

Jefferson County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Board of Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

From: Monte Reinders, P.E., Public Works Director/County Engineer 

Agenda Date: August 22, 2022, 1:30pm

Subject: Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Comprehensive Plan Update Workshop

Statement of Issue: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (JCPRAB) and staff have prepared an update to the 2015 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Comprehensive Plan (PROS Plan). The update was formally recommended by the JCPRAB on August 4, 2022 and is ready for review by the BoCC in an afternoon workshop format.

Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's: The 2022 update of the 2015 PROS plan provides long range planning required by the GMA; qualifies Jefferson County to apply for Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grants, and is adopted by reference in the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan.

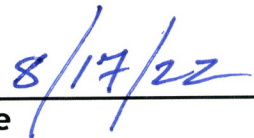
Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis: The valuable volunteer efforts of the JCPRAB made this plan possible including: updating the capital improvement plan, conducting parks tours, community involvement with individuals and organizational partners, and program evaluation. The only expense is previously budgeted staff time.

Recommendation: Review the updated plan, provide comments and suggestion in a workshop format.

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Reviewed By:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Comprehensive Plan

2022

The County Comprehensive Plan

- Divided into 'elements'
 - Land use element
 - Housing element
 - Capital facilities element
 - Utilities element
 - *Transportation element (active, non-motorized trails)*
 - Economic development element
 - *Parks, recreation, and open space element*
 - Rural element

Benefits of PROS/Trails Plan

- Coordinating
- Building consensus and prioritizing
- Detecting and responding to trends and issues
- Evaluation of existing parks, trails, rec, open space
- Building and defending budgets
- Ensuring continuity over time
- Providing opportunity for public involvement
- Being efficient and effective with limited resources
- *Qualifying for Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grants*

Update Process: 2022

- Starting point: 2015 plan
- JCPRAB 2015 to 2022
 - Public involvement
 - Capital planning
 - Evaluation
 - Policy recommendations
- Active transportation info, input and plans
- Parks and Rec Manager revision
- Public Works staff review
- Reformatting and proofreading
- JCPRAB June 1 and August 4
- BoCC Workshop and Public Hearing(s)

Highlighted Revisions

- Public Outreach
- Inventory
- Demographics
- Global climate change
- Pandemic
- CIP
- Increase use of references
- Trails, ODT, Tri-Area Active Transportation



Identified needs

- Activity specific facilities
 - Athletic fields
 - Playground improvements
 - Pickleball
 - Bicycle pump track
- Campgrounds
 - Adapt
 - Improve and expand
- Land bank
 - Chimacum/Hadlock/Irondale
 - Quilcene River



Identified needs

- Non Motorized Trails
 - Multi-use regional
 - Local/hyperlocal
 - Pedestrian/bicycle/horse
 - Mountain bike specific trails
- Forestry in existing parks
- ADA
- Outdoor event space
- Outdoor class/programs space



Park Use Summary

	Total Increase	Average Annual Increase
Toilets and Trash (2009-2019)	171%	17%
Road Counts (2009-2020)	229%	21%
Campgrounds (2009-2021)	191%	17%
Average	197%	18.28%

200% increase = 3 x busier

18% increase per year = use doubles every 4.2 years

Fundamental Message

- Meet the demand but stay strategic
 - We can't do everything, but we can lead
- Save what we have
 - Present clean beautiful parks everyday
 - Preventative maintenance
 - Outstanding rec programs
 - Continue capital repair and improvement
- Incrementally improve/enhance
 - Modify, replace, update, utilize, re-configure, adapt

JCPRAB Motion to Recommend Adoption

- *“The Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, having completed work over the last six years including: partner outreach, public input, park tours, an annual capital improvement plan update; as well as a process of reviewing the draft plan; and including input provided at this meeting, recommends the updated draft Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan dated August 4, 2022 for consideration and adoption by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. – Approved by Unanimous Vote of the JCPRAB on 8/4/22*

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