

PARKS & RECREATION ELEMENT

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Introduction

This Parks and Recreation Element has been developed in accordance with Section 36.70A.070 of the Growth Management Act (GMA). According to the GMA (RCW 36.70A.070(8)), local jurisdictions are required to include a parks and recreation element in their comprehensive plan. As stated in the statute, the element must implement and be consistent with the parks and recreation facilities identified in the Capital Facilities Element. The element must also include three components:

- Estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a 10 - year period;
- An evaluation of facilities and service needs;
- An evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand.

Public recreation is a needed service and benefit to the people of Leavenworth and surrounding populations. This element articulates the needs, and level of service, and its appendix outline resources required to facilitate recreation opportunities and administer parks and recreation programs.

As a primary recreation service provider in the Leavenworth area, the City recognizes the continued importance of parks and recreation services for the health, social, and economic benefits of the resident population, and for the enjoyment derived by visitors to the City throughout all four seasons of the year.

Population, Demographics, & Growth

The use of parks, school facilities, and natural resources for recreation purposes by residents and visitors alike has long been an established part of Leavenworth's lifestyle and business interests. Since its socio-economic resurgence beginning in 1963, with the Autumn Leaf Festival and subsequent adoption of the Bavarian theme, the City of Leavenworth has become nationally and internationally recognized as a destination or stopover for special events, festivals, and year-around outdoor recreation.

Estimating growth patterns for the next 20 years would take the City of Leavenworth to a population of approximately 2,624 in 2035. Including the UGA and surrounding areas, the population in the PRSA is expected to reach approximately 2,900.

For the purposes of projecting park and recreation needs and establishing levels of service, the City utilize both the 2017 population estimates and the 2035 population projections. Because of the importance of park and recreation services to Leavenworth's community, the City also adds an additional five (5) percent to the projections in order to ensure adequate park facilities. . In addition, festivals and events, combined with the area's natural resources and recreational opportunities, currently bring approximately 2.2 million visitors to the Leavenworth annually.

Demographics data indicates that visitor populations will continue to grow in terms of total annual numbers and extended seasons. This visitor population has resulted in a higher demand on existing recreation resources, including parks, schools, and natural outdoor recreation

features, such as the Wenatchee River, Blackbird Island, Waterfront Park, the Ski Hill area, Fish Hatchery, and surrounding mountains and streams.

Organizational Structure

Maintaining an appropriate organizational structure to administer the development, operation, and maintenance of park and recreation services is a matter that requires continuous attention. Currently, the City of Leavenworth maintains park facilities through its Public Works Department. Most park facilities are funded through the City's operating budget. These monies are mostly derived from retail sales tax. Monies for the City's swimming pool are generally derived from the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area (the PRSA), which is a district that utilizes monies from property taxes for the operation and maintenance of the pool..

There are three (3) examples of organizational structures for the operation and maintenance of park and recreation services found within Washington State's RCWs. Those three (3) organizational structures are: 1) A Special District for Parks & Recreation, managed by a separate body; 2) A Parks & Recreation Service Area, managed by the City; and, 3) A City Department of Parks & Recreation, or a combination.

The City of Leavenworth has chosen to operate under a combination of the above choices. First, the City's Public Works Department utilizes a parks division for the on-going maintenance and operations of park facilities. The parks division also undertakes certain renovation and new park facilities projects. A parks subcommittee of the Leavenworth City Council oversees these projects. Second, the City has entered into an interlocal agreement with Chelan County, the Peshastin Community Council, the Chumstick Community Council, and the Cascade School District to form the Upper Valley PRSA, to build, maintain, and operate an aquatic center, which houses the City's swimming pool.

City of Leavenworth Public Works Department – Parks Division

The projects are focused on neighborhood requirements or needs in community and neighborhood parks with school sites. Multi-purpose park development through interlocal agreements with the School District and other agencies has proven benefits for the entire community.

The City's Public Works Department is responsible for maintenance throughout the City, the maintenance and operation of the City's water plant and wastewater plant, and all park facilities. The parks division typically consists of one supervisor, two fulltime employees and four seasonal employees.

Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area

In April of 1998, the City of Leavenworth, Chelan County, the Peshastin Community Council, the Chumstick Community Council, and the Cascade School District entered into an interlocal agreement, pursuant to RCW 39.34, for the construction of a new aquatic center (pool) that would benefit the residents within the City of Leavenworth and the surrounding areas. This

interlocal agreement established the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area Board of Directors, pursuant to RCW 36.68.400. The Board consists of:

1. One Chelan County Commissioner;
2. Two elected officials of the City of Leavenworth;
3. One member of the Cascade School District Board of Directors;
4. One representative of the Peshastin Community Council; and,
5. One representative of the Chumstick Community Council.

The PRSA may initiate park and recreation services utilizing all authorized taxing authority and funding program eligibility as provided under local, State, and Federal programs. Levies may be solicited for either capital or operating funds and/ or for a cumulative reserve fund. General obligation bonds, for capital purposes only, may be brought before the voters at a special election.

Revenue sources to support the development and operations of the PRSA include annual levy, tax levies, and bond issues. General fund (City and County), hotel and motel tax, special use tax, user fees, admission charges, concession contracts, and lease revenues may also be used. In addition, the PRSA is eligible for State and Federal funding programs as provided through grants, loans, and equipment purchase programs. More detail is available in RCW’s 36.68, paragraphs 490, 500, 510, 520, 550, and 560.

Legal boundaries for a PRSA were established at the time of its creation in 1998. The Recreation Service Area includes all lands within the City of Leavenworth and the Urban Growth Boundary; the Ski Hill area to the north, including Chumstick Road; and the Leavenworth Hatchery to the south, continuing to the Stuart Range with Mountain Home Road on the east, Icicle Ridge and Tumwater Mountains to the west and north, and the community of Peshastin. Precise boundaries of the PRSA are identified within the interlocal agreement.

Inventory

The four distinct seasons of the year are substantial drivers for the uses and types of recreational activities within the City of Leavenworth and the surrounding recreational areas.

The location, size, and amenities of each park are important factors to consider when understanding, establishing, and redefining the levels of use by residents and visitors.

The following table (Table 2) identifies existing parks, school sites, and outdoor resources that are available for recreation activities to the people of Leavenworth, surrounding populations, and visitor/tourist populations:

TABLE 2: Existing Facilities

| Name | Size | Facilities | Management |
|----------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------|
| Lion’s Club Park / Swimming Pool | 1.76 acres | Picnic shelter, picnic tables, Lion’s Club equipment building with public restrooms, swimming pool with bath house, parking area, and landscaping | City of Leavenworth |

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| Enchantment Park | 39.46 acres | Two softball fields, little league field, park building with restrooms, BBQ, and equipment storage, parking area, picnic tables, children's play equipment, and trails. Wildlife habitat, trails, raft launching, beaches, interpretive signs, groomed ski trails, pump track, and skate park | City of Leavenworth |
| Front Street Park | 1.75 acres | Gazebo, restrooms, benches, arbor terrace, plaza, maintenance storage, interpretive kiosk, and maypole | City of Leavenworth |
| Waterfront Park | 15.12 acres | Beaches, trails, interpretive signs, playground, amphitheater, overlooks, restrooms, picnic tables, parking, groomed ski trails, and wildlife viewing | City of Leavenworth |
| Blackbird Island | 14.12 acres | Trails, interpretive signs, overlooks, groomed ski trails, and wildlife viewing | City of Leavenworth |
| Trout Unlimited Park (City Boat Launch) | 1.6 acres | Boat launch and parking, trails, wildlife viewing | City of Leavenworth |
| Icicle River Middle School & Cascade High School | 36.09 acres | Athletic fields: softball, soccer, and football, basketball courts, and parking | Cascade School District |
| Osborn Elementary | 5.5 acres | Ball fields, play equipment, covered basketball courts, tennis courts, tetherball stands, swings, and children's play equipment | Cascade School District |
| Alpine Lakes Elementary | 16.4 acres | Ball fields and children's play equipment | Cascade School District |
| Barn Beach Reserve | 5.63 acres | Nature, cultural history, arts and outdoor education opportunities, Upper Valley Museum, trails, and signage, | Private Non-profit |
| Kid's Fishing Pond | | Kids fishing area near trails | Trout Unlimited |
| Leavenworth Golf Course | 102.52 acres | 18-hole public golf course with restaurant, shop, storage facilities, and groomed ski trails during the winter season | City of Leavenworth |
| Icicle Junction | 2.66 acres | Miniature golf, arcade games, swimming pool, and other amenities | Private |
| Enzian Falls – Micro-golf Putting Course | 3.15 acres | Professional putting course | Enzian Falls: (Private) |

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| Chelan-Douglas Land Trust | 3.34 acres | Nature, cultural history, and arts outdoor education opportunities and exhibits, Lorene Young Audubon Center, trails, community garden and interpretive signage | Private Non-profit |
| Frankie's wayside | .5 acres | Rest area with benches, shade trees, and water fountain. | City of Leavenworth |
| All | 249.6 acres | Total Recreational Space Currently Available | |

Appendices - Maps 3-5 show locations of Leavenworth area park and recreation facilities. Map 3 identifies facilities in the City of Leavenworth, Map 4 identifies facilities in the outlying area, and Map 5 depicts the layout of area trails.

Appendices – Survey and more

Recreation Activities & Events

Presently, the City of Leavenworth provides swimming pool programs and ball field schedule coordination. Individuals and groups who utilize park facilities for activities, such as reunions, organized picnics, and weddings, may reserve facilities through City Hall. There are a number of user groups who utilize the parks and school sites for recreation activities. In addition, the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce coordinates special events and produces or promotes certain festivals and outdoor recreation activities. Private businesses, non-profit entities, and other government agencies also provide recreation opportunities, guided tours, and events within the City of Leavenworth and surrounding area.

The categories and types of recreation activities available to resident and visitor populations within the Leavenworth Urban Growth Boundary and contiguous area are described in the following table (Table 3). The information listed was derived from a series of user group workshops and input from the Chamber of Commerce. The list does not necessarily reflect a comprehensive list of currently offered activities:

TABLE 3: Existing Recreation Activities & Events

| Recreation / Event Category | Type of Activity | Sponsor |
|-----------------------------|--|---------|
| Individual Sports | Rafting, Swimming, Bicycling, Hiking, Skiing / Cross-country Skiing, Jogging, Snowshoeing, Golf, Walking, Sledding, Skateboarding, Fishing, and Tennis | None |
| Organized Sports | Competition Swim, , Soccer, Basketball, Wrestling, , Boy Scout Activities, Indoor Volleyball, 4-H Club Activities, Golf, Football, | |

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| | Little League, Track & Field, Cross-country Ski Team, Tennis, Girl Scout Activities, Uni-cycle, Rollerderby/blading, and Cross-country Running Teams | |
| Passive Recreation | Picnics, Wildlife Observation, Relaxing in a Park, Art in the Park, Wildflower Observation, Mushroom Hunting, Walking, and Bird Watching | None |
| Special Events / Festivals | Maifest, Kinderfest, 4-H Breakfast, Kids Safety Day, Accordion Festival, Amber Leaf Theatre, Autumn Leaf Festival, Bon Appetite*, Christkindlemarkt, Rotary Bicycle Race, Icicle Creek Concert, , Icicle Creek Music*, Fasching , Craft Fair, International Folk Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, , Leavenworth Summer Theater, Sleeping Lady Festival , Salmon Festival, Christmas Lighting Festival, , Bronn Journey Concert*, Bandstand Music, Ice Fest, Oktoberfest, Wine Walks, Music in the Meadows, Vox Dox, Bavarian Boon Dockers, Banff, Leavenworth, Bike and Juice, Carriage Classic Bike, Bird Fest, Bike and Brew, Ale Fest, Timburrr, Summer Theatre, and, *Indoor Activities / Events | |
| Historical / Cultural | Autumn Heritage Walk and North Cemetery Tours | |
| Recreation Classes | Yoga, Hatchery Society, , Summer Arts & Crafts, and Interpretive Walks / Trails | |
| Outdoor | Wildlife Viewing, Whitewater Rafting, Horseback Riding, Hiking / Walking , Mountain Biking, Kayaking, Sleigh Rides, Snowmobiling, Wild Berry Picking, Astronomy, Hayrides, Fishing, Mountain Climbing, Bicycling, Canoeing, Floating Trips / Tubing, Nordic Skiing, Alpine Skiing, and Camping | None |
| Senior Activities | Card Games, Bazaars, Chili Feed / Senior Lunch, Movies, Billiards, Quilt / Knitting, Exercise Program, Spaghetti Feed, and Nutritional Program | |

Goals and Policies

Goal 1: Enhance public recreational opportunities by providing a variety of year-round active and passive recreational activities for all park and facility users.

Rationale: Parks and recreation provide many benefits to a community and its citizens, including economic, health, environmental, social, and overall quality of life.

Policy 1: Provide and maintain support facilities, including restrooms, parking, paths, trails, lighting, and security measures for safe and accessible use of the system.

Rationale: Parks are not just the land, but the buildings and structures that make a park accessible, varied, and safe.

Goal 2: Support the development of shared - and multi-use facilities that host athletic events, performing arts, community meetings, and other community events on a year-round basis.

Rationale: Diversity and flexibility to address changing needs in the park system is critical for long-term use and enjoyment. As trends and needs of recreation change with, for example aging population, so should the park system. Open and varied use of the park system keeps it vibrant and active.

Policy 1: Set development and improvement priorities to ensure that facilities for each season and user group are balanced within funding availability.

Rationale: Park systems need projections to plan to future needs. Limiting the park system to short term operating funds is not good practice for expansion and/or improvement. Funding strategies should look to all season use of parks. Vacancy of a park is not efficient use of public lands.

Goal 3: Increase access to local and regional recreational opportunities for people of all ages and levels of mobility.

Rationale: Access to park is critical

Policy 1: Create new facilities and/or expand existing facilities with consideration for ADA accessibility, diverse user-ship, and specialty user groups.

Rationale: At a **minimum, the Forestry Access** specifications may be used for access standards.

Policy 2: Provide multiple opportunities, as not all facilities will be appropriate for all user groups.

Rationale: A large range of demographic use parks, and parks that include varied levels and opportunities for all user groups foster better living.

Goal 4: Encourage use of trails, parks, and natural areas to promote active living.

Rationale: As destinations for play and recreation, parks have long served as community gathering places and locales for activity and fun. Playgrounds, athletic fields, swimming pools and gardens within parks provide tangible benefits during residents' leisure times. Parks create healthy and easy choices that invite and encourage many and varied recreational opportunities.

Policy 1: Create signage, access points, parking, and other amenities that make facilities easy to find and inviting.

Rationale: Clear direction and access helps full use of public lands and activities.

Goal 5: Develop new and maintain existing parks and recreational facilities capable of serving the anticipated needs of Leavenworth, including the urban growth area.

Rationale: In cities, good infrastructure is critical to the systems that support citizens living together in densely populated areas. Open, natural and recreational spaces is critical for higher density living.

Policy 1: Pursue additional land acquisition to expand existing recreation facilities.

Rationale: Park level of service needs to reflect population projections.

Policy 2: Identify and acquire additional undeveloped lands for parks, trails and open space within the city and Urban Growth Area.

Rationale: Park level of service needs to reflect population projections

Policy 3: Consider funding parks and recreation facilities through a variety of funding sources described in this Element, including grants, tax levies, and a GMA-based park impact fee

Rationale: Short term operations and long term expansion and improvements need cost recovery and funding sources to ensure a lasting park system.

Policy 4: Update the Capital Improvement Plan on a regular (annual or bi - annual) basis in order to identify and budget for park, trail, and open space projects.

Rationale: Capital Improvement Plan is the City's priority list of infrastructure development, and parks need to be reflected as a component of the plan.

Policy 5: Cooperate and coordinate with federal, State, County, School District and City agencies and with private landowners in the region to expand and implement trail projects of local and regional significance

Rationale: Connecting regional and local (private and public) areas with trails allows for greater mobility and connection with surrounding areas.

Policy 6: Consider the community residents and regional service area as well as the tourist population when planning park and recreation projects.

Rationale: Efficient use of limited resources needs many and varied participants for park and recreational planning.

Policy 7: Cooperate with other public and private agencies and landowners to acquire and preserve additional waterfront access for recreational activities.

Rationale: Public access to the Wenatchee River and Chumstick Creek is consistent with the adopted 2012 Shoreline Master Program.

Goal 6: Develop sustainable facilities that are affordable to create and maintain.

Rationale: Long-term stewardship and use of park and recreational facilities need to be financially feasible for development and continued operations. Maintenance prevents disrepair and added costs for expensive removal and/or repair.

Policy 1: Encourage sustainable, low-impact, high-quality design and development techniques.

Rationale: Longevity of parks and recreational facilities begin with sustainable, low-impact, high-quality design and development techniques.

Policy 2: Consider and address ongoing maintenance costs prior to the development of new park facilities or expansion of existing facilities

Rationale: To achieve sustainability, cost evaluation must be considered prior to construction.

Policy 3: Consider initial cost and long-term maintenance and improvement needs when prioritizing projects. Focus funding on projects that are cost-effective over the long-term.

Rationale: Maintenance and preservation of facilities is more cost effective than replacement costs.

Goal 7: Conserve open space and encourage open space consideration in future development.

Rationale: Open space allows for connection to nature and improves the well-being of the community. In addition, open space allows for light, better night sky's, and air circulation.

Policy 1: Preserve and protect sensitive areas, including wetlands, open space, woodlands, streams and their corridors, steep slopes, shorelines, and other unique natural features

Rationale: This is consistent with the GMA requirements to protect critical areas, allows for environmentally friendly aspects that can be available for future generations.

Policy 2: Encourage the preservation and restoration of native vegetation in natural areas and open spaces throughout the city, and control the spread of noxious weeds.

Rationale: Noxious weed control is required.

Policy 3: Maintain and expand valuable open space areas for wildlife viewing, hiking, cross-country skiing, and conservation.

Rationale: Open space allows for connection to nature and improves the well-being of the community. In addition, open space allows for light, better night sky's, and air circulation

Policy 3: Encourage interpretive trails.

Rationale: Educating trail users adds value to the trail use experience.

Goal 8: Provide a variety of trail experiences by locating trails of varying lengths and difficulty through diverse terrain, scenery, and points of attraction to draw users and maintain their interest.

Rationale: The trail system should be available for all levels of users. Trails can add interest and challenge from seniors to young adults; and varied options encourage healthy living.

Policy 1: Support the inclusion of public art in parks throughout the city

Rationale: Stimulating the mind with a blend of culture and nature should be available with park facilities.

Policy 2: Implement the Upper Valley Regional Trail Plan.

Rationale: Clear direction and expectation for the development of connectivity throughout the regional benefits both City residents and our neighbors.

Goal 9: Improve non-motorized connectivity between parks and recreational facilities.

Rationale: Non-motorized options for travel reduces carbon emissions, reduces vehicle congestion, and is environmentally friendly.

Policy 1: Coordinate park planning with infrastructure and transportation planning for new trails, bike routes, walkways, and safe street crossings

Rationale: Construction planning for recreational and pedestrian access reduces cost by timing improvements at the same time and reduces conflicts for use of the same space.

Policy 2: Connect residential neighborhoods to each other as well as to nearby schools, parks, regional trails, and community facilities via a trail network

Rationale: Connectivity and ease of travel fosters a sense of community.

Policy 3: Integrate City parks, facilities, trails and open spaces with other local, state, federal and private park and recreational lands and facilities to best serve recreation users

Rationale: The health benefits with many and varied recreational opportunities have been studied, and such better the social fabric and overall health of our residents, guests and neighbors.

Policy 4: Provide connecting trails, paths, and sidewalks between existing and proposed facilities to allow for directed walking and/or biking access.

Rationale: The number of residents walking and cycling increases every year, and a connected walking and bicycling network allows for ease of use, safety and enjoyment of users.

Goal 10: Encourage the development of a Parks and Recreation Program.

Rationale: As needs and services change, the City may prepare and develop a recreational program. This augmentation to the existing private, public and semi-private recreational programs can foster areas of recreation not already being or continue to be served by these other groups and organizations (organized sports). Such program can foster the sense of community involvement for residents.

Policy 1: Encourage the development of a Community Center.

Rationale: A community center allows a greater opportunity for recreation users and needs within a structured formation with amenities.

Coordination and Compliance with Existing Plans

It is important for each Element and Plan to work together and maintain consistent policies.

- Upper Valley Regional Trails Plan: An associated planning effort formally adopted by the City Council in October 2009, was the Upper Valley Regional Trails Plan. This plan focuses

on creating non-motorized trail opportunities for the residents of the City of Leavenworth, residents within a five (5) mile radius outside the City, and visitor populations. The plan incorporates multi-modal trail opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, and skiers. The plan also focuses on creating connectivity between existing trails throughout the planning area.

- **Downtown Master Plan:** The Downtown Master Plan is another plan that the City adopted in October 2009. The plan included extensive public outreach and input throughout the City. The plan focuses on the revitalization of the downtown area, which includes several park facilities.

Needs Assessment/Level of Service

Level of service (LOS) standards are measures of the amount and quality of park and recreation sites and facilities that must be provided to meet a community's basic needs and expectations. Standards provide specific targets that help measure progress toward meeting community open space objectives. Typically, LOS measures are expressed as ratios of facility capacity relative to demand by park/facility users. Other LOS measures may include a classification system for parks, which indicates size, features, and proximity within a service area. Classifications may include mini-parks, neighborhood parks, school-parks, community parks, large urban parks, natural resource areas, greenways, sports complexes, private parks/recreation facilities, walking/hiking trails, connector trails, on-street bikeways, all-terrain bike trails, cross-country ski trails, and equestrian trails. At present, the City of Leavenworth operates about 73.85 acres of land that is developed and used for active and passive recreation purposes, including individual and organized sports. In addition, the Cascade School District has about 54.59 acres of land, which houses acreage set aside for various types of outdoor recreation, including individual and organized sports, along with other types of activities.

The unique qualities of the Leavenworth area, including geography, rivers, seasons, and population interests imply a high-value on the use of natural resource lands and other recreation assets in the vicinity, including Ski Hill, Icicle Creek, and the Fish Hatchery. These factors combine to have a modifying effect on any LOS standard that may be expressed by acres of land per 1,000 population. If, for example, a level of service standard of 6.5 acres per 1,000 population is used, the total land area, at a Leavenworth community build-out population of 2,624 within the City Limits and UGA, would be 17 acres. At present, there are about 128.41 acres of park land in the City that are considered developed and usable. Thus, the need for additional land by the year 2035 would appear to be unsubstantiated.

However, the population of Leavenworth is increased by approximately 2.2 million tourists per year. These tourists utilize the parks, trails, and recreational facilities in the area, reducing the availability for residents. Because the Leavenworth area offers year-around recreational activities, the total can conservatively be divided equally over a 12-month period. Using that calculation, the City of Leavenworth hosts over 183,000 tourists per month. At 6.5 acres per 1,000 people, this population group would require 1,190 acres of park and recreation land.

When tourists are utilizing the available recreation lands, residents are often crowded out. It is important for the City to determine how to meet the needs of residents while accommodating the tourists that drive the community's economic engine..

With input from the community, the City continues to look at new opportunities to expand the park system, create more recreational opportunities, and find ways to redevelop existing facilities to be more compatible with the community's needs. New projects may include, utilizing the Upper Valley Regional Trails Plan along with this element to expand non-motorized transportation opportunities; especially those that create safer and more sustainable options for a variety of users.

Input from the Leavenworth community defined two distinct areas of need/request within the parks and recreation system. The first is a clearly identified need to upgrade and improve existing facilities. These facilities include several elements of Enchantment Park, multiple trail facilities and their access points, and the community swimming pool. The second area of need relates to requests for new facilities such as an ice rink, additional playgrounds, and regulation sized baseball and soccer fields. Tables 4 and 5 depict the community-identified needs/requests.

Facility Improvement Needs

| Park or Facility | Existing Condition | Improvement Need/Request |
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| Enchantment Park | Shelter | |
| Enchantment Park | Pump Track | Shade Trees |
| Enchantment Park | Small ball fields with steep slopes on sides and no bleachers | Expand one ball field, add tall fences, terrace hillsides for safety and seating, improve drainage, and add lighting |
| Enchantment Park (Wenatchee River) | Difficult to find access point | Signage and map identifier |
| Waterfront Park Trails (Wenatchee River) | Difficult to find access points, washing out | Signage and map identifiers; maintenance |
| Waterfront Park (Wenatchee River) | Minimal parking and no basketball court | Additional Parking and basketball court. |
| Swimming Pool | Seasonal | Cover or enclose for year-round use |
| Soccer Fields | Excepting school district, formal soccer fields do not exist | Expand or create new |

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| Hiking/biking/cross-country trails | Difficult to find, no connectivity | Mapping, signage, connecting segments, maintenance |
| Golf Course | Golf cart paths are narrow and unkempt | Expand and maintain golf cart paths |
| Kid's Fishing Pond | Difficult to find | Signage, Mapping, directions, and publish open and close schedule by Trout Unlimited |

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TABLE 5: New or Expanded Community-Identified Facility Needs

| Desired Use | Expected Usage | Facility Need/Request |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Ice Rink pavilion | Community skating and hockey | One in downtown |
| Additional Playgrounds | Children’s play areas | One north of Highway and one in downtown |
| Ball Fields | League Use | Two new regulation size fields |
| Soccer Fields | League Use | Two new regulation size fields |
| Basketball Courts | All | One covered or open basketball court |
| Community Center | All | Undetermined |

Table 6 provides a proposed Level of Service based on the community-identified needs.

TABLE 6: Proposed Level of Service

| Item | Proposed LOS | Existing Facilities | Proposed Facilities |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Playgrounds | Five – evenly dispersed throughout community | One at Enchantment Park; One at Waterfront Park; One at school | One at Lion’s Club Park One north of Highway 2 Improve area at Waterfront |
| League size sport fields | Two Baseball Two Soccer Football Fields | One league sized field One soccer field at school for school use Football field at High School | Three sport fields Two new if one at Enchantment can be expanded |
| Swimming Pool | One year-round pool | One seasonal pool | New pool or enclosure to make it usable year-round |
| Trails | See Upper Valley Regional Trails Plan 2009 | | Complete system as defined in Leavenworth Upper Valley Regional Trails Plan 2009 |
| Trail Access | Clear signage at every trail access point – public | Minimal signage and limited public maps available. Minimal | Map brochures with trails, access points and parking |

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| | map of trails for entire system. Parking for up to 50-100 vehicles at Wenatchee riverfront trails. | parking at river area not clearly designated. | clearly identified. Better signage and parking at: Waterfront Park, Enchantment Park, Barn Beach, Blackbird Island, and Boat Launch |
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| Public Restrooms | Needed at all major public gathering areas | Front Street; Enchantment Park; Swimming Pool; Lions Club Park; Waterfront Park | Expand women's restrooms at Front St.; Add restrooms at parking area at Waterfront Park, and Boat Launch |
| Ice Rink | One covered ice rink for community use and league hockey. | None. | One new covered ice rink (with multi-use pavilion for events and concerts). |
| Picnic areas | Provide varied opportunities for picnic areas in community | Multiple picnic areas throughout community and parks/trails system | Additional BBQ facilities, shade/shelter at Enchantment Park |
| Rearing Pond and kids fishing area | One | One on Wenatchee River | Signage, mapping, directions, and open / close schedule from Tour Unlimited. |
| Natural areas, educational opportunities | Provide multiple opportunities for nature exploration and education, guided and unguided | Wenatchee River Institute (Barn Beach Reserve), Chelan-Douglas Land Trust | Multiple opportunities available through other entities. City may desire to create a wetland park area for viewing and preservation near Poplar Street. |
| Snow Sport Areas | Cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, tubing/sledding, snowshoeing, ski jump | Cross-county and snowshoe areas along trail system, tubing and sledding. | Improved grooming of trail system for cross-country skiing. Possible tubing/sledding area at other parks. |

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| Waterfront Park | Install callisthenic stations on trail | Limited | Install callisthenic stations on trail |
| Waterfront Park | Develop lookout at 3rd and Commercial | | Develop lookout at 3rd and Commercial |
| Front Street | Royal Lady / Park Plaza | | Royal Lady / Front Street Plaza |
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