

APPENDIX A:

COMMUNITY RECREATION QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS SUMMARY



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Questionnaire Results Summary

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The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive (PROS) Plan Update process combines technical analysis with the input of the community to set a direction for the future of the system. This process is designed to ensure that the planning team gathers the input necessary to develop a Master Plan that is technically sound, rooted in the needs of the community and implementable.

The questionnaire is a key tool for broadening participation and validating the input received via the community intercept events. Of all of the planned activities, the questionnaire provides the most flexibility both for the respondent (by allowing them to provide input on their own schedule and giving open-ended opportunities to say whatever needs to be said) and for the planning team (questionnaires are available in multiple forms and are easily distributed, with self-entry allowing for large numbers of respondents at a low cost). In total, there were 230 completed questionnaires provided both online and on paper. This comprises 184 fully completed and 46 partially completed questionnaires.

This summary provides the results of the questionnaire, and includes comparisons with the adult statistically valid survey conducted between November 2005 and January 2006 for the City's 2007 PROS Plan Update. Many of the questions posed on the most recent questionnaire are based on the 2005/2006 survey in an effort to compare and contrast changes in public opinion over time. Appendix A provides results of the open ended responses.

Data Limitations

This questionnaire is self-selecting and therefore not random. The results cannot be generalized to the entire population of Camas with any statistical validity. However, as an opportunity for input, the responses provide useful feedback in helping to guide the direction of the PROS Plan update. No one public involvement activity is intended to find "the answer" from the public; rather, the themes that emerge from multiple activities will be used as guiding direction for the analysis and recommendations in the Plan.

Percentages

In order to capture the maximum number of results, all percentages in the tables below are calculated based on the total number of respondents who were presented the question. This number shifts due to partially completed surveys. Further, in the case of questions allowing multiple responses, the percentage is not based on the sum of the answers indicated but rather the number of respondents.

I. Respondent Demographics

Table 1. Question 1a: Do you live work or go to school in Camas? (*Please select any that apply*)

Answer	Count	Percentage
I live in Camas.	168	82%
I work or go to school in Camas.	24	12%

- Four of every five respondents reported that they live in Camas, while one in every ten respondents reported that they work or go to school in Camas.

Figure 1. Question 1b: Where do you live? (Drag and drop the pin to the desired location. You may also right click on the map to move the pin.)

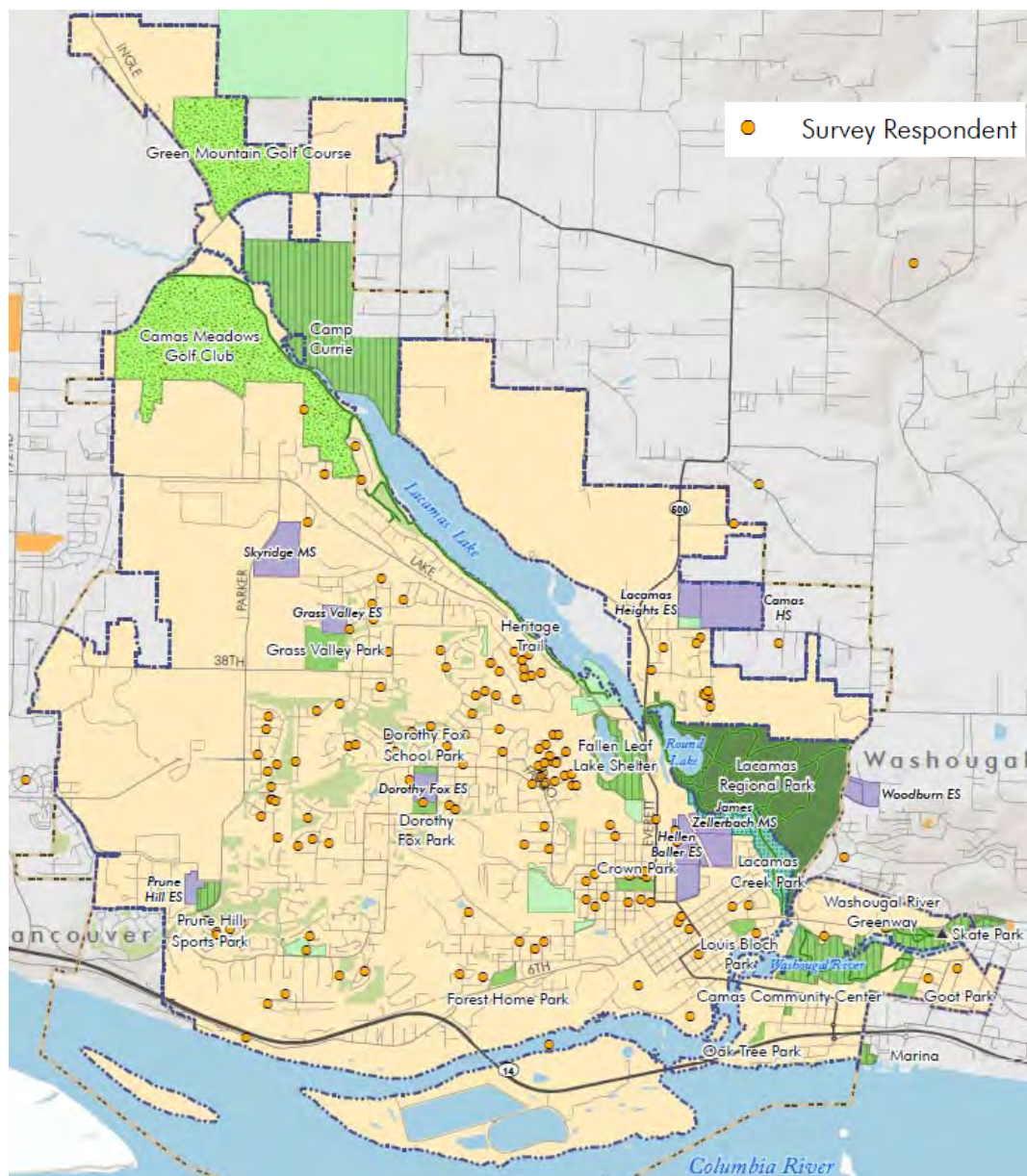


Figure 1: Where do you live in Camas?

- Based on responses to the “where do you live in Camas” question, most areas of the city were generally well represented. Noticeable concentrations of respondents include western Camas along NW Pacific Rim Dr., along the west shore of Lacamas Lake, eastern Camas along NW Everett St, near Crown Park and Downtown. These locations generally correspond to predominantly residential areas of the city.

Table 2. Question 2: If you live in Camas, how long have you lived here?
(Please select one)

Answer	Count	Percentage
3 years or less	42	20%
4-6 years	46	22%
7-10 years	35	17%
11-19 years	41	20%
20+ years	22	10%
I don't live in Camas.	11	5%
No answer	13	6%

- More than half of respondents (57%) have lived in Camas for 10 years or less. One in five respondents has lived in Camas for three years or less, while one in ten has lived in Camas for 20 years or more.

II. Parks

Figure 2. Question 6: How frequently do you visit the following Camas parks in season? (For each row, select the one option in the column that best describes how often you visit that park.)

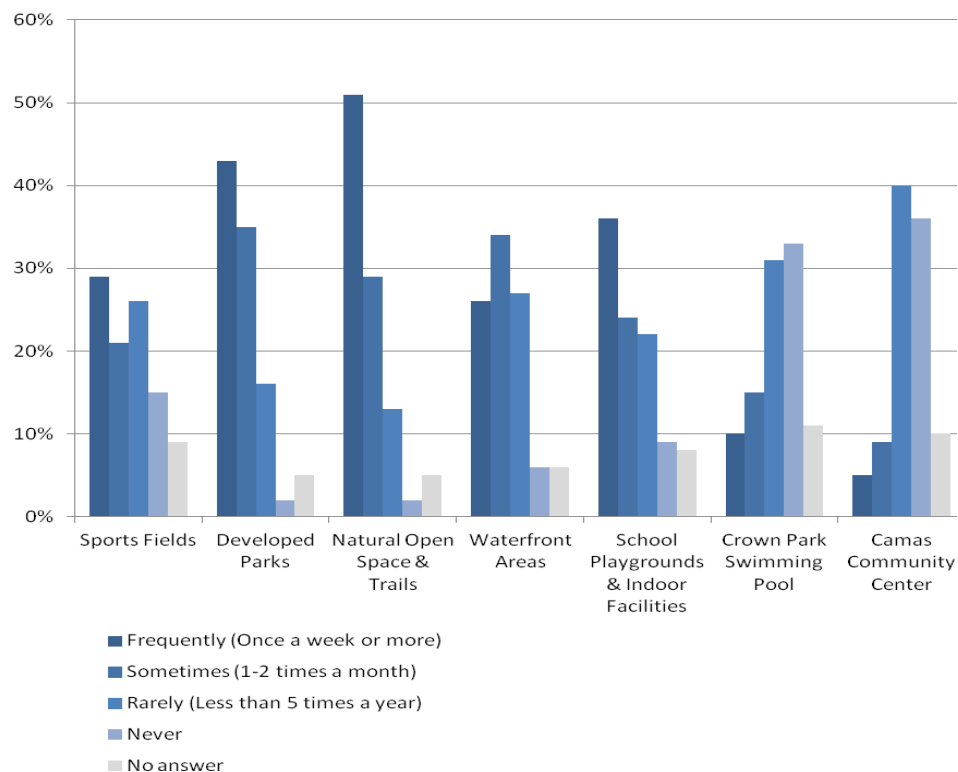


Figure 2: How frequently do you visit the following Camas parks in season?

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- “Natural open space and trails” was the type of park in Camas that respondents reported visiting most frequently (when in season), followed by “developed” parks, and “school playgrounds and indoor facilities.” The top two choices are the same as the top two responses from the 2005/2006 survey.
- Crown Park Swimming Pool and Camas Community Center were the parks that respondents reported visiting least frequently. This is the same outcome as responses from the 2005/2006 survey.

Table 3. Question 7: What are the primary reasons that you use parks in Camas?
(Please check your top 2 choices)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Enjoy the outdoors or nature	120	59%
Walk or bike for exercise	100	49%
Participate in family activities	53	26%
Play sports	38	19%
Picnic and general leisure activities	30	15%
Use a specific facility at a park	22	11%
Attend special events/concerts/movies	13	6%
Meet friends	8	4%
Don't use parks	3	1%

- The top three reasons that respondents reported using parks in Camas are to enjoy the outdoors or nature, to walk or bike for exercise and to participate in family activities.

Table 4. Question 8: If you seldom use or do not use the parks in Camas, what are your reasons? (Please check your top 2 choices)

Answer	Count	Percentage
None of the above	61	30%
Don't know what's available	15	7%
Not interested/No time	12	6%
Lack of facilities	13	6%
Too far away/not conveniently located	6	3%
Don't know where they are	7	3%
Feel unsafe	2	1%
Poorly maintained	3	1%
Too crowded	3	1%
Do not have transportation	0	0%

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- Respondents' most common reasons for seldom or never using parks in Camas are none [of the options], not knowing what's available, a lack of time or interest and lack of facilities.
- The top responses for the 2005/2006 survey were "not interested/no time," followed by not knowing what's available.

Table 5. Question 9: How would you rate the general upkeep and maintenance of the existing parks in Camas? (Please check only one)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Good	95	46%
Excellent	71	35%
Adequate	21	10%
No answer	10	5%
Ok	5	2%
Don't Know	2	1%
Poor	1	0%

- More than 80% of respondents rated the general upkeep and maintenance of the existing parks in Camas as good or excellent, reflecting relatively broad approval of existing maintenance strategies. This is the same opinion as identified from the 2005/2006 survey.

Table 6. Question 10: How would you rate the importance of natural open space to the community? (Please check only one)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Very important	151	74%
Important	34	17%
Somewhat important	6	3%
Not at all important	2	1%
Don't Know	2	1%
Not very important	1	0%
No answer	9	4%

- Ninety-three percent of respondents consider natural open space to be important or very important. This is slightly greater than the 2005/2006 survey results, where approximately 87% of respondents considered natural open space to be important or very important.

Table 7. Question 11: How should natural areas be used? (*Please select one choice*)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Combination of the above	80	39%
Limited public use (trails, viewpoints, etc.)	46	22%
Depends on the site	41	20%
Semi-active recreational use (picnicking, playgrounds, etc.)	27	13%
No public use (preserved for wildlife habitat)	2	1%
No answer	9	4%

- Respondents generally expressed support for public use of natural areas. They most frequently favored allowing a combination of uses, including preservation, trails/viewpoints and more active recreational uses. These outcomes are similar to those found in the 2005/2006 survey.

Figure 3. Question 12: How often do you participate in recreation activities in Camas or elsewhere? The following list shows the most popular activities identified during the 2007 Plan Update. (For each activity in which you participate, please select the response that most closely represents how often you participate when the activity is in season.)

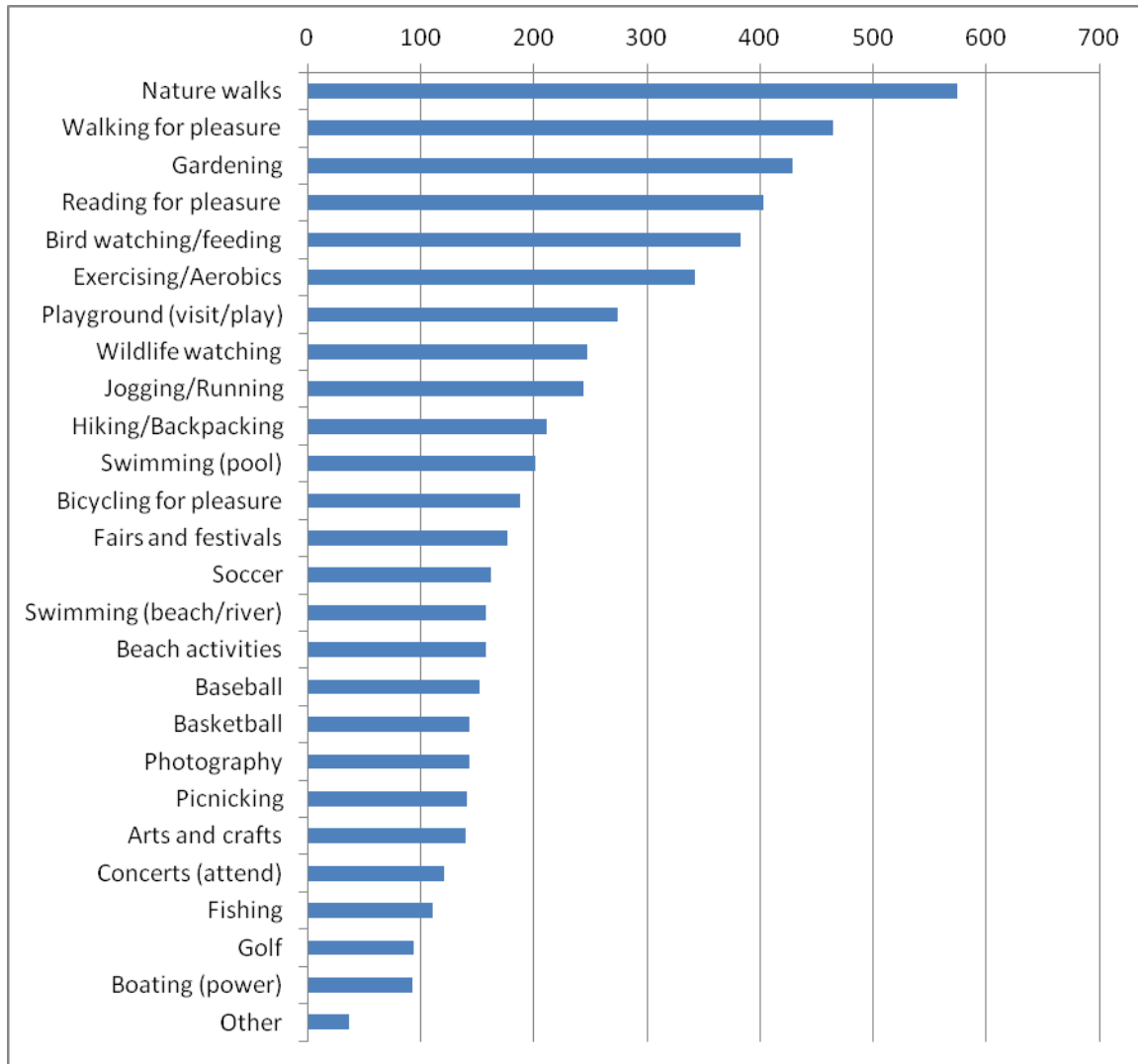


Figure 3: How often do you participate in recreation activities in Camas or elsewhere?

- This graph reflects the frequency at which respondents tend to participate in each type of activity. Frequency of participation can be affected by factors such as level of interest; local availability of facilities, programs and events; physical ability; gear and equipment required; cost and convenience. To generate a participation score for each activity, each “almost daily” response was given 5 points, each “4 times a week” response was given 4 points, each “3 times a week” response was given 3 points, each “2 times a week” response was given

2 points, each “1 time a week or less” response was given 1 point, and each “no response” was given 0 points.

III. Recreation Programs and Special Events

Figure 4: Question 13: Select the 5 activities you would like to do most. The following list shows the most popular activities identified during the 2007 Plan Update. Assume you have the time, money, and transportation to do whichever 5 activities you want.

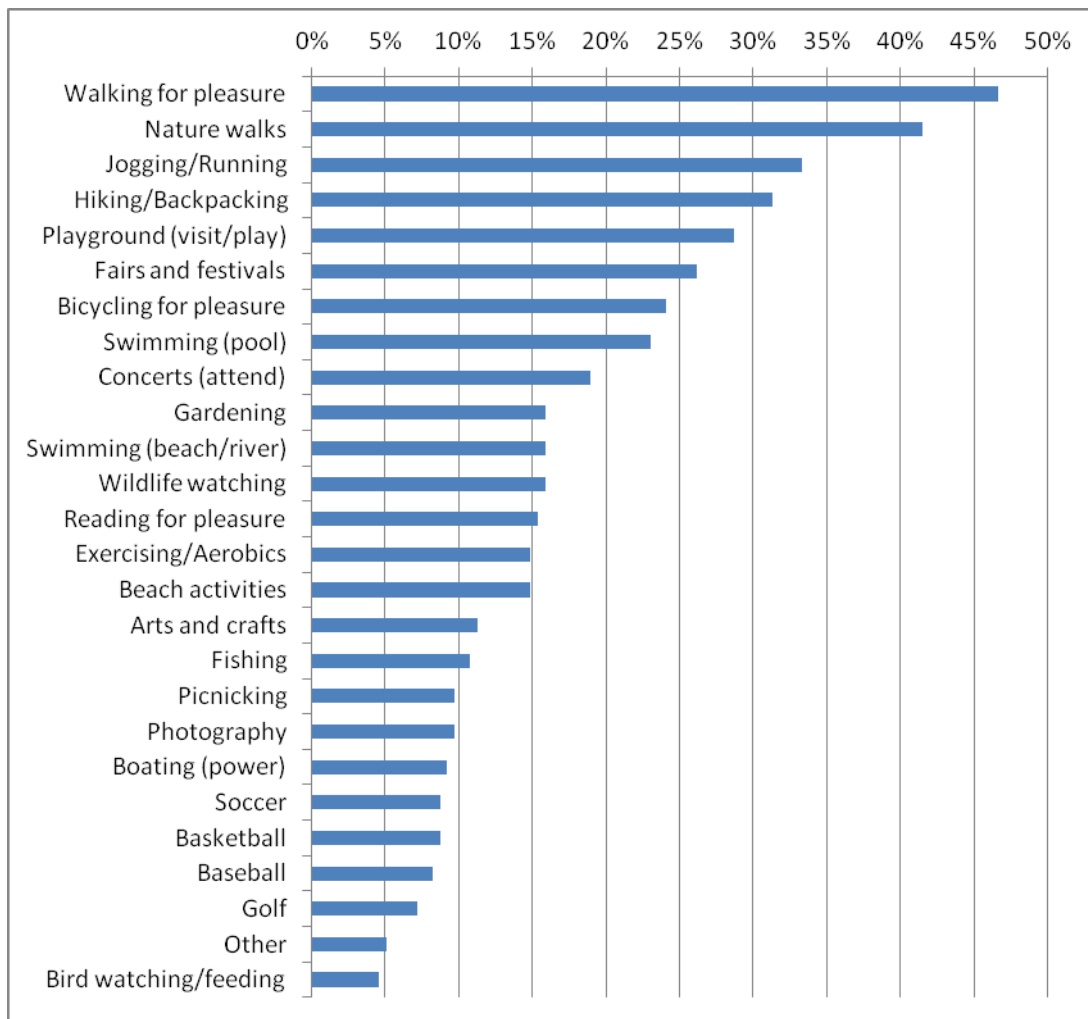


Figure 4: Select the 5 activities you would like to do most.

- This graph reflects the percent of respondents who included each activity as one of the five they would most like to do, regardless of obstacles. Walking for pleasure and nature walks were the top two activities in both this question and the preceding question.
- According to outcomes of the 2005/2006 survey, the top five activities were walking for pleasure, bicycling for pleasure, nature walks, fairs and festivals and golf.

Table 9. Question 14: Do you participate in recreation, cultural, senior or sports programs offered by the City of Camas?

	2013		2005/2006
Answer	Count	Percentage	Percentage
Yes (Y)	95	50%	41%
No (N)	70	37%	59%
No answer	26	14%	NA

- Approximately half of respondents indicated that they participate in programs offered by the City of Camas. This is greater than the 41% who responded similarly in 2005/2006.

Table 10. Question 15: If you participated in services and programs offered by the City of Camas, how did you learn about them? (Please select all that apply)

	2013		2005/2006
Answer	Count	Percentage	Percentage
From the City's program guide	60	31%	33%
Website/Facebook	54	28%	4%
From friends or word of mouth	48	25%	25%
Information distributed at schools	41	21%	15%
Posters/Flyers/Banners	37	19%	11%
From the local newspaper	27	14%	18%

- Almost a third of respondents indicated that the City's program guide is one of the sources from which they learn about programs. The next most popular sources of information are websites, followed by word of mouth.
- The totals for the City's program guide and "from friends or work of mouth" are nearly the same as outcomes from the 2005/2006 survey. However, there were more respondents who used website/Facebook, information distributed at schools and posters/flyers/banners in 2013. Though Facebook was not an option in the 2005/2006 survey, only four percent found out about services and programs through the website compared to 28% today.

Table 11. Question 16: If you do not participate in recreation or sports programs offered by the City of Camas, what are your reasons? (Please select all that apply)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Too busy/no time	41	21%
Don't have activities I'm interested in	27	14%
Not aware of programs	26	14%
Held at inconvenient times	14	7%
Need child care in order to participate	8	4%
Held at inconvenient locations	7	4%
Poor quality of programs	6	3%
Too expensive	6	3%
Classes or programs are full	0	0%
Lack of transportation	0	0%

- Respondents' most frequently cited the reason for not participating in programs offered by the City is a lack of time. The next most frequent reason is a lack of activities that hold their interest, followed by a lack of awareness of the City's programs. These outcomes are similar to the responses of the 2005/2006 survey.

Table 12. Question 17: What are the most convenient program times for you and others in your household? (Please select your top 2 choices)

	2013		2005/2006
Answer	Count	Percentage	Percentage
Weekday evenings	76	40%	33%
Weekend mornings	55	29%	21%
Weekend afternoons	49	26%	20%
Weekday afternoons	46	24%	16%
Drop-in formats, rather than on-going activities	39	20%	22%
Weekday mornings	35	18%	19%
Weekend evenings	11	6%	4%

- Respondents indicated that weekday evenings are the most convenient times for them to participate in programs, followed by weekend mornings and weekend afternoons which are both similar to outcomes of the 2005/2006 survey.
- Weekend evenings are the least convenient times which is the same outcome as the 2005/2006 survey, followed by weekday afternoons.

Table 13. Question 18: What additional recreation programs do you feel Camas should offer? (Please select all that apply)

	2013		2005/2006
Answer	Count	Percentage	Percentage
Outdoor/Environmental programs	75	39%	21%
Special events (concerts in the park, festivals, movies)	69	36%	44%
Aquatic programs	64	34%	21%
General interest classes (music lessons, computers)	60	31%	26%
Arts (drama, painting, etc.)	53	28%	19%
Drop-in activities	50	26%	21%
Fitness classes (aerobics, yoga, etc.)	49	26%	27%
Sports (Baseball, Ultimate Frisbee)	44	23%	18%
Before and after school programs	40	21%	15%
No additional programs are needed	23	12%	14%

- Respondents were most enthusiastic about Camas offering additional outdoor/environmental programs, special events and aquatic programs.
- The most popular responses for the 2005/2006 survey were special events, fitness classes and general interest classes.

Table 14. Question 19: Which groups are underserved by current recreation services? (Please select your top 2 choices)

Answer	Count	Percentage
All groups are served adequately	45	24%
Middle school youth	31	16%
Adults	30	16%
High school youth	26	14%
Preschoolers	20	10%
Families	19	10%
People with disabilities	16	8%
Elementary youth	14	7%
Seniors	13	7%
People from diverse cultures	5	3%

- Almost a quarter of respondents indicated that they feel all groups are served adequately by the City's current recreation system, making this the most popular response. This was also the top response from the 2005/2006 survey.
- The two groups most frequently cited as being underserved are middle school youth and adults. This is slightly different from the top two responses of the 2005/2006 survey which were adults (15%) and seniors (12%).

Table 15. Question 20: What role should the City assume in organized youth sports and sports facilities? (*Please select one*)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Develop and maintain sports fields (City's current role)	99	52%
Develop and maintain sports fields and manage/develop sports leagues	42	22%
Not be involved in organized youth sports	9	5%
Develop sports fields only and leave maintenance to private groups	8	4%
No answer	33	17%

- More than half of respondents indicated that the City's role in organized youth sports should remain its current role—to develop and maintain sports fields. About one fifth of respondents believe that the City's role should expand to include developing and managing sports leagues. These responses are similar to those of the 2005/2006 survey.

IV. Future Improvements

Table 16. Question 21: How would you rate the recreation activities and programs provided by the City of Camas? (*Please select one*)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Very Good. There are several opportunities to do many of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	61	32%
Satisfactory. There are some opportunities to do the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	58	30%
Not sure. I don't know what is offered.	23	12%
Excellent. There are many opportunities to do all or most of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	15	8%
Not very good. There are a few opportunities to do the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	8	4%
Totally inadequate. There are no opportunities to do any of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	4	2%
No answer	22	12%

- About a third of respondents rated the City's recreation activities and programs as very good. Almost the same number responded with the rating of satisfactory.

Table 17. Question 22: How can the Camas park system be improved? (*Please select your top 2 choices*)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Building major new facilities, such as pools or community centers	66	36%
Maintaining existing parks and facilities	59	32%
Developing new parks	57	31%
Upgrading existing parks	47	26%
Acquiring land for future parks	43	23%
Acquiring natural areas	36	20%

- Respondents were most enthusiastic about improving the Camas parks system by building major facilities, such as pools or community centers.
- Respondents also indicated that maintaining existing parks and facilities and developing new parks are ways to improve the park system.
- They were least enthusiastic about acquiring natural areas. This result appears to contradict the results of question 6, 7, 10 and 12, which indicate that natural areas are a top priority for the public, but may reflect a public opinion that the natural areas already owned by the city should take priority over acquiring additional lands.

Figure 5. Question 23: If funding were available, which of the following facilities should have the highest priority in Camas? (Please select your top 2 choices)

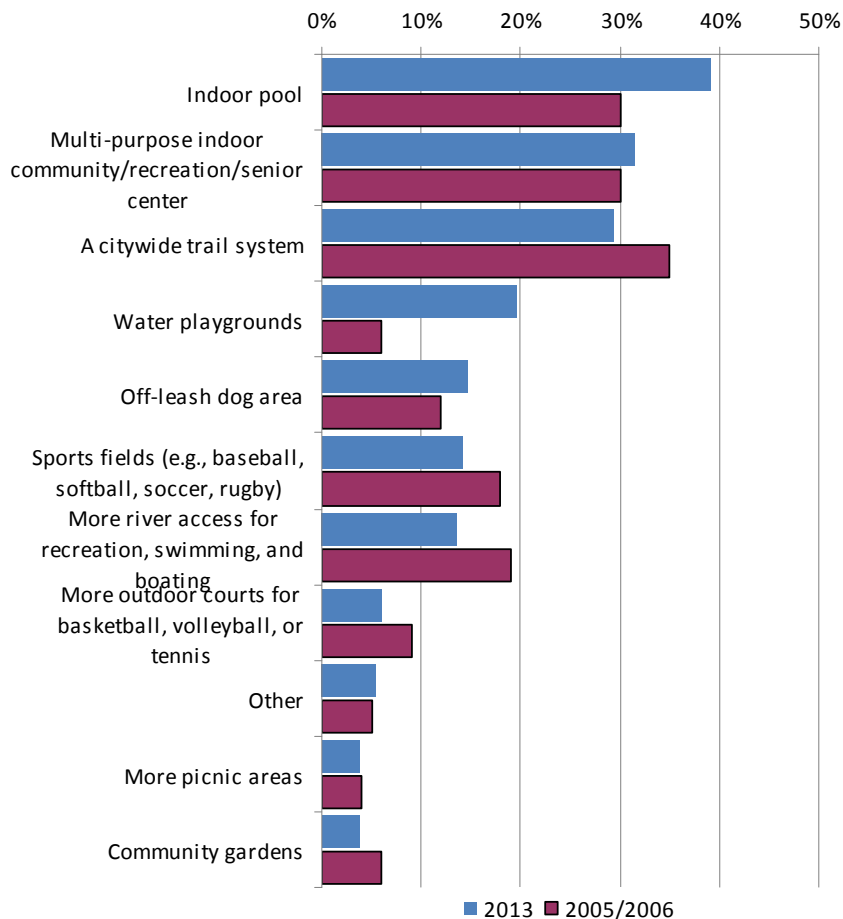


Figure 5: If funding were available, which of the following facilities should have the highest priority in Camas?

- Reflecting the results of question 22, respondents indicated that building an indoor pool and a multi-purpose indoor facility should be the highest priority for the City parks system, if funding were available. While the 2005/2006 survey results for these choices were slightly lower, they were still among the top three responses.
- A citywide trail system also ranked highly which was the top choice of the 2005/2006 survey.
- Community gardens, more picnic areas and more outdoor courts were the least prioritized facilities according to responses which is similar to results of the 2005/2006 survey.

Table 18. Question 24: What facilities would you most like to see in an indoor recreation center? (Please select your top 2 choices)

Answer	2013		2005/2006
	Count	Percentage	Percentage
Indoor swimming pool	117	64%	49%
Multi-use gymnasium	61	33%	30%
Weight room/fitness room	38	21%	17%
Aerobics/exercise classrooms	27	15%	15%
Space for teen activities	24	13%	14%
Large multi-purpose/reception room	14	8%	11%

- Respondents would most like to see an indoor swimming pool in a new recreation facility, followed by a multi-use gymnasium and a weight/fitness room. These were the top three choices according to the 2005/2006 survey and these results reflect responses from the two previous questions.

Figure 6. Question 25: The Crown Park pool is aging and has outlasted its intended lifespan. Which option is best for the future of the pool? (Please select one)

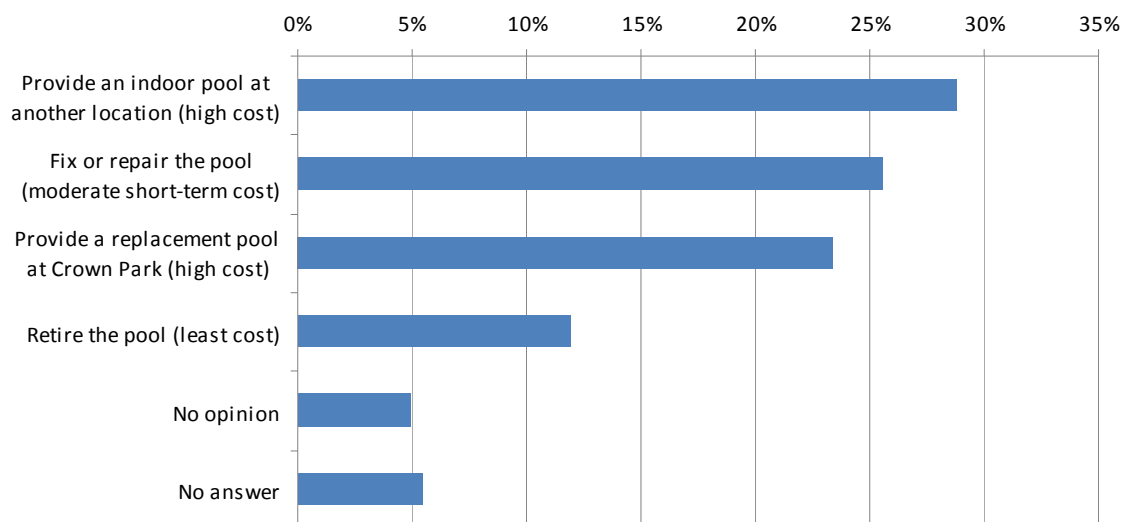


Figure 6: Which option is best for the future of the pool?

- The largest percentage of respondents (28%) feel that providing an indoor pool at another location is the best course of action for dealing with the aging Crown Park Pool.
- About 25% feel that the current pool should be repaired, and 23% feel that a new pool should be built on the Crown Park site.

Table 19. Question 26: Existing sports fields are heavily used and the City will have to consider field scheduling. Should the City require a fee for organized sports teams to help cover the cost of field scheduling and maintenance? (Please select one)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Definitely	71	39%
Not sure/need more information	58	32%
Maybe	33	18%
No (City would be required to find funding elsewhere)	10	5%
No answer	12	7%

- A majority (58%) of respondents indicated that they definitely do support or may support the City charging a fee for organized teams to use City maintained and managed sports fields.
- Conversely, only 5% responded negatively to this question.

V. Trails

Table 20. Question 27: What type of trails/pathways should have the highest priority in Camas? (Please select your top 2 choices)

	2013		2005/2006
Answer	Count	Percentage	Percentage
Trails that link neighborhoods with community destinations	83	45%	36%
Trails that link with other existing trails	66	36%	36%
Nature trails (pedestrians only)	65	35%	34%
Paved trails for walking, biking, etc.	61	33%	36%
Trails that extend long distances (5+ miles)	41	22%	19%
Trails designed for mountain biking	9	5%	NA
None of the above	2	1%	NA

- Respondents indicated a high priority for creating connectivity in Camas' trail system, both by linking neighborhoods with community destinations (45%) and by linking new trails to existing trails (36%).
- Similarly, results of the 2005/2006 also placed a high priority on trails and respondents identified the same top three trail/pathway types as respondents chose for the questionnaire.

Table 21. Question 28: If you do not currently use pathways or trails in Camas, what are your primary reasons? (Please select your top 2 choices)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Lack of trails and connections	17	9%
Don't know where they are located	17	9%
Feel unsafe	13	7%
Too far away, not conveniently located	5	3%
Conflicts with other types of trail users	4	2%
Not interested in using trails	4	2%
Poorly maintained	3	2%
None of the above	37	20%

- Lack of access, connectivity, and awareness of trail locations are indicated as the most likely reasons respondents do not use the existing trails in Camas. These were the similar responses as chosen in the 2005/2006 survey.

Table 22. Question 29: What are the primary reasons to develop more trails in Camas? (Please select your top 2 choices)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Exercise	105	57%
Experience nature	78	42%
Recreation	68	37%
Increase non-motorized transportation options	50	27%
Improve children's access to schools	17	9%
No additional trails are needed	5	3%

- Respondents indicated that the most important reasons to develop more trails in Camas are for exercise and to experience nature.

VI. Future Priorities

Figure 7. Question 30: The City’s existing plan is based on the following nine primary goals for the park system. Thinking about the future of this system, please select your top two priorities. (Please select your top 2 choices)

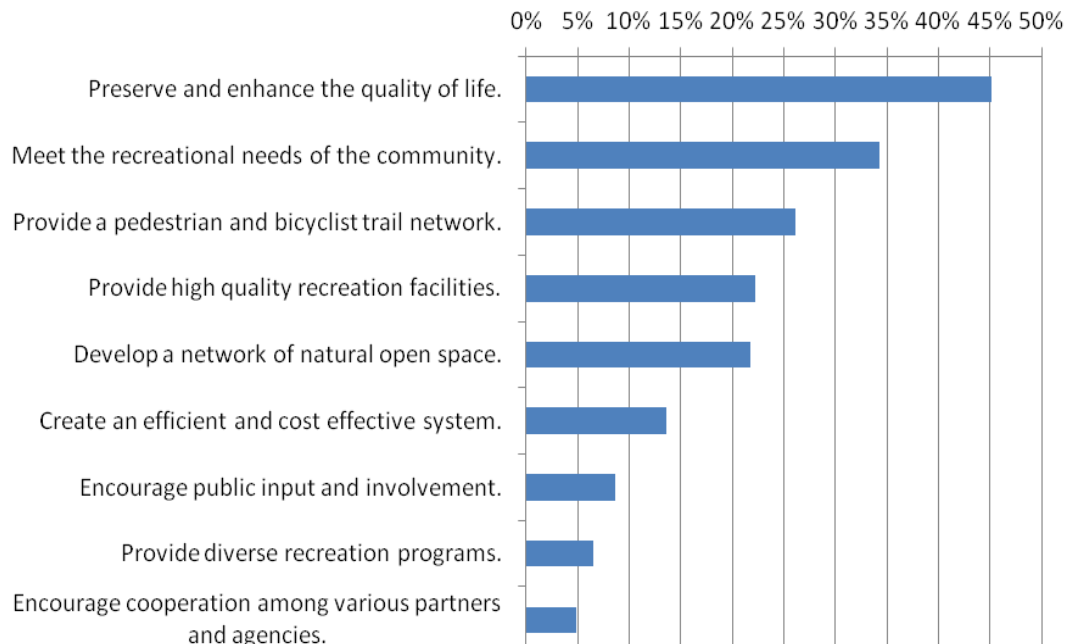


Figure 7: The City’s existing plan is based on the following nine primary goals for the park system. Thinking about the future of this system, please select your top two priorities.

- Respondents highly prioritize the City’s goals to preserve and enhance the quality of life of residents, to meet the recreational needs of the community through the park system, and to provide a pedestrian and bicyclist trail network.
- Encouraging cooperation among various partners and agencies, providing diverse recreation programs and encouraging public input and involvement were the least prioritized goals.

Figure 8. Question 31: Is there anything else that you would like us to know?

Below are some common themes that emerged in respondents’ comments. All responses to this open-ended question are compiled in Appendix A:

- There is a community desire for the Dref’s Farm park site to be developed.
- The Firstenburg Community Center in Vancouver is a popular precedent for a new indoor recreation facility in Camas.
- Upkeep of natural areas and use of natural/native materials.
- Activities geared toward seniors.

- Pedestrian/bike trails and paths.
- Varied public opinion about the existing or future swimming pool.
- Concern about and increased park areas for off-leash dogs.
- Development and maintenance of sports fields.



Appendix A: Questionnaire Open-ended Responses

Included below is a complete compilation of open-ended responses and comments written in on questionnaire forms for the Camas Community Questionnaire. The comments appear unedited to preserve the integrity of the information. Any personal information has been omitted.

Question 12: How often do you participate in recreation activities in Camas or elsewhere? The following list shows the most popular activities identified during the 2007 Plan Update. *For each activity in which you participate, please select the response that most closely represents how often you participate when the activity is in season.*

- Volleyball
- hearing from friends community news
- Kayaking/canoeing (non-power boating)
- walking the dog
- Playing group sport - Ultimate Frisbee
- dance class
- Softball
- Dog Parks!!
- Tennis
- organized classes through Parks and Rec

Question 13: Select the 5 activities you would like to do most. The following list shows the most popular activities identified during the 2007 Plan Update. Assume you have the time, money, and transportation to do whichever 5 activities you want.

- Kayak or paddleboard
- Bike riding (training)
- Volleyball
- Kayaking/canoeing
- Tennis
- Sailing
- TENNIS

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- Softball
- Tennis
- Dog walks

Question 23: If funding were available, which of the following facilities should have the highest priority in Camas? (*Please select your top 2 choices*)

- Outdoor pool
- City land in our neighborhood
- Community parks that were slated for developments
- flush-toilet bathrooms in established parks (Crown Park!)
- Teach people how to do urban permaculture. See the book "Gaia's Garden" by Toby Hemenway.
- downtown plaza/park
- Joyce Garver Theater
- preservation of natural areas
- NO indoor rec center
- Park in Drewfs Farm

Question 31: Is there anything else that you would like us to know?

- I live and work in Washougal but the towns are so close, intermixed. It would be nice if the dike could be extended to the port as that is heavily used. I attend lots of activities in Camas and enjoy them.
- Please maintain the Crown Park Pool. There are many childhood memories there.
- I would love to see the park in Drewf's Farm completed.
- Thank you for the excellent work that you do. Our quality of life in Camas is considerably better because of our parks, open spaces and trails.
- My family and I live in Drewfs Farm neighborhood on Prune Hill. We have park space and are supposed to have a play structure sometime in the future. We have young children and there are many other young families that would get tons of use out of the park if it were to be built. If there is anything we as a neighborhood could do to speed up this process we would love the advice. Thank you for all you do. We absolutely love Camas and look forward to many years here.
- Looking for help in developing the park inside Drewfs farm neighborhood, it's been sitting for over three years and it would be great to have an additional park we could take our family to

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- We have excellent schools, but the parks do not measure up. I think we need a facility such as Firstenberg in Camas.
- Camas needs more trails, especially longer trails for distance running/walking. (I love the trails we do have!) Also, I think you could get more people to take this survey if it wasn't so long.
- Please develop Drewf's Farm's park space. There are so many kids who would love to use it and it is just a dirt mound right now!
- I would love to see an 8 foot basketball hoop for younger children. I don't believe there is one in any Camas park. The Tualatin Valley Parks and Rec department includes them in many parks and it was a great thing, in my opinion. Great nature parks in Camas!
- I live in Drewf's Farm where the City of Camas owns a parcel of land to be developed for a city park. We were told the park will be built in 2013 and so far nothing has been done. I would like to see our tax payer dollars go toward the park.
- Looking forward to a kids park on NW 27th Ave.
- We live at Drewf's Farm in Camas and we have an open space intended for a park. We feel that this space should receive priority to be developed into a park/basketball court since it is the smaller of several lots earmarked for park development. We also would be willing to work with the P&R dept. on sharing maintenance for a period of time and we also have an engineer who would be willing to do some of the leg work to draft a drawing of the park taking some of the burden off the P&R dept. and hopefully reducing the cost to put the park in place as well as reduce the ongoing maintenance fees for a time. We have a lot of children in our complex and we feel by developing the land now as opposed to later it will serve as an excellent meeting place for children and their families to meet and greet and get to know one another as well as provide an environment which will encourage much needed physical activity.
- We live in Drewf's Farm and bought our house with the understanding that a park would be developed within our community. We live in a very family oriented neighborhood where most households have children that would use a community play structure daily. It would be a great use of the space that has been sitting vacant for the almost four years we have lived here.
- We feel so blessed to live in Camas and we are grateful for the wonderful amenities of this city. The opening of Fallen Leaf and development of the old Moose Lodge site are great additions to our city's recreational facilities. Thanks for your dedication to constantly improving.
- The land allocated to a new play ground near Drewf's Farm would be an area that many many kids would use. We bought our home because this park was to be developed soon. It is very disappointing that it has yet to be started.

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- Crown Park is a beautiful space, visited by many Camas residents and non-residents all year round. Camas is put in a bad light when these visitors (often with small children) have to use port-a-potties. Surely we can afford to provide modern facilities for park guests.
- Design parks & facilities with sustainability in mind. e.g. use mostly native plants which require minimal maintenance. Use self-sustaining eco-lawn mixes. Design play "structures" out of natural materials such as boulders and logs.- Seattle is design
- I live in the Drewf's Farm community. With so many children in the community, we are hopeful that the city's plan for the park in our community is under way. The park at Dorothy Fox is usually fenced and locked, and other nearby parks are private neighborhood parks. There is a need and mass desire for the park project to develop. Thank you for your attention.
- Focus on partnerships with school district(s) and opportunities with private parties. The update should evaluate changes in demographics (aging population) and consider strategies to not only set aside natural areas but to enhance the functions and values of these areas.
- It seems like the Parks and Recs administration team is not working effectively. I cannot figure it out., but there should be more programs for older people in central locations- Hellen Bailer, Liberty, etc...
- We always use the Vancouver Parks and Rec because it seems to be more reliable. Would love to have a rec facility in Camas!
- The outdoor experiences in Camas were the major factor in our decision to move here from New Mexico 2 1/2 years ago. Preserving the local natural resources, such as the lake trails and parks, will continue to draw more retirees and young families to the area.
- Completion of an all-weather trail circling LaCamas Lake should be a priority along with improved parking and trail access. This would be a real gem and unique to the entire area. Also, tying Fallen Leaf Lake Park to LaCamas Lake Park (with better pedestrian access between the parks) would leverage these two recreational assets.
- The blackbeerys have overran my yard from the city's greenspace. You need to buy goats to keep the greenspaces trimmed back in a ecological manner. It will save a huge amount of money while being earth friendly. Team up with the local 4H and it will be a win-win scenerio.
- I think getting rid of the outdoor pool would be an absolute tragedy. It is the only outdoor pool in the area and so cherished. Yes, it needs to be updated, but I think that the amount people use?would use it, far outweighs the cost. In addition, I think that another allocation of money should go to updating the playground equipment at Crown Park. I think we need equipment similar to Grass Valley. If Crown Park is supposed to be our "main" camas park

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- (near downtown and where many events are held) we really need updated equipment and bathroom facilities. I know lots of families that actually live downtown will travel up to Grass Valley to play. I think that is not what we want. I have lots of other ideas but will leave it at that as those are my main concerns.
- Forest Home Road needs a pedestrian/bike path really bad. This road should be on the priority list when Camas moves forward with planning future trails. Also, Camas Parks/Rec Dept does a great job!
 - Priorities: Camas desperately needs an indoor, accessible, flexible multi-lane swimming pool. 1) Two indoor swimming pools needed in same facility (one multi-lanes-only, one play pool for kids); if only one pool is possible, default to a multi-lanes pool which is more flexible; design & construct a wheelchair ramp into pool to facilitate broadest spectrum of citizen-users; 2) Consider putting a horsepower limit on boats on Lacamas Lake to increase safety and preserve recreation opportunities for everyone (we've almost been run over by speedboats when we were kayaking!); 3) More paved nature trails are needed to provide recreational access for citizens with disabilities; 4) Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. We love and appreciate the wonderful recreational facilities and events (concerts etc.) Camas provides!!!
 - We don't need any more soccer fields. Indoor tennis and more lit courts would be nice too ... just like Lake Oswego. Thanks!
 - We NEED turf fields for soccer/baseball. Soccer is a huge sport in this area, let's give the community some turf/lighted soccer fields that can be used year round. We could also use basketball courts as well. Hiking and biking is also popular with few choices.
 - I really love the easy access I have to many parks and nature areas close to my house. Some of them I won't use by myself (I'm a woman) because the paths are narrow and crowded with shrubbery, and it would be too easy to be taken by surprise. On the other hand, I love nature walks - just have to wait until I have a group to do it with. I think the park service does offer some organized walks? I've never participated, but I should look into that. I don't subscribe to the paper anymore, so your social media/website info and e-mails are the way I follow what's going on with parks.
 - Love the outdoor focus of your kids summer camps!
 - I think the downtown would be vastly improved if we had nearby access (walking distance) to the river. It is a shame that fishermen come every year to fish the Camas Slough and they don't even have a place to park. I wish Haag & Shaw could be enticed to move to a different location so that area could be made into a riverfront park. In addition, we need a smaller downtown park or plaza so that we don't constantly have to use street closures to hold events.

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- Pedestrians are sometimes overrun by mountain bikers at Lacamas Park--not sure how to address this, but perhaps some signage? Off leash dogs are a real problem at Lacamas Park. Can animal control do some enforcement/education periodically to deter off leash behavior?It would be great to label the trail for Woodburn Falls.I would love to see some community gardens in Camas, perhaps in conjunction with a senior center, school, or dog park. There needs to be better connectivity for pedestrians, especially on Everett between downtown and Lacamas Park (and further north on Everett) and between the park and the new community center (will a sidewalk be added there where it is just shoulder now?)If the SE corner of Parker and 38th is ever developed, it needs to have walking trails that connect businesses to the Parker Estates neighborhood. There should also be pedestrian trails that connect this neighborhood to 38th so that kids could walk to school at GVE. It is critical to build pedestrian access into all development so that it is easy to walk places. This is a critical public health measure for the community. Another area that is in desperate need of a sidewalk is the stretch on 38th between Parker and the new construction at Fishers Ct/Bybee area. This would allow pedestrian/safe bike connection from 192nd shops/restaurants to Parker and Holly Hills neighborhoods.
- we have tried several camps, usually during summer but they do not tend to interest my kids very long and they do not want to repeat them the next year. it would be nice to have a camp that didn't feel like it was mostly for babysitting purposes, even if it cost more.
- My family and friends would spend more of our time in Camas if there were options (recreation/entertainment) near the river. It's so sad that we are on the Columbia and nothing central to Camas is river dependent...except the mill. Seems like such a waste of location.
- The pathways within Lacamas park are lacking maintenance. Three large piles of gravel were placed there over a year ago to be used, I'm guessing, on updating the paths and limit erosion - which needed the maintenance at that time. Much erosion is happening and the piles still sit there - undistributed/wasted.
- I appreciate our parks and trails and use them often. We need a community pool. We enjoy the Crown Park pool all summer even though we belong to a club. In addition to maintaining current parks and fields we need to acquire land for future parks. Organizations using the fields should pay for use. Thanks for keeping up our parks!
- I take my grand kids to the parks weekly. I have heard rumors of drug users and homeless camps near parks. This makes me concerned.
- A water playground would be great. I spent this last summer driving to various locations in Vancouver and Portland in search of a safe water activity for my children. I think that the pool at Lacamas Swim and Sport is an adequate and reasonably priced option for the community, so if the crown

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park pool was retired that space would be a viable location for a water playground.

- The city has property for a park off 24th Ave and Maryland. I would like to see that developed. The city needs a pool that is open longer, either all summer or an indoor year round pool for families.
- We would love to see more park/nature areas in Camas and less residential/commercial growth. We know that parks generally do not generate revenue, as residential and commercial do, but they increase the quality of life. We are seeing more and more trees and green space areas rapidly disappearing. Our fear is that Camas will soon become another Vancouver. Please don't let this happen!
- Firstenburg Center is a great example of a rec center. Camas needs to get on board and follow suit!!!!
- I love all the trails. What could I do to help with trail signage, maps and connecting existing trails?
- I wonder if your dept has any say in buffering neighborhoods with natural space? If so, this would definitely tie in with #30 & Preserve & enhance the quality of life in Camas.
- To Preserve the quality of life, especially for Lacamas Lake, I'd like to see a volunteer water monitoring program established by the city since the County has very little funds and involvement in maintaining a program. A localized volunteer program for the city of Camas would ensure the lake is monitored – for safety and to possibly help preserve the lake health for future generations to enjoy).
- Allow for parks to be reserved, willing to pay a fee. The first come first serve system does not work. It is unreliable. Residents are left having to pay a very high fee at private businesses for parties etc, because you cannot risk not getting a spot at a park.
- Recreation programs for families and children are great, and prices are a very good value, and at a good point for the average family. Parks are well designed and maintained in the area I live in. Loved the program in summer 2012 encouraging hiking of the different trails, we saw places we had never known about before! Really happy with the job you are doing.
- Camas has lots of trails and parks. Camas could use an outdoor sports complex that could host baseball and soccer tournaments.
- Would love to see the Crown Park Pool turned into an indoor pool, something like a down scaled firstenburg. It would be the icing in the cake of a great community already!
- Lacamas Park is a gem that should be maintained.
- Thank you for asking...good luck!

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- I think it is great that Camas has an outdoor pool. I would love to have an indoor pool for exercise and recreation available. Not sure how to access scholarships for activities if families cannot afford them, but I know we have kids in our community who would benefit from this!
- We have a very large population of Special needs kids due to the excellent school programs available here, but the only sport program available to them is short season soccer and spring baseball. I would very much like to see more social activities available for these special kiddos. Basketball, swimming courses social activities, maybe even a church program or youth group available at their level.
- Require all sports organizations that use the cities facilities to assist with maintaining and enhancing them
- I wish there could be something done about Camas Little League taking all of the fields in Camas. It is unfair to the Camas kids that live in Camas and go to schools in Camas but happen to live a block from the boundary. This is why I checked the "encourage cooperation among various partners and agencies". Thank you.
- moved here in 1997 because of Lacamas Lake Parknever regretted that decision.
- Please prioritize developing parks that have been planned for long time near neighborhoods that have many children and no park access (ie. park designated at Brady and NW 24th Circle)² Please watch that clear cutting doesn't happen for development (ie. Maryland and NW 24th) Development is fine but some natural areas/ trees should have been kept. This is an ugly eyesore for Camas that could have been avoided without loss of beauty, wildlife habitat and quality of life.³ Dog park badly needed in Camas
- We need more off leash dog areas
- There has been so much development off of Lake road that we no longer have a wildlife corridor. No more coyotes which has resulted in an explosion in rabbit population. The density and lack of connections between trails indicates a planning problem between the recreation dept and developers. Please try to keep the "rural" feel in the developed areas of Camas. Preserve the wetlands and encourage people to see them for the urban buffer and wildlife habitat they are. Maybe consider a raised trail with informational viewpoints? Easy to do near grasslands park. Make the baseball and soccer folks pay for their usage.
- We love the concerts at Crown Park. Please keep them coming. Kevin Selfe & the Tornados was our favorite this year.
- Regarding programs / facilities for seniors (I'm one), it appears that there are ample opportunities to do interesting stuff. I think the gaming trips, nature walks, etc. are great for those who enjoys that kind of thing and should be maintained for their sake. I and my wife do not (currently) participate for two

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main reasons: we already have a rich and rewarding life style, and we, over the years, have been fortunate to enjoy good health and very frequent, consistent & rigorous physical activities (jogging, hiking, camping, gardening, weight lifting, stretching, etc.) which eliminate the necessity to go to a specific facility (ies) and maintain fitness in a group. I guess we are sort of loners in that respect, but also hope these programs are still around in a few years when they will be more appealing. Thanks

- Why not have a community center within the building you are building at the Lacamas Lake. I realize the costs involved, but you can build part of the center. You do not have to build all at once.
- Connecting the existing trails would be my choice for top priority! It would be so nice to safely get between trails and neighborhoods.
- Thank you for encouraging public involvement with this!
- We need indoor Tennis courts in our city.
- I love living in Camas! I'm so happy I moved here three years ago. Please continue to offer activities for the children in our community.
- I love this city and am so proud of the thought and care that goes into improving the recreational facilities here. There is no better place to live. Keep up the good work.
- Overall I think Camas is doing a good job in maintaining the open space. May be adding a multi use community center like the Fristenburg.
- It would have been more helpful to have this survey before the 'lodge-like' community center broke ground at Lacamas Lake.
- Please don't retire the pool at Crown Park without repairing or replacing it! It wouldn't be summer without swim lessons at Crown Park. So much tradition! And it's nice to have an OUTDOOR pool in the summer - a difficult thing to find here in the Pacific NW!
- I think the city is doing a great job and I feel lucky to live in such a great community. I would feel even luckier if the city developed a splash park or a new city pool, that would be great!!
- Bike racks to secure bikes are needed on the Lacamas Lake trails/ends! (HAvE raised this issue before :)
- We do not have enough sports fields for the community leagues (soccer, football, softball, baseball, etc.). We need more fields. Given our wet weather, we need to have some turf fields to maximize field use. We also should consider teaming with school district to build an indoor swimming pool. CHS swim team does not have a good option for pool moving forward.
- While we have it generally good, we are still using old and outdated thinking for our parks and plans. We spend money on bad high maintenance landscaping. We cater to certain sports groups and deny other

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community members. We terrorize dog owners but let cats run free. We treat the Parks Commission like a private politburo. Time for fresh looks, fresh thinking, etc.

- The litter at Cottonwood Beach is appalling. What can the City do to monitor this?
- We have many small children in our neighborhood (Drews Farm). We have very limited recreation in walking distance. There is a park at Crown Park and at Dorothy Fox, but the road is very busy to get to those parks and the sidewalks are not very safe. I hope that the city of Camas will consider developing the park in our neighborhood to provide additional recreation opportunities for the families in our area. Our neighborhood association is willing to partner with the city of Camas.



City of Camas Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update: Community Recreation Questionnaire

Dear Resident:

The City of Camas is updating its plan for parks, open space, trails and other recreation facilities. The plan will guide the ongoing development of the City's park system, recreation programs and natural open spaces. We would like your input to help us determine what types of recreation facilities and services should be provided in the future.

Would you please help us by taking a few minutes to answer the following questions. Each member of your household is asked to fill out a questionnaire.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Acheson, Parks and Recreation Manager, at: JAcheson@cityofcamas.us, or by phone at: 834-5307. Thank you for your time and help.

Scott Higgins
Mayor - City of Camas

First, please tell us about yourself.

1. Do you live or work in Camas?
Place an 'X' over the general location on the map at right.
Otherwise, leave blank.
2. If you live in Camas, how long have you lived here?
 - ☐ 3 years or less
 - ☐ 4-6 years
 - ☐ 7-10 years
 - ☐ 11-19 years
 - ☐ 20+ years
 - ☐ I don't live in Camas.



3. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44

- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65+

- #### 4. Male or Female?

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Next, please tell us how you feel about the City's parks.

5. How important are parks, open space and recreation opportunities to the overall quality of life in Camas?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not very important
- ☐ Not at all important
- ☐ Don't Know

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

Park/Park Type	Frequently (Once a week or more)	Sometimes (1-2 times a month)	Rarely (Less than 5 times a year)	Never
Sports Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developed Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural Open Space & Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waterfront Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School Playgrounds & Indoor Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crown Park swimming pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camas Community Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. What are the primary reasons that you use parks in Camas? (Please check your top 2 choices)

- ☐ Enjoy the outdoors or nature
- ☐ Use a specific facility at a park
- ☐ Play sports
- ☐ Picnic and general leisure activities
- ☐ Walk or bike for exercise

- ☐ Meet friends
- ☐ Participate in family activities
- ☐ Attend special events/concerts/movies
- ☐ Don't use parks

8. If you seldom use or do not use the parks in Camas, what are your reasons? *(Please check your top 2 choices)*
- ☐ Not interested/No time
 - ☐ Feel unsafe
 - ☐ Lack of facilities
 - ☐ Poorly maintained
 - ☐ Too far away/not conveniently located
 - ☐ Do not have transportation
 - ☐ Don't know where they are
 - ☐ Don't know what's available
 - ☐ Too crowded
 - ☐ None of the above
9. How would you rate the general upkeep and maintenance of the existing parks in Camas? *(Please check only one)*
- ☐ Excellent
 - ☐ Good
 - ☐ Adequate
 - ☐ Ok
 - ☐ Poor
 - ☐ Don't Know
10. How would you rate the importance of natural open space to the community? *(Please check only one)*
- ☐ Very important
 - ☐ Important
 - ☐ Somewhat important
 - ☐ Not very important
 - ☐ Not at all important
 - ☐ Don't Know
11. How should natural areas be used? *(Please select one choice)*
- ☐ No public use (preserved for wildlife habitat)
 - ☐ Limited public use (trails, viewpoints, etc.)
 - ☐ Semi-active recreational use (picnicking, playgrounds, etc.)
 - ☐ Combination of the above
 - ☐ Depends on the site
12. How often do you participate in recreation activities in Camas or elsewhere? The following list shows the most popular activities identified during the 2007 Plan Update. For each activity in which you participate, please select the response that most closely represents how often you participate when the activity is in season. *(Note: options continue on following page)*

Recreation Activity	Frequency of Participation				
	1 time a week or less	2 times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	Almost daily
Reading for pleasure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking for pleasure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exercising/Aerobics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gardening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Bird watching/feeding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature walks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bicycling for pleasure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playground (visit/play)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jogging/Running	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming (pool)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and crafts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soccer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming (beach/river)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beach activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife watching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fairs and festivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hiking/Backpacking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Baseball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concerts (attend)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Photography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boating (power)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other:					

13. Select the 5 activities you would like to do most. The following list shows the most popular activities identified during the 2007 Plan Update. *Assume you have the time, money, and transportation to do whichever 5 activities you want.*

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| <input type="radio"/> Reading for pleasure | <input type="radio"/> Beach activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Walking for pleasure | <input type="radio"/> Wildlife watching |
| <input type="radio"/> Exercising/Aerobics | <input type="radio"/> Fairs and festivals |
| <input type="radio"/> Gardening | <input type="radio"/> Hiking/Backpacking |
| <input type="radio"/> Bird watching/feeding | <input type="radio"/> Baseball |
| <input type="radio"/> Nature walks | <input type="radio"/> Concerts (attend) |
| <input type="radio"/> Bicycling for pleasure | <input type="radio"/> Picnicking |
| <input type="radio"/> Playground (visit/play) | <input type="radio"/> Golf |
| <input type="radio"/> Jogging/Running | <input type="radio"/> Photography |
| <input type="radio"/> Swimming (pool) | <input type="radio"/> Fishing |
| <input type="radio"/> Arts and crafts | <input type="radio"/> Boating (power) |
| <input type="radio"/> Soccer | <input type="radio"/> Basketball |
| <input type="radio"/> Swimming (beach/river) | <input type="radio"/> Other: |

Please tell us your opinion about City recreational programs and special events.

14. Do you participate in recreation, cultural, senior or sports programs offered by the City of Camas?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

15. If you participated in services and programs offered by the City of Camas, how did you learn about them? *(Please select all that apply)*

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| <input type="radio"/> From the City's program guide | <input type="radio"/> Posters/Flyers/Banners |
| <input type="radio"/> From the local newspaper | <input type="radio"/> Information distributed at schools |
| <input type="radio"/> From friends or word of mouth | <input type="radio"/> Website/Facebook |

16. If you do not participate in recreation or sports programs offered by the City of Camas, what are your reasons? *(Please select all that apply)*

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| <input type="radio"/> Not aware of programs | <input type="radio"/> Classes or programs are full |
| <input type="radio"/> Don't have activities I'm interested in | <input type="radio"/> Need child care in order to participate |
| <input type="radio"/> Poor quality of programs | <input type="radio"/> Too busy/no time |
| <input type="radio"/> Held at inconvenient times | <input type="radio"/> Lack of transportation |
| <input type="radio"/> Held at inconvenient locations | <input type="radio"/> Too expensive |

17. What are the most convenient program times for you and others in your household? *(Please select your top 2 choices)*

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| <input type="radio"/> Weekday mornings | <input type="radio"/> Weekend afternoons |
| <input type="radio"/> Weekday afternoons | <input type="radio"/> Weekend evenings |
| <input type="radio"/> Weekday evenings | <input type="radio"/> Drop-in formats, rather than on-going activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Weekend mornings | |

18. What additional recreation programs do you feel Camas should offer? *(Please select all that apply)*

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| <input type="radio"/> Outdoor/Environmental programs | <input type="radio"/> Arts (drama, painting, etc.) |
| <input type="radio"/> Aquatic programs | <input type="radio"/> Before and after school programs |
| <input type="radio"/> General interest classes (music lessons, computers) | <input type="radio"/> Fitness classes (aerobics, yoga, etc.) |
| <input type="radio"/> Special events (concerts in the park, festivals, movies) | <input type="radio"/> Drop-in activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Sports (Baseball, Ultimate Frisbee) | <input type="radio"/> No additional programs are needed |

19. Which groups are underserved by current recreation services? *(Please select your top 2 choices)*

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| <input type="radio"/> Preschoolers | <input type="radio"/> Seniors |
| <input type="radio"/> Elementary youth | <input type="radio"/> Families |
| <input type="radio"/> Middle school youth | <input type="radio"/> People from diverse cultures |
| <input type="radio"/> High school youth | <input type="radio"/> People with disabilities |
| <input type="radio"/> Adults | <input type="radio"/> All groups are served adequately |

20. What role should the City assume in organized youth sports and sports facilities? *(Please select one)*

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

21. How would you rate the recreation activities and programs provided by the City of Camas? *(Please select one)*

- ☐ Excellent. There are many opportunities to do all or most of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- ☐ Very Good. There are several opportunities to do many of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- ☐ Satisfactory. There are some opportunities to do the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- ☐ Not very good. There are a few opportunities to do the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- ☐ Totally inadequate. There are no opportunities to do any of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- ☐ Not sure. I don't know what is offered.

Please tell us about future improvements to the system.

22. How can the Camas park system be improved? *(Please select your top 2 choices)*

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

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

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

24. What facilities would you most like to see in an indoor recreation center? *(Please select your top 2 choices)*

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| <input type="radio"/> Multi-use gymnasium | <input type="radio"/> Space for teen activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Weight room/fitness room | <input type="radio"/> Space for senior activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Aerobics/exercise classrooms | <input type="radio"/> Childcare |
| <input type="radio"/> Indoor swimming pool | <input type="radio"/> Meeting rooms/classrooms |
| <input type="radio"/> Large multi-purpose/reception room | |

25. The Crown Park pool is aging and has outlasted its intended lifespan. Which option is best for the future of the pool?

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| <input type="radio"/> Retire the pool (least cost) | <input type="radio"/> Provide an indoor pool at another location (high cost) |
| <input type="radio"/> Fix or repair the pool (moderate short-term cost) | <input type="radio"/> No opinion |
| <input type="radio"/> Provide a replacement pool at Crown Park (high cost) | |

26. Existing sports fields are heavily used and the City will have to consider field scheduling. Should the City require a fee for organized sports teams to help cover the cost of field scheduling and maintenance?

- ☐ Definitely
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ Not sure/need more information
- ☐ No (City would be required to find funding elsewhere)

Please tell us how you feel about the City's trails.

27. What type of trails/pathways should have the highest priority in Camas? *(Please select your top 2 choices)*

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| <input type="radio"/> Trails that link neighborhoods with community destinations | <input type="radio"/> Paved trails for walking, biking, etc. |
| <input type="radio"/> Nature trails (pedestrians only) | <input type="radio"/> Trails that link with other existing trails |
| <input type="radio"/> Trails that extend long distances (5+ miles) | <input type="radio"/> None of the above |
| <input type="radio"/> Trails designed for mountain biking | |

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

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| <input type="radio"/> Too far away, not conveniently located | <input type="radio"/> Conflicts with other types of trail users |
| <input type="radio"/> Lack of trails and connections | <input type="radio"/> Don't know where they are located |
| <input type="radio"/> Feel unsafe | <input type="radio"/> Not interested in using trails |
| <input type="radio"/> Poorly maintained | <input type="radio"/> None of the above |

29. What are the primary reasons to develop more trails in Camas? *(Please select your top 2 choices)*

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|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Increase non-motorized transportation options | <input type="radio"/> Exercise |
| <input type="radio"/> Experience nature | <input type="radio"/> Recreation |
| <input type="radio"/> Improve children's access to schools | <input type="radio"/> No additional trails are needed |

Finally, please tell us about your priorities for the future system.

30. The City's existing plan is based on the following nine primary goals for the park system. Thinking about the future of this system, please select your top two priorities. *(Please select your top 2 choices)*

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| <input type="radio"/> Preserve and enhance the quality of life. | <input type="radio"/> Create an efficient and cost effective system. |
| <input type="radio"/> Meet the recreational needs of the community. | <input type="radio"/> Encourage cooperation among various partners and agencies. |
| <input type="radio"/> Develop a network of natural open space. | <input type="radio"/> Provide diverse recreation programs. |
| <input type="radio"/> Provide a pedestrian and bicyclist trail network. | <input type="radio"/> Encourage public input and involvement. |
| <input type="radio"/> Provide high quality recreation facilities. | |

31. Is there anything else that you would like us to know?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire!

To find out more about the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan go to the City of Camas' website at www.cityofcamas.us. After this questionnaire effort is complete, results will be available at the project website.

Please return this questionnaire to:

City of Camas Parks & Recreation Department
Attention: Krista Bashaw
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APPENDIX B:

DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES



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DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

Design and development guidelines are intended to provide planning and site programming guidance and direction. However, every site is different, and every neighborhood is different. The guidelines are not intended to override site specific concerns or judgments. For example, during the design of a specific park, if community preferences differ from the guidelines but are consistent with park function and the overall guidance of the Plan, citizen preferences should take precedence.

For each park classification, a description of the classification, considerations for site selection, features to provide, amenities to consider, and features to avoid (if any) are described.

I. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Definition: Neighborhood parks provide close-to-home recreation opportunities. These parks provide both active and passive recreation opportunities for people living within approximately one-half mile of the park. Typical facilities found in a neighborhood park include playground equipment, picnic areas, open grass areas for passive use, outdoor basketball courts, and multi-use open grass areas for practice field sports. Neighborhood parks in Camas often include sports fields such as soccer or baseball. Grass Valley Park and Goot Park are examples of typical neighborhood parks in Camas. Neighborhood parks should be located and designed based on the scale and type of surrounding uses. During site master planning, parks in locations with higher residential density should be designed with more resilient features and facilities that can withstand more intensive use.

Site Selection and Design:

- Neighborhood park sites should be 5 to 10 acres in size. The minimum size for neighborhood parks is 3 acres when land constraints do not allow a larger site.
- At least 50% of a neighborhood park site should be suitable for active uses.
- The site should have good visibility from surrounding streets and have a minimum of 200' of street frontage.

- The site should be relatively central to the area it is intended to serve (within about ½ mile of the intended users).
- The site should be accessible by walking, bicycling, or driving. Connections to the community trail network should be provided, where possible, to facilitate walking and bicycling. Sidewalks should be provided.

Recommended Park Features to Include:¹

- Playground equipment
- Picnic area with shelter
- Open lawn area, minimum 75' x 100'
- Multi-use field intended for practices and informal games
- Paved courts (minimum 1 basketball or 2 tennis courts)
- Interior accessible path (paved route connecting all site elements)
- Water fountain
- Site furnishings (benches, picnic tables, bicycle racks, trash receptacles, signs, etc.)
- Restrooms (permanent structure)
- Parking should be provided on a neighborhood scale, minimizing additional impacts to neighbors. On-street parking is preferred.

Additional Park Features to Consider:

- Sports fields for baseball, softball, or soccer (artificial turf and field lighting subject to site conditions)
- Skate park or skate facilities
- Sand or grass volleyball courts
- Other sporting facilities (horseshoes, bocce, lawn bowling, etc.)
- Water playground
- Community gardens
- Off-leash dog area
- Natural area interpretation (if features are present on the site)

¹ Pending site conditions and master planning.

- Other features in keeping with the function of neighborhood parks

Park Features to Avoid:

- Regional-scale facilities (large sports complex, community center, etc.)

II. SPECIAL USE AREAS

Definition: Special use areas are sites that are occupied by a specialized facility or that fulfill a specialized purpose. Some uses that fall into this park type include waterfront parks, boat ramps, interpretive centers, botanical gardens, community gardens, single purpose sites used for a particular field sport or sites that offer indoor recreation opportunities. Fallen Leaf Park and the Camas Community center are examples of special-use areas in Camas.

Site Selection:

- Site size should be adequate to support the proposed specialized use, as well as necessary supporting facilities, including parking, stormwater management, etc.
- Site selection criteria will be dependent on the specific specialized use proposed, and may include criteria determined through an economic feasibility study.
- The site should be accessible from the communitywide trail system.
- Prior to the addition of any special use areas, the City should prepare a detailed cost/benefit analysis and maintenance impact statement for each proposed site being considered.

Minimum Park Features to Include:²

- Specialized use facility (indoor or outdoor)
- Site furnishings (benches, picnic tables, bicycle racks, trash receptacles, signs, etc.) appropriate for the intended scale and use of the park
- Restrooms (permanent structure)
- Parking, on or off-street

Additional Park Features to Consider:

- Additional features and amenities that support the primary special use on the site. These could include
 - Playground equipment
 - Open lawn area
 - Picnic area with shelter

² Pending site conditions and master planning.

- Multi-use fields
- Sports fields for baseball, softball, or soccer designed for intensive use, including formal practices, games and tournaments.
- Skate park or skate facilities
- Sand or grass volleyball courts
- Other sporting facilities (horseshoes, bocce, lawn bowling, etc.)
- Water playground
- Community gardens
- Off-leash dog area
- Natural area interpretation (if features are present on the site)
- Concessions, vendor, or lease space

Park Features to Avoid:

- Features that conflict with or detract from the site's specialized use.

III. NATURAL OPEN SPACE AREAS

Definition: Natural open space is defined as undeveloped land primarily left in its natural form with passive recreation use as a secondary objective. It is usually owned or managed by a governmental agency and may or may not have public access. This type of land often includes wetlands, steep hillsides or other similar undevelopable spaces. In some cases, environmentally sensitive areas are considered as open space and may include wildlife habitats, stream and creek corridors, or unique and/or endangered plant species. There are currently a number of natural open space areas with a variety of functions and landforms in Camas.

Site Selection:

- Site size should be based on natural resource and connectivity needs.
- Public use of natural open space sites should be encouraged through trails, viewpoints, and other features, but environmentally sensitive areas should be protected.
- The site should have access to a public street, to public land, or contribute to the planned open space network.
- Features in natural open space areas should be limited to those appropriate for the numbers and types of visitors the area can accommodate, while retaining its resource value, natural character, and the intended level of solitude.

Minimum Park Features to Include:

- Trails
- Site furnishings (benches, picnic tables, bicycle racks, trash receptacles, signs, etc.) appropriate for the intended scale and use of the natural area

Additional Park Features to Consider:

- Trailhead or entry kiosk
- Interpretive signage or exhibits
- Viewpoints
- Parking, on or off-street
- Restrooms
- Picnic area with shelter
- Outdoor classroom/gathering space
- Interpretive center or building
- Environmental restoration areas

Park Features to Avoid:

- Features that conflict with or detract from the site's natural resources, such as turf, ornamental plantings, and active uses such as sports fields.

IV. TRAIL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The Trail Development Standards accompany the recommended trail segment descriptions listed in Chapter Four of the PROS Plan and shown on the Trail System Concept Map. The proposed system includes both paved and unpaved trails, under the City's ownership or managed by other jurisdictions or private entities.

For proposed trails located within Camas, the City will accept, acquire, own and maintain the trail and its related right-of-way. On recommendation of the Parks Commission, and approval of the City Council, the City may additionally, in the future, recognize other trails for inclusion in the City-owned and maintained system. As trails and open space are reviewed for inclusion in the City-owned and maintained systems, cost of maintenance is a factor to be considered in the review.

Trail right-of-way and trail width and surfacing will vary, depending on the unique conditions of each trail segment. Unless otherwise specified, interpretation of these standards is intentionally flexible to allow for site conditions such as right-of-way or easement width, steep slopes, setbacks and environmentally sensitive areas.

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

General Trail Development Policies

- 1) The Camas trail network is designed to meet multiple objectives, providing recreation as well as active transportation for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- 2) Whenever possible, the trails depicted on the Draft Trails System Concept Map should not be a part of a street roadway. Where routes use existing streets, the pathway should be designed to minimize potential conflicts between motorists and trail users through the use of both physical separation distance and landscaping.
- 3) The trail network should be aligned to maximize the number and diversity of enjoyable viewing opportunities, to increase user enjoyment and provide multiple benefits.

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

Trail Classifications

The four classifications of trails include: Regional, Local, Rustic, and Semi-Primitive. A primary distinguishing feature of City-owned trails is that these trails predominantly serve community-wide and regional purposes and receive this level of use. Local and secondary trails generally serve a local scale, at the neighborhood level. Such local and secondary trails will generally be owned and maintained by Homeowners Associations. While Regional and Local trails are designed as multiple use trails, Rustic and Semi-Primitive trails can be designed as single use trails.

A detailed description of each of these classifications follows on subsequent pages.

1A. Regional Trail

This trail type is designed to accommodate multiple uses (walking, running, bicycling) and connect to adjoining jurisdictions or destinations. The surfacing should be a minimum of 12 feet wide and be constructed of a hard surface material such as asphalt or concrete. Exceptions to surfacing materials may occur to mitigate impacts to critical or sensitive areas. Equestrian use could be permitted if an additional unpaved shoulder area is provided. The right-of-way required for regional trails should be 26 to 52 feet, depending on their location and surroundings. This type of trail is typically located off roadway surfaces and within its own corridor. A diagram of this trail standard is located in Figure B1.

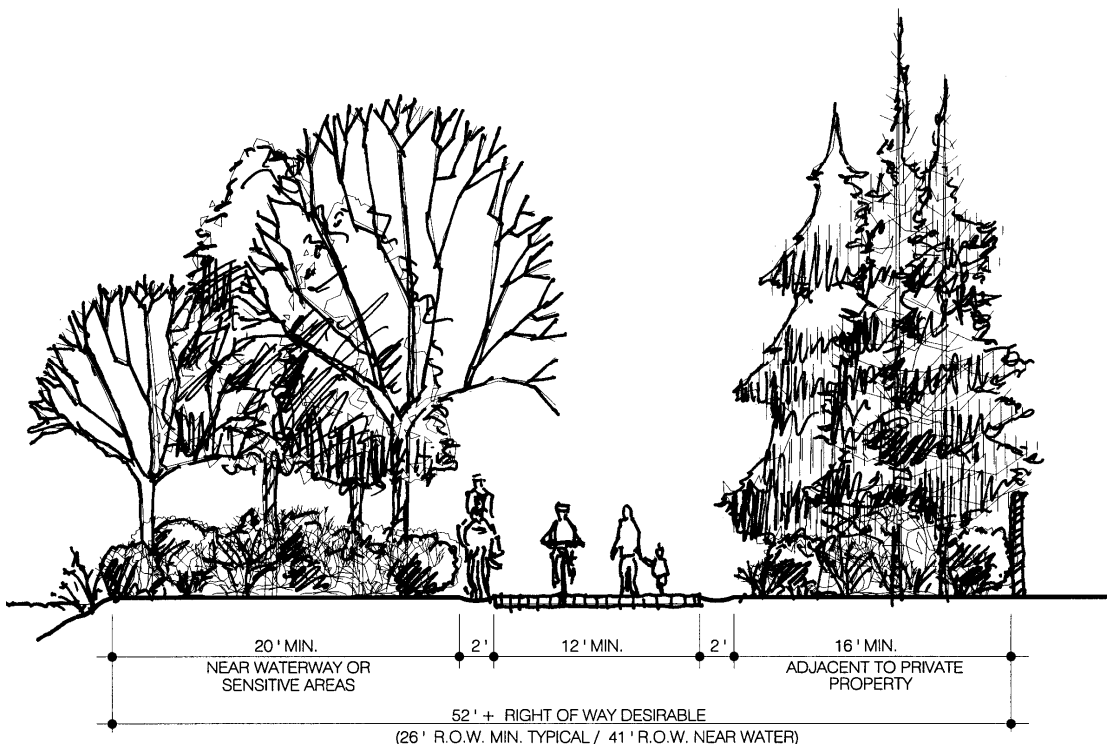


Figure B1
Section of Typical Regional Trail
(Class 1A)

2A. Local Trail

This trail type is designed to serve the local community and also provide access to the regional trail systems. It should be considered the “backbone” of the city’s trail network. The trail width should range from six to ten feet depending on the use and the terrain involved. It can be designed to accommodate the same uses listed for the regional trail. The surface for this type of trail may be paved or crushed aggregate depending on the use. Exceptions to surfacing materials may occur to mitigate impacts to critical or sensitive areas. The right of way for the local trail can range from 24 feet to 40 feet and can also be located on-road or off-road. Figure B2 is a typical configuration of a local trail.

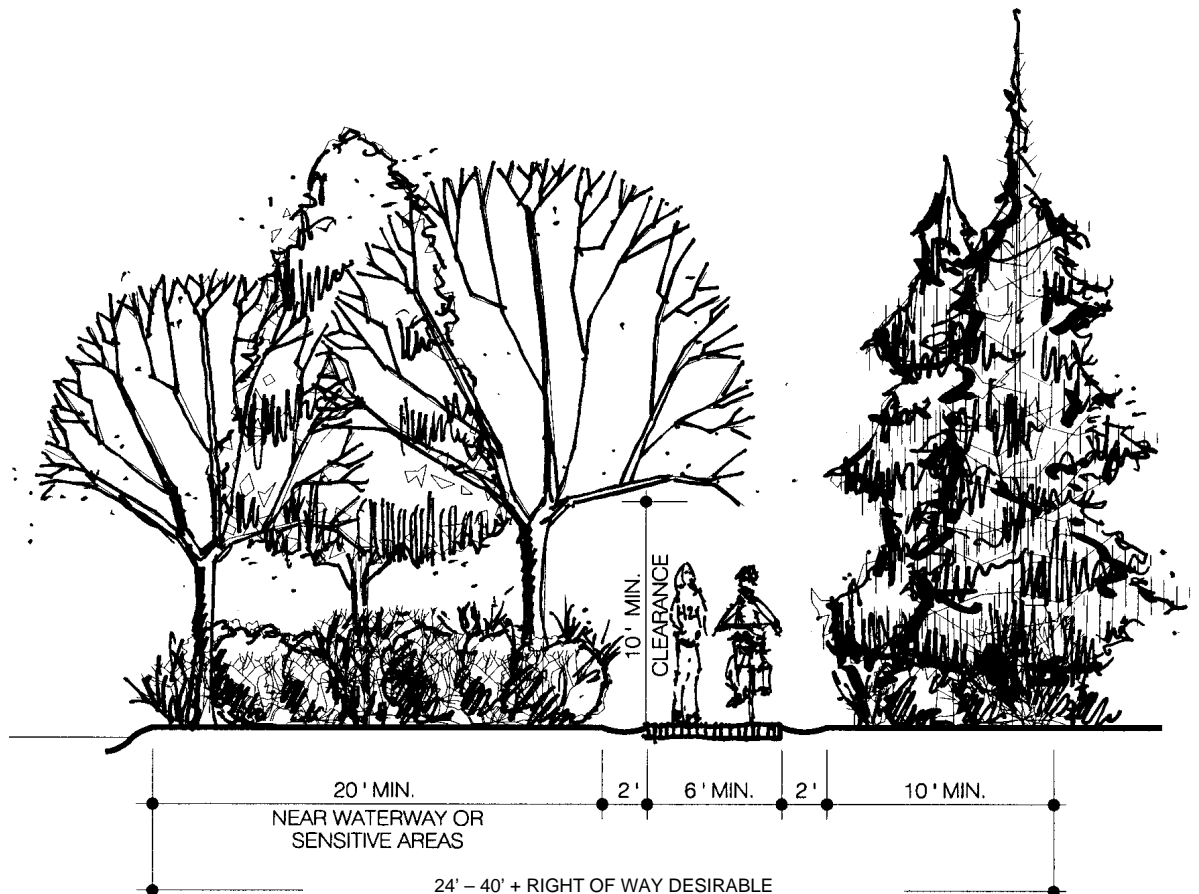


Figure B2
Section of Typical Local Trail
(Class 2A)

3. Rustic Trail

This trail type provides access to local trails, and is more neighborhood-oriented. These trails will act as collectors for neighborhoods or developments and provide links to the communitywide trail system and other adjoining destinations. The rustic trail should be a minimum of four feet wide and be surfaced with stable accessible surfacing. The primary uses of a rustic trail are intended to be walking, bicycling and equestrian. The right-of-way widths desired for the rustic trail can range from 24 feet to 30 feet or more. These trails are always off-road in nature. Figure B3 details this trail classification.

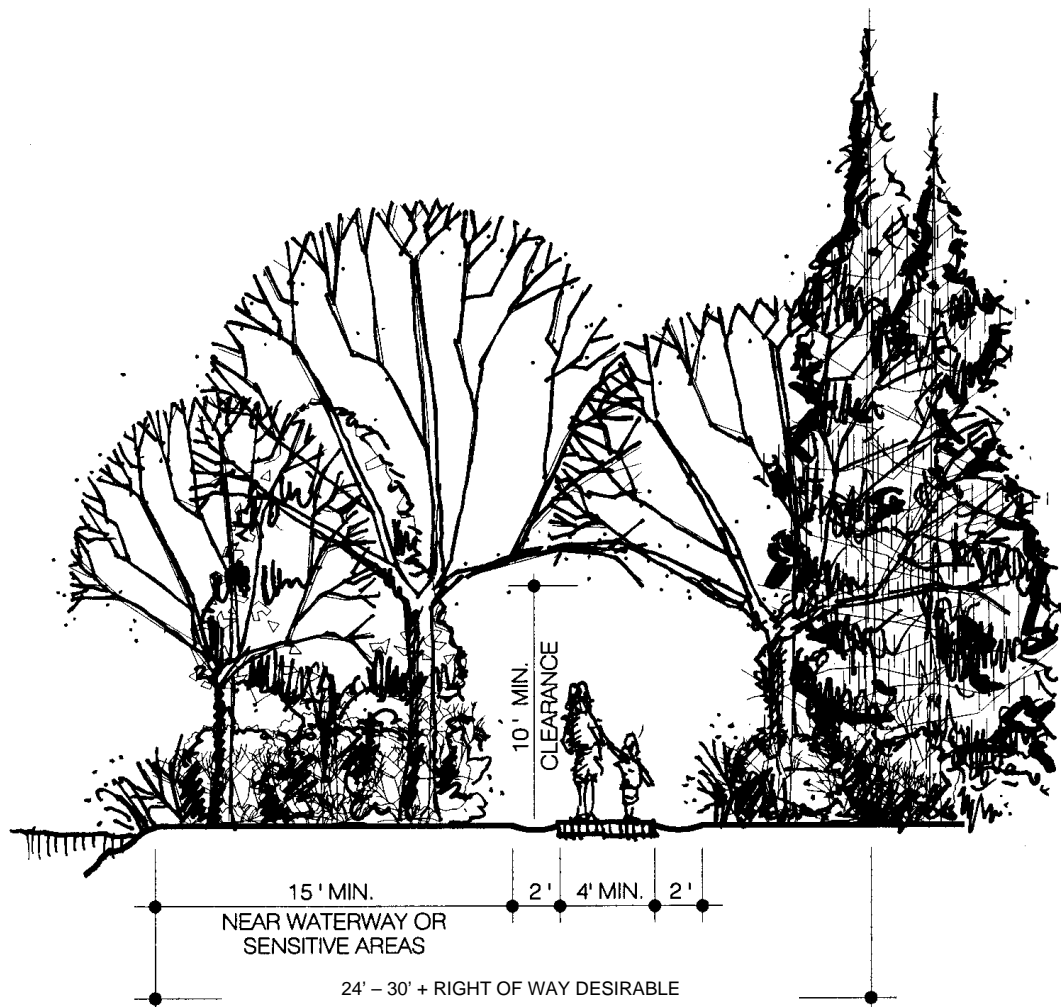


Figure B3
Section of Typical Rustic Trail
(Class 3)

4. Semi-Primitive Trail

This trail type is more specialized with regard to use, but it is more easily adaptable to the open space areas. It will serve in the more sensitive open space areas located within the city. It is designed to accommodate walkers, hikers, bicyclists, and equestrian users. It is typically two to four feet in width and is made up of compacted earth or other stable surfacing. The right-of-way width can range from ten to 20 feet. Typically, maintenance of these trails is minimal. Figure B4 below details the standards for this trail.

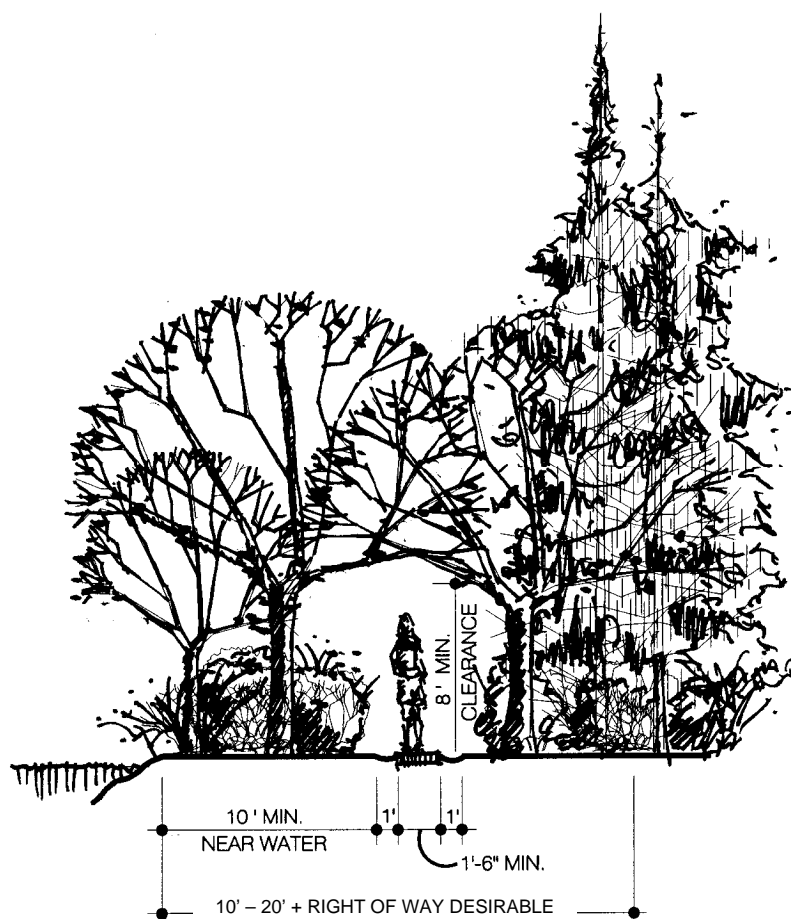


Figure B4
Section of Typical Semi-Primitive Trail
(Class 4)

Summary of Trail and Bikeway Standards

Table B1 summarizes trail standards by trail type. In addition to the trail classifications described previously, the table includes bike lane standards as specified the City's *Design Standard Manual* and *Clark County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan*.

Table B1
Summary of Trail/Bikeway Classifications

TRAIL TYPE	R.O.W. WIDTH	TRAIL/ FACILITY WIDTH	SURFACING	CLEARANCE
1A. Regional Multi-Use Trail	26' Min. (52' or more desired)	12' min.	paved asphalt or concrete	side: 2' min. height: 10' min.
1B. Regional Bike Lane	N/A	6' min.	paved asphalt or concrete	side: 2' min. height: 10' min.
2A. Local Trail	24-40' or more desired	6-10'	paved or stable, accessible surfacing	side: 2' min. height: 10' min.
2B. Local Bike Lane	N/A	4' min. (may not be striped)	paved asphalt or concrete	side: 2' min. height: 10' min.
3. Rustic Trail Trail	24-30' or more desired	4'+	stable, accessible surfacing	side: 2' min. height: 10' min.
4. Semi-Primitive Trail	10-20' or more desired	1.5'+	compacted earth or similar	side: 1' min. height: 8' min.
Accessible trails should not exceed a 1:12 (8.33%) running slope for more than 30% of the total length of the trail, or exceed more than a 1:8 (12%) running slope for any trail segment. Source: 2013 Outdoor Developed Area Guidelines, Architectural Barriers Act.				

Locating Trails in Sensitive (Critical) Areas

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

Trails in environmentally sensitive areas will need to be carefully and appropriately located and designed. Exceptions to the trail improvement standards set forth in this Plan may be authorized in sensitive areas consistent with current best practices. This document recommends a thorough review and assessment of existing and proposed trail corridors, and careful placement of trails within sensitive areas to aid in minimizing the impacts. Guidelines for determining the suitability of trail locations in sensitive areas include the following:

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

Trailheads

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

A. Primary Trailheads

Typically, primary trailheads will include:

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

B. Secondary Trailheads

Secondary trailhead will generally include:

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

Trailhead design will need to consider the need for utility connections and regular maintenance. Ongoing monthly and long term capital costs should be minimized through the use of labor saving design elements where ever possible.

V. TRAIL SAFETY

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

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

- **Open and Visible Trails:** If trail guidelines are followed, the resulting trails will provide open and visible corridors to both users and law enforcement personnel. Visibility increases a person's sense of safety.
- **Safe Design:** If deemed necessary, techniques such as emergency call boxes, lighting, security vehicle access, and landscaping can be designed can be installed to increase safety.
- **Reduction of Trail Conflicts:** A number of problems occur on multi-use trails where two types of users are interacting. Good design, signage, and awareness of trail etiquette all reduce problems associated with these conflicts.
- **Coordination with Public Safety:** By making area law enforcement and public safety officials aware of trail routes, trailheads, and potential problem areas, they can develop emergency response plans and a method of policing the area the most efficiently.
- **Bicycle Patrols:** These patrols, made up of police or volunteers, can provide security on the trails. In addition to safety, patrols can provide information, offer bicycle safety checks, and do other service duties. Overall, the most important part is providing "eyes" on the trail system to reduce potential problems.
- **Organized Programs:** The City can set up programs of volunteer guides to accompany those who wish to use a specific segment as a group. This can either be on a specific request basis or be integrated into the recreation programs. Organized programs, such as a special event nature walk, increase "eyes" on the trail.

- **Adopt-A-Trail Program:** Through an adopt-a-trail program, private groups, organizations, or individuals are encouraged to adopt trail segments or corridors by volunteering or providing donations for maintenance and development.
- **Neighborhood Trail Watch Program:** Through a neighborhood trail watch program, property owners adjacent to trails can be encouraged to monitor nearby trails and report maintenance or operation problems to the City, and to report vandalism or other inappropriate activity to the Police Department.