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## **Facility Master Plan Executive Summary and Master Plan Objectives**

This Capital Facilities Master Plan is designed to assess and define the needs for recreational facilities that are needed throughout the Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District. The Plan:

- Thoroughly describes current recreational facilities in the Parks District and provides a range of analysis that estimate the future needs of the Parks District.
- Presents Parks District priorities so that adequate open space and public recreation facilities in the City and County will be provided. The summary of needed facilities and defined priorities are presented in Section 5 of this document. Priorities are expected to change as time and community needs and opinions evolve and the Plan will be updated as required to reflect current priorities.
- Aims to facilitate a broad range of innovative “Best in Class” recreational facilities that are uniquely tailored to the interests of our community by presenting materials that can be used by a wide range of local government and citizen groups to plan and implement future facilities.
- Provides guidance materials for community members who spearhead efforts for development of new facilities.
- Provide data, priority inputs, and conceptual implementation plans that can be used by the Parks District, the City and County planning in their ongoing planning decisions. Implementation Concept Plans are presented in Appendix C of this Document.

### **Parks District Mission**

The Mission of the Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District is to provide recreational opportunities to the citizens of the Parks District, with focus on the youth of our community. Facilities and programs will be developed and maintained to provide safe and economical recreational environments for all users.

## **1 Introduction and Background**

### *1.1 History of the Master Plan*

In February 1995, the Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District (Parks District) entered an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Hood River (City) to jointly develop a parks and recreation capital facilities master plan (Plan) to address facility needs in the City and the Urban Growth Area (UGA). The Plan focused on the parks and recreational needs of residents within the Hood River UGA, and also addressed those visitor-related needs that impact residents. The plan did not address either tourism-oriented facility needs or parks and recreation needs outside the Hood River UGA. The Parks and Recreation Capital Facilities Master Plan was completed November 1998 with a planning time horizon for the twenty-year period 1998-2017. In 2004, the Parks District updated the Master Plan, expanding the scope of the plan to include the entire Park District with areas from the City and the County, and focusing on the ten-year period encompassing 2005 to 2014.

### *1.2 Parks District History and Facilities*

In 1988, voters approved creation of the Parks District, which includes most of Hood River County except Cascade Locks. During its brief seventeen-year history, the Parks District's role has expanded from operating the Hood River swimming pool to meeting a variety of community parks and recreational needs.

#### *1.2.1 Aquatics*

The City of Hood River built an outdoor swimming pool complex in 1948 in the northwest corner of Jackson Park. Between 1948 and 1994, the pool served as a popular summer sports and recreation location, and as a site for Hood River County School District physical education classes during the school year. In 1993, the Parks District reengineered and upgraded the original pool facility to make three, more versatile pools. In 1995, the bathhouse was also updated and the facility was enclosed to provide year-round aquatics for area residents and visitors. In 2002, the landscaping was updated to provide a safe and aesthetic front entrance.

#### *1.2.2 Sports Facilities*

In 1991, a citizen advisory group for the Parks District identified new sports facilities (i.e., ball / soccer fields) as a high priority need for the Hood River Valley. The

Parks District worked in cooperation with the Hood River County School District, Hood River County, the City of Hood River, and a variety of community organizations to develop a plan to expand sports facilities. In November 1997, voters approved funding that upgraded ball and soccer fields at seven school facilities, and added new fields for youth and adult soccer, baseball, and softball. Because of the vast amount of volunteer efforts, the Parks District was also able to use remaining bond funds to upgrade additional recreational facilities including school tennis courts and the Parks District's skate park.

### *1.2.3 Recreation Facilities*

In addition to providing aquatics and sports facilities, the Parks District has also become involved in the development and operation of several other recreational facilities. In 1996, through a collaborative effort with the City of Hood River, the Hood River Rotary, other civic organizations as well as individuals, the Parks District opened the first phase of a "skate park" in the City's Jaymar Park. The community truly supports this project with most of the initial equipment being built and installed by local volunteers; no tax dollars were used for any of the park's construction elements. Further, since 1996, local supporters and the Parks District have added several improvements including a 3,000 square-foot 'street course,' and, a 1,700 square-foot concrete bowl completed in June 2003. In addition, the Skate Park has a new development plan which will be implemented in four phases.

Additionally, in the summer of 2003 the Parks District celebrated the grand opening of Culbertson Park, which is a Neighborhood Park located just south of Pacific Avenue between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets in the Heights. With open spaces, play structures, swing sets, a half-court basketball court, and a picnic area, the park meets the needs of a newly developed neighborhood in that area. The Parks District's next neighborhood park will meet the needs of the Hazelview development which is located at 1711 Freedom Loop. The three-lot parcel designated for the park is 160 ft. by 110 ft. and will include a youth soccer field, open play areas and landscaping.

Another recreational area is the in-process Indian Creek Trail, which is 3.3 miles long, stretching from East 3<sup>rd</sup> St to Hood River Valley High School. Two of three sections are already complete. The Parks District is still working on procuring permission from adjacent land owners in the last (middle) section of this trail.

The Parks District has continued to work cooperatively with the City of Hood River to improve and make more accessible park elements in Wilson and Jackson Parks in the City, and plans to continue working with other local government agencies to improve facilities at existing parks.

## **2 Community Profile**

### *2.1 Location, Physical Setting, and History of Hood River*

The Parks District includes most of Hood River County, which is located on the eastern slope of the Cascade Mountains, extending north from Mt. Hood to the Columbia River. This area of immense natural beauty lies in the heart of Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, about 20 miles west of The Dalles, and 60

miles east of Portland. The Historic Columbia River Highway (U.S. 30) also extends through Hood River.

Hood River was founded in 1854 by Nathaniel and Mary Coe. In 1882, railroad service opened the local economy to new markets and prompted growth of timber and agricultural industries. Agriculture and timber are still important to Hood River, but the economy has diversified, and the area has become a tourism and retail trade center.

Tourism has become increasingly important for the Hood River economy, especially due to its world class outdoor sports venues for windsurfing, kite boarding, skiing and mountain-biking, among other sports. The increasing number of visitors to Hood River impacts parks and recreational facilities, which serve both tourists and residents.

## *2.2 Population and Demographics*

The population of Hood River County in 2000 was 20,411, according to the 2000 Census and the Hood River County Transportation System Plan (June 16, 2003). The Parks District has 19,283 residents (Cascade Locks chose not to participate in this Parks District which removes 1,128 residents of Cascade Locks from the total residents served by the Parks District). Hood River County's population grew by 20% between 1990 and 2000 with the population in Parkdale, Odell, and the remainder of unincorporated areas of the County growing by 17.6% during this period.

Based on currently planned building densities and zoning, the population within the Parks District will increase by an additional 25% between 2004 and 2014.

In the 2003-2004 school year, a total of 3,854 students were enrolled in the Hood River County public school system. 1,649 students were enrolled in grades K-5, 937 students were enrolled in grades 6-9, and 1,268 students were enrolled in grades 9-12.

A review of 2000 census data for the County revealed several notable population characteristics that are important for the Parks District:

- Households with individuals under 18 living at home constituted 38.3% of the City's households. In general, children use parks and recreational facilities more frequently and have different recreational needs than adults.
- Latinos, the City's largest ethnic minority group, totaled approximately 25% of all residents, a 15% increase from 1990. The interests of this group should be considered in the design of recreation facilities.

Due to the number of available recreational opportunities, and the draw that these opportunities have made during population growth, the population of the Parks District is more active than the average, and demands higher levels of recreational options and facilities.



### 3 Recreational Resources Inventory

The recreational resources within the Parks District can be organized into functional types that serve separate recreational needs. For the purposes of this inventory, the existing resources have been separated into the following types:

- *Neighborhood Parks*
- *Community Parks*
- *Trails, Greenways, Linear Parks, Open Space, and Wilderness*
- *Special Use Parks and Facilities*
- *Public School-Based Facilities*
- *Non-Publicly Owned Facilities*

The first four maps in Appendix D present the locations of facilities within the Parks District as follows:

Figure A: City of Hood River and Lower Valley

Figure B: Odell and Central Valley

Figure C: Parkdale and Upper Valley

Figure D: Entire Parks District – showing facilities outside the areas of the first three maps.

The following symbols are used on the facility maps (and follow on needs assessment maps):

*Table 1 - Facility Type Map Symbols*

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Facility Type:</b>
G	Gymnasium
RT	Running Track
S	Soccer field(s)
FB	Football field(s)

BB	Baseball field(s)
T	Tennis Court(s)
SP	Special Use facility
SB	Softball field(s)
C	Community Park
N	Neighborhood Park
GC	Golf Course
tent	Camping
hike	Trail Access
SK	Skate Park

### 3.1 Neighborhood Parks

A Neighborhood park is the most basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood; its focus is on informal active and passive recreation (Mertes & Hall, 1996). It must be within safe and easy walking distance of area residents and does not require the crossing of major streets or other barriers. It usually does not include restrooms or off street parking.

The Neighborhood Parks in the Parks District are presented in Table 2. School based park space and community parks also serve the needs of Neighborhood parks and are listed in the sections that follow.

Table 2 - Neighborhood Parks

<b>Park</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Ownership / Maintenance</b>	<b>Size/Length</b>	<b>Amenities</b>
Wilson Park	May St. and 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. HR	City of HR	1.05 acres	Play structures
Ruthton Park	I-84, West of HR	HR County	1.5 acres	Picnic tables, river view
Hazelview Park	1711 Heritage Loop	HRVPRD	.35 acres	Picnic tables, grassy area
Bowe Addition	Belmont Rd., HR	Residents	.40 acres	Play structure, grassy area
Adams View	Montello HR	Residents	.25 acres	Swings, ½ court basketball area and picnic area.
Waucoma Park	State and 12 <sup>th</sup>	City of HR	0.87 acres	Swings, picnic tables, small creek.

Mann Park	Eugene and 22 <sup>nd</sup>	City of HR	0.48 acres	Playground equipment (old)
Culbertson Park	S. Pacific and 5 <sup>th</sup>	HRVPRD	.6 acres	Play structure, one half BB court, picnic tables and benches, 2 sets of swings.
Memorial Overlook and Memorial Rose Garden	2 <sup>nd</sup> and Sherman HR	City of HR	.40 acres	Fountain, benches, gardens, view, access to downtown and 2 <sup>nd</sup> St steps.
Georgiana Smith Park	Oak and 5 <sup>th</sup> HR	HR County	.50 acres	Benches, view, access to downtown.
Jaymar Park (adjacent to Rotary Park (Skate Park))	Wasco and 20 <sup>th</sup> HR	City owns, HRVPRD maintains	9.7 acres (includes Morrison park)	Picnic tables, grassy area, trees, adjacent to Skate Park

### 3.2 Community Parks

Community parks serve a broader purpose than a smaller neighborhood park; their focus is primarily to meet community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces (Mertes & Hall, 1996).

All community parks also act as neighborhood parks – providing facilities that meet those smaller group needs as well.

In some cases, other facilities act as community parks and are listed in the sections below. As an example, Parkdale Elementary and Westside Elementary School grounds, with multiple playing fields, playgrounds, picnic tables etc. provide the level of service of a community park.

In the Parks District, Community Parks are presented in Table 3.

*Table 3 - Community Parks*

<i>Park</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Ownership / Maintenance</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Amenities</i>
Jackson Park	13 <sup>th</sup> & May St. Hood River	City of HR	6.77 acres	Centrally located, heavily used community facility. nice vegetation, trees. Stage and large grass area hosts summertime music in the park programs. Playground equipment (structure, three swings), picnic tables (8), and concrete pads for community BBQ, etc. Restroom (M/F). Lighted baseball field w/ bleachers, scoreboard, concessions. Four lighted tennis courts. Parking. Disability access to stage and BBQ area.

Children's Park	9th & Eugene St. HR	City of HR	1.24 acres	Large wooden Robert Leathers play structure with slides, and swings for children/toddlers (children's park). Benches, picnic tables, covered/lit basketball court and grass play area. ADA restroom (m/f) and parking.
Marina Park and Marina Green	Hood River Marina	Port of HR	9.5 acres	Beach, Hood River and Columbia River access, picnic tables, picnic shelters, paved walking path, Restroom, Museum, Marina/docks. Large Grass area/ playfield
Tollbridge Park	Parkdale	HR County	84 acres	RV sites, camping, picnic tables, picnic shelters, playground, Hood River access, restrooms, showers
Oak Grove Park	Co. Club Rd. & Portland Dr. HR	HR County	2.5 acres	picnic tables, BBQ pit, tennis courts, outdated play structures, swings, climbing tires, port-a-potty
Panorama Point	East Side Rd. HR	HR County	11.5 acres	picnic, parking lot, view, restrooms
Parkdale Hutson Museum	Parkdale	HR County	3.5 acres	grassy area, picnic tables and shelter, museum
Tucker Park	Hwy 281 past Dee	HR County	35.5 acres	13 campsites, playground, picnic shelters, fishing, shower house, riverside location

### 3.3 Trails, Greenways, Linear Parks, Open Space and Wilderness

This category includes community walking trails and paths, jogging trails, and bicycle trails. According to *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines* (Mertes & Hall, 1996), a park trail focuses on recreational value, transportation, and harmony with the natural environment. It is also located within a greenway (a connector of park systems), park, or natural resource area. An open space is set aside for “preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering” (Mertes & Hall, 1996). The Parks District has an abundance of such areas. A number of these locations may be ideal sites for new neighborhood or community park developments.

The Trails, Greenways, Linear Parks, Open Spaces and Wilderness areas in the Parks District are presented in Table 4.

*Table 4 - Trails, Greenways, Linear Parks, Open Space and Wilderness*

<i>Open Space</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Ownership / Maintenance</i>	<i>Size/Length</i>	<i>Amenities</i>
Indian Creek Trail	Third-Hazel St. to HRVHS	HRVPRD	3.3 miles (17,424 ft.) or 23.2 acres	Single track trail, primarily along Indian Creek (middle portion of trail yet to be completed)

2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Steps Greenway	Corner of 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. and State to corner of 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. and Montello	City of HR	.22 acres	Adjacent to Overlook Memorial and Memorial Rose Garden at North end. Excellent views. Areas of adjacent Oak uplands habitat.
Columbia River Water-front	HR Inn to footbridge	Port of HR	2910 ft. path Marina – 2.9 acres depending on Water level	Asphalt path, views, benches, access to Marina Green park and Marina community park; along Columbia River
Hood River, Flume Rd. to Copper Dam	Along Hood River Powerdale Park south to Copper Dam	Pacificorp	468 acres	Service road along flume. Access to Hood River. natural state park area, parking, Port-a-potties
Surveyor's Ridge	Rd. 44 off of Hwy. 35	USFS	6 miles	Mixed usage trail system.
Mitchell Point	I-84, West of HR 3 parcels coming together at MP	State of Oregon	792 acres	Nature trails, views, parking
Historic Hwy.	Various sections between Mosier and Bonneville are accessed along Columbia river in HR county.	State of Oregon	Various lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cascade Locks to Bonneville Dam - 2.5 miles</li> <li>• Viento to Starvation Creek - 1 mile</li> <li>• Mitchell Point – short segment of Hwy</li> <li>• Hood River to Mosier - 5 miles</li> </ul>
Routson Park	Hwy 35, South of Parkdale.	County of HR	168 acres	camping, drinking h2o, flush toilets, Hood River Access
Dimmick Park	Parkdale	County of HR Not maintained	21.5 acres	River area. Amenities were destroyed during 1996 flood and not restored to date.
Kingsley Park	Kingsley Road, Binns Hill Road	County of HR	320 acres	20 sites, pit toilets, boat ramp
Morrison Park	20 <sup>th</sup> and Wasco HR	City of HR Not maintained	13.54 acres	Natural state. Woods and open space. Owned by City of Hood River.
Elliot Park	8 <sup>th</sup> , South side of Indian Creek	City of HR Not maintained	2 acres	Natural state. Woods and open space. Owned by City of Hood River.
Wells Island	Columbia River, west of HR waterfront.	City of HR /USFS	53.25 acres	Nature preserve, National Forest (NSA) natural state.
Viento SP	I-84, West of HR	State of Oregon	248 acres	camp., picnic, windsurfing, fishing, restrooms
Starvation Creek SP	I-84, West of HR	State of Oregon	153 acres	Picnic, hiking, restrooms
Wyeth (USFS) Campground	I-84 to Exit 51	USFS	8 acres	13 family campsites, 6 group sites, restrooms
Cooper Spur/ Cloud Cap	30 miles South of HR	USFS	11.9 mile trail	3 campsites. Access to Mt Hood Timberline Trail, NFS cabins, Elliot Glacier, views
Nottingham Campground (USFS)	7 miles so. Mt. Hood, off Hwy 35	USFS	10 acres	20 campsites, along river

Sherwood Campground (USFS)	8 miles so. Mt. Hood, off Hwy 35	USFS	3.5 acres	picnic, camp, hike, handicap facility 14 campsites, 4 picnic sites, along river
Kinnikinnick Campground (Laurance Lake)	10 miles so. Parkdale	USFS	5 acres (104 acres)	Camp, fishing, boating, no facilities 12 campsites
Rainy Lake Campground	16 miles NW Parkdale	USFS	10 acres	Camp, fishing, no facilities
Lost Lake	14 miles SW of Dee	USFS	290 acres	Hiking, picnic area, camping, fishing, trail access, views, boating (non-motorized)
Columbia Wilderness Area	North West HR county	USFS	39,000 acres	Wilderness area
Mount Hood Wilderness	North side of Mt Hood.	USFS	24,810 acres	Wilderness area
Badger Creek Wilderness	South-East corner of HR county.	USFS	24,000 acres	Wilderness area
Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area	Columbia River corridor	Various	292,000 acres	National Scenic Area. Trails, river access, etc.

### 3.4 Public School Based Facilities

Public School-based recreational facilities provide a set of key recreational assets that can also fit under the definitions of both Community and Neighborhood parks. The Hood River County School District's decision to allow improvements to be made on School District property by the Parks District significantly contributed to the Parks District's 1997 bond-funded development that dramatically improved and expanded sports facilities that can be used by the public.

Additionally, the School District serves as the County's primary public education, sports and recreation program provider (except for aquatics programs), offering a wide variety of courses and programs for residents of all ages, from preschool through seniors. Programs offered by the School District include arts, crafts, hobbies, music, dance, education, health, recreation, special interest activities, and a wide variety of sports. The numbers and types of programs expand or are reduced based on interest levels and the availability of funding.

All public school based facilities are owned and maintained by the Hood River County School District.

In Hood River County, the Public School-based Facilities are presented in Table 5.

*Table 5 - Public School Based Recreational Facilities*

<b>School</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Amenities</b>
Hood River Middle School	May St. HR	5.5 acres	track and football field (1) outdoor basketball courts (1) gymnasium (2), Rock climbing wall.

May Street Elementary School	May St. & Park HR	2.5 acres	playground equipment (slides, swings, etc.) four-square courts gymnasium (1) small baseball fields (2) tennis courts (2) New tennis practice courts added in 2001, covered in 03-04 by the school. Park District Bond \$ Field refurbishing completed with Bond funds in 1998.
Westside Elementary School	Fairview & Belmont HR	15.9 acres	playground equipment (slides, swings, etc.) soccer fields (3 full size) outdoor basketball court (covered) four-square courts tether ball gymnasium (2) softball fields (2)
Frankton School	HR	0.4 acre	playground equipment (slides, swings, tires, climbing apparatus, etc.) covered shelter
Wy'east School	Odell	20 acres	3 Soccer fields baseball fields football field with track 2 gymnasiums
Parkdale Elementary	Parkdale	5 acres	Playground equipment, swings Small walking track Backstop gymnasium Soccer field
Mid-Valley Elementary	Odell	7.75 acres	Playground equipment baseball field covered play area with basketball hoops
Pine Grove Elementary	Eastside Road	2.5 acres	Playground equipment-swings, slides, merry-go-round 2 tether balls Gymnasium
Hood River High School	Indian Creek Road	35 acres	Track, Football field 2 baseball fields Batting cage Practice soccer field Walking trail Gymnasium

### 3.5 Special Use Parks and Facilities

A special use park covers a broad range of parks and recreational facilities oriented toward single-purpose use (Mertes & Hall, 1996).

The Special Use Parks and Facilities in Hood River County are presented in Table 6.

*Table 6 - Special Use Parks*

<b>Park</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Ownership / Maintenance</b>	<b>Size/Length</b>	<b>Amenities</b>
Aquatics Center	1601 May St., HR	HRVPRD	.94 acres	25 yard Recreation pool, therapy pool, wading pool, slide, rope swing, and locker rooms.
Rotary Park “Skate Park” (adjacent to of Jaymar Park)	Cascade Ave., HR	City owned HRVPRD maintained	2.71 acres	Skate Park, asphalt trail/road, picnic tables, grass play area, woods and creek.
Event Site and adjacent windsurfing and kiting areas on Columbia River.	Waterfront at 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. HR	Port of HR	4.2 acres	Windsurfing and kiting areas with parking lot, rigging yard, beach launch. Restrooms.

### *3.6 Non-Publicly Owned Facilities*

Non-publicly owned facilities are private parks or recreational facilities which still contribute to the park and recreation system. (Mertes & Hall, 1996).

#### *3.6.1 Sport Fields and Gymnasiums*

The baseball/softball, soccer, and other sports fields located on parks and public school properties are supplemented by facilities at three churches/church schools in Hood River, including St. Mary’s Catholic Church(3 youth baseball /softball fields), and Horizon Christian School(soccer field).

The Big Gym is a privately owned gym that provides major weightlifting equipment. The Hood River Sports Club has aerobic exercise equipment and the Hood River Elks Club has a small gym available for members. The Adventist Church and the Hood River Bible School also have gyms available for their members.

#### *3.6.2 Golf*

Indian Creek Golf Course is a privately-owned 18-hole golf course which straddles the southern urban growth boundary at the intersection of Indian Creek Road and Brookside Drive. The Hood River Golf and Country Club is an 18-hole golf course located outside the urban growth boundary on Country Club Road. Both courses are open to the public.

#### *3.6.3 Swimming Pools*



In addition to the public Hood River Valley Aquatics Center, the Hood River Sports Club and the Hood River Elks Club both maintain swimming facilities for members.

#### *3.6.4 Recreation/Fitness Centers*

The Hood River Sports Club is a full service recreation club that includes tennis courts, racquetball/handball courts, indoor basketball, a climbing wall, aerobic exercise classes, exercise equipment, a weight room, a pool and spa, sauna, and other facilities for members. The Big Gym includes weight lifting and exercise equipment, and the Hood River Elks Club has racquetball courts.

#### *3.6.5 Outdoor Recreation*

The proximity of Hood River to Mt. Hood and the Columbia River and the popularity of Hood River as a center for windsurfing and water sports has created numerous businesses which offer lessons, equipment, and related support services for skiing, snowboarding, windsurfing, road biking, mountain biking, kayaking, rafting, and other outdoor sports activities.

#### *3.6.6 Other Facilities*

The Hood River Valley includes many other privately-owned sports and recreation facilities offering bowling, billiards, karate, gymnastics, dance, and other activities. Hood River also is home to several yoga studios, which offer classes to the public for a fee.

## **4 Needs Assessment**

To best assess facility needs for the Parks District, four methods of analysis are included in this document:

- 1) Parks District facilities have been compared to Level of Service (LOS) standards in order to identify locations where facilities may be needed;
- 2) Parks District facilities have been inspected to determine the physical condition and functionality of existing facilities;
- 3) An opinion survey solicited feedback from Parks District residents on facility needs; and
- 4) Developments that are consistently raised as community priorities community priorities and have a large level of support are reviewed and brought forward.

Each of these analyses are then used as inputs for development prioritization and none of the analyses are primary factors in the determination of needs or priority.

### *4.1 Parks and Recreations Standards*

This analysis reviews neighborhood and community needs based on the application of specific Level of Service (LOS) standards. LOS standards are expressed both in

units of facility per 1,000 persons and in service areas (distance from facilities), and have been developed for key types of parks and recreational facilities.

The LOS standards were developed using guidelines provided by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) in its publication *Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines* (1996). Unlike previous NRPA publications which provided specific LOS standards for various types of facilities (i.e., a Neighborhood Parks LOS Standard of 5.0 acres per 1,000 persons), the 1996 *NRPA Guidelines* provide guidance for communities to develop and adopt a set of local LOS standards applicable to the community. These *NRPA Guidelines* emphasize that the local Levels of Service should: 1) be practicable and achievable; 2) provide for an equitable allocation of park and recreation resources throughout the community; and, 3) reflect the real time demand of citizens. In Hood River, the Parks District has followed these suggested guidelines and has developed LOS standards which are designed to meet the needs of the expected population within the Hood River UGA through 2014. Table 7 presents the NRPA LOS guidelines as modified by the HRPRD for use in the needs assessment analysis. Both Service Radius Requirements (distance from Parks District residents to facility), and Facility Requirements Based on Population (quantity of facilities to service the population of the Parks District) are presented.

Table 7 – Applicable Level of Service Requirements

Ref #	Facility Type	Service Radius Requirements			Facilities Requirements Based On Population					
		NRPA Service Radius	HRPRD Service Radius		HRPRD Ratio per Population	Total Required	Existing Public Facilities	Public Deficient	Existing Private Facilities	Total Deficient
			Time Miles							
1	Neighborhood Park	½ mi.	1 min	0.4	1,000	20	16	4	NA	4
2	Baseball Field	¼ to ½ mi.	5 min	2	5,000	4	8	0	0	0
3	Softball Field	½ mi.	5 min	2	5,000	4	2	2	0	2
4	Soccer Field	1-2 mi.	5 min	2	5,000	4	7	0	1	0
5	Basketball, outdoor	¼ to ½ mi.	5 min	2	5,000	4				
6	Tennis, Outdoor	¼ to ½ mi.	5 min	2	4,000	5	9	0	0	0
7	Nature Trails Access	varies	5 min	2	2,000	10	7	3	0	3
8	Open Space Access	Not listed	5 min	2	1,000	20	17	3	0	3
9	Gymnasium (indoor basketball and volleyball)	¼ to ½ mi.	5 min	2	2,000	10	9	1	1	0
10	Community Park	Not listed	15 min	4	5,000	4	6	0	0	0
11	Activities Center	15 min.	15 min	4	20,000	1	0	1	0	1
12	Football field	15-30 min.	15 min	4	20,000	1	3	0	0	0

13	Running track	15-30 min.	15 min	4	20,000	1	3	0	0	0
14	Picnic Shelter		15 min	4	2,000	10	6	4	0	4
15	Mt Bike Trail Access	Not listed	15 min	4	5,000	4	2	2	0	2
16	Outdoor / Beach Volleyball	Not listed	15 min	4	10,000	2	0	2	0	2
17	Racquetball	15min.	30 min	20	20,000	1	0	1	4	0
18	Tennis, Indoor	¼ to ½ mi.	30 min	20	8,000	3	0	3	4	0
19	Archery Range	30 min	30 min	20	50,000	1	0	1	1	0
20	Campground	Not listed	30 min	20	5,000	4	8	0	1	0
21	Golf Course / Driving Range	30 min.	30 min	20	50,000	1	0	1	2	0
22	Indoor Soccer / Roller Hockey	Not listed	30 min	20	20,000	1	0	1	0	1
23	Swimming Pools, indoor	15min.	30 min	20	20,000	1	1	0	1	0
24	Ice Skating / Hockey Rink	Not listed	30 min	20	20,000	1	0	1	0	1

#### 4.1.1 LOS Analysis Results

The Parks District's first method of Needs Assessment for Hood River County involves the Local Levels of Service standards described above. By combining the Service Radius goals from the LOS Table with the facility inventory information from Section 3, it is possible to identify the need for particular types of facilities.

Table 8 presents a summary of the LOS analysis results using the same facility types identified in Table 7 above. Needs conclusions are further summarized in Table 9.

Table 8 - LOS Analysis Results

Ref #	Facility Type	Needs Analysis / Notes
1	Neighborhood Park	<p>a. Neighborhood Parks have the smallest service radius (0.4 miles) and lowest population ratio requirements because they are the simplest and most immediately accessible recreation facilities.</p> <p>b. In addition to the designated Neighborhood Parks listed in paragraph 3.1 above, other recreation facilities also serve the function of a Neighborhood Park. If there is well maintained open space, benches or picnic tables, and/or playground facilities, these other facility types will be counted as Neighborhood parks for this analysis. All local Elementary Schools and all Community Parks meet this definition.</p> <p>c. Because of the lower population ratio requirements, this analysis requires that all points within the three population areas of the Parks District (Hood River UGB, Odell and Parkdale) have at <u>LEAST</u> two Neighborhood Parks within the service radius distance of 0.4 miles. The best way to look at this is to use a set of maps, with radiuses drawn around all functional Neighborhood Parks (see (b) above) and identify any areas within the three population areas that are not covered by at least two parks. Three maps in Appendix D present the Neighborhood Parks service radius coverage:</p>

		<p>Figure E: Neighborhood Parks – Hood River UGB</p> <p>Figure F: Neighborhood Parks – Odell Population area</p> <p>Figure G: Neighborhood Parks – Parkdale Population area</p> <p>d. CONCLUSIONS: By looking at the three Neighborhood Parks service radius coverage maps, some needs are identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. The west side of the UGB, from about Rand Road to the end of the UGB is only lightly covered and has areas with no coverage. Additionally, the Adams View park is very small and does not provide the ability to service beyond its immediate residential area. At least three parks that meet Neighborhood Park Standards are required in this area.</li> <li>2. Hood River. South East corner of UGB. Currently this area is only covered by Culbertson Park and coverage by at least one additional park is required.</li> <li>3. Hood River. South near Indian Creek Road and Brookside. An area of development here requires second park coverage.</li> <li>4. Hood River. Waterfront. If residential development is part of the waterfront development, that area will need park coverage from one to two parks.</li> <li>5. Odell. Only Mid Valley Elementary currently serves this park function. At least two new parks are required to cover the residential area in Odell.</li> <li>6. Parkdale. No new park facilities are required in Parkdale to meet the Neighborhood park level of service requirements (though facility upgrades may be required).</li> <li>7. The population based LOS analysis in Table 7 above shows a Parks District wide deficiency of 4 Neighborhood Parks. If the Neighborhood Parks above are provided for, the population based deficiency identified in Table 7 will also be satisfied.</li> </ol>
2	Baseball Field	<p>With the larger 2-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Baseball fields.</p> <p>Note: The different levels of competitive youth baseball use different field geometries which were not considered in detail for this analysis. The baseball field at Jackson Park, for example, is not suitable for the younger players that use a smaller field.</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. Reliance on the field space leased from St Mary’s Catholic Church to meet the needs of the smaller fields leaves this area at a high risk of not meeting the needs for these fields. Besides St Mary’s, fields are at Jackson Park and Hood River Valley High School.</li> <li>2. Odell. The field at Mid Valley Elementary meets the level of service needs, but does not address different field sizes, leaving a segment of the population without an acceptable ballfield.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. The field at Parkdale Elementary meets the level of service needs, but does not address different field sizes, leaving a segment of the population without an acceptable ballfield.</li> </ol>

3	Softball Field	<p>With the larger 2-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Softball fields.</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. No Level of Service shortage. Two fields at Westside Elementary minimally meet needs for UGB.</li> <li>2. Odell. No Level of Service shortage. Softball field at Wy'east Middle</li> <li>3. Parkdale. No softball specific field provided in this area (currently sharing with baseball).</li> </ol>
4	Soccer Field	<p>With the larger 2-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Soccer fields.</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. No Level of Service shortage. Fields at Westside Elementary, HR Middle, and Summit Christian used for competitive play. Other fields at May St Elementary.</li> <li>2. Odell. No Level of Service shortage. Fields at WyEast used for competitive play. Other field at Mid Valley Elementary.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. No Level of Service shortage. Fields at Parkdale Elementary.</li> </ol>
5	Basketball, outdoor	<p>With the larger 2 mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for outdoor Basketball courts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONCLUSION: Outdoor Basketball courts at the public schools meet the level of service needs for all parts of the Parks District.</p>
6	Tennis, Outdoor	<p>With the larger 2-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for outdoor Tennis courts.</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. No Level of Service shortage. Courts at Jackson Park and May St Elementary. Additional court at Oak Grove is 10 minutes away.</li> <li>2. Odell. There are currently no outdoor tennis courts in the Odell area. Need to provide this type of facility in this area.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. No Level of Service shortage. Courts at Parkdale Elementary.</li> </ol>
7	Nature Trails Access	<p>With the larger 2-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for nature trail access.</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. East side of town is within service radius of Historic Highway trailhead. The rest of town is serviced by the Indian Creek trail segments. The parts of the UGB to the West are at the very edges of coverage provided by the Indian Creek Trail.</li> <li>2. Odell. Currently no facility meets this need. At least one Nature trail access point is required.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. Currently no facility meets this need. At least one Nature trail access point is required.</li> <li>4. The population based LOS analysis in Table 7 above shows a Parks District-wide deficiency of 3 Nature trail access points.</li> </ol>

		<p><b>Note:</b> At the time this Master Plan is being generated, Hood River County is studying trail assets on County land and will coordinate the development of a number of new multi-use trails. This County effort will provide access points and trails needed in Odell and Parkdale and a future review will need to address remaining deficiencies.</p>
8	Open Space Access	<p>With the larger 2-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Open Space Access.</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. East side of town is within service radius of Historic Highway trailhead. The rest of town is serviced by the Indian Creek trail segments and associated open space. There are other open space areas designated within the UGB that are currently undeveloped and formal delineation and access points to these areas are not provided. The parts of the UGB to the West are at the very edge of coverage provided by designated open space areas.</li> <li>2. Odell. Currently no facility meets this need. Tucker Park is closest area that meets this requirement but is beyond the service radius from the population center in Odell. At least one protected open space access area is required.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. No Level of Service shortage. Tollbridge Park meets this need.</li> <li>4. The population based LOS analysis in Table 7 above shows a Parks District wide deficiency of 11 Open Space access points.</li> </ol>
9	Gymnasium (indoor Basketball and Volleyball)	<p>With the larger 2 mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Gymnasium access.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: Access to public school gymnasiums meets level of service needs.</p>
10	Community Park	<p>With the larger 4-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Community Parks.</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. No Level of Service shortage. Met by Jackson and Marina Parks</li> <li>2. Odell. There are currently no Community Parks in this area. Tucker Park provides some of the requires services, and Mid Valley Elementary provides some of this function. A discussion with the residents of this area is required to determine if these two facilities meet the level of service need for a Community Park.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. No Level of Service shortage. Toll-bridge Park provides this service, and Parkdale Elementary has sufficient recreational resources to meet this service need.</li> </ol>
11	Activities Center	<p>With the larger 4 mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Activities Centers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. No Level of Service shortage. Community Education programs in the public schools, the HR Aquatic center, and the private sports clubs meet this need.</li> <li>2. Odell. No Level of Service shortage. Community Education programs in the public schools meets this need.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. No Level of Service shortage. Community Education programs in the public schools, the Mt Hood center, and the old Parkdale School provide facilities for these needs.</li> </ol>

12	Football field	<p>With the larger 4 mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Football Fields.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONCLUSION:</b>      Football fields at the public schools meet the level of service needs for all parts of the Parks District.</p>
13	Running track	<p>With the larger 4 mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Running Tracks.</p> <p><b>CONCLUSIONS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. No Level of Service shortage. Tracks are at the High School and HR Middle School.</li> <li>2. Odell. No Level of Service shortage. Track is at Wy' east Middle School.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. No Level of Service shortage. Tracks at Parkdale Elementary</li> </ol>
14	Picnic Shelter	<p>With the larger 4-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Picnic Shelters.</p> <p><b>CONCLUSIONS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. No Level of Service shortage. Covered areas are at Marina Park.</li> <li>2. Odell. No Level of Service shortage. Covered areas are at Tucker Park.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. No Level of Service shortage. Covered areas are at Toll-bridge Park.</li> <li>4. The population based LOS analysis in Table 7 above shows a Parks District-wide deficiency of 4 Picnic Shelters to be located as appropriate in the implementation of larger Parks District parks facilities.</li> </ol>
15	Mt Bike Trail Access	<p>With the larger 4-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Mountain Bike Trail access.</p> <p><b>CONCLUSIONS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hood River. Currently no facility meets this need . Indian Creek Trail, being primarily flat and heavily used by pedestrians does not meet this requirement. At least two mountain bike access points (one West and one East) are required.</li> <li>2. Odell. Currently no facility meets this need. At least one Mountain Bike trail access point is required.</li> <li>3. Parkdale. Currently no facility meets this need. At least one Mountain Bike trail access point is required.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> At the time this Master Plan is being generated, Hood River County is studying trail assets on County land and will coordinate the development of a number of new multi-use trails. This effort should provide access points needed to address shortages.</p>

16	Outdoor / Beach Volleyball	<p>With the larger 4 mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Outdoor / Beach Volleyball courts.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: Two outdoor volleyball courts are required to meet the Level of Service needs. One in the City of Hood River and one in an appropriate development to service upper valley residents.</p>
17	Racquetball	<p>With the large 20-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for Racquetball Courts.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: The Level of Service requirement for the Parks District is met with the three racquetball courts located at the Hood River Sports Club on Brookside Dr. in Hood River.</p>
18	Tennis, Indoor	<p>With the large 20-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for an Indoor Tennis Facility.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: The Level of Service requirement for the Parks District is met with the four courts located at the Hood River Sports Club on Brookside Dr. in Hood River.</p>
19	Archery Range	<p>With the larger 20-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for an Archery Range.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: The Level of Service requirement for the Parks District is met by the private Appleknocker club archery range.</p>
20	Campground	<p>With the larger 20-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for campgrounds.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: The Level of Service requirement for the Parks District is met by the large number (8) of campgrounds within the Parks District, provided by Hood River County and the US Forest Service.</p>
21	Golf Course / Driving Range	<p>With the larger 20-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for a Golf Course.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: The Level of Service requirement for the Parks District is met by the two municipal privately owned Golf Courses near Hood River at Indian Creek and Hood River Golf Club.</p>
22	Indoor Soccer / Roller Hockey	<p>With the larger 20-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for an indoor hockey / soccer facility.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: No facility is available to meet the level of service need for indoor soccer and roller hockey. One facility is required to provide level of service coverage to the Parks District.</p>



23	Swimming Pools, indoor	<p>With the larger 20-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for a Swimming Pool facility.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: The Level of Service requirement for the Parks District is met by the Aquatic Center in Hood River, which also services other local communities and schools.</p>
24	Ice Skating / Hockey Rink	<p>With the larger 20-mile service radius, a map presentation is not required to analyze level of service requirements for an Ice Skating / Hockey Rink facility.</p> <p>CONCLUSION: No facility is available to meet the level of service need for Ice Skating / Hockey Rink. One facility is required to provide level of service coverage to the Parks District.</p>

**4.1.2 Level of Standards - Needs Conclusions**

Individual needs (current shortages) for the three population centers of the Parks District, as identified in Table 8 above, are summarized in Table 9.

*Table 9 – Level of Service Summary for Population Centers*

Population Center	Summary of Level of Service Analysis Conclusions
Parkdale	<p>Baseball Fields: The field at Parkdale Elementary meets the level of service needs, but does not address different field sizes, probably leaving a segment of the population without an acceptable ballfield.</p> <p>Softball Fields: No softball specific field provided in this area (currently sharing with baseball).</p> <p>Nature Trail Access: Currently no formally designated facility meets this need. At least one Nature trail access point is required.</p> <p>Mountain Bike Trail Access: Currently no formally designated facility meets this need. At least one Mountain Bike trail access point is required.</p>
Odell	<p>Neighborhood Parks: Only Mid Valley Elementary currently serves this park function. At least two new parks are required to cover the residential area in Odell.</p> <p>Baseball Fields: The field at Mid Valley Elementary meets the level of service needs for little league, but does not address different field sizes, probably leaving a segment of the population without an acceptable ballfield.</p> <p>Outdoor Tennis Court: There are currently no outdoor tennis courts in the Odell area. Need to provide this type of facility in this area.</p> <p>Nature Trail Access: Currently no formally designated facility meets this need. At least one Nature trail access point is required.</p>

	<p><b>Open Space Access:</b> Currently no formally designated facility meets this need. Tucker Park is closest area that meets this requirement but is beyond the service radius from the population center in Odell. At least one protected open space access area is required.</p> <p><b>Community Park:</b> There are currently no Community Parks in this area. Tucker Park provides some of the required services, and Mid Valley Elementary provides some of this function. A discussion with the residents of this area is required to determine if these two facilities meet the level of service need for a Community Park.</p> <p><b>Mountain Bike Trail Access:</b> Currently no formally designated facility meets this need. At least one Mountain Bike trail access point is required.</p> <p><b>Outdoor / Beach Volleyball:</b> No facility currently meets the need for outdoor / beach volleyball courts in the upper valley.</p>
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<p>Hood River UGB</p>	<p><b>Neighborhood Parks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The west side of the UGB, from about Rand Road to the end of the UGB is only lightly covered and has areas with no coverage. Additionally, the Adams View park is very small and does not provide the ability to service beyond its immediate residential area. At least three parks that meet Neighborhood Park Standards are required in this area.</li> <li>• South East corner of UGB. Currently this area is only covered by Culbertson Park and coverage by at least one additional park is required.</li> <li>• South near Indian Creek Road and Brookside. An area of development here requires second park coverage.</li> <li>• Waterfront. If residential development is part of the waterfront development, that area will need park coverage from one to two parks.</li> </ul> <p><b>Baseball Fields:</b> Reliance on the youth field space leased from St Mary's Catholic Church to meet the needs of the smaller fields leaves this area at a high risk of not meeting the needs for these fields. In addition to fields at St Mary's, there are fields at Jackson Park and HR High School.</p> <p><b>Softball Fields:</b> Two fields at Westside Elementary minimally meet needs for UGB.</p> <p><b>Open Space Access:</b> No Level of Service shortage, but designated open space within the UGB is currently undeveloped and formal delineation and access points to these areas are not provided. The parts of the UGB to the West are at the very edge of coverage provided by designated open space areas.</p> <p><b>Mountain Bike Trail Access:</b> Currently no formally designated facility meets this need. Indian Creek Trail, being primarily flat and heavily used by pedestrians does not meet this requirement. At least two designated mountain bike access points (one West and one East) are required.</p> <p><b>Outdoor / Beach Volleyball:</b> No facility currently meets the need for outdoor / beach volleyball courts in the UGB.</p>
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In addition to the facility requirements outlined in Table 9, the population based LOS needs of Table 7 identify a number of additional Parks District deficiencies. Different from service radius needs, these shortages should be considered when planning facilities within the Parks District.

1. Nature Trail access points. In addition to the location specific needs above, at least one additional trail access point should be provided. This can be done through design (or formal designation) of trail systems through the Parks District.
2. Open Space access points. In addition to the location specific needs above, at least two additional open space access points should be provided. This can be done through design (or formal designation) of protected open space through the Parks District.
3. There is a Parks District-wide need for four more Picnic Shelters to be included in future large park developments.
4. There is a need for one Indoor Roller-Hockey / Soccer facility.
5. There is a need for one Ice-Skating / Hockey facility.

## *4.2 Physical Inspection of Facilities*

The second method of assessing the Parks District's needs involves physically inspecting current facilities to determine the physical condition and functionality of existing facilities. In May of 2004, the Parks District physically examined its existing facilities and found that many of the City's existing facilities are in need of upgrade, repair or replacement.

### *4.2.1 Parks, Open Space, and Greenways*

Hood River's developed parks are average size and are generally in good condition, but most could be improved by adding new equipment, etc. The Parks District improved the City's Wilson Park and Jackson Park in 2001 and 2002 respectively, adding new play structures. Protected open space exists within the City and throughout the Parks District, but these spaces are not well identified and designated access points to the open spaces are generally not provided. While Greenways are more abundant, they offer limited recreational opportunities because they lack accessibility and improved pathways or pathways are not in sufficient condition to accommodate hiking and bicycling. Furthermore, because of outdated facility designs, people with disabilities cannot fully access most playgrounds and recreation facilities.

### *4.2.2 Recreational Facilities*

With the exception of the Hood River Valley Aquatics Center, the City's other major recreational facilities are located at public schools and are generally in good condition. Baseball/softball and soccer fields have been upgraded and added at several school facilities as a part of the voter approved November 1997 bond measure. Level of use at ball fields (primarily multi-use soccer, lacrosse, football) in Hood River and Odell is high, resulting in over-use damage at some times of the year and resultant field restrictions to allow turf regeneration.

The Aquatics Center is generally in excellent condition. Noted deficiencies are primarily outside the building.

### 4.3 Needs Assessment Survey

In early 2003, the Parks District formed a citizen committee to survey the public with the goal of providing another perspective for the needs assessment to be presented in this Master Plan document. The Survey Committee was comprised of Parks District Board members, representatives from the City of Hood River, Hood River County, The Port of Hood River, and citizens at large. The Survey Committee designed a survey, and planned how to best survey Parks District residents.

In April 2003, a public opinion survey was distributed through the local newspaper, through presentations to interested groups, at open public events, and were made available at the Aquatic Center. In an effort to include all Parks District residents, special care was given to distribute the survey across all age groups. More than three hundred thirty (330) surveys were returned with comments. Scientific methods to ensure a statistically valid data set without data biases were NOT employed in the completion of this survey and results should be reviewed as guidance only.

A copy of the survey and summary of responses are included as Appendix A.

The survey was divided into different sections to provide targeted information for the Parks District. Key information provided by the survey results are as follows:

- Top five facility categories visited (total reported visits):

1. Columbia River Waterfront Sites .....	9,963 visits.
2. School Playgrounds/ Sports Fields .....	7, 183 visits.
3. City / County Parks .....	6,282 visits..
4. Aquatic Center.....	3,856 visits.
5. Indian Creek Trail.....	3,265 visits.

- Top five most needed facilities/activities (in order of tallies)

1. Biking / Hiking Trails / Wildlife access (78)
2. Rec Center / Community Center / Indoor Sports (61)
3. Water Access (Whitewater and Columbia) (44)
4. Ball Fields / Sports complex (41)
5. Community Parks (dog parks, new parks, updated equipment) (38)

- Top three facilities needed for special use (Ranking out of 7 choices given):

1. Large Riverfront Park
2. Large Indoor Recreation Center
3. Sports Complex

- Natural open spaces ranked number one as the most needed type of Park in the Hood River Valley out of four choices of park development types.

- The number one ranked area that the Parks District should spend most of its effort on is maintaining parks, open spaces and trails. Number two is expanding and

renovation existing parks, open spaces and trails.

- Given a scale of 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being excellent,) residents rated existing facilities and parks in five different maintenance categories:
- ~ condition of plant, grass, and trees 52% rated 4 or higher;
- ~ keeping parks free of trash 43% rated 4 or higher;
- ~ maintenance of play equipment play areas 44% rated 4 or higher;
- ~ removal of graffiti 47% rated 4 or higher;
- ~ cleanliness of restrooms 66% rated 4 or higher.

#### *4.4 Community Priorities and Opportunities*

Within an active community there are often recreational facilities where the interest is maintained at a high level by the residents of the community. In this Parks District, at the time of this document update, there are four such items:

1. A Waterfront park development on the Columbia River in Hood River.
2. A ball-field complex that meets community field needs.
3. A Community Center / Teen Center.
4. Completion of a loop trail system in and around the Hood River UGA
5. PacificCorp property transfer process along the Hood River.

##### *4.4.1 Columbia River Waterfront Park*

The natural state property along the City of Hood River Columbia River waterfront is owned by the Port of Hood River. Discussions have been ongoing for many years with the goal of finding a mutually agreeable zoning definition for future use.

In April 2005, the City of Hood River and Port of Hood River were working on a Intergovernmental Agreement to transfer a large parcel on the Columbia River to the City for use as a Park. As part of the IGA, a committee will be formed to design and study funding of park development and maintenance.

##### *4.4.2 Ball Field Complex*

The ball field complex has been a priority for not only this Board of Directors of the Parks District but as well for other boards. A preliminary plan was developed in 1996 that included a 30-acre development, and an un-achieved goal prior to the bond vote in 1998 was to develop a ball field complex.

The benefits and reasons for pursuing a ball field complex include:

- Field use continues to grow and use at existing fields is typically heavy.
- A larger complex will provide the features and benefits of a Community Park – being a healthy gathering point for a broad section of the Parks District population.
- Allowing a number of simultaneous games would allow for hosting of area tournaments (State and Region) that would provide significant economic benefit to local businesses.
- Reliance on the field space leased from St Mary’s Catholic Church to meet the needs of the smaller fields leaves this area at high risk of not meeting the needs for these fields.
- Existing fields often do not address the different field sizes needed for the different levels of youth sports. The baseball field at Jackson Park, for example, is not suitable for the younger players that use a smaller field.
- Level of use in at ball fields (primarily multi-use soccer, lacrosse, football) in Hood River and Odell is high, resulting in over-use damage at some times of the year and resultant field restrictions to allow turf re•generation.

Design elements of a larger facility would address a wide spectrum of uses and include meeting the needs of the community in the following areas:

Soccer	Baseball	Softball
Ultimate (flying disc)	Playgrounds	Restroom
Concessions	Storage building	Parking
Jogging/fitness	Picnic Area	

This facility could provide potential synergy / co-location with a Community / Teen Center and/or Indoors Sports buildings (soccer, roller-hockey, basketball, etc.); and could be located in conjunction with future Hood River School District Schools.

Development Costs

Rough Estimates for a small complex that includes a three-field youth/adult complex with simple restroom/concession/equipment building and adequate parking will run from \$1 to 1.5 million for development-this does not include land cost or costs for a large building for indoor activities. This includes good basic drainage, good irrigation.

Maintenance Costs

These cost can very considerable depending on the degree of maintenance, if equipment is amortized into the costs, depending on the surface-synthetic turf versus grass, volunteers etc...A rough cost estimate is anywhere from \$3000-\$8000 an acre.

**4.4.3 Community Center / Teen Center**

Historically Hood River County has worked toward providing its youth with a place to go during after school hours to recreate, socialize, perform and learn. A variety of sites and activities has been developed over the last few decades depending on funding sources, overseeing agencies or groups, and prevailing philosophy.

Teen or youth centers in the last 20 years have been located at a variety of churches typically for congregation youth and their friends. In addition, other agencies, groups and businesses have worked toward the development of a sustainable youth center including:

1. The National Guard Armory in the 1980s with a focus on teen dances developed by Hood River Valley High School's OSSOM Club under the guidance of Bob Level.
2. At the Hood River Swimming Pool, with the lobby having pin ball games for youth as well as swimming and dance activities under the direction of Bob Level.
3. Through Hood River Middle School and Wy'east Middle School funded through the Three Valley's collaborative board, working through a Rockefeller Foundation grant.
4. At two local restaurants, Kampai and Brian's Poor House in Hood River that donated their facilities on specific evenings each week.
5. At Mt. Hood Towne Hall in 1998-1999 through the Commission on Children and Families, Parks and Recreation and Mt. Hood Towne Hall
6. At Cascade Locks City Hall 1999-2005 through Cascade Locks Interested in Kids.
7. At Hood River Expo Center in 1998-1999 through the Commission on Children and Families, Parks and Recreation and the Port Commission.
8. At private businesses on the heights with focus on video games.
9. Club Rio at the Tucker Road Site 2001-02. Private, Mr. Castro.
10. At all school sites in after-school programming through Project PM in 2000-2004.
11. At all school sites through Community Education in school Lights On project 1980 through present.
12. Faith Connection project to unite churches in working with youth at a youth center in Hood River County- Maija Yasui 2003-2008. Purchase of facility by Hood River Alliance Church at 11<sup>th</sup> and June Street. Work towards development of youth center.

Other agencies or groups involved have included Hood River County, Commission on Children and Families, Parks and Recreation, Hood River Lion's Clubs, Community Education, Hood River County School District, City of Hood River, City of Cascade Locks, several developers, The Next Door, Inc., and the Port of Hood River.

It remains a community priority to provide for a Teen Center / Community Center to continue and expand this history of assistance. A permanent facility to provide these services should be a community-wide goal.

#### ***4.4.4 Loop Trail System in and around Hood River UGA***

In the early 1990s, city planning worked on plans for a trail network that would link the City of Hood River to a network of trails. This work was initiated to meet Oregon State Planning Goals 5 and 8 and stated objectives to complete a Columbia Trails network along the Columbia River corridor.

Continuing on from the existing and in-work Indian Creek trail, the loop trail system would provide an extensive set of trails that would connect downtown to the Historic Highway trail, the Post Canyon trails, and along the Hood River to Powerdale Dam.

#### **4.4.5 PacificCorp Property Transfer Along Hood River**

In 2012, 468 acres along the Hood River, stretching from Powerdale Park south to the Copper Dam, will be handed over from its current owner, PacificCorp, to an entity who will manage the land in a manner consistent with the goals of the conservation easement placed on the property.

The property currently has an established trail alongside the Hood River and natural state parks at each end. This section of the Hood River is popular with anglers and kayakers.

The Parks District is a member of the committee charged with identifying the new property owner and ensuring that the goals of the conservation easement are being met.

Those goals are:

Goal 1: Protect the existing fish and wildlife habitat while allowing for habitat restoration and enhancement;

Goal 2: Retain existing recreational uses and allow improvements commensurate with those uses, provided such uses and improvements are consistent with Goal 1;

Goal 3: Allow for expanded recreational and educational opportunities, provided those are consistent with Goal 1;

Goal 4: Acknowledge and preserve the right of CTWS tribal members to exercise their Treaty secured off-reservation fishing rights on the Subject Lands by utilizing the Subject Lands to access usual and accustomed fishing sites.

In addition to the 468 acres, PacificCorp has agreed to put \$154,500 into a fund to help offset annual operational and maintenance costs associated with meeting the above goals.

## **5 Parks District Development Priorities**

Priorities for each recommended development have been set by the Parks District board and reviewed with the City of Hood River and Hood River County. Priorities are expected to change as time progresses and community needs and opinions evolve. Three levels of Priority are assigned:

Priority 1: A primary development goal – actively pursued by the Parks District.



Priority 2: Opportunities to develop should be acted on as they present themselves.

Priority 3: Acknowledged as a facility need, but not actively pursued.

Identified Facility Need	Priority Level
Complete Skate Park development plan. Expand capacity and safety.	1
Columbia River Waterfront Park development. Parks District participation with Port, City and other entities to develop facility.	1
Complete Indian Creek Trail system in Hood River UGA	1
<p>Develop needed Neighborhood Parks to address identified shortages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The west side of the Hood River UGA. At least three parks that meet Neighborhood Park Standards are required in this area.</li> <li>• At least two new parks are required to cover the residential area in Odell.</li> <li>• South East corner of UGB. Currently Culbertson Park only covers this area and coverage by at least one additional park is required.</li> <li>• Waterfront. If residential development is part of the waterfront development, that area will need park coverage from one to two parks.</li> <li>• HR South near Indian Creek Road and Brookside. An area of development here requires second park coverage.</li> <li>• Other parks that meet unanticipated population growth areas or levels to ensure that small park spaces are immediately available to residents of urban growth centers.</li> </ul>	1
Ball Field Complex. Addresses growth in demand, wear and tear on existing facilities, level of play supported by existing facilities and risk of losing baseball fields not on public land.	1
Expand system of trails to connect existing parks, trails or open space areas. Implementation concept plans (appendix C) for the HR waterfront, West Hood river parks development and loop trails development all address these needs. Examples are: Connect west end of Indian Creek Trail to Columbia waterfront; Connect waterfront to Historic Highway; connect east end of Indian Creek trail to a Hood River / Powerdale dam trail, complete segment two of Indian Creek Trail for public use. This development effort is a very long term goal and the expectation is that it will be implemented in small steps.	2
Complete Aquatic Center landscaping / upgrade plan. Expand access, capacity and aquatic recreation options.	2
Upgrade existing Neighborhood Parks and at other park or school facilities that provide Neighborhood Park service. Expand capacity and access. Replace outdated and dangerous equipment.	2
Community Park for Odell area. May be provided through development of new parks or upgrades to existing parks or school properties.	2
Expanded water access on the Hood River for white water kayaking, fishing, hiking, etc.	2
Outdoor / Beach Volleyball in Hood River UGB. Assumes use of existing park, School, or other public land for site of tennis courts.	2

Indoor Soccer / Roller Hockey Facility.	2
Tennis court to provide service to Odell area.	3
Disc Golf Course on existing park or natural state public open space.	3
Trailhead facilities for existing nature trails that are not formally designated. Need identified in Parkdale, Odell and West Hood River.	3
Signage, parking and formal access to Open Space that is not currently designated. Need identified in Parkdale, Odell and West Hood River.	3
Picnic Shelters. The population-based LOS analysis in Table 7 above shows a Parks District-wide deficiency of four Picnic Shelters to be included as part of a facility development plan.	3
Trailhead facilities and access to Mountain Bike trails that are not formally designated. Need identified in Parkdale, Odell and West Hood River.	3
Participation in planning and preparation for transfer of Pacific Power property along Hood River, scheduled for 2012.	3
Ensuring windsurfing sites are adequate. Windsurfing organizations are expected to pay major share of costs.	3
Participate in partnership of development and operation Ice Hockey / Skating Rink	3
Participate in development and operation of Community Center / Teen Center	3

## 6 Implementation

### 6.1 Guiding Principals

In planning and implementing parks facilities, we need to always keep in mind that the Hood River Valley is a special place, and we should strive to develop a network of facilities that will be a source of pride for generations to come. Taking this big-picture view of how the community uses developed parks facilities and implements these facilities will tie together the various neighborhoods, communities and environments that make up the Hood River Valley. Key to this goal is education of and participation by a wide spectrum of the local community in the planning and implementation of future parks facilities. Similarly, as existing funding providing only a fraction of the estimated costs for needed facilities, it is critical that we work together with local entities to implement our goals.

### 6.2 Implementation Concept Plans

The Parks District will develop and facilitate use of recreation facility Implementation Concept Plans to bridge the identification of a facility need (in this document) and the goal of having an integrated network of facilities that will be a source of pride for Hood River. These plans can be used by the Parks District, City and County Planning to coordinate goals and lead to acquisition of properties and easements that meet the goals of the big picture. An Implementation Concept Plan will be generated for each geographical area of the Parks District where needs are identified and priorities defined. The plans will be updated as development increases and the plans for each area are matured. Appendix C in this document contains the Facility Implementation Plans.

### *6.3 Cooperation with Schools and Local Governments*

The Parks District will strive to expand on both development and maintenance partnerships with the County, City, School District and Port to provide for existing and expanded recreation facilities at the best cost and public good. Implementation of appropriate intergovernmental agreements will formalize both the development goals and long term operation of facilities. These cooperative agreements will also strengthen the community's ability to win grant funding for recreational facility development through priorities coordination and planning.

### *6.4 Coordination with City and County Planning*

Close coordination with County and City planning departments is key to implementing creative development plans that meet the goals of the Master Plan and Implementation Concept Plans. Planning offices are usually the first interface with proposed developments and it is at that early time that the integration of recreation facility plans can best be included. Planning experts have the knowledge and tools to be key in the process of fitting the different uses into a property development plan. With early notification of planned developments, the Parks District can best work with the planning departments to achieve the integrated network of recreation facilities.

### *6.5 Finding Incentives for Developers*

The Parks District will work with developers and property owners to identify the benefits for all parties in the implementation of recreation facilities. By having a win-win agreement with property owners, the Parks District will be able to provide the goal of an integrated network of greenways and facilities, at the lowest cost to the residents of the community. Benefits to property owners may include:

- Increased property value due to proximity to nearby recreation facilities.
- Reduced maintenance costs through Parks use of streamside areas for greenways and trails, and subsequent Parks District maintenance responsibilities.
- Ability to provide direct, early in the process input to recreational facility planning and how it interfaces with their property.
- Through use of Planned Unit Development agreements, greenways and parks space can be allocated while maintaining (or increasing) development value.
- Tax benefits for property donations.

### *6.6 User Groups and Volunteers*

The Parks District will continue to encourage and facilitate volunteer participation in all phases of projects to save money and optimize user-group buy in. Groups of residents can be a strong influence both on the planning and conceptual design of facilities and on the ability to succeed in facility development. Grass-roots support of concept plans will be key to the ability to implement them.

## **7 Maintenance**

### *7.1 Cooperative Maintenance Agreements*

The Park District, City, County, Port, and School District should adopt intergovernmental agreements designed to insure that recreation facilities are efficiently and effectively maintained at adopted service level standards.

### *7.2 Maintenance Management Plan*

A maintenance management plan shall be developed for all facilities using guidelines such as those included in Park Maintenance Standards, published by the National Recreation and Park Association (1986). Items specific to maintenance of a facility shall be included, to include as a minimum; requirements for turf care, fertilizer, irrigation, litter control, pruning, disease and insect control, snow removal, lighting, surfaces, repairs, inspection, floral plantings, restrooms, and special features.

### *7.3 User Group Contributions to Maintenance*

The Parks District will involve and encourage user groups to play a key role in the maintenance of recreation facilities. User fees may be utilized when and where appropriate to offset the cost of operation and maintenance.

## **8 Funding Options**

This section provides a description of a variety of sources which may be used to fund parks and recreational facilities and improvements. This is an overview of commonly used funding sources; additional funding sources not included in this list may also be available.

### *8.1 General Fund*

The general fund for the Parks District is fed by district wide property tax collections and other revenues collected by the District (primarily Aquatic Center revenue). The Parks District property tax is collected at a rate of \$.3498 per \$1000 assessed value of real property. Of the revenue collected, almost all is allocated to continuing District operations, leaving little for new capital parks development efforts. General fund expenditures are budgeted annually in a public budgeting process.

Other local government entities also collect property taxes and maintain their own general fund budgeting. It is possible that joint funding of capital facility projects can be done through a combination of general fund revenues from multiple entities.

General fund revenues consist chiefly of property taxes derived from the permanent tax rate, and are subject to the \$10 combined limit on local government taxing agencies imposed by Measure #5 (1990). General fund revenues offer a source of funds for facility operations and maintenance, and may be available on a limited basis for “pay-as-you-go” capital improvements.

## 8.2 *System Development Charges (SDC's)*

System Development Charges (SDC's) are fees charged to new residential development to help pay a portion of the costs of capital facilities needed to expand the capacity of the Parks District's facilities to serve the new population supported by the development.

At the acceptance of this Master Plan and implementation of collection agreements with the City and County, the Parks District SDC collection rates are as follows:

Single Family Dwelling: \$ 1635

Multi Family Dwelling: \$ 1169 / unit

Manufactured Home: \$1568

An automatic increase of 6% will be added starting 7/1/06 to adjust for the increasing costs of recreational facilities.

Note that these rates are provided here for information only and may be updated by the Parks District as conditions change.

### 8.2.1 *SDC Background*

SDC's were implemented by the Parks District within the City Urban Growth Area (UGA) in 1994. The methodology and rates established in 1994 were updated in 1998 to reflect changes in costs since that time, and to address facility needs identified in this Plan. Prior to adoption of the Parks District wide development master plan and associated intergovernmental agreements with the City and County in 2005, SDC funds collected were limited to developments within the City UGA, and that expenditures of those funds outside the UGA will require appropriate agreements with the City.

### 8.2.2 *SDC Collection*

As agreed to in IGAs, collections of the SDC funds are done by the City and County offices concurrent with collection of other building permit fees applicable to residential developments.

### *8.2.3 SDC Rate Updates*

The Parks District will update collection rates on a periodic basis in order to keep rates up-to-date with development costs. Updates must be done in a manner meeting all state and local ordinances and coordinated with the collection activities performed by the City and County.

## *8.3 Partnerships*

Public, private, and/or not-for-profit organizations may be willing to fund outright or join together to provide additional parks and recreational facilities and/or services. The Parks District has a history of partnership with other agencies, such as the School District, and should explore the use of new and expanded partnerships, as a method of providing additional parks and recreational facilities and/or services for the community. These same partnerships could provide for opportunities to incur significant project cost savings in land acquisition and infrastructure capital investments.

## *8.4 Creative cooperation with Developers and Planners*

The Parks District has had success working with developers to date to receive free or discounted property for Neighborhood parks in return for Parks District development of the sites. There is benefit to working cooperatively with land developers and City / County planners to encourage the use of Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) where from 30-40% of the property are designated as open space. By working with the planners and developers at an early stage in the development, the best parks facility plan can be coordinated. Additionally, there may be real tax advantages to property owners and developers to donate property to be used for parks facilities at the same time that a development plan is being generated.

## *8.5 Federal/State/Other Grants*

Federal, state, and other government agencies and foundations often make funds available to serve specific purposes related to parks and recreation, such as land and water conservation, open space preservation, bicycle path construction, or blighted area improvements. Grants often have conditions and limitations, such as providing for project planning but not construction, and they may require a local match, either in dollars, in-kind services, or both. The availability of grants has decreased in recent years due to federal and state cutbacks in funding. The Parks District should explore the availability of grants to provide for needs identified in the master plan and for other worthwhile projects.

## 8.6 *User Fees and Rents*

User fees and rents are direct charges to individuals and groups who use specific programs, facilities and services. These fees and rents usually help pay the costs of providing programs and services. User fees generally are set at levels sufficient to cover only a portion of program and maintenance costs, and are rarely used to fund capital projects. In the 2002-2003 budget year, user fees at the Aquatic Center produced \$123,000 of revenue.

## 8.7 *General Obligation Bonds (G.O. Bonds)*

G.O. Bonds are debt instruments which may be sold to fund new facilities, or make improvements to existing facilities. These are repaid with property tax revenue generated by a special tax levy that is outside the limits imposed by ballot measure #5 (1990), and #50 (1997). G.O. Bonds are a good option to fund large projects or groups of projects. This project has been completed.

As an example of G.O. Bond usage, the Parks District received voter approval of a bond package in 1998 to upgrade sports and athletic facilities at schools and repay outstanding short-term debt on pool improvements. The improvements funded by this bond issue has been completed and the tax collection activity will end in 2018.

## 8.8 *Revenue Bonds/Certificates of Participation*

Revenue bonds and certificates of participation are debt instruments which commit specific revenue sources, such as service or user fees, or special tax revenues for repayment of principal and interest on borrowed funds. Revenue bonds are widely used by utility and enterprise operations to fund large- scale improvements, and they do not require voter approval. A reliable long-term source of revenue, other than property taxes, is not available to commit to large-scale parks and recreation projects in this plan; however, this tool may be useful for small projects.

## 8.9 *Special Assessments and Local Improvement Districts*

Residents may choose to form a local improvement district (LID) to pay for capital improvements or maintenance of facilities through special assessments on their property. This funding mechanism requires the approval of at least 60% of the owners of land within the proposed district, and must represent at least 60% of the land abutting the proposed improvement. The use of LID's may be appropriate for renovation of existing mini-parks and neighborhood parks, or for acquisition and/or development of new neighborhood or mini-parks in locations where access is restricted.

## 8.10 *Local Option Levies for Capital Improvements*

A local option levy for capital improvements provides for a separate property tax levy outside the permanent rate limit, subject to the \$10 combined rate limit imposed under Measure #5. This levy may be used to fund a capital project or group of projects over a specified period of time, up to 5 years. Revenues from these levies may

be used to secure bonds for projects, or to complete one

or more projects on a “pay as you go” basis. Local option levies require voter approval and are subject to the double majority requirement of Measure # 50 (>50% of registered voters must participate and >50% of voters must approve for local option levies to pass).

### *8.11 Local Option Levies for Operations*

A local option levy for operations provides for a separate property tax levy outside the Parks District’s permanent rate limit, subject to the \$10 combined rate limit imposed under Measure #5. This levy may be used to fund operations and maintenance activities over a specified period of time, up to 5 years. These local option levies require voter approval and are subject to the double majority requirement of Measure # 50 (>50% of registered voters must participate and >50% of voters must approve for local option levies to pass).

### *8.12 Local Tax Options*

A tax similar to a hotel/motel tax could be developed to offset some of the maintenance costs associated with higher than normal usage as a result of tourist using area parks and facilities. This could include a food and beverage tax similar to Ashland, Oregon.

### *8.13 Funding Option Feedback from Survey*

The survey described in paragraph 4.3 above included questions about funding options. The results of this section can be summarized in the bullets statement below.

A copy of the survey and summary of responses are included as Appendix A.

- 39% of respondents would favor a property tax levy to finance a major program to improve city parks and recreation needs.
- 28% of respondents would favor an increase in current development fees on new residential growth.
- 23% of respondents would favor a new source of revenue.
- 10% of respondents were not in favor of any new funding.

## ***Appendix A – Public Survey and Detailed Results***

A summary of results from the Parks District Public Input survey results is presented in Paragraph 4.3 above. This appendix presents the final survey document that



was used, and provides additional detail on survey results.

In early 2003, the Parks District formed a citizen committee to survey the public with the goal of providing another perspective for the needs assessment to be presented in this Master Plan document. The Survey Committee was comprised of Parks District Board members, representatives from the City of Hood River, Hood River County, The Port of Hood River, and citizens at large. The Survey Committee designed a survey, and planned how to best survey Parks District residents.

In April 2003, a public opinion survey was distributed through the local newspaper, through presentations to interested groups, at open public events, and were made available at the Aquatic Center. In an effort to include all Parks District residents, the special care was given to distribute the survey across all age groups. More than three hundred thirty surveys were returned with comments.

## Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation

# Survey

1. My age is :

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ 10-14

4. In general, what improvements are needed

in Hood River Valley Parks ?

- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 15-17
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 18-24
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 25-34
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ 35-44
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ 45-54
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 55-64
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 65+

Name of park \_\_\_\_\_  
 Specific Improvements \_\_\_\_\_

Name of park \_\_\_\_\_  
 Specific Improvements \_\_\_\_\_

Name of park \_\_\_\_\_  
 Specific Improvements \_\_\_\_\_

**2. On average, how often have you visited the following parks and recreation facilities 5. Using a grading scale of 1-5 (with one in the last 12 months ? (Indicate the number and five being excellent), how**

*of times you have visited each.)*

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Marina Beach
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Event Site
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ The Hook
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Spit
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ School Playground and Sports field
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Center

do you rate the facilities in the following park maintenance categories ?

Maintenance Category Rating 1-5

Condition of grass, trees, & plants \_\_\_\_\_

Keeping parks free of trash \_\_\_\_\_

Maintenance of play equipment/play areas \_\_\_\_\_

Removal of graffiti \_\_\_\_\_

Cleanliness of restrooms \_\_\_\_\_

- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Indian Creek Trail
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Parks- skate park

**6. What do you feel are the most needed recreation facilities or activities in the valley?**

- (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Gibson/Children's Parks
- (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Jackson/Collins/Memorial Parks
- (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Mann Park
- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson Park

- (13) \_\_\_\_\_ Winan's / Overlook Parks
- (14) \_\_\_\_\_ Panarama Park
- (15) \_\_\_\_\_ Tollbridge Park
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

- (16) \_\_\_\_\_ Ruthton Park
- (17) \_\_\_\_\_ Rouston Park
- (18) \_\_\_\_\_ Dimmick Park
- (19) \_\_\_\_\_ Kingsley Park
- (20) \_\_\_\_\_ Tucker Park
- (21) \_\_\_\_\_ Oakgrove Park
- (22) \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**7. On a scale 1-5 (with one being not important and five being very important), how important would it be for the district to improve amenities along the Hood River for recreation use?**

1            2            3            4            5

**3. If you seldom use or do not use the parks in the district, what are the reasons?( Please check all that apply.)**

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Too busy/no time
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know park locations
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Don't have adequate facilities
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Feel unsafe
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Not conveniently located
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Not interested
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Too crowded
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Not enjoyable or interesting
- (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify below)

**8. If you feel land along the Hood River should be developed, how should it be used ?**

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife viewing/natural habitat
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Trails and pathways
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ River access
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Day use facilities
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Very little public use should be permitted

9. What type of pathway or trail is needed

most in Hood River Valley?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ On-street commuter bike lanes
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Off-street paved trails
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Unpaved trails
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Do not feel more trails are needed

10. In trail planning, which kind of pathway is most needed? (Please select all that apply.)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Trails that link schools and parks with neighborhoods
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Trails that provide peace/solitude (natural area trails)
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Trails that extend long distances (5+ miles)
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Trails that primarily provide a transportation function
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Trails that link other community facilities

11. Which of the following special use facilities are most needed in the Hood River Valley today ? Please prioritize the entire list by writing #1 for your first choice, and so on.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ A sports field complex for soccer, baseball, softball, etc.
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Campgrounds
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ An amphitheater for outdoor concerts/ special events
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ A large, indoor recreation center
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ A large riverfront park
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ A city-wide trail system
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ A county-wide trail

12. Is a multi-purpose indoor recreation center needed in the Hood River Valley?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ No

13. If you answered yes to the previous question, which facilities would you most like to see? (Please select all that apply.)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

14. In the last 12 months, have you partici-

15. If you did participate in a recreation

program or activity, how did you learn about

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic center
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ From friends or word of mouth
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Information distributed at schools
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ From local newspapers/ads
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ From special flyers
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ From radio
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ From the districts newsletter

16. If you do not participate in recreation programs offered by the district, what are your reasons ? (Please select all that apply.)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Not aware of programs
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Activities don't spark interest
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Held at inconvenient times
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Need child care in order to participate
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in programs at a private club or nearby city
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Instructors/programs inadequate
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Too busy/no time
- (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Can't afford the cost of programs

17. If the district were to expand its recreation program, what additional activities or programs should be offered? (Please select all that apply.)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Adult specified programs
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Youth organized sports
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Instructional/special interest youth classes
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ After school activities and programs
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Summer youth activities and program
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Programs for youth at risk
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Performing & cultural arts programs
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor education programs
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

18. What would be the ideal frequency and duration of a class you would like to participate in?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency (# of times/week)
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Duration (# of weeks offered)

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pated in a recreation program sponsored by the district?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (2) \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, sponsored by which agency?

\_\_\_\_Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation

\_\_\_\_School District/Community Ed.

\_\_\_\_Private agency

\_\_\_\_League administration

**19.** Have you or members of your family participated in a field sport in the last 12 months?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (2) \_\_\_\_\_ No

**20.** In the future, what role should the city take in organized sports?*(Please select all that apply)*

\_\_\_\_Other \_\_\_\_\_

(1)

District Programs include:

Water safety instruction, lifeguard training,

(2) \_\_\_\_\_Develop new fields

(3) \_\_\_\_\_Provide field maintenance

First aid, CPR training, special events, masters swimming, birthday parties, pool rental, etc.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_Field preparation

(5) \_\_\_\_\_District should not be involved in organized sports

**21.** When the following activities are in season, how many times in a

**22.** From all of the rec-

30-day period do you participate either in Hood River Valley or otherwise? Please answer EACH item for yourself only by checking the appropriate box.

reation activities listed on this page, pick the ten activities that you would most like to do. Rank

Recreation Activity	None	1-10 Times	11-20 Times	21 Times or more	them in order from 1-10
Baseball					
Basketball					
Bicycling (BMX)					
Bicycling for pleasure					
Bicycling (commute)					
Boating					
Camping					
Cultural Events (attended)					
Disc Golf					
Exercising/Aerobics					
Fairs and Festivals					

Football					
Fishing					
Hiking					
Horseshoes					
Instructional Classes					
Jogging/ Running					
Kiteboarding					
Kite Flying					
Nature Walks					
Picnicking					
Playground (visit/play)					
River Rafting					
Rock climbing					
Roller-skating/ In-Line					
Roller blade Hockey					
Skateboarding					
Soccer					
Softball					
Sports Events (attend)					
Swimming (aquatic center)					
Swimming (other)					
Tennis					
Ultimate Frisbee					
Volleyball (indoor)					
Volleyball (outdoor/sand)					
Walking (pleasure)					
Weight training					
Wildlife watching					
Windsurfing					
other					

**23.** Using a grading scale of 1-5 (with one being poor and 5 being excellent), how do you rate the district in the following parks and recreation services?

**General Recreation Programs and Services**

- (1) \_\_\_ Customer services
- (2) \_\_\_ Quality of programs
- (3) \_\_\_ Quality of instructors

**Aquatics**

- (1) \_\_\_ Customer service
- (2) \_\_\_ Hours of operation
- (3) \_\_\_ Quality of aquatic programs
- (4) \_\_\_ Diversity of facilities
- (5) \_\_\_ Condition of facilities

**Parks and Facilities**

- (1) \_\_\_ Adequate number of park sites
- (2) \_\_\_ Condition of park sites
- (3) \_\_\_ Diversity of facilities

**24.** Which cultural arts programs are most needed in the Hood River Valley ?

- (1)\_\_\_Performing arts classes (dance, music)
- (2)\_\_\_Visual arts classes (painting, drawing)
- (3)\_\_\_Art classes and programs for youth
- (4)\_\_\_Community arts festivals-special events
- (5)\_\_\_Art in public places
- (6)\_\_\_Concerts in the park
- (7)\_\_\_I do not support investing in cultural arts programs

**25.** What types of youth programs or facilities trail systems, build sports fields, etc., how

- (1)\_\_\_Organized sports/leisure
- (2)\_\_\_Drop-in sports activities
- (3)\_\_\_Special interest classes (arts, music)
- (4)\_\_\_Job training/career placement programs
- (5)\_\_\_Outdoor education programs
- (6)\_\_\_Dances, social activities, special events
- (7)\_\_\_A place for youths to gather or hang out (game rooms, etc.)

**26.** What type of park is most needed in the Hood River Valley ? Please prioritize the entire list by Writing #1 for your first choice, and so on.

- (1) \_\_\_Neighborhoods parks less than 5 acres in size located within a half mile of most residents. These parks typically contain a childrens playground, picnic areas, basketball courts, and an open grass area.
- (2)\_\_\_Community parks 10-20 acres in size designed to serve a large portion of the district. These parks would contain facilities found in a Typical neighborhood park, and also facilities that attract large groups of users including sports fields and large group picnic areas.
- (3)\_\_\_Regional/district-wide parks (size varies) that serve the entire city and include sports complexes, community centers, etc.
- (4)\_\_\_Natural open space parks that protect natural resources and include trails and other features for enjoying the outdoors.

**27.** Which area should the district spend most of

its effort? Please prioritize the following answers by writing #1 for your first preference, #2 for

**28.** Would you be willing to spend money on the City of Hood River Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), versus the outside UGB for park developments?

- (1)\_\_\_\_\_Yes
- (2)\_\_\_\_\_No

**29.** If the district were to finance a major program to improve existing parks, acquire

should these improvements be financed?

- (1)\_\_\_A property tax levy with the development occurring over a short period of time (3-5 years) : This approach would permit more facilities to be acquired and developed over a relatively short period of time.
- (2)\_\_\_New dedicated source of revenue such as a utility tax to fund some park improvements.
- (3)\_\_\_Do not feel the district should have a major program for park acquisition and development.
- (4)\_\_\_Increase current development fees

**30.** Would you be willing to support a park and recreation acquisition and development program through some type of assessment on property, such as a general obligation bond ?

- (1)\_\_\_I would favor it
- (2)\_\_\_Would favor it depending on the amount
- (3)\_\_\_Would favor it depending on the facility
- (4)\_\_\_Would not favor it

**31.** How much would you be willing to support ? (Please indicate the highest amount you would support .)

- (1)\_\_\_Up to \$25 annually
- (2)\_\_\_Up to \$50 annually
- (3)\_\_\_Up to \$100 annually
- (4)\_\_\_Up to \$200 annually
- (5)\_\_\_More than \$200 annually

your second preference, and so on.

- (1)\_\_\_Maintaining existing parks, open spaces, and trails.
- (2)\_\_\_Expanding or renovating existing parks, open spaces, and trails including play-grounds, paved courts, and picnic areas.
- (3)\_\_\_Developing new parks, facilities, and trails
- (4)\_\_\_Acquiring land for future parks, facilities and trails.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Age\_\_\_\_\_ Sex\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be on our e-mailing list?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

I live in : \_\_\_\_\_Odell \_\_\_\_\_Hood River or \_\_\_\_\_Parkdale

**Please feel free to attach any additional comments or suggestions to**

**this survey !**

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your suggestions are essential to improving the parks and recreation facilities and programs. If you would like to discuss anything further, please call Lori Stirn at 541-386-5720.













**Input provided as answers to question # 4: Specific park improvements in the Hood River Valley:**

### **Indian Creek Trail**

- Complete and sign (5)
- Connect East & West
- Gravel is low and muddy at places
- Restrooms
- Link to the high school (unpaved trail)
- Protection from development
- More forest trails
- Expansion
- Narrower

### Tucker Park

- Better playground
- Too many people living at the park
- Better lawn
- Whitewater launch
- More shade
- Restrooms (4)
- Less litter
- Disc Golf Field
- Better sites

### Jackson Park

- Restrooms and BBQ
- Drain water before concerts
- Covered dining areas
- New trees
- Remove dog doo
- More play equipment (4)
- More tables
- More soft grass
- Clean up trash
- Get rid of the bad smell
- More to do

### Mann Park

- More Trees
- Restrooms

### The Spit (Waterfront between Hood River and Boat Basin)

- Kiteboarding blocks used for walking and swimming
- Phone booth

- Safety boat parking
- Ramp
- Better bathrooms and access
- Allow dogs off leashes
- Paved access
- No kiteboarding
- Dog friendly zone

#### Marina

- Too much windsurfing gear
- 12 month public bathroom access (6)
- Dogs allowed off leashes
- Control dogs
- More permanent grass
- Clean up doggie doo-doo
- Excavation of bay
- Food Vendors
- Drinkable water
- Steps to the water
- More bathrooms
- Allow fishing
- Benches

#### Kingsley Park

- Too much 4-wheeling
- Dock
- Improved roads and signs
- More secluded camping spaces
- More restrooms
- Better patrols- too many loud, drunken parties
- Level sites for trailers
- No pavement
- P/u broken glass

#### Lot 6

- Grass
- Improved water system
- Picnic tables
- Shelter
- BBQ
- Horseshoes
- Create a park

### Nichol's Basin

- Boat ramp

### Skate Park

- Bathrooms
- More lights (3)
- Big cement bowl
- Add Mt. Bike obstacles
- Supervision to monitor bad language
- Bathrooms
- Tear it down
- Bigger

### Children's Park

- Bathrooms (10)
- Trash can under the B-Ball courts
- More shade
- Monitor bad behavior, language, trash
- More trees
- Working faucets
- Change out fiberglass swing for a bucket swing
- New covered B-Ball courts
- Light under the B-ball courts
- Clean it up
- Re-paint
- Bigger courts

### May Street

- Updated equipment

### Ruthton Park

- Stronger fence
- Get rid of chain link fence

### The Hook

- Too much litter
- Better kite launch
- More pavement/ grass
- Bathrooms
- Showers
- Drinking fountain
- Telephone



- Electricity
- Beach access
- Better water access
- 100' waterfront bldg setback with walkway and a bike path
- No water sports

#### Tollbridge Park

- Re-plant trees
- Fix or demo out ball fields- out buildings
- Fence along the side of the road
- Restrooms
- Disc golf field
- Cleaner restrooms

#### Wilson Park

- Remove dog doo
- Bathrooms
- Doggie bags

#### Tennis Courts

- Empty trash cans more often
- P/u trash
- More tennis

#### Waterfront

- Wider trail
- Water access park
- Walkway around waterfront w/ benches
- More shelters and seating

#### Oakgrove Park

- Bathrooms
- Update playground
- More fire pits

#### Rouston Park

- Point of interest
- No long-term camping
- Safer

#### Aquatic Center

- Keep covers off for longer period

- Larger portion of the covers off
- Better ventilation in the locker rooms
- More constant/less confusing times
- Adult swim lessons
- Water quality/ hygiene
- Foliage on west side
- Swim suit spin dryer
- Safe place to change toddlers
- Waterslide
- Cleaner locker rooms

#### Event Site

- Free admission
- Sidewalk onto the water for bare feet
- Spring goose poop clean-up
- Gravel between grass and water
- Food Vendors

#### Wyeast School

- Drainage/ soil improvements
- Soccer fields not as bumpy
- Repair surface of soccer fields

#### Hood River

- Increase access

#### Memorial Park

- Picnic Tables

#### Westside School

- Bathrooms
- Drinking fountains

#### Lost Lake

- Less litter

#### Overlook Park

- Get rid of poison oak

#### Panorama Point

- Disc golf field

## Pacific Heights

- Finish it

## All Parks

- Benches
- Lit B-ball courts
- Handicapped access
- Public Bathrooms
- More running trails
- Bathrooms open year round
- No Dogs

**Input provided as answers to question # 6: What do you feel are the most needed recreation facilities or activities in the valley?:**

<b><u>Facility/ Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Tally</u></b>
Biking Trails	32
Teen/ Community Center	24
Ball Fields	21
Kayak Park/ Whitewater Park	20
Dog Parks	16
Soccer Fields	16
Trails	16
Children's Indoor Rec Center	12
Youth Center (run by a non-profit business)	10
Tennis Courts	9
Basketball Courts	8
Roller-skate at School Gyms	8
Frisbee Golf Fields	6
Indoor Activities/ Rec Center	6
Running Trails	6
Waterfront Park (a community and amenity)	6
BMX Park	5
Ice Skating Rink	5

More playground equipment	5
Water access	5
In-line Hockey	4
Picnic Areas	4
Something for teens	4
Sports Complex	4
Swimming	4
Hiking Trails	3
Hood River Trails	3
Open Space/ Natural Parks	3
Outdoor Education Programs	3
Pool	3
Public Restrooms	3
Windsurfing	3
Affordable Camping	2
Arcade	2
Archery	2
Batting Cages	2
Beach Facilities	2
Bike Lanes	2
Columbia Shoreline Trails	2
Cultural Arts Center	2
More Children's Parks	2
No-walk (Botanical Areas)	2
Park Expansion	2
Skatepark	2
Something for non "board heads"	2
Sponsored events in Jackson Park	2
Wildlife Viewing Areas	2
Arts and Crafts	1
Bird Habitat	1
Docks	1
Drinking fountains/ Dog Bowls	1
Family reading time	1
Field near the water for concerts and theater	1
Fishing	1
Fitness Center	1
Go-Cart Tracks	1
Horseback Facility	1
Kiteboarding	1
Large Water Slides	1
Mental activities	1
Mini-Golf	1

More Aquatic Activities	1
More kite launches	1
More parks along the Hood River	1
New parks in expanding areas	1
Open spaces	1
Outdoor Amphitheatre	1
Outreach Programs	1
Paint Ball Park	1
Park in downtown areas	1
Parks in the Westside neighborhood	1
Race tracks	1
Rollerblade Trail	1
Senior Shuffle (walk)	1
Ski Trails	1
Summer programs for kids	1
Trails accessible to downtown	1
Trees in existing parks	1
Water Safety Programs	1
Waterfront Walkway	1
Habitat Maintenance	1
More gardens	1
Mountain Biking	1
Snow Park	1
Park Theme Games	1
4X4 Trails	1
Giant Sandpit	1
Libraries	1

**Input provided as answers to question # 13: Which facility would residents most like to see?:**

<b><u>Type of Needed Facility</u></b>	<b><u>Tally</u></b>
Indoor Soccer	31
Basketball Courts	30
Youth Center	20
Teen “hang out” Places	19
Exercise/ Weight Room	18
Rollerskating Rink	17

Ice Skating Rink	16
In-line Hockey	15
Indoor Tennis Courts	11
Volleyball Courts	11
Climbing Walls	7
Racquetball Courts	7
Swimming Pool	7
Pool Tables/ Ping Pong Ball	6
Track/ Gymnasium	6
Indoor Sports Complex	6
Indoor Skate Park	5
Rock Wall	5
Arcade/ Pinball	5
Baseball Fields	4
Laser Tag	4
Roller Hockey	4
Family Fun Center	4
Archery	3
Arts & Crafts	3
Game Room/ Arcade	3
Indoor Playground	3
Places for Dances	3
Softball Fields	3
Hot Tub	2
Mini-Golf	2
Music, Arts, Drama Center	2
Play Structures	2
Water Parks	2
Recreation Center	2
Amphitheatre	2
Aerobics	1
Batting Cages	1
Classroom Space	1
Computer Rooms	1
Cross-cultural Economics	1
Frisbee Golf Course	1
Improved Water Access	1
Kayak Parks	1
Lacrosse Field	1
Senior Center	1
Slot Cars	1
Status Facilities	1
Yoga Studio	1

Movie Theatres	1
Educational Programs	1
Bowling Alleys	1
Paint Ball Course	1
Mechanical Bull	1
Tennis Courts	1
Games	1
Training Areas	1

## ***Appendix B – Facility Development Cost Estimates***

The Table in Appendix B presents the Parks District facility needs from Paragraph 5 above, and adds estimates of facility development costs. These cost estimates may be used for budgetary and SDC planning,

Since neither Parks District budget or SDC collections will be sufficient to fund all of the Parks District development goals, finding creative funding mechanisms will be an important part of the development process. The implementation guiding principals are applicable to funding options as well:

- Expand on both development and maintenance partnerships with the County, City, School District and Port to save costs to provide for existing and expanded recreation opportunities.
- Strengthen our ability to win grant funding for recreational facility development through priorities coordination and planning with these same local entities.
- Continue to work with County and City planning departments and developers to encourage creative development plans that optimize both the integration of parks and developer success.
- Encourage and facilitate volunteer participation in all phases of projects to save money and optimize user-group buy in.

Identified Facility Need	Priority Level	Property Acquisition	Facility Improvements	Growth Allocation %	Growth Notes
Complete Skate Park development plan. Expand capacity and safety.	1	\$0	\$350,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
Columbia River Waterfront Park development. Parks District participation with Port, City and other entities to develop facility.	1	\$0	\$1,500,000	75	Waterfront residential will be all new (25% of use). Plus 50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
Complete Indian Creek Trail system in Hood River UGA	1	\$50,000	\$310,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
<p>Develop needed Neighborhood Parks to address identified shortages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The west side of the Hood River UGA. At least three parks that meet Neighborhood Park Standards are required in this area.</li> <li>At least two new parks are required to cover the residential area in Odell</li> <li>South East corner of UGB. Currently this area is only covered by Culbertson Park and coverage by at least one additional park is required</li> <li>Waterfront. If residential development is part of the waterfront development, that area will need park coverage from one to two parks.</li> <li>HR South near Indian Creek Road and Brookside. An area of development here requires second park coverage</li> <li>Other parks that meet unanticipated population growth areas or levels to ensure that small park spaces are immediately available to residents of urban growth centers.</li> </ul>	1	\$600,000  \$0  \$0 (Elliot Park)  \$0  \$75,000  \$75,000  \$100,000  \$150,000	\$300,000  \$200,000  \$100,000  (Waterfront)  \$75,000  \$150,000	90  25  90  N/A  50  100	90% of area growth on west side after SDC collections started in UGA.  25% growth in area from 2004 until 2014.  90% of area growth on west side after SDC collections started in UGA.  50% of area growth on west side after SDC collections started in UGA.  Assumes 100% of area growth will be after SDC collections started Parks District wide.
Ball Field Complex. Addresses growth in demand, wear and tear on existing facilities, level of play supported by existing facilities and risk of losing baseball fields not on public land.	1	\$500,000	\$4,000,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.



Expand system of trails to connect existing parks, trails or open space areas. Implementation concept plans (appendix C) for the HR waterfront, West Hood river parks development and loop trails development all address these needs. Examples are: Connect west end of Indian Creek Trail to Columbia waterfront; Connect waterfront to Historic Highway; connect east end of Indian Creek trail to a Hood River / Powerdale dam trail, complete segment two of Indian Creek Trail for public use. This development effort is a very long term goal and the expectation is that it will be implemented in small steps.	2	\$200,000	\$500,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
Complete Aquatic Center landscaping / upgrade plan. Expand access, capacity and aquatic recreation options.	2	\$0	\$165,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
Upgrade existing Neighborhood Parks and other park or school facilities that provide Neighborhood Park service. Expand capacity and access. Replace outdated and dangerous equipment.	2	\$0	\$200,000	25 / 50	In UGA: 50% growth from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.  Outside UGA: 25% growth in area from 2004 until 2014.
Community Park for Odell area. May be provided through development of new parks or upgrades to existing parks or school properties.	2	\$100,000	\$150,000	25	25% growth in area from 2004 until 2014.
Expanded water access on the Hood River. White water kayaking, fishing, hiking, etc. Assumes use of existing public / Pacificorp land for development	2	\$0	\$200,000	25	25% growth in area from 2004 until 2014.
Outdoor / Beach Volleyball in Hood River UGB. Assumes use of existing park, School, or other public land for site of tennis courts.	2	\$0	\$10,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
Indoor Soccer / Roller Hockey Facility.	2	\$200,000	\$1,800,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
Tennis courts to provide service to Odell area. Assumes use of School or other public land for site of tennis courts.	3	\$0	\$60,000	25	25% growth in area from 2004 until 2014.
Participate in partnership of development and operation of Community Center / Teen Center	3	\$200,000	\$1,300,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
Disc Golf Course on existing park or natural state public open space.	3	\$0	\$80,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
Ensuring windsurfing sites are adequate. Assumption is that windsurfing organizations will pay for major share of these items.	3	\$0	\$40,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.
Trailhead facilities for existing nature trails that are not formally designated. Need identified in Parkdale, Odell and West Hood River.	3	\$0	\$100,000	25	25% growth in area from 2004 until 2014.

Signage, parking and formal access to Open Space that is not currently designated. Need identified in Parkdale, Odell and West Hood River.	3	\$0	\$110,000	25 / 50	In UGA: 50% growth from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.  Outside UGA: 25% growth in area from 2004 until 2014.
Picnic Shelters. The population-based LOS analysis in Table 7 above shows a Parks District-wide deficiency of four Picnic Shelters to be included as part of a facility development plan.	3	\$0	\$50,000	25	25% growth in area from 2004 until 2014.
Trailhead facilities and access to Mountain Bike trails that are not formally designated. Need identified in Parkdale, Odell and West Hood River.	3	\$0	\$100,000	25 / 50	In UGA: 50% growth from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.  Outside UGA: 25% growth in area from 2004 until 2014.
Participate in partnership of development and operation Ice Hockey / Skating Rink	3	\$200,000	\$1,300,000	50	50% growth in city from when SDC collections started in UGA until 2014.

### ***Appendix C – Facility Implementation Concept Plans***

The Parks District will develop and facilitate use of recreation facility Implementation Concept Plans to bridge the identification of a facility need (in this document) and the goal of having an integrated network of facilities that will be a source of pride for Hood River. These plans can be used by the Parks District, City and County Planning to coordinate goals and lead to acquisition of properties and easements that meet the goals of the big picture. An Implementation Concept Plan will be generated for each geographical area of the Parks District where needs are identified and priorities defined. The plans will be updated as development increases and the plans for each area are matured. Each plan will provide a described development plan though use of simple narrative descriptions and maps – with the goal of presenting the goals for the area. Concept plans are not detailed design plans, and are expected to change as property use agreements are made and detailed designs generated. Implementation Concept Plans are presented for:

- West Side of Hood River City Urban Growth Area
- South- East section of Hood River City and UGA
- Hood River Waterfront
- Odell Area
- Loop Trail System and Connections

## ***Implementation Concept Plan – West Side of Hood River UGA***

### **Area Covered:**

This plan covers the area from Rand Rd on the East to Post-Canyon Rd on the West, and from Belmont / Fairview Rd to the South to the Columbia River. This area contains the greatest natural state tracks within the UGA and is experiencing rapid growth – making it imperative that recreation facility needs get addressed in a proactive (ie implementing a plan) vs a reactive manner.

### **Needs Assessment Conclusions:**

The Facility Master Plan identifies the need for 3 additional neighborhood parks, open space access, and trail access from this area.

### **Concept Description:**

#### **An Implementation Concept map is provided to aid this facilities plan description**

- The anchor park element would be a greenway that provides vehicle free access from Fairview Rd to Cascade Ave near Rand Rd. Ideally this greenway will include a 12’ paved path with natural-scape buffers on both sides (50’ wide greenway as goal). For the purposes of this description, this will be called the Henderson Creek Trail. The trail will follow, to the extent possible, Henderson Creek.
- Connecting trails will provide East-West connections – with the goal of being able to travel from Rand Rd on the East to Post-Canyon Rd on the West while minimizing the need to walk along roads.
- Additional connecting trails provide links to Westside School (and tie in to Indian Creek Trail), Jaymar Park (and possibly City developed Columbia Waterfront Trail), and the planned BMX facility at the end of Rocky Road. These side trails should again follow natural features to the extent possible.
- Developments in the area would be encouraged to use PUD planning methods and organize greenways and small park elements to tie their residents into this trails network (and to allow others to pass through to trails).
- Small parks or side trails would be built as “nodes” along the Henderson Creek trail. These nodes would provide the stroller-set neighborhood park needs with play structures, etc.
- The trail, side trails and associated parks should incorporate natural features such as creeks, wetlands, wooded areas, steep slopes, etc to the extent possible. Use of these features will minimize impact on developments, provide greenspace with a high level of visual interest and minimize visual impact of the trail network.

## ***Implementation Concept Plan – South-East Hood River City and UGA***

### **Area Covered:**

This plan covers the area from the Hood River on the East to 12<sup>th</sup> on the West, and from Eliot Drive to the South to Indian Creek to the North. This area contains a

large area that is experiencing rapid growth – making it important that that recreation facility areas be designated and access assured in a proactive (ie implementing a plan) vs a reactive manner.

### **Needs Assessment Conclusions:**

The Facility Master Plan identifies the need for one additional neighborhood in this area. Culbertson Park currently services the area.

### **Concept Description:**

#### **An Implementation Concept map is provided to aid this facilities plan description**

- Successful development of Eliot Park will satisfy the needs of this concept plan. Eliot Park is an natural state City owned parcel designated as a park. It spans Indian Creek from 3<sup>rd</sup> St to 8<sup>th</sup> St and to just north of Piltz Court. Though a large portion of this park is the steep hillsides on both sides of Indian Creek, there are significant flat portions in this concept plan area.
- Development of Eliot Park could incorporate the following elements:
  - Traditional neighborhood park elements (open grass, picnic tables, playgrounds etc) can be developed on the large (> 1 acre) flat spots at the South-East and South-West corners of the Park.
  - Primary park entrances can be provided at these park corners. Vehicular access to park would also be to these corners (with small number of parking spaces if on-street parking is insufficient).
  - A greenway / walkway can be provided to link the two corner park elements. This walkway could be linked to small loop trails within the corner parks.
  - Pedestrian – public greenway access points should be provided along the South edge of the park, which will be entirely comprised of the back of residential lots.
- A trail connecting the South-West corner of Eliot Park to the current Indian Creek Trail at 12<sup>th</sup> street should be simple to accomplish with a connector trail on the South side of Indian Creek. This will provide connectivity to the greater Indian Creek trail system.
- A trail from the South-East corner of Eliot Park to follow the Indian Creek / Hood River bank could eventually connect to the Powerdale access road along the hood River (south of Eliot Drive).
- A planned private school, Summit Christian, will be developed at 8<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Ave in this area. Development plans include ball fields to support school sports and activities. Plans should include a pedestrian / greenway recreational access connection to Eliot Park to allow access to the park and trail connections.

#### ***Implementation Concept Plan – Columbia River Waterfront in Hood River***

### **Area Covered:**

This plan covers the area from the Hood River Inn on the East to Wells Island on the West, and from I-84 to the South to the Columbia River. This area includes the largely undeveloped Hood River Waterfront area, which is currently undergoing a rezoning process. The Port of Hood River owns the large majority of this area. The area to the East of the Hood River has been developed with significant, excellent recreational facilities.

### **Needs Assessment Conclusions:**

The Facility Master Plan identifies the need for a new neighborhood park in the waterfront area if residential development is included (as expected). The development of a Waterfront Park is identified as a community priority project and would serve as a community park.

## Concept Description:

### **An Implementation Concept map is provided to aid this facilities plan description**

- A new waterfront park that will be developed between the current Lure Jenson and Western Power facilities, and associated trail and greenway connections will meet the needs in the area.
- Basic amenities for the waterfront park as defined in a draft IGA documents between the City and Port of Hood River include:
  - On-site parking for users. Bike racks and a minimum of 20 vehicle parking spots should be provided.
  - Permanent restrooms and associated maintenance supply storage.
  - A children's play area.
  - A Family event / group picnic facility to include an informal picnic structure, tables and benches.
  - Unstructured turf-grass play area or practice field for children, adults, and families.
- A waterfront pathway should follow the bank of the Columbia River and provide connections to the Hook area to the West and the existing pedestrian bridge over the Hood River to the East (connects to the existing waterfront walkways between there and the Hood River Inn).
- Trail connections to the waterfront trail and waterfront park from other trail systems should be implemented to provide pedestrian access and connectivity to other recreational facilities. See the Loop Trail System concept description in this appendix.
- Pedestrian greenways and pathways connecting downtown Hood River and the new developments on the waterfront properties to the waterfront park and pathways should be included in any development effort.
- Access to the Columbia river through replacement of the current rip-rap bank with developed beaches, inlets, and docks should be considered as a goal for follow on developments of the waterfront park.

### ***Implementation Concept Plan – Odell Area***

#### **Area Covered:**

This plan covers the area in and around the center of Odell and includes the residential areas, the commercial district, schools, and the Ted Webber Business Park.

#### **Needs Assessment Conclusions:**

The Facility Master Plan identifies the following needs for the Odell area.

**Parks:** Only Mid Valley Elementary currently serves this park function. At least two new Neighborhoods and a Community park are required to cover the residential area in Odell. Tucker Park also provides some of the required services. A discussion with the residents of this area is required to determine if these existing facilities meet the level of service need for parks.

**Outdoor Tennis Court:** There are currently no outdoor tennis courts in the Odell area. Need to provide this type of facility in this area.

**Nature Trail and Open** Currently no formally designated facilities meets this need.

Space Access: At least one Nature trail access point is required. Tucker Park is closest area that meets this requirement but is beyond the service radius from the population center in Odell. At least one protected open space access area is required.

Mountain Bike Trail Access: Currently no formally designated facility meets this need. At least one Mountain Bike trail access point is required.

Outdoor / Beach Volleyball: No facility currently meets the need for outdoor / beach volleyball courts in the upper valley.

**Concept Description:**

To Be Defined

***Implementation Concept Plan – Loop Trail System and Connections***

**Area Covered:**

This initial Loop Trails System plan covers the width of the Hood River Valley from Oak Grove to the South to the Columbia River to the North. This area should be expanded to connect additional trails systems to the south, connecting this network to the communities and environs of Odell and Parkdale.

**Needs Assessment Conclusions:**

The Facility Master Plan identifies the need for open space and trails access points that would be addressed by this trail system. The development of a Loop Trail System is also identified as a community priority project.

**Concept Description:**

**An Implementation Concept map is provided to aid this facilities plan description**

The Loop Trail System as envisioned would be a series of trail projects that would build on existing trails to provide loop-style connections throughout the lower valley:

- Extend the in-work Indian Creek trail to Oak Grove Park – following the Indian Creek riparian zone. Connect to the North to Phelps Creek and follow this back to Hood River near the junction of Country Club and Frankton roads.
- Connections to the Indian Creek / Phelps Creek loop can be made to the Post Canyon trail system and the Henderson Creek trail system (proposed).
- Trail from the Hood River Marina Park along the Hood River (using the railroad and Powerdale waterpipe easements) to Powerdale Dam. Eventually the goal should be to continue the trail up the Hood River to other connections in the upper valley. Connection to Eliot park via trail connector described in that Implementation Concept Plan.
- At Powerdale, connect up to Tucker road and North to the High School connection to the Indian Creek Trail.
- Connect the waterfront trail to Jaymar park, and other connections to the Henderson Creek trail described in that Implementation Concept Plan.

- Connect the waterfront trail to the Historic Highway trail.

## ***Appendix D – Facility Plan Maps and Concept Implementation Maps***

Figure A: Facilities in City of Hood River and Lower Valley

Figure B: Facilities in Odell and Central Valley

Figure C: Facilities in Parkdale and Upper Valley

Figure D: Facilities in Entire Parks District

(showing facilities outside the areas of the first three maps)

Figure E: Neighborhood Parks – Hood River UGB

Figure F: Neighborhood Parks – Odell Population area

Figure G: Neighborhood Parks – Parkdale Population area

Concept Map: West Side of Hood River City Urban Growth Area

Concept Map: South- East section of Hood River City and UGA

Concept Map: Hood River Waterfront

Concept Map: Loop Trail System and Connections