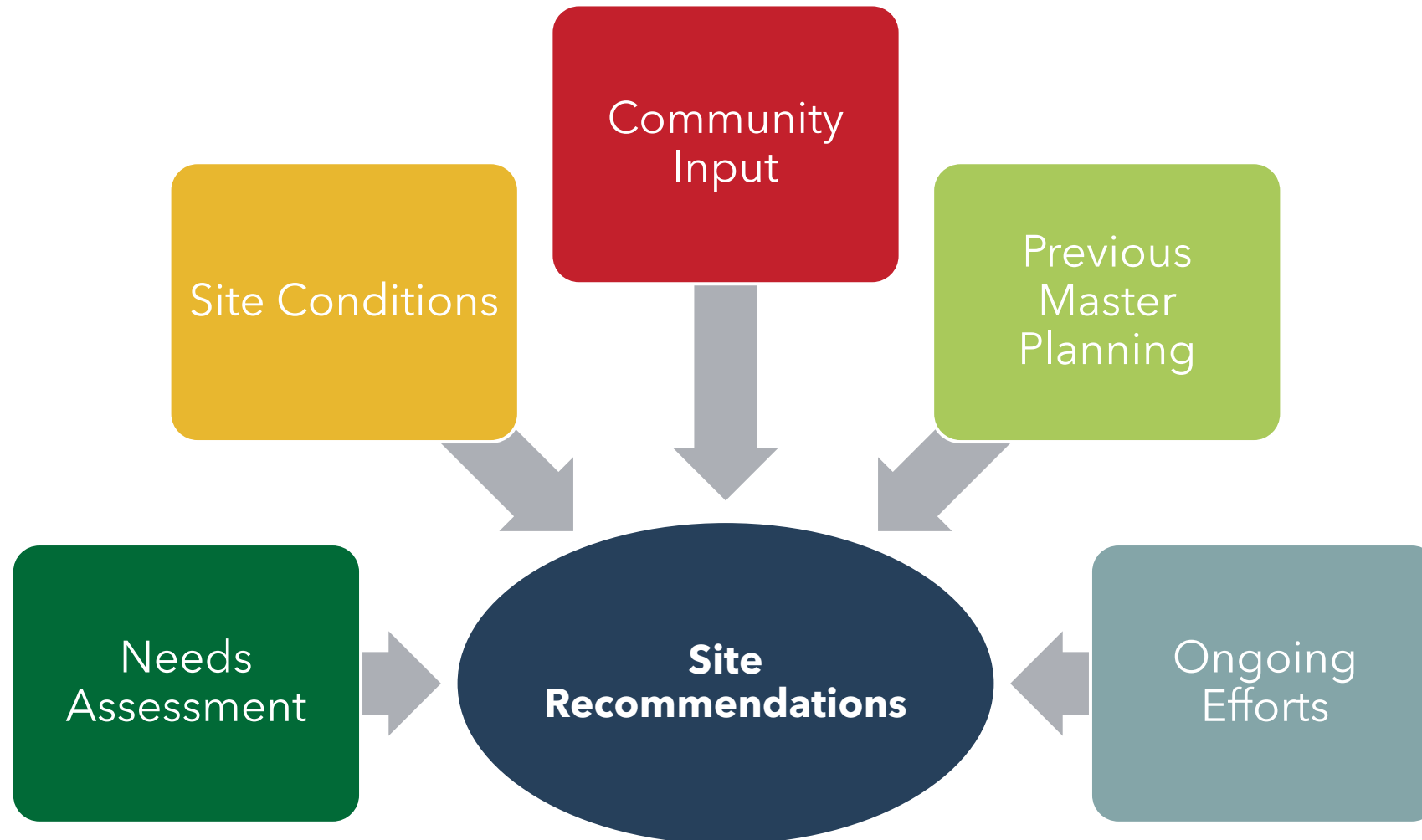


Planning Process

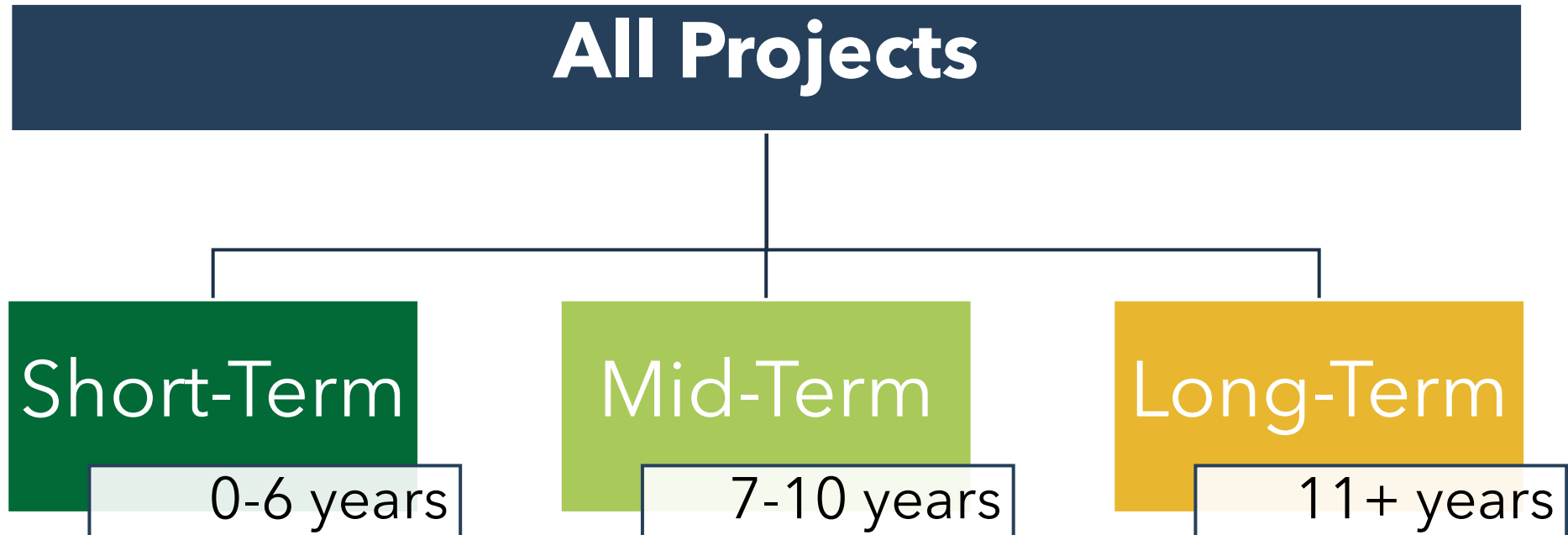
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Site Recommendations Inputs



Site Recommendations Phasing



CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY

(For Short-, Mid- and Long-Term Projects)

INDOOR FACILITIES

Indoor Facilities

- **New Rotary Park Fieldhouse**
 - Including adjacent parking
- **Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center**
 - Repair roof, repair HVAC, conduct a study to identify adaptive building reuse
- **Adult Activity Center**
 - Add storage area and acoustic panels
 - Consider relocating to a new facility
- **Stan Basset Youth Center**
 - Maintain site, consider consolidation with other facilities or partnerships for operations and programs
- **New Aquatic Center**
 - Plan, design and build new facility (site TBD)

EXISTING PARKS AND TRAILS

Park Project Types

- **Recreation Opportunities**

- Playgrounds
- Sports facilities
- Gathering spaces

- **Amenities and Support**

- Signage and wayfinding
- Accessibility
- Restrooms
- Public Art
- Parking
- Lighting, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, etc.
- Maintenance facilities

- **Natural Resources**

- Landscaping
- Natural resource management
- Water access

- **New Parks**

- Site acquisition
- Site master planning
- Site development

Regional Parks

- **Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park**

(Reflects some projects from 2015 Master Plan)

- Develop: Playground, Carey Lake access, restoration, non-motorized boat launch, access road, pit toilet
- Renovate/Restore: river shoreline, parking area, picnic areas, pedestrian access

- **Rotary Park**

(Reflects all projects from 2023 Master Plan)

- Develop: Fieldhouse, sports fields, pickleball and volleyball courts, concessions, restrooms, fitness hill, play area, riding railroad, splash pad, event space, picnic areas, loop trail, pedestrian paths, 1,000+ new parking spaces, lighting



Community Parks

- **Kiwanis Park**

(Reflects some projects from 2015 Master Plan)

- Develop: Skate park, signage, restroom
- Renovate/Restore: Universal play area, natural area, smaller paved parking lot, picnic shelter, restroom and storage building, accessibility

- **Lions Mountain View Park**

(Reflects some projects from 2015 Master Plan)

- Develop: Tennis courts
- Renovate/Restore: Play area, picnic shelter, accessibility, landscaping, drinking fountain

- **McElroy Park**

- Develop: Signage, picnic area, restroom, paved parking
- Renovate/Restore: Riparian corridor and vegetation, nature play area



Community Parks

- **North Alder Street Park**

(Sprayground is carried over from previous Master Plan)

- Develop: Sprayground
- Renovate/Restore: Damaged pavement, irrigation, landscaping

- **Veterans Memorial Park**

- Develop: New facility, signage
- Renovate/Restore: Facility, playground, picnic shelters

- **West Ellensburg Park**

- Develop: Pickleball courts, walking path, accessible picnic area, signage, landscaping/trees
- Renovate/Restore: Picnic shelter, playground, parking lot, restroom



Special Use Parks/Facilities

- **Paul Rogers Wildlife Park**

- Develop: Interpretive features, nature trail, vegetation management plan
- Renovate/Restore: accessibility

- **Reed Park** *(Reflects all projects from recent Master Plan)*

- Develop: Construction documents and master plan implementation over four phases

- **Skate Park**

- Develop: Move to another site, create site plan and redevelop as urban park/parking

- **Unity Park**

- Develop: Artistic wall along alley

- **Wippel Park**

- Develop: ADA parking, replace basketball court with fitness stations or shuffleboard



Pocket Parks

- **Downtown Restrooms**
 - Restore/Renovate: Minor enhancements
- **Friendship Park**
 - Restore/Renovate: Signage, waste receptacle, lighting
- **Kleinberg Park**
 - Develop: Signage, small picnic space, train-themed play structure
- **South Main Entry Park**
 - Develop: Wayfinding signage



Natural Open Space

- **Reecer Creek Floodplain**

- Develop: Formal trailhead, connection to parking lot, restrooms, lighting
- Renovate/Restore: Parking lot

Trails

- **Palouse to Cascades Trail Reconnect**

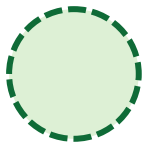
- Develop: Interpretive signage and benches

- **Sagebrush Trail**

- Develop: Identification signage
- Renovate/Restore: Replacement benches



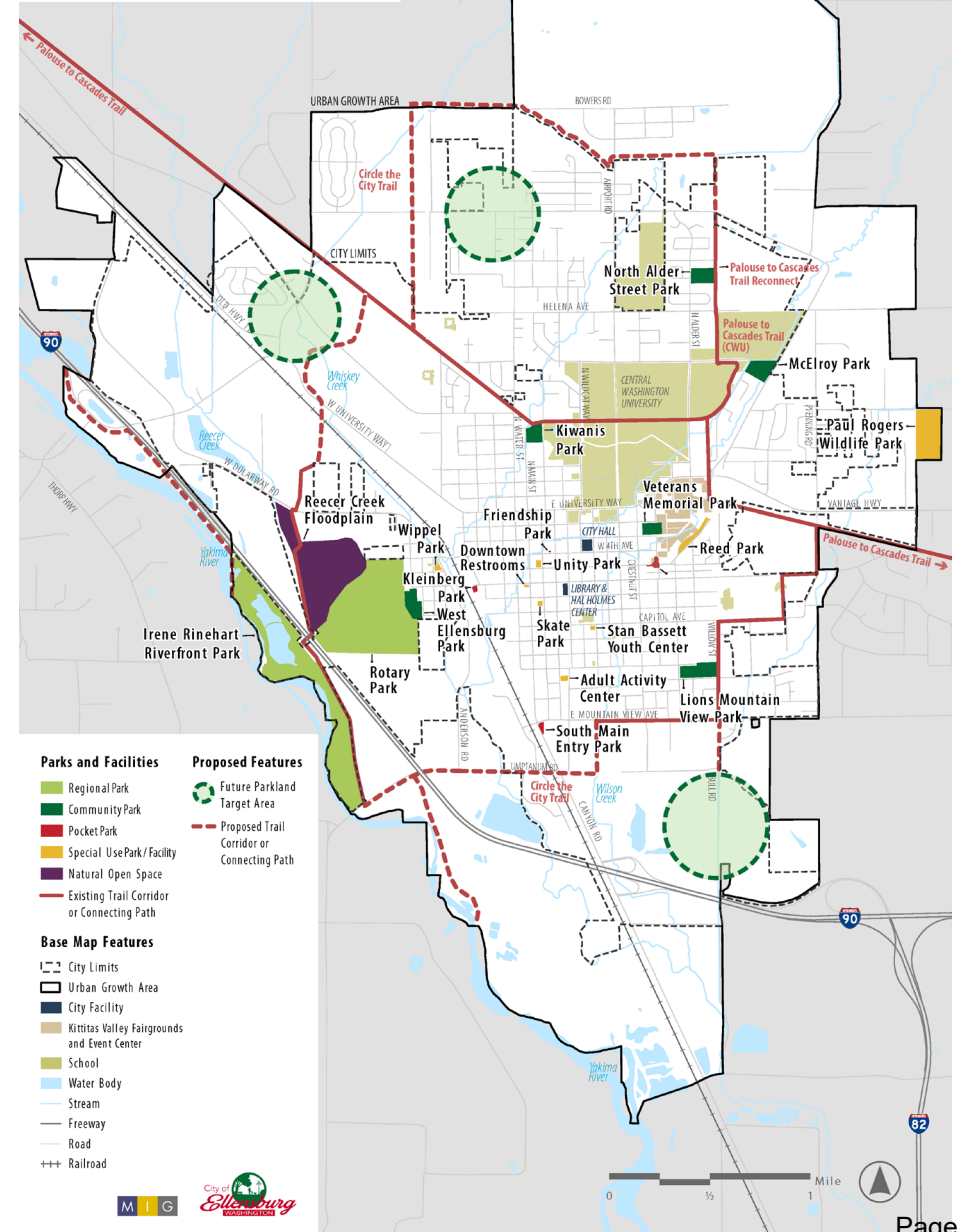
NEW PARKS AND TRAILS



New Parks

- **Northwest Community Park**
 - Acquire 6-8 acres, develop site master plan, develop park
- **North Central Community Park**
 - Acquire 4-6 acres, develop site master plan, develop park
- **Southeast Community Park**
 - Acquire 5-7 acres, develop site master plan, develop park

Disclaimer: All park and trail needs identified on this map are conceptual in nature and for illustrative purposes only. These do not reflect specific sites or routes; they are intended to show the general vicinity where new parks or trails may be considered in the future. If these projects move forward, further site planning will consider land ownership, current land uses, the road network, site topography, environmental constraints, parcel size, and similar site characteristics, as well as the feasibility of acquisition options.



COSTS AND FUNDING

Planning Level Capital Costs/Allowances

Category	20-Year Capital Costs*
Regional Parks**	\$47,852,500
Community Parks	\$34,873,550
Special Use Parks and Facilities	\$3,997,100
Pocket Parks	\$775,250
Trail Corridors	\$18,000
Natural Open Space	\$1,730,000
Proposed New Parks	\$17,484,000
Proposed New Trails	\$2,597,000
TOTAL:	\$120,139,400

**For planning/budgeting purposes, not detailed estimates*

***Does not include fieldhouse development that will be built by another developer and leased to City*

Sustainable Funding - Capital

Current Capital Funding Sources

- Park Impact Fees
- Real Estate Excise Tax 2 (REET 2)

Potential Capital Funding Sources

- Grants
- Parks District
- [Long-term potential bond measure]

Sustainable Funding - Operations

Current Operational Funding Sources

- Operational Revenues
 - Charges for Services
 - Partnerships
 - Donations
 - Grants
 - County Shared Revenues

Potential Operations Funding Sources

- Grants
- Parks District
- User Fees & Concessions
- RRC insurance payout
- County potential contributions

Capital Projects Q&A

- **Do you have any questions about these projects?**
- **Should any other projects be added to or removed from the capital projects list?**

PRIORITIZATION

Preliminary Funding Forecast

Capital Funds Source	Available Funds in Six Years (2026 - 2031)	Potential Funds in Six Years (2026 - 2031)	Restrictions
Impact Fees	\$1,028,000	-	Used for capacity enhancement only, e.g., new parks, new trails, new features in parks
REET 2	\$2,147,000		Can be used for new features, facility renovations and replacements, or major repairs
Public Facilities District	-	\$10,000,000	Would start in 2027 if approved by voters in late 2026. Estimate of \$2,000,000 per year for Ellensburg.
Capital Funds Total	\$3,175,000	\$10,000,000	

Note: Any grants, donations, partnerships, and RRC insurance funds applied to capital projects would augment these funds. Additional operations funding (not noted here) also would be needed for implementation.

Prioritization Criteria

How well does a project support these?

Step 1: Plan
Goals

Step 2:
Community
Priorities

Step 3: Park
System
Realities

Prioritization Criteria

Step 1: Alignment with Plan Goals

1 Parks:
Provide a variety of parks reflecting unique community needs.

2 Park Amenities and Facilities:
Provide high quality, accessible, and diverse amenities and facilities.

3 Indoor Facilities:
Offer enriching year-round recreation options.

4 Trails:
Connect and expand trails for recreation, park access, and mobility.

5 Programs/Services:
Facilitate programs, social gatherings, and events.

6 Maintenance:
Strategically maintain and manage assets.

7 Natural Resources:
Protect and connect residents to the natural environment.

8 Partnerships:
Support and expand local collaboration.

9 Sustainable Funding:
Ensure fiscal opportunity and resilience.

Prioritization Criteria

Step 2: Alignment with Key Community Priorities



Replace/renovate
Kittitas Valley
Memorial Pool



Build a new
Fieldhouse



Build more trails and
pathways



New family-friendly
park facilities, e.g.,
sprayground



Repair/replace older
park features e.g.,
playgrounds

Prioritization Criteria

Step 3: Alignment with Park System Realities

Addresses
urgent need

Is already
planned (or in
CIP)

Coincides with
other City
initiatives

Is financially
sustainable

Serves a greater
number of
people

Preliminary 6-Year Priority Projects

26 projects have been identified as the top preliminary priorities for the next six years based on available and potential funding including:

	Total Projects	Number of Sites	Acquisition	Development	Renovation	Restoration
AVAILABLE FUNDING: 6-Year Priority Projects	12	8*	0	7	5	0
POTENTIAL PROJECTS: 6-Year Priority Projects	14	10	5	5	3	1

**All regional and community parks have at least one project*

Priorities Worksheet

Please answer the following:

1. Do you agree with the priorities shown for the 6-Year Typical Funding? If not, which would you take off the list?
2. Do you agree with the priorities shown for the 6-Year Potential Funding? If not, which would you take off the list?
3. Are there any projects you would like to see added to either list? Please specify which list (Typical Funding or Potential Funding)

NEXT STEPS

Next Steps

- Refine Priority Projects and Create 6-Year Action Plan
- Identify Sustainable Funding Plan
- Develop Draft PROS Plan for Public Review



ELLENSBURG PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING PLAN

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SITE RECOMMENDATIONS

The parks and open spaces in Ellensburg have unique characteristics, needs, and opportunities. These site recommendations seek to capitalize on those opportunities, help provide unique park experiences, and fill community needs. The recommendations were developed based on park tours and local knowledge, various needs assessment findings, community input, and previous park master plans.

These preliminary projects and funding priorities will be vetted with Parks and Recreation Commission to inform the 6-Year CIP and Action Plan. Recommendations for existing parks are presented first, organized by classification. These are followed by recommendations for proposed New Parks as well as New Trails and Connecting Paths. Map 1 illustrates the locations of existing and proposed parks, trails, and connecting paths. Recommendations with a **green** highlight are *draft* priorities based on typical funding in the next six years (2026-2032), while recommendations with a **yellow** highlight are *draft* additional priorities for the next six years (2026-2032), if potential additional funding becomes available.

REGIONAL PARKS

IRENE RINEHART RIVERFRONT PARK



Size Description

116 acres
Large regional riverfront park along the Yakima River and Carey Lake that supports recreation, picnicking, swimming, non-motorized boating, trail use, water access, and events for residents and visitors. Fishing is allowed from September 15-May 15.

Key Facilities and Features

Two volleyball courts (grass and sand), a nine-hole disc golf course, an off-leash dog park/beach, an open lawn area, a picnic shelter with barbeques and electricity, dispersed picnic tables, restrooms, trails, storybook trail, non-motorized boat launch, and levee. Natural resources include Carey Lake and Yakima riverfront.

Recommendations

- A. Add wayfinding and informational signage throughout the park, including directional signage (distance) to key features from main parking areas. Provide signage about expectations for use of dog off-leash area and pets in the park in general.
- B. Add a nature-themed playground with nature play elements in the middle section of park. Included shaded seating nearby.
- C. Re-stripe pavement (including ADA spaces) in the main parking area (middle section) to better organize parking. Improve overflow parking lot (gravel).
- D. Renovate the picnic spaces and pavilion located in the middle section of park. Add additional tables (some ADA-accessible with paved access paths) and replace the main picnic shelter (or add another) with a larger pavilion with more tables and BBQ grills, for large group rentals and event use.
- E. Consider options to enhance access to Carey Lake by adding an accessible ramp and small dock that functions as both an ADA accessible viewpoint and non-motorized boat launch.
- F. Update the picnic spaces and firepits near boat launch and east end parking area.
- G. Remove pavement and restore the river shoreline, where the defunct the boat launch area is currently situated.
- H. Explore opportunities to add a non-motorized boat launch in a safer location, not on a river bend.
- I. Evaluate and improve trails, including replacing pedestrian bridges at the end of their lifecycle.
- J. Add access road passing zones with periodic shoulder pullouts.
- K. Add another vault restroom facility near the upper pond to accommodate increased park usage.
- L. Continue to collaborate with Public Works as needed to annually remove trees on the levee along the river, per Army Corps of Engineers standards.



ROTARY PARK



Size

100 acres

Description

Large sports complex and regional park that supports tournaments and league play, active recreation, picnicking, and play for residents and visitors. Another phase of park development is pending if funding is obtained.

Key Facilities and Features

Baseball, softball, and multipurpose rectangular fields, basketball court (full), bike skills course, off-leash dog park, open lawn areas, dispersed picnic tables and benches, bleachers at baseball and softball fields, playground (5-12 year olds), concession structure, permanent restroom, several portable restrooms along parking lot and near permanent restrooms, electrical hookups, drinking fountains adjacent to the main parking lot, and paved paths throughout the site.

A new 2023 site master plan updated the 2012 Master Plan for Rotary Park to include a new fieldhouse in the southeast corner, proposed to replace the Ellensburg Racquet and Recreation Center that was destroyed in a fire in winter 2022. The details of this are included below.

Recommendations

- A. **Develop new Fieldhouse, including a large lighted parking area.**

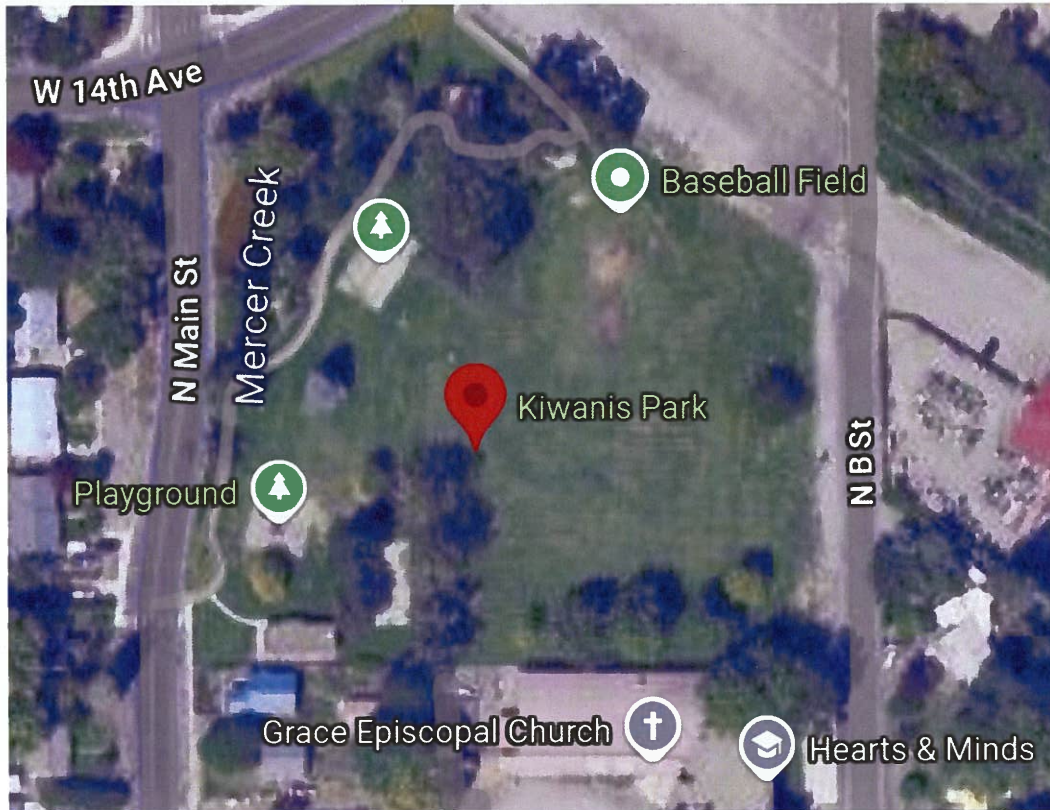
- B. Add landscaping and connecting sidewalks around the new Fieldhouse.
- C. Develop flexible space for vendors / food trucks (with utilities), a large overflow parking area (gravel or grass/pave) for periodic RV parking and informal event space, and a picnic grove behind the new Fieldhouse with four small picnic shelters.
- D. Using the existing site master plan for guidance, develop new destination or sports-themed Play Area, Splash Pad, three sand volleyball courts, one new basketball court, restroom, three small picnic shelters, seating, and other associated features. Renovate the existing basketball court. Included shade for the playground seating area(s) near playground.
- E. Work with a partner organization to construct and operate a Riding Railroad area. Add interpretive features that tie this facility to the City rail history.
- F. Develop three new Youth Baseball Fields with lighting, central fieldhouse with restrooms/ concessions near the southwest corner of the site, west of the new Fieldhouse & parking.
- G. Develop a new soft-surface perimeter walking/jogging loop trail, with mileage markers around the park.
- H. Update the existing softball complex as outlined in the site master plan, providing new field lighting, new synthetic turf infields, and new restroom / concessions building.
- I. Develop new multi-use field with synthetic turf surfacing, lighting, markings for baseball/ softball as well as soccer or other field sports. Integrate a berm and fencing along the northeast (long edge) of the field to separate this space from the existing natural grass soccer fields nearby, as shown on site Master Plan.
- J. Develop new amenities near southwest end and the periphery of the existing main parking lot, including new concessions and restroom building, and new equipment storage building (as envisioned in site Master Plan).
- K. Develop new passive recreation, including picnic spaces and shelter, new restroom building, new fitness hill, and related amenities at north end of the park, as envisioned in site Master Plan. Add parking along this edge (approximately 90 stalls) as also envisioned in Master Plan.
- L. Renovate existing Sigler Field ballfield with improvements including new synthetic turf infield, new field lighting, new restroom & concessions building, and new passenger drop-off driveway loop area (as envisioned in 2023 Master Plan).
- M. Renovate existing Greear Field ballfield with improvements including new synthetic turf infield and new field lighting.
- N. Renovate existing youth baseball fields (group of four near the middle of site), including adding new synthetic turf infields, improvements/updates to existing central clubhouse building.
- O. Renovate the playground near the southwest end of the main parking lot with an improved, destination play structure with universal features and separate spaces for 2-5 year-olds and 5-12 year-olds. Include shade sails and seating with shade, adjacent to play area, and an accessible drinking fountain with bottle filler.
- P. Renovate or replace existing restroom and concessions building along entry walk to existing youth baseball fields.

- Q. Provide accessibility updates throughout park, including review of existing barriers or deficiencies, ensuring sufficient quantity and distribution of ADA-compliant accessible parking, curb ramps, pathways and other accessible features.
- R. Improve the dog park, including improved shade shelter and additional features for dogs, including agility features, natural elements such as a large log to play on or around. Add a more robust, year-round shade structure for dogs and people, including seating. Add drinking fountain and dog water station. Add four to six trees outside of fence (and inside with fencing to protect from damage by dogs) to provide seasonal shade.
- S. Develop and add wayfinding signage throughout park, from entry areas to all interior spaces. Include maps at key locations.
- T. Add more general seating as well as picnic and small gathering spaces throughout the park. See potential picnic shelter locations included in Master Plan for the park. Assume six small shelters that are not associated directly with other capital improvement projects throughout the park.



COMMUNITY PARKS

KIWANIS PARK



Size 4.35 acres

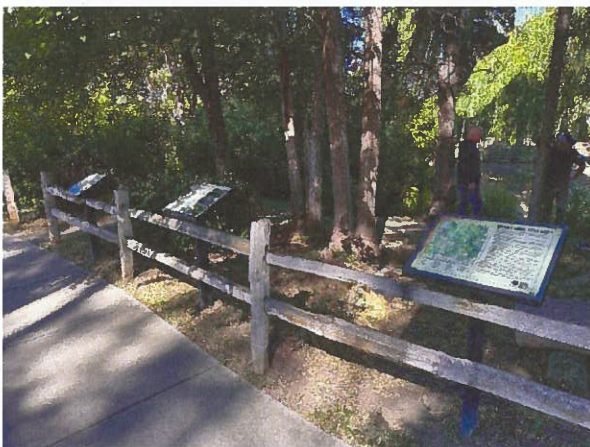
Description Community park that features opportunities for sports, play, and gathering. The park also features a restored portion of Mercer Creek with access points, natural habitat, and interpretive signage.

Key Facilities and Features Informal ballfield, basketball court (half), open lawn areas, picnic shelter with six picnic tables, electricity, and barbeque grill, concession stand (not functional) attached to picnic shelter, playground, dispersed benches, gravel parking, a permanent restroom, and a restored creek with access and interpretive signage.

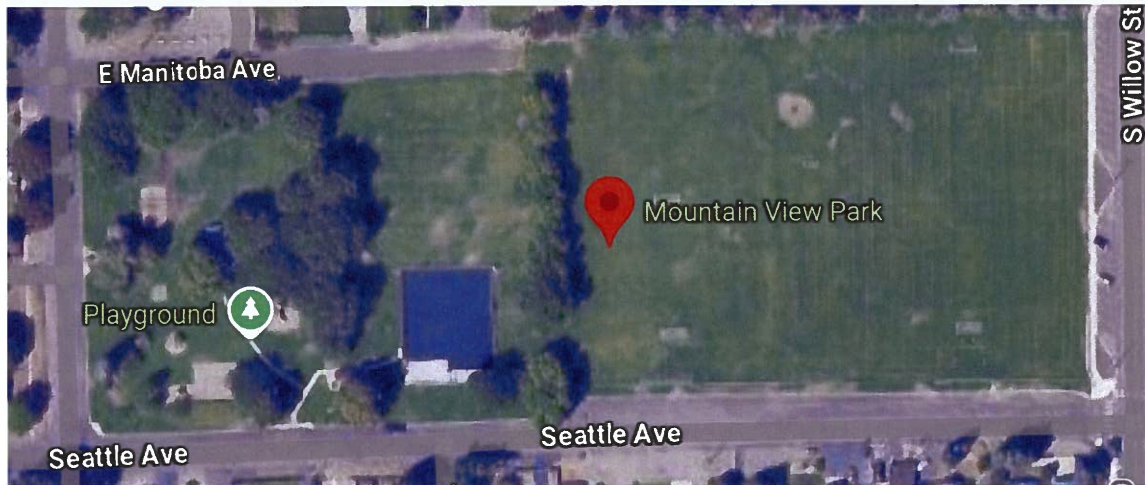
Recommendations

- A. Replace the playground with a new inclusive, universal play area that incorporates a nature theme and relates to Mercer Creek.
- B. Enhance natural areas along Mercer Creek and add additional restored habitat and plantings.
- C. Renovate or replace the existing picnic shelter and (former) concessions building.

- D. Add a skate park with in-ground bowls as well as ramps, rails, boxes and similar features (to replace the existing skate park downtown).
- E. Pave a smaller parking area to include approximately 20-25 spaces.
- F. Provide accessibility updates throughout park, including review of existing barriers or deficiencies, ensuring sufficient quantity and compliance of ADA-compliant accessible parking, pathways, picnic and play spaces, and other accessible features.
- G. Update park signage to provide inclusive park identification, wayfinding, and interpretive signage.
- H. Add a new restroom building near the proposed new playground.
- I. Remodel existing restroom as wellhouse and storage building.



LIONS MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK



Size

7.82 acres

Description

Community park that offers opportunities for sports, play, and gathering. Adjacency to neighborhoods, a church, and daycare support the park's high utilization.

Key Facilities and Features

Basketball court (half), permanent restrooms, picnic shelter with electricity and barbeque grills, open lawn area, playground, dispersed benches, multipurpose inline rink and pickleball courts, rectangular multipurpose fields, small gazebo, and a youth baseball field.



Recommendations

A. Replace play equipment with updated playground, with areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12. Provide contemporary play equipment that meets current safety and accessibility standards. Provide accessible play surfacing and accessible routes to playground areas.

B. Replace picnic shelter at the end of its lifecycle.

C. Repair, replace and add pathways to provide ADA-compliant accessible routes to and between all key park features.

D. Update landscape plantings throughout the park, adding plantings to support pollinators (potentially in a specific pollinator garden zone).

E. Replace drinking fountain with fully accessible model, with bottle filler.

F. Add 8 tennis courts to existing open lawn area.

G. Assess trees throughout park and perform pruning & tree health maintenance as needed.



McELROY PARK



Size 6.78 acres

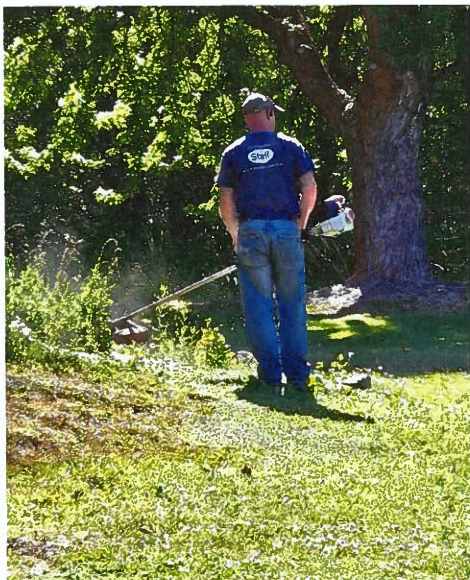
Description Community park, surrounded by Wilson Creek on three sides, which supports nature experiences, play, and passive recreation.

Key Facilities and Features Large open lawn area, informal nature play area, parking, drinking fountain, dispersed picnic tables, an accessible portable restroom, natural areas, Wilson Creek, pond, paved looped trail, and hard and soft-surfaced paths.

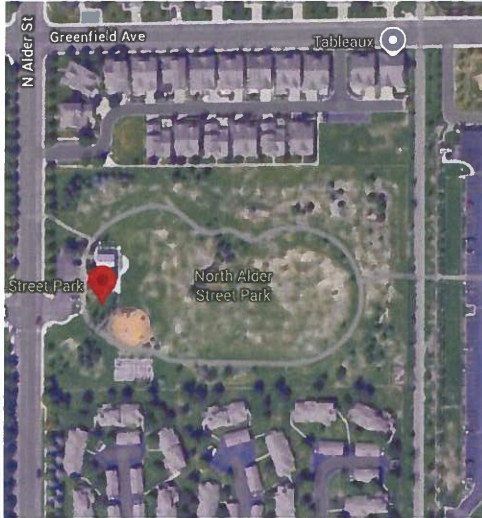
Recommendations

- A. Install improved signage at entry, parking area, and throughout park, including wayfinding signage at key points. Include a trail map that shows the park's location in relation to the Palouse to Cascades Trail.
- B. Improve and restore the riparian corridor along the creek, to provide better habitat, ecological function, and flood control to extent feasible. Provide strategic access points for park visitors to experience and interact with the stream and riparian zone, such as improving the existing path as a nature trail.
- C. Improve the ability to see points along the path frequently from other locations in the park, to improve visitors' sense of safety (vegetation management).

- D. Add more picnic tables and benches around the park (assume 6 benches, 6 picnic tables, with accessible paving at least two of the picnic tables) and a small, accessible picnic shelter.
- E. Upgrade "nature play" area with more playable natural elements, appropriate safety surfacing where needed, and elements such as natural "loose parts" to facilitate creative nature play.
- F. Long-term, add a permanent restroom.
- G. Pave the existing gravel parking lot and add a safety barrier at the edge of the adjacent hill.



NORTH ALDER STREET PARK



Size Description

5.55 acres
Community park with opportunities for play, gathering, sports, and passive recreation. Site is surrounded by recently developed single-family and multi-family housing and adjacent to the Palouse to Cascades Trail Reconnect Trail Corridor.

Key Facilities and Features

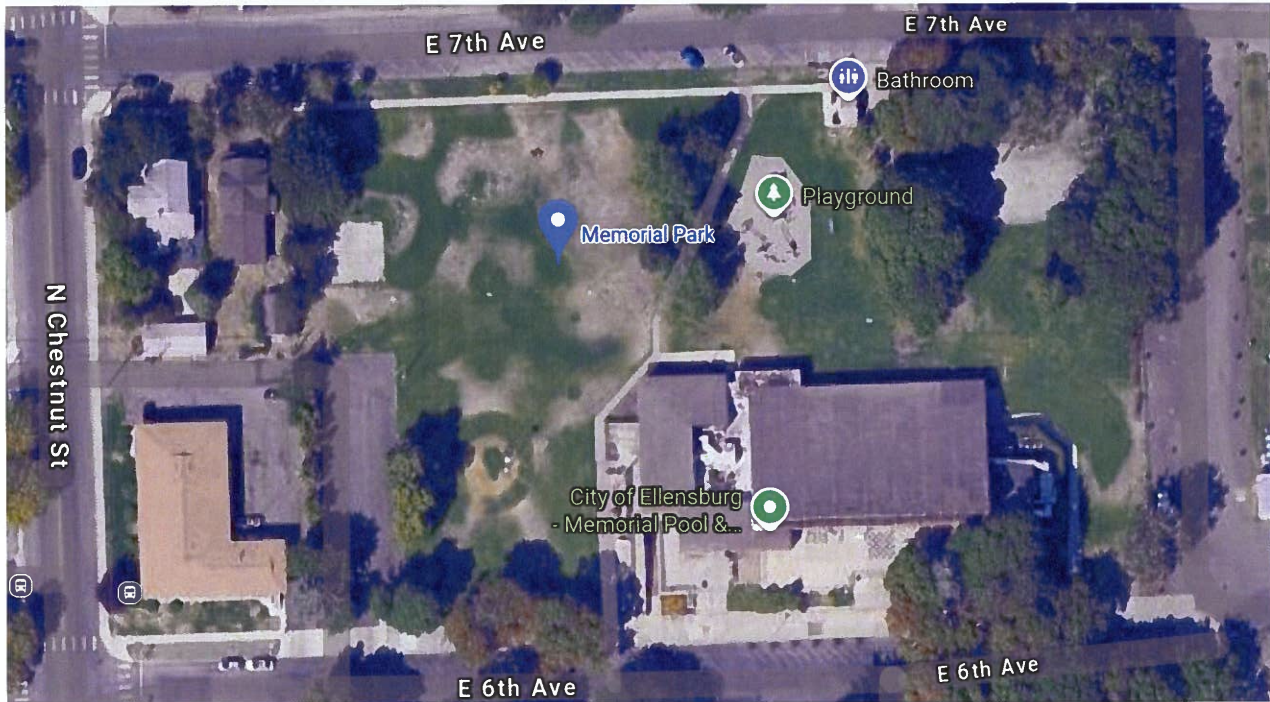
Basketball court (full), open grass area, playground, picnic shelter with picnic tables and electricity, sledding hill that is popular in the winter, paved trail, a small parking area, and permanent restroom.

Recommendations

- A. Develop a sprayground at the site, using existing plumbing already provided.
- B. Repair and restore the pavement where it is being damaged by tree roots or other causes, in particular around the restroom and picnic pavilion.
- C. Review and repair irrigation system and restore plantings in landscape beds where needed.



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



Size

2.34 acres

Description

Small community park that supports play, gathering, and indoor swimming. Home to the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center as well as the Ellensburg Veteran’s Memorial. The park is adjacent to the Kittitas County Fairgrounds and Event Center and provides overflow space during the County Fair.

Key Facilities and Features

Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center includes a 25-meter pool, 1-meter diving board, hot tub, wading pool, wet/dry sauna, fitness center, separate men’s and women’s restrooms/shower rooms, a centralized locker area, a front desk, and south patio with giant chess board.

Outdoor park facilities include a Veteran’s memorial, basketball court (half), open lawn area, two picnic shelters with electricity, fireplace, and a small barbeque, dispersed picnic tables, dispersed benches, playground, natural area, permanent and portable restrooms, and parking.

Recommendations

- A. Repair the roof of the Memorial Pool and Fitness Center.
- B. In the short term, complete maintenance and repairs, including the remaining HVAC repairs, needed to provide continued operation of the Memorial Pool and Fitness Center.

- C. Conduct a building assessment (structural, mechanical, engineering, and plumbing) to determine the adaptive reuse potential of the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and Fitness Center for when an aquatic facility is built at another site.
- D. Plan, design, fund, and build a new indoor aquatic facility. Conduct a market study and financial feasibility study as part of the design process to determine the facility service area, potential locations, and various design features to support revenue-generation, as well as competitive and recreational swimming, water fitness, pool events, and indoor/outdoor access and programming. Modern support amenities such as locker rooms, lobby, office, first aid/lifeguard room, and party room should be provided. A Fitness Center may not be needed if fitness equipment is provided at the new Fieldhouse.
- E. Replace the playground with new play equipment for ages 2-5 and 5-12 with an appropriate theme that better reflects the site's character.
- F. Install site improvements and informational and wayfinding signage to enhance pedestrian connections between the park to the Sagebrush Trail and Reed Park (on Craig's Hill), as well as to the Palouse to Cascades Trail that ends on the other side of the County Fairgrounds.
- G. Repair and renovate the picnic shelters in the park, including the pavement and site furnishings to be more durable, support the site's theme and character, and provide improved accessibility.





WEST ELLENSBURG PARK



Size
Description

6.26 acres

Community park that supports play, gathering, sports, and passive recreation. Located directly next to Rotary Park.

Key Facilities and Features

Pickleball courts, rectangular sports field (used for youth rugby), playground, small concession and storage shed, horseshoe pits, picnic shelter with picnic tables, electricity, and barbeques, permanent restrooms, open lawn area, natural area, dispersed benches, paved paths, and two paved parking areas.

Recommendations

- A. Develop new pickleball courts (eight) with lighting, as envisioned in Master Plan for the adjacent Rotary Park.
- B. Develop an accessible loop walking path around the park. Connect the loop trail to paths to Rotary Park in at least two (one additional) locations. Add benches periodically along the path.
- C. Provide accessible picnic tables (with paved pads connected to accessible sidewalks) (assume two locations minimum) along sidewalks and at picnic shelter.

- D. Replace playground / play equipment with new equipment and accessible safety surfacing that meets current playground safety requirements. Add more direct, accessible sidewalk connection from playground to restroom.
- E. Add site map at key park entry points (two to three) and wayfinding signage in park, highlighting the park's connection to Rotary Park and the Circle the City Trail.
- F. Add shrub beds, including native or climate-adapted plants with low maintenance needs, to help provide visual interest, better define various spaces in the park, and improve habitat and ecological value of the park landscape.
- G. Add trees to help provide additional windbreak for rugby field or other key use zones.
- H. Resurface and restripe the north parking lot. Stripe and sign accessible, ADA-compliant parking stalls. Add signage directing users to the parking near the rugby field if north lot is full.
- I. Replace permanent restroom with an updated facility.

SPECIAL USE PARKS/FACILITIES

ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER

Size	0.54 acres, 3,580 SF
Description	A former church that was renovated to provide drop-in recreation opportunities for adults aged 50+, including a variety of recreational and life-enrichment activities such as health and wellness, fitness, nutrition, intellectual well-being, art, games, special-interest activities, trips and tours, and special events.
Key Facilities and Features	Front office/entry, front desk, multi-purpose room, library, computer room, health/consultation room (with laundry facilities), kitchen, office, storage/kiln room, restrooms, parking.



Recommendations

- A. Build a small storage area in the main multi-purpose rooms to store folding tables & chairs and other supplies when not in use.
- B. Install acoustics panels in the multi-purpose room.
- C. Consider relocating to a new facility.



PAUL ROGERS WILDLIFE PARK



Size

20.05 acres

Description

Large natural area with trails for passive recreation. Located outside of city limits.

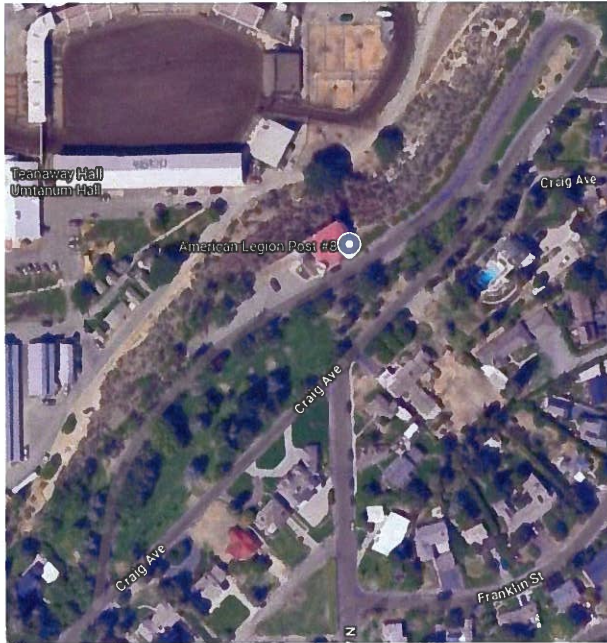
Key Facilities and Features

Natural area featuring woodland and prairie habitat, two loop trails, large paved parking lot (approximately 20 parking spaces), wood benches along trail, trash receptacle, picnic table and informational kiosk near parking lot, vault/pit restroom, fencing. Seasonal pond.

Recommendations

- A. Develop and add more interpretive features and a self-guided nature trail.
- B. Review and update accessibility throughout site, making the parking and entry area and at least one nature trail loop accessible for all users.
- C. Maintain and update path edging and surfacing.
- D. Develop and implement a vegetation management plan. Restore plantings throughout the site, working to remove non-native, invasive species and install and encourage growth of native plants and non-invasive species that provide ecosystem benefits and wildlife habitat value.

REED PARK



Size

2.38 acres

Description

Intended for passive recreation, this windy hilltop park offers landscaping, parking, and a viewpoint overlooking the Kittitas Valley Fairgrounds and city. Also referred to as "Craig's Hill," the American Legion building and City's water tower (with mural) are directly adjacent to the park.

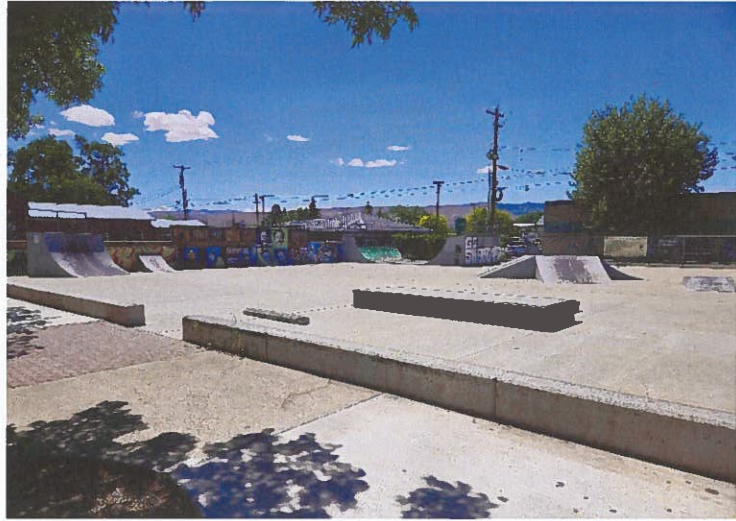
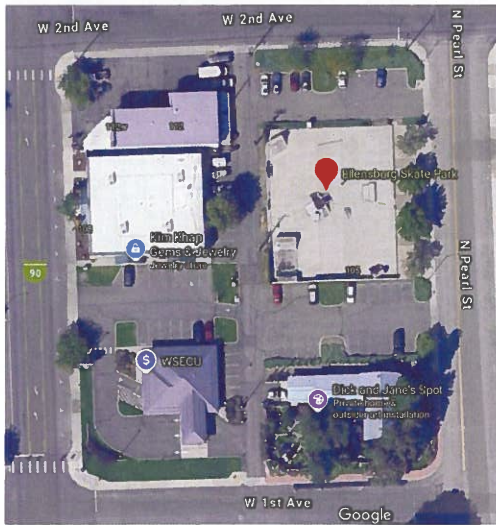
Key Facilities and Features

Overlook, open grass area, trails, veteran's memorial, dispersed picnic tables and benches, drinking fountain, and parking.

Recommendations

- A. Complete a design and required reviews and permitting to create a bid-ready set of construction documents to implement the four phases of improvements envisioned in the approved Master Plan. Begin with phases one, two, and three in the near-term. These improvements include building a separated pedestrian pathway through the park, maintaining the total number of parking stalls at the park and American Legion, preserving the overlook viewpoint, creating a stormwater drainage system to protect the slope, and providing other park infrastructure improvements.

SKATE PARK

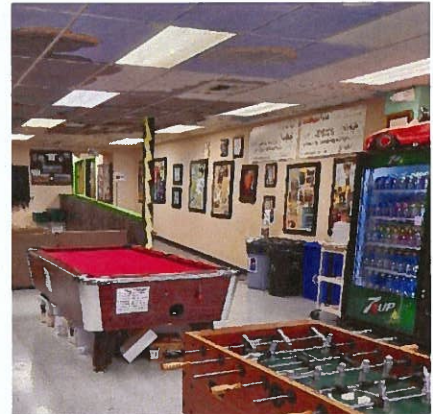


Size	0.33 acres
Description	Skate park with above ground features located in Downtown Ellensburg directly across from the Ellensburg Police Station
Key Facilities and Features	Metal ramps on concrete, eight-foot half pipe, street course, mural, seat wall, and a portable restroom.

Recommendations

- A. Move the skatepark to another site and create a master plan to redevelop this park as a small downtown community park (to serve nearby neighbors) with expanded parking (to support visitation downtown). Provide art and unique features to make this an engaging urban playpark and gathering space.
- B. Expand the parking lot and develop the site to include a small lawn, dog run/walking area, play feature (e.g., climbable/playable art or climbing wall), permanent outdoor game tables (e.g., ping pong or corn hole,), unique seating and tables, along with berms or shrubbery separating the greenspace from adjacent parking.

STAN BASSETT YOUTH CENTER (SBYC)



Size
Description

0.27 acres

Youth center that provides afterschool drop-in programming including homework help, arts and crafts, STEM activities, and games. The SBYC also provides a wide variety of summer trips to regional attractions and events such as the beach, Woodland Park Zoo, and hikes.

Key Facilities and Features

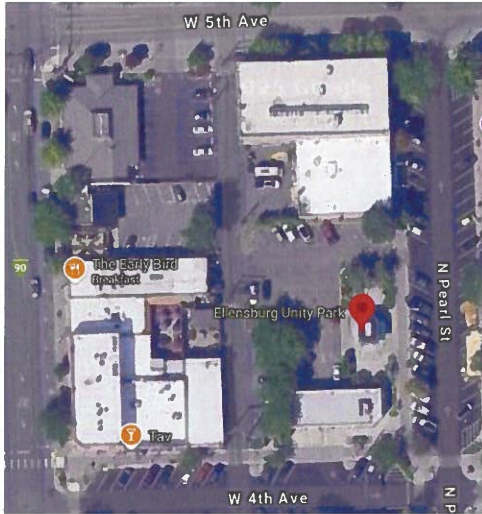
Large multipurpose room with vending machines, pool/game tables, and a seating area with a TV, kitchen, storage rooms, restrooms, offices, and parking.

Recommendations

- A. Maintain the site for continued operations in the short term.
- B. In the long term, consider the consolidation of youth programs and services in other facilities, or explore a potential partnership for building operations and youth programs, given the site's location near schools.



UNITY PARK



Size
Description

0.50 acres
Small urban plaza located in Downtown Ellensburg that provides community gathering spaces and a stage for community events. Opened in 2024. The site is a former bank location that had public parking after the bank vacated in 2018.

Key Facilities and Features

Stage, shaded swinging benches, shaded stationary benches and tables, open lawn area, the popular "The Bull" sculpture and the "Harmonize" art piece, playable water fountain, native landscaping and raised flower planters, drinking fountain, and a small visitor information center office (staffed by the Chamber of Commerce) with a permanent restroom (two single use). Northeast corner has pet relief area with dog waste dispenser.

Recommendations

- A. Add artistic wall or other feature to provide improved visual and physical separation or screening between swings and alley.

WIPPEL PARK



Size
Description

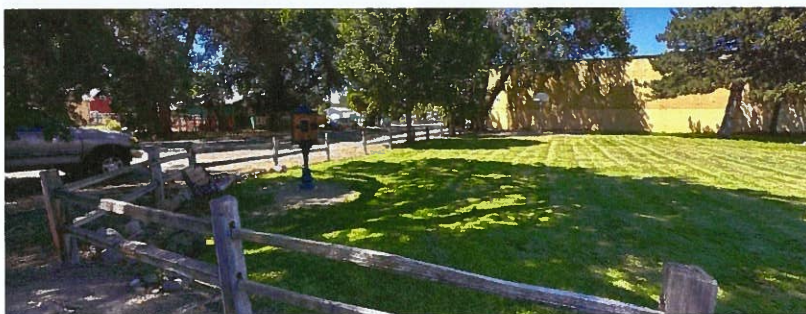
0.47 acres
Small special use park that supports community gardening, art, and leisure uses.

Key Facilities and Features

Basketball court (half), community garden, pollinator garden, open lawn area, an ADA accessible picnic table, barbeque grill, dispersed benches, one ADA accessible portable restroom, public art including a Poetry Pole, Wind Phone, and wind sculptures, a Rotary Club kiosk and free library, bee house, paved and unpaved paths, and interpretive signage that share information about the community garden and pollinator garden.

Recommendations

- A. Add a paved ADA-compliant accessible parking space and improve accessibility of park and garden paths, providing accessible routes to key park features.
- B. Replace basketball court with a different active use that is more suited to the character of the site and needs of the surrounding neighborhood. Consider fitness stations, shuffleboard, or similar.



POCKET PARKS

DOWNTOWN RESTROOMS



Size	0.17 acre
Description	Public restrooms and small landscaped area in Downtown Ellensburg.
Key Facilities and Features	Permanent public restroom building, small gravel courtyard, landscaping, parking with EV charging stations.

Recommendations

- A. Review site and building and design and implement updates to enhance the sense of security as well as visibility and attractiveness to visitors. Options may include updated landscape plantings, enhanced lighting and signage, and potentially more permeability of screening walls or daylight into interior of building.

FRIENDSHIP PARK



Size
Description

0.03 acres
Small urban plaza in Downtown Ellensburg dedicated to Washoe, a chimpanzee at Central Washington University who was the first non-human to learn sign language. Washoe is memorialized through a bronze statue at the park. Uses include picnicking and seating.

Key Facilities and Features

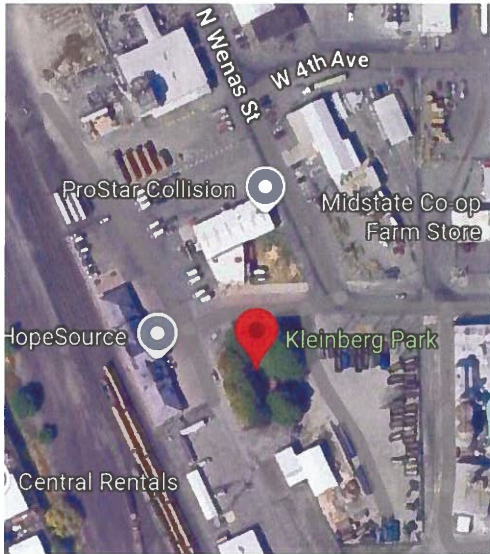
Bronze statue of Washoe, benches, interpretive signage, memorial plaque, and landscaping.

Recommendations

- A. Replace missing signage. Update signage for consistency and to eliminate redundancy.
- B. Replace waste receptacle (in tandem coordination with and consistent with style to be used for other waste receptacle updates throughout downtown).
- C. Confirm lighting is working and sufficient to provide safely lit but not overwhelmingly bright space in evenings; replace or supplement as necessary.



KLEINBERG PARK



Size Description

0.40 acres
Small pocket across from historic train station that provides opportunities for picnicking and relaxation in a largely industrial, pavement dominated area. The site is leased from the railroad and includes a historic caboose.

Key Facilities and Features

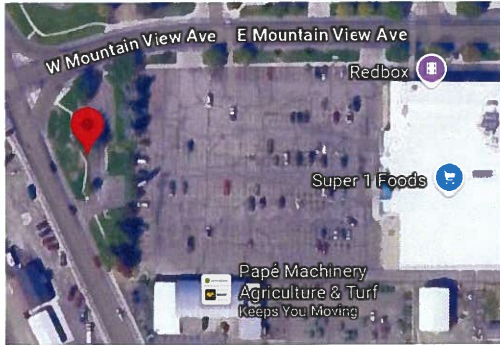
Picnic tables, open grass area, historic caboose (fenced); dog waste station.

Recommendations

- A. Develop and install interpretive and wayfinding signage to educate visitors on the history of the site and the nearby train station, and to help understand the location of the site relative to downtown and other nearby destinations / attractions.
- B. Install small, accessible picnic space (2-3 tables of different sizes or configurations on a cement pad), connected to accessible pedestrian access route in public right-of-way.
- C. Install a small, train-themed play structure, with required safety surfacing, accessible route to access it and seating (assume 2 benches). Site in a way to avoid harming existing trees.



SOUTH MAIN ENTRY PARK



Size
Description

0.64 acres
Small pocket park with space for picnicking. The park includes multiple sculptures.

Key Facilities and Features

Open lawn area, public art, and picnic tables.

Recommendations

- A. Provide directional and wayfinding signage (or a trail map) for City visitors and tourists to locate Ellensburg key destinations and the Circle the City Trail (due south of the park).



TRAIL CORRIDORS

PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL RECONNECT

Size	1.75 acres*
Length	0.48 miles (1.59 miles**)
Description	Regional trail corridor segment with hard-surfaced, multi-use trail.
Key Facilities and Features	Multi-use trail, gravel edging, grass corridor, bollards, trash receptacles, fencing.

*The acreage was calculated based on an average trail corridor width of 30 feet.

**The City's Parks and Recreation Department currently maintains .48 miles between Sanders Road and Helena Avenue. This is part of a larger 1.59 mile trail that continues through CWU's campus and on N Alder Street.

Recommendations

- A. Add benches and interpretive signage.
- B. See other recommendations in conjunction with proposed New Trails and Connecting Paths.



Photos: The image above illustrates the condition of the City's trail segment.

SAGEBRUSH TRAIL



Size	0.75 acres
Length	0.9 miles
Description	Small trailhead and connector trail with switchbacks and stairs up Craig's Hill. The trail connects the Kittitas Valley Fairgrounds and Event Center up the ridge to East 4 th Avenue, near Reed Park.

Key Facilities and Features	Hard-surfaced trail, stairs, gravel parking, benches, trash receptacle, small overlook with signage, fencing, landscaping.
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Recommendations

- A. Add trail identification signage to the top and bottom access points.
- B. Replace benches (2) at the top and bottom of the trail.



NATURAL OPEN SPACE

REECER CREEK FLOODPLAIN

Size	73.24 acres
Description	Large natural open space area that supports passive recreation and wildlife viewing. The site features a trail network that includes multiple loops as well as connections to Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park and Rotary Park.
Key Facilities and Features	Unpaved trails, natural areas, and interpretive signage. North end has unimproved parking area.

Recommendations

- A. Improve the informal parking area on the north end and develop a trailhead that provides access to the Circle the City Trail, as well as the park. Include paved parking; park identification and regulatory signage; interpretive and wayfinding signage; seating and a small picnic shelter (2 tables), an emergency call box, drinking fountain, and waste receptacles.
- B. Improve connections from the parking lot to existing trails.
- C. Add restrooms and lighting.



NEW PARKS

While Ellensburg is currently well served by parks, there are still some areas lacking park access within a half-mile walk. Additionally, new residential development envisioned in the next 20 years will warrant new parkland development. This section outlines three community parks proposed to better serve existing and future residents. Early land acquisition, if possible, can help to ensure optimal locations for parks. Park development should occur close in timing to new residential development.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY PARK

Location

Depending on land availability, a new Community Park in northwest Ellensburg is recommended near the intersection of Dry Creek Road and Reecer Creek Road. The proposed park is intended to serve multiple potential residential growth areas (including mixed-use, multi-family, and single-family) and one existing neighborhood. The park should be connected to the Palouse to Cascades Trail via the new trail segment PR1. It should also be connected with safe and comfortable sidewalks, bike facilities, and crosswalks to surrounding residential areas.

Recommendations

- A. Acquire 6-8 acres of property for the new park in this area.
- B. Develop a site master plan for the park and include the community and any interested funding partners in the design/planning process.
- C. Develop the site, considering the following features:
 1. Play area for children ages 2-5 and 5-12 that is unique from other community parks and incorporates a nature theme or other locally relevant theme
 2. Open lawn area and/or multi-use sports practice field surrounded by a loop trail
 3. Medium- or small-group picnic shelter and dispersed picnic tables
 4. Two tennis courts (paired) or a multi-use court for tennis, basketball, and other court sports
 5. Rock climbing wall/boulders
 6. Community garden with ample access to sunlight, water, and a tool shed
 7. If the park is located along Whiskey Creek which runs through the area, include water access points, natural habitat area, and interpretive signage
 8. Support amenities for the park, including vehicle and bike parking, water-fill stations, trash/recycling receptacles, dog waste stations, bench seating, pedestrian-scale lighting, and restrooms sufficient for the size and scale of the park

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY PARK

Location

Depending on land availability, a new Community Park in north Ellensburg is recommended near the intersection of W Bender Road and N Water Street. The potential park is intended to serve multiple potential single-family residential growth areas and existing neighborhoods. The park should be connected to the future trail segment PR2 via West Bender Road. It should also be connected with safe and comfortable sidewalks, bike facilities, and crosswalks to surrounding

residential areas.

Recommendations

- A. Acquire 4-6 acres of property for the new park in this area.
- B. Develop a site master plan for the park and include the community and any interested funding partners in the design/planning process.
- C. Develop the site, considering the following features:
 - 1. Play area for children for ages 2-5 and 5-12 that is unique from other community parks and incorporates a railroad theme or other locally relevant theme
 - 2. Open lawn area surrounded by a loop trail
 - 3. Gathering space including elements such as picnic area/shelter, plaza, and/or gazebo
 - 4. Sand volleyball court
 - 5. A dog park with dog drinking fountains, dog waste dispensers, trash receptacles, shade trees, and separate spaces for small and large dogs
 - 6. Fixed outdoor games such as ping pong, horseshoes, and cornhole
 - 7. Support amenities for the park, including vehicle and bike parking, water-fill stations, trash/recycling receptacles, dog waste stations, bench seating, pedestrian-scale lighting, and restrooms sufficient for the size and scale of the park

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY PARK

Location

A new Community Park in southeast Ellensburg is recommended in the area around Bull Road between E Umptanum Road and I-90. The potential park is intended to serve a large single-family residential growth area. The park should be connected to Lions Mountain View Park, Ellensburg High School, and nearby residential areas to the north with safe and comfortable trails (including the new trail segment PW3), sidewalks, bike facilities, and crosswalks.

Recommendations

- A. Acquire 5-7 acres of property for the new park in this area.
- B. Develop a site master plan for the park and include the community and any interested funding partners in the design/planning process (such as the nearby Kittitas Valley Community Hospital).
- C. Develop the site, considering the following features:
 - 1. Play area for children for ages 2-5 and 5-12 that is unique from other community parks and incorporates a ranching/agriculture theme or other locally relevant theme. Include a small, interactive water play feature such as a hand pump with channels or a water table, in an adjacent play space.
 - 2. Open lawn area surrounded by a loop trail
 - 3. Fitness equipment interspersed around the loop trail
 - 4. Medium- or small-group picnic shelter and dispersed picnic tables

5. Skate “spot” (small skate park)
6. Support amenities for the park, including vehicle and bike parking, water-fill stations, trash/recycling receptacles, dog waste stations, bench seating, pedestrian-scale lighting, and restrooms sufficient for the size and scale of the park

NEW TRAILS AND CONNECTING PATHS

While trails and pathways located in parks are addressed in park recommendations (shown previously), the City of Ellensburg is also planning several trail corridors and connecting paths to create a loop trail (Circle the City) around Ellensburg. The loop will connect to the regional trail system and also support access to existing and proposed new parks. Part of this loop is anticipated to be built as off-street multiuse trails (in approximately 25-35 foot corridors) that will be managed by the Parks & Recreation Department (PR). However, some connections will be made via connecting paths or wide sidewalks in street rights-of-way; these are anticipated to be managed by Public Works (PW). Public Works. While the Public Works improvements are not considered part of the park, recreation, and open space system (and will not be included in the PROS Plan CIP), these trails and connecting paths both are noted here to inform Citywide active transportation planning. The following recommendations for trails and connecting paths are illustrated in Map 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAILS

- A. Coordinate with other jurisdictions to create a citywide trail map and consistent wayfinding, directional, and interpretive signage, pavement markings, benches, trash receptacles, and trailheads to provide a more cohesive trail experience in Ellensburg.
- B. Establish maintenance standards for the Circle the City Trail to standardize the level of stewardship among different jurisdictions or discuss arrangements for the Parks & Recreation Department to maintain these trail corridors and connecting paths—with an increased budget to do so.

SEGMENT PR1 – RAILROAD TRACKS TO PALOUSE TO CASCADES TRAIL

This 1.07-mile trail segment on the west side of Ellensburg would close part of the Circle the City trail. It would connect from the recently built levy trail just south of the railroad tracks, across West University Road, across Dry Creek Road, and up to the Palouse to Cascades Trail (PTCT). This segment would be entirely off-street and will require land or easement acquisition by the City. There is also an opportunity for this trail to connect to the future Northwest Community Park.

- A. Acquire 3.89 acres of land for trail corridor
- B. Develop 1.07-mile trail corridor

SEGMENT PR2 – NORTHERN LOOP/PTC CONNECTION

This 3.03-mile trail segment on the northern side of Ellensburg would be an “n” shaped route that bypasses most of central Ellensburg and closes the northern portion of the Circle the City trail. On its western side, it would align primarily with Rasmussen Road, between the PTCT and Bowers Road. It would then follow Bowers Rd to the east for a bit less than ¾ of a mile before jogging south along an

irrigation ditch to Airport Road. There it would run east and then south to Sanders Road, connecting to the north/south trail between Sanders Road and Central Washington University. Throughout this trail alignment, there are sections which would require land or easement acquisition by the City.

- A. Acquire 11.01 acres of land for trail corridor
- B. Develop 3.03-mile trail corridor

SEGMENT PR3 - IRENE RINEHART RIVERFRONT PARK TO THORP HIGHWAY TRAIL

This 1.51-mile trail segment follows the Yakima River from Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park, south of I-90, up to Thorp Highway to the northwest. In the City's Active Transportation Plan, it's described as "Installing a bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Yakima River would provide the community with opportunities to connect to nature and recreation." This alignment would generally follow the existing WSDOT right-of-way, but it would likely require either an elevated structure/roadway expansion or realignment of I-90 vehicular lanes for about ¼ mile where the interstate runs very close to the Yakima River.

- A. Acquire 5.5 acres of land for trail corridor
- B. Develop 1.51-mile trail corridor

SEGMENT PR4 – UMPTANUM ROAD/YAKIMA RIVER TRAIL SOUTH

This 1.33-mile connecting path segment connects from the existing trail through Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park and the future segment PW1 (see below) south along the Yakima river, parallel to South Canyon Road. The section along Umptanum Road would close a gap in the Circle the City trail. Long-term, this trail could continue beyond Ellensburg and through the Yakima River Canyon. This segment would be entirely off-street and will require land or easement acquisition by the City and/or another partner.

- A. Acquire 4.9 acres of land for trail corridor
- B. Develop 1.33-mile trail corridor

SEGMENT PW1 - UMPTANUM ROAD TO RUBY STREET

This 0.55-mile connecting path segment follows Umptanum Road from Anderson Road to Ruby Street in order to close a gap in the Circle the City trail. Because this trail segment is on-street and likely to take the form of a shared-use path/wide sidewalk, it is anticipated to be designed and funded by the Public Works Department.

SEGMENT PW2 – RUBY STREET TO MOUNTAIN VIEW AVENUE

This 0.40-mile connecting path segment continues east from the dead end of Umptanum Road (just past Ruby Street) over to Wilson Creek and then jogs north along the creek up to East Mountain View Avenue. This segment would close a gap in the Circle the City trail. This trail segment is anticipated to be designed and funded by the Public Works Department and should be considered in relation to the proposed bike lane along Ruby Street.

SEGMENT PW3 – S BULL RD

This 0.28-mile connecting path segment runs from E. Mountain View Avenue south along Bull Road to connect to future residential development and the new Southeast Community Park. Because this trail segment is on-street and likely to take the form of a shared-use path/wide sidewalk, it is anticipated to be designed and funded by the Public Works Department.

ELLENSBURG PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING PLAN



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING PROJECT PRIORITIZATION WORKSHEET

January 14, 2025

YOUR NAME: _____

**Please return this spreadsheet to Brad upon completion!*

PRELIMINARY FUNDING FORECAST

Capital Funds Source	Typical Funds Available over Six Years (2026 – 2031)	Potential Funds in Six Years if New Funding Sources Identified (2026 – 2031)	Restrictions
Impact Fees	\$1,028,000		Used for capacity enhancement only, e.g., new parks, new trails, new features in parks
REET 2	\$2,147,000		Can be used for new features, facility renovations and replacements, or major repairs
Public Facilities District		\$10,000,000	Would start in 2027 if approved by voters in late 2026. Estimate of \$2,000,000 per year for Ellensburg.
Capital Funds Total	\$3,175,000	\$10,000,000	

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PRELIMINARY 6-YEAR PRIORITY PROJECTS

SUMMARY

25 projects have been identified as the top preliminary priorities for the next six years based on typical and potential funding. These are summarized below and detailed on the next page.

	Number of Projects					
	Total Projects	Number of Sites	Acquisition	Development	Renovation	Restoration
AVAILABLE FUNDING: 6-Year Priority Projects	11	8	0	7	4	0
POTENTIAL FUNDING: 6-Year Priority Projects	14	9	5	5	3	1

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WORKSHEET ACTIVITY

Do you agree with these priorities? If not, what would you change from the list?

TYPICAL FUNDING: 6-Year Priorities		PRAC Feedback	
Park/Project	Cost Assumption	Agree or Disagree (✓ or X)	Notes
Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park			
Replace nature themed playground	\$150,000		
Rotary Park			
Build new fieldhouse	n/a - not City funds		
Add landscaping and sidewalks around fieldhouse	\$250,000		
Kiwanis Park			
Add skate park	\$545,000		
Replace playground with new universal play area	\$900,000		
Lions Mountain View Park			
Replace play equipment	\$375,000		
McElroy Park			
Add permanent restroom	\$450,000		
North Alder Street Park			
Add sprayground	\$305,000		
Veterans Memorial Park			
Repair roof	\$500,000		
Facility maintenance and repairs (HVAC)	\$150,000		
West Ellensburg Park			
Replace play equipment	\$150,000		
TOTAL	\$3,775,000	<i>(Over budget by \$600,000)</i>	
Different Project? (Describe below)		Project from Above to Swap Out	
POTENTIAL FUNDING: 6-Year Priority		PRAC Feedback	
Park/Project	Cost Assumption	Agree or Disagree	Notes

Commented [CM5]: This is a replacement. Since the West Ellensburg Park play area is \$150K, let's match that.

Commented [CM6]: Should this say add or replace? Check the original recommendation. I think it replaces the existing playground, in which case the cost could be dropped to \$900K by our assumptions

Commented [ES7]: Adjust CIP cost

Commented [ES8]: Increased

Commented [ES9]: Reduced costs, partner contributions

Commented [ES10R9]: \$20K from Rotary and community install (~\$45K)

Commented [ES11]: \$950,400 over budget.

Commented [CM12R11]: With the edits, I think that puts us \$600K over budget, which is fine for now—but point that out on the total. That way we can put the pressure on them to decide what to cut or whether they want to assume that something will be partner or grant funded.



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Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park			
Improve trails and pedestrian bridges	\$250,000		
North Alder Street Park			
Repair and restore damaged pavement	\$100,000		
Repair irrigation and restore landscaping	\$50,000		
Veterans Memorial Park			
Replace playground	\$375,000		
Reed Park			
Phase 1: Site preparation, parking and roadway improvements, restroom utilities	\$434,000		
Phase 2: Site preparation, southern pathways	\$446,000		
Phase 3: Site preparation, northern walks, seating, retaining walls, parking/roadway improvements	\$1,273,000		
North Central Community Park (New)			
Acquire 4-6 acres	\$500,000		
Develop site master plan	\$150,000		
Develop community park	\$3,750,000		
Railroad Tracks to Palouse to Cascades Trail (New)			
Acquire 3.89 acres of land	\$389,000		
Northern Loop/PTC Connection (New)			
Acquire 11.01 acres of land	\$1,101,000		
Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park to Thorp Highway Trail (New)			
Acquire 5.5 acres of land	\$550,000		
Umptanum Road/Yakima River Trail South (New)			
Acquire 4.9 acres of land	\$490,000		
TOTAL	\$9,858,000	<i>(Under budget by \$142,000)</i>	
Different Project? (Describe below)		Project from Above to Swap Out	

Commented [ES13]: Remove fitness from CIP - keep natural character

Commented [ES14]: Lower cost based on insurance adjuster walk

Commented [ES15]: \$142,200 wiggle room

ADDITIONAL PRAC COMMENTS: