

Park and Cemetery Board Meeting

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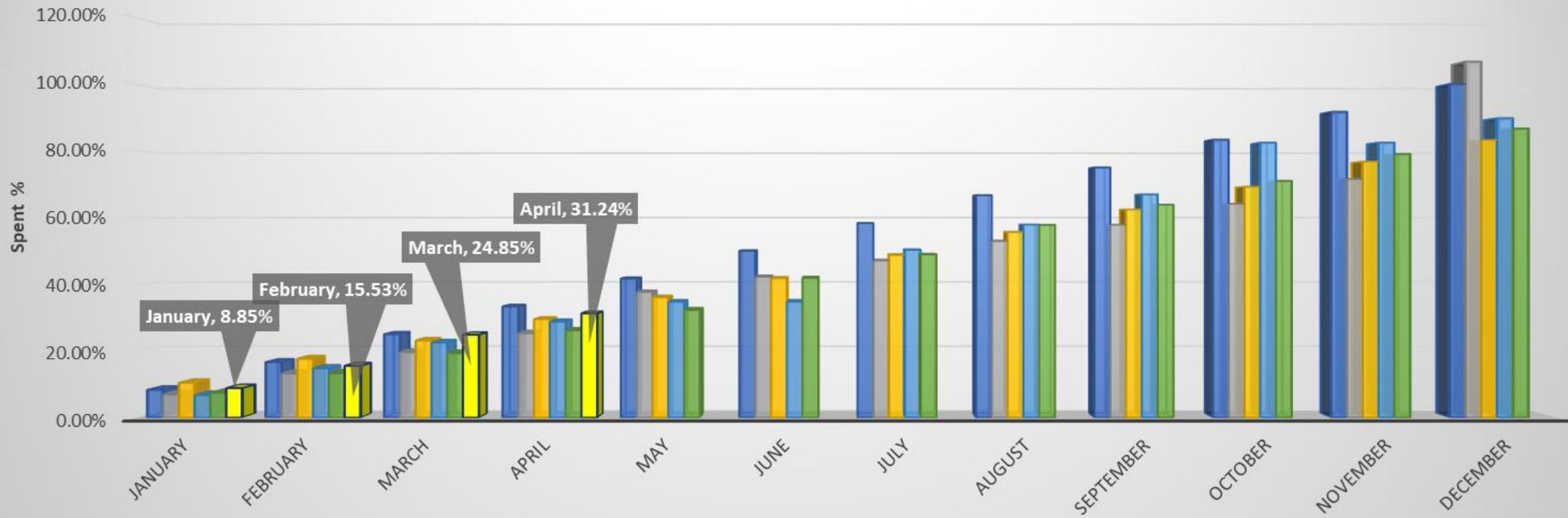


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Our mission is to provide fiscally responsible services that promote our vision of a safe and beautiful community that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Park Chart 2024 Budget

Parks Maintenance % Spent Report



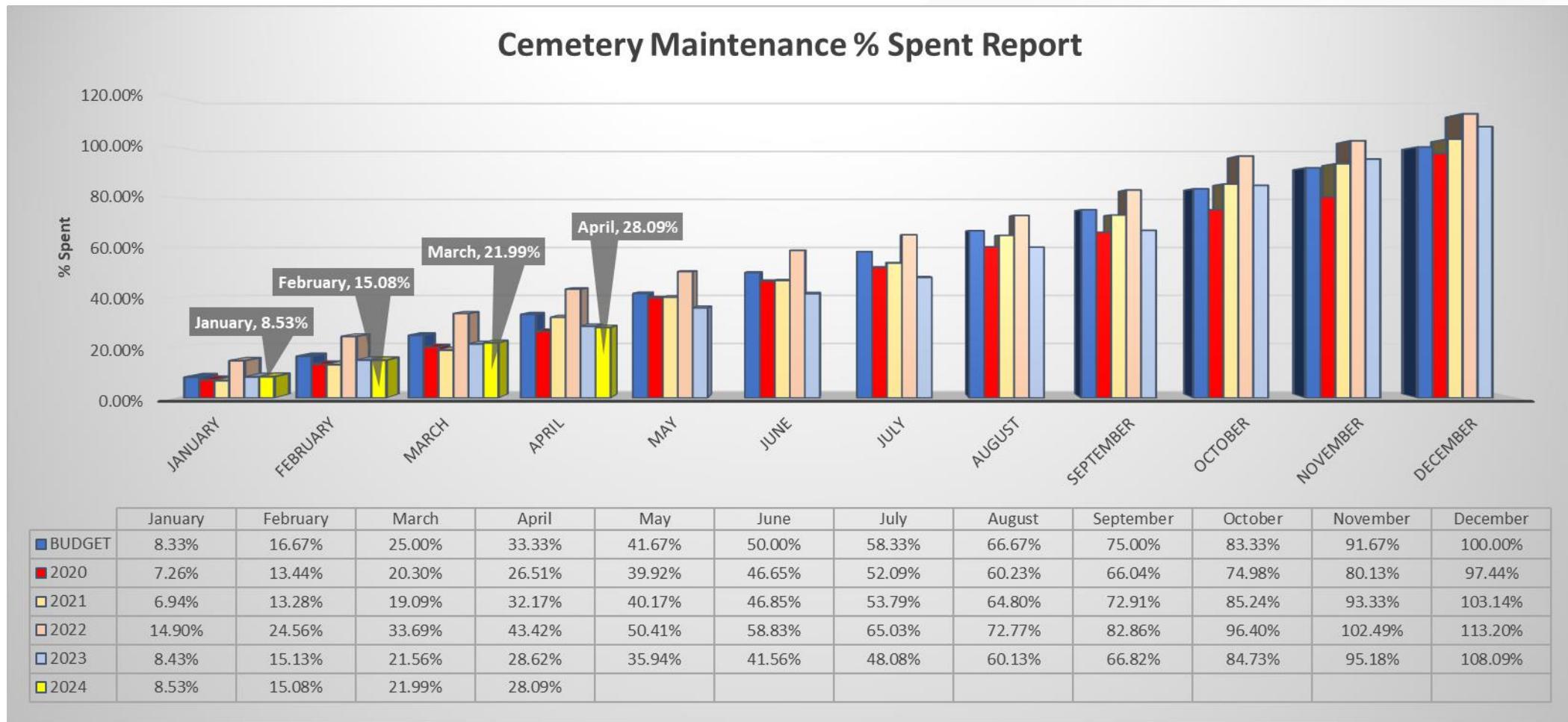
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BUDGET	8.33%	16.67%	25.00%	33.33%	41.67%	50.00%	58.33%	66.67%	75.00%	83.33%	91.67%	100.00%
2020	6.99%	13.26%	19.67%	25.35%	37.68%	42.26%	47.10%	52.94%	57.82%	64.13%	71.55%	106.72%
2021	10.45%	17.67%	23.14%	29.51%	36.11%	41.82%	48.80%	55.62%	62.40%	69.21%	76.73%	83.21%
2022	6.78%	14.81%	22.54%	28.79%	34.76%	34.76%	50.28%	57.86%	66.94%	82.45%	82.45%	89.75%
2023	7.45%	13.32%	19.36%	26.18%	32.30%	41.87%	48.90%	57.77%	63.84%	70.98%	79.02%	86.66%
2024	8.85%	15.53%	24.85%	31.24%								

Park 2024 Budget

2024 Parks Budget Percent Spent



Cemetery Chart 2024 Budget



Cemetery 2024 Budget



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2024 Cemetery Budget Percent Spent

Cemetery Revenue

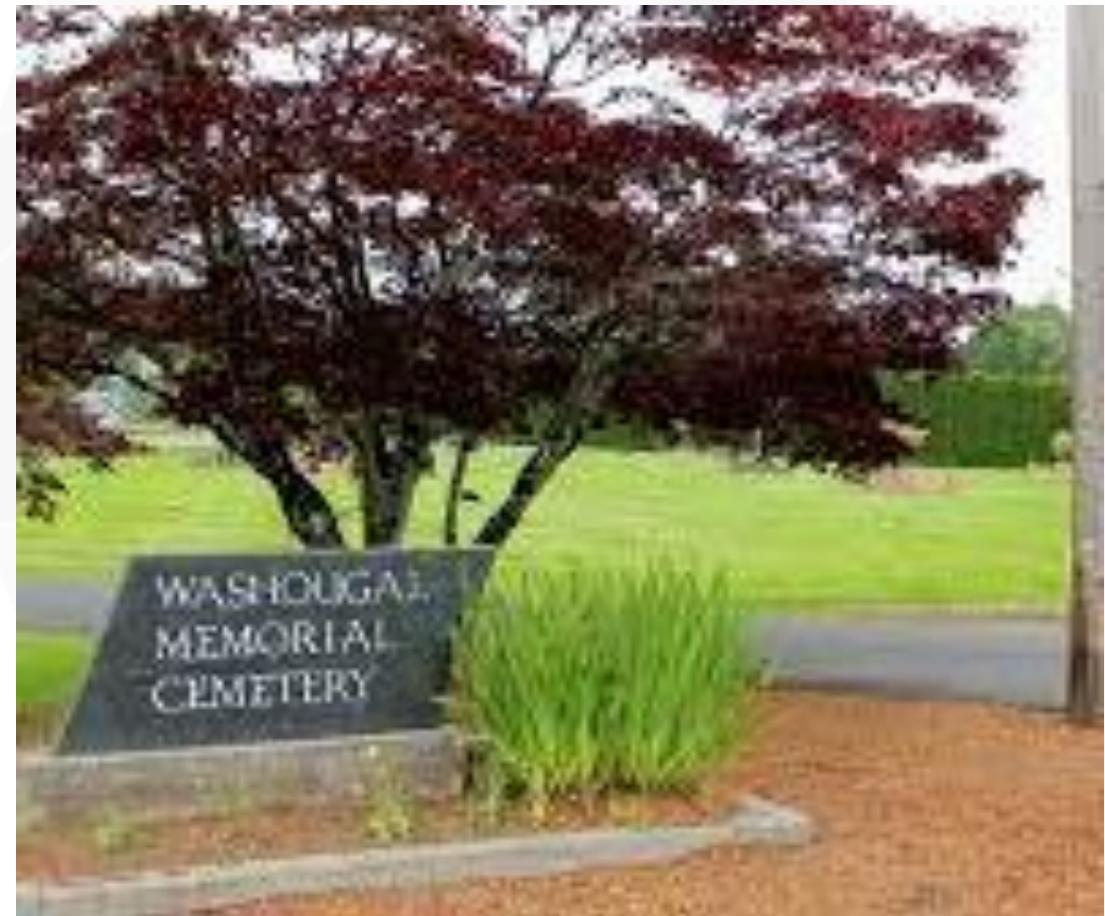
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PEAKE	JANUARY		\$345.00						\$345.00
CRAWFORD							\$43.00		\$43.00
SMITH	JANUARY	\$1,150.00	\$345.00			\$179.86			\$1,674.86
TUHOLSKI	FEBRUARY	\$1,125.00	\$345.00						\$1,470.00
FORTNEY	FEBRUARY	\$1,125.00							\$1,125.00
KRAFT	FEBRUARY	\$1,125.00							\$1,125.00
STAFFORD	FEBRUARY	\$1,125.00							\$1,125.00
SHELBY							\$43.00		\$43.00
CATHERINA	FEBRUARY	\$1,150.00	\$300.00			\$179.86			\$1,629.86
CAMPBELL	FEBRUARY	\$2,250.00	\$345.00					\$275.00	\$2,870.00
GOLDSMITH	FEBRUARY	\$600.00							\$600.00
DUTRO	MARCH						\$43.00		\$43.00
STOUT	FEBRUARY	\$1,125.00							\$1,125.00
ELLENZ	FEBRUARY	\$1,125.00	\$345.00				\$43.00		\$1,513.00
CLINE	MARCH	\$1,150.00	\$300.00			\$179.86			\$1,629.86
BYRAM							\$43.00		\$43.00
LINDSTROM			\$345.00						\$345.00
ANDREW	APRIL	\$1,700.00	\$300.00			\$179.86			\$2,179.86
RHODES	APRIL						\$43.00		\$43.00
BRIGHT	APRIL						\$43.00		\$43.00
SWENSON	APRIL						\$43.00		\$43.00
KENNEDY	APRIL		\$345.00	\$200.00					\$545.00
ANDREWS		\$1,125.00							\$1,125.00
2024 TOTALS		\$14,750.00	\$2,970.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$719.44	\$344.00	\$275.00	\$20,728.44

Park Board Elections



Cemetery Maintenance Update

- Focus is currently preparation for Memorial Day
- Major cleanup of the scatter garden and refresh on bark chips
- Mowing and trimming weekly or more if needed
- Edging of ALL headstones & markers
- Locating and edging all flagpole locations
- Weeding and refresh of bark chips at the main entrance
- Removal of a few dead trees to be replaced with new (today)
- Limbing of low hanging branches along the cemetery roads so the city sweeper can maintain the street



Park Maintenance Update

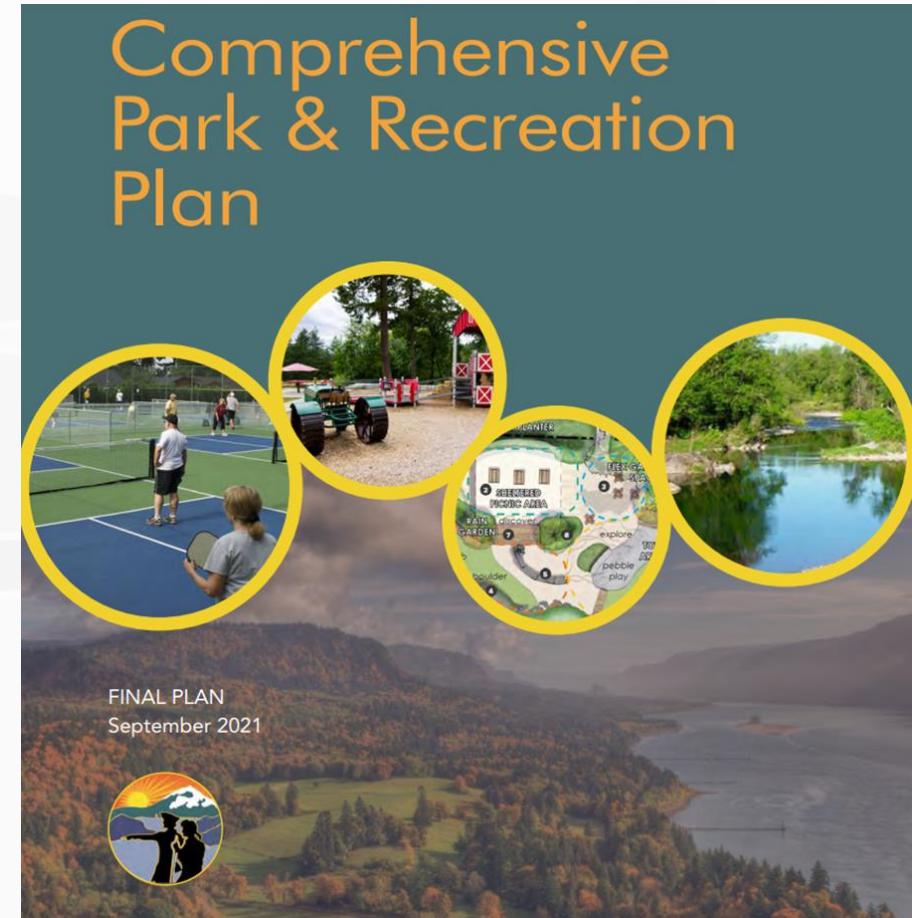
- Addition of 2 new seasonal employees now brings our crew up to 4
- Mowing is in full swing with one to two crews mowing daily
- Downtown flower baskets have been delivered & hung, adding watering to the daily schedule
- Crew (Jake & Hayden) fell an additional 40+ dead trees in Kerr and all trails are now open for use
- With dry weather grading has been completed at the lower Hathaway parking lot
- Repairs have been made to Upper Hathaway bathrooms after 2 major leaks were discovered.
- Plumbing repairs have been made to Schmid Ballfield bathrooms after valve failures
- Hayden is working with the Water Department to install the required backflow devices at Steamboat and possibly Lower Hathaway
- Irrigation repairs and rerouting of water lines at Sandy swimming hole
- Red Barn repairs are moving forward, and we are working on getting a contract signed for work to begin
- With warmer weather and longer days crews are spending additional time repairing vandalism and removing graffiti





Why are we doing this prioritization exercise now?

- The City is beginning its required 10-year update to our Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- This requires that all capital facilities plans be updated as well, including the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan
- Because this Plan was adopted recently in 2021, we are not doing a major overhaul, but project prioritization can be part of the update
- Additionally, all of our parks capital facilities local matching funding is committed to existing projects



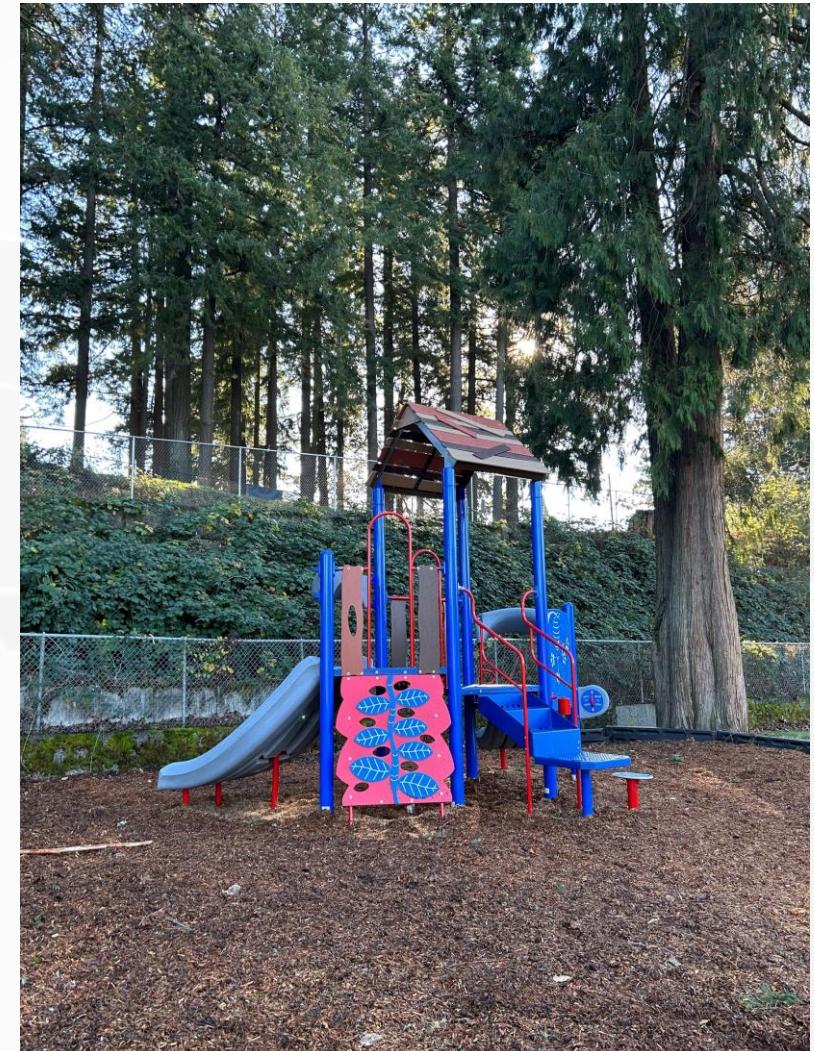
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- Therefore, we are in the phase of parks capital project efforts where we need to begin once again to save funds and determine which projects will be our priorities for pursuing grants and legislative appropriations moving forward
- The Council would like the Board's input regarding capital project prioritization to inform the Council's future discussion on this topic at their upcoming Annual Planning Session



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- To get the Board's input, we have a prioritization exercise that will result in a capital project prioritization list to share with Council. This will assist Council with their prioritization work and will inform any community outreach we do as part of the Plan update.
- Please note that this is an aspirational exercise to inform our strategy moving forward for capital projects, this does not include operations and maintenance
- None of these projects are funded



What Projects are on the list to be prioritized?

The list was compiled from the existing Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan including capital projects that were identified as high and medium priority projects. Project List below:

Project List:

- **Option A:** Develop a **New Indoor Recreation Center**
- **Option B:** Develop a **New Community Park** in the newly developing north-west area of the city
- **Option C:** Develop a **New Neighborhood Park in the north-central part of the city**
- **Option D:** Develop a **New Neighborhood Park in the north-east part of the city**
- **Option E:** (Develop **Schmid Family Park** on 32nd St (develop shelters including larger pavilion, new playground, amphitheater, sports field, water access)
- **Option F:** Expand the **Trail System** throughout the city
Improve
- **Option G: Elizabeth Park** near 14th and H St (improve/expand basketball court, new cover at play area, new picnic shelter)
- **Option H:** Improve **Hartwood Park** on 49th St. (add play features, add restrooms, improve parking, develop structure for event rentals)



What Projects are on the list to be prioritized?

Continue Project List below:

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- **Option I:** Improve **Hathaway Park** near Hathaway Elementary at 25th St. (replace playground, improve lower parking lot, new restroom at pickleball courts, improve shelters, improve paths)
- **Option J:** Improve **Oak Tree Park** on W Y St. (new playground, covered shelter with water/electricity and restrooms)
- **Option K:** Improve **River Bend Park** near 14th and H St. (add deck system like Sandy Swimming Hole, new playground)
- **Option L:** Improve **Sandy Swimming Hole waterfront park** on N Shepherd Rd. (improved access for bikes, new off-street parking area, pedestrian safety improvements)
- **Option M: Improve Steamboat Landing waterfront park and dock** on Columbia River (update restrooms, improve parking, ADA accessible connections, kayak dock addition)



Park Master Plan Goals

Goal 1: Provide well-designed, accessible and safe parks, recreation facilities, and natural open space areas.

Goal 2: Maximize opportunities for public enjoyment and protection of waterfront resources.

Goal 3: Connect neighborhoods, schools, downtown, and waterfronts with parks, trails and natural open space areas.

Goal 4: Strategically facilitate recreation programs and community events to foster community health, recreation participation and park use.

Goal 5: Provide efficient and high-quality maintenance of parks, facilities, and natural open space areas.

Goal 6: Be an efficient and effective provider of the parks and recreation services desired by the community.

Goal 7: Encourage public involvement in all aspects of parks and recreation.

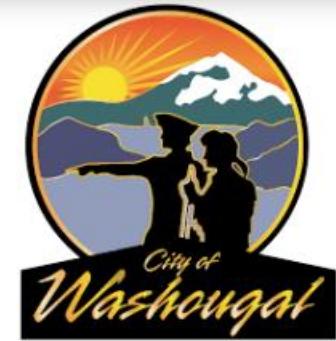
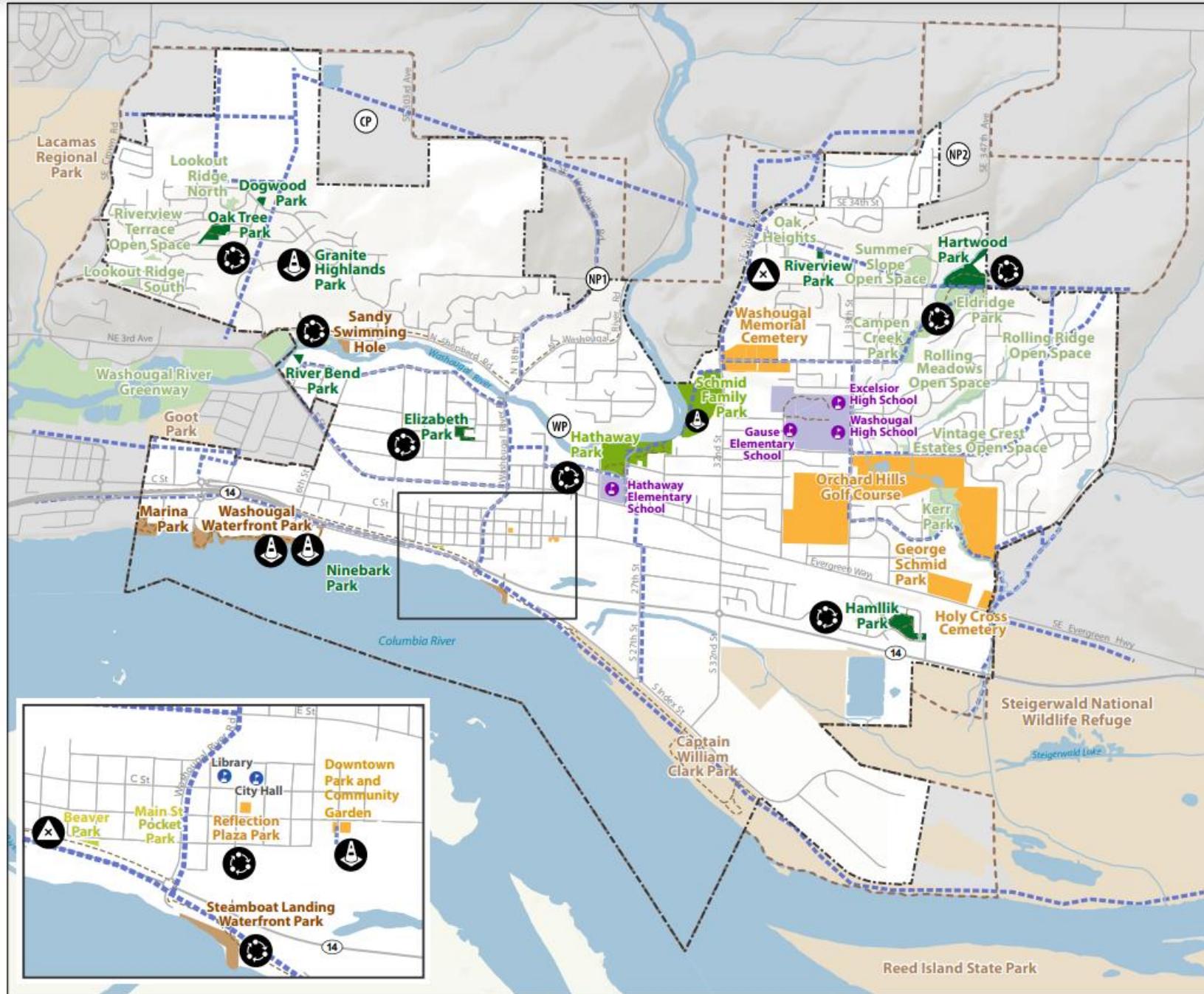


What is project phasing?

The goals of this Plan, along with input from the public, Park Board members, and staff, were combined to help prioritize projects. All capital projects were sorted into three general priorities or time periods.

- **Priority I:** Projects should be recommended to include in the capital improvement list immediately and implemented within six years.
- **Priority II:** Projects are less urgent or require additional work to prepare for implementation, such as the completion of a master plan.
- **Priority III:** Projects should continue to be considered but would require a special opportunity or the completion of the higher priority projects before they are actively considered.





Option A: Indoor Recreation Space and Senior Center



A great need for both indoor recreation space and a senior center is identified in all public surveys. More and more communities in the Northwest are offering multi-use recreation centers because of the region's inclement winter weather and the multiple opportunities possible in an indoor facility. If designed correctly, recreation centers can offer a wide variety of community activities at a reasonable cost. Most progressive community centers now provide rooms for receptions, meetings, and large group gatherings, as well as gymnasium and recreation space.



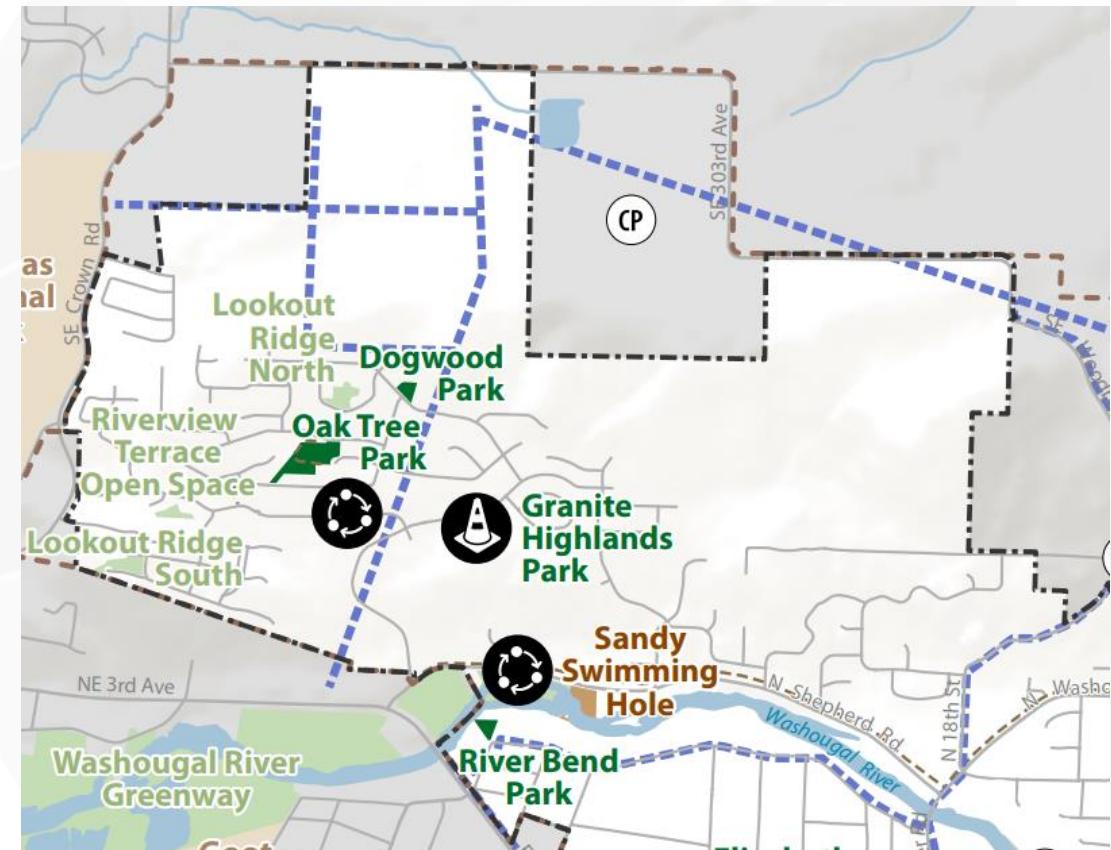
Option B: Community Park (CP)

New Community Park (CP)

A new community park should be developed north of the current City limits and west of the Washougal River.

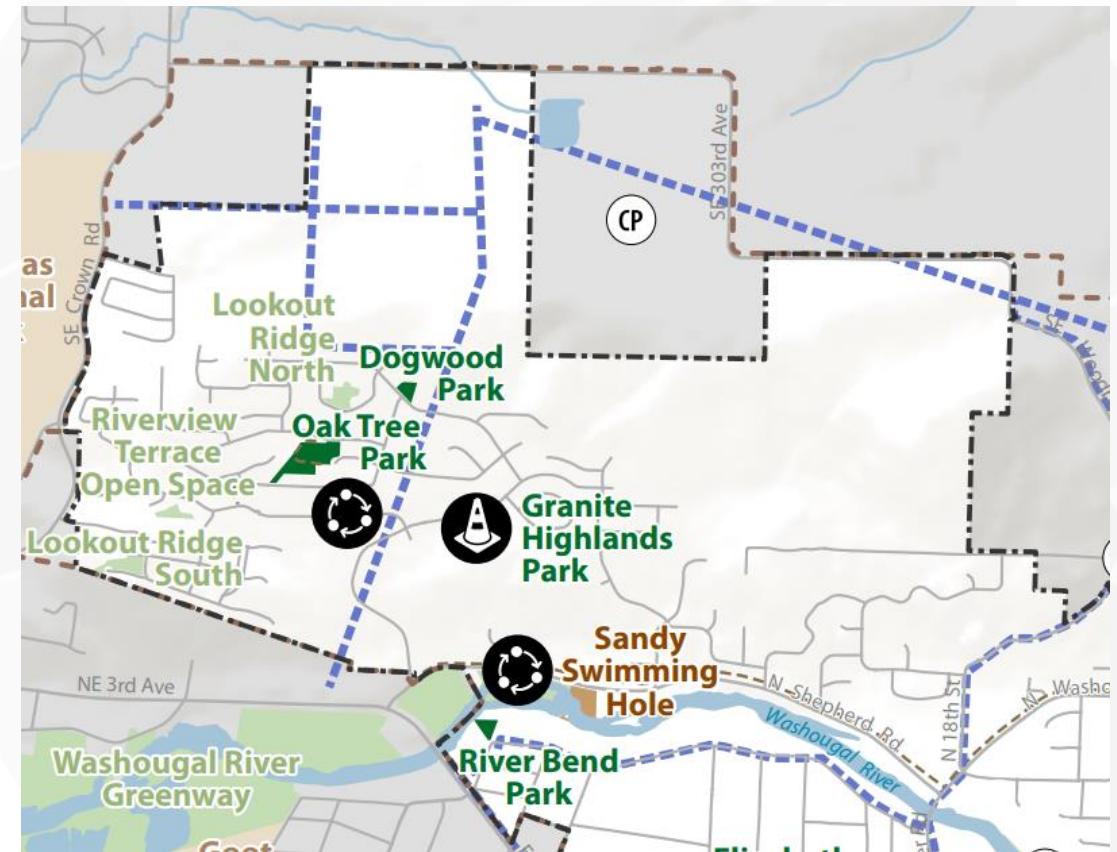
Recommendations for this site include:

- Once a site is acquired, prepare a master plan to guide the future development of the site.
- Link the proposed bikeway/off-street trail to this park site.
- Follow the community park recommendations for site selection and design program, as well as timing of park development.
- If possible, provide trail connections to the Washougal River, citywide trail systems, and regional trails through Clark County.
- Consider adding a unique feature or design element such as an interactive water feature, skate spot or skate elements, bike park or similar facility.
- funds for acquisition as opportunities arise.



Option B: Community Park (CP)

CP: This currently benefits the northside subdivision which is around 300 lots (maybe half built). I have heard rumors of a few other subdivisions in this but to my knowledge they are still at the beginning stages of development planning and probably several years out. This area identified is also still currently in the county.



Option C: New Neighborhood Park (NP1)

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A new neighborhood park is needed west of the Washougal River, in the north end of the City to serve residential development. Recommendations for NP1 include:

- Acquire a site approximately 2 to 3 acres in size, consistent with the site selection guidelines in this plan.
- Develop a master plan for the site that is consistent with the design guidelines.
- Provide local linkages between the park and the citywide trail system development of the site.
- Implement the master plan as the area develops.
- Ensure the property is viable for playground and restrooms, pertinent to critical lands and purchase contract agreements.
- Seek granting funds for acquisition as opportunities arise.



Option C: New Neighborhood Park (NP1)

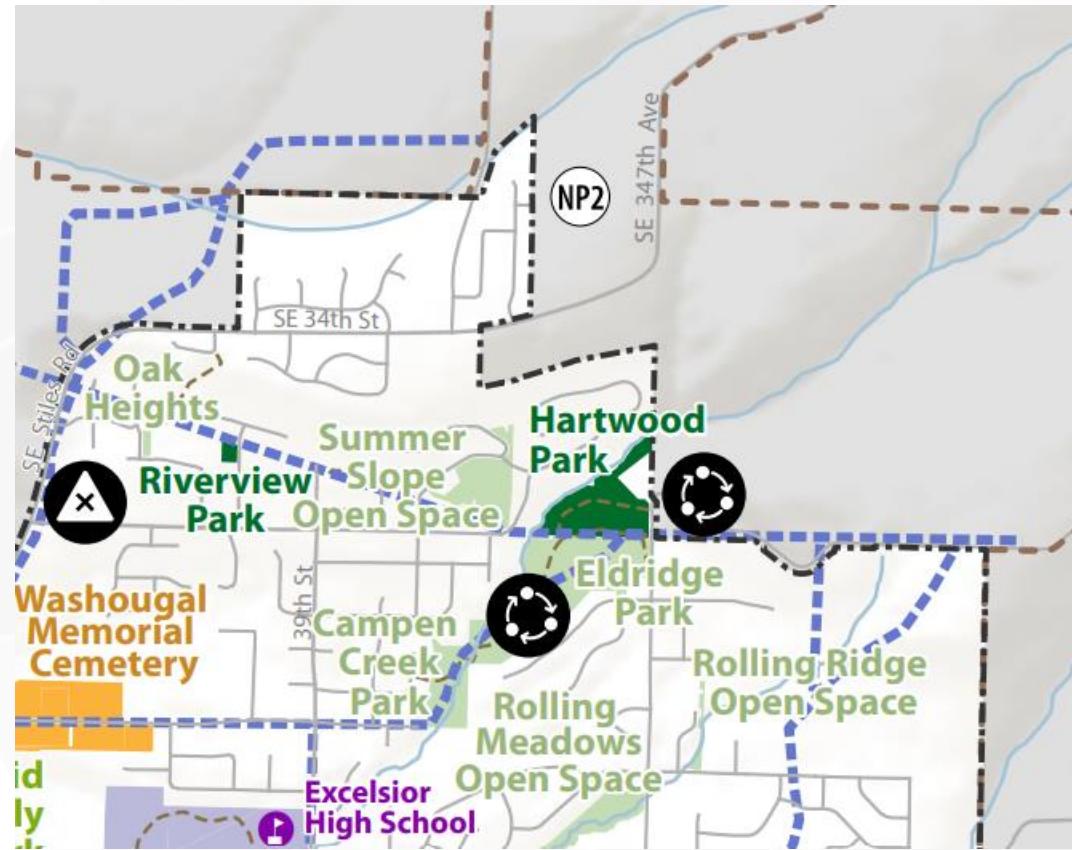
NP1: This is at the top of Woodburn. This is just north of Greenview Phase 2 which is still undeveloped but will bring in 33 lots. A park just north of this would not have the easiest access since it is at the top of a very steep hill with little opportunity for parking, and most of the current usable space is already slated for houses.



Option D: New Neighborhood Park (NP2)

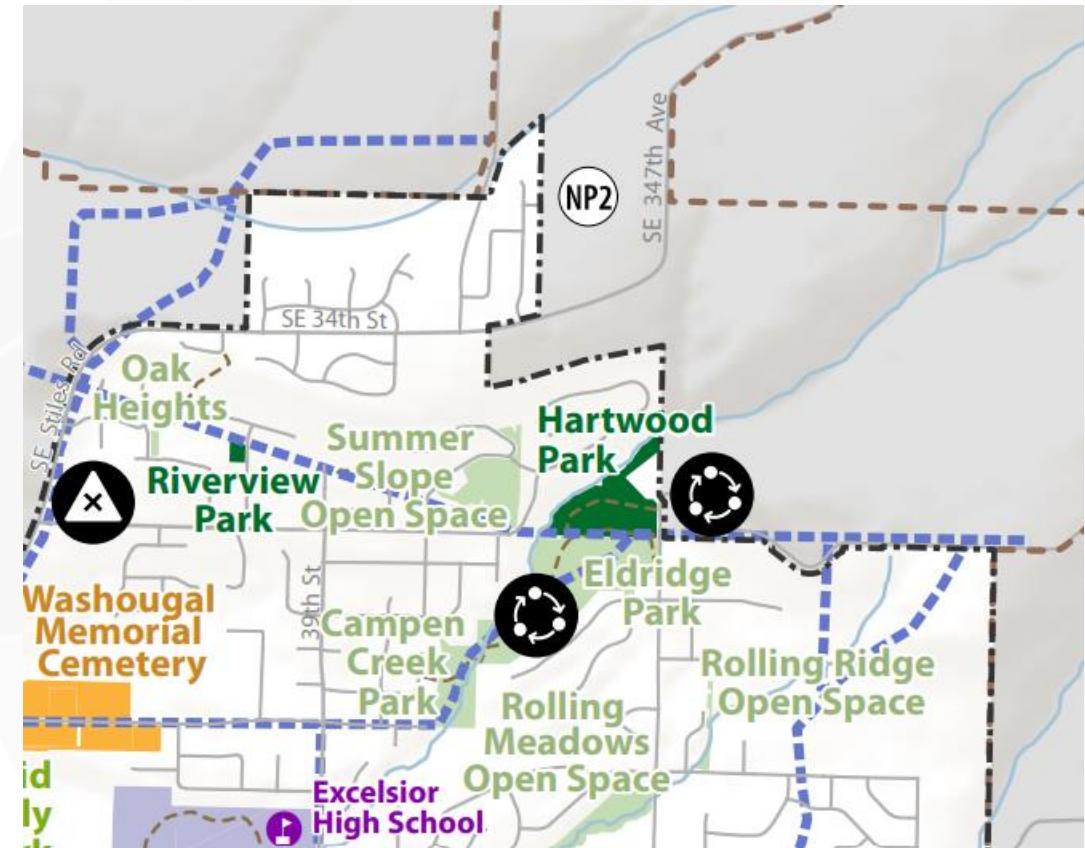
The City should seek a new neighborhood park just north of city limits, potentially in conjunction with other City of Washougal property near Lehr Road. Recommendations for NP2 include:

- Follow the neighborhood park recommendations in Appendix E for site selection and design program, as well as timing of park development.
- Acquire a site of approximately 2-3 acres. Once a site is acquired, a master plan should be prepared to guide the future development of the site.
- Link the proposed bikeway/off-street trail system to this park.



Option D: New Neighborhood Park (NP2)

NP2 : This is right next to Mt Norway Village which has around 50 lots and I have heard of another development with maybe 30 lots in the works just to the SW. The land would be relatively easily developed into a park as it is fairly flat and current just pasture/farm land. There are a couple other neighborhoods a little further to the west that would benefit from this park, but we would have to improve sidewalk to the park. The main problem with this land is it currently in the county.



Option E: Schmid Family Park

Schmid Family Park consists of approximately 13 acres of river floodway suitable for low intensity park use. The property also has 5 acres of developable “upland” next to 32nd Street where higher impact, more dynamic recreation features would be located. These two areas have different potentials for recreation.

Recommendations for this site include:

- Some of the needs are as follow:
 - > Shelters: large pavilion for events/groups of 50+ and multiple small family sized picnic units.
 - > A new playground.
 - > Permanent restrooms.
 - > Amphitheatre for outdoor concerts or public events.
 - > A soccer field.
 - > Boat launch/water access.

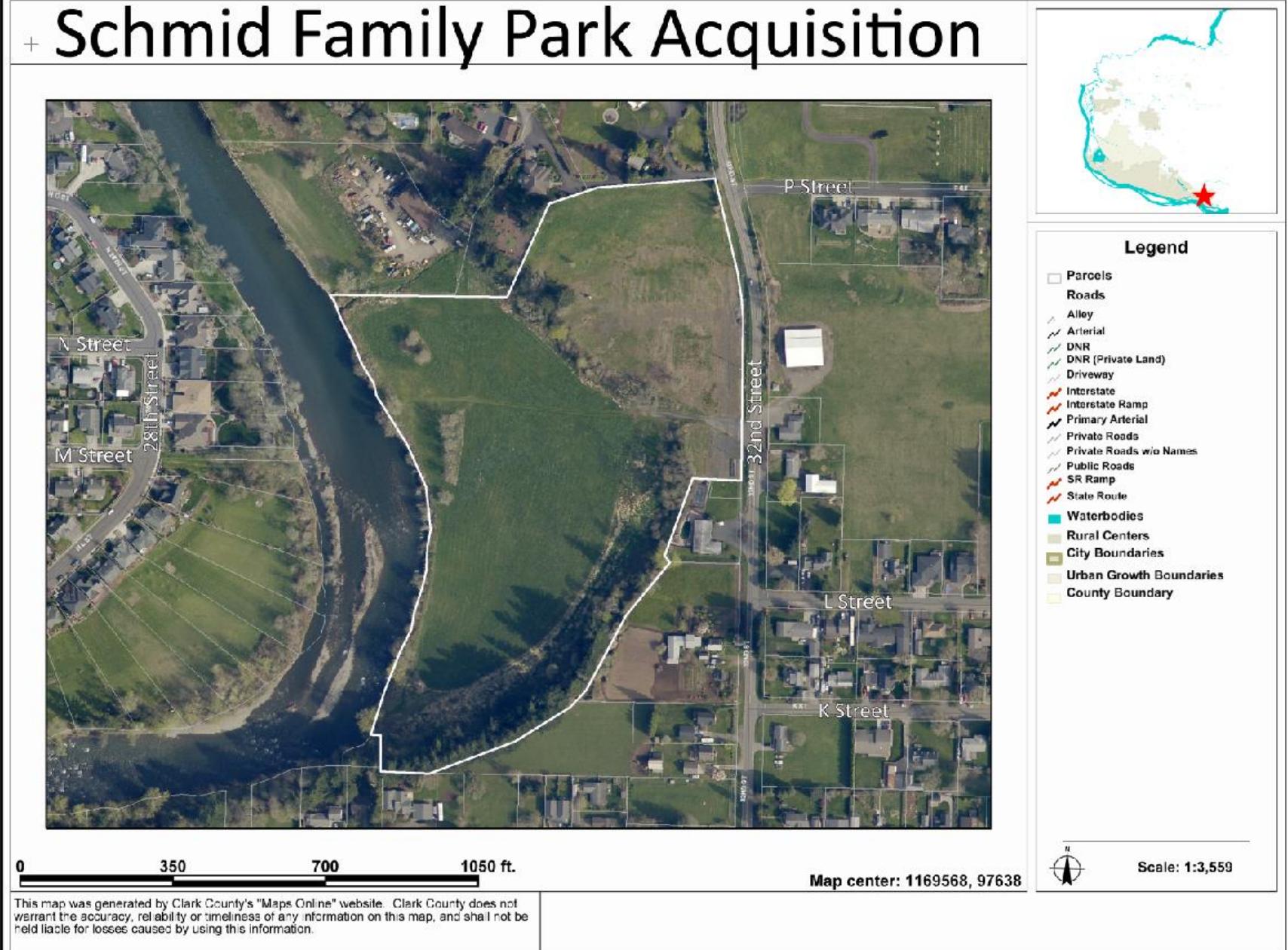
Accessible pathways between park elements and connections to other off-site parks or trails



2. PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition

- 17.88 acres for future Community Park
- Closing anticipated prior to September 1, 2016
- Begin design process in 2017
- Apply for Recreation and Conservation Office Local Park Development grant in 2018

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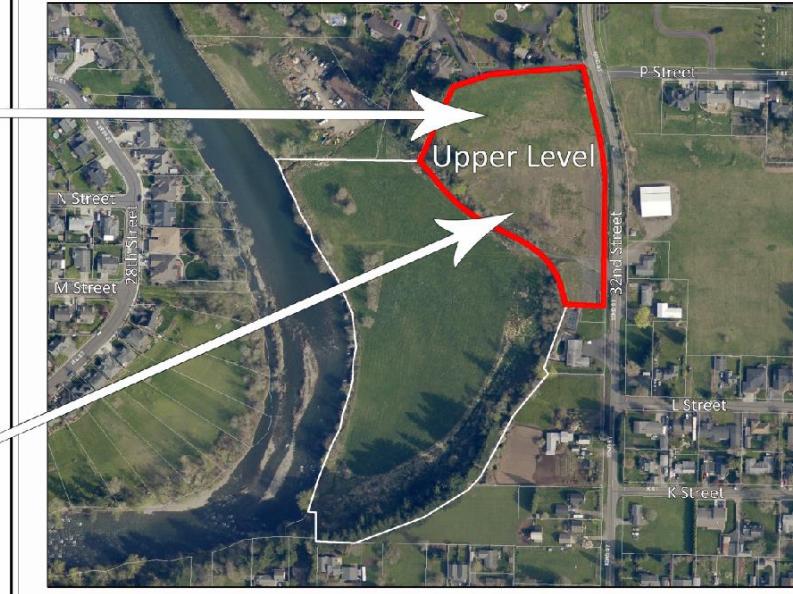


2. PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition UPPER LEVEL

- Approximately 5 acres
- Gentle south facing slope
- Direct access to 32nd Street



Schmid Family Park Acquisition



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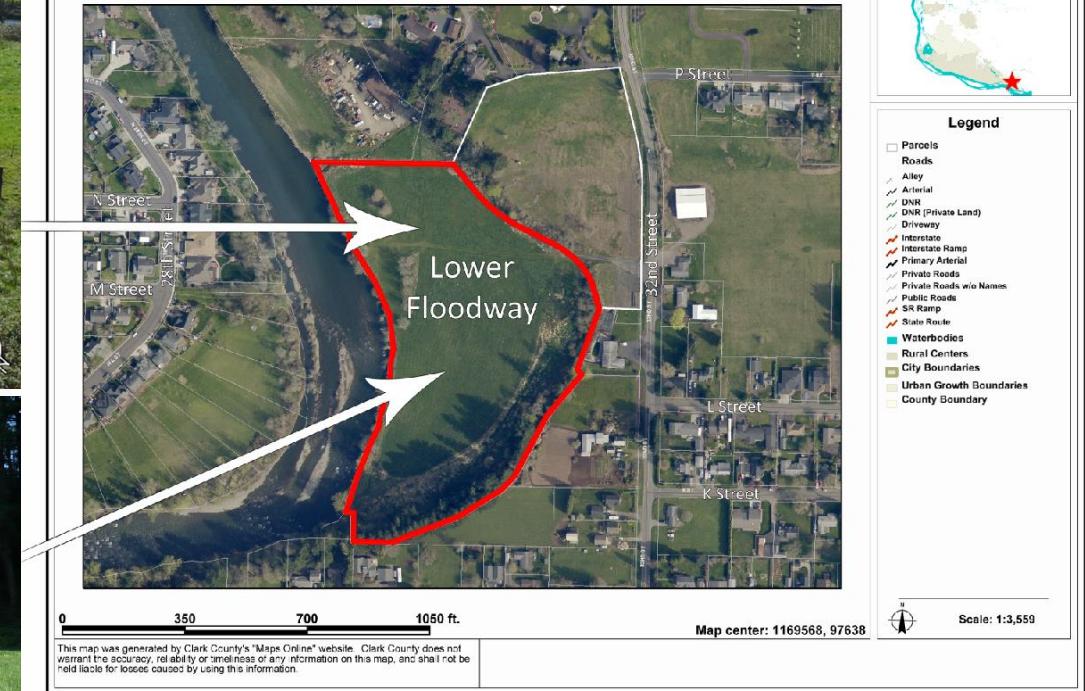
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2. PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition LOWER FLOODWAY

- Approximately 13.88 acres
- Last in-tact floodway on the lower Washougal River
- 1,083 linear feet of Washougal River frontage

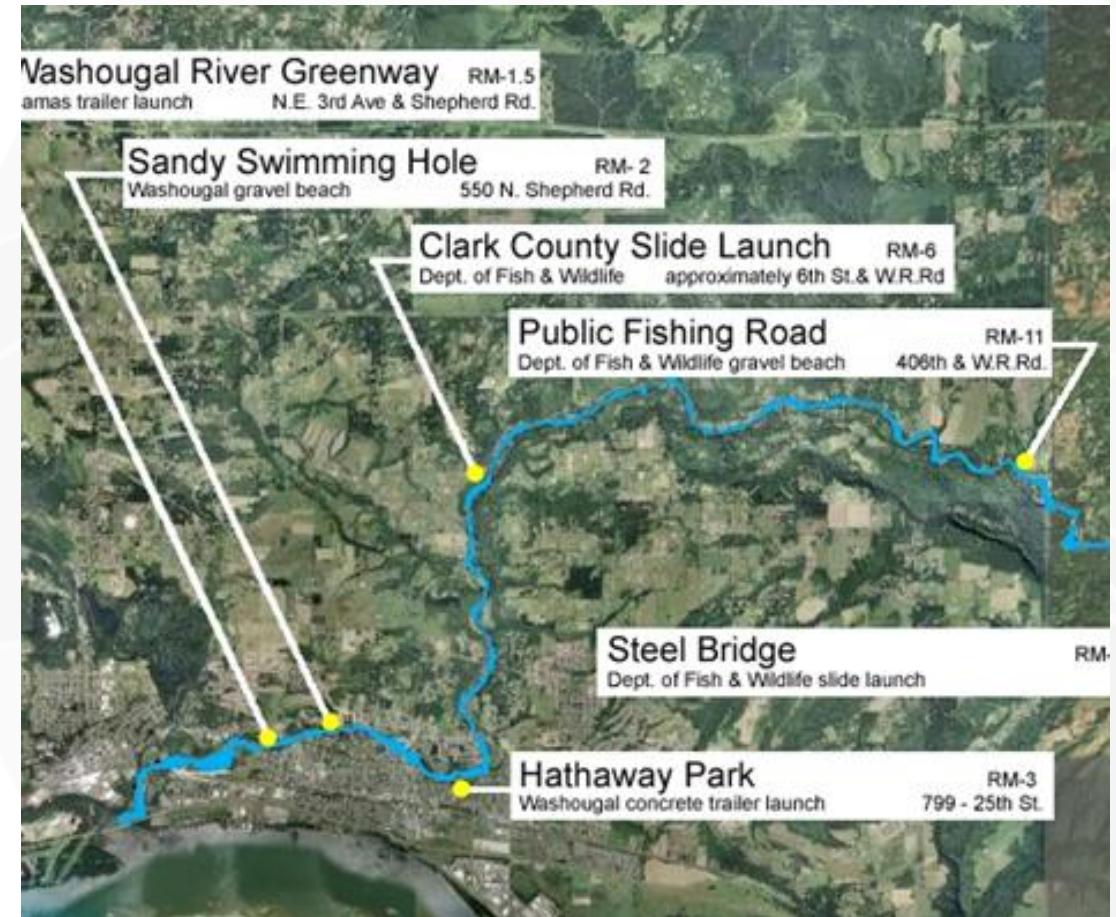
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Option F: Trail System

Continue to support a water trail system:

To capitalize on Washougal's unique water resources, the City should promote a water trail for non-motorized watercraft on the Washougal River. The link could provide information on launch points, site facilities, and points of interest for the river visitors. Improving floater and kayak access to the Washougal River is a key step in developing usable water trails. While several internet websites currently offer water trail maps for the Columbia River, information regarding public access points for the Washougal River has been difficult to find until 2010.



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Option M: Steamboat Landing

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2024 Brainstorming Park and Cemetery Goals

- Complete Hamllik Park Basketball Court
- Finish design Washougal Towncenter Revitalization
- Explore Opportunities to Enhance Recreation Programming
- Two new bike/pedestrian projects completed
- Work on opening Community Center to groups in the evening
- Work on Recreation opportunities for all ages, especially teens
- Update Comprehensive Park Plan in 2026
- Create a Trail and Bike Comprehensive Plan in 2026
- Gain a better understanding of Park Maintenance and Park Boards role to help
- How do we strategize our goals to improve park maintenance in the future
- When do we start looking at shelter reservations?
- What about field reservations in the future?
- Figure out funding to replace Hathaway Playground
- Go after donations to construct veteran memorial and flag retirement pit
- Find indoor recreation facility to have Recreation year round
- Work with Community Engagement on volunteer opportunities
- Update Park and Cemetery Website
- Work with Community Engagement on more community events





Park Board Round Table



Thank you and any questions!!



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