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SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of the Plan

This Trails and Open Space Comprehensive Plan provides an update to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan adopted by Camas in 2000. The parks and recreation component of the Comprehensive Plan will be updated later in 2006.

The purpose of this plan is to describe a strategy for further development of the trail system and completion of the open space network. These two critical elements of the park system were prioritized highly by residents in the recreation survey conducted in 1998. The results of the community survey conducted in 2005-06 reconfirmed trails and open space as a community priority and indicated that these were an even higher priority than in 1998. The 2005-06 results also indicated an increase in participation in trail-related activities.

1.2 Planning Process

The planning process for preparing the Trails and Open Space Plan incorporated three phases, depicted below.

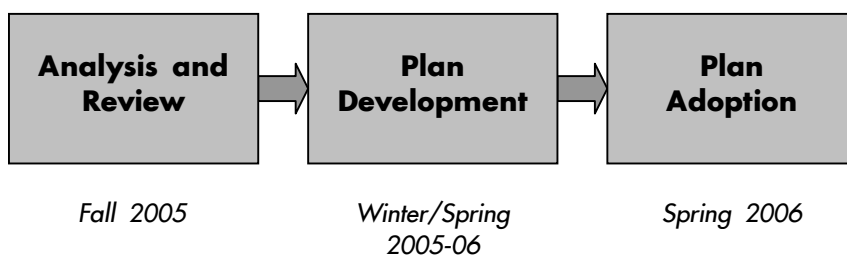


Figure 1: Planning Process

In the Analysis and Review phase, the planning context was analyzed, with specific attention to evaluating changes in the community since the adoption of the 2000 Parks, Recreation, and

Open Space Comprehensive Plan. Demographics, physical features, projected population growth and land uses were reviewed. In addition, the inventory of the existing park system, natural open space areas and trails was updated and compared with the plans made in 2000. Also during this phase, a community survey was conducted. This survey was designed to provide information about current recreation needs and priorities, and also to allow comparisons with the 1998 Camas recreation survey and the 2005 Washougal recreation survey.

The Plan Development phase was the second phase in the planning process. During this phase, the Planning Advisory Committee used the results of the Analysis and Review phase to provide direction on vision, goals and objectives, and specific recommendations. A public visioning workshop was also held during this phase to provide an additional opportunity for public input and comment. Input from staff and City officials was incorporated throughout the Plan Development phase.

The Plan Adoption phase included development of a draft plan with a detailed implementation strategy, public hearings to review the plan, and adoption by City Council of the Trails and Open Space Plan.

1.3 Public Participation

Public participation was incorporated throughout the planning process to ensure that the adopted plan reflects the priorities and needs of the community. Opportunities for public participation were provided in the following ways:

- **Planning Advisory Committee:** The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed to represent a variety of recreation interests and community perspectives. The PAC met periodically during the planning process and provided overall direction for the plan.
- **Community Recreation Survey:** The Community Recreation Survey was administered by mail to a random sampling of Camas households between November 2005 and January 2006. Separate instruments were designed for youth and adults. The adult results exceeded the minimum needed to achieve a 95%

confidence level with a margin of error of no greater than 5 percent. Detailed survey results are included in Appendix A.

- **Public Visioning Workshop:** A public visioning workshop was held on April 10, 2006 at the Camas Public Library. This workshop was announced in the *Post-Record*, the local newspaper, and through posters and flyers distributed throughout the community.
- **Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council:** The plan was reviewed by Camas officials at public meetings and hearings and adopted by Camas City Council.

1.4 Updating the Plan

The planning process will not end with the adoption of this Trails and Open Space Plan. Many factors will make it necessary to re-evaluate the plan and the decisions that were made to create the plan. Also physical changes in the community, such as population growth, acquisition of property, and changes to private facilities all will directly affect the plan and its recommendations. To track progress on the plan and make adjustments, two steps are recommended:

- **Annual Review:** An annual review of the plan should be made by the Park and Recreation Commission to reflect the changes in existing conditions, new facilities, or significant population changes in the community. This is also a good time to evaluate how well the community is meeting goals set out in this document. Is acquisition and development keeping up with population growth and land development? Are facilities being maintained at the proper level? The results of the annual review can be used to fine tune the plan. The review process should occur every year, with an annual report and work plan for the coming year as products.
- **Six Year Plan Update:** Every six years, the City should undertake a more extensive update of the plan to make adjustments based on changes in the community as well as to maintain eligibility for state and federal recreation grants.

For the plan to be successful, it must be used by City staff, staff in conjunction with review of current development proposals and long range planning, the Park and Recreation Commission, and City Council. By keeping the plan up to date, it will be easier to meet future park and recreation needs as the community grows.

1.5 Organization of the Plan

The Trails and Open Space Comprehensive Plan is organized as follows:

- **Chapter 1: Introduction** describes the plan purpose and provides an overview of the planning process and public participation methods used. This chapter also describes how to update the plan and provides an orientation to the plan overview.
- **Chapter 2: Goals & Objectives** presents the goals and objectives that provide the framework for the plan.
- **Chapter 3: Trails** describes the existing trail system and provides recommendations for expanding and improving it to meet community needs.
- **Chapter 4: Natural Open Space** reviews the existing inventory of open space, describes the classifications of open space, and depicts the proposed Open Space Network.
- **Chapter 5: Implementation Plan** describes capital improvement priorities, reviews funding options, and presents a detailed 6-year capital improvement plan.
- **Appendix: Community Recreation Survey Results** presents the results of the survey conducted as part of the planning process.

In addition to this plan, additional reports were prepared during this planning process and during the planning process for the 2000 Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan update. These are contained under separate cover, and include:

- **Background Report (2006):** The Background Report reviews the planning context for providing park and recreation

services in Camas. The first section of this report describes the planning area, regional location, and physical features of the community. It also reviews demographic data and discusses current and planned land uses. The second section of the Background Report reviews the inventory of existing parks, recreation facilities, and open space in the community, including both public and private resources. The third section analyzes existing operations, including departmental organization and staffing, budgets, and recreation programming. The appendix to the Background Report contains detailed inventory data.

- **Needs Assessment** (Technical Supplement C, 2000 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan): This document, prepared during the 2000 plan effort, provides a full analysis and supplemental data on the needs assessment for parks and facilities. The 2006 analysis showed no need for change to the standards adopted in the 2000 plan. However, the standards were applied to the new population and growth projection figures to update the needs assessment.

CHAPTER 2. GOALS & OBJECTIVES

2.1 Overview

The City of Camas has developed a vision for park and recreation services:

Through provision of recreation and park services, we enhance the quality of life and nurture the health and well being of our people, our community, our environment and our economy.

Goals and objectives are the means of achieving this vision, and are statements describing how the City will achieve the vision. The goals and objectives set forth direction for providing services and can be a means of measuring the performance of a leisure services program.

The Primary Goal is the overarching goal for all Camas leisure services, and reflects the vision and mission of the City as it relates to parks, recreation, trails, and open space. This Primary Goal is supplemented by more specific goals related to physical park planning, management and operations, recreation programs, and public involvement.

These goals and objectives were developed based on the directions set in the 2000 Park and Open Space Comprehensive Plan, and were reconfirmed and revised based on input from members of the Planning Advisory Committee, City staff and officials, and community members. The recommendations contained in subsequent chapters of this document are implementing actions to achieve the goals and objectives set forth below. All goals, objectives, recommendations, and actions flow from the Camas vision for leisure services.

2.2 Primary Goal

PROST GOAL 1: Preserve and enhance the quality of life in Camas through provision of parks, recreational facilities, trails, and open spaces.

Objectives:

- 1A: Ensure that new development in the urban growth area is compatible with this plan.
- 1B: Preserve the sensitive natural areas and bodies of water within Camas and the surrounding areas to maintain the community's character.
- 1C: Identify and protect significant cultural resources as part of new park, recreational facilities, trails, and open spaces, to enhance community identity and quality of life and enrich the recreational experience of users.
- 1D: Provide a comprehensive network of trails that is environmentally responsive and compatible with adjoining property.
- 1E: Encourage preservation of natural vegetation and provision of public access and recreational opportunities within private developments.
- 1F: Actively seek funds for the acquisition and development of park land, recreation facilities, and trails to meet recreation needs.
- 1G: Cooperate with other government agencies in the provision of park and recreation services in the Camas vicinity.
- 1H: Encourage continuing citizen involvement in park, trail, and open space planning.

2.3 PHYSICAL PLANNING

PROST GOAL 2: Provide active and passive recreation opportunities to serve the community's needs.

Objectives:

- 2A: Locate neighborhood parks convenient to all residents of Camas. Residents should have a neighborhood park or connection to the trail system available within about ½ mile of their homes.
- 2B: Provide equitable park opportunities throughout the City. This means upgrading existing parks to new standards; providing geographically distributed parks, trails, and facilities; and providing opportunities for different age groups and abilities.
- 2C: Provide parks and facilities that are responsive to diverse age groups, recreation interests, and abilities.
- 2D: Coordinate with the School District to acquire, develop, and maintain parks and sports fields adjacent to school facilities to maximize community benefit of public facilities.
- 2E: Develop a safe, scenic and enjoyable trail and bikeway system for City of Camas residents and visitors.
- 2F: Supplement the neighborhood park system with special use facilities, open space, and indoor facilities to serve a range of recreational needs.
- 2G: Plan parks to aid in the preservation of natural, cultural, historical or unique physical features.
- 2H: Encourage, support, and, where possible, initiate activities, to preserve, conserve or improve the shorelines of the Columbia and Washougal Rivers, Lacamas Creek, and Lacamas, Fallen Leaf, and Round Lakes.

PROST GOAL 3: Develop a city-wide continuous network of natural open space to protect environmentally sensitive land and scenic views, create a sense of openness, and provide trail corridors.

Objectives:

- 3A: Preserve and protect the Open Space Network depicted in this plan.
- 3B: Improve native vegetation in the Open Space Network.
- 3C: Work cooperatively with property owners and developers to preserve natural open space, especially those that provide visual or physical linkages to the proposed Open Space Network identified in this plan.
- 3D: Preserve the visual integrity of the wooded hillsides that provide the backdrop for the city. This should include encouraging the preservation of natural vegetation, minimizing disruption of soils and slopes, maintaining drainage patterns, and encouraging wildlife habitat.
- 3E: Encourage preservation of natural drainage corridors to reduce flood risks and allow for natural absorption of water into the soil.

PROST GOAL 4: Provide a convenient and pleasant pedestrian and bicyclist trail network that links parks, schools, and community destinations throughout the City.

Objectives:

- 4A: Develop a trail network that provides recreation opportunities as well as transportation. Recreation trails should be off-street as much as possible, but still allow for commuter bicyclist or pedestrian use.
- 4B: Reduce conflicts among users through the planning, design, and development of recreation trails. Trail design

and location should enhance enjoyment of natural open space and provide safety for users.

- 4C: Meet accessibility guidelines for trail development. Incorporate information about trail difficulty into the trail system's signage.
- 4D: Provide connections across water bodies and wetlands where needed to create a linked systems.
- 4E: Maximize public benefit of public infrastructure and publicly owned lands by co-locating trails in these areas or with these facilities.
- 4F: Take advantage of available traffic safety, transportation, and trail development funding to develop the bike and trail network.
- 4G: Incorporate interpretation and signage into the trail system.

PROST GOAL 5: Provide high quality community recreation facilities that are responsive to recreation needs and trends.

Objectives:

- 5A: Explore partnerships with other jurisdictions or private/non-profit providers to develop a full-service indoor recreation facility that serves Camas residents.
- 5B: Provide adequate sports fields that meet acceptable design standards in an amount to meet the local demand.
- 5C: Maintain and regularly update policies on the number of practices and games each sport team should be permitted per week to balance demand for fields with the community's ability to provide them.
- 5D: Update the policies and methodology for assessing recreation facility needs periodically to reflect trends in participation.

- 5E: Continue to provide aquatics opportunities to serve the community, either by renovating Crown Park pool or by ensuring another facility is available to the community.
- 5F: Provide recreation facilities geographically dispersed throughout the community, so that there is access for all.

2.4 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

PROST GOAL 6: Provide a quality park, recreation, natural open space, and trail system that is efficient to administer and cost-effective to maintain.

Objectives:

- 6A: Strive to provide staff training, acquire labor saving equipment, and develop effective facility designs that are current with the technical state of the art.
- 6B: Explore alternative staffing, such as community service workers, youth employment programs such as Americorps, and others for additional staffing.
- 6C: Invest in preventive maintenance and upgrades to parks and facilities to maximize long-term benefits.

PROST GOAL 7: Encourage and actively pursue cooperation between governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations and private business in providing park and recreation services.

Objectives:

- 7A: Avoid duplication in providing recreational opportunities within the community by facilitating cooperation and communication among service providers.
- 7B: Continue cooperative planning and use of recreation facilities with public and private groups in the community.

- 7C: Encourage and pursue mutual cooperation and a “good neighbor” policy with residents and businesses located adjacent to park facilities, trails, and natural open space areas.

2.5 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

PROST GOAL 8: Provide a diverse range of recreation programs and services to serve multiple ages, populations, and interests

Objectives:

- 8A: Continue to develop community-oriented programs that are responsive to expressed demands and that foster participant support of all ages and abilities.
- 8B: Continue to support participants with special needs.
- 8C: Continue to promote park and recreation programs, services and facilities through an effective community information system.
- 8D: Operate recreation programming in a financially self-sustaining way to the extent possible. Fees and charges policies should be evaluated each year to progress on meeting this objective.
- 8E: Encourage or conduct programming that encourages use of the City’s trail system and open space network. These programs or events can blend fitness and enjoyment with some organized interpretation and public participation activities and increase awareness of Camas’ assets.

2.6 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

PROST GOAL 9: Encourage public input and involvement in as many aspects of park and recreation planning and operations as is feasible to give residents a sense of ownership.

Objectives:

- 9A: Cultivate avenues for input from those people or groups that are particularly interested in park and recreation issues, and encourage their continued interest and participation in the planning process.
- 9B: Maintain contact with citizens through a variety of means, such as press releases, public forums, mailings, web site, and print advertisements.
- 9C: Use the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission to maintain visibility and contact with citizens on park and recreation issues. These bodies should be used to integrate citizen input in the decision-making process and administrative structure.
- 9D: The City, assisted by the media when appropriate, should undertake the development of a public information program to increase awareness of and promote the value of parks, natural open space, trails and recreation programs.
- 9E: The City should encourage and recruit the use of volunteers to serve on ad hoc advisory boards, assist in providing or managing recreation programs, and supplement the parks maintenance staff.

CHAPTER 3. TRAILS

3.1 Trails Plan Concept

Trails are an important recreation asset in Camas, and residents place a high priority on a community-wide trails network. The results of the survey and feedback from residents and the Planning Advisory Committee reinforce the community's commitment to trail-related recreation and reflect the high popularity of recreation activities that take place in trail corridors, such as walking, bicycling for pleasure, nature walks, and jogging/running. The survey results in Appendix A describe these findings in greater detail, and include comparisons to the 1998 community recreation survey.

This Trails and Open Space Comprehensive Plan responds to community input on needs and priorities by recommending a network of trails that provides linkages within the community as well as to the region beyond. The trails plan provides connections between parks, open spaces, schools, and neighborhoods, and incorporates the Clark County Regional Trail Plan and the Camas Open Space Network into a cohesive trail system for the community. The trails plan also supports neighborhood connections to the communitywide system, and provides for trailhead support facilities to encourage trail use.

3.2 Existing Inventory

Previous plans in Camas have called for a community trail network, with the 2000 Park, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan recommending a detailed communitywide trail system. In recent years, the City has made considerable progress on implementing the trail system.

As of May 2006, there were 22.75 miles of existing trail within the planning area. Many short segments that existed prior to 1995 have been connected into longer continuous segments. However, there are several missing segments are still needed to create an interconnected system. Table 1 details the existing trail inventory in Camas, and Map 1 depicts this existing network.

Table 1
2006 Trail Inventory

| Trail Name | Length in Miles | Description |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Heritage Trail | 3.51 | Unpaved; trailhead at Camas Heritage Park; runs along Lacamas Lake |
| Lacamas Park trails (county) | 4.62 | 0.14 miles paved; 4.48 miles unpaved; other informal paths; natural open space |
| Washougal River Greenway trails | 0.57 | Partially paved with other informal paths |
| Other Trails | 14.05 | Various segments owned by the City and a number of Homeowners' Associations. |
| TOTAL | 22.75 | |

The trails in existence in Camas provide a good base for the network. Existing trails include the Heritage Trail along Lacamas Lake, a heavily used long nature trail. The trails in County-owned Lacamas Park and City-owned Lacamas Creek Park provide outdoor experiences and are easily accessible by the public. The Washougal River Greenway provides contact with the Washougal River, and is used by Camas residents as well as regional users. Camas has made great progress since 2000, but there continues to be a lack of connections between individual trail segments. According to 2006 survey results, one of the most significant reasons people don't use trails more frequently is lack of connections.

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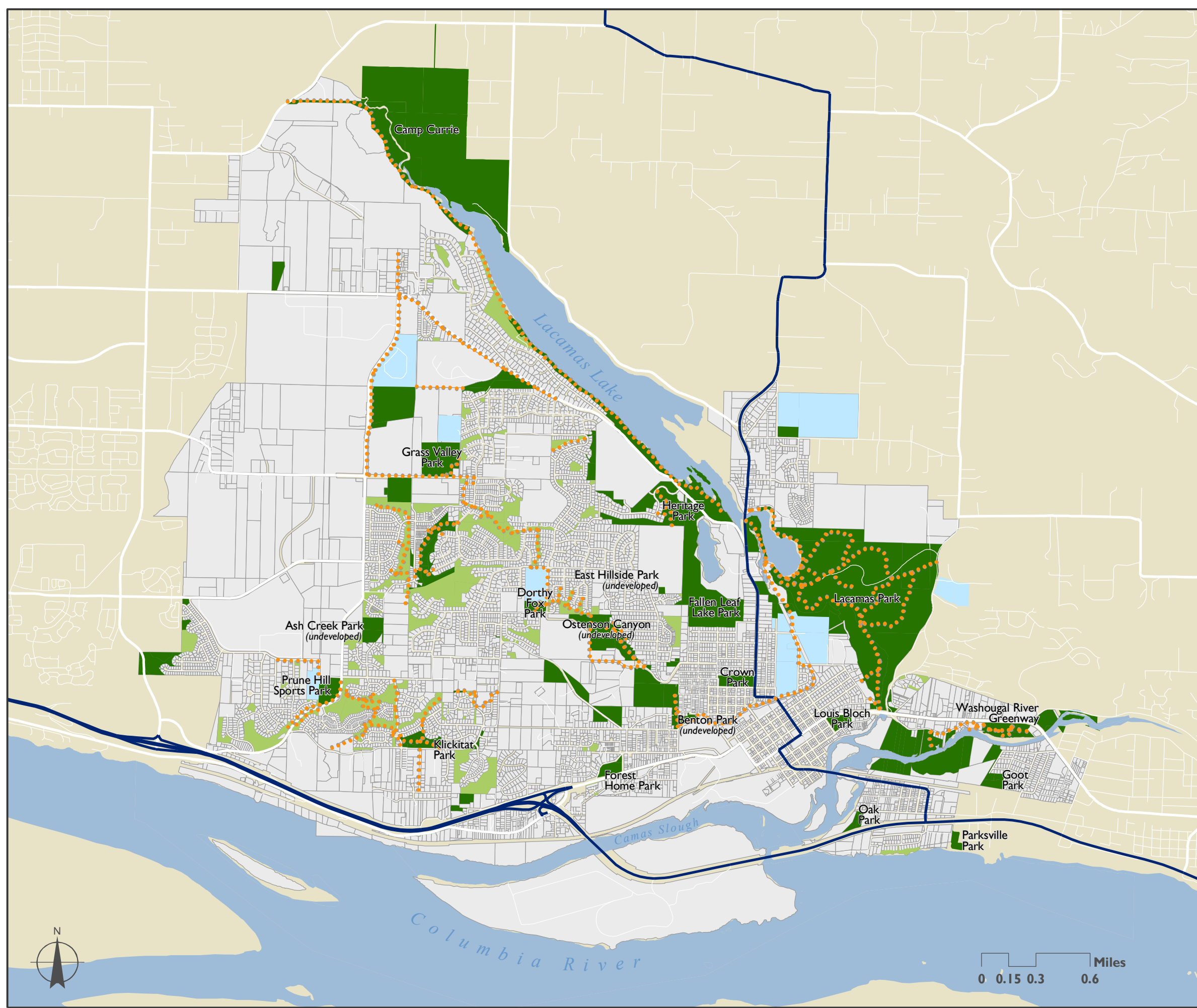
- Existing Trail System
- Private Open Space
- Public Park Land & Open Space
- State Highways
- School property

Existing Trail Inventory



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3.3 Recommended Trails Plan

The recommended trails plan provides a linked system based on a hierarchy of trail types. Linkages are provided at the neighborhood scale, at the communitywide scale, and regionally. The trails plan also takes advantage of existing and planned public land and utility infrastructure, the open space network, and the existing trails provided by private developments. In addition, the recommended trails plan incorporates the Clark County trails plan and the City of Washougal's trails plan.

The Camas trails plan is depicted on Map 2. Each trail segment is designated by a reference, such as T-1 (designating trail segment 1). The trail network depicted on Map 2 is described in detail below. Trail recommendations are then summarized in Table 2. There are two types of trails, those owned and maintained by the City and those owned and maintained by other parties. The existing and proposed major Camas trails are indicated in larger dots, and these trails will be owned and maintained by the City of Camas. The existing and proposed connecting trails, which will be built and maintained by homeowners associations, developers and other agencies, are indicated with smaller dots. With an aggressive program aimed at connecting the pieces, the Camas trail network will provide a wide variety of pathway experiences and tie together regional and community connections.

Trail Segment Descriptions

Trail T-1

Trail T-1 runs along the west side of Camas, generally paralleling Parker Road. This trail segment provides a north-south connection and links two regional trails. About half of the alignment has been constructed. This segment passes from Prune Hill Park, to Ash Creek Park, past Sky Ridge Middle School and connecting to T-3/T-4.

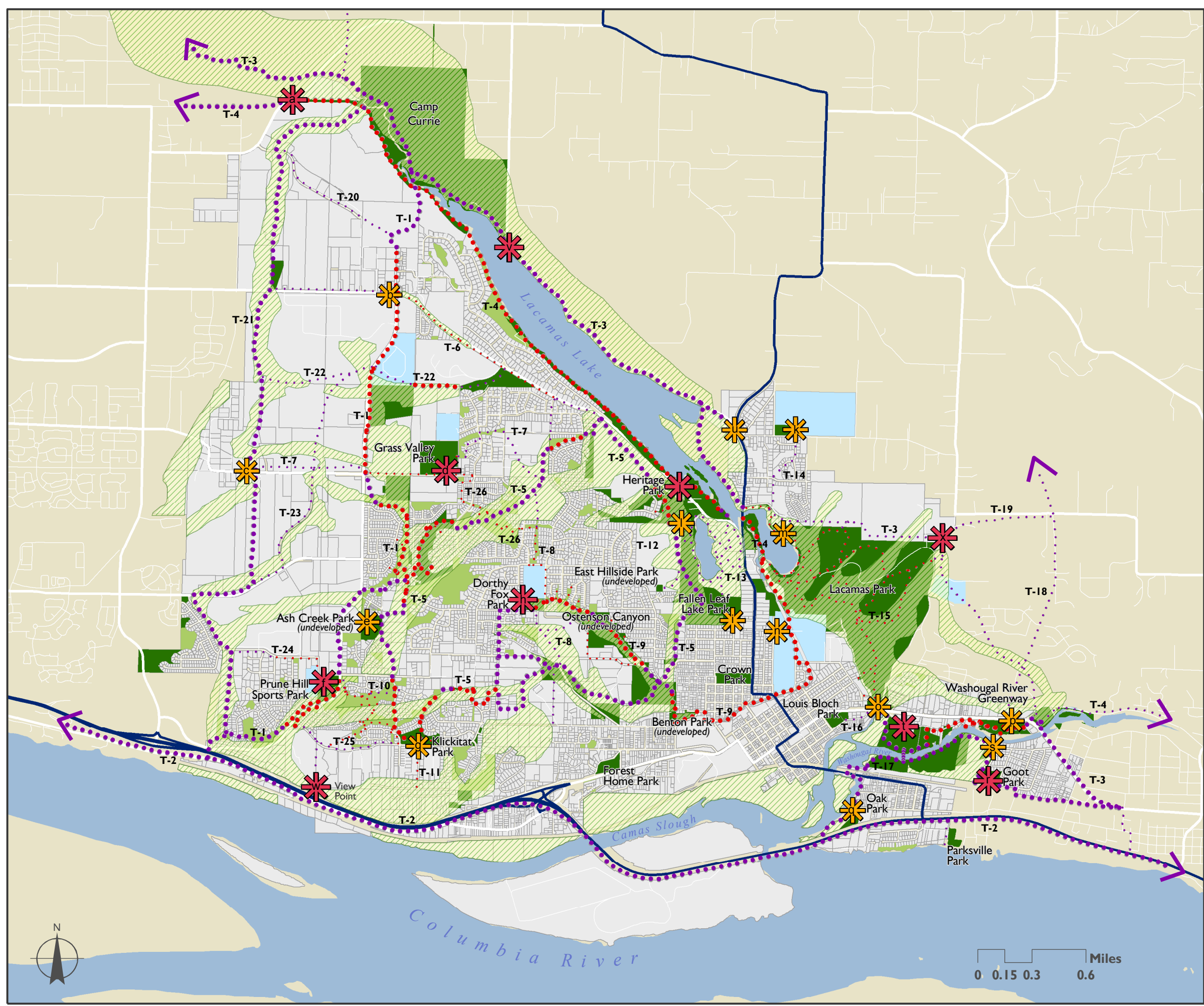
Trail T-2

Trail T-2 parallels the Columbia River. This trail is part of the Clark County regional trail system, and connects to neighboring Washougal's trail system. This trail provides visual access to the Columbia River, and makes an important regional connection.

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- City Maintained Trail**
 - Existing Trail System
 - Proposed Trail System
- Trails Maintained By Others**
 - Existing Trail System
 - Proposed Trail System
- Primary Trailhead
- Secondary Trailhead
- T-1 Trail Number
- a Trailhead ID
- Proposed Open Space Network
- Private Open Space
- Public Park Land & Open Space
- State Highways
- School property

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Trail T-3

Trail T-3 is a regional trail running along the north shore of Lacamas Lake and connecting Lacamas Park, Camp Currie and the County's Green Mountain Trail heading north. Trails T-3 and T-4 make a loop around Lacamas Lake. This trail segment will include bridges or boardwalks across wetlands and water features in some locations. T-3 continues just north of Lacamas Park and then south, crossing T-4 at the Washougal River and continuing on to the Columbia River and trail T-2.

Trail T-4

Trail T-4 is the Heritage Trail, a regional trail running along the south side of Lacamas Lake and connecting Lacamas Park and Camp Currie. It passes through Heritage Park and will link to planned segment T-3, creating a loop around Lacamas Lake. T-4 links through Lacamas Park, continues into the Washougal River Greenway, and includes a bridge across the Washougal River to connect with T-17.

Trail T-5

Trail T-5 provides a loop around Prune Hill, with linkages to parks and neighborhoods. The northern half of the loop connects from Lake Road through the Open Space Network to the proposed Ash Creek Park. The southern half of the loop connects from Klickitat Park, continues through the Open Space Network, and connects Fallen Leaf Park. Camas has been completing pieces of trail T-5 as development has occurred along the alignment.

Trail T-6

Trail T-6 parallels Lake Road, connecting from T-1 to T-5. This segment has been partially constructed.

Trail T-7

Trail T-7 connects from T-5 through Grass Valley Park and parallels NW 38th Avenue toward the west boundary of Camas. The segment of the trail in the vicinity of Grass Valley Park has been constructed.

Trail T-8

Trail T-8 is a north – south connector that connects through the center of the T-5 loop. This trail connects through the Open Space Network and passes Dorothy Fox Elementary School and Dorothy Fox Park. The trail also includes a pedestrian bridge connection to T-9 across Ostensen Canyon.

Trail T-9

Trail T-9 connects from T-3/T-4 past Zellerbach Elementary School and Liberty Middle School (the renovated high school), through downtown, and then passes through the Benton Park and Ostensen Canyon sites. This trail then connects to trail T-8 at a bridge across Ostensen Canyon and at Dorothy Fox Park.

Trail T-10

Trail T-10 connects Klickitat Park and Prune Hill Sports Park, and provides linkages to T-1 and T-5. This trail is owned and maintained by local Homeowners' Associations, is located largely within the Open Space Network, and is nearly complete.

Trail T-11

Trail T-11 connects from Klickitat Park south into the Open Space Network.

Trail T-12

Trail T-12 connects from T-5 at Fallen Leaf Lake to a proposed neighborhood park.

Trail T-13

Trail T-13 is the trail network around Round Lake. This trail connects to Fallen Leaf Park as well as T-4 and T-5.

Trail T-14

Trail T-14 connects from T-3 and Lacamas Park to a planned neighborhood park, Lacamas Heights Elementary School, and Camas High School.

Trail T-15

Trail T-15 includes the Lacamas Park trail network. This system provides important community connections between T-3 and T-4.

Trail T-16

Trail T-16 provides a linkage from Louis Bloch Park to the Washougal River Greenway.

Trail T-17

Trail T-17 is the Washougal River Greenway trail system on the south river bank. This trail segment passes through the Washougal River Greenway, providing access to the river corridor for Camas, Washougal, and regional residents. This trail segment is joined to T-4 by a bridge across the Washougal River to link the Greenway corridor and increase access. T-17 links to Oak Park, Goot Park and T-2, the Columbia River trail. In addition, T-17 passes near the

preferred community center site, and will be a major gateway to the Camas trail system for center users.

Trail T-18

Trail T-18 follows a utility corridor from Washougal and meets up with Trail T-4 in the Washougal River Greenway. T-18 is also a proposed trail in the Washougal Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan.

Trail T-19

Trail T-19 connects Lacamas Park trails to the north-south Trail T-18 and to the Washougal trail system.

Trail T-20

Trail T-20 provides an east-west connection between T-1 and T-21 in the northwestern corner of the City.

Trail T-21

Trail T-21 is a secondary north-south connection on the western edge of Camas. It connects from T-4 south to T-1. East-west connections to T-21 are provided by trails T-7, T-20, T-22 and T-24.

Trail T-22

Trail T-22 includes the Leadbetter Corridor and connects T-6 east-west across T-1 to T-21.

Trail T-23

Trail T-23 connects through the open space network from the intersection of trails T-1 and T-22 to trail T-21.

Trail T-24

Trail T-24 connects trail T-23 with Prune Hill Sports Park and Trail T-1.

Trail T-25

Trail T-25 connects Klickitat Park with a proposed Columbia viewpoint/trailhead (w) and connects to Trail T-1.

Trail T-26

Trail T-26 connects T-8 to Grass Valley Park through a portion of the Open Space Network.

Trail Recommendations

Table 2 summarizes the recommendations for Camas trail network.

Table 2
Summary of Trail Recommendation

| Trail # | Name | Total Miles | Comments |
|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|--|
| T-1 | West Camas Regional Trail | 4.9 | Completion/Acquisition/Development |
| T-2 | Columbia River Regional Trail | 6.6 | Acquisition/Joint Development |
| T-3 | East Camas Regional Trail* | 7.9 | Clark County Development |
| T-4 | Heritage Trail | 6.3 | Minor Additions/Improvements/Development of Washougal River crossing |
| T-5 | Camas Neighborhood Loop Trail | 6.2 | Additional Acquisition/Development |
| T-6 | Lake Road Connector Trail | 1.3 | Completion/Upgrade to Standard |
| T-7 | West Camas Connector Trail | 2.0 | Completion/Upgrade to Standard |
| T-8 | Prune Hill Connector Trail | 2.1 | Completion/Upgrade to Standard |
| T-9 | Downtown Connector Trail | 2.8 | Completion/Upgrade to Standard |
| T-10 | Deer Creek Connector Trail | 1.1 | Completion/Upgrade to Standard |
| T-11 | View Ridge Connector Trail | 0.6 | Completion/Upgrade to Standard |
| T-12 | East Hilltop Connector Trail | 0.2 | Acquisition/Development |
| T-13 | Fallen Leaf Lake Trails | 1.8 | Development/Completion of Acquisition |
| T-14 | Lacamas Heights Connector Trail | 0.5 | Acquisition/Development |
| T-15 | Lacamas Park Trails | 3.4 | No Changes |
| T-16 | Louis Bloch Connector Trail | 0.4 | Acquisition/Development |
| T-17 | South Camas River Loop | 2.5 | Acquisition/Development |
| T-18 | Washougal Connection | 1.5 | No Action |
| T-19 | Washougal Connection 2 | 0.6 | No Action |
| T-20 | Northwest Connector | 0.8 | Acquisition/Development |
| T-21 | Westside Route | 3.1 | Acquisition/Development |
| T-22 | Leadbetter Corridor | 0.5 | Acquisition/Development |
| T-23 | Westside Natural Trail | 2.8 | Acquisition/Development |

Table 2 cont.
Summary of Trail Recommendation

| Trail # | Name | Total Miles | Comments |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| T-24 | Prune Hill West Trail | 0.6 | Acquisition/ Development |
| T-25 | Columbia Viewpoint Trail | 1.0 | Acquisition/ Development |
| T-26 | Grass Valley Link | 0.9 | Acquisition/ Development |
| TOTAL | | 62.4 | |

Trailhead Recommendations

Trailheads are recommended throughout the trail network to provide access points, encourage use of the trail system, and establish support facilities throughout the network. Two types of trailheads are recommended. Primary trailheads include restrooms and designated parking, while secondary trailheads provide trail access but not restrooms. In some cases, trailheads are incorporated into existing or proposed parks. In other cases, trailheads will be developed for that single purpose.

The trailhead locations are depicted on Map 2, the Trails Plan. Table 3 summarizes the recommended trailheads.

Table 3
Summary of Recommended Trailheads

| ID | Location | Type |
|----|---------------------------|-----------|
| a | Camas Meadow Greenway | Primary |
| b | Skyridge | Secondary |
| c | West Camas Park | Secondary |
| d | Grass Valley Park | Primary |
| e | Ash Creek Park | Secondary |
| f | Prune Hill Sports Complex | Primary |
| g | Klickitat Park | Secondary |
| h | Dorothy Fox Park | Primary |
| i | Fallen Leaf Lake Park | Secondary |
| j | Heritage Park | Primary |
| k | Lacamas Heights Park | Secondary |
| l | Fallen Leaf Lake | Secondary |
| m | Lacamas Park | Secondary |
| n | Hellen Baller/Liberty MS | Secondary |
| o | Lacamas Park South | Secondary |
| p | Washougal River Greenway | Primary |
| q | Oak Park | Secondary |

Table 3 cont.
Summary of Recommended Trailheads

| ID | Location | Type |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|
| r | Goot Park | Primary |
| s | Washougal River Greenway 2 | Secondary |
| t | Washougal River Greenway 3 | Primary |
| u | Lacamas Lake 1 | Secondary |
| v | Lacamas Lake 2 | Primary |
| w | Columbia Viewpoint | Primary |
| x | Lacamas Park East | Primary |

3.4 Trail Development Standards

Trails can be designed for single or multiple uses. The trails and pathways emphasized here are those that are recreational and multi-use in nature. On-street bike routes that emphasize transportation are an important component of a system but are not identified in the trails plan.

For Major trails and Major trail segments located in the City, the City will accept, acquire, own and maintain the trail and its related right-of-way. Initially, Major trails are those designated as “T-1”, “T-3”, “T-4”, T-5” (Camas Loop Trail), “T-9”, “T-17”, “T-21” and a portion of “T-22”. On recommendation of the Parks Commission, and approval of the City Council, the City may additionally, in the future, recognize other trails as “Major”, i.e. for inclusion in the city-owned and maintained system. As trails and open space are reviewed for inclusion in the city owned and maintained systems, cost of maintenance is a factor to be considered in the review.

A prime distinguishing feature of “Major Trails” (i.e. in City ownership and maintenance) is that these trails predominantly serve community-wide and regional purposes and receive this type of use. Local and secondary trails generally serve more neighborhood-oriented users. Such local and secondary trails will generally be owned and maintained by Homeowners Associations.

The trail right-of-way will generally be between 20 and 52 feet in width. It is recognized that trail right-of-way and trail width and surfacing will vary, depending on the trail type.

The trail development standards are described below, including general trail development policies, trail classifications, and trail design standards.

General Trail Development Policies

- 1) The Camas trail network is designed to meet multiple objectives, providing recreation as well as active transportation for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- 2) Whenever possible, the trails depicted on the Trails Plan should not be a part of a street roadway. Where routes use existing streets, the pathway should be designed to minimize potential

conflicts between motorists and trail users through the use of both physical separation distance and landscaping.

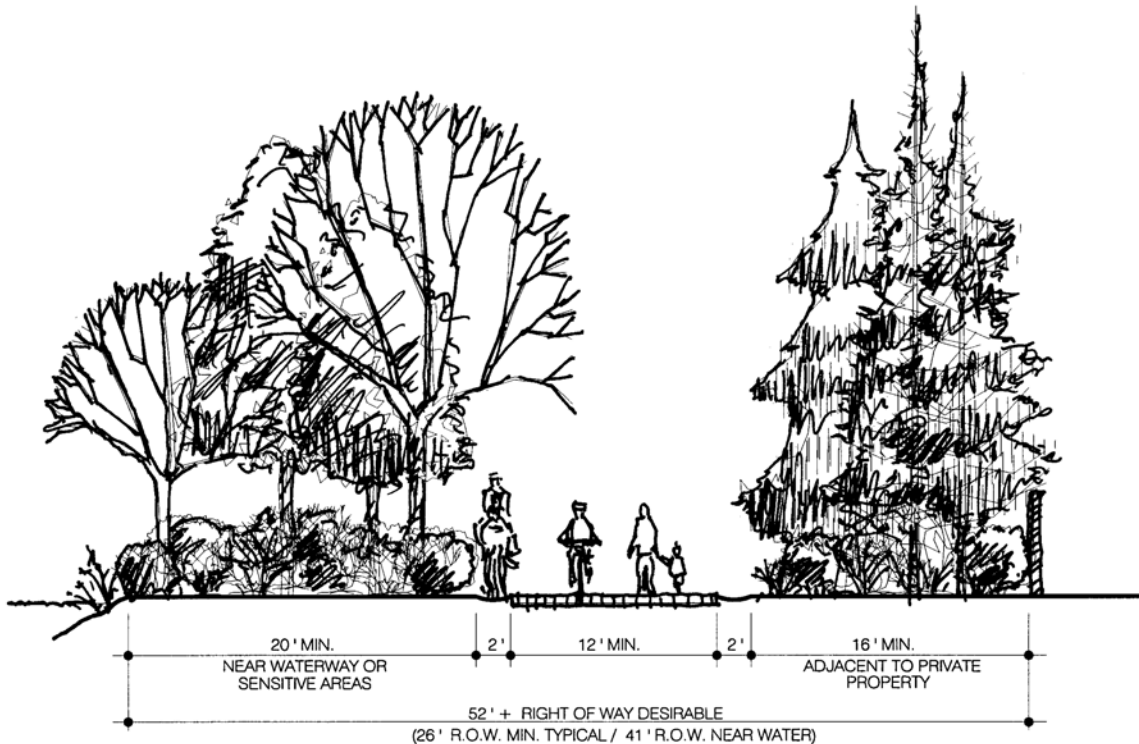
- 3) The trail network should be aligned to maximize the number and diversity of enjoyable viewing opportunities, to increase user enjoyment and provide multiple benefits.
- 4) Specific trail alignments should take into account soil conditions, steep slopes, surface drainage and other physical limitations that could increase construction and/or maintenance costs.
- 5) Trails should be planned, sized, and designed for non-motorized uses, in accordance with the design standards.
- 6) Centralized and effective staging areas should be provided for trail access. Trailheads should include parking, orientation and information, and any necessary specialized unloading features.
- 7) The trail network should be looped and interconnected to provide a variety of trail lengths and destinations. The trails should link various parts of the community, as well as existing park sites.
- 8) Developers should be encouraged to provide pathways through their development and provide access to the communitywide trail system.
- 9) Trails should be developed throughout the community to provide linkages to schools, parks, and other destination points. Each proposed trail should be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine if it should be part of the city's overall trail system.
- 10) Trails should be designed to meet accessibility guidelines for trails, as proposed by the Access Board.

Trail Classifications

Trails will be generally located off paved thoroughfares and within their own right of ways or easements. The four classifications of trails include: Regional, Local, Rustic, and Semi-Primitive. A detailed description of each of these classifications follows on subsequent pages.

1A. Regional Trail

This trail type is designed to accommodate multiple uses (walking, running, bicycling) and connect to adjoining jurisdictions or destinations. The surfacing should be a minimum of 12 feet wide and be constructed of a hard surface material such as asphalt or concrete. Exceptions to surfacing materials may occur to mitigate impacts to critical or sensitive areas. Equestrian use could be permitted if an additional unpaved shoulder area is provided. The right-of-way required for regional trails should be 26 to 52 feet, depending on their location and surroundings. This type of trail is typically located off roadway surfaces and within its own corridor. A diagram of this trail standard is located in Figure 2.



CLASS 1A. Regional Multi-Use Trail

Figure 2
Section of Typical Regional Trail
(Class 1A)

2A. Local Trail

This trail type is designed to serve the local community and also provide access to the regional trail systems. It should be considered the “backbone” of the city’s trail network. The trail width should range from 6 - 10 feet depending on the use and the terrain involved. It can be designed to accommodate the same uses listed for the regional trail. The surface for this type of trail may be paved or crushed aggregate depending on the use. Exceptions to surfacing materials may occur to mitigate impacts to critical or sensitive areas. The right of way for the local trail can range from 24 feet to 40 feet and can also be located on-road or off-road. Figure 3 is a typical configuration of a local trail.

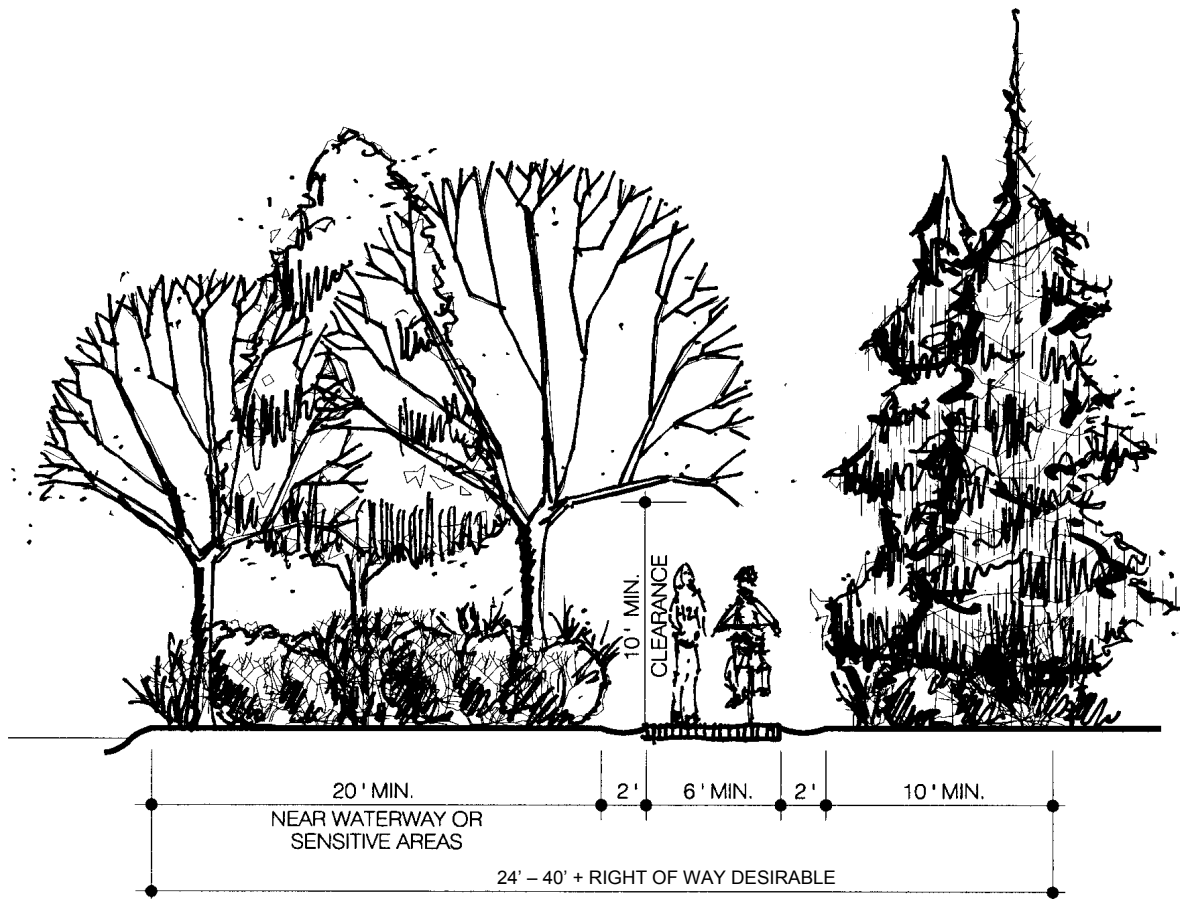


Figure 3
Section of Typical Local Trail
(Class 2A)

3. Rustic Trail

This trail type provides access to local trails, and is more neighborhood-oriented. These trails will act as collectors for neighborhoods or developments and provide links to the communitywide trail system and other adjoining destinations. The rustic trail should be a minimum of 4 feet wide and be surfaced with stable accessible surfacing. The primary uses of a rustic trail are intended to be walking, bicycling and equestrian. The right-of-way widths desired for the rustic trail can range from 24 feet to 30 feet or more. These trails are always off-road in nature. Figure 4 details this trail classification.

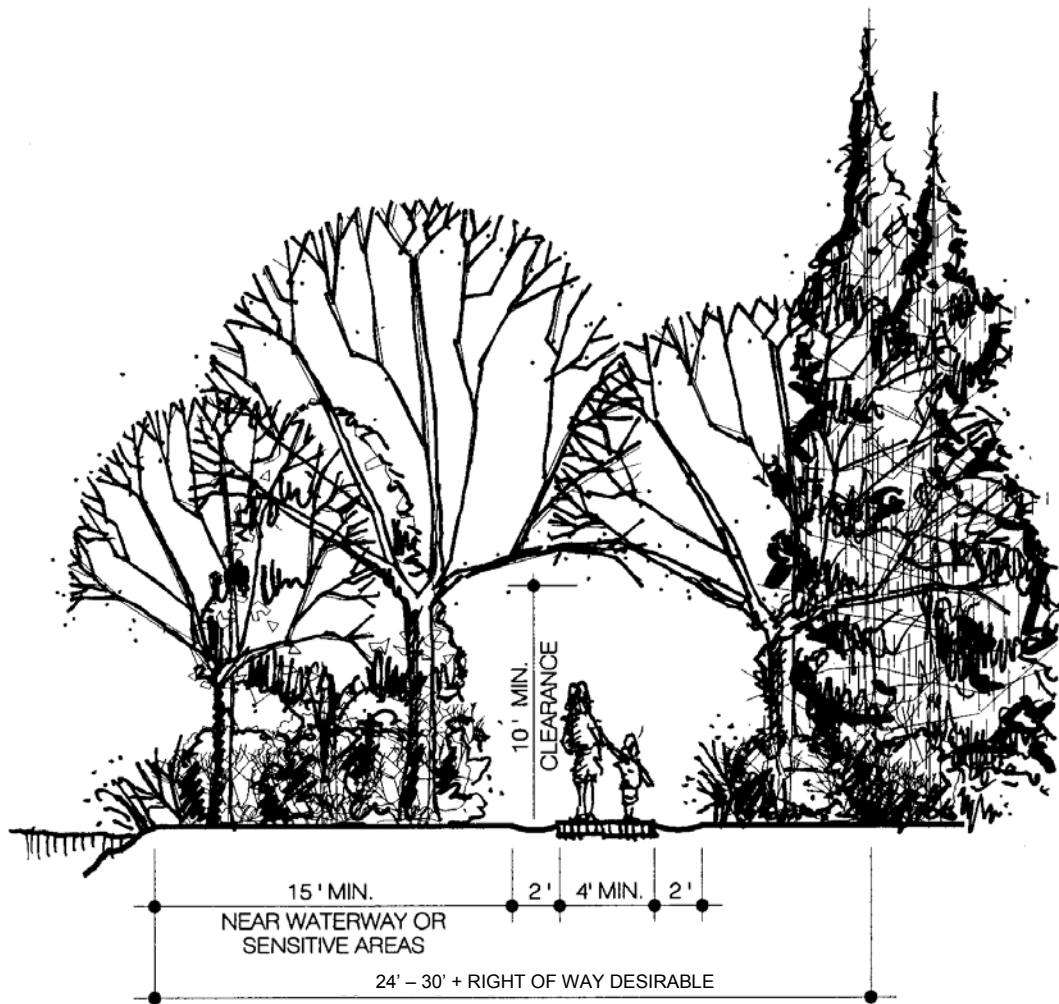


Figure 4
Section of Typical Rustic Trail
(Class 3)

4. Semi-Primitive Trail

This trail type is more specialized with regard to use, but it is more easily adaptable to the open space areas. It will serve in the more sensitive open space areas located within the city. It is designed to accommodate walkers, hikers, bicyclists, and equestrian users. It is typically 2 to 4 feet in width and is made up of compacted earth or other stable surfacing. The right-of-way width can range from 10 to 20 feet. Typically, maintenance of these trails is minimal. Figure 5 below details the standards for this trail.

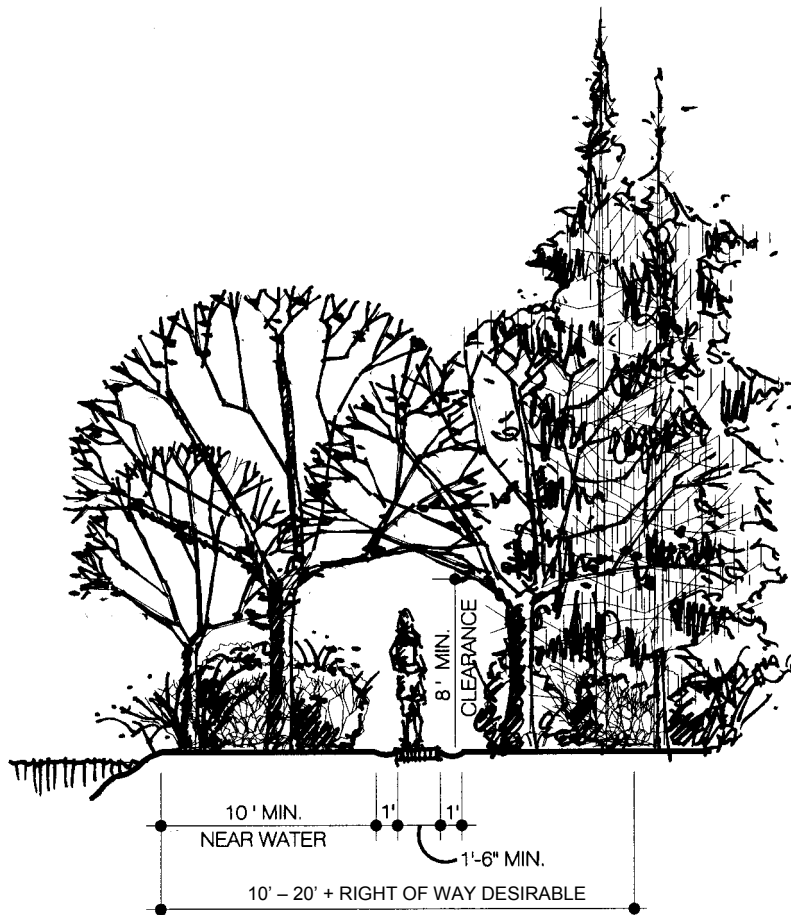


Figure 5
Section of Typical Semi-Primitive Trail
(Class 4)

Summary of Trail and Bikeway Standards

Table 4 summarizes trail standards by trail type. In addition to the trail classifications described previously, Table 4 includes bike lane standards as specified in the transportation plans for Camas

Table 4
Summary of Trail/Bikeway Classifications

| TRAIL TYPE | R.O.W. WIDTH | TRAIL WIDTH | SURFACING | CLEARANCE |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1A. Regional Multi-Use Trail | 26' Min. (52' or more desired) | 12'+ | paved asphalt or concrete | side: 2' min. height: 10' min. |
| 1B. Regional Bike Lane | N/A | 5' min. | paved asphalt or concrete | side: 2' min. height: 10' min. |
| 2A. Local Trail | 24-40' or more desired | 6-10' | paved or stable, accessible surfacing | side: 2' min. height: 10' min. |
| 2B. Local Bike Lane | N/A | 4' min. may not be striped | paved asphalt or concrete | side: 2' min. height: 10' min. |
| 3. Rustic Trail | 24-30' or more desired | 4'+ | stable, accessible surfacing | side: 2' min. height: 10' min. |
| 4. Semi-Primitive Trail | 10-20' or more desired | 1.5'+ | compacted earth or similar | side: 1' min. height: 8' min. |

Locating Trails in Sensitive (Critical) Areas

The large number of environmentally sensitive (critical) areas in Camas makes it likely that trails will be developed in some of these areas. The benefits of public access to natural areas (bird watching, nature appreciation, and environmental education) need to be balanced with the impacts of access.

Trails in environmentally sensitive areas will need to be carefully and appropriately located and designed. Exceptions to the trail improvement standards set forth in this plan may be authorized in sensitive areas consistent with the existing Clark County Trails and Bikeway System Plan, adopted herein by reference. The document recommends a thorough review and assessment of existing and proposed trail corridors, and careful placement of trails within sensitive areas to aid in minimizing the impacts. Guidelines for determining the suitability of trail locations in sensitive areas include the following:

- 1) Provide a minimum 20-foot wide vegetated buffer between wetland, sensitive area or water edge and the trail.
- 2) Construct boardwalks, railings, see-through fences and viewpoints to allow visual access to the areas and to keep trail users on the trail and away from the habitat.
- 3) Design wetland crossings for maximum protection of the wetland and locate them in an area suitable for public use.
- 4) Provide adjacent vegetation at access points that is dense enough to discourage off-trail travel. If necessary, install additional thick or thorny vegetation to prevent access.
- 5) Cover earthen based trails with dense turf where it crosses floodplains or other areas subject to periodic flooding to reduce puddling and walkers skirting the area.
- 6) Site trails away from active stream channels to prevent local bank erosion cause by trampling. In streamside locations where access is permitted or encouraged, provide access via boardwalks.
- 7) Locate bridge crossings in locations that will provide minimum impact to the water's edge and habitat while providing a rewarding experience for the trail user.

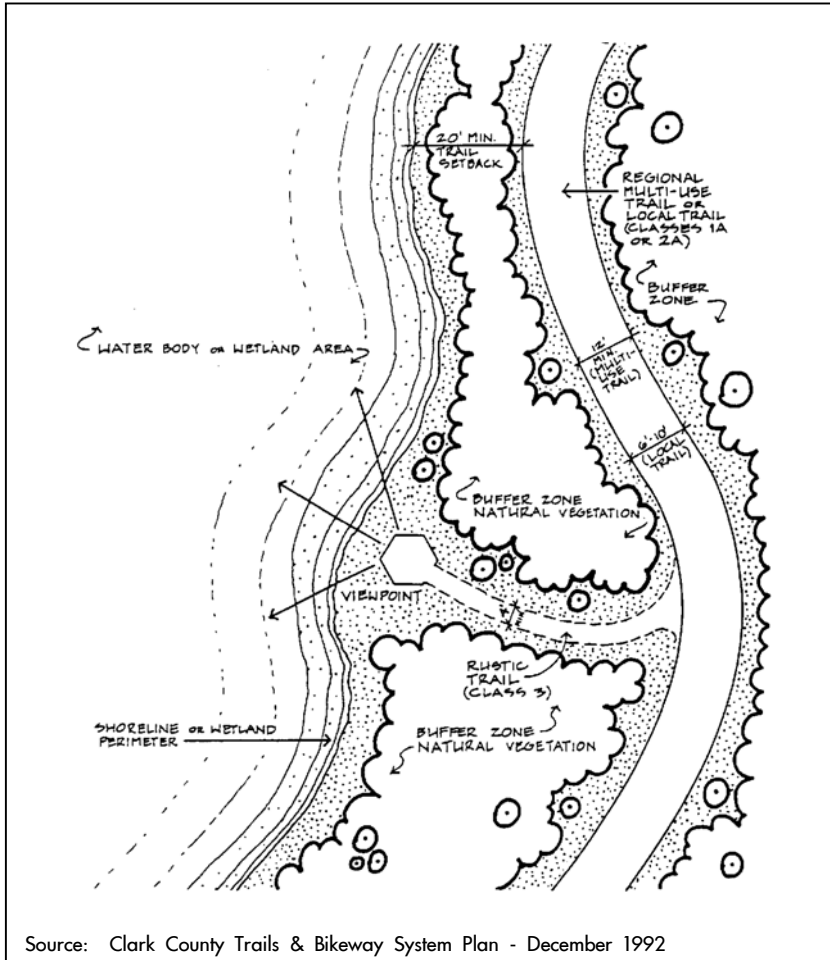


Figure 6
Sensitive Area Trail Alignment Concept

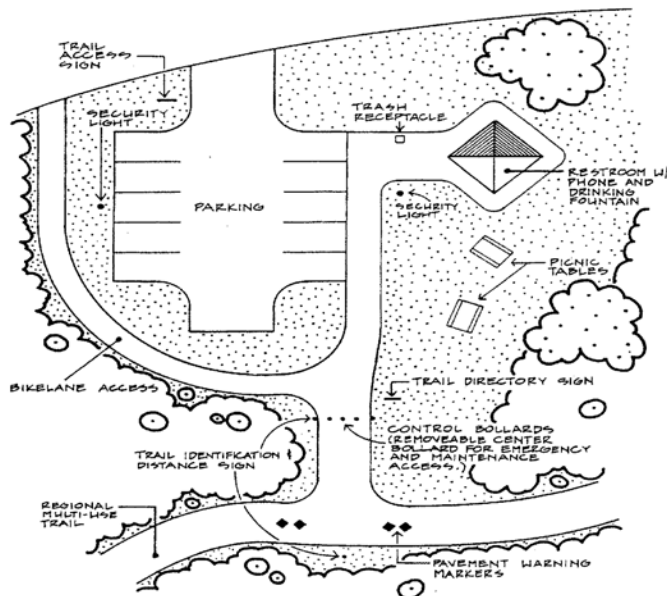
Trailheads

Two classifications of trailheads exist in Camas: primary trailheads and secondary trailheads. The majority of trailheads can occur within existing and proposed park sites. Where no other option is available and a trailhead is necessary, then a freestanding trailhead may be required.

A. Primary Trailheads

Typically, primary trailheads will include:

- Off-street parking. The number of parking spots is dependent on use – 20 spaces is a guideline, but this amount is not necessarily required.
- Restroom facilities
- Drinking fountain
- Telephone
- Picnic areas
- Appropriate signage/directories



Source: Clark County Trails & Bikeway System Plan - December 1992

Figure 7
Typical Primary Trailhead

B. Secondary Trailheads

Secondary trailhead will generally include:

- Appropriate signage/directories
- Off-street parking may or may not be provided for secondary trailheads. However, secondary trailheads in remote locations should have a maximum of 3 spaces.

3.5 Trail Safety

The ideal trail is planned and designed with safety considerations taken into account. There are two issues involving safety concerning trail users. One is danger due to normal trail use, and the other is personal safety of users.

A number of methods can be implemented to increase the safety of trails to users. Some of these are outlined below:

- **Open and Visible Trails:** If trail guidelines are followed, the resulting trails will provide open and visible corridors to both users and enforcement personnel. Visibility increases a person's sense of safety.
- **Safe Design:** If deemed necessary, techniques such as emergency call boxes, lighting, security vehicle access, and landscaping can be designed can be installed to increase safety.
- **Reduction of Trail Conflicts:** A number of problems occur on multi-use trails where two types of users are interacting. Good design, signage, and awareness of trail etiquette all reduce problems associated with these conflicts.
- **Coordination with Public Safety:** By making area law enforcement and public safety officials aware of trail routes, trailheads, and potential problem areas, they can develop emergency response plans and a method of policing the area the most efficiently.
- **Bicycle Patrols:** These patrols, made up of police or volunteers, can provide security on the trails. In addition to safety, patrols can provide information, offer bicycle safety checks, and do other service duties. Overall, the most

important part is providing “eyes” on the trail system to reduce potential problems.

- **Organized Programs:** The City can set up programs of volunteer guides to accompany those who wish to use a specific segment as a group. This can either be on a specific request basis or be integrated into the recreation programs. Organized programs, such as a special event nature walk, increase “eyes” on the trail.
- **Adopt-A-Trail Program:** Through an adopt-a-trail program, private groups, organizations, or individuals are encouraged to adopt trail segments or corridors by volunteering or providing donations for maintenance and development.
- **Neighborhood Trail Watch Program:** Through a neighborhood trail watch program, property owners adjacent to trails can be encouraged to monitor nearby trails and report maintenance or operation problems to the City, and to report vandalism or other inappropriate activity to the Police Department.

CHAPTER 4. NATURAL OPEN SPACE

4.1 Overview

Camas residents place a high value on natural open space, demonstrated in the 1998 and 2005/6 recreation surveys. The City has acquired a number of natural open space parks, and has also placed development restrictions on sensitive lands. Land development procedures require the dedication of open space land or payment in lieu of this dedication. Sometimes this land is dedicated to the City, whereas sometimes it is owned and maintained by a local homeowner's association. Regardless of ownership, natural open space serves a key role in the park and recreation system in Camas.

4.2 Existing Natural Open Space

Natural open space in Camas is defined as undeveloped land left primarily in its natural environment with recreation use as a secondary objective. It may be owned by a public agency or preserved under private ownership. This type of land often includes wetlands, steep hillsides, and large blocks of forested areas or similar spaces. Environmentally sensitive land can include wildlife habitat areas, stream and creek corridors, or places of unique and/or endangered plant species.

Existing natural open space exists in a number of forms in Camas. This makes for a variety of experiences for hikers and walkers, as well as providing a variety of habitat opportunities. A small number of the open space sites are relatively large in size and contain trail segments. However, many of these sites are independently located and do not connect together.

The existing natural open space also varies considerably in terms of character, terrain, vegetation cover and other features. Of concern is that each type of open space requires a different type of maintenance and management. Without personnel with a background in open space resource management, some of these natural features may be diminished.

Map 3 on the following page depicts the existing natural open space in Camas.

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Existing Natural Open Space Map



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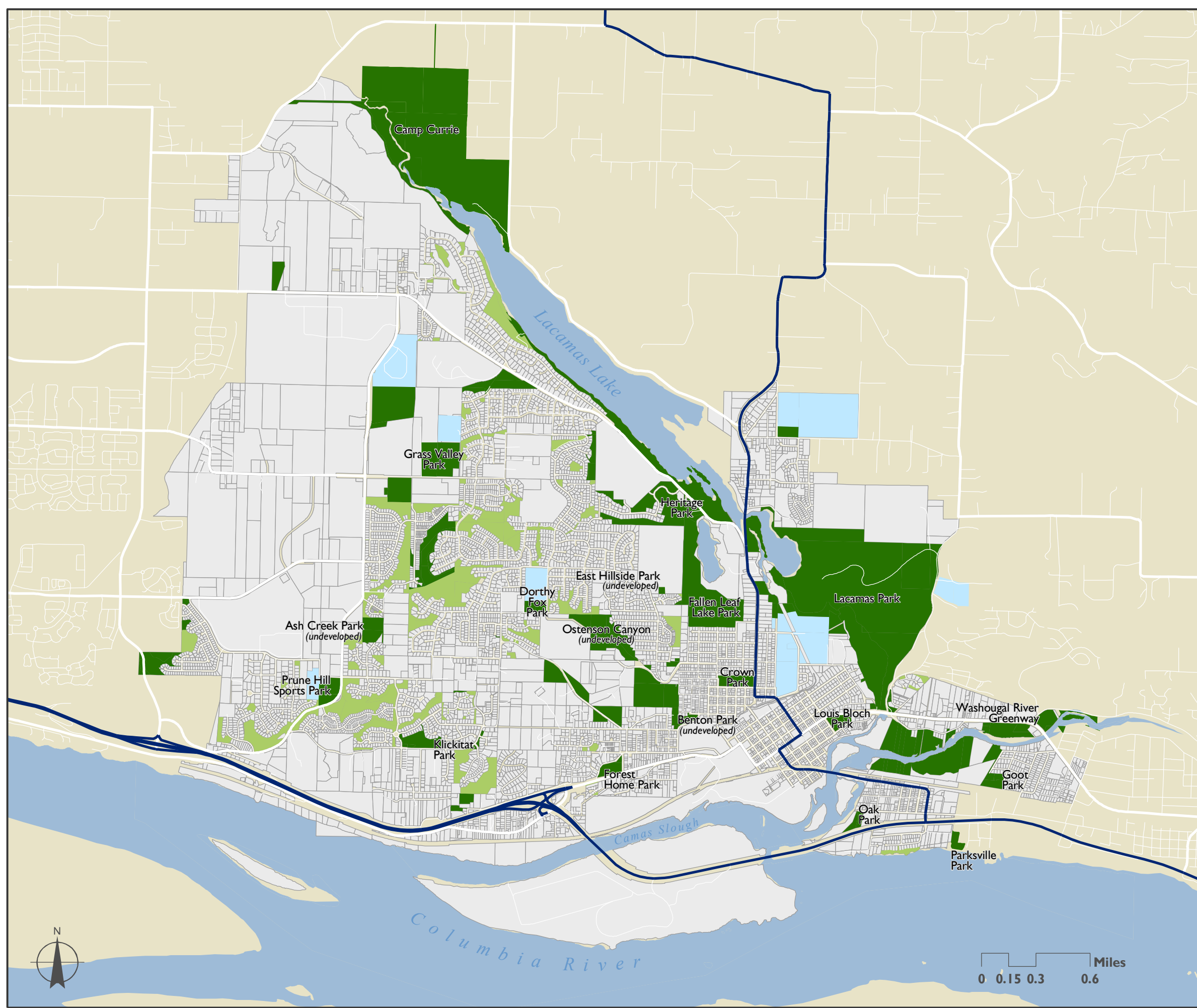


Table 5
Summary of Existing Natural Open Space

| Natural Open Space | Acres |
|---|--------------|
| City-Owned Natural Open Space | |
| Camas Meadows Greenway | 22.4 |
| Heritage Trail Greenway | 31.3 |
| Lacamas Creek Park | 53.4 |
| Ostenson Canyon Greenway | 50.0 |
| Washougal River Greenway | 86.7 |
| Other City-Owned Natural Open Space | 207.4 |
| | |
| Clark County-owned Natural Open Space | 15.0 |
| | |
| Homeowners Association Owned Natural Open Space | 268.7 |
| | |
| Total | 734.9 |

4.3 Open Space Components

The goal of this plan is to develop a Permanent Open Space Network from various categories of sensitive lands and other forms of natural open space. The first step in this planning process was to identify land that could be easily acquired because of the difficulty to develop for other forms of urban development. These three basic types of land are:

- 1) **Existing Natural Open Space:** This is land owned by the City or is owned as permanent open space by homeowner's associations. It is shown on the map on page 38 and currently represents about 735 acres of land.

- 2) **Wetland Areas:** These are areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency and duration to support a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands typically include swamps, marshes, bogs, constructed mitigation sites and similar areas but do not include man-made areas such as ditches, swales, canals, detention and wastewater facilities, or other water features. A number of state and federal regulations are currently in place that either prohibit or limit the amount of development that can occur on or around areas designated as wetlands.

Wetland areas also require buffers to protect the integrity, function, and value of the wetland. The width of these buffers is established through a set of critical or sensitive areas ordinances established by the city and is generally based on the intensity of adjacent development and the overall value of the wetland.

Because of these development restrictions, wetlands areas provide opportunities for additions to open space systems without substantial acquisition cost.

As seen on the Open Space Composite Map and city adopted wetlands maps, there are two major areas where wetlands are now found. The largest amount is located in the western portions of the city, generally west of NW Parker Street. The other prolific area of wetlands is found in the Washougal River Greenway area to the southeast. Large portions of this land have been acquired as natural open space already.

Overall approximately 545 acres of wetland areas now exist in the Camas area.

3) **Steep/Unstable/Geologically hazardous Areas:** The City of Camas has recently adopted ordinances and maps providing protection of these areas. Development proposals within these areas are subject to geotechnical work and additional review by the City. Where the intensity of a development may impact these areas to a degree that limitations and restriction are necessary, trails may be deemed suitable.

4.4 Permanent Open Space Network

The objective of this Plan is to combine individual open space parcels into a network of open space for preserving vegetation, separating neighborhoods, creating a sense of seclusion, protecting sensitive lands and providing land for trail systems. This system of open space will be called the *Camas Open Space Network* or simply as “*The Network*”. Some areas identified on the Natural Open Space Composite Map are not included in the Network. These areas do not adhere to the criteria for inclusion in the Network which are listed below. Map 4 depicts the Proposed Open Space Network.

Criteria for Inclusion in the Open Space Network

- 1) *Continuous Wildlife Habitat:* Typically, urban development separates habitat areas and prohibits wildlife from migrating from one area to another. By providing continuous habitat corridors, these problems can be reduced.
- 2) *Connecting Existing Open Space:* The basic concept of the Network is to form large parcels of open space. Obtaining connecting open space parcels is the key to this concept.
- 3) *Drainage and Erosion Control:* The inclusion of steep or unstable slopes, as well as regulations on buffers for streams and creeks means that a number of steps are in place to protect the waterways and control erosion. The Network includes the majority of shorelines within the planning area.
- 4) *Protection of Viewsheds:* A number of open space areas serve to protect views both within the City and from outside.

- 5) *Interpretation/Education:* A number of wetland sites, waterways, and areas of geologic diversity are included in the network. These provide educational as well as interpretive functions.
- 6) *Wetlands:* Inclusion of wetlands and mitigation sites will protect environmentally sensitive lands and wildlife habitat.
- 7) *Trail Corridors:* While not a high priority, trail corridors developed concurrent with the Network will provide a safe and enjoyable route for trails. Some natural open space should have limited impact from trails, and thus routing should be outside or at the fringes of the Network corridors.
- 8) *Maintenance Impacts:* As open spaces are reviewed for inclusion in the City owned and maintained system, cost of maintenance is a factor to be considered in the review.

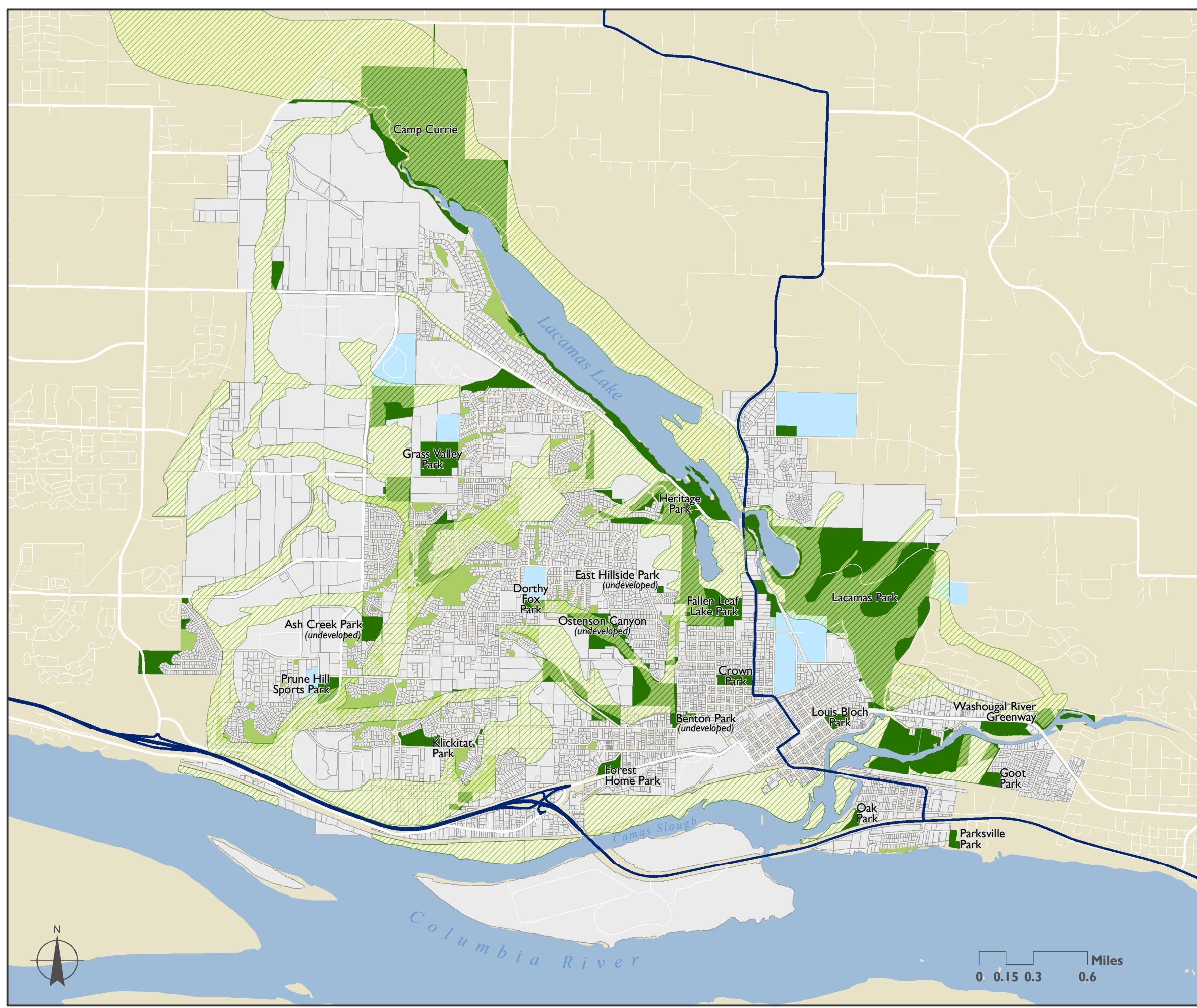
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Permanent Open Space Network Map



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Network Connections

As reflected earlier, existing natural open space, wetlands and steep slopes were evaluated in the identification of the network. A fourth component was also required that ties the whole system together. These are areas needed to connect individual open space parcels together to form a much larger area. In most instances, this land will not fall under one of the other open space categories and consist of developable land. This will require purchase at fair market value, with the most likely source park and open space impact fees.

Network connections should have a high priority of acquisition because of their development potential and the importance of connecting other open space areas. 170 acres of Network Connection land was identified in the 2000 Park Recreation Open Space Plan. Of this, much of the land has either been purchased by the City for natural open space or developed as part of residential subdivisions. Remaining undeveloped land forming connections in the Permanent Open Space Network remains a high priority for acquisition by the City.

Network Policies

The Open Space Network is meant to be a regulatory overlay that will identify the general location of the desired open space areas along with policies related to managing and using these areas. In the past, considerable debate occurred over the issue of who should own and maintain future and existing open space. The conclusion was that all land identified for inclusion in the Permanent Open Space Network should be accessible to the public, and that the City may acquire or accept ownership. Priority for City ownership is for open space which has the highest values in terms of the “Criteria for Inclusion in the Network”, as listed above. With ownership, the City will assume responsibility for managing the City-owned open space.

- 1) Specific boundaries of the Network will be identified at the time of specific development and will be determined by the network criteria.
- 2) Policies described for the acquisition and management of the Network will be followed in the land development process. The City will determine the amount and general location of land set aside for the Network.

- New development must reflect the intent of the Network in configuration and general area.
 - Developers may receive density bonuses for land that is dedicated for the Network
- 3) Natural open space in a development outside of the network may be reserved for open space but will not receive a density transfer, nor will the City be responsible for the maintenance and management of these areas.

CHAPTER 5. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

5.1 Plan Implementation

The implementation plan sets project priorities for parks, trails, and open space improvements. It presents funding options and provides a six-year plan for trail and open space improvements, contained in Table 10.

5.2 Project Priorities

The following criteria are recommended for prioritizing projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. Projects that meet one or more of the following criteria are the highest priorities:

- **Land acquisition:** Camas has been rapidly developing, and there is a need to obtain land while it is still available. The acquisition of land is critical to providing for future park and recreation needs.
- **Preservation of natural open space, especially sites providing connections:** Camas residents place a high value on protecting the community's natural resources. Preserving open space through land acquisition, easements, and natural resource restoration is important to maintaining an Open Space Network with integrity.
- **Trail development and development of trail support facilities:** Trail-related activities are some of the most popular forms of recreation in Camas, and trails also provide a means for residents to experience the City's natural resources. Completing the trail network and developing trail support facilities will facilitate participation in these highly desired activities.
- **Development of new parks in underserved and developing areas:** Camas has a well-developed park system. However, some areas of the City are underserved by parks and recreation facilities. In addition, the City continues to grow quickly. Maintaining equity in the park system is a community priority, so that all residents have similar access to parks and facilities.
- **Development of indoor recreation space/aquatic facilities:** Community members have expressed a need for indoor recreation space and aquatic facilities for many years, and

needs assessment results have also indicated a need for these types of facilities.

- **Upgrading existing parks:** Bringing existing parks up to current standards and providing additional facilities at existing sites will increase equity in park system and make efficient use of land.

5.3 Funding Sources

The following tables present potential financing and funding sources for acquiring, developing, and maintaining parks, natural open space, trails, and other recreational areas. The sources are listed in no particular order.

Table 7
Potential Public and Government Financing Sources

| Source | Description |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| General Fund | This is the City's primary source for operating revenue. Most of this revenue comes from taxes levied on property and the sale of merchandise within the City's boundary. |
| General Obligation Bond | These are voter-approved bonds paid off by an assessment placed on real property. The money may only be used for capital improvements. This property tax is levied for a specified period of time (usually 15-20 years). Passage requires approval by 60%. Major disadvantages of this funding option are the voter approval requirement and the interest costs. |
| Revenue Bonds | These bonds are sold and paid for from the revenue produced from the operation of a facility. The City does not have any recreational facilities funded in this manner. |
| Metropolitan Park District | A special tax district, authorized under RCW 35.61.210, with a board of park commissioners could take over part or all of park ownership and operations. This would be funded by a levy of up to \$0.75/1000 of property value. |
| Donations | The donation of labor, land, or cash by service agencies, private groups or individuals is a popular way to raise small amounts of money for specific projects. One common example is a service club, such as Kiwanis, Lions or Rotary, funding playground improvements. |
| Exchange of Property | If the City has an excess parcel of land with some development value, it could be traded for private land more suitable for park use. |

| Source | Description |
|---|--|
| Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) | Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) is a tax levied on all real estate sales and is levied against the full value of the property. Camas is allowed under the statutes to levy 0.5% in addition to the State of Washington tax. These funds can only be used for projects identified in the Capital Facilities Plan Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Camas has extensively used REET funds to fund park projects. |
| Joint Public/Private Partnership | This concept has become increasingly popular for park and recreation agencies. The basic approach is for a public agency to enter into a working agreement with a private corporation to help fund, build, and/or operate a public facility. Generally, the three primary incentives a public agency can offer are free land to place a facility (usually a park or other parcel of public land), certain tax advantages, and access to the facility. While the public agency may have to give up certain responsibilities or control, it is one way of obtaining public facilities at a lower cost. |
| Lifetime Estates | This is an agreement between the City and a land owner, where the City acquires the property but gives the owner the right to live on the site after the property transfer. |
| Park Impact Fees | Park Impact Fees are fees imposed on new development to pay for capital projects required to accommodate the impacts of development on the City's infrastructure. |
| Certificates of Participation | This is a lease-purchase approach where the City sells Certificates of Participation (COPs) to a lending institution. The City then pays the loan off from revenue produced by the facility or from its general operating budget. The lending institution holds title to the property until the COPs are repaid. This procedure does not require a vote of the public. |
| Exactions | Costs of necessary public improvements are passed onto the adjacent landowners through the development agreement process. |

The primary source of park and recreation grant funding in the State of Washington is the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC). The IAC is responsible for administering a wide variety of public funds, and also provides technical assistance, policy development and prepares statewide plans on trails, boating facilities,

habitat preservation and off-road vehicles. There are some additional grants available through other programs.

Table 8
Public/Government Grant Programs

| Source | Description |
|---|--|
| Boating Facilities Program | This grant program is funded by boaters' gasoline taxes and administered by the IAC. Projects eligible under this program include acquisition, development, planning, and renovation projects associated with launching ramps, transient moorage, and upland support facilities. IAC allocates up to \$200,000 for planning projects and up to \$1,000,000 for acquisition, development or projects that combine planning with acquisition or development. Grants are distributed on an annual basis and require a minimum of 25 percent matching funds by a local agency. |
| National Recreational Trail Program | This program is funded from federal gasoline taxes attributed to recreation on non-gasoline tax supported roads and administered by the IAC. Grants fund maintenance and rehabilitation of recreational trails that provide a "backcountry experience" and for safety and environmental protection programs. 20 percent of the funding for a project must come from the application sponsor in the form of cash, bond or an approved contribution of labor and or materials. IAC contributions to education programs will be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 with other projects funded up to \$50,000. |
| Land and Water Conservation Fund | This is a federal grant program that receives its money from offshore oil leases. The money is distributed through the National Park Service and is administered locally by the IAC. In the past, this was one of the major sources of grant money for local agencies. In the 1990s, funding at the federal level was severely cut, but in recent times more money has become available. In the current proposed federal budget, a small amount of money has been allocated to this program. The funds can be used for acquisition and development of outdoor facilities and requires a 50% match. |
| Nonhighway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program | IAC administered grants in this program are funded by off-road vehicle (ORV) gasoline tax and a small portion of ORV permits. Funds can be used for acquisition, development maintenance and management of opportunities for ORVs, hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, and other users of non-highway roads. Maximum grant amounts are between \$50,000 and \$100,000, depending on the type of project. |

| Source | Description |
|---|--|
| Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program | This program is administered by the IAC. There are two accounts under this program: 1) Habitat Conservation; and 2) Outdoor Recreation. Projects eligible under this program include acquisition and development of parks, water access sites, trails, critical wildlife habitat, natural areas, and urban wildlife habitat. Applicants must provide a minimum of a 50 percent non-IAC match. Local park projects have maximum requests of \$300,000 for development and \$500,000 for acquisition costs. There are no maximum request levels in the following categories: urban wildlife habitat, trails, and water access. |
| Youth Athletic Fund | The Youth Athletic Fund is a grant program designed to provide funding for new, improved, and better maintained outdoor athletic facilities serving youth and communities. This program was established by State Statute (RCW 79A.25.800-830) as part of the State Referendum 48, which provided funding for the Seattle Seahawks Stadium. The program is administered by the IAC and applicants must provide matching funds of at least 50 percent. The grant amounts vary by use from a minimum of \$5,000 for maintaining existing facilities, to a maximum of \$150,000 for developing new facilities. |
| Conservation Futures Open Space Program | A land acquisition program intended to preserve and enhance environmentally sensitive properties. Projects can be submitted by the County, Cities and Towns for review by a citizen based advisory committee. the Board of Clark County Commissioners makes final funding decisions based on the prioritization of this committee. The program is funded by a 6-1/4 cent per thousand dollar of property tax assessment in Clark County. |
| Aquatic Land Enhancement Account | This program is administered by the IAC and supports the purchase, improvement, or protection of and access to aquatic lands for public purposes. Grant applications are reviewed once every two years for this program. Applicants must provide a minimum of a 50 percent match. |
| Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) | These grants from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development are available for a wide variety of projects. Most are used for projects in lower income areas of the community because of funding rules. Grants can cover up to 100% of project costs. Since 1985, Clark County has administered over one million dollars annually through a competitive proposal process. |
| | |

| Source | Description |
|---|---|
| Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act — a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) | Through the years, Washington has received considerable revenue for trail-related projects from this source. Originally called the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), this 6-year program funded a wide variety of transportation related projects. In 1998, it was reauthorized for another 6 years under the name Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century (TEA-21). The act was reauthorized in 2005 under the name SAFETEA-LU, with similar provisions to ISTEA and TEA-21. In addition to bicycle, pedestrian, and trail-related projects, these funds can generally be used for landscape and amenity improvements related to trail and transportation projects. In Washington, most trails-related funds are administered by the IAC under the National Recreational Trail Program (described above). |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) | USFW may provide technical assistance and administer funding for projects related to water quality improvement through debris and habitat/vegetation management, watershed management and stream bank erosion, and sediment deposition projects. |

Other potential sources for implementation are included in Table 9.

Table 9
Other Potential Sources

| Source | Description |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Partnerships | The City could consider developing partnerships with other jurisdictions, agencies, or non-profit service providers to implement projects identified in the plan. Some potential partners include the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, private sport groups, neighborhood organizations, Clark County, and the City of Camas. |
| Public Land Trusts | Private land trusts, such as the Trust for Public Land, Inc. and the Nature Conservancy will acquire and hold land for eventual acquisition by a public agency. |
| Private Grants and Foundations | Private grants and foundations provide money for a wide range of projects, targeted to the foundation's specific mission. A number of foundations do not provide grants to governments, and grants are difficult to find and equally difficult to secure because of the open competition. |

5.4 Proposed Short Term Financing Strategy

The short-term plan for implementing trails and open space improvements is described in this section.

The City of Camas has very successfully pursued a strategy of regular investment in its trail and open space system. The City's approach has been to dedicate funds annually to allow staff to take advantage of opportunities that arise. This approach recognizes that the opportunities vary depending on the timing of specific residential and commercial developments. The City's Capital Facilities Plan, adopted in 2004, includes an annual budget for trail improvements and an annual budget for open space acquisition. This Trail and Open Space Plan follows a similar approach, and is consistent with the Capital Facilities Plan.

Camas has, in the past, budgeted \$100,000 per year for trail development. In 2006 dollars, this will buy approximately 0.5-.07 miles of paved local connector trail or 1-1.6 miles of crushed rock surfaced local connector trail. These numbers are based on trail construction only (no signage, boardwalks, railings, etc.) in areas where standard equipment can be used, and where no environmental constraints are in place.

The Trails and Open Space Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan is detailed in Table 10. Funding sources identified in the table include:

- **Impact Fees.** As a fast-growing City, Camas receives impact fees paid by new development for qualified park, trail, and open space improvements.
- **General Fund.** While the General Fund is not a major source for trail and open space capital improvements, the City does use some general funds for these projects.
- **Grants and Miscellaneous.** This includes grants, donations, and other miscellaneous sources.
- **REET.** The Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) is a major source of park, trail, and open space funding in Camas.
- **Other.** This includes other sources of revenue, such as costs paid by utility funds.

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Table 10
Recommended Six Year Capital Facilities Plan

| Project Name | Cost (2006 \$) | Comments | Impact Fees | General Fund | Grants/ Misc. | REET | Other |
|---|--------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------|-------|
| Trail Development | | | | | | | |
| Washougal River Greenway Trail and River Crossing (T-4) | \$3,000,000 | Development of trail and bridge over Washougal River | ■ | | ■ | | ■ |
| Leadbetter corridor (T22) | \$150,000 | | ■ | | ■ | ■ | |
| Trailhead Construction | \$307,000 | New primary trailhead | ■ | | | ■ | ■ |
| Trailhead Construction | \$307,000 | New primary trailhead | ■ | | | ■ | ■ |
| Trailhead Construction | \$307,000 | New primary trailhead | ■ | | | ■ | ■ |
| 2007 Trail Improvements | \$100,000 | Annual trail improvement budget, location based on opportunity | ■ | | ■ | ■ | |
| 2008 Trail Improvements | \$100,000 | Annual trail improvement budget, location based on opportunity | ■ | | ■ | ■ | |
| 2009 Trail Improvements | \$100,000 | Annual trail improvement budget, location based on opportunity | ■ | | ■ | ■ | |
| 2010 Trail Improvements | \$100,000 | Annual trail improvement budget, location based on opportunity | ■ | | ■ | ■ | |
| 2011 Trail Improvements | \$100,000 | Annual trail improvement budget, location based on opportunity | ■ | | ■ | ■ | |
| SUBTOTAL (Trail Development) | \$4,571,000 | | | | | | |
| Open Space | | | | | | | |
| 2006 open space acquisition | \$250,000 | Annual open space budget, opportunity based | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| 2007 open space acquisition | \$250,000 | Annual open space budget, opportunity based | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| 2008 open space acquisition | \$250,000 | Annual open space budget, opportunity based | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| 2009 Open Space Acquisition | \$250,000 | Annual open space budget, opportunity based | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| 2010 Open Space Acquisition | \$250,000 | Annual open space budget, opportunity based | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| 2011 Open Space Acquisition | \$250,000 | Annual open space budget, opportunity based | ■ | | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| SUBTOTAL (Open Space Acquisition) | \$1,500,000 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$6,071,000 | | | | | | |

APPENDIX A: COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS



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I. INTRODUCTION

A statistically valid survey designed to elicit information about recreation interests, behavior, attitudes, and participation was conducted in Camas between November 2005 and January 2006. This community-wide survey included a random sampling of households in Camas. Results are summarized within this report. Appendix A contains the survey instruments. Appendix B contains handwritten comments and responses.

II. SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Sample Selection

The recreation survey used a random sample of approximately 2000 addresses selected from a current list of residential telephone subscribers in Camas. Addresses were chosen so that every household would have an equal chance of being selected. Questionnaires were then mailed to these addresses.

The random sampling method is also geographically distributed. The mailing list sample included addresses from all parts of the Camas. For a community this size, a random sample matches all geographic parameters within a plus or minus 3 percent.

Survey Administration

Each randomly selected household was mailed a questionnaire with a postage-paid envelope to facilitate return. Three weeks after the initial mailing, a second copy of the questionnaire was mailed to households that had not responded. The numbers for each mailing and returns are detailed below.

Table 1
Survey Mailings and Response

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Total Questionnaires Mailed | 2,071 |
| Total Adult Returns | 379 |
| Response Rate | 18.3% |

A total of 379 questionnaires were completed, resulting in an overall response rate of 18.3 percent. For the total sample, the responses exceeded the minimum needed to achieve a 95% confidence level with a margin of error of no greater than 5 percent. With 379 survey returns, the margin of error for Camas' population of 16,089 is 4.97 percent for the adult survey. In other words, the survey findings vary no more than 4.97 percent from the results that would have been obtained if everyone in the City had been surveyed.

Youth Results

A separate youth survey was included in the survey mailing, aimed at youth between the ages of 10 and 18. A total of 63 youth responses were received. Because of the distribution method these results are not reliable to the same level of confidence as the adult results. However, 63 youth responses constitute 14.3% of all responses to this survey, slightly more than the proportion of youth in the population of Camas (13.1% of total population).

Sub-sample Results

In some cases, survey responses are discussed based on the age group of the respondent. Although these sub-sample results do not meet the same standards for reliability as the recreation survey as a whole, the results are noted where a pattern of use is clearly indicated for a particular age group.

Questionnaire Overview

The adult survey instrument (included in Appendix A) was designed to obtain a variety of information, including the demographic characteristics of survey respondents. Survey questions solicited the following information relating to parks, recreation facilities, programs, and participation:

- Parks and pathways (use, development, and maintenance);
- Programs, services, and special events (scheduling, participation, and programming);
- Community priorities (park facilities, sports fields, river access, and natural open space);
- Funding;
- Bikeway and trail use;

- Youth programming; and
- Recreation participation and preferred activities.

The youth survey instrument (included in Appendix A) was specifically designed to be relevant and age appropriate for residents of Camas ages 10 to 18. This questionnaire also addressed many of the topics listed above, with several key questions purposefully repeated for comparison purposes.

Respondents were instructed to fill out all questions individually with one adult and one youth survey (if applicable) for each household. Respondents were asked to indicate their age group as well as their gender and length of residency in Camas for statistical comparison. Data tables of complete survey results are available under separate cover.

III. DEMOGRAPHIC RESULTS

In the discussion below, the total number of responses will vary by question. In some cases, combined youth and adult responses are presented.

Question 1: What is your age?

Table 2
Combined Age Group Results Compared to 2000 Census

| | Survey Total | 2000 Census |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | 439 | 12,534 |
| 10-14 | 39 8.9% | 1,109 8.8% |
| 15-18 | 24 5.5% | 533 4.3% |
| 18-24 | 2 0.5% | 773 6.1% |
| 25-34 | 35 8.0% | 1,750 14.0% |
| 35-44 | 84 19.1% | 2,326 18.6% |
| 45-54 | 100 22.8% | 1,686 13.5% |
| 55-64 | 84 19.1% | 1,000 8.0% |
| 65+ | 71 16.2% | 1,093 8.7% |

- In general, the respondents to the survey are representative of the age breakdown in the 2000 census.
- However, adults between the ages of 18 and 34 are underrepresented. This group commonly has a lower response rate to written surveys than older age groups.
- In Camas, 18 year olds appear in two categories depending on which instrument they filled out. Five 18-year-olds completed the youth survey instrument and two 18-24-year-olds completed the adult instrument.

Question 2: Male or Female?

Table 3

Question 2 Combined Results

| Total | |
|--------------|--------------|
| | 403 |
| Male | 216 54.6% |
| Female | 187 45.4% |

- Females are slightly underrepresented in the survey results, which is uncommon in MIG recreation survey results. Generally, females respond to written surveys at a higher rate than males. In the Camas population, females make up 51% of the total.

Question 3: How long have you lived in Camas?

Table 4

Adult Question 3: Results Summary

| | Total |
|-----------------|--------------|
| | 374 |
| 3 years or less | 78 20.9% |
| 4-6 years | 65 17.4% |
| 7-10 years | 69 18.4% |
| 11-19 years | 55 14.7% |
| 20+ years | 107 28.6% |

- Overall, the residency of respondents (youth were not asked this question) is fairly evenly distributed.
- 43.3% of respondents have resided in Camas for more than 10 years, and 38.3% have been in Camas 6 years or less.
- Age appears to be correlated to residency, with 25-34 year-olds more likely to have less than 3 years of residence and age groups over 45 more likely to have 11 or more years of residence.

IV. ADULT SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the questions on the adult survey are reviewed below. More detailed data tables are available under separate cover.

Members of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) were also asked to complete the recreation survey. PAC results were tabulated separately from the random sample. PAC results were consistent with the communitywide results discussed in this section.

Question 4: How frequently do you visit the following Camas facilities in season? For each row, check the column that best describes how often you visit that park.

Table 5
Adult Question 4: Results Summary

| | Total | Frequently (once a week or more) | Sometimes (1-2 times a month) | Rarely (less than 5 times a year) | Never |
|--|--------------|---|--|--|--------------|
| Sports fields | 337 | 69 | 58 | 101 | 109 |
| Developed Parks | 354 | 83 | 141 | 100 | 30 |
| Natural Open Space & Trails | 361 | 93 | 130 | 107 | 31 |
| Waterfront Areas | 341 | 44 | 109 | 146 | 42 |
| School Playgrounds & Indoor Facilities | 339 | 49 | 71 | 97 | 122 |
| Crown Park Swimming Pool | 345 | 14 | 28 | 106 | 197 |
| Camas Community Center | 346 | 12 | 25 | 136 | 173 |

- Natural open space and trails and developed parks are the most frequently used assets in the Camas park system
- 60% of respondents have not visited Crown Park Swimming Pool, and 50% have not visited the Camas Community Center.

Question 6: If you seldom use or do not use the parks in Camas what are your reasons? Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 6
Question 6 Results Summary

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| | 200 |
| Not interested/ no time | 89 44.5% |
| Don't know what's available | 32 16.0% |
| Lack of facilities | 19 9.5% |
| Too far away; not conveniently located | 19 9.5% |
| Don't know where they are | 12 6.0% |
| Too crowded | 12 6.0% |
| Feel unsafe | 8 4.0% |
| Poorly maintained | 6 3.0% |
| Do not have transportation | 3 1.5% |

- Not interested/no time was the most frequent response to this question, as it is in most MIG recreation surveys.
- Significantly, “Don’t know what’s available” ranked second highest in number of responses. Younger adults chose this response more frequently than older age groups. This result indicates that there may be a need for additional outreach and education, possibly even exploring new outreach methods, to increase awareness among residents.

Question 7: How would you rate the general upkeep and maintenance of the existing parks in Camas?

Table 7
Question 7 Results Summary

| | | Total |
|---|----------------------|--------------|
| | | 369 |
| 1 | Poor | 0 0.0% |
| 2 | Poor - Adequate | 8 2.2% |
| 3 | Adequate | 84 22.8% |
| 4 | Adequate - Excellent | 158 42.8% |
| 5 | Excellent | 96 26.0% |
| | Don't know | 23 6.2% |
| | Average | 4.11 |

- In general, residents appear to be satisfied with the level of maintenance in Camas parks. The average response was strongly between “Adequate” and “Excellent”.
- 68% of all responses were above adequate and only 8 people responded below adequate.

Question 9: What type of park is most needed in Camas? Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 8
Question 9 Results Summary

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| | 598 |
| Parks with river, creek or water frontage | 120 20.1% |
| Natural areas | 114 19.1% |
| Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community | 96 16.1% |
| Linear trail corridors | 93 15.6% |
| Small parks in my neighborhood | 81 13.5% |
| A park consisting primarily of sports fields | 48 8.0% |
| No additional parks or natural areas are needed | 46 7.7% |

- Almost 93% of respondents believe more parks are needed in Camas.
- The highest responses were for “River access” and “Natural areas”, (20.1% and 19.1% of responses respectively).
- Large multi-use parks, linear trail corridors and small neighborhood parks were also favored, with a park consisting primarily of sports fields less favored.

Question 10: Do you own a dog?

Table 9

Question 10 Results Summary

| Total | |
|--------------|--------------|
| | 371 |
| Yes | 159 42.9% |
| No | 212 57.1% |

Question 11: How should dogs be accommodated in public spaces? Please check only 1 choice.

Table 10

Question 11 Results Summary

| Total | |
|--|--------------|
| | 341 |
| Create off-leash areas and enforce leash laws | 125 36.7% |
| Enforce current laws requiring dogs to be leashed in parks | 110 32.3% |
| Create a park specifically for dogs off-leash | 55 16.1% |
| Create special off-leash areas for dogs in several parks | 51 15.0% |

- Just over 40% of Camas respondents are dog owners.
- Over 67% of respondents indicated a need for new or improved facilities to accommodate off-leash dogs.
- In addition, well over half (69%) would like to see greater enforcement of existing leash laws.

Question 12: How would you rate the importance of natural open space to the community?

Table 11
Question 12 Results Summary

| | | Total |
|---|--|--------------|
| | | 379 |
| 1 | Not important | 5 1.3% |
| 2 | Not important - Somewhat important | 9 2.4% |
| 3 | Somewhat important | 34 9.0% |
| 4 | Somewhat important - Very important | 81 21.4% |
| 5 | Very important | 248 65.4% |
| | Don't know | 2 0.5% |
| | Average Answer | 4.49 |

- 95% of respondents indicated that natural open space areas have some degree of importance to the community.
- The average response to this question is 4.49, and more than 86% of respondents rated natural open space as somewhat important to very important.
- Responses were generally consistent average across all age groups,.

Question 14: How should natural areas be used?

Table 12
Question 14 Results Summary

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| | 372 |
| No public use (preserved for wildlife habitat) | 14 3.8% |
| Limited public use (trails, viewpoints, etc.) | 98 26.3% |
| Semi-active recreational use (picnicking, playgrounds, etc.) | 45 12.1% |
| Combination of the above | 136 36.6% |
| Depends on the site | 79 21.2% |

- Respondents are supportive of public use of natural open space, with more than 96% in favor of some type of public use.
- Respondents recognized the site-specific needs of natural spaces, with nearly 60% selecting “Combination of the above” and “Depends on the site”.
- Limited public use, including trails and viewpoints, was the most selected specific level of use (26.3%)

Question 15: Do you participate in recreation, cultural, senior or sports programs offered by Camas?

Table 13
Question 15 Results Summary

| | Total |
|-----|--------------|
| | 372 |
| Yes | 153 41.1% |
| No | 219 58.9% |

- Almost 60% participate in programs.
- However, participation in programs is higher in adults under age 45. Older adults participate less.

Question 16: If you participated in services and programs offered by Camas, how did you learn about them? Please check all that apply.

Table 14
Question 16 Results Summary

| | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 399 |
| From the City's program guide | 125 31.3% |
| From friends or word of mouth | 96 24.1% |
| From the local newspaper | 68 17.0% |
| Information distributed at schools | 55 13.8% |
| Posters/Flyers | 41 10.3% |
| Web site | 14 3.5% |

- The program guide is the source of programming information for almost a third of adults.
- Word of mouth is the second most frequent method of learning about programs, and was consistently high for all age groups.
- Of the remaining choices, the local newspaper was most effective at reaching people aged 45 and up, while information distributed at schools reached more people between the ages of 25 and 45.

Question 17: If you do not participate in recreation or sports programs offered by Camas, what are your reasons? Please check all that apply.

Table 15
Question 17 Results Summary

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| | 324 |
| Too busy; no time | 123 38.0% |
| Don't have the activities I'm interested in | 66 20.4% |
| Not aware of programs | 64 19.8% |
| Held at inconvenient times | 30 9.3% |
| Need child care in order to participate | 16 4.9% |
| Held at inconvenient locations | 8 2.5% |
| Too expensive | 6 1.9% |
| Poor quality of programs | 5 1.5% |
| Lack of transportation | 5 1.5% |
| Classes or programs are full | 1 0.3% |

- Too busy/no time is the top reason for not participating more frequently. This is usually the top response when MIG asks this question in other recreation surveys.
- The next two most frequent responses are “Don't have the activities I'm interested in” (20.4%) and “Not aware of programs” (19.8%). By adding new types of programs, the City could increase participation. In addition, increasing awareness of programs already available could also increase participation.
- Younger adults were the only age groups to indicate a need for childcare to participate.
- Cost, poor quality, or overcrowding do not appear to be barriers to participation.

Question 18: What are the most convenient program times for you and others in your household? Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 16
Question 18 Results Summary

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| | 510 |
| Weekday mornings | 73 14.3% |
| Weekday afternoons | 60 11.8% |
| Weekday evenings | 126 24.7% |
| Weekend mornings | 81 15.9% |
| Weekend afternoons | 74 14.5% |
| Weekend evenings | 14 2.7% |
| Drop-in formats, rather than ongoing activities | 82 16.1% |

- Weekday evenings were the most preferred across all age groups, except for those age 65+.
- Age groups between 25-54 also preferred weekend times more than older age groups.
- Weekday mornings and afternoons were most popular with ages 55+, with drop-in activities also favored by this group.

Question 19: What additional recreation programs should Camas offer? Please check all that apply.

Table 17
Question 19 Results Summary

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| | 853 |
| Special events (concerts in the park, festivals) | 167 19.6% |
| Fitness classes (aerobics, yoga, etc.) | 102 12.0% |
| General interest classes (music lessons, computers) | 98 11.5% |
| Drop-in activities | 80 9.4% |
| Outdoor/environmental programs | 79 9.3% |
| Aquatic programs | 78 9.1% |
| Arts (drama, painting, etc.) | 72 8.4% |
| Sports (baseball, tennis) | 68 8.0% |
| Before and after school programs | 56 6.6% |
| No additional programs are needed | 53 6.2% |

- There was interest from respondents in new types of programs, with special events the most popular choice (19.6%).
- Fitness and general interest classes were the next most popular responses.

Question 20: What groups are underserved by current recreation services? Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 18
Question 20 Results Summary

| | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | 378 |
| All groups are served adequately | 104 27.5% |
| Adults | 58 15.3% |
| Seniors | 45 11.9% |
| High school youth | 36 9.5% |
| Families | 29 7.7% |
| Preschoolers | 28 7.4% |
| People with disabilities | 25 6.6% |
| Middle school youth | 23 6.1% |
| People from diverse cultures | 16 4.2% |
| Elementary youth | 14 3.7% |

- More than a quarter indicated that all groups are served adequately (27.5%).
- Adults were the second highest selection overall, at 15.3%.
- More than 25% of respondents over the age of 55 selected seniors as underserved. No younger respondents selected seniors as being underserved.

Question 22: What role should the City assume in organized youth sports and sport facilities? *Please check only one choice.*

Table 19
Question 22 Results Summary

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| | 339 |
| Not be involved in organized youth sports | 31 9.1% |
| Develop sport fields only and leave maintenance to private groups | 22 6.5% |
| Develop and maintain sport fields (City's current role) | 209 61.7% |
| Develop and maintain sports fields and manage/develop sport leagues | 77 22.7% |

- Most of the respondents (61.7%) support the current role of developing and maintaining sport fields.
- An additional 22.7% indicated interest in the City expanding into managing and developing sport leagues in addition to its current role.

Question 23: If funding were available, which of the following facilities should have the highest priorities in Camas? Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 20
Question 23 Results Summary

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| | 655 |
| A citywide trail system | 132 20.2% |
| Multi-purpose indoor community/recreational/senior center | 114 17.4% |
| Indoor pool | 112 17.1% |
| More river access for recreation, swimming, and boating | 71 10.8% |
| Sports fields (e.g. baseball, softball, soccer, rugby) | 70 10.7% |
| Off-leash dog area | 44 6.7% |
| More outdoor courts for basketball, volleyball, or tennis | 33 5.0% |
| Water playgrounds | 24 3.7% |
| Community gardens | 23 3.5% |
| Other: _____ | 18 2.7% |
| More picnic areas | 14 2.1% |

- A citywide trail system received the highest ranking (20.2% of responses).
- A multi-purpose community center and an indoor pool were the next most favored facilities, and were nearly even in responses.
- Handwritten “other” responses are included in Appendix B.

Question 24: What facilities would you most like to see in an indoor recreation center? Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 21
Question 24 Results Summary

| | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 619 |
| Indoor swimming pool | 187 30.2% |
| Multi-use gymnasium | 114 18.4% |
| Weight room/fitness room | 65 10.5% |
| Aerobics/exercise classrooms | 57 9.2% |
| Space for teen activities | 52 8.4% |
| Space for senior activities | 50 8.1% |
| Large multi-purpose/reception room | 43 6.9% |
| Meeting rooms/classrooms | 32 5.2% |
| Childcare | 19 3.1% |

- An indoor swimming pool is a top priority to include in a recreation center, and received almost a third of responses.
- Other favored facilities for an indoor recreation center are a multi-use gymnasium and weight room/fitness room.
- Those age 65+ favor inclusion of space for senior activities.

Question 25: What type of trails/pathways should have the highest priority in Camas? Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 22
Question 25 Results Summary

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| | 664 |
| Trails that link with other existing trails | 138 20.8% |
| Trails that link neighborhoods with community destinations | 137 20.6% |
| Paved trails for walking, biking, etc. | 136 20.5% |
| Nature trails | 130 19.6% |
| Trails that extend long distances (5+ miles) | 71 10.7% |
| Exercise trails | 52 7.8% |

- The top four answers were trails that provide links to other trails and community destinations, paved trails, and nature trails. These received similar levels of support.
- The remaining two choices – long distance trails and exercise trails – received support, but less than the other four choices.

Question 26: If you do not currently use pathways or trails in Camas, what are your primary reasons? Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 23
Question 26 Results Summary

| | Total |
|---|-------------|
| | 218 |
| Don't know where they are located | 56 25.7% |
| Too far away, not conveniently located | 42 19.3% |
| Lack of trails and connections | 42 19.3% |
| Feel unsafe | 31 14.2% |
| Not interested in using trails | 23 10.6% |
| Conflicts with other types of trail users | 16 7.3% |
| Poorly maintained | 8 3.7% |

- Almost 90% indicated interest in using trails.
- The main reason people don't use trails is lack of knowledge of the trail system. This answer received more than a quarter of responses.
- The reasons cited next most frequently were inconvenient trail locations and missing connections. Based on these results, increasing linkages would increase trail use.
- Perceived lack of safety is a factor that appears to be limiting trail use by some residents.
- Maintenance appears to be adequate, and not a factor in trail use.

Question 27: What are the primary reasons to develop more trails in Camas? Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 24
Question 27 Results Summary

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| | 680 |
| Exercise | 260 38.2% |
| Experience nature | 150 22.1% |
| Recreation | 145 21.3% |
| Increase non-motorized transportation options | 82 12.1% |
| No additional trails are needed | 22 3.2% |
| Improve children's access to schools | 21 3.1% |

- Almost 97% of respondents believe more trails are needed in Camas.
- The primary reason to provide more trails in Camas is exercise.
- Experiencing nature and recreation were the next most favored reasons to provide more trails.
- Improving access to schools was the least popular reason to provide more trails.

Question 28: How can the Camas park system be improved?
Please check your top 2 choices.

Table 25
Question 28 Results Summary

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| | 663 |
| Acquiring land for future parks | 141 21.3% |
| Building major new facilities, such as pools or community centers | 132 19.9% |
| Acquiring natural areas | 118 17.8% |
| Maintaining existing parks and facilities | 110 16.6% |
| Developing new parks | 86 13.0% |
| Upgrading existing parks | 76 11.5% |

- The top response for how best to improve the park system was to acquire land for future parks.
- Building major new facilities was a close second.
- Upgrading existing parks and developing new parks were less popular, but still supported.

Question 29: Would you support partnering with Washougal to provide recreation facilities and services?

Table 26
Question 29 Results Summary

| | Total |
|-----|--------------|
| | 363 |
| Yes | 307 84.6% |
| No | 56 15.4% |

- Respondents in Camas strongly support partnerships with neighboring Washougal, with almost 85% in support.

Question 30: In general, would you support a tax measure to maintain and improve existing parks and trails, acquire more parks and natural areas, or develop more trails, parks and recreation facilities? *Please check only one choice.*

Table 27
Question 30 Results Summary

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| | 376 |
| Yes, I would support it | 99 26.3% |
| I would support it, depending on the amount | 32 8.5% |
| I would support it, depending on the projects proposed. | 57 15.2% |
| I would support it, depending on the amount and projects | 132 35.1% |
| No, I would not support it. (Skip the next question) | 56 14.9% |

- More than 85% of Camas residents would support some mix of projects and funding.
- More than a quarter would support provide unqualified support for a tax measure for parks.
- A low percentage (8.5%) would support it dependent on the amount. The projects proposed appear to have a greater influence on tax measure support than amount.
- More than a third (35.1%) of respondents would support new taxes, depending on both the project mix and the total amount of funding.
- Overall, these responses show community support for funding park and recreation projects.

Question 31: If yes, how much would you be willing to support?
Please check only 1 choice.

Table 28
Question 31 Results Summary

| | Total |
|--|-------------|
| | 313 |
| Up to \$15 annually per household | 61 19.5% |
| Up to \$25 annually per household | 83 26.5% |
| Up to \$50 annually per household | 93 29.7% |
| Up to \$75 annually per household | 19 6.1% |
| Up to \$100 annually per household | 39 12.5% |
| More than \$100 annually per household | 18 5.8% |

- 54% of respondents would be willing to pay up to \$50 per year toward new park and recreation funding, including those who would be willing to pay more.

V. YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the questions from the youth survey are reviewed below. More detailed data tables are available under separate cover.

Question 4: How frequently do you visit the following places in season? Circle the letter to show how often you visit these facilities. O = Often, more than once a month (1), S = Sometimes, more than once a year (2), N = Never (3)

Table 29
Youth Question 4 Results Summary

| | Total | Often | Sometimes | Never |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Sports fields | 63 | 34 54% | 19 30% | 10 16% |
| City Parks | 64 | 22 34% | 37 58% | 5 8% |
| Woods and trails | 63 | 19 30% | 31 49% | 13 21% |
| Waterfront areas | 63 | 21 33% | 35 56% | 7 11% |
| School playgrounds and gyms | 63 | 32 51% | 23 37% | 8 13% |
| Crown Park swimming pool | 62 | 12 19% | 21 34% | 29 47% |
| Camas Community Center | 61 | 2 3% | 17 28% | 42 69% |

- Sports fields are the most often visited place listed, with more than half of the responses in the Often category.
- Mirroring the adult responses, the Crown Park Swimming Pool and the Camas Community Center are the choices with the most Never responses.

Question 5: Which of the following sport facilities are most needed by youth in Camas? Please check your top two choices.

Table 30
Youth Question 5 Results Summary

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| | 103 |
| Swimming pool | 21 20.4% |
| Turf fields (soccer, Ultimate, lacrosse, football, etc.) | 16 15.5% |
| Skate Park | 15 14.6% |
| BMX Track | 10 9.7% |
| Outdoor basketball courts | 10 9.7% |
| Gymnasiums | 8 7.8% |
| Baseball/softball fields | 7 6.8% |
| Other: _____ | 7 6.8% |
| Frisbee or disc golf course | 6 5.8% |
| No new facilities are needed | 3 2.9% |

- Youth strongly favor a swimming pool, even though Camas already has a pool at Crown Park.
- Turf fields and a skate park were next most favored. This result is interesting, because Camas already has one skate park, developed jointly with Washougal.
- Handwritten “other” responses are included in Appendix B.

Question 7: Where should youth recreation activities be provided (i.e. where you feel the most comfortable going)? Please check all that apply

Table 31
Youth Question 7 Results Summary

| | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | 137 |
| School | 35 25.5% |
| Parks | 30 21.9% |
| The mall (or in a shopping area) | 23 16.8% |
| Teen center | 21 15.3% |
| Community center | 13 9.5% |
| Don't know | 9 6.6% |
| Other: _____ | 6 4.4% |

- Youth indicated schools or parks as the places where they would be most comfortable attending programs.
- Handwritten “other” responses are included in Appendix B.

VI. COMBINED RESULTS

Two questions were asked on both the adult and youth questionnaires. These questions were seen as an opportunity to determine differences in how youth use parks and in opinions about what programming should be provided for youth.

Question 5 (Youth 8): What are the primary reasons you use parks in Camas? Please check your top two choices.

Table 32
Question 5/8 Combined Results

| | Total | Youth | Adult |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 696 | 101 | 595 |
| Enjoy the outdoors or nature | 188 27.0% | 12 11.9% | 176 29.6% |
| Walk or bike for exercise | 168 24.1% | 17 16.8% | 151 25.4% |
| Play sports | 75 10.8% | 22 21.8% | 53 8.9% |
| Participate in family activities | 73 10.5% | 9 8.9% | 64 10.8% |
| Picnic and general leisure activities | 71 10.2% | 13 12.9% | 58 9.7% |
| Attend special events/concerts | 36 5.2% | 2 2.0% | 34 5.7% |
| Meet friends | 31 4.5% | 20 19.8% | 11 1.8% |
| Use a specific facility at a park | 30 4.3% | 4 4.0% | 26 4.4% |
| Don't use parks | 24 3.4% | 2 2.0% | 22 3.7% |

- Almost 97% of respondents reported using parks.
- Top reasons for using parks in Camas are to pursue trail related and passive activities. More than half the responses were “Enjoy the outdoors or nature” or “Walk or bike for exercise”.
- Youth appear to use parks in different ways from adults. For youth, the top reasons for using parks are to “Play sports” and “Meet friends”.

Question 21 (Youth 6): What type of programs should be offered for youth? Please check all that apply.

Table 33
Question 21/6 Results Summary: All

| | Total | Youth | Adult |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 1377 | 235 | 1142 |
| Outdoor/environmental programs (hiking, canoeing, nature programs, etc.) | 200 14.5% | 19 8.1% | 181 15.8% |
| Aquatic programs (swimming, scuba diving, water fitness, etc.) | 190 13.8% | 31 13.2% | 159 13.9% |
| Sports (baseball, tennis, etc.) | 173 12.6% | 23 9.8% | 150 13.1% |
| Job-related activities (volunteer, internship, or employment opportunities) | 166 12.1% | 24 10.2% | 142 12.4% |
| Special events (dances, concerts in the park, festivals, etc.) | 165 12.0% | 33 14.0% | 132 11.6% |
| Drop-in activities (gymnasium, game room, computers, etc.) | 161 11.7% | 33 14.0% | 128 11.2% |
| Extreme sports/outdoor adventure (rock climbing, mountain biking, snowboarding, etc.) | 136 9.9% | 40 17.0% | 96 8.4% |
| Arts (performing, visual, cultural) | 130 9.4% | 22 9.4% | 108 9.5% |
| No new activities needed | 37 2.7% | 3 1.3% | 34 3.0% |
| Other: _____ | 19 1.4% | 7 3.0% | 12 1.1% |

- Youth strongly favor more extreme sports programming. In contrast, when adults were asked the same question, they favored more outdoor and environmental programs for youth, and favored extreme sports programming less.
- Youth are also interested in special events, drop-in programming, and more aquatics activities.
- Adults favored more programming for youth in general, although the activities youth favored were not the same as those adults chose most frequently.
- More than 97% of adults believe more activities are needed for youth, with programming of all types receiving support.
- Handwritten “other” responses are included in Appendix B.
- This question was also asked on the youth questionnaire.

Youth preferences for programming are different from adult responses to this question.

VII. RECREATION PARTICIPATION RESULTS

Current Recreation Participation

Recreation demand is difficult to quantify because of the many factors that influence recreation participation and interests. Many approaches have been used to identify this demand, ranging from the use of national surveys and standards to measuring actual participant hours. Recognizing this problem, MIG began accumulating recreation participation information on communities throughout the Northwest. By making comparison to other similar communities or with the MIG AVERAGE (the average participation of the last 15 communities surveyed by MIG), the data reveal where specific activities are above or below the norm.

Many factors influence participation levels. These include:

- Demographics
- Lack or condition of facilities
- Climate
- Current recreation trends
- Cost of using facilities and programs
- Present economic conditions
- Amount of recreation programs and services offered

Table 34 shows participation rates for both indoor and outdoor recreation activities in Camas, as reported by the survey respondents. The per capita occasions for a 30-day period refer to the average number of times each person participated in the activity when the activity is in season in a 30-day period. These activities are ranked so that the most popular activities in Camas appear first.

Question 31 (Youth 9): What activities have you done in the past 2 years?

Table 34
Question 31/9 Combined Results Compared to MIG Average

| | Camas | MIG Ave. | | Camas | MIG Ave. |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|--------------------------|-------|----------|
| Base | 395 | | Camping (tent) | 1.00 | 2.56 |
| Reading for Pleasure | 10.01 | 4.30 | Tours and Travel | 0.97 | 1.77 |
| Walking for Pleasure | 7.22 | 5.53 | Cultural Events (attend) | 0.95 | 1.70 |
| Exercising/Aerobics | 4.67 | 4.32 | Dancing (social) | 0.92 | 1.16 |
| Gardening | 4.39 | 4.06 | Rafting/Tubing | 0.91 | 1.69 |
| Bird Watching/Feeding | 3.25 | 2.27 | Football | 0.91 | 1.14 |
| Nature Walks | 3.20 | 2.16 | Tennis | 0.76 | 1.17 |
| Bicycling for Pleasure | 2.80 | 3.15 | Volleyball | 0.71 | 0.94 |
| Playground (visit/play) | 2.74 | 2.82 | Camping (RV) | 0.64 | 1.37 |
| Jogging/Running | 2.53 | 2.45 | Bicycling (commute) | 0.64 | 0.83 |
| Swimming (pool) | 2.45 | 2.18 | Water Skiing | 0.62 | 1.16 |
| Arts and Crafts | 2.12 | 1.81 | Other: _____ | 0.62 | 1.47 |
| Soccer | 2.01 | 1.60 | Softball | 0.61 | 1.53 |
| Swimming (beach, river) | 1.87 | 3.61 | Canoe/Kayaking | 0.59 | 0.93 |
| Beach Activities | 1.85 | 2.75 | Skateboarding | 0.59 | 0.86 |
| Wildlife Watching | 1.76 | 2.63 | Rock Climbing | 0.58 | 0.84 |
| Fairs and Festivals | 1.64 | 2.34 | Bicycling (BMX) | 0.54 | 0.95 |
| Hiking/Backpacking | 1.58 | 2.09 | Hunting | 0.52 | 1.52 |
| Baseball | 1.57 | 1.70 | Horseback Riding | 0.48 | 0.78 |
| Concerts (attend) | 1.51 | 2.06 | Model Airplanes/Cars | 0.46 | 0.53 |
| Picnicking | 1.40 | 2.18 | In-Line Skating | 0.45 | 1.18 |
| Golf | 1.38 | 1.63 | Target/Skeet Shooting | 0.40 | 0.60 |
| Photography | 1.37 | 2.06 | Boating (sailing) | 0.26 | 0.66 |
| Fishing | 1.34 | 2.08 | Windsurfing/Sailboarding | 0.17 | 0.12 |
| Boating (power) | 1.27 | 2.30 | Rowing/Sculling | 0.16 | 0.34 |
| Basketball | 1.20 | 1.96 | | | |

- Nearly all of the top 10 activities participated in by Camas respondents are at or above the MIG Average level of participation.
- These top activities highlight important resources in Camas including the extensive natural open space system and trails.
- Soccer stands out amongst the field sports, being above the MIG Average in Camas
- Other field sports, including baseball and football are considerably lower in terms of Camas participation.

Table 35

Question 31/9 Results Comparison: Youth and Adult

| | Youth | Adult |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Base | 58 | 337 |
| Reading for Pleasure | 9.02 | 10.18 |
| Soccer | 5.05 | 1.49 |
| Jogging/Running | 4.67 | 2.16 |
| Playground (visit/play) | 4.67 | 2.41 |
| Swimming (pool) | 4.22 | 2.15 |
| Swimming (beach, river) | 4.03 | 1.50 |
| Bicycling for Pleasure | 3.83 | 2.62 |
| Basketball | 3.59 | .79 |
| Walking for Pleasure | 3.33 | 7.89 |
| Arts and Crafts | 3.31 | 1.92 |
| Baseball | 3.19 | 1.29 |
| Beach Activities | 3.14 | 1.62 |
| Dancing (social) | 2.83 | .59 |
| Photography | 2.78 | 1.13 |
| Exercising/Aerobics | 2.43 | 5.05 |
| Skateboarding | 2.16 | .32 |
| Football | 2.05 | .71 |
| Concerts (attend) | 2.03 | 1.42 |
| Camping (tent) | 1.76 | .87 |
| Rock Climbing | 1.72 | .38 |
| Volleyball | 1.66 | .54 |
| Picnicking | 1.59 | 1.36 |
| Fairs and Festivals | 1.43 | 1.68 |
| Boating (power) | 1.40 | 1.25 |
| Fishing | 1.34 | 1.34 |

- In the Youth results a considerably different list of top activities is formed. In fact only two of the activities are in both top ten lists (reading for pleasure and walking for pleasure).
- Organized sports such as soccer, basketball and baseball rise much closer to the top of the youth list.
- Swimming and beach activities are also enjoyed.

Preferred Recreation Activities

The preferred recreation activities provide insight into the kind of activities community members would like to do, if there were opportunities available.

Question 32: Circle the 5 activities you would like to do most. Assume you have the time, money, and transportation to do whichever 5 activities you want.

Table 35

Question 32 Results Summary: All

| Rank | Activities |
|------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Walking for Pleasure |
| 2 | Bicycling for Pleasure |
| 3 | Nature Walks |
| 4 | Swimming (pool) |
| 5 | Concerts (attend) |
| 6 | Fairs and Festivals |
| 7 | Golf |
| 8 | Tours and Travel |
| 9 | Exercising/Aerobics |
| 10 | Fishing |
| 11 | Reading for Pleasure |
| 12 | Gardening |
| 13 | Beach Activities |
| 14 | Arts and Crafts |
| 15 | Boating (power) |
| 16 | Canoe/Kayaking |
| 17 | Camping (tent) |
| 18 | Hiking/Backpacking |
| 19 | Camping (RV) |
| 20 | Playground (visit/play) |

- The top preferred activities are similar to the current participation in many ways, although the activities that Camas respondents would prefer to be doing are more active than the activities they currently pursue.
- The top three responses are all trail related, reinforcing a theme throughout the responses.

- Swimming ranked as the fourth most frequently selected choice also consistent with results in other questions.
- Organized sports ranked largely in the bottom half with Soccer the most desired at number 25
- The most frequently selected preferred activities for youth are swimming and soccer. For the rest of the youth results see the complete survey tables under separate cover.

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**SURVEY REPORT APPENDIX A:
SURVEY INSTRUMENTS**

Recreation Participation

31.

What activities have you done in the past 2 years? *Step 1: Put a check in front of the activities you have done in Camas or elsewhere. Step 2: For activities you checked, please check the box that most closely represents how often you participate when the activity is in season.*

| Recreation Activity | Frequency of Participation | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 1 time a week or less | 2 times a week | 3 times a week | 4 times a week | Almost daily |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Activities | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling (BMX) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling (commute) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling for Pleasure | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Watching/Feeding | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating (power) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating (sailing) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping (RV) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping (tent) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe/Kayaking | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts (attend) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Events (attend) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing (social) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercising/Aerobics | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairs and Festivals | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-Line Skating | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging/Running | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Model Airplanes/Cars | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Walks | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground (visit/play) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading for Pleasure | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing/Sculling | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Softball | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming (beach, river) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming (pool) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Target/Skeet Shooting | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tours and Travel | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking for Pleasure | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Skiing | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Watching | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wind Surfing/Sailboarding | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | | | |

32.

Circle the 5 activities you would like to do most. Assume you have the time, money, and transportation to do whichever 5 activities you want.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 01. Arts and Crafts | 27. Jogging/Running |
| 02. Baseball | 28. Model Airplanes/Cars |
| 03. Basketball | 29. Nature Walks |
| 04. Beach Activities | 30. Photography |
| 05. Bicycling (BMX) | 31. Picnicking |
| 06. Bicycling (commute) | 32. Playground (visit/play) |
| 07. Bicycling for Pleasure | 33. Rafting/Tubing |
| 08. Bird Watching/Feeding | 34. Reading for Pleasure |
| 09. Boating (power) | 35. Rock Climbing |
| 10. Boating (sailing) | 36. Rowing/Sculling |
| 11. Camping (RV) | 37. Skateboarding |
| 12. Camping (tent) | 38. Soccer |
| 13. Canoe/Kayaking | 39. Softball |
| 14. Concerts (attend) | 40. Swimming (beach, river) |
| 15. Cultural Events (attend) | 41. Swimming (pool) |
| 16. Dancing (social) | 42. Target/Skeet Shooting |
| 17. Exercising/Aerobics | 43. Tennis |
| 18. Fairs and Festivals | 44. Tours and Travel |
| 19. Fishing | 45. Volleyball |
| 20. Football | 46. Walking for Pleasure |
| 21. Gardening | 47. Water Skiing |
| 22. Golf | 48. Wildlife Watching |
| 23. Hiking/Backpacking | 49. Wind Surfing/Sailboarding |
| 24. Horseback Riding | 50. Other: _____ |
| 25. Hunting | _____ |
| 26. In-Line Skating | _____ |



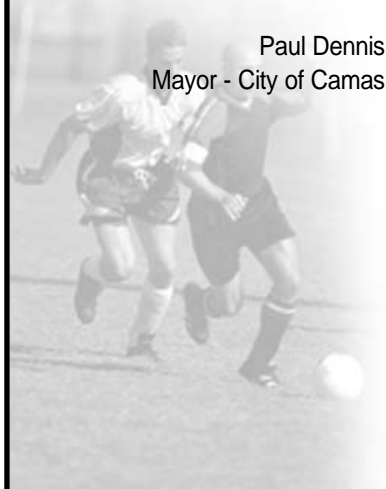
Dear Residents of Camas:

The City of Camas is updating the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan. We would like your help determining what types of parks, specialized recreation facilities, or new programs are needed to meet the growing recreation needs of our community.

Would you please help us by taking a few minutes to answer the following questions? Since the number of residents contacted is small, your participation is vital for the success of this project. Please select one person in your household age 18 or older to respond to the main questionnaire. Also included is a second questionnaire specifically for youth. If there is a member of your household between ages of 10 and 18, please ask him or her to complete the second questionnaire.

If you have any questions please contact Jerry Acheson, Parks and Recreation Manager, at 834-7092. Thank you for participating!

Paul Dennis
Mayor - City of Camas



Survey

CITY OF CAMAS

1. What is your age?

- 1. ___ 18-24
- 2. ___ 25-34
- 3. ___ 35-44
- 4. ___ 45-54
- 5. ___ 55-64
- 6. ___ 65+

2. Male or Female? Please circle one.

3. How long have you resided in Camas?

- 1. ___ 3 years or less
- 2. ___ 4-6 years
- 3. ___ 7-10 years
- 4. ___ 11-19 years
- 5. ___ 20+ years

4. How frequently do you visit the following Camas facilities in season? For each row, check the column that best describes how often you visit that park.

| Park/Type of Park | Frequently (once a week or more) | Sometimes (1-2 times a month) | Rarely (less than 5 times/year) | Never |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Sports Fields | | | | |
| Developed Parks | | | | |
| Natural Open Space & Trails | | | | |
| Waterfront Areas | | | | |
| School Playgrounds & Indoor Facilities | | | | |
| Crown Park Swimming Pool | | | | |
| Camas Community Center | | | | |

5. What are the primary reasons you use parks in Camas? Please check your top 2 choices.

- 1. ___ Enjoy the outdoors or nature
- 2. ___ Use a specific facility at a park
- 3. ___ Play sports
- 4. ___ Picnic and general leisure activities
- 5. ___ Walk or bike for exercise
- 6. ___ Meet friends
- 7. ___ Participate in family activities
- 8. ___ Attend special events/concerts
- 9. ___ Don't use parks

6. If you seldom use or do not use parks in Camas, what are your reasons? Please check your top 2 choices.

- 1. ___ Not interested/No time
- 2. ___ Feel unsafe
- 3. ___ Lack of facilities
- 4. ___ Poorly maintained
- 5. ___ Too far away; not conveniently located
- 6. ___ Do not have transportation
- 7. ___ Don't know where they are
- 8. ___ Don't know what's available
- 9. ___ Too crowded

7. How would you rate the general upkeep and maintenance of the existing parks in Camas? Please check only 1 box.

- Poor ↔ Adequate ↔ Excellent
 Don't know

8. What type of park is most needed in Camas? Please check your top 2 choices.

- 1. ___ Small parks in my neighborhood
- 2. ___ Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community
- 3. ___ Natural areas
- 4. ___ A park consisting primarily of sports fields
- 5. ___ Parks with river, creek or water frontage
- 6. ___ Linear trail corridors
- 7. ___ No additional parks or natural areas are needed

9. Do you own a dog?

- 1. ___ Yes
- 2. ___ No

10. How should dogs be accommodated in public spaces? Please check only 1 choice.

- 1. ___ Create a park specifically for dogs off-leash
- 2. ___ Create special off-leash areas for dogs in several parks
- 3. ___ Enforce current laws requiring dogs to be leashed in parks
- 4. ___ Create off-leash areas and enforce leash laws

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11. How would you rate the importance of natural open space to the community? *Please check only 1 box.*

Not important Somewhat important Very important
 Don't know

12. How should natural areas be used? *Please check only 1 choice.*

- No public use (preserved for wildlife habitat)
- Limited public use (trails, viewpoints, etc.)
- Semi-active recreational use (picnicking, playgrounds, etc.)
- Combination of the above
- Depends on the site

13. Do you participate in recreation, cultural, senior or sports programs offered by Camas?

- Yes
- No

14. If you participated in services and programs offered by Camas, how did you learn about them? *Please check all that apply.*

- From the City's program guide
- From the local newspaper
- From friends or word of mouth
- Posters/Flyers
- Information distributed at schools
- Web site

15. If you do not participate in recreation or sports programs offered by Camas, what are your reasons? *Please check all that apply.*

- Not aware of programs
- Don't have activities I'm interested in
- Poor quality of programs
- Held at inconvenient times
- Held at inconvenient locations
- Classes or programs are full
- Need child care in order to participate
- Too busy; no time
- Lack of transportation
- Too expensive

16. What are the most convenient program times for you and others in your household? *Please check your top 2 choices.*

- Weekday mornings
- Weekday afternoons
- Weekday evenings
- Weekend mornings
- Weekend afternoons
- Weekend evenings
- Drop-in formats, rather than on-going activities

17. What additional recreation programs should Camas offer? *Please check all that apply.*

- Outdoor/environmental programs
- Aquatic programs
- General interest classes (music lessons, computers)
- Special events (concerts in the park, festivals)
- Sports (baseball, tennis)
- Arts (drama, painting, etc.)
- Before and after school programs
- Fitness classes (aerobics, yoga, etc.)
- Drop-in activities
- No additional programs are needed

18. Which groups are underserved by current recreation services? *Please check your top 2 choices.*

- Preschoolers
- Elementary youth
- Middle school youth
- High school youth
- Adults
- Seniors
- Families
- People from diverse cultures
- People with disabilities
- All groups are served adequately

19. What type of programs should be offered for youth? *Please check all that apply.*

- Outdoor/environmental programs (hiking, canoeing, nature programs, etc.)
- Extreme sports/outdoor adventure (rock climbing, mountain biking, snowboarding, etc.)
- Aquatic programs (swimming, scuba diving, water fitness, etc.)
- Special events (dances, concerts in the park, festivals, etc.)
- Sports (baseball, tennis, etc.)
- Arts (performing, visual, cultural)
- Drop-in activities (gymnasium, game room, computers, etc.)
- Job-related activities (volunteer, internship, or employment opportunities)
- Other: _____
- No new activities needed

20. What role should the City assume in organized youth sports and sport facilities? *Please check only 1 choice.*

- Not be involved in organized youth sports
- Develop sport fields only and leave maintenance to private groups
- Develop and maintain sport fields (*City's current role*)
- Develop and maintain sport fields and manage/develop sport leagues

21. If funding were available, which of the following facilities should have the highest priorities in Camas? *Please check your top 2 choices.*

- Sport fields (e.g., baseball, softball, soccer, rugby)
- Multi-purpose indoor community/recreation/senior center
- Indoor pool
- Water playgrounds
- More picnic areas
- A citywide trail system
- Off-leash dog area
- Community gardens
- More outdoor courts for basketball, volleyball, or tennis
- More river access for recreation, swimming, and boating
- Other: _____

22. What facilities would you most like to see in an indoor recreation center? *Please check your top 2 choices.*

- Multi-use gymnasium
- Weight room/fitness room
- Aerobics/exercise classrooms
- Indoor swimming pool
- Large multi-purpose/reception room
- Space for teen activities
- Space for senior activities
- Childcare
- Meeting rooms/classrooms

23. What type of trails/pathways should have the highest priority in Camas? *Please check your top 2 choices.*

- Trails that link neighborhoods with community destinations
- Nature trails
- Trails that extend long distances (5+ miles)
- Exercise trails
- Paved trails for walking, biking, etc.
- Trails that link with other existing trails

24. If you do not currently use pathways or trails in Camas, what are your primary reasons? *Please check your top 2 choices.*

- Too far away, not conveniently located
- Lack of trails and connections
- Feel unsafe
- Poorly maintained
- Conflicts with other types of trail users
- Don't know where they are located
- Not interested in using trails

25. What are the primary reasons to develop more trails in Camas? *Please check your top 2 choices.*

- Increase non-motorized transportation options
- Experience nature
- Improve children's access to schools
- Exercise
- Recreation
- No additional trails are needed

26. How can the Camas park system be improved? *Please check your top 2 choices.*

- Acquiring land for future parks
- Developing new parks
- Upgrading existing parks
- Maintaining existing parks and facilities
- Building major new facilities, such as pools or community centers
- Acquiring natural areas

27. Would you support partnering with Washougal to provide recreation facilities and services?

- Yes
- No

28. In general, would you support a tax measure to maintain and improve existing parks and trails, acquire more parks and natural areas, or develop more trails, parks, and recreation facilities? *Please check only 1 choice.*

- Yes, I would support it.
- I would support it, depending on the amount.
- I would support it, depending on the projects proposed.
- I would support it depending on the amount and projects
- No, I would not support it. (Skip the next question)

29. If yes, how much would you be willing to support? *Please check only 1 choice.*

- Up to \$15 annually per household
- Up to \$25 annually per household
- Up to \$50 annually per household
- Up to \$75 annually per household
- Up to \$100 annually per household
- More than \$100 annually per household

30. What specific improvements are needed in Camas parks?

Name of park:

Specific improvement(s):

Name of park:

Specific improvement(s):



Youth Survey

Who knows best about the coolest places to hang out?

Who knows what recreation activities and programs are the most fun?

Youth do! Your opinion counts.

We need one person between the ages of 10 and 18 to fill out this questionnaire. Please fill out the front and the back! Your ideas will help us create better parks, outstanding facilities, and awesome programs and activities!

1. How old are you? _____

2. Male or female? *Please circle one.*

3. Where are the best places to play, hang out, or have fun in Camas?

4. How frequently do you visit the following places in season? *Circle the letter to show how often you visit these facilities. O= Often, more than once a month, S= Sometimes, more than once a year, N= Never.*

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Sports fields | O | S | N |
| City parks | O | S | N |
| Woods and trails | O | S | N |
| Waterfront areas | O | S | N |
| School playgrounds and Gyms | O | S | N |
| Crown Park Swimming Pool | O | S | N |
| Camas Community Center | O | S | N |

5. Which of the following sport facilities are most needed by youth in Camas? *Please check your top two choices.*

1. _____ Swimming pool
2. _____ BMX track
3. _____ Skate park
4. _____ Gymnasiums
5. _____ Frisbee or disc golf course
6. _____ Turf fields (soccer, Ultimate, lacrosse, football, etc.)
7. _____ Baseball/softball fields
8. _____ Outdoor basketball courts
9. _____ Other: _____
10. _____ No new facilities are needed

6. What type of programs should be offered for youth?
Please check all that apply.

1. _____ Outdoor/environmental programs (hiking, canoeing, nature programs, etc.)
2. _____ Extreme sports/outdoor adventure (rock climbing, snowboarding, etc.)
3. _____ Aquatic programs (swimming, scuba diving, water fitness, etc.)
4. _____ Special events (dances, concerts in the park, festivals, etc.)
5. _____ Sports (baseball, ultimate frisbee)
6. _____ Arts (performing, visual, cultural)
7. _____ Drop-in activities (gymnasium, game room, computers, etc.)
8. _____ Job-related activities (volunteer, internship, or employment opportunities)
9. _____ Other: _____
10. _____ No new activities are needed

7. Where should youth recreation activities be provided (i.e., where would you feel most comfortable going)? *Please check all that apply.*

1. _____ School
2. _____ Teen Center
3. _____ Community Center
4. _____ Parks
5. _____ The mall (or in a shopping area)
6. _____ Other: _____
7. _____ Don't know

8. What are the primary reasons that you use parks in Camas? *Please check your top 2 choices.*

1. _____ Enjoy the outdoors or nature
2. _____ Use a specific facility at a park
3. _____ Play sports
4. _____ Picnic and general leisure activities
5. _____ Walk or bike for exercise
6. _____ Meet friends
7. _____ Participate in family activities
8. _____ Attend special events/concerts
9. _____ Don't use parks

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9. What activities have you done in the past 2 years? *Step 1: Put a check in front of the activities you have done in Camas or elsewhere. Step 2: For activities you checked, please check the box that most closely represents how often you participate when the activity is in season.*

| Recreation Activity | Frequency of Participation | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 1 time a week or less | 2 times a week | 3 times a week | 4 times a week | Almost daily |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Activities | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling (BMX) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling (commute) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling for Pleasure | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Watching/Feeding | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating (power) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating (sailing) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping (RV) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping (tent) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe/Kayaking | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts (attend) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Events (attend) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing (social) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercising/Aerobics | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairs and Festivals | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-Line Skating | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging/Running | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Model Airplanes/Cars | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Walks | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground (visit/play) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Tubing | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading for Pleasure | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing/Sculling | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Softball | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming (beach, river) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming (pool) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Target/Skeet Shooting | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tours and Travel | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking for Pleasure | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Skiing | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Watching | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wind Surfing/Sailboarding | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | | | |

10. Circle the 5 activities you would like to do most. Assume you have the time, money, and transportation to do whichever 5 activities you want.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 01. Arts and Crafts | 27. Jogging/Running |
| 02. Baseball | 28. Model Airplanes/Cars |
| 03. Basketball | 29. Nature Walks |
| 04. Beach Activities | 30. Photography |
| 05. Bicycling (BMX) | 31. Picnicking |
| 06. Bicycling (commute) | 32. Playground (visit/play) |
| 07. Bicycling for Pleasure | 33. Rafting/Tubing |
| 08. Bird Watching/Feeding | 34. Reading for Pleasure |
| 09. Boating (power) | 35. Rock Climbing |
| 10. Boating (sailing) | 36. Rowing/Sculling |
| 11. Camping (RV) | 37. Skateboarding |
| 12. Camping (tent) | 38. Soccer |
| 13. Canoe/Kayaking | 39. Softball |
| 14. Concerts (attend) | 40. Swimming (beach, river) |
| 15. Cultural Events (attend) | 41. Swimming (pool) |
| 16. Dancing (social) | 42. Target/Skeet Shooting |
| 17. Exercising/Aerobics | 43. Tennis |
| 18. Fairs and Festivals | 44. Tours and Travel |
| 19. Fishing | 45. Volleyball |
| 20. Football | 46. Walking for Pleasure |
| 21. Gardening | 47. Water Skiing |
| 22. Golf | 48. Wildlife Watching |
| 23. Hiking/Backpacking | 49. Wind Surfing/Sailboarding |
| 24. Horseback Riding | 50. Other: _____ |
| 25. Hunting | _____ |
| 26. In-Line Skating | |



DANCES **CONCERTS** **HIKING** **ART** **SWIMMING**
SPORTS

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**SURVEY REPORT APPENDIX B:
OPEN ENDED RESPONSES**

INTRODUCTION

Included below is a complete compilation of open-ended responses and comments written in on questionnaire forms for the Camas Community Survey. In some cases the comment was provided for a question with no response line, in this event the comment is recorded for the question number it appeared closest to on the form.

ADULT COMMENTS

| Question # | Comment |
|---|---|
| #6 If you seldom or do not use parks in Camas, what are your reasons? | Lack of facilities: too handicapped No - crown park doesn't allow dogs Lack of restrooms |
| #7 How would you rate the general upkeep and maintenance of the existing parks in Camas? | Grass valley drainage |
| #8 What type of park is most needed in Camas? | Linear trail corridors: connect to Skyview neighborhood Small parks: by prune hill shell to accommodate future density - this is a necessity Horse trails Linear trail corridors with biking trails |
| #10 How should dogs be accommodated in public spaces? | No dogs in parks without a posted dog dropping pickup by owner rule! Both dog and people use exercise No dogs in parks My friend stepped into the dog doo on the paved area of Lacamas park on 12/5/05 |
| #12 How should natural areas be used? | City shouldn't do this Combination of the above, depending on site and ecology of area |
| #13 Do you participate in recreation, cultural, senior or sports programs offered by Camas | Play softball in Vancouver and Portland Intend to when we retire |

#14 If you participate in services and programs offered by Cams, How did you learn about them?

The post is inadequate
Unaware of web site

#15 If you do not participate in recreation or sports programs offered by Camas, what are your reasons?

No bus, no cab - something has to be done
Disabled (developmentally)
Need walking places in more areas

#16 What are the most convenient program times for you and others in your household?

Weekday evenings: early 5 or 6 pm
Seniors do not drive at night

#17 What additional recreation programs should Camas offer?

Indoor pool off of Logan & 28th; new community center off of Logan & 28th or off of Kent
Indoor covered swimming pool
Indoor arena
Spanish
Dancing for single seniors
Special events - but hopefully in a dog-friendly park: NOT CROWN
Dance/cheer

#18 Which groups are underserved by current recreation services?

Seniors need a computer class in day
Preschoolers: inconvenient times
Couples activities needed
Selected "people with disabilities"; comment: "not aware of any programming"

#19 What type of programs should be offered for youth?

All selected: all kids need choices
Kayaking, rowing - Vancouver lake has rowing club/team for all ages
Home school classes during day
Aren't these already offered?
Rock wall
Dance
High school volleyball
Whatever their survey indicates; very important!
Depends upon age and cost
Special events - but NOT every weekend
Manners
Indoor sports during winter months

Seniors programs
Sailing/boating
Car, computer gaming, special interest clubs

#20 What role should the City assume in organized youth sports and sport facilities?

Develop and maintain new community center with pool, educational rooms, fitness center adjoining park
Develop/maintain sports fields but charge for use
Aquatic sports, diving, swimming
Collect user fees - hire "local" private contract maintenance

#21 If funding were available, which of the following facilities would have the highest priority in Camas?

Better playgrounds
Bike paths
Bike trails
Paved trails for strollers
Better pool - our pool is too old!
More cycling paths
Update crown park pool
Fishing pier
Parks with playground equip
Bus facilities
Schools and education
Include bicycles on trails
BMX-skateboarding
Trails
Boys & girls club

#22 What facilities would you most like to see in an indoor recreation center?

We already have JWR center for kids; we belong to Lacamas swim & sport so we wouldn't use activity center
Aquatic park
City shouldn't do this

Bad question! Many people desire more than two; nearly all facilities have more than five!
Library

#23 What types of trails/pathways should have the highest priority in Camas?

Also more sidewalks
Each of these
Nature/paved trails along river

#24 If you do not currently use pathways or trails in Camas, what are your primary reasons?

Handicapped
Don't know where trails are located, and they're not handicap friendly
Conflict with bikes
Crown park: upper child area cleaned and fixed; pool stay open
Restrooms are needed

#26 How can the Camas park system be improved?

Quit building houses
Develop new parks in high density areas PLEASE
No new development! We like the trees in camas - no more development
Volunteers
Gardens
Camp curry!

#27 Would you support partnering with Washougal to provide recreation facilities and services?

?? Too general a question. Location? Purpose?

#28 In general, would you support a tax measure to maintain and improve existing parks and trails, acquire more parks and natural areas, or develop more trails, parks and recreation facilities?

I would support depending upon amount and projects - also, our taxes now cover that
Taxes are already high

#29 If yes, how much would you be willing to support?

Up to \$100 annually to include indoor center and park in high-density neighborhood off of Logan & 28th
But I would PAY TO USE! Depending upon facility
Is this in addition to what we pay now?
More than \$100, if for bike trails
Not one red cent more!
Based upon income

#30 What specific improvements are needed in Camas Parks?

All parks: connecting trails
All parks: parking
Camas cemetery: it becomes an eyesore in summer
Camas community park: needs facelift and/or make it indoor for year-round use (i.e.: swim lessons)
Camas high needs more covered bleachers, seating at the football game
Camp curry! Bigger, better, more restrooms, indoor shelter areas

#30 What specific improvements are needed in Camas Parks? (Cont.)

- Crown or Newland area: indoor swimming & recreation - exercise facility
- Crown park: allow dogs on leash
- Crown Park: also, areas where bases go are large ruts; sprinkler system leaves big puddles in these areas, especially home plate
- Crown park: area for dogs - both off and on-leash; crown park: no dogs allowed
- Crown park: baseball backstop & bases/pitcher mound; more children's play equip
- Crown Park: baseball/softball backstop needs repairing (along bottom);
- Crown park: bathroom available year-round
- Crown park: bathrooms, extend pool hours
- Crown park: better maintained playground
- Crown park: better restrooms, more convenient

- Crown Park: clean up and maintain the play structure at the park - have more picnic tables too
- Crown Park: create indoor, year-round pool and BBQ pits and picnic tables
- Crown park: enforce leash laws or repeal laws that no one can enforce!
- Crown park: enforcement of dogs! (I am a dog owner)
- Crown Park: facilities/pool need to be updated
- Crown Park: get rid of it - dog parks needed in all parks
- Crown Park: heat pool; even in summer it's cold
- Crown park: is the gem of the city - city does a great job on it and the ball fields - might try to improve parking for swimmers (seniors?)
- Crown park: keep play equipment maintained, more equipment
- Crown park: love it just the way it is!
- Crown park: more parking
- Crown Park: more picnic tables
- Crown park: more trash cans, updated play equipment
- Crown park: needs restrooms
- Crown Park: needs to be maintained
- Crown park: no dogs allowed!
- Crown Park: outdoor pool and restroom improvement
- Crown park: playground has poor drainage, tends to get muddy especially around merry-go-round
- Crown park: pool needs a face lift; playground needs new equipment; more covered tables to picnic at
- Crown Park: preserve swimming pool at crown park (only outdoor pool in area)
- Crown park: public restrooms
- Crown Park: remove tennis wall and install courts; leave old equip (nostalgia) and install some new
- Crown park: restrooms all year
- Crown park: restrooms that are open year-round; pool open year-round
- Crown park: restrooms would be nice
- Crown Park: swimming pool

#30 What specific improvements are needed in Camas Parks? (Cont.)

Crown park: the city to make good on the original obligation to have an indoor swimming pool for the PUBLIC a crown park!

Crown park: update equipment (playground); the "pool" is in poor shape

Crown park: update the outdoor pool - its one of the only, if not the only older pool in the area - let's make it nicer!

Crown: more wheelchair paths

Dead Lake: trails around the lake; areas of lookouts to lake

Doc Harris stadium: increase parking, upgrade stadium lighting

Doc Harris stadium: new home stands on north side, w/ more concessions, larger dressing/bath facilities

Dorothy fox school (NW 23rd): put in more equipment to accommodate older kids

Fisher Basin Community Park: need sound-blocking wall on 192nd avenue to prevent traffic noise coming way of park/nature enjoyment

Forest Home: add lighting for basketball area; install a sports court next or at that location

Forest home: animal control

Forest home: bathrooms - update play equipment

Forest home: parking; need more for baseball fields

Forest home: restroom facilities need to be policed to hinder vandalism

Forest home: upgrade playground equipment

General: many roads in Camas have no bicycle paths, therefore making it unsafe to ride; more citizens would ride if it were safer

General: trail system needs to be built into new subdivisions creating a city-wide comprehensive park/activity system for hiking, biking, walking

General: bathrooms!

General: behind city shop park

General: better lighting | bathrooms, dark and unsafe feeling

General: bike path up nw/16th to prune hill

General: blackberry removal from all nature trails

General: build a new community center like the city of Vancouver

General: Camas only has 2 tennis locations. We need more tennis courts

General: city ownership of greenbelts that homeowners associations now must maintain

General: clean up Lacamas & round lakes

General: community center park - by top burger: move swings and park equipment away from the street front

General: continue Washougal's dike walkway to the west along the Columbia

General: continuous trail system of Lacamas lake with the heritage trail

General: crown park/Goot park/forest home play area - bring these up to the same standard as grass valley park

General: dog poop, rude bike riders

#30 What specific improvements are needed in Camas Parks? (Cont.)

- General: double or triple the capacity of river swim area along Washougal river across from 7 day church
- General: great walking paths; more seating at camas high school fields; covered seating and more security watching kids
- General: how about a path on Brady or forest home for walkers/runners/bikers
- General: how many parks does camas/Washougal have? Need dog park in all areas of Clark county!
- General: indoor pool, improved restrooms
- General: like to see lakes shut down to motorized boats - all electric

- General: link and/or develop the T-5 (?) trails already on the books but not used or accessible
- General: make the jack will rob the community center; expand it; open it all; even adults
- General: more covered, protected areas at sports from the rain; more side2walks and lights
- General: more kids play equipment; "all" (??)
- General: more parks like grass valley, longer trails
- General: multipurpose community center w/ indoor pool
- General: need a new community/senior center
- General: need a park n the area where the new high school and where land is being gobbled up!
- General: need more larger park and recreational facilities
- General: need off leash dog areas
- General: need restrooms
- General: next to Dorothy fox elementary: swings and add'l equipment
- General: no improvements needed
- General: no improvements needed
- General: off-leash options and upgrade current one off of 162nd (muddy entryway)
- General: park off 6th w/ baseball fields: updated play equipment
- General: paved trails or bike paths that allow children and families to ride bikes around town to get to destination and/or for exercise and leisure
- General: pool improvement
- General: post notices that dog walkers cleanup droppings; the city should supply bags/containers - done elsewhere, why not in camas?
- General: restrooms year-round
- General: simple trails that connect to other trails would be great
- General: slides at crown park and Goot park seem steep for younger kids - maybe a less extreme one?

- General: trails behind police station: trails around Washougal river should be maintained better
- General: volleyball options for teenagers not on school teams
- General: walking paths around parks more light, bathrooms safe t use and be always clean
- General: waterfront and river view trails

#30 What specific improvements are needed in Camas Parks? (Cont.)

- General: we need a new building for recreational activities; better maintenance on outdoor sports courts
- General: we need community beautiful gardens
- General: we really enjoy the new Klickitat park on prune hill: beautifully designed & provides safer walking options
- General: would like to see dead leaf lake open to the public
- General: year-round swimming pool for community and school use
- Goot park: police restroom facilities
- Goot park: restrooms
- Goot: Lights
- Grass valley drainage
- Grass valley: additional parking
- Grass valley: baseball field drainage is extremely bad; the field is too muddy to use
- Grass Valley: better drainage, more parking

- Grass Valley: drainage issues on playing fields and grass play areas; more parking!
- Grass valley: fix drainage on walking trail, water runs across path in several areas
- Grass valley: make it bigger, it gets crowded
- Grass Valley: more basketball courts, places for roller blades, paved
- Grass valley: more parking, winder road into park
- Grass valley: parking expanded, bike trails
- Grass valley: parking, drainage
- Heritage trail: dog poop all over trail; (no?) way to walk to the trail safely; trail is narrow to share with speed bikers; parking - car worried broken into
- Heritage trail: more travel for trail; none has been put down for more than 6 years on the oldest part
- JDZ: tennis courts by district office!
- Lacamas Lake Trail (Heritage): Better drainage - sometimes too wet to run on
- Lacamas lake: acquire more space before more houses move in and take it all
- Lacamas lake: non-motorized craft access; the docks are too high
- Lacamas lake: some areas need repeated filling in puddles on walk trails; smaller rocks on roads - large rocks make for treacherous walking
- Lacamas park trails/round lake: complete paving (strollers hard to push)
- Lacamas park: doing great work!

- Lacamas Park: have someone check the trash more - it fills quickly in summertime
- Lacamas Park: needs to be expanded
- Lacamas trail: public restroom or portajohn at 1.5 miles (near private dock area); wood chips in areas of trail that puddle
- Lacamas trail: upkeep of paved trails; clean and fix cracks

#30 What specific improvements are needed in Camas Parks? (Cont.)

Lacamas Trailhead: I don't feel safe and comfortable walking alone there; otherwise, I like it very much

Lacamas: designated/maintained swimming holes

Lacamas: Extend to Woodburn Road & NE 3rd; signs, trails, bark chunks, like Glendovere in Portland 148th Halsey

Lacamas: more parking on lower end, possible restroom at lower end

Lacamas: reduce rock size on walking path

Lacamas: somehow widen the pathway across the water runoff bridge - too narrow to fit jogging stroller

Louis block cross walks across 3rd avenue

Oak park

Oak park: more play structures, better maintenance of grass, really soggy wet grass

Oak park: on 8thg avenue - needs better restrooms, needs some swings

Off-leash please

Park by Dorothy fox: basketball hoops face east/west; the sun is always in eyes or on backboard - outdoor hoops should always face n/s

Pool; teen activities; horseback riding arena; public; for winter; see at top of 192nd

Prune hill elementary preschool park: equipment as promised by city years ago when the neighborhood was told the area was slated for a park, not a school

Round lake: deposit wood chips in muddy areas of side trails

Round lake: there is NO parking available

Round: more wheelchair paths

Tom shipler nature trail: great work!

#31 What activities have you done in the past 2 years?

Summer kids programs

Power walking

"None"

Softball

Skiing

Dog walking 1-2 times/day

#32 Circle the 5 activities you would like to do most.

Skiing

Racquetball, weightlifting

Motorcycling

Taking my dog to the park

Airplane flying

Archery

Walk dog

Racquetball

#32 Circle the 5 activities you would like to do most. (Cont.)

Ballet; walking
Park and view river/mountain
Playing with dog
Dirt bike riding
Flying
Have walked 825 miles in the last 2 years on the walking trail in grass valley
Snow skiing
Scrap booking
Dog parking
Skiing; snow boarding
Change the world in a positive way
Motocross
Flying
Walk dog
Weight lifting
Most anything for seniors

Other

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At age 83, most of this is of little interest
VOLUNTEER: respondent will help initiate prune hill parks projects: ###-####

YOUTH RESULTS

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#Y-3 Where are the best places to play, hang out or have fun in Camas?

Neighborhood, liberty theatre, friends houses
 Riverside bowling alley, Louis Bloch park, library
 The pool in the summer and Doc Harris when they have the football games going on
 The park close to my house, forest
 Library, park, tennis court
 Crown park
 No place
 Movies, dances
 High school
 In town probably by the theatre, or parks
 Top burger, dairy queen, crown park
 Liberty theatre, downtown areas (food, shops, etc.)
 Sandy with more park like stuff for little kids - camas, pool, theatre
 Parks, especially crown park and areas by trails and creeks (Lacamas/round lake)
 Friends' houses
 Movies
 Bowling alley, liberty theatre, crown park
 Skate park, Lacamas swim and sport, house
 Anywhere but camas
 Lacamas swim and sport, grass valley park, downtown camas library
 River
 Don't know, I'm new here
 My house, school, park, other fun places like Disneyland
 Crown park, forest grove park, beach, sandy river, Dugan falls, liberty theatre, bowling alley
 Movies, football and soccer games, school, and soccer fields
 Grass valley, crown park, Lacamas swim, JWR center
 JWR center
 The camas pool
 The bowling alley, grass valley park
 BMX trails off of lake road and the Lacamas swim and sport
 Squeeze and grind, downtown to eat
 Home, bike trails on Lacamas lake
 At a friends house or at grass valley park, also a school - especially Dorothy Fox
 Skate park, pool, river
 Movie theatre, Lacamas swim and sport, school
 Crown park, top burger

There aren't many but movie theatres - actually, come to thin of it, there isn't really anywhere to hang out!

Movie theatre, skate park

Lacamas swim and sport

The lake

Baseball park

Home, JWR center, football games, Burgerville, camas days

Movies, Lacamas lake

Crown park, downtown, soccer is best played on Doc Harris field

Nowhere

I usually hang out in downtown Vancouver or Portland

Home, school, movie

Lacamas swim and sport, jack will and rob center, movies

Lacamas lake trails, crown park, Washougal river trails off of 3rd street, downtown, trail by Columbia river in port of Camas - Washougal

In Lacamas park and the Skyridge grounds

There are not too many, but...Lacamas lake

Dairy queen, liberty theatre, library

Varsity football games

Nowhere

#Y-5 Which of the following sport facilities are most needed by youth in Camas?

Other:

Lacamas, VEGA, new and old high school are nice!

Shopping mall

Paintball field

Indoor basketball courts

Parks

Bike trails

Good soccer field that does not flood

Horseback riding trails

#Y-6 What type of programs should be offered for youth? Other:

Venues for bands

Musical instruments

Jobs for young teens (12-15)

X-box

Fly fishing camp

Dog parks

Horseback riding events/locations to ride

Other cool stuff

#Y-7 Where should youth recreation activities be provided? Other:

Fields that aren't in use

Fields, dark alleys
Downtown
Open field
Lacamas swim
Downtown camas

#Y-9 What have you done in the past two years? Other:

Gymnastics
ATV
Canoe
Dog parks
I go to Portland for activities
Dog walking

#Y-10 Circle the 5 activities you would like to do most? Other:

Gymnastics
ATV
Paintball
Cliff diving
I would like to do most of these things
Diving