

NORTH BEND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

September 28, 2022, 6:30pm

North Bend City Hall

920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be held in-person at City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA.

A Zoom meeting link may be set up, upon request, should a member of the public or Parks Commission wish to attend remotely. Contact Senior Planner Mike McCarty at mmccarty@northbendwa.gov to request a Zoom link to attend the meeting remotely.

AGENDA:

1. 6:30 Call to order, opportunity for public comments
2. Minutes of June 15, 2023 Parks Commission meeting
3. 2022 Parks Survey Results – Review and discuss findings. Feedback prior to posting.
 - a. Survey opened September 1 and closes October 1.
 - b. 420 responses received as of September 21.
 - c. Review and discuss findings, as they relate to prioritizing park and trail improvements, and updates to the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
4. Updated Schedule for Parks Element Review and Public Outreach:
 - a. Parks Element Update webpage on City Website – release shortly, post survey results, initial draft Parks Element update, notice of Workshop.
 - b. October 26 - Parks Commission meeting – Public Workshop on Draft Parks Element and Capital Improvement Plan.
 - c. November 15 Parks Commission Meeting – Initial Parks Commission recommendation.
 - d. January 12, 2023 – Joint meeting and Public Hearing with Planning Commission based on Parks Commission recommendation.
 - e. January 26, 2023 – Joint Planning Commission and Parks Commission recommendation
 - f. February 2023 – Council Workstudy on Parks Element Updates
 - g. March 2023 – Resolution for Council adoption when rest of Comp Plan is ready via later Ordinance.
5. Initial Parks Element amendments – Redlines based on required updates (growth projections), added and revised projects based on public feedback from survey.
6. William H. Taylor Park and Riverfront Park Site Plan Development
 - a. Consultant – Site Workshop, approved for Contract at Sept. 20 Council meeting.
 - b. Scope of Work is attached.
 - c. Public process to include Parks Commission as stakeholder and as part of public engagement workshops. Specific dates not yet set.

Agenda sent to: Parks Commissioners, Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk, CED Director, Senior Planner, Public Works Parks Lead

7. Meadowbrook Baq'wab Prairie Loop Trail – Seeking recommendation on park revenue funding use.
 - a. Joint North Bend/Snoqualmie 2022 WWRP Grant application ranked 9 out of 16 – unlikely to receive funding. WWRP Grant would have funded \$615,000 for the project.
 - b. Putting together proposal for Plan B – internal funding by North Bend and Snoqualmie for the \$615,000 shortfall, together with awarded \$500,000 King County grant. Snoqualmie to inquire with their council.
 - c. North Bend's ½ share would be \$307,500. Recommendation to Council to use:
 - i. \$118,205 from the City's 2021 King County Parks Levy Proceed.
 - ii. \$122,279 from the City's 2022 King County Parks Levy Proceed.
 - iii. Remaining \$67,016 from Park Impact Fee Revenue.
 - d. Seeking Parks Commission review and recommendation to Council for use of revenue for this purpose, per NBMC 2.24.100(B).
8. Other grant applications for future park and trail projects:
 - a. SR-202 Pedestrian Bridge –
 - i. Project will construct new pedestrian bridge and paved shared use path between 4th Street/Bendigo intersection and the existing Tollgate Farm trail at Ribary Creek, and pave a shared use path along the right bank levy between SR-202 and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail.
 - ii. Awarded \$541,200 PSRC Small Cities Grant for design of project.
 - iii. Design work to occur in 2023-2024.
 - iv. Construction anticipated in 2024-2025, subject to construction grants.
 - b. Completing Tanner Trail –
 - i. Applying in 2023 for Transportation Improvement Board Grant to complete a paved trail to the junction of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail, implementation in 2024.
 - c. Dept. of Natural Resources WWRP State Lands Grant application awarded for the Tennant Trailhead Park to Snoqualmie Point Park trail connection! Construction in 2024.

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Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of June 15, 2022
Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting, held in person at North Bend City Hall, was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Minna Rudd, Tim Talevich, Kyle Braun, Brian Duncan, Luke Duvall
- Parks Commissioners absent: Eric Thompson, Mark Correia
- Staff in attendance: Senior Planner Mike McCarty

Minutes of the March 23, 2022 Parks Commission Meeting

Commissioner Rudd made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Duvall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft 2022 Parks Survey – Feedback prior to posting

Mike McCarty reported that consultant feedback for the survey has not been received yet. The plan is to post the public survey from July 1 to August 1. Discussion focused on making sure listed items on the survey were in the right question. Mike took notes to that effect on his master list. Key topics were where to list the splash pad; whether to move baseball fields to a better category; and the need to add interpretive signing as a recommended project. In response to the question of who should get the press release announcing the survey in addition to the organizations Mike cited, these groups were recommended: Northwest Cricket; North Bend Arts and Industry group; the Downtown Foundation; Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society; the Northwest Railway group; North Bend Pickleball Club; Mt. Si Senior Center; and maybe a disc golf league. It was also suggested a flier could be circulated with a QR code leading to more information. Mike said some results might be available by the July 27 Commission meeting.

Farmer's Market Booths staffing plan

The idea is to have a stand at the Si View Thursday night markets to publicize the survey and answer questions about the city parks programs. This schedule was adopted:

July 21: Minna and Tyler

Sept. 1: Tim and Brian

It was suggested that we look into having a laptop at the table where somebody could complete the survey. Minna added that she could include a notification about the survey in the Si View notice that goes out in early July.

Updated Schedule for Parks Element Review and Public Outreach

Mike reported that the goal for this key update is to get the parks recommendations completed early and on to the Planning Commission, to complete the Parks Element ahead of other Comprehensive Plan elements that will require a lot of staff focus and time in 2023-2024. The schedule for review and input is listed in the agenda.

Initial Parks Element amendments

Mike reported that he has gone through lot of the proposed changes already, those that don't require public input. One major goal for the report overall is the dramatically simplify it. Commission member Talevich offered to take a hard edit when it's ready.

Commission members made numerous recommendations, all noted by Mike in his master document. These ranged from including mention of indigenous history of the planning area to the vision for Meadowbrook Farm. Other important points from the discussion include:

- The population figures used in the plan might change, as new data comes in.
- The public involvement section will depend on what is derived from the survey.
- Level of service standards are critical.
- For the capital facilities list, the question is how projects should be prioritized.

Grant Applications

Mike and Minna gave updates on current grant applications:

- Minna: For the South Fork Landing Park, there's a proposal for phase 1, including playground and trails to get people to explore park and see the amenities. Also, creating a new park entrance and parking lot are in phase 1. The grant that is being sought is competitive.
- Mike: Regarding the Meadowbrook Farm prairie loop trail, the city has been in discussions with the Snoqualmie Tribe, which is interested in the project. The Tribe's goal is to feature and highlight the original prairie habitat, which has great historical significance. Some of the early plans have been adjusted to meet that goal. Signage could tell the story of the prairie.
- Mike: For the WH Taylor and Riverfront Parks, no report on the selection of consultants.

Other/Miscellaneous

Commission member Talevich requested that city crews pressure wash the tennis courts at E.J. Roberts Park, as they're slippery after our wet winter and spring. Also, Mike advised him on pursuing a proposal to privately fund pickleball striping at E.J. Roberts Park tennis courts. A small company interested in doing the project should be registered in the Small Works Roster. Mike also advised that donations to the project would come through an account set up through the city's Finance Director.

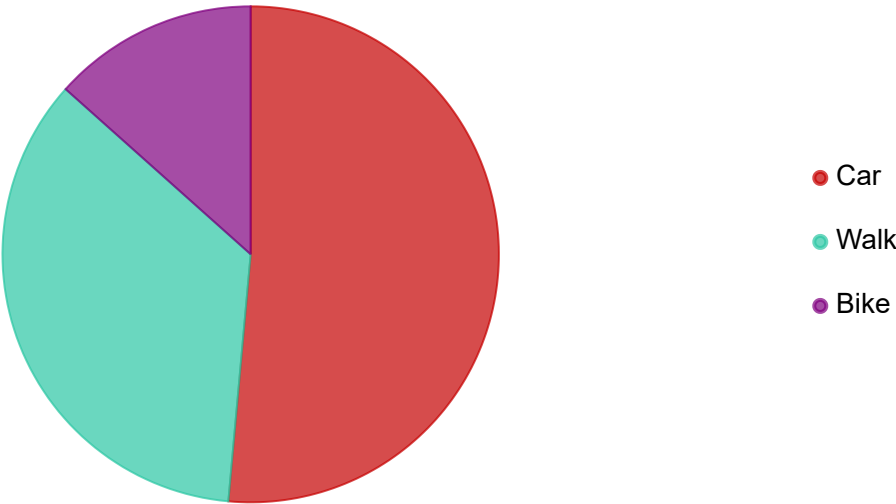
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich

2022 Parks Survey Questions

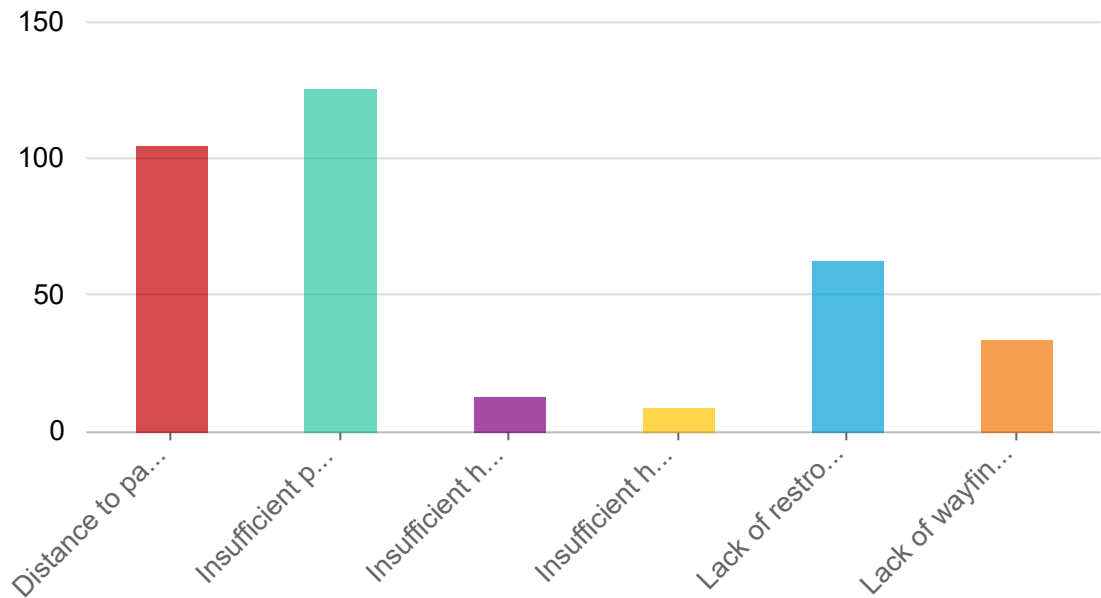
How do you primarily access City parks? (Select 1)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Car	215	51.19%
Walk	147	35%
Bike	56	13.33%

Answered: 418 Skipped: 2

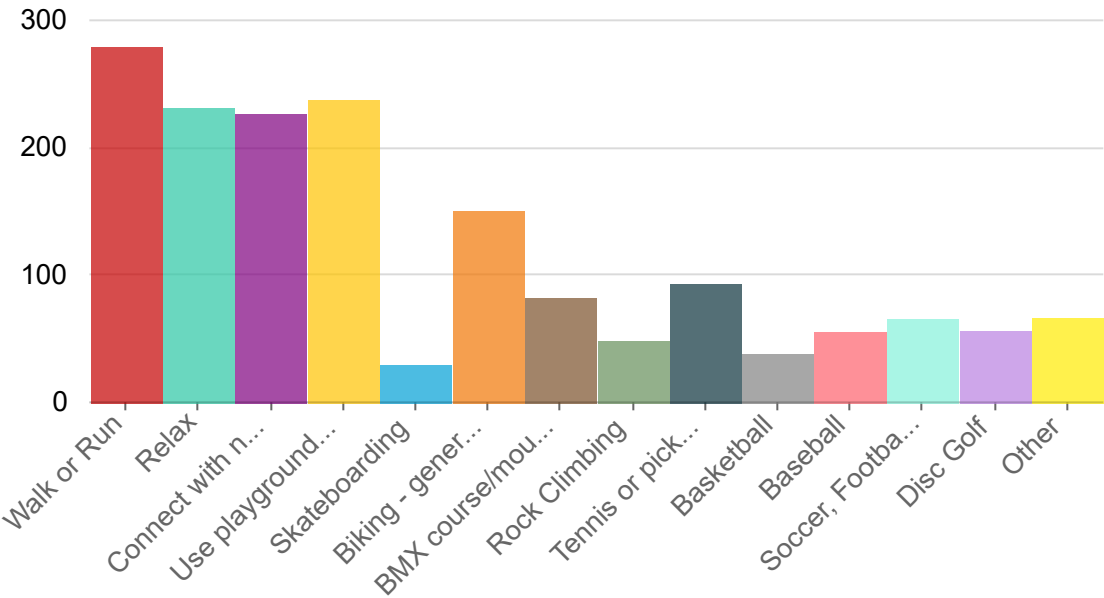
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Distance to park/too far from your home	105	25%
Insufficient pedestrian or bicycle facilities to the park/safe route from your home	126	30%
Insufficient handicap accessibility of pathways and routes to the park	13	3.1%
Insufficient handicap accessibility of facilities at the park	9	2.14%
Lack of restrooms	63	15%
Lack of wayfinding signage	34	8.1%

Answered: 251 Skipped: 169

Why do you visit North Bend City Parks? (Select all that apply)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Walk or Run	280	66.67%
Relax	232	55.24%
Connect with nature/wildlife viewing	227	54.05%
Use playground/children's play equipment	238	56.67%
Skateboarding	30	7.14%
Biking - general	151	35.95%
BMX course/mountain biking	83	19.76%
Rock Climbing	49	11.67%
Tennis or pickleball	94	22.38%
Basketball	39	9.29%
Baseball	56	13.33%
Soccer, Football, or Lacrosse	66	15.71%
Disc Golf	57	13.57%
Other	67	15.95%

If you answered "Other" in the question above, please specify:



Response	Count
Softball	3
Walk dogs	2
Picnic	2
Festivals, farmers market	2
workout - pullup bar, etc.	1
Watching grand kids participate on sports teams	1
Walking the dog	1
Walking dogs	1
Walk the dogs	1
walk the dog and see nature (river)	1
Walk my dogs	1

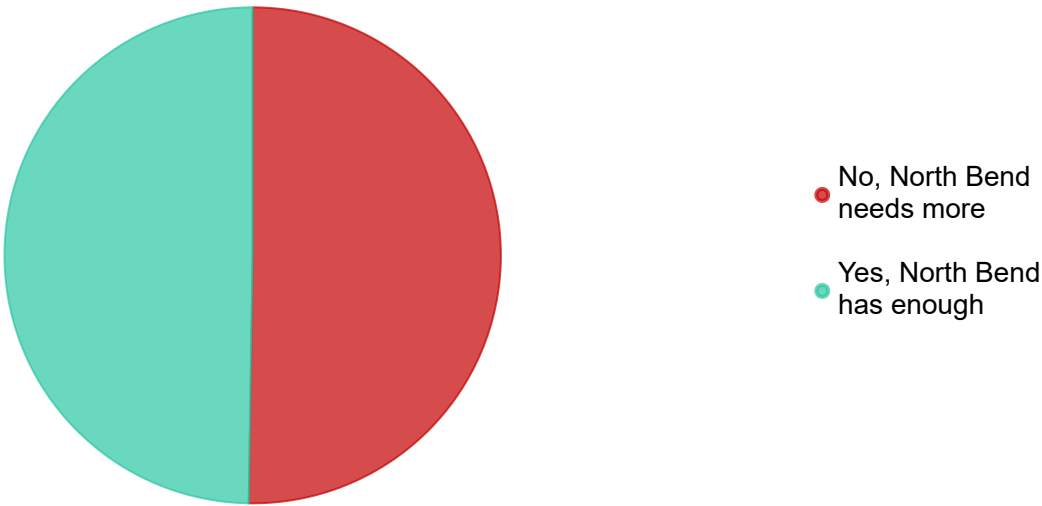
walk dog	1
take visitors to the museum	1
Swing sets	1
Softball. Not sure why this wasn't on the list.	1
Soccer	1
Snoqualmie Valley Museum is in Gardiner Weeks Memorial Park	1
River Access	1
Place to meet up with friends. Book club meet up.	1
Pickleball. Definitely more pickleball. Currently split time between Si View park basketball courts, indo or at community center in winter, New Si View park and EJ Roberts. Multiple times we have had to go between those spaces to find a place to play.	1
Pickleball specifically not tennis	1
Pass through on my way to other destinations while walking or biking	1
Meet friends	1
markets, events	1
Let dog play	1
Kite flying, picnics, reading, and really want swings for adults!!	1
Kayaking/swimming	1
Kayaking the rivers is my main activity. We need a surf wave that could be built simply by placing boulders in the river. I would love to explain further.	1
Kayak river access	1
I know the best rugby player in the world	1
Hiking	1
Getting exercise with my dog.	1
Geocaching	1

Gatherings/parties	1
Frisky Farm Girls	1
fitness stations	1
Fishing, river access	1
Fishing	1
Farmers markets	1
Farmers market, movies, picnics	1
Farmers market	1
Exercise the dog	1
Events, such as Mt Si Festival.	1
Events	1
enjoyment of undeveloped land, senior center, museum	1
Dogs like to play	1
Dog walk	1
Dog exercise	1
Baseball	1

Answered: 54 Skipped: 366

Do you feel North Bend has an adequate supply of the following existing facilities?

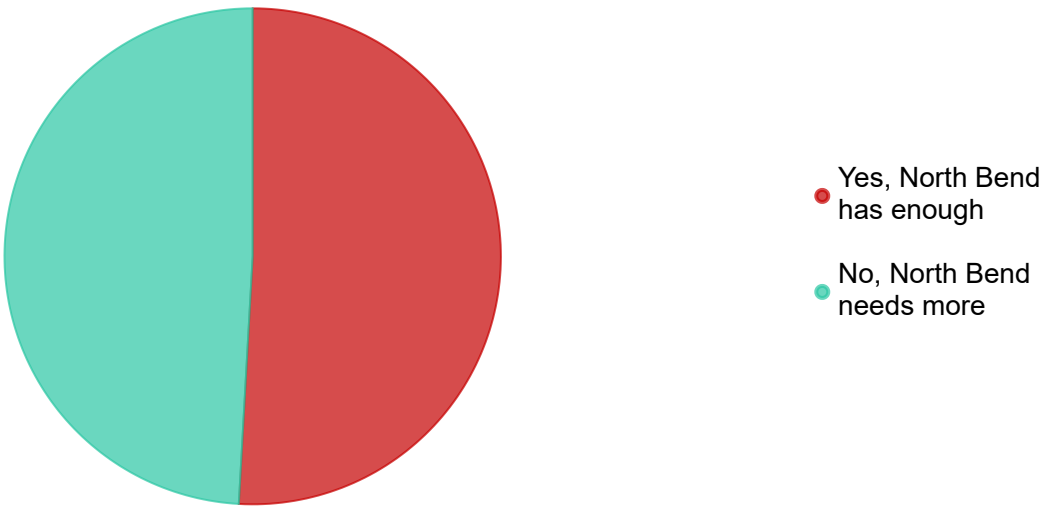
☐ **Walking and biking trails**



Answers	Count	Percentage
No, North Bend needs more	199	47.38%
Yes, North Bend has enough	197	46.9%

Answered: 396 Skipped: 24

o Passive/natural open space areas

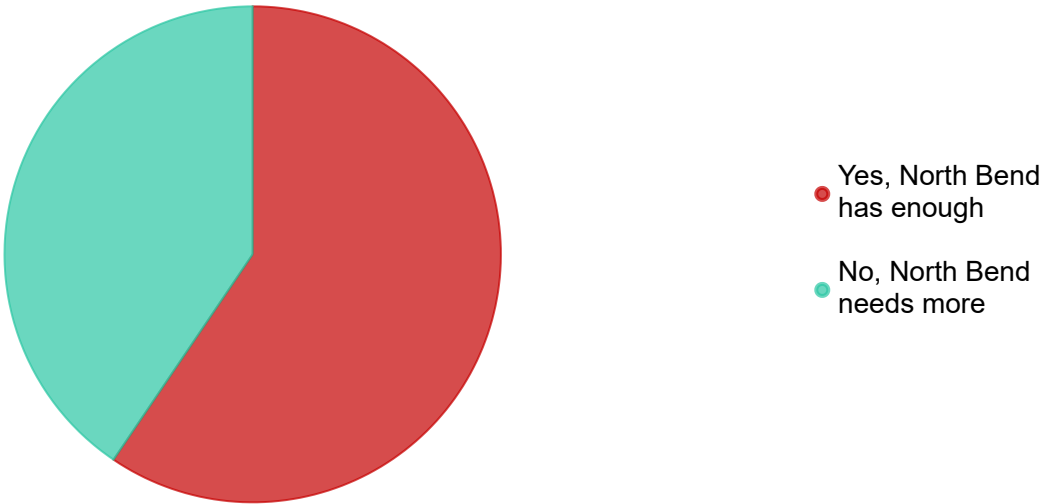


Answers	Count	Percentage
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Yes, North Bend has enough	200	47.62%
No, North Bend needs more	193	45.95%

Answered: 393 Skipped: 27

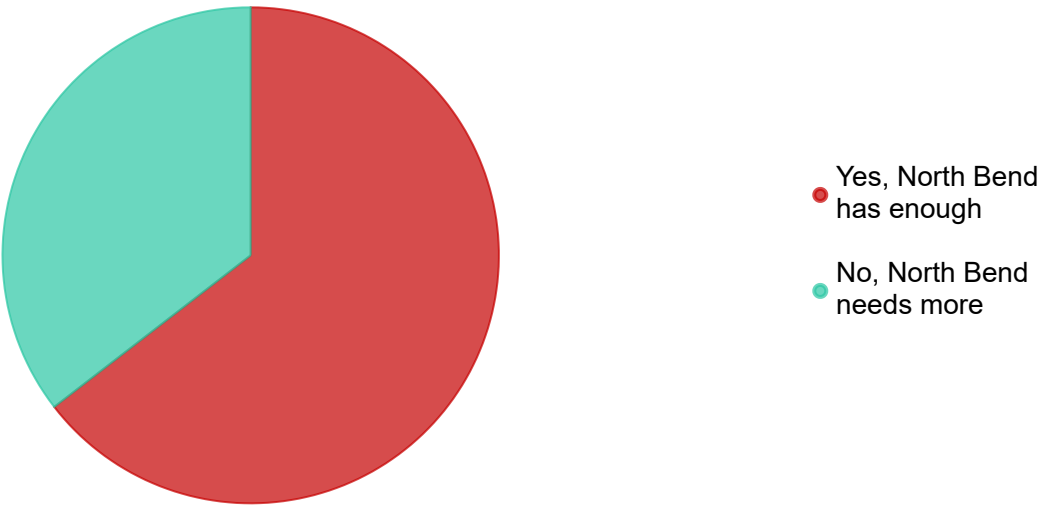
o Neighborhood/community parks with playground equipment



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, North Bend has enough	226	53.81%
No, North Bend needs more	154	36.67%

Answered: 380 Skipped: 40

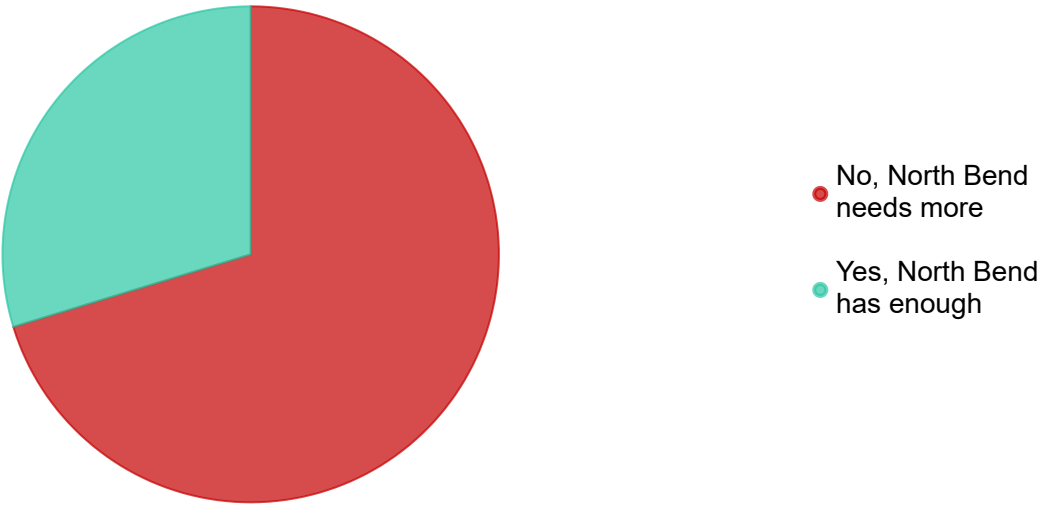
o Unprogrammed open lawn areas



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, North Bend has enough	242	57.62%
No, North Bend needs more	133	31.67%

Answered: 375 Skipped: 45

o River/water access

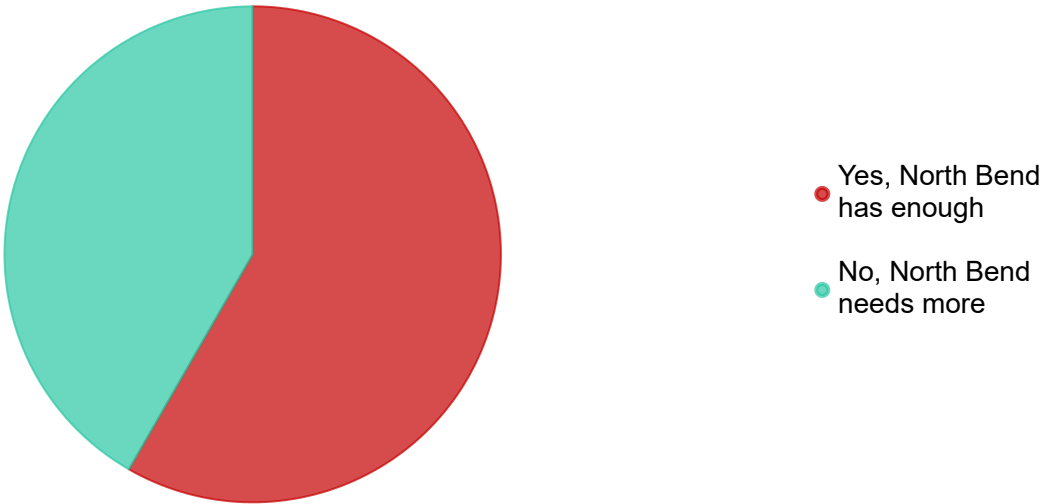


Answers	Count	Percentage
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No, North Bend needs more	279	66.43%
Yes, North Bend has enough	118	28.1%

Answered: 397 Skipped: 23

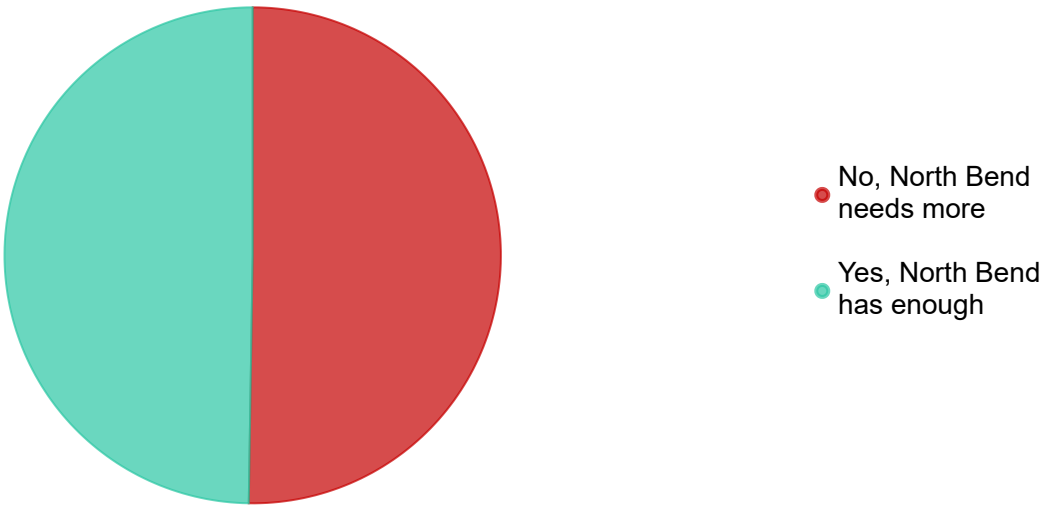
o Handicap/barrier free park facilities



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, North Bend has enough	186	44.29%
No, North Bend needs more	133	31.67%

Answered: 319 Skipped: 101

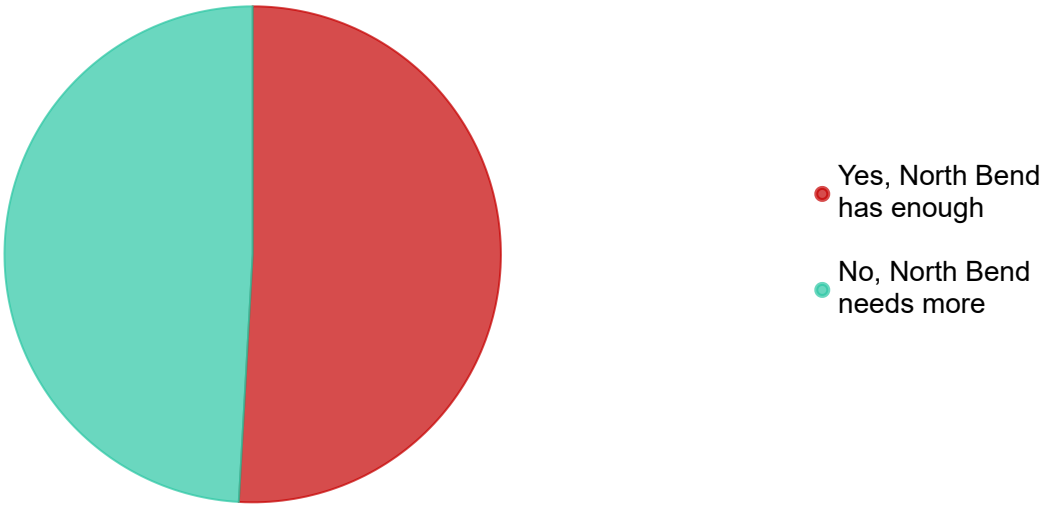
o Covered Picnic Shelters



Answers	Count	Percentage
No, North Bend needs more	199	47.38%
Yes, North Bend has enough	197	46.9%

Answered: 396 Skipped: 24

o Baseball/Softball fields

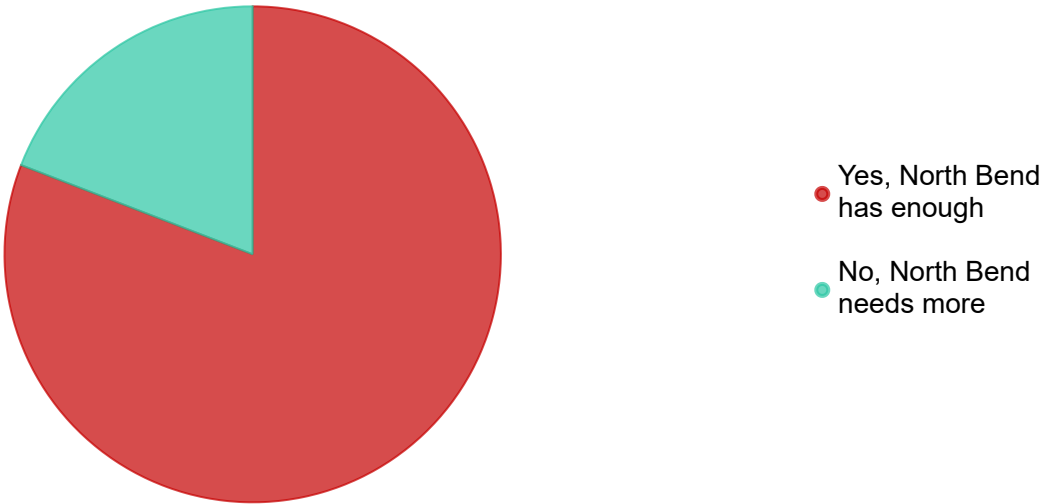


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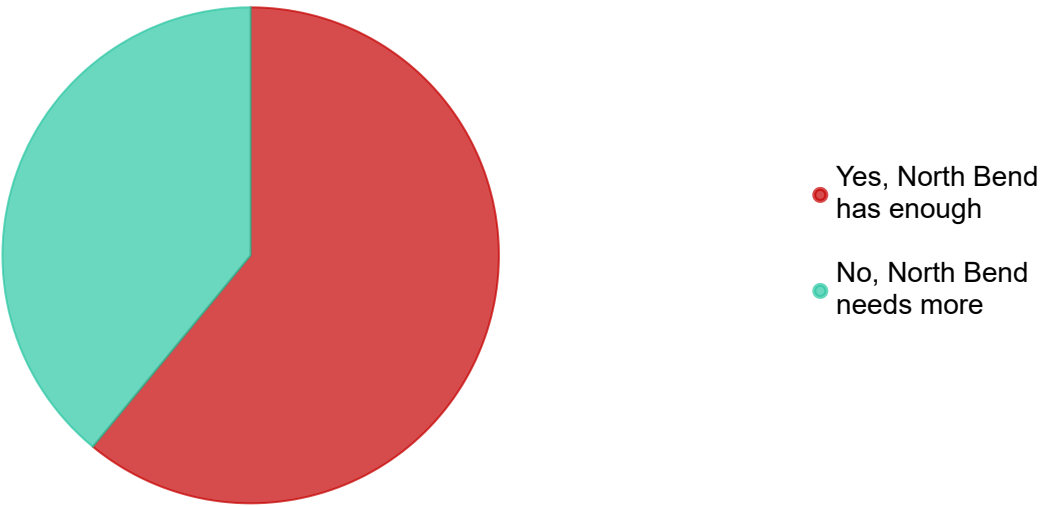
Soccer/Football/Lacrosse fields



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, North Bend has enough	283	67.38%
No, North Bend needs more	67	15.95%

Answered: 350 Skipped: 70

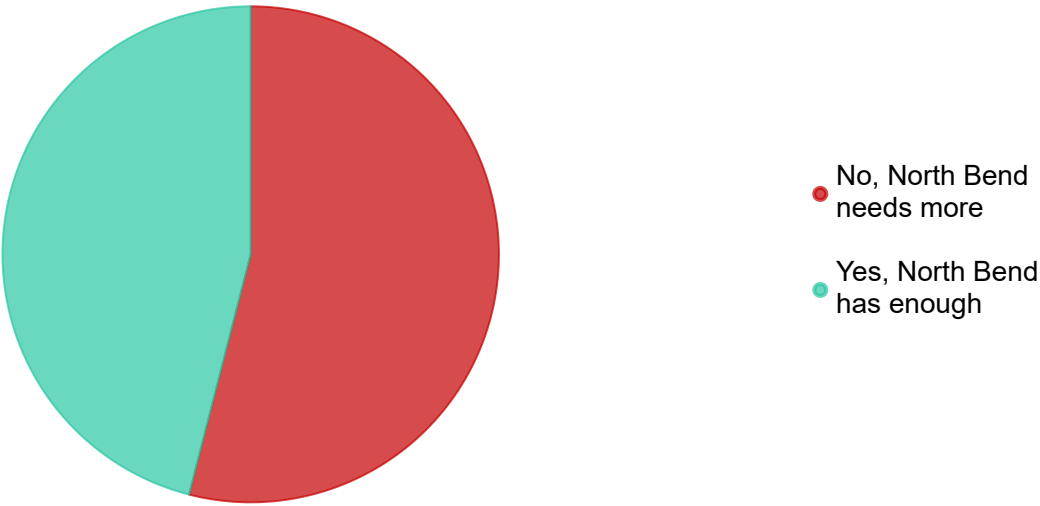
Tennis courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, North Bend has enough	214	50.95%
No, North Bend needs more	137	32.62%

Answered: 351 Skipped: 69

Pickleball courts

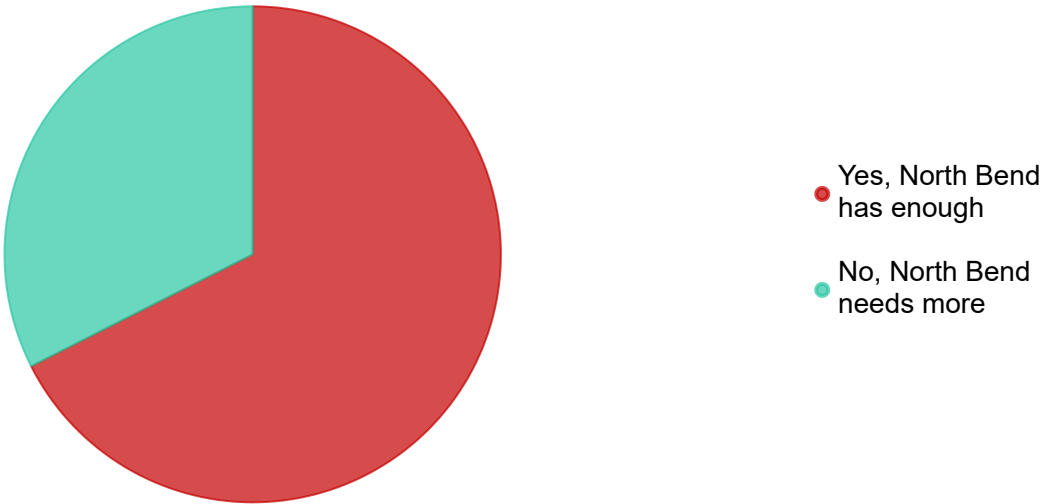


Answers	Count	Percentage
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No, North Bend needs more	196	46.67%
Yes, North Bend has enough	167	39.76%

Answered: 363 Skipped: 57

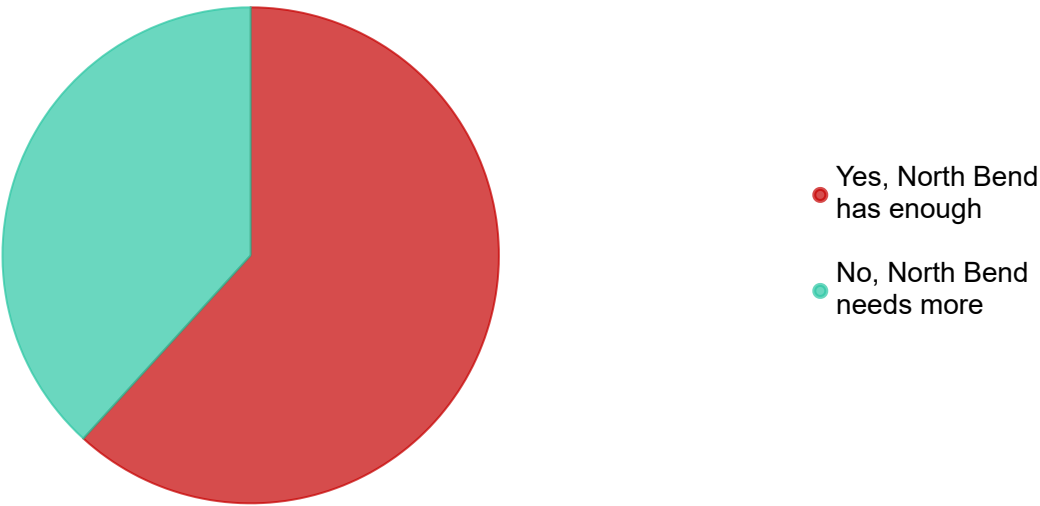
o Basketball courts (outdoor)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, North Bend has enough	229	54.52%
No, North Bend needs more	110	26.19%

Answered: 339 Skipped: 81

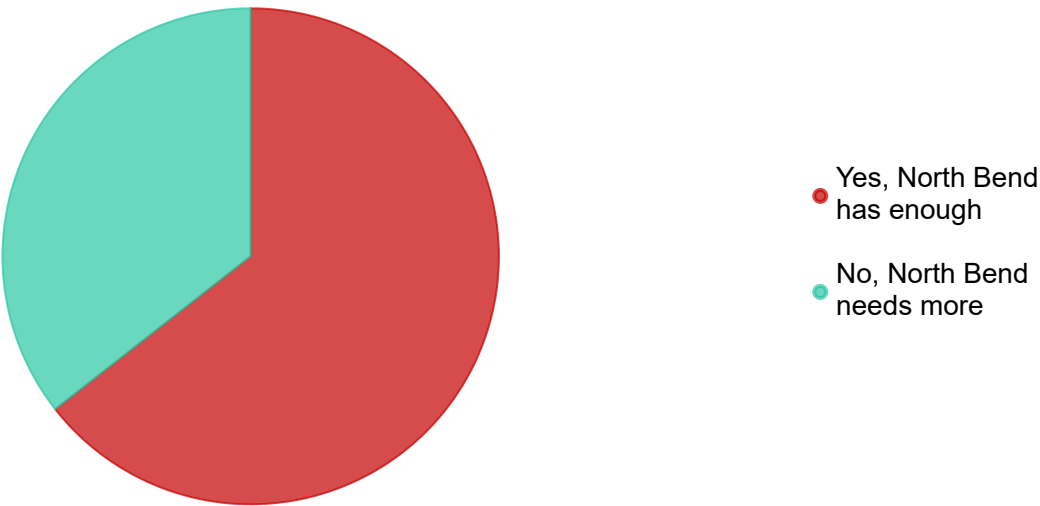
o Volleyball courts



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, North Bend has enough	202	48.1%
No, North Bend needs more	125	29.76%

Answered: 327 Skipped: 93

o Rock climbing wall



Answers	Count	Percentage
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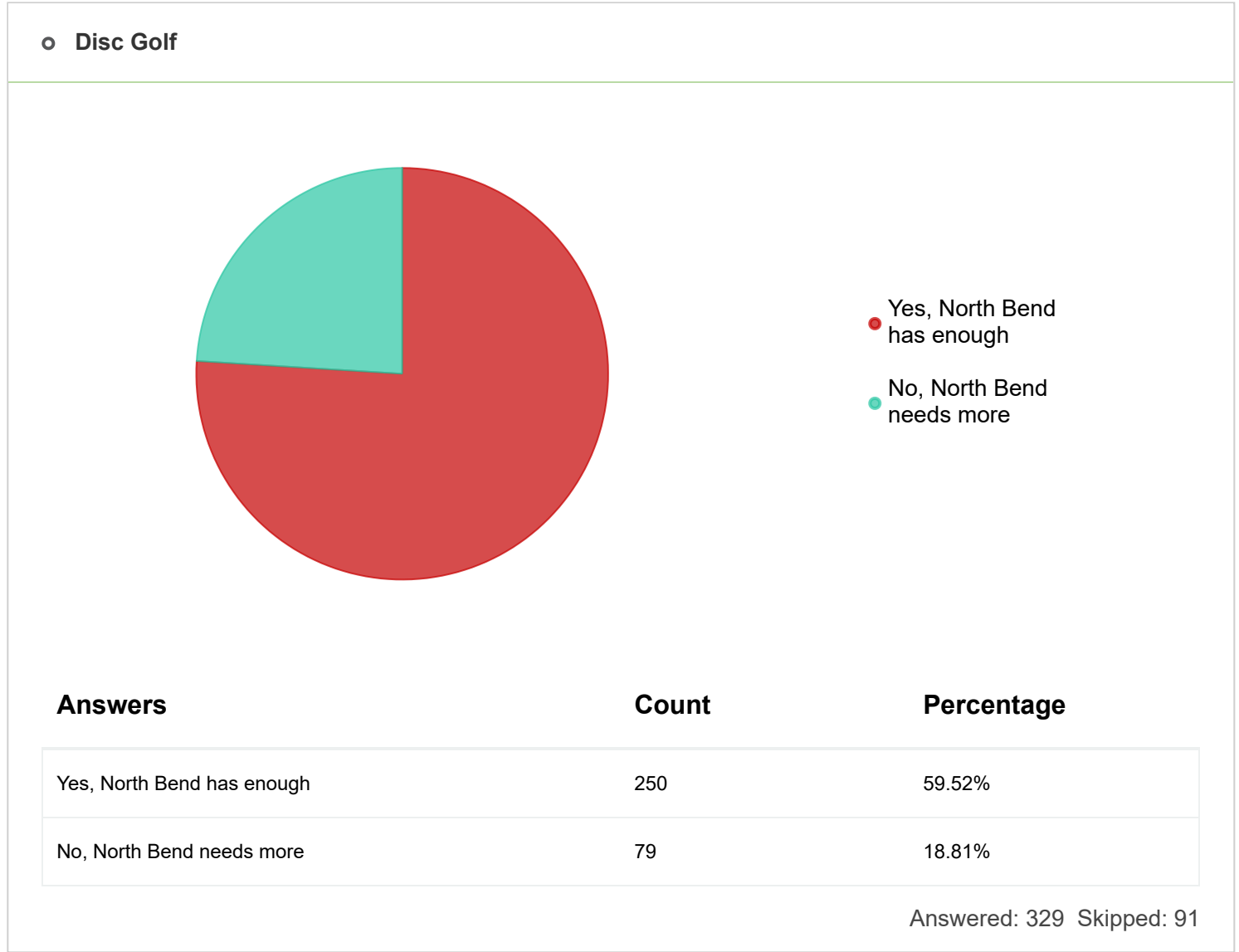
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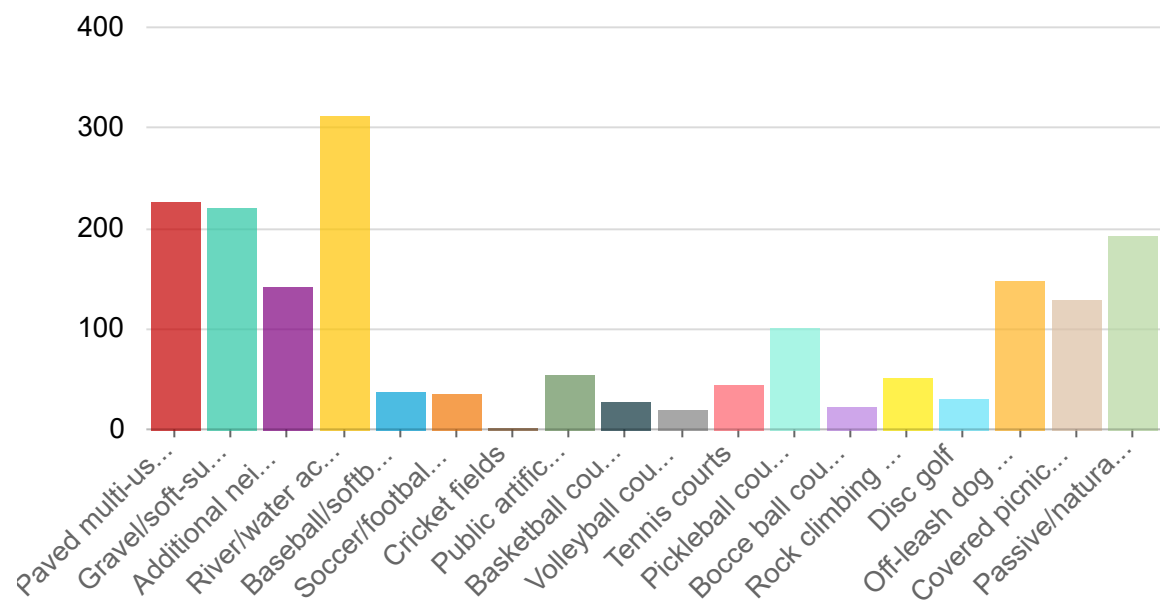
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Yes, North Bend has enough	221	52.62%
No, North Bend needs more	122	29.05%

Answered: 343

Skipped: 77



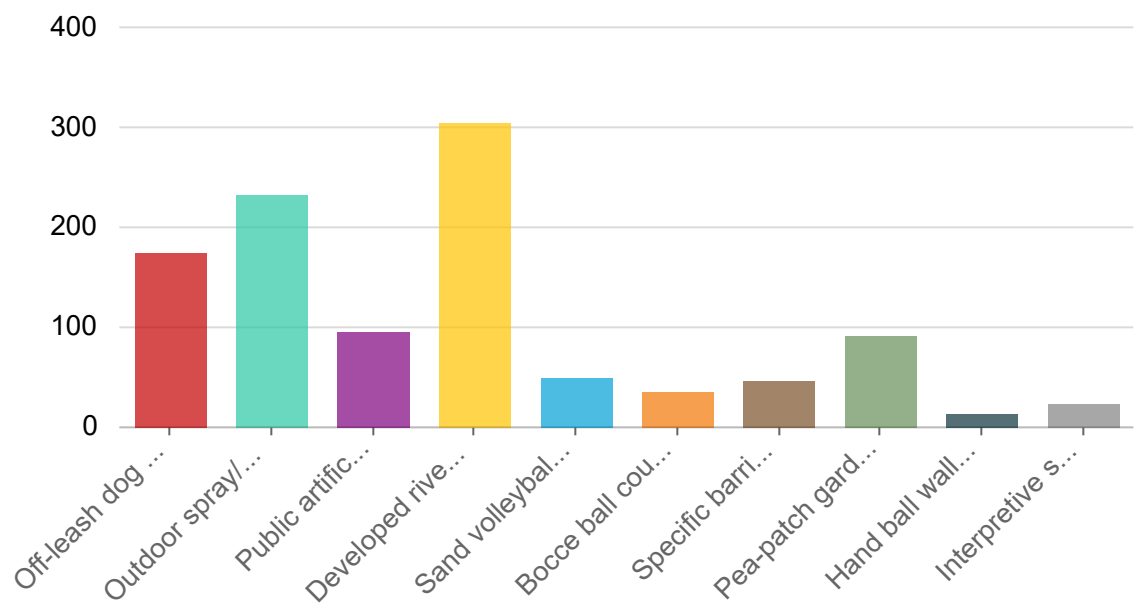


Answers	Count	Percentage
Paved multi-use (pedestrian and bicycle) trails	227	54.05%
Gravel/soft-surface nature trails	221	52.62%
Additional neighborhood/community parks with playground equipment	143	34.05%
River/water access (safe and easy way to access the water for picnicking, wading/swimming, non-motorized boating)	313	74.52%
Baseball/softball fields	38	9.05%
Soccer/football/lacrosse fields	36	8.57%
Cricket fields	2	0.48%
Public artificial-turf facilities (Note: Sirius Sports Complex fields on Boalch Ave are not public)	55	13.1%
Basketball courts	28	6.67%
Volleyball courts	20	4.76%
Tennis courts	45	10.71%
Pickleball courts	102	24.29%

Bocce ball courts	23	5.48%
Rock climbing walls	52	12.38%
Disc golf	31	7.38%
Off-leash dog park	149	35.48%
Covered picnic shelters	130	30.95%
Passive/natural open space areas	193	45.95%

Answered: 411 Skipped: 9

The following are outdoor public park facilities not currently available within North Bend...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Off-leash dog park	175	41.67%
Outdoor spray/splash water play area	233	55.48%
Public artificial turf fields (note Sirius Sports Complex fields on Boalch Ave are not public)	96	22.86%

Developed river access facilities (safe and easy way to access the water for picnicking, wading/swimming, non-motorized boating access)	305	72.62%
Sand volleyball courts	50	11.9%
Bocce ball courts	36	8.57%
Specific barrier-free/handicap play facilities	47	11.19%
Pea-patch garden plots	92	21.9%
Hand ball walls	14	3.33%
Interpretive signage	24	5.71%

Answered: 403 Skipped: 17

What park facilities or features not listed above would you like to see within North Bend?



Response

Count

Pool	10
Pickleball courts	4
None	3

More pickleball courts	2
Aquatic center	2
Zip lines	1
Wooded disc golf course	1
Winter skating facility	1
White water play park	1
We need to meet the demands/needs of the community..Please restripe tennis courts to include pickle ball and also maintain/update EJ Roberts BB courts - really sad that the courts look so pathetic.	1
We need a pool and a splash pad	1
Utilize erosion prevention so there's less risk of flood damage	1
Turf up Torgusen	1
The gravel parking lot behind volition turned into a downtown park. The street behind the downtown businesses and train track. Remove parking and make a courtyard for walking, rear access, and outdoor seating for businesses with delivery access.	1
The big community pool complex that I voted yes on!	1
Swing sweets that adults can use. Who doesn't want to swing? I don't understand why swings aren't included in our play areas. The schools have the playgrounds locked now. Need swings!	1
Swimming facility	1
Street trees, parks are the right of way. Trees are very important. The new street scape in front of Shell, who consulted the arborist or landscape architect, trees are in tree coffins lifespan 20 years. Plan green infrastructure for 100 years mark rigos	1
Stop over developing our town	1
Splash Pad! (I know it's listed above, but that's the top one for us!)	1
Splash pad abd water activities. Pool. Covered playgrounds	1
Some legitimate mountain bike trails would be great. There are some nearby but very few/non-authorized in city limits that I am aware of.	1

Small dog park! The SVT is basically a big dog off leash park already.	1
Si View park has no shade	1
Shaded areas to stop at while walking or riding bike.	1
Ropes Course	1
River walk / pier area	1
Replace play structures for more modern designs at Torguson and other parks - more 2-5 y/o sites	1
Real pickleball courts, not painted lines on tennis/basketball courts. And surrounding fences.	1
Public pools	1
Public pool that isn't with si view	1
Properly lined pickleball courts and nets	1
Preservation of trees with trails IN THE CITY. Not a dog owner but tired of the social media whinging. Give them a park, they need to run.	1
Pool, trails	1
Pool and/or splash pad/aquatic facility	1
Playground with soft spongy surface instead of mulch (like the park at Si View)	1
Pickleball courts- current courts are shared and not specific for Pickleball only. This sport has exploded abs more people are playing. This is a big need and demand!	1
Parking	1
Paintball, more bike trails, bathrooms, public wifi	1
Outdoor pool; walking access. Through paved paths from the eastern portion of the city.	1
Outdoor Pickleball courts in a bubble	1
Off Leash dog park	1
None.	1
No more park facilities or features. Leave our open spaces alone. Quit limiting the areas available to our wildlife, specifically the elk herd.	1

New Pool	1
Nature education site	1
Multiple dedicated pickleball courts	1
Mountain biking trails	1
Mountain bike trail park/ skills park	1
Mountain bike skills park	1
More walking trails, tanner park river trail repair.	1
More undeveloped walking and biking trails	1
More swings!	1
MORE SWINGS	1
More public rest rooms like at Tollgate.	1
More pool! Toddler/baby playground (younger ages)	1
More playgrounds geared towards toddlers (3+)	1
More places to lock up your bike	1
More pickleball courts!	1
More passive nature areas with shade so they can be enjoyed on hot, sunny days	1
More nature, community gardens - nothing artificial, please!!!!	1
More natural park vs developed park space	1
more natural areas. less pavement.	1
More natural areas with trails	1
More native plants in parks, more collaboration with the Snoqualmie Tribe	1
More mountain bike access	1
More indoor/recreation for public fun when the weather is bad (pool, covered play structures, indoor s ports)	1

More hiking trails and public restrooms	1
More e-bike trails, more public restrooms	1
More crosswalks and sidewalks in areas by newly developed housing like on Maloney Grove please!	1
More bike racks	1
More bicycle track like at Torguson. More Satellite parks as the town grows to the east -- land is the key -- good land, not waste land.	1
Lights at North Bend Skatepark	1
lighted and roofed pickleball courts!!!!!!	1
Less development and more embrace for the natural surroundings we live in. This valley is a sacred sanctuary for people who love living in the mountains. Let's focus more on encouraging people to embrace the natural surroundings vs the man made places.	1
Larger aquatic center (sad it didn't pass), outdoor music venue/stage, horse shoes	1
Kayak, canoe launch parking spaces	1
Kayak river park, a mini "Duthie" bike park	1
Indoor rock climbing gym	1
Indoor pool rec center family friendly	1
Indoor Pickleball facility.	1
I would like to see the city update current parks and make them safe within Si View	1
I really really really want a park with no noise pollution from the 90. Plenty of space to do it but currently there is NOWHERE to take kids to play, relax or picnic in North Bend of Snoqualmie that is free of awful freeway noise!	1
I object to new housing neighborhoods having parks that post signs they are private to their neighborhood. I live in si view, can I kick out all the non residents on the paths and play areas? It's a terrible way to build a welcoming city. Or roads?	1
I know it's listed above... BUT !! We need a water/splash park for our children, and ELDERLY !! Something that is accessible to those with handicaps, wheelchairs and walkers. I absolutely love the park in Bellevue next to Bellevue Square.	1

Get the pickle ball people off the basketball courts at Si View.	1
gaga ball	1
Fully inclusive play area like the Mercedale playground. Wheelchair friendly for kids who are profoundly disabled.	1
Fenced/gated playgrounds for toddlers/special needs kids.	1
Fenced in playground (tot lot)	1
expanded indoor pool for exercise	1
East NB needs to be addressed. Wood River established 30 years ago has constantly been ignored. The city needs to purchase land specifically for parks of any sort, whether it be a multi use park such as tennis/pickle ball/splash park/softball, etc.	1
Easements along the South Fork to establish a continuous path; ecological restoration of natural spaces; providing pedestrian cut-throughs on "dead end" streets; better bike lanes on roads and bike crossings	1
Dog park on the river!	1
defer management to Si View Park Dist	1
Deep pool	1
Dedicated Pickleball courts!!!!	1
Cross Country style mountain bike trail system, that could be used by runners and mountain bikers both. Something like Phil's trail complex in Bend, Oregon is what I envision having in North Bend.	1
Covered picnic/ fire pit warming areas for winter and spring picnics	1
Covered pickleball courts (I.e. Skagit Valley College)	1
Covered pickle ball & tennis courts	1
Covered park picnic and covered play areas. Mountain bike trails.	1
Covered outdoor pickleball courts	1
covered areas with comfortable chairs to just sit and enjoy nature when it is raining	1
Contribute to/help make the pool happen	1

Connection from Taylor Park to Si View Park	1
Connect the Snoq Valley trail between Reinig Bridge to Tolt Tunnel. Aquatics Center with swimming lanes first, additional activities in phase 2.	1
Competition swimming pool. Ropes course.	1
Community pool!	1
Community pool	1
City Pool	1
bouldering wall (no equipment needed for use)	1
Bike trails accessing raging river and middle fork road, pool and gym or community center	1
Bike paths	1
Bike Connector trail from 140th to SVT	1
Big pool facility with water slide and more 'ninja' courses for kids to climb and play on.	1
Better maintenance of parks in si view neighborhood	1
Benches and tables	1
Batting cages and pitching mounds. North Bend should create a safe dredged river float are similar to Bend Or. Work with Snoqualmie to make a long safe river float.	1
Basketball courts!!!!	1
Aquatic parks for year round swimming.	1
Aquatic Center. I'm disappointed that it's been voted down twice as it excludes any provision people with physical limitations would be an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY for people with are DISABLED or have MOBILITY ISSUES	1
Aquatic Center, splash pad, water play/feature	1
Another pool	1
An actual pool.	1
Additional swing sets at existing parks that can accommodate grown children and adults	1

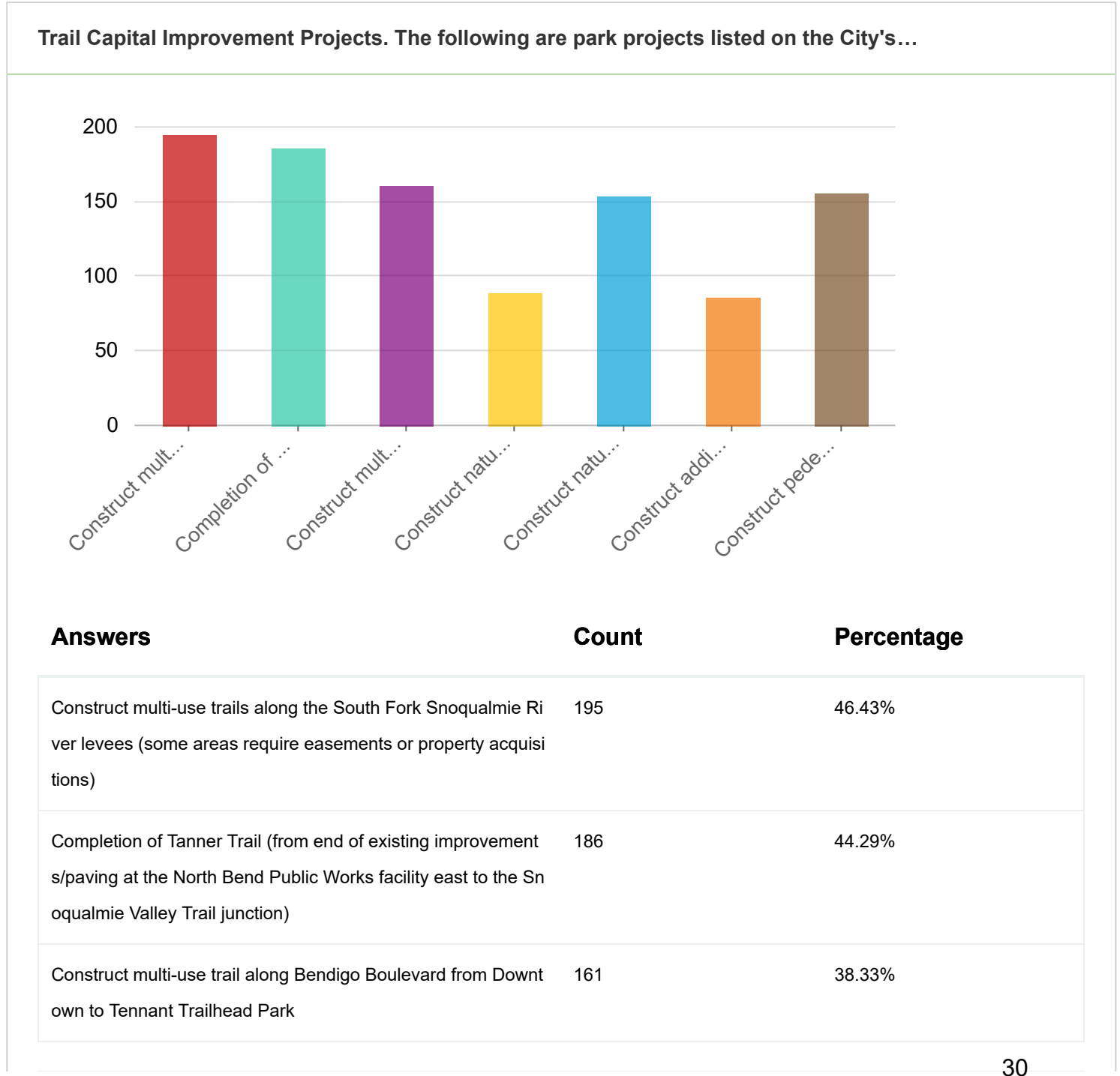
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Addition of lights at North Bend Skatepark	1
Adaptive playgrounds	1
Adaptive play equipment for handicap kids.	1
A nice beachy water area with sand	1
A new pool	1

Answered: 147

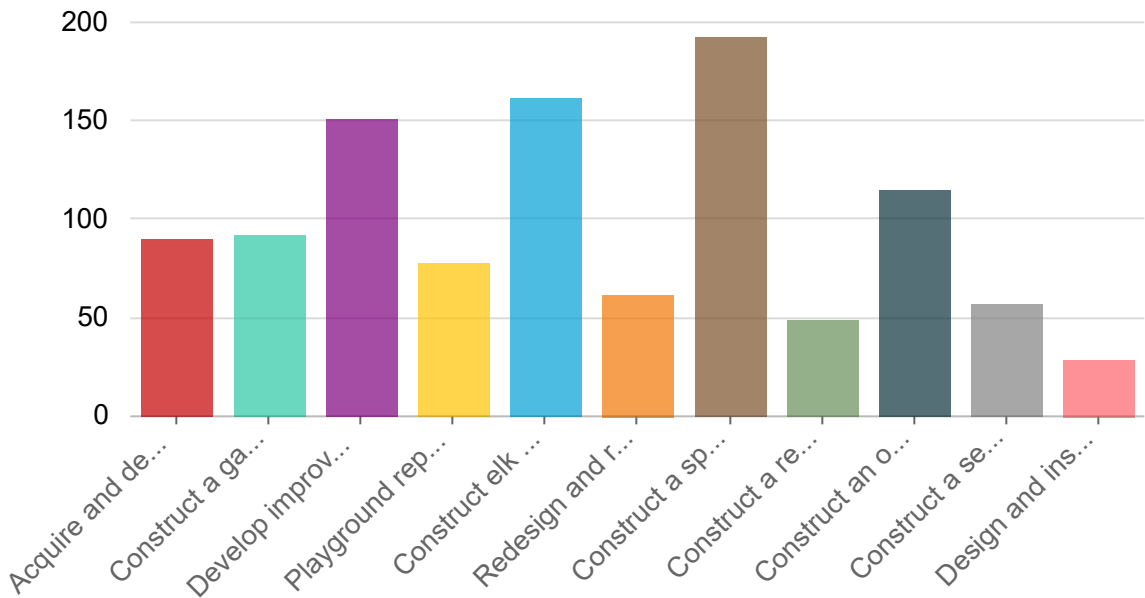
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Construct nature trails at EJ Roberts Park Expansion area (the forest area east of the tennis courts)	89	21.19%
Construct nature trails in the Tollgate Forest (north of downtown between the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and Ballarat Ave N)	154	36.67%
Construct additional trails at Meadowbrook Farm Park	86	20.48%
Construct pedestrian bridge across South Fork Snoqualmie River linking Orchard Drive with the Shamrock Park neighborhood (connecting bikes and pedestrians to the Mountain View Center/Safeway shopping area)	156	37.14%

Answered: 370 Skipped: 50

Park Capital Improvement Projects. The following are trail projects on the City's Parks...



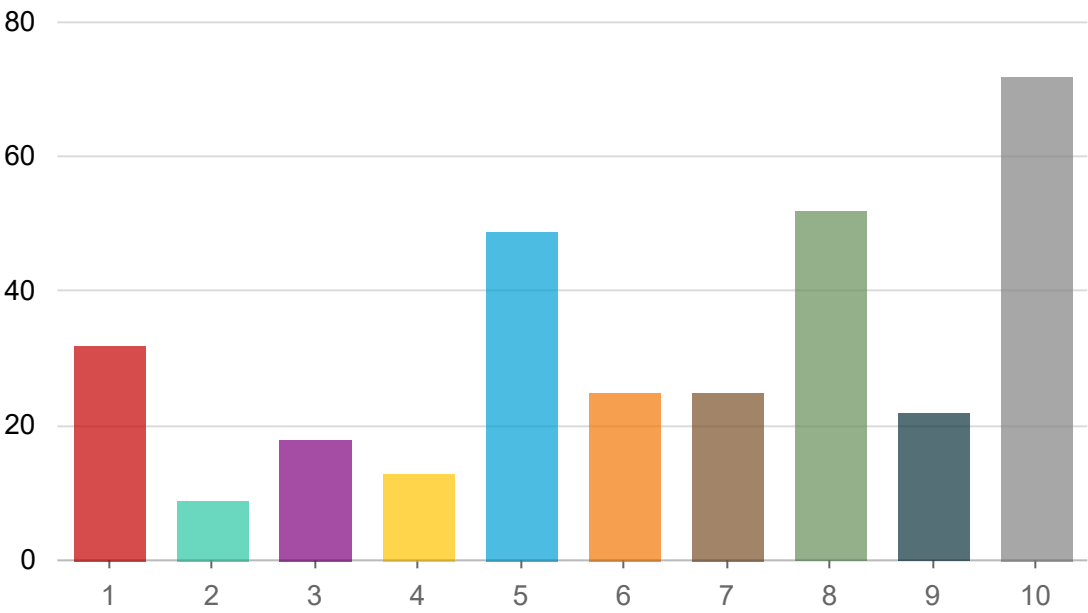
Answers	Count	Percentage
Acquire and develop a new community Park in the Southern part of the City	90	21.43%
Construct a gathering plaza and reconstruct the playground area at Torguson Park	92	21.9%

Develop improvements at Riverfront Park, including trails, picnic facilities, and parking	151	35.95%
Playground replacements/upgrades at Si View Neighborhood Park	78	18.57%
Construct elk viewing area pullouts at Meadowbrook Farm Park along State Route 202	162	38.57%
Redesign and reconstruct William H. Taylor Park to better connect it to downtown	62	14.76%
Construct a spray/splash water play area within a park (specific park not yet determined)	193	45.95%
Construct a restroom at Tanner Road Shoreline Park (kayak access area)	49	11.67%
Construct an off-leash dog area (specific park not yet determined)	115	27.38%
Construct a separate restroom building and picnic shelter at Meadowbrook Farm Park	57	13.57%
Design and install directional and interpretive signage within parks and trails	29	6.9%

Answered: 393 Skipped: 27

Park maintenance is a priority, but the City must balance available funds against the most pressing needs. Please rank (1-10, 10 being the highest), your satisfaction with the maintenance of the following park and trail facilities:

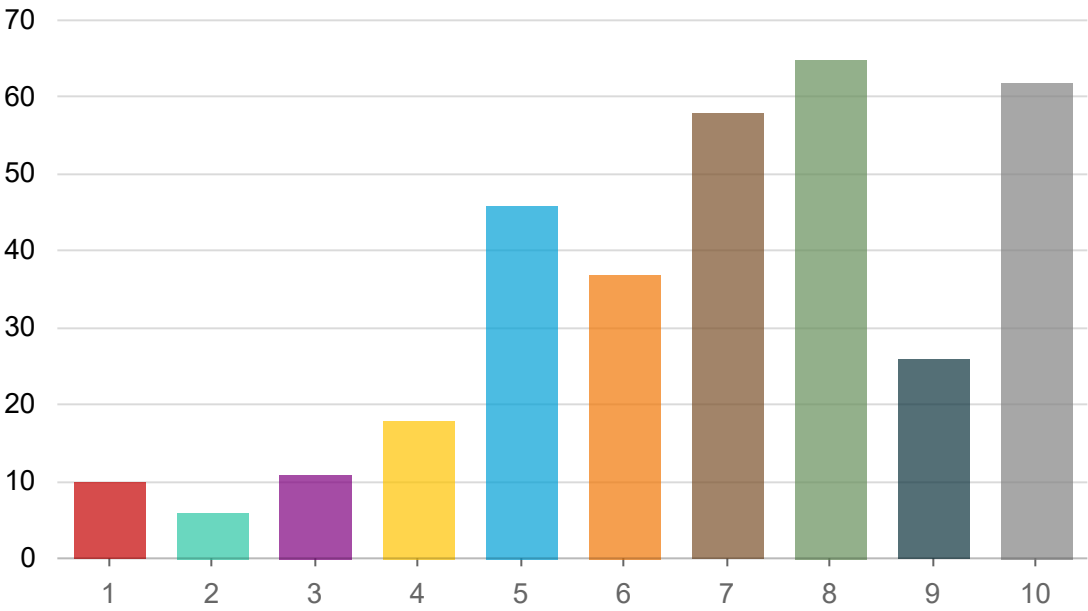
o Sport courts surfacing/stripping



Answers	Count	Percentage
1	32	7.62%
2	9	2.14%
3	18	4.29%
4	13	3.1%
5	49	11.67%
6	25	5.95%
7	25	5.95%
8	52	12.38%
9	22	5.24%
10	72	17.14%

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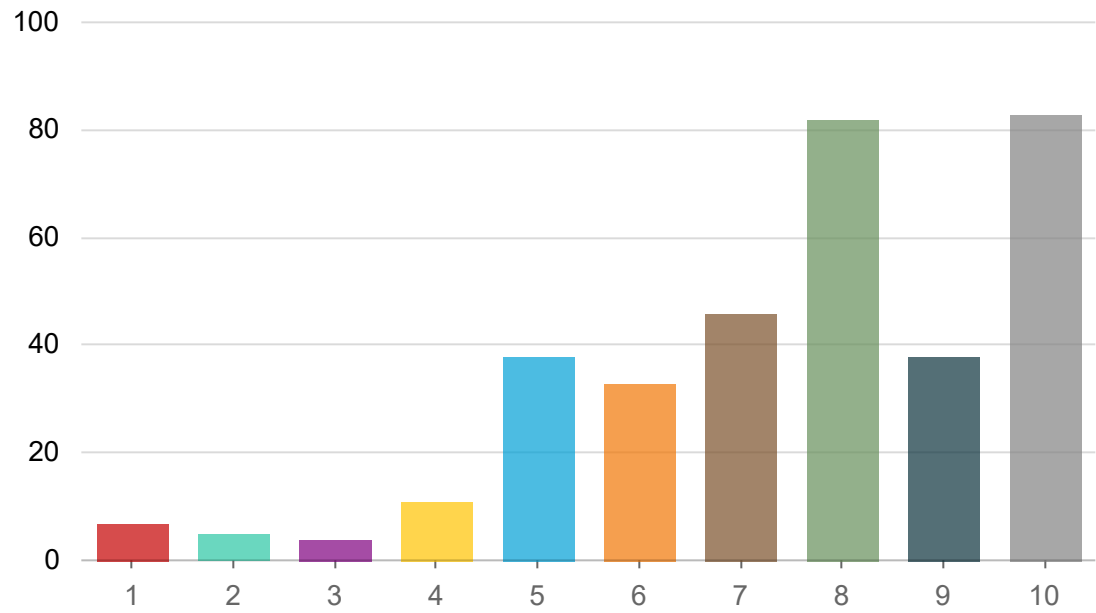
☐ Park restrooms



Answers	Count	Percentage
1	10	2.38%
2	6	1.43%
3	11	2.62%
4	18	4.29%
5	46	10.95%
6	37	8.81%
7	58	13.81%
8	65	15.48%
9	26	6.19%
10	62	14.76%

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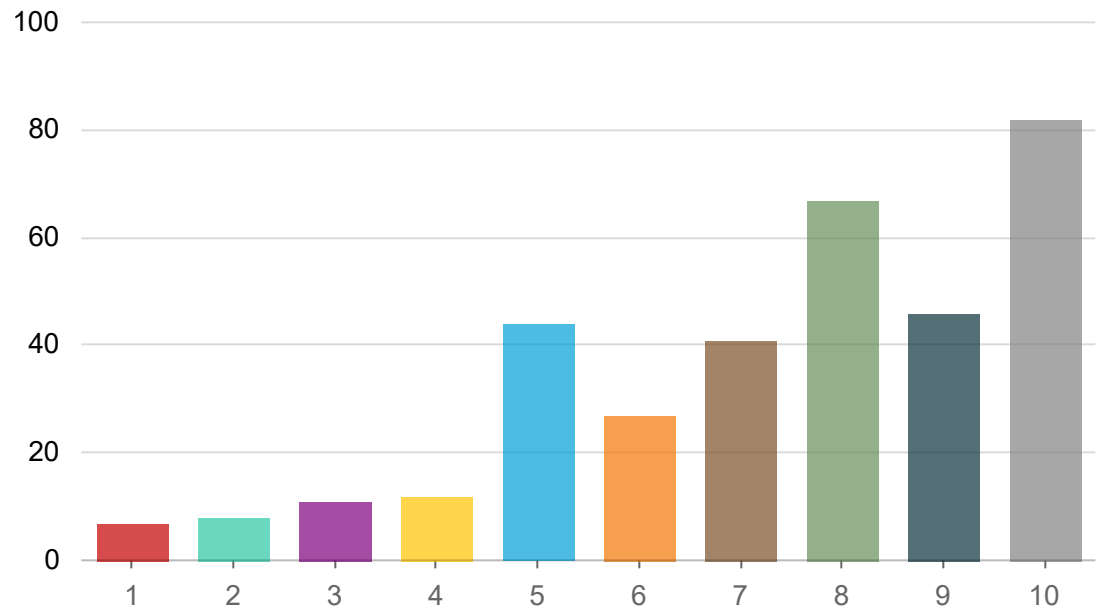
o Walking trails/pathways



Answers	Count	Percentage
1	7	1.67%
2	5	1.19%
3	4	0.95%
4	11	2.62%
5	38	9.05%
6	33	7.86%
7	46	10.95%
8	82	19.52%
9	38	9.05%
10	83	19.76%

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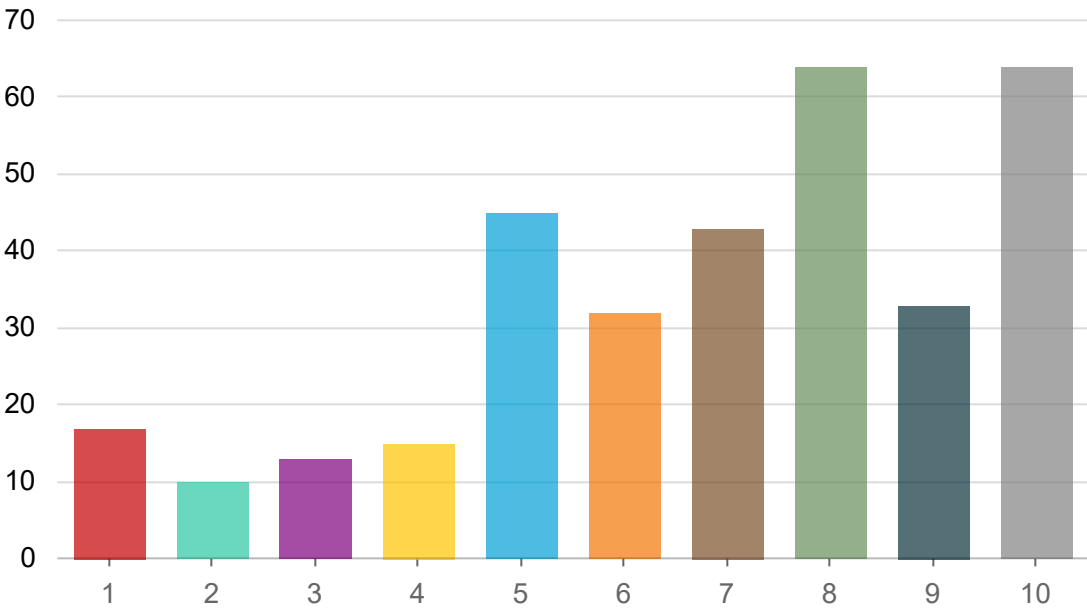
☐ Lawn/open field areas mowing and surface maintenance



Answers	Count	Percentage
1	7	1.67%
2	8	1.9%
3	11	2.62%
4	12	2.86%
5	44	10.48%
6	27	6.43%
7	41	9.76%
8	67	15.95%
9	46	10.95%
10	82	19.52%

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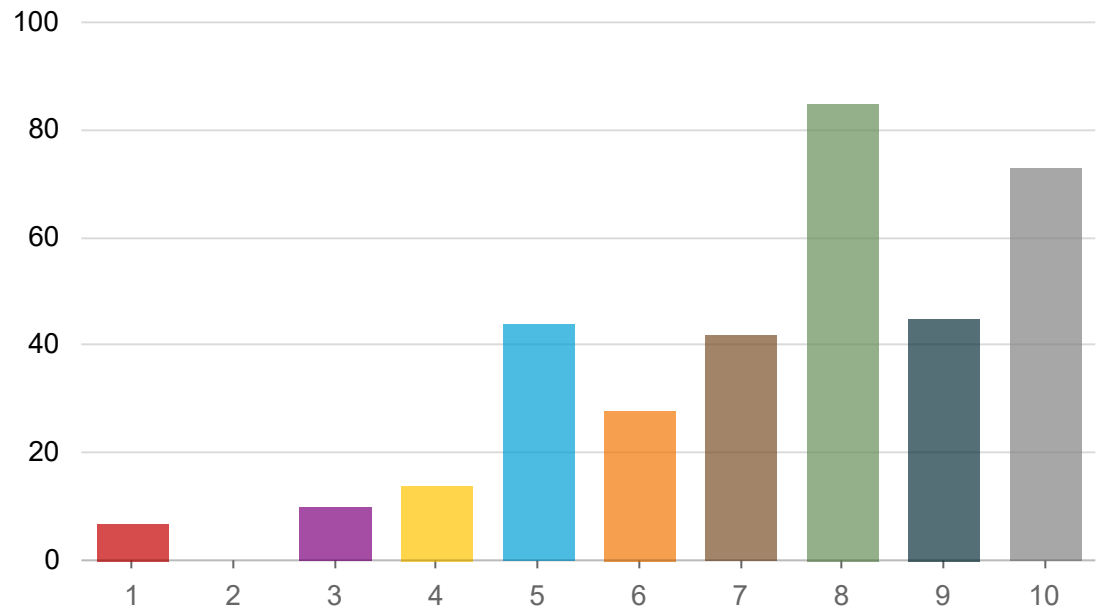
o Playground equipment



Answers	Count	Percentage
1	17	4.05%
2	10	2.38%
3	13	3.1%
4	15	3.57%
5	45	10.71%
6	32	7.62%
7	43	10.24%
8	64	15.24%
9	33	7.86%
10	64	15.24%

Answered: 336 Skipped: 84

General landscaping upkeep



Answers	Count	Percentage
1	7	1.67%
2	0	0%
3	10	2.38%
4	14	3.33%
5	44	10.48%
6	28	6.67%
7	42	10%
8	85	20.24%
9	45	10.71%
10	73	17.38%

Answered: 348 Skipped: 72

○ Please let us know any maintenance suggestions you may have regarding parks an...



Response

Count

Would love to see a dynamic schedule of when things are available.	1
Would love more challenging open ended play playground equipment	1
Weed the medians in downtown	1
We moved here recently and were just commenting on how well-maintained the parks are, thank you!	1
Waste receptacles at parks	1
Upgrade the dog poop bag holders at EJ Roberts park. Change the name of EJ Roberts to Silver Creek Park. According to recent articles in Snoqualmie Living online EJ Roberts mandated that only whites were to use the park.	1
Upgrade si view neighborhood parks and get rid of wood chips	1
Unmaintained native plantings or community gardens	1
Trash control and pickup. More trash cans, including recycling cans	1
Trash cleanup around ditches near trails	1
Toddler playground	1
There are some loose and/or broken holds on the rock climbing structure. This could stand to be looked at on about a quarterly basis at a minimum.	1

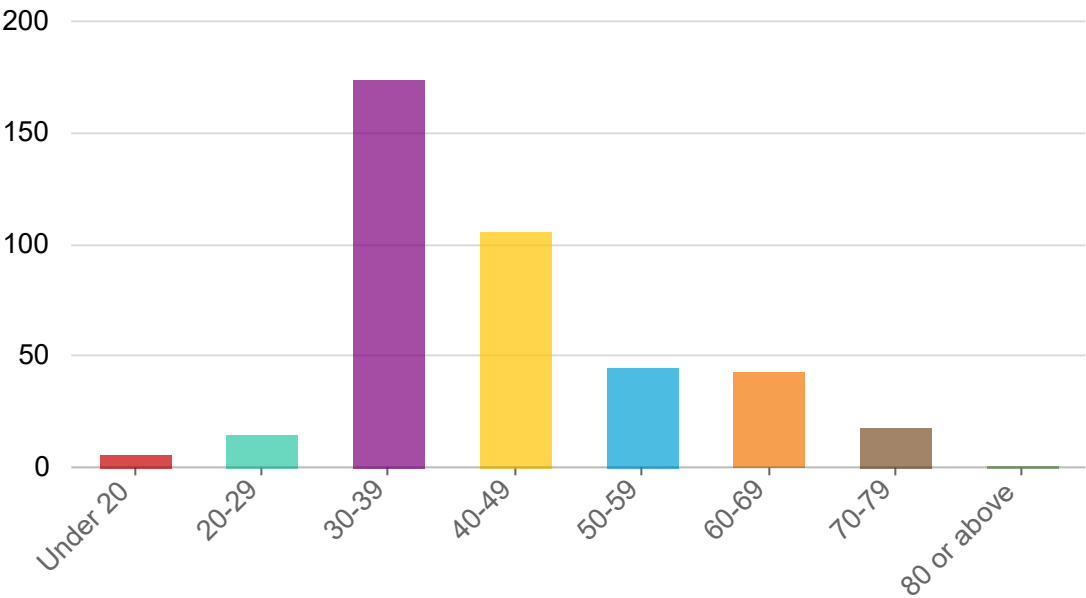
The wrong plants and grass are currently being used around town which is why you see so many dead trees that were freshly planted by you guys as well as erosion from lack of hydroseed around storm drainage	1
The pump track at Torguson park needs to be maintained more during summer. It gets extremely dusty and slippery.	1
The playgrounds in the Si View Neighborhood Park could use new surrounding wood and bark	1
The "grass trail along SE North Bend way needs more attention!! It also would be nice for the sidewalk to be connected all the way up to the new development Dahlgens	1
Thank you for all that you do! Part of the reason I love it here so much is our parks and trails.	1
Tennis courts at EJ Roberts were not cleaned or swept until September, very late in the 2022 season. These courts need regular cleaning & maintenance and a broom available for players to sweep the courts.	1
Sweep up the cherries off the trails in so view park	1
Splash pad please	1
Snow clearing roads	1
Since thousands have moved here in the last decade, parking is imperative. All the new cluster developments need more nature parks for the kids. They have tiny backyards.	1
Si view playgrounds need upgrades and park trees need maintenance/trimming	1
Si view neighborhood parks need some maintenance - equipment, ground material, and there are a lot of rotten boards that frame the parks	1
Si View does better at maintenance of parks than city. This survey does not represent parks maintained by each entity.	1
Safety and Security should be considered in maintenance of parks and trails.	1
Rock wall	1
Repaint the play equipment in Si View parks so not 1980s teal/blue	1
Proper maintenance on the EJ Roberts tennis courts would give more actual / usable courts for play. Too much growth and surface damage to play on currently.	1

PLEASE GIVE ATTENTION TO EJ ROBERTS PARK - BB & tennis and please restripe for PB. Amazing the transformation of the tennis after basic maintenance of pressure washing. Please maintain what we have!!	1
Please cut back some of the bushes on the tanner River trail to make the new route (near where old trail eroded) more easily accessible	1
Place signs on broken equipment saying when to expect the repair be complete (maybe this has been done and ripped off, idk)	1
Park mowing was slow to start this year and grass got very long.	1
None	1
Native plants	1
N/a	1
Move tennis courts away from trees at EJR. They will last longer and need to be enclosed.	1
More natural landscaping for insects and wildlife and more water friendly.	1
More Mutt Mits?	1
more bushes	1
Leave open spaces alone! Keep this up and there soon won't be any left!	1
lawn mowing looks great,	1
Kill all nonnative blackberries everywhere	1
Keep up the good work. If not already, have community volunteer days to help keep areas clean.	1
just make things more natural. people can move to Bellevue if they want playgrounds and sports courts.	1
Improved access to rivers etc	1
Improve tennis court surface so it doesn't puddle as much	1
I think your crew does a great job with the maintenance of the city parks.	1
I rated walking and pathways lower because they just end.	1

I only answered 9 because I don't have kids so I haven't really been to the play areas	1
I have a strong preference towards future development that is LOW maintenance, like natural surface trails. Sometimes "developing" an area doesn't make it better! Access to areas is really the key!	1
Even just some simple sprucing up could improve the Depot area and park, which could be a better centerpiece of downtown. It looks pretty run down compared to so many other areas and parks in town.	1
Do less mowing	1
Climbing wall update and maintenance , more development of the pump track	1
Clear away odd ball old eq stored here & there. Old turf, implements & such. Tidy up.	1
city ignores its undeveloped lands -ivy, noxious weeds, trash, fire risks	1
Bushes with thorns	1
Bigger play set and better bathrooms add more stolls	1
Benches around town seem to be really weathered and not regularly painted. Given the weather here, perhaps composite benches would be better.	1
As a Senior I support parks and most items on this survey. I do not personally use any of the parks. Parks always had programs affiliated with them in my days. 50' on. Outdoor and covered exercise programs free to Seniors . Stretching, strength, yoga etc	1
Arborist is need	1
Allow citizens to help maintain the parks	1
Adopt a park opportunities, Conduct& Advertise park cleanups, partner with local community organizations	1
Add pickleball courts and lines on existing tennis courts at EJ Robert's park. Also, correct the existing single pickleball court at EJ Robert's park to make it functional.	1
Add more benches to rest along the way. Widen some of the trails as well.	1
A 2nd covered picnic shelter at EJ Roberts	1

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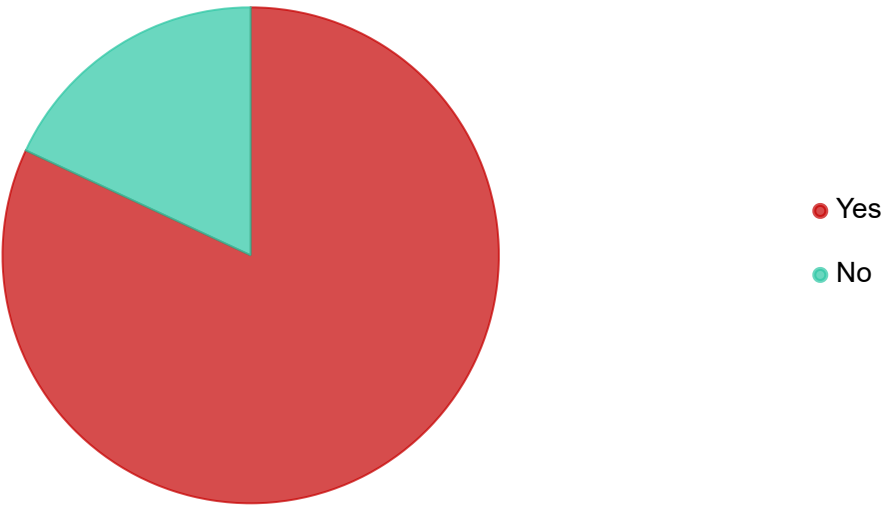
What is your age?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 20	6	1.43%
20-29	15	3.57%
30-39	174	41.43%
40-49	106	25.24%
50-59	45	10.71%
60-69	43	10.24%
70-79	18	4.29%
80 or above	1	0.24%

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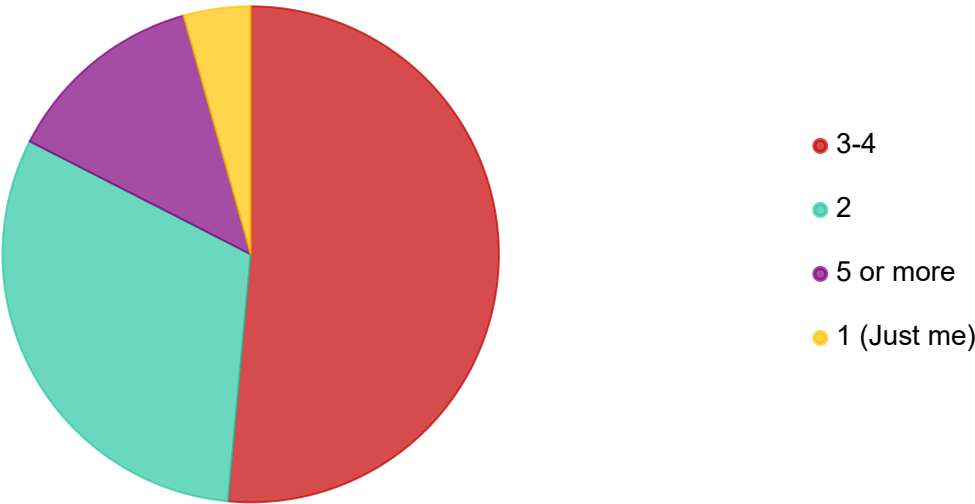
Are you a North Bend resident? (Reside within City limits)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	336	80%
No	74	17.62%

Answered: 410 Skipped: 10

Including yourself, how many people are in your household?



Answers	Count	Percentage
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3-4	212	50.48%
2	128	30.48%
5 or more	54	12.86%
1 (Just me)	18	4.29%

Answered: 412 Skipped: 8

Please provide any other comments, concerns, or suggestions you would like to share...



Response

Count

<p>Youth sports must be made a priority for the City of North Bend. The quality of fields in which our kids play on is drastically less than that of surrounding cities. They deserve access to quality fields and sport opportunities.</p>	1
<p>You're doing an amazing job balancing all the wants and needs..... I would HIGHLY suggest, beg, plead for a spray park for our kids and the elderly !!! It's soooo needed.</p>	1
<p>You forgot to mention Tannerwood City park and it lack of any play ground equipment or other park facilities. You must know that there is a significant increase of homes around this City of North Bend Park.</p>	1

You all do such great work, very proud to live in north bend! Would love more river path and water / splash focused improvements. Love the trail from si view neighborhood park! - The Swenka's	1
Would love to see lights installed at EJ Roberts park tennis courts for evening play	1
Would like to see park equipment that is inclusive of older children (upper elementary to early teen years). More swings (they are therapeutic for some kids). Community garden spaces for flowers and veggies/fruits. Protect and respect nature!!!	1
Would appreciate upgrading park playground equipment	1
With the lack of 60% vote for the Si View aquatic center, our area is in desperate need of water recreation (e.g. splash pad) and the ability to teach our kids how to swim (aquatic center).	1
With all the new building, look at taking over the Cedarfalls Neighborhood parks. Most of the new building don't have parks and it seems perfect for North Bend to acquire.	1
While not exactly in parks dept purview, I'd very much like to some of the gaps in the sidewalks/trails along Cedar Falls Dr be filled in to enable pedestrian/cyclist access to the various parks without needing to walk on the side of Cedar Falls Dr, North Bend Way, or other high-traffic roads.	1
When parks are planned I would like the specs to be shared publicly to NB citizens for safety and aesthetics input.	1
We would love more baseball/softball and soccer fields.	1
We would like to see additional Pickleball courts. The sport is exploding and there are not enough courts in North Bend for everyone that wants to use them.	1
We use all the parks constantly! North Bend has a pretty good variety of parks. It would be lovely to have some more long walking trails	1
We really need a usable pool. With as many rivers that we have here, having a better pool is paramount in having more opportunities to teach children how to swim, which directly relates to River safety. Only having the old si view pool available in the valley for swim lessons will directly relate to more fatalities in our rivers.	1
We really need a splash park!!	1

We need dedicated Pickleball courts.....the Snoqualmie Valley has been known as a place to come for outdoor activities so why aren't we taking advantage of building Pickleball courts to bring more people to the Valley. Seattle and Bellevue are struggling with even getting tennis courts lined for PB so we should get a jump on them and show what we can do.....you'd be amazed at how far people will travel to play on good PB courts! Bring them out here to spend their money in our stores and restaurants! Signed a person who was born and still lives here!!	1
We need a splash pad that's big enough for the whole valley!	1
We need a couple splash pads!!!! It's so much safer for our little kiddos!	1
We need a building moratorium until we have more water <not from our depleted river>. Older people are leaving in droves and those getting up there are being taxed out. The turnover rate is going to become high without future community engagement <all work/expenses/kids/sleep/move on>. The attractiveness of the area has limits. No one is going to want to live here after the gridlock/depleted rivers/lack of trees/overcrowding/tight space & cost vs. benefits. It used to be special. That said it needs facilities beyond transportation/parking/infrastructure as well. Get rid of the eyesore where the hotel was supposed to be built by Safeway and replant native evergreens and trails and picnic tables by the river. At least try to have the illusion were an Arbor city. Look to cities like Sebastapol CA. Still beautiful, attracts visitors, has farming/business/commuters/artists and a greenbelt <without even mountains to constrain it>. Look her up. Cities been 7k+ people for decades. thx.	1
We love NB for the varied trails, nature areas, parks and appreciate the thoughtful city design. More of these areas will help keep the beauty and feel of the city as it continues to grow	1
We look forward to the development of the South Fork park!	1
We live on a street off cedar falls that has no walkability to trails and parks that are near by. We need access to the SVT and the Cedar Falls neighborhoods desperately need an accessible playground for all the families that live here.	1
We live in snoqualmie and participate in almost all the NB activities and love the parks, pump track and climbing wall and use them often. We would really enjoy some funding to keep those updated and even possibly developed further.	1
We have lived in Valley for 30 yrs and have seen the changing needs.. please address the existing ones - but also appreciate you addressing the growing needs - we can do this!!	1
We have a large and growing number of pickleball players. It would be great to have more Court space to support this growing sport.	1
We could really, really use a local off-leash dog park.	1

We are new here and would like to contribute towards building an antiracist community. Being a Canadian, of the places in the US I've been lived in, North bend is the only place where I've experienced racism and unfriendliness because of my skin color.	1
We are in need of more pickleball courts. Striping of the EJ roberts tennis courts would be a great place to start. Could add 4 courts there- people can bring their own nets. There are so many people wanting to play and not enough places.	1
We are a great second rate mountain town we can partner with groups to make it better. Our parks are a community asset and our neighbors down river are showing us up. Don't make ourselves trip in our own shoes trying to get things done. Move through the process efficiently so that our children can get to use these parks soon.	1
We and several other families in the neighborhood near EJ Roberts would love rolling pickle ball nets and extra lines on the tennis courts for pickle ball now that it's so popular. Thanks for everything you do!	1
Turf. More of it. It's useful all year whereas the grass is only useful for 4 months tops. And it pays for itself in service savings over time like mowing and watering etc.	1
Turf fields are a must. The youth sports programs will suffer tremendously without them.	1
Town is growing, time to keep up and invest in outdoor space.	1
Torgusen Park needs safe access across North Bend And Cedar Falls Roads please, such as crosswalks.	1
Too many dogs go off leash at Tollgate, which makes me very nervous; I keep my dog on leash and too many off leash dogs will approach my dog. Would love to see north bend build a proper off leash park so existing spaces can be truly leash-only.	1
Toddler friendly park/playground equipment would be great to have versus driving to Snoqualmie or Issaquah	1
This survey needs to be more prominently advertised. Parks, trails, and open spaces should be a much larger priority for the city instead of expensive housing developments that don't have infrastructure (water, roads, schools and childcare) to support them.	1
This is a very good resident survey	1
There needs to be more multi-use courts available. Particularly pickleball courts. Covered would be ideal as the picnic shelters are. Also, a splash pad for the kids would be ideal. I've seen them actually add interest and beauty to parks.	1

There are large housing developments on the south side which don't have safe walking/biking access to Tanner Landing, our closest park. Crossing North Bend Way at the Mt Si road intersection is not safe for families, especially on weekends when hundreds of visitors are driving through the area. Better crossings for pedestrians and bikes would encourage families to visit the park by bike or foot.	1
There are currently no paved walking or handicapped paths for anyone in east North Bend to access parks or shopping. Specifically the areas I am concerned about are Wood River, Miners Ridge, Tanne rwood and the other newer developments nearby. I would like to see this rectified as soon as possible.	1
The valley would definitely benefit from a splash pad. Maybe at William Henry Taylor park? We visited on in Pemberton, BC this summer at a really fun park right downtown. Great attraction for locals and visitors alike.	1
The valley needs more baseball/softball fields, especially turf fields.	1
The time is now to incorporate a splash pad, I believe it would be a wise investment for si view park.	1
The South Fork Landing disc golf course has been a huge success, and I hope that you will consider adding improvements to the course (new tee signs, alternate tees/basket locations), as well as the possibility of adding more courses in the future. The course is a huge attraction, and disc golf is booming. The more disc golf the better.	1
The Si View Parks for children are hazardous. The wood around the playgrounds are falling apart and rebar is exposed in many of them.	1
The North Bend pickleball community would be happy to help transform existing pavement/courts into pickleball courts by powerwashing, striping, and whatever else is needed.	1
The City of North Bend SHOULD NOT be forcing landowners to sell or give the city easements in order to build parks or trails.	1
The city needs more baseball/softball fields or to partner with SVSD to maintain theirs. Our enrollment in SVLL increased 30% last year and we had over 100 kids playing Tball. If we could fix the fields at N BE or TFMS that would work or we need more fields to support the 600+ kids playing in the valley.	1
Thanks for including residents surrounding North Bend. Much appreciated.	1
Thanks for all the great work!	1

Thank you for what the City does for parks and recreation. Bicycle trails, hiking trails, nature space are critical for our continued Outdoor Rec Center reputation. Good for business! Strongly suggest adding more pickleball courts. There are regular conflicts between basketball player and pickleball players for limited court space now. It would be very easy to add a second bball/pball court in New Si View by the existing court and thereby double space for both. Still leaving plenty of open space.	1
Thank you for the beauty you have given us. I look forward to seeing what happens next.	1
Thank you for all your hard work. We love our parks!!!	1
Tenant trails mountain bike enhancements please & safe elk viewing area	1
Stop this madness!!! Protect our open spaces. No more construction! No more development! Put money into maintenance not more "stuff."	1
Stop building so much! You've ruined North Bend. Especially no plans near the river. Just leave it all alone and stop pushing your growth agenda.	1
Splash park Splash park Splash park Splash park Splash park	1
Some (SVMPD) have envisioned a bridge at the end of SE 10th Street across the South Fork to better enable connectivity from Bendigo to 436th along the levees. I know the bridge at Shamrock Park is in the current Mater Plan.	1
Seniors/handicap should be considered.	1
Really disappointed the aquatic center didn't get voted in, hope there's still a chance for it. Maintaining an 80 year old pool seems like a lost cause! We haven't had the opportunity to use all the park and recreation opportunities around here, so we didn't comment/vote on those items.	1
R	1
Prioritize trail connections so that one can navigate North Bend by walking or biking. Develop river access points.	1
Please see comment above regarding freeway noise from I90. We really hope to one day have a place to play and picnic that is free of noise pollution from I90.	1
Please more swings. There is only one and it's at ej Robert's and I was there today and the swing was moving and making a scary noise that it was going to break.	1
Please just stop with the spray/splash area ideas. Spray and splash areas cause rapid evaporation of water. We already have enough water issues without you wasting more water. Plus, those areas are insanely noisy. Adding a spay/splash area near any residential areas would be beyond inconsiderate.	1

Please consider adapting to climate change. A lot of your work has been wasted because you're not considering that we need better plants to adapt to both extremely wet and dry conditions. Note the ruined storm drain system with grass erosion due to wrong plants being used vs. hydroseed for steep hills. Also note that the vast majority of your trees planted have died quickly because they were pruned at the wrong time of year & had no water reserve bags or drip lines off the river water. These open fields can be used as community gardens, or mist areas to help cool off the locals as well as reduce aridification during summer time. Both upgrades would allow people to relax outside and provide cooling and food necessities for the poor and fixed income.

Please build more trails - connecting trails, trails by the river and create more nature/green space. People love North Bend for its outdoor activities, views, and access to nature - we don't need more artificial playgrounds and equipment. Kids need more natural areas to explore - trails, open spaces, river access, etc. You can stick a huge metal playground anywhere, in any town - and sadly, that's what you see now. What sets North Bend apart from other towns is our natural areas - we have it and we are lucky that in 2022 that we still do. Let's lightly develop those areas (trails, green space, river access, trail connectivity) so we can all enjoy nature more and what this beautiful area truly has to offer (hint: it's not playgrounds astroturf). Let nature be our community playgrounds.

Please avoid overdeveloping areas - for example, the "Riverfront park" is just fine the way that it is! The only way it could improve is to expand east through acquisition of additional easements. Trail connectivity is a HUGE deal that can greatly improve the character of a place! I'd like to see North Bend take on being a "goal zero" (zero pedestrian deaths) city, and to do so, that means investing in pedestrian and bike connectivity! (no sudden gaps in bike routes that put bikers/runners/walkers unsafely on a road with no obvious place to go). The open space within North Bend is a HUGE selling point for me. Please keep those areas natural and work with local groups to restore natural areas! Please work with King County to improve pedestrian safety on roads extending out of north bend like Ballarat/428th - a very common pedestrian route with literally no shoulder, yikes! Thanks for your efforts!

Please add covered pickle ball courts (see Skagit College as an example) 1

pickleball courts! I'd wager it is the most played recreational activity in NB. We need a year round facility to accommodate. 1

Pickleball complex for year round playing. 1

Pedestrian crossing at the train depot is needed 1

Overall we love North Bend and the abundance of parks and nature and connecting trails, and always enjoy the improvements along the way! We love to both walk and bike and it is a very friendly area for both, even if you prefer to be off the road. Lots of options. More water activities and river access would be great though with our hotter summers. Thank you! 1


Overall North Bend city and parks is amazing. Would love to see an outdoor community pool, path along cedar falls way for the communities to access town and trails, and trails accessing middle fork and raging river	1
North Bend is beautiful because of the amazing surroundings; let's keep it that way. Please keep in mind that new "nature" trails that encroach into existing habitat/refuge areas, end up disturbing and displacing the native wildlife, due to human and especially dog presence in these areas.	1
North Bend does not need an additional aquatics center. The inferior accessibility of neighboring facilities can be expanded in those communities to accommodate the demand those facilities were constructed to satisfy. There is no need for additional parks on riverfront property. Only for acquisition of land to the effect of increased points of water access. The rock climbing structure is arguably the most unique piece of recreation infrastructure in the county. It is accessible to the widest demographic and is the best iteration of its kind. The structures at Marymoor in Redmond and Arbor Heights in Kent are inferior in design. If it is in the docket for improvement or replacement, please keep very close to the spirit of its original form.	1
No parking signs on North Bend way for the full length of Tollgate park. It is VERY dangerous when turning left if there are cars parked on the side -even further down because the speed limit is fast.	1
Need to create sidewalks and paved paths to connect the city. So disjointed and makes it difficult to easily take kids places without driving	1
My biggest "want" is shade over the park equipment. The Si View park is one of the only usable playgrounds in the heat/summer. It would be nice if the playgrounds in the Si View neighborhood or the Tollgate Farm Park had more shade over the play equipment.	1
More trash cans at Meadowbrook	1
More trails. Please improve bike and walking access from Tanner road to SVT.	1
More toddler friendly parks Splash pad Younger kid areas	1
More public multi use trails to connect to south side of I90. that is the one road block that limited use.	1
More pickleball courts!!!!	1
More pickleball courts!!!	1
More parks	1
More gravel/soft surface walking trails, restrooms and covered picnic areas please	1
More connectivity among neighborhoods	1

More bike trails/lanes to schools, parks, and downtown would be good that avoid having to cross major roads. This would encourage more people to ride bikes instead of taking the car. Also, more bike racks/covered bike shelters would be great as well.	1
Middle of our road is city/UI County line, on city water. Spend our money here.. More common areas, spaces with great, uplifting facilities and programs within the parks would be a priority. The skateboard park is for a specific group of people. A larger group get no representation as such... more pre-to teen focused. Thanks for asking!	1
Love the idea of a water feature that is nice to look at but also usable as a water play area for families. There is no outdoor community pool and a large space for water play would be a huge asset to our town.	1
Love our parks and so thankful for everyone's hard work to maintain them and make new improvements! I can't say enough how much our community would love a splash pad (closest one is 40 minutes away I believe!!) or access to more swimmable/wadeable water (thankful for rattlesnake but it gets so crowded).	1
Love north bend and si view parks. Appreciate the cooperative efforts to provide the health and safety of us citizens by utilizing recreation facilities in the valley.	1
Leave Meadowbrook alone. Further encroachment in that area with development is a threat to the existing wildlife population. Look for ways to enhance already developed areas vs. taking away natural lands with pavement and building structures.	1
Keep our area natural. We need more education for the native species and natural areas we live in to encourage people to embrace and take care of the sno valley. It doesn't need to be an issaquah easement...	1
Keep a natural look and less less buildup in parks - but we need some parking solutions for river access	1
It is really frustrating to see all the new neighborhoods developed with "neighborhood residents only" parks, required by the city, but funded by the neighborhood HOA's so other people within the city can not use them. For a city of our size with rapid growth of young families I would expect there to be more parks. We are constantly driving other places to go to parks because ours are packed with kids or flooded with teenagers where it is inappropriate for littler kiddos. It's unfortunate to see all the money coming into the city and not see better thought and effort put into playgrounds for all of the younger families it is attempting to attract.	1
Is there a way to partner with the railway museum to better utilize the building? Pop up christmas shops, coffee shop, etc.	1

I'm very disappointed that the swimming pool didn't pass :(You need to figure out why it didn't pass and do things a bit differently next time. PLEASE, I'm counting on you to help pass this measure. So, what's up with the bike park going in on the south side of town? Excited about it, but haven't heard much about it...?	1
I would love to see permanent pickleball courts that are not shared with basketball, permanent nets, even covered would be amazing	1
I would love to see an additional 18 hole disc golf course put in that is situated in the woods.	1
I would love to see a safe walkway between the Tannerwood/Cascade Canyon/wood River neighborhood area and SVT! There is a very small portion of that ride that is exposed on the main road and concerning when walking/biking with children without a barrier between the shoulder of the road and fast cars! Thank you!	1
I work within the city limits but live outside of them. I spend my income within the city limits.	1
I think you're doing a great job! Would love to see more rainy day possibilities like bigger covered spaces for kids/teens to play. Like covered courts/rinks.	1
I think our parks are awesome. Wish the parks could more easily let vendors use park kitchens May thru Oct. Cities must think regular vendor usage is a burden or legal problem. :(Thanks	1
I think it's crazy that adults are keeping the kids off the basketball courts at Si View. Kick them off and let the kids play.	1
I think it would be helpful to clarify what is within the jurisdiction of this survey as I wasn't clear on what exactly this pertained to outside of Torguson Park.	1
I lived in North Bend city limits for years and now live in Wilderness Rim. I'd really like an off-leash dog park in town as Three Forks has limited parking. I really like the layout of the off-leash park at Beaver Lake Park in Sammamish. It has two clearly defined fenced off areas for small vs large dogs, park of the park is forested which gives cover on rainy days. Another park I like is up in Bellingham (Squalicum Dog Park) and it has logs and other things that dogs can jump and climb on.	1
I live in unincorporated King County on the South Fork levee behind Safeway, and routinely have people use that trail.	1
I live at Exit 34. I frequent Tanner Landing Park with my dogs, and also bicycle on the SVT. I was really sad to see all the greenery stripped away between Tanner Landing and the new subdivision development. The last thing I want to look at is cookie-cutter housing!	1

I grew up on Edgewick and now live here again. I love all the parks and trails, and we actively visit the m year round via car and bicycle. Educational signage with focus on Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Heritage is important. More parking and bathroom maintenance at Si View is needed, especially for farmer's market/events. The area is overwhelmed with growth and nowhere to park. Need restrooms at Meadowbrook! Block tourists from the elk, please. I get so upset with people parking along Meadowbrook. It's an accident waiting to happen with cars or folks getting too close to the herd. Please put in swings that everyone can use from children to adults @ Tollgate and Si View! Thank you for all you do!	1
I am fine with what exists.	1
I am concerned that drug users will use new facilities that are installed/constructed much like other areas, I have seen needles and other drug paraphernalia at Tanner Landing and Torg restroom. I would be happier to see funding construct more nature areas and trails that encourage open exploration than building new areas for drug users to destroy until the city can get a better handle on this issue.	1
Fully inclusive play areas for profoundly disabled children. There's probably a need for it since Encompass is in our community and I bet there's a lot of disabled kids around. My daughter is disabled and we drive to Mercer island to access an inclusive play area.	1
Expand the pool, add a toddler playground, and connect trails for biking walking	1
EJ Roberts basketball court is in bad shape	1
Drinking water fountain at a few parks.	1
DON'T GET RID OF THE DISC GOLF COURSE	1
don't build more artificial eyesores. North Bend is beautiful because of the nature.	1
Do not add "water parks" or playgrounds in nature spaces ... which means there should be ZERO in North Bend. Know why people are moving here from Redmond Issaquah and the city? Because they want nature and to be in the mountains. Just say no to the notion of needing to cater to babies and yuppies dragging their three diaper wielding children and labradoodles to the beautiful natural areas.	1
Definitely need Splash Pads for all children in the area. With Temperatures High and Each year expected to get higher. The kids need a place to cool down.	1
Connection between Forster Woods/Harmon Heights area and South fork landing area would be incredible! Also an easier way for pedestrians/bikes to get to downtown(ish) North Bend from the Forster Woods/Harmon Heights side of the freeway. Using the sidewalk around the roundabout off the freeway is becoming very dangerous for people, yet I see kids using it all the time.	1
City needs to for ILA with Si View To maintain and program all parks. Funding provided by the city.	1

City needs a plan to obtain LAND for satellite parks of good size -- 5-6 acres. Playground, skate bowl, bike tack, ball field, shelter with power, water spray pad in each park. With all the growth going east the people will follow. Developers have to give LAND - good land, level, not the unbuildable gully land we get. There is no park system without LAND. Torguson Shelter was to have power installed by the agreement with city. City to install the power and John Day build shelter was the written agreement.	1
Can we please get some designated pickleball Courts? It's such a quickly growing sport, participation within north bend has increased 10-fold in 1 year and our north bend residents are winning state tournaments! Let's support the players in this growing sport!	1
Biking infrastructure - especially as the city expands to the East - is going to be key to keep downtown accessible without having to add tons of parking. I believe parks and bike trails can help us accomplish this. A better downtown with less cars, a healthier populous, and a more environmentally friendly city.	1
Biggest priority is better pedestrian access across the South Fork Snoqualmie from Riverbend area to get to downtown!	1
Better playground equipment in Si View Neighborhood parks is a MUST! No one uses them because they are so bad	1
Better kids sports- the Torguson baseball field especially. So much rain= lots of canceled season baseball. It rains here- we should be better equipped to play in the rain. Desperate need for splash pad/water fun. Most city parks in other places have at least one spot. Especially needed since the pool did not pass.	1
Basketball courts please we need more !!!!!!!	1
Ban leaf blowers. Plant trees wherever possible. More parking available at parks.	1
As the population grows there is a need for more parks and trails. Also, larger signs for bicycle riders to give the right of way to pedestrians. Too many bikers on the Sno valley trails means walkers have to step off the trail sometimes into the brush or ditch. Also, speed limits for electric bikes now on the trail.	1
ANY development of Riverfront Park will reduce the available space for FLOOD water retention. That area has had over FIVE FEET of water during previous flood events and if the park is developed there is a high level risk of flood damage to several of the homes in the parks neighborhood. It has been a while since North Bend has had a severe flood event. Additional growth has used up flood storage space. Flooding ruins citizens lives, do not develop Riverfront Park as an active park, designate it open space and clean up the invasive plants that are growing in it.	1
Am a 7 year homeowner In Riverbend	1

Add more dog parks Better bathrooms more under covers areas, more paved paths and a gardening apace	1
Add Adirondack chairs for comfortable sitting areas in some of the parks.	1
A splash pad is so needed in this city!	1
1. The statement above acknowledging budget limitations is critical. Honestly the city will never have the \$ to sustain stewardship of marginal lands, and this will be the first budget line cut in lean times, yet such lands require constant care. Therefore, the city should limit ownership of such land (for example, neglected highway/railroad right-of-way/wetlands). 2. Conversely, the park district is very careful about acquiring land, usually needing voter consent, and it only takes on land it can actually maintain. The City of North Bend should always defer park projects to Si View MPD. This is the sole mandate of the MPD, so it will always hire specialists in this area and will always do a better job, almost by definition. 3. The city should do a better job in controlling noxious weeds (ivy everywhere!). 4. The city should place a high priority on working with local citizens to manage local woodlands in order to lessen fire danger within the city and in the Valley generally.	1
1. Especially w pool being voted down, I highly prioritize a splash pad/ water feature and I think it needs to be decent sized because the immediate and surrounding communities want this for their kids-should be made appropriate up to age 10-12 if able. 2. The absolute best playground for 2-at least 6 yr olds is the NB elementary playground that's no longer open. None of the other parks in NB that I'm aware of have a span of structures that are appropriate for such a wide age range (that include littles). As a parent with a decent gap between my kids, I'd love to have somewhere to go that appeals to all of their abilities similar to NBE. 3. As summers keep getting hotter, none of these play structures are shaded and they get really hot, even EJ Robert's. Permanent posts that could hold seasonal shade sails might be an easy, low cost fix? 4. This parks district is amazing, our city is so beautiful and accessible thanks to the work you do. It is much appreciated:)	1
Before building or acquiring additional facilities and land, please consider maintenance. On a number of city plots (eg, along the south fork, NorthBend Way) , the property is overrun by Ivy and other invasive plants. Having voted for the parks district, I think you should leave the acquisition of additional "park" facilities to the the parks district.	1
	1

Answered: 142 Skipped: 278

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A. INTRODUCTION

The Parks and Open Space Element (“Parks Element”) serves as the City’s guide for acquiring, developing and maintaining parks, recreation facilities, trails, and wildlife habitat lands. In addition, certification of this Element by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office will maintain the City’s eligibility for state and federal funds that are administered by that agency.

The element incorporates the findings and recommendations from the numerous planning processes undertaken by the City since the ~~adoption~~ certification by the State Recreation and Conservation Office of the previous version of the plan in ~~2010~~ 2015 and recertification in 2021. All of these planning processes involved extensive public involvement opportunities.

A.1 Overview

The City has a good parks, recreation and open space system, complemented by the wide array of outdoor resources and opportunities provided by county, state and federal agencies. In fact, over ~~628 acres, or about~~ 21% of the land inside the City limits and Urban Growth Boundary (UGA) are in public ownership as parks, public facilities, wildlife habitat or open space areas.

As such, the outdoor recreation opportunities in and around North Bend are outstanding. Hiking, fishing, horseback riding, mountain and road bicycling, rock climbing, skiing, river sports, observation of nature, and the presence of scenic areas abound, all within only a short distance of the City limits. Mount Si rises dramatically above the Valley floor, with its popular trailheads only a five-minute drive from downtown North Bend. Snoqualmie Pass, a major ski resort destination, is only thirty minutes away. This area provides access to year around recreational activities in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, including access to the nationally recognized Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area and Pacific Crest Trail.

Residents choose to live in North Bend, and visitors travel here, in large part because of the ~~rural~~ small town atmosphere and outstanding local and regional outdoor recreation and open space amenities. In numerous surveys conducted by the City and other relevant recreation agencies over the years, respondents have stated the top community goals should be retaining ~~rural~~ small town character and the preservation of natural areas.

Given the significant growth rate that is occurring, the City of North Bend will have important outdoor park, recreation, wildlife habitat and open space needs. Adequately providing for these needs will allow North Bend to remain a desirable rural community.

A.2 Purpose of the Parks and Open Space Element

The primary purpose of the Parks and Open Space Element is to direct actions related to the conservation, development, and management of North Bend’s park, recreation, wildlife habitat and open space infrastructure. Actions are intended primarily to benefit residents while also playing a key role in continuing to attract visitors and enhance the local economy.

This Element is focused on outdoor park and recreation needs and opportunities. Although the City realizes the need to plan for indoor recreation programs and activities, this Element does not specifically address those needs, and such needs are largely addressed by the Si View Metropolitan Parks District. The Element has a six-year time frame and will need to next be updated ~~in 2024~~ by October 2025 to meet State Recreation and Conservation Office park and recreation grant eligibility requirements. The list of park projects to be constructed and their anticipated funding sources will be updated periodically as projects are completed and additional projects are prioritized.

A.3 Relationship to Comprehensive Plan and Regulatory Role

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires a park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the City's Capital Facilities Element as it relates to park and recreation facilities. The park element shall include: (a) estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a ten-year period; (b) an evaluation of facilities and service needs; and (c) an evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand.

King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) provide local direction to implement the GMA mandate for consideration of park and recreation needs including open space. CPP policy EN-4-20 calls jurisdictions to identify and preserve regionally significant open space networks and develop strategies and funding to protect them. The City of North Bend implements this policy through the City's existing park and open space resources and planned improvements.

The North Bend City Council adopted the current update of this plan upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parks Commission, and following a public workshop and public hearing. As such, it is recognized as providing an official basis for legislative, quasi-judicial and administrative decisions on matters relating to the area of parks, recreation, wildlife habitat and open space acquisition, development, and maintenance falling within City limits and the urban growth area.

B. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AREA

B.1 Service Area

The planning or service area for the Parks and Open Space Element is the city limits of North Bend and its Urban Growth Area (UGA). (Hereinafter, the North Bend UGA is defined as including the city limits of North Bend and its Urban Growth Area.) However, it is recognized that surrounding residents in the Upper Snoqualmie Valley also have an impact on the demand for North Bend services. Therefore, unincorporated areas of King County that are adjacent to North Bend's UGA will be considered. These "potential impact areas" include areas that, when developed, may have an effect on parks and recreation services or the quality of life for North Bend residents.

B.2 Population Trends

~~North Bend's population has grown significantly over the last several decades, and is expected to continue to do so. Based on the development of the remaining vacant and re-developable land within the City and its UGA and applied growth assumptions prepared by the City, the Growth Management Planning Council has adopted residential growth targets for the City of North Bend of an additional 1,748 additional homes by 2044 (about 80 homes each year), which the City will need zone land to enable the market to accommodate. Factoring an average of 2.69 persons per household in North Bend (2022 WA OFM), this translates to an additional 4,702 people added to North Bend's 2020 population of 7,461 and estimated 2020 UGA population of 2,538 (2020 Census), totaling 14,701 people in 2044.~~

~~North Bend's population remained essentially static for the decade of the 2000s due to the 10-year long water moratorium that occurred during that period. However, significant new development is now occurring, together with corresponding substantial population growth.~~

~~In 2015, the City updated the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan, which includes 2035 population projections based on development of the remaining vacant and re-developable land within the city and its UGA, subject to growth~~

assumptions. This analysis determined that based on current zoning and growth assumptions, the City and existing UGA have the capacity to accommodate an additional 2,331 dwelling units. Factoring 2.22 persons per renter-occupied household (39.2% of units based on current proportions) and 2.8 persons per owner-occupied household (60.8% of units based on current proportions), this translates to an additional 5,978 people added to North Bend's 2010 population of 5,731 (US Census 2010) and estimated 2010 UGA population of 2,692, totaling 14,401 people in 2035.

Table 1 shows the population projections that will be used for the purpose of the Parks and Open Space Element. For the 6-year growth estimate for this plan (through 2024/2029), the plan presumes growth at 80 homes per year, consistent with the averaged annual growth of the City's 2044 PSRC growth target. It is assumed that 2/3 of the remaining growth through 2035 will occur, based on the residential development projects currently under review or in the pipeline (anticipated to be submitted within the next few years).

TABLE 1 -POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	2010-2020 US Census, City Limits	2014-2021 US Census Estimate, City Limits	Forecast 2021- 2029 (2/3 of 2035 Forecast of City and UGA at 80 homes per year)	2035/2044 Forecast (City and UGA)
City Population	5,7317,461	6,5787,695	9,6019,141	14,70114,401

Table 2 shows that the residents in the City of North Bend are fairly young, with 61% of the population being under the age of 45. The median age is 38.7 years, and 67% are family households (2010 Census). The past decade has seen an increase in the percentage of children that make up the population and a decrease in the percentage of senior citizens (over 65 years). The household size within the City is expected to drop, consistent with national trends.

TABLE 2 – NORTH BEND AGE DISTRIBUTION IN 2010

AGE RANGE	POPULATION	% OF TOTAL
0–19 years	1,688	29.4%
20–44 years	1,815	31.8%
45–64 years	1,688	29.4%
65+ years	540	9.4%
TOTAL	5,731	100%

Source: 2010 Census, City of North Bend

Commented [MM1]: Census no longer provides age breakdown by these categories.

B.3 Wildlife Habitat

Most of North Bend is located on the floodplains of the South Fork and Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River, and includes significant areas of riparian forest on public lands and within the critical area buffers of rivers and streams. Many species use these riparian forests for cover, foraging and breeding. Elk, deer, river otter, mink and beaver most commonly use this habitat type. Other species that may be present or pass through include black bear, cougar, bobcat, weasel, deer mice and other rodent species, shrews, and bats.

Wetlands throughout the floodplain provide habitat and flood control benefits within North Bend, especially on the western edge of the city. Many animal species use these wetlands for all or part of their lives. The more structurally diverse wetlands (i.e., more tree and shrub cover) provide the most optimum habitat. Many species of birds and amphibians are particularly dependent on wetlands for critical breeding habitat.

Early settlers described much of the floodplain as “prairie.” This large open area was maintained by Native Americans in order to perpetuate certain edible plant species such as camas and berries. Fire was used to remove invading shrubs and

trees. Today, what remains of the former prairies are largely farm fields, bisected by roads and highways. These transportation corridors are significant barriers for wildlife movement.

These farm fields provide habitat for small mammals and birds and are regularly patrolled by raptors, owls and coyote. In some areas, larger mammals such as deer, elk and black bear forage or use the fields to move to areas providing better habitat and cover. The largest remaining area of this particular habitat type occurs in the western end of the city. It includes Meadowbrook Farm, Tollgate Farm, miscellaneous intervening properties, and the field south to the Nintendo complex. Because of the presence of multiple large protected public fields, the local elk population has been increasing dramatically over the last several years. Addressing the management of this elk herd and the attendant damage that elk can cause to property has become a significant concern in the valley. Land use and park and recreation planning should be done consistent with the objectives of protecting the needs of this herd while minimizing the potential for human and elk conflicts.

The South Fork and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers provide a special aquatic habitat. In spite of dikes along portions of the rivers, they still provide excellent habitat for such fish species as cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, whitefish, and sculpin. Although the rivers are still listed as possibly having habitat for the federally listed bull trout, the species no longer appears to exist in the rivers. Habitat for fish spawning is particularly good where the river is still connected with its off-channel floodplain. Parts of Ribary Creek provide excellent spawning habitat for cutthroat trout because of its heavily vegetated banks and clean sediments. Gardiner Creek also supports a healthy population of cutthroat trout.

C. EXISTING AREAS AND FACILITIES

C.1 Overview

The City of North Bend lies in close proximity to hundreds of thousands of acres land owned by city, county, state, and federal agencies. These lands are depicted on Figure 8.3. Information on key sites, located in the proximity of North Bend, is provided below, including more detailed information on the wildlife habitat values of these lands and the parks and recreation facilities inside the North Bend UGA.

C.2 City of North Bend Areas and Facilities

City-owned parks, recreation, open space and wildlife habitat areas and facilities are depicted on Figure 8.1. Table 3 in Section IV summarizes recreational facilities in the North Bend UGA.

E.J. Roberts Park: This is a 48.9-acre neighborhood park. Improvements include playground areas, two tennis courts, a practice basketball court, restrooms, paved pathways, landscaping, and paved parking for ten vehicles. [Additional areas include undeveloped forested area and wetlands.](#) The park lies east of downtown within the Silver Creek neighborhood.

Gardiner-Weeks Memorial Park: This 3.3 acre neighborhood park has approximately 200 feet of frontage on the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River and is located on Bendigo Boulevard, a key gateway to the City. The Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum and the Mount Si Senior Center are located within the park boundaries. Other facilities include a gazebo, picnic tables, and a short, paved walking path. A paved parking lot is provided at the Senior Center and a small gravel parking lot is provided at the corner of Park Street and Bendigo Boulevard.

Meadowbrook Farm Park: Meadowbrook is a 460-acre, historic farm property located in the cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie that commands sweeping views of Mount Si and the Cascade Mountain Range. In the late 1800's, it was a thriving hop ranch and was later used for vegetable crops and dairy farming through the 1960's. Meadowbrook Farm is owned by the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie, and is managed by the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association.

A Master Plan for Meadowbrook Farm was adopted in 1999 and updated in 2013. The 460-acre property offers passive recreational opportunities, including nature appreciation, trails, environmental interpretation and native habitat protection. The fields on the property are also used for recreational and community events that require large spaces. A 2,400 square

foot Interpretive Center building is located on the property, providing meeting space for public and private events, classes and the like.

Meadowbrook Farm is part of a wildlife corridor in the Upper Snoqualmie Valley connecting numerous protected lands surrounding the City, and supports a diversity of habitats. Elk herds use many of the habitats on the site and are routinely seen grazing on Meadowbrook Farm. They are a popular attraction with local residents and visitors to the area. Wildlife habitats and habitat values on Meadowbrook Farm are further described in the Meadowbrook Farm Master Plan.

Riverfront Park: This 26.8 acre undeveloped property has approximately 1,000 feet of frontage on both sides of the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River between Bendigo Boulevard and W. North Bend Way, including 4 acres on the right bank and 22.8 acres on the left bank. The park includes informal trails along the levees and access to the shoreline for fishing and swimming. The northern portion of the levee on the right bank, and the southernmost portion of the levee on the left bank remain private property. This undeveloped and protected river riparian corridor is important for all kinds of wildlife, particularly birds, and helps to maintain habitat and water quality critical to fish in the upper basin. The City, together with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, has worked hard over the last few years to clear this forested area of invasive English ivy and English holly, improving the health of the forest for diversity and wildlife habitat.

Si View Subdivision Park: This 13 acre park includes river access on the top of the flood levee, paved walkways, playgrounds and a multi-purpose sports court.

Tanner Road Shoreline Park: This 2.2 acre forested park provides public access to a small segment of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River via a trail accessed off SE Tanner Road. The park is intended to remain largely undeveloped.

Tannerwood Park: This 0.8 acre park is located within the Tannerwood Subdivision, and includes paved walkways, large lawn areas, as well as city-owned stormwater infrastructure.

Tanner Trail: The Tanner Trail is a partially city-owned railway and trail corridor located on the south side of North Bend Way. The 100-foot right-of-way runs from the western limits of the City to the Tanner Road/Tanner Mill site where it intersects with the King County Snoqualmie Valley Trail. The Northwest Railway Museum operates the historic tourist railroad in the summer and during the winter holiday season between Snoqualmie and North Bend. A pedestrian and bicycle trail runs parallel to the railroad tracks. This trail links downtown North Bend with residential areas, medical and social services and recreational river frontage. The Tanner Trail is paved and landscaped from East Park Street to Main Avenue North. The remainder of the trail surface is gravel.

Tennant Trailhead Park: Currently undeveloped, this 32-acre forested property will be developed with mountain bike and hiking trails, a parking lot, and a trailhead connecting the park to the broader trails on Rattlesnake Mountain, linking to Snoqualmie Point Park and further destinations.

Tollgate Farm: Tollgate Farm is a historic 410-acre farm and open space property owned by the City of North Bend and King County. All portions of Tollgate Farm located within the City limits of North Bend are owned by the city, with the remainder owned by King County. Tollgate Farm is adjacent to Meadowbrook Farm and preserves important agriculture, wildlife, open space, archeological and historic resources.

In 2001, the City and County purchased 380 acres of the 410-acre Tollgate Farm for public park, open space and natural area purposes. King County purchased 330 acres, of which 165 acres is located outside the North Bend UGA. An additional 40 acres, containing most of the central meadow portion of the farm, was purchased jointly by King County and the City of North Bend. The remaining ten (10) acres in the Central Meadow, containing the 100-year-old historic Tollgate Farmhouse, was purchased by the City of North Bend. In 2008, through the Intergovernmental Land Transfer Agreement, King County transferred the remaining 204 acres under their ownership that were located within the City limits to the City of North Bend.

Tollgate Farm Park, within the broader Tollgate Farm property, is a 49-acre park owned by the City of North Bend and managed by the Si View Metropolitan Park District, through an interlocal agreement with the City. The scenic agricultural pasture has unobstructed views of Mt. Si and the Cascade Mountains and is considered a local and regional icon. The park contains restrooms, a playground, picnic tables, and a loop trail surrounding 24-acres of grazing pasture, as well as farmstead improvements including the restored Tollgate farmhouse, a new barn in the same general location as the original barn on the property, and an agricultural incubation farming area.

Future development, consistent with the May 2004 Central Meadow Master Plan, will may include multi use sport fields in the open space field in the far northwest corner of the site. A cricket pitch has now been developed in this area. The 1904 Queen Anne farmhouse and immediate surrounding grounds are historically significant and provide an opportunity for interpretation and education related to some of the earliest Euro-American history in the upper Snoqualmie Valley. The 2004 Central Meadow Master Plan envisions that the farmstead would be used as public gathering space for community events in addition to supporting the agricultural operations of the cattle grazing. Ribary Creek, in the southeast corner of the site, is a wooded natural area. Re-vegetation efforts over the last several years by the City and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust have restored this area to a more natural condition, previously afflicted by invasive plant communities and cattle crossings. Restoration efforts will continue, as guided by the Central Meadow Master Plan.

The protected Tollgate Farm property includes approximately 2,400 feet of frontage along the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River with accompanying high quality fish and wildlife habitat values. There are another 900 feet of frontage along Ribary Creek and other smaller tributary streams to the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River. Tollgate Farm is part of a critical connecting link that provides a low-elevation wildlife corridor between the Kimball Creek wetlands, Rattlesnake Mountain and the Cedar River Watershed to the south and west and Three Forks Natural Area, Mount Si NRCA and the Hancock Timber lands to the north and east. A further analysis of the wildlife habitats and habitat values present on the farm can be found in the May 2004 Tollgate Farm Central Meadow Master Plan.

Torguson Park: This 17.3-acre facility is located adjacent to the North Bend Elementary School. The Park consists of six ball fields with bleachers and concession stand, a soccer field, restrooms, an 8,100 square foot skateboard park, picnic facilities, bike racks, informal-a BMX dirt bike track, tot lot, climbing tower, and a parking lot for 190 vehicles. The fields are used for league play, tournament play and sport camps. They are in use from mid-May through Thanksgiving. Torguson Park is a very popular and heavily used facility.

William Henry Taylor Park: This 1.0-acre park houses the North Bend Railroad Depot. The Depot was constructed in 1988. It serves as the eastern terminus for the Puget Sound and Snoqualmie Valley Historical Railway train, which runs in the summer and Christmas season between Snoqualmie and North Bend. Depot facilities include a ticket office, meeting rooms, and restrooms. Parking is provided along McClellan Street. A landscaped lawn area with benches and picnic tables extends south from the Depot to adjoin senior citizen and multi-family housing developments. The Tanner Trail, including its only paved section, runs east-west through the park.

Dahlgren Family Park (future): The Dahlgren Family Park (currently under construction as of the time of the preparation of this update) contains 4 acres and will contain parking and access to King County's Tanner Landing Park, in addition to serving as a neighborhood park. The park will contain restrooms, a picnic shelter, play equipment, a sand volleyball court, and a loop trail. As a part of the City's development regulations for the Tanner Landing Master Plan Overlay District (North Bend Municipal Code 18.10.025), upon development of a 21-acre property between SE North Bend Way and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail, the developer will be required to dedicate 2.5 acres to the City for a public park, and provide a public roadway connecting into King County's Tanner Landing Park immediately to the north. The park will serve as a neighborhood park to this area, as well as an extension of Tanner Landing Park.

Tanner Road Shoreline Park (future): A preliminary plat condition of the Segale Tanner Road subdivision on SE Tanner Road requires dedication of a 2.2-acre tract between SE Tanner Road and the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River to the City for a public shoreline access and open space park. The park is intended to remain largely undeveloped, aside from a trail to access the shoreline, picnic tables, and a restroom.

C.3 School District Facilities

Snoqualmie Valley School District #410 encompasses approximately 400 square miles in eastern King County and includes the cities of North Bend, Snoqualmie, and Fall City. Opstad Elementary, North Bend Elementary, and the former campus of Two Rivers Alternative High School are within the North Bend city limits (currently vacant). Twin Falls Middle School is located just east of the City's Urban Growth Area on the Middle Fork Road. The Opstad and North Bend Elementary School sites include paved playground areas with equipment, tennis courts, and informal youth ball fields. The former Two Rivers School site has an adjacent large field containing two youth baseball fields. This field is also seasonally used for soccer practice by sports organizations. The only school district facilities that have been included in the City's parks inventory and level of service analysis are the baseball fields at Two Rivers School. This is because they are directly adjacent to a public street, readily accessible, and are of sufficient size for competitive youth games. No other school district facilities are counted toward the City's park and recreation inventory and level of service standards because they are located within school grounds, are not built with typical facilities or dimensions, and are available to the public only after school hours.

C.4 City of Seattle Watershed

The City of Seattle owns the upper 90,546 acres of the Cedar River Watershed; this area serves as a major part of the City of Seattle's municipal water supply. The Watershed is located south and east of North Bend and is partially inside the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Recreation opportunities are limited in the Cedar River Watershed. The main recreational area is at Rattlesnake Lake, located just five miles from downtown North Bend and near the edge of the City of Seattle's property. This area is open to the public for swimming, fishing and hiking; informal day-use facilities are provided. The Cedar River Watershed Education Center, located just above Rattlesnake Lake, includes an exhibit hall, heritage library, learning laboratories, and auditorium/meeting rooms (www.seattle.gov/util/crvec). The remainder of the City of Seattle's watershed is off-limits to recreational users. King County's Snoqualmie Valley Trail commences near the lake, as does the John Wayne Trail.

C.5 Si View Metropolitan Parks District Facilities

Si View Community Center: A 10.7-acre site owned and operated by the Si View Metropolitan Parks District, Si View Community Center is located near downtown North Bend in an area of multifamily and single-family residential development. Developed facilities include a youth baseball field, an open field used for soccer and football, playground equipment, outdoor restrooms, and picnic tables. A historic log building houses a 15,000 square-foot indoor swimming pool, gymnasium/basketball court, and classrooms. Services offered in this facility include swimming lessons, lifeguard training, recreation classes, and a summer day camp program. Si View Community Center serves residents of the entire Snoqualmie Valley, and is also the site of the North Bend Farmers Market. www.siviewpark.org

Shamrock Park: Shamrock Park is a half-acre undeveloped mini-park owned and maintained by the Si View Metropolitan Parks District located on Healy Avenue across the street from the Si View Community Center. The park provides 200 feet of frontage on the South Fork Snoqualmie River. The Metropolitan Parks District also owns an additional parcel of land directly across the river from Shamrock Park, offering a future opportunity for a pedestrian bridge at this location.

South Fork Landing Park: Jointly owned by the City of North Bend and Si View Metropolitan Park District, this 36-acre park, a former 9-hole golf course, presently contains a popular disc golf course. It is located outside of City limits but serves residents of both North Bend and the Si View MPD. The Si View MPD has prepared a master plan for future additional development of the park, anticipated to contain disc golf, a community building, trails and picnic facilities, play equipment, and other recreational amenities.

C.6 King County Areas and Facilities

Blue Hole: In 1998, King County acquired two properties for flood control purposes on the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River. These properties are adjacent to the "Blue Hole", a favorite local swimming hole, beach and river

access point. Informal parking is provided at the end of 6th Street, ~~although the levy connecting the parking lot with the Blue Hole is privately owned and no public access easement has yet been obtained by King County across the private property.~~

Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area: This is a 645-acre area owned by King County, located about 5 miles east of North Bend within the Middle Fork Valley. As a natural area, the site is managed to protect natural systems, maintain and enhance wildlife habitat and corridors, preserve scenic areas, and provide for low-impact public recreation. King County and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust are developing significant public access improvements within this area, including trailheads, day-use sites and river access points.

Snoqualmie Valley Trail and connections: The Snoqualmie Valley Trail, designated as a National Recreation Trail, is a 36-mile, gravel surface trail that follows an abandoned railroad right-of-way from Duvall to North Bend. The trail is designated for non-motorized use, and is primarily used for walking and bicycling. The trail passes through or is close to several key area destinations, including Meadowbrook Farm, Tollgate Farm, Three Forks Park, downtown North Bend, Torguson Park, Two Rivers Alternative School (trail parking available on the weekends), North Bend Elementary School, and the North Bend Library. The Snoqualmie Valley Trail ties into an unused railroad right-of-way that connects to the City's Tanner Trail, trails in the City of Snoqualmie, the John Wayne Trail at Rattlesnake Lake, and to much of King County's 300 mile regional trail system.

Three Forks Natural Area: The Three Forks Natural Area is a natural area owned by King County containing over 400 acres at the confluence of the North, Middle, and South Forks of the Snoqualmie River, about two miles north of downtown North Bend. It contains informal fishing trails, native habitat and wildlife areas. The area serves as a sanctuary and corridor for elk, black bear, deer, cougar, bobcats, river otters and eagles. Its riparian habitat provides sloughs and wetlands for many bird species, small mammals and amphibians. The Three Forks Natural Area provides a critical link in a wildlife corridor connecting the large, protected wildlife habitat area of the Mount Si NRCA and the Hancock Timber lands in the north with wildlife habitat to the south including Meadowbrook Farm, Tollgate Farm, Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area and the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed. Parking for river access is provided at the intersection of Reinig Road and 428th Ave. SE.

Tanner Landing: The Tanner Landing property is a 40 acre passive recreation site ~~owned by King County~~ located on the south side of the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River, adjacent to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and North Bend Urban Growth Area. The site was purchased by King County in 2003 to serve multiple purposes, including riverfront recreation access for the growing number of kayakers on the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River. The site is being developed to accommodate multiple passive and active recreation uses, subject to the environmental constraints associated with the waterfront location, including regular river flooding. ~~Careful planning should be undertaken regarding the relationship of the adjacent Dahlgren property (between North Bend Way and the King County Trail) to Tanner Landing to ensure that future uses constructed on this site are compatible to the park uses as much as possible.~~

C.7 Joint Agency Areas and Facilities

Rattlesnake Mountain area: Rattlesnake Mountain is located south of North Bend on the south side of Interstate 90. The public ownership of Rattlesnake Mountain, over 3,165 acres, lies almost exclusively on the northward side of the Mountain, facing I-90 and North Bend. In 1993, King County and the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) jointly purchased approximately 1,800 acres. This area is managed by both agencies as the "Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area" under a management plan that has ecological protection as its top priority and low-impact recreation as a secondary priority.

In 1997, 1,100 acres on the western end of the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area were purchased as a "working forest" using combined King County and federal Forest Legacy funds. No development will occur in this forestland area. The majority of this acreage is owned by DNR and managed as Trust Lands on behalf of King County. The remaining, protected land on Rattlesnake Mountain is owned by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

The Rattlesnake Mountain Trail is an 11-mile trail that links Rattlesnake Lake to Snoqualmie Point. Future plans call for creating a trail that would link the Rattlesnake Mountain trail to the Tiger Mountain trail system. The south end of Rattlesnake Mountain connects to the Cedar River Watershed. Southwest of Rattlesnake Mountain is the 1,700-acre Taylor Mountain Forest, owned by King County Parks. Taylor Mountain provides a critical landscape connection between the Cedar River Watershed and Tiger Mountain, a 4,430-acre conservation area owned by DNR, and the City of Issaquah, with the surrounding lands being managed by DNR as state trust and forest land.

Snoqualmie Point Park: This vantage point for sweeping views of the region was slated for office park development. In 2000, the 130-acre site was purchased by the USFS. Ten acres, at the site of the former Snoqualmie Winery, is managed by the City of Snoqualmie as a public park, scenic viewpoint and event amphitheater. The USFS manages the remaining 120 acres for its forestland conservation values.

Currently, undeveloped land with wildlife habitat value is found on both sides of I-90 adjacent to Rattlesnake Mountain. There are a number of crossings that allow wildlife to pass under I-90 onto these undeveloped lands. Although there are large areas of publicly protected land on both sides of I-90, this important wildlife corridor is tenuous as many of the key habitat linkages remain in private ownership.

C.8 Washington State Areas and Facilities

~~John Wayne Pioneer-Palouse to Cascades~~ Trail (aka Iron Horse Trail): Washington State Parks manages this cross-state trail that follows an abandoned railroad right-of-way from Rattlesnake Lake near North Bend, east across Washington State to the Idaho border. This non-motorized, level grade trail is ideal for mountain bikers, equestrians and hikers. Major local access points are found at Rattlesnake Lake (exit 32) and Ollalie State Park (exit 38). The Trail is connected to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail at Rattlesnake Lake. The ~~John Wayne Trail~~**Palouse to Cascades Trail** also connects with the Pacific Crest Trail, running between the Canadian and Mexican borders, near Snoqualmie Pass.

Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area: This 20,753-acre conservation area owned by the Department of Natural Resources, showcases the 4,167 foot Mount Si. The extremely popular Mount Si trail is 4 miles long and has an elevation gain of 3,500 feet. The trailhead, located about three miles from downtown North Bend off Mount Si Road, includes a picnic area, vault toilets, a handicapped accessible loop trail and a large parking area. The 2.5-mile Little Si trail, also off the Mt. Si Road, leads to the summit of Little Si (elevation gain of 1,250 feet). Future plans call for the development of a number of new trailheads and trails. Mountain bikes and equestrian uses are permitted on specified roads and trails. The Mount Si NRCA provides a sizable area of wildlife habitat. It is well known for its herd of mountain goats, which at times can be seen from roads at the base of the Mountain. The cliff faces of Mount Si are habitat for the threatened peregrine falcon and at least one nesting pair uses the area.

Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area: This 10,828-acre conservation area owned by the Department of Natural Resources contains extensive lowland and montane forest areas along the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, protecting wildlife habitat and scenic views, and providing low-impact recreation opportunities, including the Mailbox Peak and Granite Lakes trails, and several day use areas along the river.

Twin Falls Natural Area: This State Natural Area contains a 1.3-mile forested trail (each way), that runs along the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River and leads to a spectacular view of the upper and lower Twin Falls. The trail crosses the river between the two waterfalls on a 75-foot free-span bridge and continues on to connect with the John Wayne Trail. Interpretive signs describe the run-of-river subterranean power plant underneath Twin Falls. The trailhead is located off Exit 34 from I-90.

Ollalie State Park: The 520-acre Ollalie State Park is a day use park. A trail, suitable for young children, runs along the river. There is a fish weir at Weeks Falls with good viewpoints, interpretive signs describing the run-of-river power plant at Weeks Falls, fishing opportunities, and a 1/4-mile interpretive trail. Access and parking is provided off Exit 38 from Interstate 90.

C.9 Federal Lands

Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest: The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest includes hundreds of thousands of acres east of North Bend and north and south of Snoqualmie Pass and includes over 200 miles of hiking trails, and 3 campgrounds within the Snoqualmie Pass and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley areas. Alpine and Nordic ski entities lease property from the Forest Service at Snoqualmie Pass. The Nordic Center offers over 55 kilometers of cross-country and snowshoe opportunities. There are numerous facilities for alpine skiers. For snowboarders, Snoqualmie Pass has several terrain parks and half-pipes. Wildlife habitat abounds on the national forest, with the full range of species typically dependant on old growth and successional forests. www.fs.usda.gov/mbfs

C.10 Other Regional Areas and Facilities

Mountains-to-Sound Greenway: The Mountains-to-Sound Greenway concept originated with regional leaders in the summer of 1990. The concept is to connect and protect open space in a scenic greenway along Interstate 90. The Greenway runs from the shores of Puget Sound, over the Cascade Mountains, to the Kittitas Valley foothills, and incorporates both public and private lands. The Greenway will include continuous trail connections along mountain hillsides and ridgetops and link these with community trail networks and destinations. Major elements of the system include Cougar, Squak and Tiger Mountains; Lake Sammamish State Park; Meadowbrook and Tollgate Farms; Rattlesnake Mountain and Mount Si, along with lands protected by the U.S. Forest Service east of North Bend. www.mtsgreenway.org

~~Haneock-Campbell Global Timber Lands:~~ ~~The Haneock-Timber-Company-Campbell Global~~ owns 104,000 acres of working forestland along the western edge of the Cascade Range just north of the Three Forks Natural Area. This land was previously known as the Weyerhaeuser Snoqualmie Tree Farm. It includes two major rivers (North Fork Snoqualmie and Tolt), numerous smaller rivers and streams, more than 500 acres of lakes and ponds, more than 6,000 acres of riparian areas, and 4,000 acres of wetlands. Recreation access is allowed via permit from ~~Haneock-TimberCampbell Global~~. www.haneockrecreationnw.comhttps://sqrecreation.com/

Mount Si Golf Course: This 18-hole golf course lies within the city limits of Snoqualmie, off Meadowbrook Road. It is adjacent to the Meadowbrook Farm property, and is open to the public. Although largely an open area, the golf course does provide some wildlife habitat continuity along the South Fork with nearby Three Forks Natural Area and on Meadowbrook Farm. www.mtsigolf.com

~~Cascade Golf Course:~~ ~~This 9-hole golf course is also open to the public. It is located off 436th Avenue SE, just south of Interstate 90, and borders North Bend's urban growth area. www.cascadegolffcourse.com~~

~~Serius Sports Complex:~~ ~~This private ballfields facility at 1422 Bendigo Boulevard N. contains 4 baseball fields overlapping with 2 soccer/lacrosse fields, primarily serving regional select youth leagues and adult leagues. <https://seriussportscomplex.com>~~

Snoqualmie Falls: Snoqualmie Falls is reported to be the second largest tourist destination in the state (*Snoqualmie Valley Visitor's Guide*, 2000) drawing 1.2 million visitors a year. Snoqualmie Falls itself has a 268-foot drop, which is 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls. There is a trail to the base of the Falls that is open to the public.

Common Use Areas on Private Lands: North Bend has several informal park, recreation, and open space areas that, although not in public ownership, are used and/or recognized by North Bend area residents as important for recreation. These areas include [dikes-river levees](#) and selected riparian parcels along the South Fork and Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River.

The left bank of the Middle Fork is [diked-leveed](#) intermittently from the "Blue Hole" (see King County areas and facilities) upstream to Mount Si Road. The South Fork of the Snoqualmie River is [diked-leveed](#) more extensively than the

Middle Fork. Levees extend from Gardiner Weeks Park downstream on both banks to the Meadowbrook Trestle (the Snoqualmie Valley Trail extension), and upstream past Interstate 90. Many portions of these dikes are privately owned.

Along some reaches of the river, the public makes informal use of the levees/dikes. In other areas, landowners prohibit access across the dikes. ~~Dikes/Levees~~ offer long-term river access and trail opportunities if the City, County and landowners can agree on access, management and public use.

D. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

D.1 Introduction

Citizen involvement in the development of this Element was accomplished through a variety of mechanisms, including review by the North Bend Parks Commission and Planning Commission (open public meetings), as well as through surveys and a Parks Workshop, as described below.

D.2 ~~2012-2021~~ Si View Metropolitan Parks District Survey

In ~~2012-2021~~, the Si View Metropolitan Parks District (“Si View MPD”) hired a consultant to conduct a Community Interest and Opinion Survey to help establish priorities for the future development of parks and recreation facilities, programs and services within the community. In addition to questions more specific to the Si View MPD’s operations, the survey asked broader questions regarding respondents level of satisfaction with park-related facilities, programs and services in the community, their level of need for various parks and recreation facilities, the importance of different types of parks and recreation facilities to their households, and actions they are most willing to fund with their tax dollars.

Of the 2000 surveys mailed to households within the service area, ~~403-405~~ were returned, providing a 95% level of confidence with a precision of at least +/- 4.79%. Because the MPD encompasses North Bend, the survey should be considered valid for determining park and recreation interests of residents of North Bend as well as the larger MPD service area.

~~While much of the survey was directed at recreation programming rather than developing specific outdoor facilities,~~ Results indicated a strong preference of respondents for additional open space and trails, and a broader preference for more opportunities for passive forms of recreation over active forms of recreation. Primary results of the survey applicable to the City of North Bend’s update to its Parks Element include the following:

- The top 5 (highest preference) ~~outdoor-recreation related outdoor park and recreational facilities identified as a need by potential programming spaces households would use if they were available included nature trails (55%), paved trails (39%), canoe/kayak access (38%), mountain bike park/trails (36%), and dog parks (35%).~~ respondents was walking and biking trails (77%) followed by natural areas/wildlife habitats (70%), large community parks (66%), outdoor fair/festival space (62%), and picnic shelters (59%).
- The bottom 5 (lowest preference) outdoor recreation related facilities included outdoor pickleball courts (19%), outdoor multi-use fields (19%), disc golf (17%) outdoor basketball courts (11%), and outdoor sand volleyball (9%). ~~included baseball fields (18%), softball fields (14%), football fields (10%), pickle ball courts (9%), and lacrosse fields (5%).~~
- Of note, several additional programming spaces were evaluated and ranked, but are not considered here as they do not relate to outdoor recreation facilities that the City of North Bend would develop (such as performing arts facilities, craft and gallery spaces, eSports/gaming space/venue, etc.) ~~Additional questions identifying how well park and recreational facilities meet the needs of households and park and recreational facilities that are most important to households reflected the same general trends identified in the findings above.~~

D.3 2015 Parks Workshop

The Parks Commission held a Parks Workshop on June 24, 2015. The open house was attended by members of the general public, the Parks Commission, and representatives of the Si View Metropolitan Parks District. City staff presented a summary of the Parks Element and needed updates and a summary of the findings of the 2012 Si View MPD survey results and 2012 Statewide Recreation Survey results pertinent to the city’s Parks Element update. Staff and the

Parks Commission also provided display boards of each of the parks and the trail system within the City of North Bend, seeking input of the attendees on their satisfaction with the condition of the existing parks and their preferences for potential improvements and additional facilities. Common feedback included strong support for additional trail development (particularly in providing trail linkages), constructing a spray park, and providing disc golf facilities at an existing large park or open space area.

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D.4.3 2015-2022 North Bend Parks Survey

The City of North Bend conducted a community survey in June and July of 2015-September of 2022 to obtain feedback on resident satisfaction with existing park facilities and need for additional facilities. A total of 184-Over 420 survey responses were received, with 77approximately 80% of respondents living within City limits. The survey results indicated that the City's parks are frequently used, with 52% of respondents visiting a City park at least once a week. The majority of respondents indicated that they primarily use parks for passive recreational activities (top 4 activities included 65% for time with family and friends, 64% for walking/running, 50% for relaxing, and 48% for walking the dog.)

For assessing park facility needs within the community and determining the adequacy of the existing parks levels of service, questions were asked regarding whether respondents felt there were enough of particular facilities, or needed additional. Broadly, respondents preferred the acquisition and development of lands and facilities for more passive forms of recreation that focus on walking, biking, and enjoyment of nature over the development of additional sports facilities, with a notable strong community desire for more river/water access areas. The majority of respondents felt there are currently enough softball fields, soccer fields and football fields, and neighborhood and community parks with children's play equipment. The majority however, expressed that North Bend needs more tennis courts and multiple recreation courts. The most significant desire expressed by survey participants was for more passive parks and wildlife corridors (which lands may include trails); with 60% of respondents stating that North Bend needs more of these areas.

The survey asked respondents to list any additional park facilities they would like to see in North Bend. The largest number of common responses was for additional trails (including biking and walking trails), followed by a splash park, off-leash dog park, pool, additional passive open space, and covered picnic areas.

The survey also asked for specific comments, concerns or suggestions regarding the City's parks and open space. The largest number of common responses was for better maintenance and care at our existing parks, particularly with regard to replacing aging and dilapidated equipment at EJ Roberts Park and Si View Neighborhood Park. Additional common comments included the need to better maintain landscaping within parks, and better/added restrooms within parks. The full results of the survey are available on file at the Community and Economic Development Office.

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Key findings from the survey include the following:

- The primary cited reason for not visiting a park more often was insufficient pedestrian or bicycle facilities to the park/safe route from home, indicating the need to focus additional attention on key sidewalk and pathway improvements between neighborhoods and parks.
- The top 5 primary types of facilities respondents felt the City needs more of included river/water access (66%), walking and biking trails (47%), covered picnic shelters (47%), pickleball courts (47%), and passive/natural open space areas (46%).
- The top 5 priorities for applying funding for acquisition/development of additional facilities included river/water access (76%), paved multi-use trails (54%), gravel/soft-surface natural trails (53%), passive/natural open space areas (46%), and off-leash dog parks (35%).
- Of facilities not currently available within North Bend, the top 5 that respondents desired to see developed included developed river access (73%), outdoor spray/splash park (55%), off-leash dog park (42%), public artificial turf facilities (23%), and pea-patch gardens (22%).
- The top trail facilities that respondents wished to see constructed was multi-use trails along the South Fork Snoqualmie River levees (46%), followed by completion of the Tanner Trail (44%), and the Bendigo Boulevard multi-use trail between Downtown and Tennant Trailhead Park (38%).

- The most-cited need for facilities in the informal (not project specific) comments received were for pickleball courts, a splash park, and off-leash dog park. Many comments also expressed a desire for more natural areas rather than formal developed parks with play equipment.

The full results of the survey are available on file at City Hall.

D.4 2022 Parks Workshop

The Parks Commission held a Parks Workshop on **October 26, 2022 (T.B.D. ...)**. The open house was attended by members of the general public, the Parks Commission, and representatives of the Si View Metropolitan Parks District. City staff presented a summary of the Parks Element and needed updates, and a summary of the findings of the 2022 City Parks Survey results. Staff and the Parks Commission also provided display boards of planned Park and Trail improvement projects within the City of North Bend, seeking input of the attendees on their satisfaction with the condition of the existing parks and their preferences for potential improvements and additional facilities. As with the Parks Survey, common feedback included

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E. DEMAND and NEEDS ASSESSMENT

E.1 Introduction

As highlighted in Section C, North Bend is near a significant number of regionally significant park, wildlife habitat, open space, and recreation areas. These areas serve important needs and benefit North Bend residents and the local economy. Continued growth in North Bend will require additional local parks and recreation facilities such as trails, sports fields, playgrounds, water access, and developed park areas. Following is a brief summary of current outdoor recreation trends in Washington State and North Bend. This is followed by the needs assessment for parks and recreation areas and facilities, wildlife habitat and open space.

E.2 Outdoor Recreation Trends

The Washington Recreation and Conservation Office keeps track of park and recreation trends over time. It's most recent analysis consists of the 2012 Washington State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, prepared following the collection and analysis of significant data about recreational participation, expectations and needs from participants across the state. Key findings of the 2012 plan include that Washington residents participate most often in activities that are low-cost, less strenuous, and close to their homes. These activities include walking, hiking, jogging, nature activities and picnicking. It likewise found that residents are less likely to participate in activities that are more specialized, require more equipment, or that require extensive travel. A state-wide survey conducted for the plan, in comparison with earlier surveys conducted in 2002 and 2006, indicated increases in outdoor related activities (such as firearms, fishing, horseback riding, and hiking) and relative declines in participation in team-based activities (such as soccer, baseball, basketball and football). The top three ranked activities from the 2012 statewide survey were (1) picnicking, barbequing, and cooking out, followed by (2) walking, and (3) wildlife viewing and photographing.

Relating to this, recreation professionals continue to emphasize the demand for greenbelt and linear recreation areas, areas that accommodate high participation activities (e.g. trails for walking and hiking), recreation sites in natural settings, water related sites, including access to rivers and lakes, and recreation opportunities that are readily accessible and close to home.

The above cited recreational opinions and trends are very similar to those expressed by North Bend area residents through the public involvement mechanisms identified above. Given its geographic setting and natural resource amenities, North Bend is in an excellent position to satisfy these needs.

E.3.1 Parks and Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment

In the past, both the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (formerly the Washington Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation) have provided level of service (LOS) guidelines for park and recreation facilities. Today, the general position being taken in the park and recreation field is that

a community is better served by determining its own specific needs based on the input from the public, parks board members, and knowledgeable staff and other professionals. Recent input from area residents indicates that North Bend's parks and recreation facilities are generally considered to be adequate. The level of service standards provided below were developed based on input gathered in the public participation process for the 2002 update to the Parks Element. These standards were re-affirmed as appropriate to North Bend resident's priorities and interests through evaluation of the ~~2012-2021~~ Si View Metropolitan Park District survey results and ~~2015-2022~~ City Park Survey results.

A category called "Passive Parks and Wildlife Corridors" was created to address the high priority North Bend residents place on maintaining the rural character of their community and protecting the open space and natural areas within and surrounding it. This category is intended for passive recreational opportunities and facilities such as wildlife viewing areas, dog parks, usable but informal open fields, forested recreational areas and picnic areas, as well as corridors necessary for protecting the movement of significant wildlife through limited areas of the City. These areas are anticipated to contain trails linked to the City and regional trail system. Due to the ~~acquisitions over the last decade-large~~ size of both Tollgate Farm and Meadowbrook Farm ~~and more recent acquisition of Tennant Trailhead Park~~, North Bend will not need additional passive parklands during the duration of this 6-year Parks Element.

Outdoor youth field sports continue to be very popular in the North Bend community. The North Bend community consists of a relatively young population with a relatively high percentage of people being under the age of 18 years. City park staff, sports league directors and Park Commission members indicate that use of the existing fields is extremely high. Many fields are used interchangeably for softball, baseball and soccer. This means that the season for most field sports is of limited duration and that the need for both practices and games often create a scheduling problem.

In addition, according to the Snoqualmie Valley Youth Soccer Association and Snoqualmie Valley Little League, recent years have seen a ~~continued~~ significant shift in youth participation from standard soccer and baseball teams to participation on select sports teams. Select sports have a longer playing season and practice throughout much of the year, which creates additional need for field availability. This increases the demands for fields and the problems for scheduling, as the seasons for these select sports also now overlap considerably. The increased demand resulting from greater select sports team use suggests the need for additional facilities, but also suggests a greater responsibility by the sports leagues in funding the construction of such facilities, ~~which has recently occurred with the development of the Serious Sports facility on Bendigo Boulevard N. That facility is not counted in the North Bend inventory or toward level of service standards however, as it is a private rental facility that draws largely from select leagues across the region, and is not open to the general public for casual use. If more fields were available, a larger number of young people and adults would likely become involved in team sports in North Bend. More fields would allow more teams to play at the same time, allow longer playing seasons, and reduce the need for teams, especially adults, to travel to facilities outside of North Bend.~~

The City of North Bend will continue to track the growth of the community and stay current on resident's views on parks and recreation facilities to ensure that adequate areas and facilities are being provided.

TABLE 3: NORTH BEND PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY (USED TO HELP DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS)

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FACILITY TYPE	PARK OR AREA WITH FACILITY	TOTAL NUMBER	NOTES
Playground	E.J. Roberts; Si View Comm. Center (2); Si View Neighborhood Pk (24); Torguson Park; Tollgate Farm Park; Dahlgren Park	6-10	No service standards exist for playgrounds.
Baseball/Softball Fields	Torguson (65); Si View Community Center (1); Two Rivers School Fields (2)	9-8	Si View Community Center and Torguson ballfields are also lined out for soccer fields later in season. Two Rivers fields counted because they are open and unfenced, not associated with school grounds.
Soccer Fields	Si View Community Center (1); Torguson (1)	2	Si View C.C. field is for 14+ years; Torguson ballfields are also lined out for soccer fields later in season.
Football Fields	Si View Community Center (1)	1	Si View C.C. field sometimes used for football.
Outdoor Basketball Courts	Si View Community Center; E.J. Roberts; Si View Subdivision Park (1/2 court)	2.5	Si View subdivision court is part of multi-purpose court.
Tennis Courts	E.J. Roberts (2)	2	
Multi-purpose Recreational Court (adjustable net for volleyball/pickleball)		0	
Recreation Center	Si View Community Center	1	Regional use facility.
Golf Courses	Mt. Si (18-hole); Cascade (9-hole)	12	This course is included as it is open to the public, directly adjacent to City limits and is a regional use facility. Golf is not considered in Level of Service Standards, as it is typically a private facility, and beyond the capacity of the City of North Bend. Both courses are open to the public, and are regional use facilities (Mt. Si course included as it is directly adjacent to City limits and is a regional use facility).
Pool - Indoor	Si View Comm Center (15,000 sq. feet)	1	Regional use facility.
Neighborhood and Community Parks	E.J. Roberts (84.9 ac); Torguson (17.3 ac); Gardner Weeks (3.3 ac); Si View Community Center (10.7 ac); Si View Neighborhood Park (13.2 ac); Dahlgren Park (4 ac); South Fork Landing Park (36 ac); Tannerwood Park (0.8 ac). (Tollgate Farm Park classified below)	6-8 parks, 94.250.2 ac total	There are 5-7 existing, developed parks that are over 3 acres in size
Passive Parks and Wildlife Corridors (including trails within these areas)	Meadowbrook Farm (204 ac); Tollgate Farm (215 ac); Riverfront Park (26.8 ac); Si View Levee Trail (4.4 ac); Snoqualmie Valley Trail (49 ac); Tanner Landing Park (40 ac, outside UGA, but immediately adjacent and therefore included); Tennant Trailhead Park (32 ac).	4-5 parks, 571.539 ac. total	Meadowbrook has 255 more acres in Snoq. City limits. Tollgate has 165 more acres outside UGA. Other popular regional parks include Mt Si, Ollalie, Rattlesnake Lake, 3 Forks Park, & others near North Bend.

TABLE 4: PARKS AND RECREATION LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

Facility/Activity	North Bend	20152022 Current	2014-2022	2021-2029	20352044
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	Standard	Supply	Need (7,6956,578)	Need (9,6049,141)	Need (14,40414,701)
Baseball/Softball Field	1 per 1,000	98	0	1	56
Soccer Field	1 per 2,000	2	1	2	5
Tennis Courts (may also be striped for pickleball)	1 per 2,000	2	1	2	5
Basketball Court (outdoor)	1 per 2,500	2.5	0	21	3
Multiple Recreation Court (adjustable net for volleyball/pickleball)	1 per 4,000	01	1	21	32
Golf (9-hole)	1 per 25,000	1	0	0	0
Golf (18-hole)	1 per 35,000	1	0	0	0
Pool (indoor)	1 per 11,000	1	0	0	01
Football Field (youth)	1 per 5,000	1	0	0	2
Neighborhood and Community Parks with childrens play equipment	1 Park (3+ ac) /1,500 plus 4 ac land/1,000;	5-7 parks and 9450 acres	0	1 park and 0 acres	42 parks and 70 acres
Passive Parks and Wildlife Corridors (trails may be located in these areas)	40 acres per 1,000	539-571 acres (b)	0	0	370 acres

Notes:

- (a) Neighborhood and Community park standards combined;
 (b) Tollgate and Meadowbrook Farms have additional acreage outside the Urban Growth Boundary.
 (c) Only public facilities are counted toward level of service standards.

E.4.2 Trails System Needs Assessment

The North Bend community has exceptional opportunities to tie in to hundreds of miles of county, state and federal trails. Public input consistently requests additional trail opportunities, particularly for walking and bicycling, as demonstrated through the 2012, 2016, and 2021 Si View MPD Surveys and the 2022 City Parks survey. This survey indicated that trails are, by far, the park and recreation facility most important to local residents, and the facility that residents wish to see more construction of. This was echoed in the 2015 City Parks Survey, where respondents indicated the greatest use of parks was for walking/running, and the greatest need was for open space areas (including trails). As a result of these findings, a number of trail projects have been placed on the 6-year Parks Capital Facilities Plan. In addition to City construction projects, significant additional trail opportunities can be met by developing and/or signing existing trails found along the public roads, on dikes, and on publicly owned, abandoned railroad rights-of-way. Please refer to the Trail Plan Map, Figure 8-2.

Proposed improvements and/or new trails within and adjacent to the North Bend UGA include the river levees on the South and Middle Forks of the Snoqualmie River. Future trail surfacing is envisioned to be gravel, with paving in higher-use areas. Many of the trails along the levees are in private ownership. Opening these areas for public use would require negotiating easements or acquiring property.

In 2009, the City adopted updated The City has also adopted Residential Recreation and Common Space standards that included trail requirements pertaining to new residential development. The regulations require that new residential developments of 5 or more units provide connections to existing adjacent trails, and provide construction of new trails when a future trail corridor, as identified on the Trail Plan Map of this Element, is located on the property. These regulations will enable the growth of the North Bend Trail System as development occurs. Focus for City efforts therefore shifts to public property and in filling in gaps where new development will not be providing construction of the

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trail system, such as through easements on property that has already been developed. The City should actively pursue bridging “missing links” of the trail system wherever possible.

E.5.3 Wildlife Habitat Needs Assessment

Stunning natural beauty and significant wildlife habitat surrounds North Bend. The City is near a confluence of the three forks of the Snoqualmie River, and two of the forks are within and adjoin the UGA. These river corridors provide rich wildlife habitat and species diversity, as described in the wildlife habitat section above. Additionally, large blocks of protected land important for wildlife surround the North Bend community; these blocks include hundreds of thousands of acres. Where possible, riparian habitat should be protected, restored and enhanced to provide more effective wildlife cover. Enhancement of stream vegetation will also positively benefit fish species in the river. Protection of significant undeveloped land along the river would contribute important habitat to wildlife species that use the river corridor. Significant opportunities exist to enhance the riparian shoreline habitats, as identified in the *Shoreline Restoration Plan for the City of North Bend's Shorelines: South Fork and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River*, October 2011.

One of the last remaining and viable, west side, low-elevation terrestrial wildlife corridors across I90 and the developed areas of the upper Snoqualmie Valley is located between Rattlesnake Mountain, Three Forks Natural Area and Mount Si NRCA, consisting primarily of Tollgate and Meadowbrook Farms. The main components of this wildlife corridor are in place, as can be seen on the Protected Areas map in Figure 8.3. Strategic protection of appropriate lands connecting these habitats will provide a permanent corridor for the passage of many species of wildlife from south to north and east to west. It would also provide a rich wildlife experience for the citizens of North Bend and Snoqualmie that would not entail driving long distances.

E.6.4 Open Space Needs Assessment

~~The highest need for more facilities indicated in the 2015 Parks Survey was for additional passive parks and wildlife/trail corridors, generally referred to as open space.~~ Open space means many things to many people. For the purpose of this Element, open space includes protected parks, greenway and trail corridors, wildlife habitat, wetland, river, stream, lake and riparian areas and corridors, and publicly-owned farm and forest lands. Sites such as Tollgate Farm and Meadowbrook Farm provide a variety of open space functions, including wildlife habitat, viewshed protection, farmland, forestland, wetland and riparian areas, and parkland.

One of the City's mission statements, consistently ranked as one of residents' highest priorities for North Bend, is to preserve the ~~rural small town~~ character of the community. A significant means to accomplish this key goal is to protect open spaces in the community and surrounding area through the provision of passive parks and wildlife habitat areas. Many of the goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan relate to the protection of open space to help retain the City's rural character and uniqueness.

To reach its open space protection goals, North Bend should encourage King County and the Department of Natural Resources to purchase additional strategic properties along the river and adjacent to existing protected areas, such as the Three Forks Natural Area, Mount Si, Rattlesnake Mountain, and the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie Natural Area.

F. GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal 1: Preserve and enhance the visual and physical accessibility of significant natural resources having scenic and public recreational value.

Policies:

- 1.1 Integrate a balance of passive and active park and wildlife habitat areas throughout the City designed to serve the needs of all segments of the population.
- 1.2 Incorporate elements of open space, parks and street trees into all City-sponsored projects in order

to help create visual unity for the downtown and its neighborhoods.

1.3 Ensure that organized open space is a part of all residential project designs.

1.4 Ensure the historic, ecological, social, agricultural and recreational values of Tollgate Farm and Meadowbrook Farm are appropriately protected and enhanced through the implementation of the plans developed for those Parks.

Goal 2: Enhance North Bend's river shoreline recreation values by creating a natural linked greenway system.

Policies:

2.1 Acquire or obtain access rights, dedications, and easements to riverfront parcels, including levees and dikes, as available, and develop and enhance such access for the public benefit and enjoyment of the shoreline.

Goal 3: Provide for active and passive recreation and wildlife habitat areas necessary to serve increases in population and development and maintain design and landscape standards for public and private projects to enhance the livability of the City.

Policies:

3.1 Require that all new development projects contribute to public open space improvements either on or off-site as identified in the adopted Parks Element.

- a. Establish park, recreation, wildlife habitat and open space standards for residential development, including on-site and/or off-site dedication requirements, and adopt them in land use codes. Such standards should require that all new single-family and multi-family developments provide a minimum percentage, to be determined, of net site area for appropriate park, recreation, wildlife habitat and open space areas and improvements. Standards should address the percentage required for both passive and active uses. Net site area shall be exclusive of street/utility rights of way, setbacks, parking areas, and utility facilities, including but not limited to storm, water, or sewer.

3.2 Evaluate public acquisition of private open spaces as opportunity and funding is available, and pursue the concept of tax incentives for privately held open space.

- a. Pursue protection of strategic open space properties by using a variety of protection methods.
- b. Methods should include non-regulatory methods (e.g. fee-simple purchase, conservation easements, donations, purchase and leaseback, etc.); regulatory methods (e.g. limited development, land dedication, site design, cluster design, impact-fees); and incentive approaches (e.g. current use taxation; transfer of development rights, land-transfers; user fees).
- c. The City and its partners should pursue grants and other outside funding to enable proactive resource protection and development.
- d. Continue to implement an impact fee system for new development that provides for acquisition and development of new parks, recreation, and wildlife habitat areas and facilities.

3.3 Meet annually with the Si View Metropolitan Parks District, City of Snoqualmie and County Parks Boards to discuss common park planning and recreation interests, goals and policies, and to ensure coordinated and interconnected parks and trails.

3.4 Coordinate with the Si View Metropolitan Parks District, sports organizations, and other recreation providers to maximize efficiency in the management of park and open space resources and provision of recreation opportunities.

3.5 Use sensitive area lands when appropriate as part of a network of an interconnected open space, parks and trail system.

- 3.6 Establish a pedestrian and bicycle network connected to a greenway system which links commercial areas, neighborhoods, parks and public lands and facilities, and regional trails.
- a. Prioritize funding to implement the Trail Plan Map shown in Exhibit 3. As funding and opportunities permit, protect critical trail linkages and design, construct and/or enhance trail segments identified in the Trails Plan.
 - b. Develop links between off-road and on-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities to provide an interconnecting system of trails.
 - c. Design portions of the trail system to accommodate a variety of non-motorized users, including pedestrians, road and mountain bicycles, equestrians, rollerblades, wheelchair users, strollers and others, recognizing that not all trails will accommodate all users.
 - d. Create and implement development regulations that require that all new development provide connections, or payments in lieu, to the City's bicycle/walkway trails system.
 - e. Create and implement development regulations that require that new residential developments provide for construction of new trails as identified on the Trail Plan Map as a part of the development's recreational and common space requirements.
 - f. Pursue obtaining trail easements from owners of existing developed lots located within trail corridors identified on the Trail Plan Map for construction of missing trail linkages.
 - g. Promote separated walkways and bikeways within new residential developments that can be linked to existing or proposed trails or walkways.

Goal 4: Develop quality recreational opportunities that meet the needs of a diverse population.

Policies:

- ~~4.1 Establish a work group to develop a timeline and strategies for the development of the pedestrian and bicycle network.~~
- 4.1~~2~~ Provide children's play facilities and other recreational amenities in conjunction with residential development or sports field development.
- 4.2~~3~~ Perform periodic recreational opportunity and facility assessments by the Parks Commission to determine success and deficiencies and report back to the City Council.
- 4.3~~4~~ Focus on addressing the priority recreational needs of North Bend residents, as based on public input.
- 4.4~~5~~ Increase the diversity of recreational opportunities and facilities available to North Bend residents, such as skate parks, climbing walls, hand-ball walls, dog parks and other facilities not typically considered in park systems.

Goal 5: Encourage public participation as a key component of all future planning activities, which help implement the Parks and Open Space Element.

Policies:

- 5.1 Provide regular information on City parks' activities and issues.
- ~~5.2 Establish a trails work group (including representatives from city staff, the Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Council, and others as appropriate) to develop timelines and strategies for the development of the highest priority trail facilities from the 6-year Park Capital Facilities Plan. Report to the City Council as to their progress, including identification of barriers to their development, and recommendations to address these barriers.~~
- 5.2~~3~~ Develop a parks and recreation resident survey to foster communication about park development, programs and activities and solicit input from residents, including students, young adults, family households and seniors.

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a. Every five years, survey area residents to get input on parks, recreation, and wildlife habitat needs.

5.34 Seek local service organizations and clubs to sponsor, assist, develop and maintain the City's park facilities through an adopt-a-park program.

Goal 6: Protect, conserve and enhance the historic and cultural heritage of North Bend.

Policies:

6.1 Coordinate and cooperate with local, state and national historic and cultural preservation organizations and the Snoqualmie Tribe in order to promote historic and cultural preservation and interpretation within the City.

- a. Develop an interpretive kiosk or signs for key sites, including South Fork area, old Tanner Mill site, Tollgate Farm, Meadowbrook Farm, and other points of scenic and historic interest in order to enhance visitor experience and promote the City's built and natural history.
- b. Support the location of the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum within a City park or other City property~~within Gardiner-Weeks Park~~ as an appropriate use of the park site and a beneficial location for both the Museum and the residents of North Bend.

6.2 Work with the Snoqualmie Tribe to preserve significant cultural and historic sites.

6.3 Promote a mutually supportive relationship between historic and cultural preservation and economic development.

6.4 Incorporate the preservation of sites and structures of historic, cultural, and archeological significance as a part of the aesthetic and environmental consideration in site design and subdivision plan reviews.

Goal 7: Protect and enhance wildlife habitat areas within the City and its Urban Growth Area.

Policies:

7.1 Protect and enhance important wildlife corridors within North Bend and its Urban Growth Area, in coordination with the state and county, to create a network of wildlife corridors which link habitat areas together to encourage the natural movement of plant and animal species. Focus habitat protection efforts on areas that: include a diversity of habitat types, enhance the value of existing protected areas, or have been identified by the City and King County as critical areas.

- a. Encourage protection of habitat corridors along the South and Middle Forks of the Snoqualmie River and adjacent streams to facilitate the movement of wildlife and maintain suitable fish and wildlife habitat.
- b. Encourage private and public organizations to help complete the wildlife corridor between the Protected Areas shown on Exhibit 8-3.

7.2 Establish development performance standards that limit site clearing to minimize adverse impacts to native habitats.

7.3 Encourage community involvement and education in the creation, enhancement, management, interpretation and enjoyment of wildlife habitat areas.

7.4 Encourage access to sites of wildlife interest when not in conflict with wildlife protection goals.

G. IMPLEMENTATION METHODS

Three general implementation methods can be utilized to meet selected actions of the Parks Element: non-regulatory, regulatory, and taxation. Municipalities are empowered to exercise any one or a combination of these under Washington State law. In seeking to implement Plan actions, North Bend could utilize a variety of these methods as well as other general authorities.

Non-regulatory approaches include purchase of lands in fee-simple (outright purchase, purchase of less than fee-simple interest (easements or development rights) and private sector initiatives like nonprofit land trusts that preserve and steward lands. Acquisition moneys can be raised or received from a number of sources, including bonds, revenue sharing, grants, impact fees and other taxes. Non-regulatory techniques are the most expensive to implement in the short-term but also provide long-term protection of land parcels, including public access and management capabilities. North Bend could seek conservation funds from county, state and federal sources.

Regulatory techniques include planning, zoning (including innovative techniques like cluster zoning), subdivision regulations and environmental regulations. Regulatory approaches include actions that protect habitat in critical areas, such as establishing wetland and stream buffers, and actions that protect against development that may pose a threat to human health and safety, such as the prohibition on new residential or commercial structures within the floodway. Regulatory techniques include requirements for subdivisions to dedicate areas within the development for parks and open space. Unless tied to dedication for public purposes, regulatory techniques do not provide for management capability or opportunity for public access to sites.

Taxation techniques are often linked with non-regulatory approaches. For example, taxes can be raised by government to fund land acquisition or other capital-improvements. Both King County and the State have programs to fund open space and recreation land purchases for which North Bend is eligible to apply. North Bend has two real-estate excise taxes on the sale of property that are dedicated to a capital improvement fund that can be allocated to a variety of City capital expenditures, including streets, public works projects, and parks. North Bend has also established a park-impact fee that requires dedicated payments by new growth to pay its fair-share costs of demand for new park and recreation sites. This fee was established in 1994. Taxation can also be utilized as an incentive to conserve lands. For example, lands left in open space can receive reduced or current-use assessments which may alleviate a demand to sell or develop them. Likewise, donating lands for conservation purposes or selling them at reduced prices can provide tax benefits.

H: 20-YEAR CAPITAL FACILITIES PROGRAM

H.1 Overview

The recommended 20-Year Parks Capital Facilities Program has been developed by staff and the North Bend Parks Commission in consideration of the level of service standards identified in this plan and in consideration of the public input provided to the Parks Element update process, including evaluation of recreation trends, survey information, and the public workshop. A 6-Year Parks Capital Facilities Plan developed from selected projects below, including anticipated revenue sources, follows in section I.

H.2 Project Descriptions

Tennant Trailhead Park Development: This park was acquired in 2017 by the City of North Bend, Si View Metropolitan Park District, and King County to preserve the forested character at the base of Rattlesnake Mountain with bicycle and pedestrian trails, and to provide recreational access from the community onto Rattlesnake Mountain via a new trailhead being developed by King County. The park will include separated bicycle and pedestrian trails, with bicycle trails incorporating minor trail features such as banked corners to take advantage of the topography. In addition to the trails, specific improvements will include a parking lot, restroom, picnic facilities, supplemental landscaping, forest habitat interpretation and signage features, and other associated minor park furnishings. ~~King County is applying for a grant and estimates between \$1.3 and 1.5 million for the parking lot, restroom, kiosk, and picnic facilities, and Si View MPD has estimated \$290,000 for the trails (with volunteer labor also anticipated for much of the trail building work). The Si View MPD will coordinate construction of the park, with additional funding provided from King County.~~

~~**City Hall Park:** A public park associated with the proposed City Hall and Civic Campus, will provide public trails through retained forested areas connecting the public buildings to the Tanner Trail and Cedar Falls Way. Anticipated facilities include an on-site loop trail around the stormwater pond (landscaped as a natural pond), a veteran's memorial plaza, as well as park and recreational amenities and gathering spaces for public events such as art walks, public meetings, and outdoor concerts, potentially including a mini-amphitheater. Cost estimates for the acquisition and construction of the Tanner Trail frontage to the City Hall and Public Works Property are addressed separately. Estimate \$1,579,000.~~

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~~**Torguson Park Turf Improvements:** The existing westerly four fields are to be refurbished and upgraded to a sand base to eliminate trip hazards and uneven surfaces through stripping, re-grading, re-seeding, etc. and the fields installed with irrigation and drainage systems. Estimate of \$214,000.~~

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~~**Torguson Park Plaza and Playground Phase 2 Improvements, and remaining irrigation, landscaping and fencing improvements:** This project will consist of completing the central gathering plaza at the center of the park, reconstructing the playground surround, adding playground equipment, providing additional landscaping and irrigation in areas of the park outside of the ballfields, and reconstructing deteriorated fencing. Estimate \$800,0001,100,000.~~

~~**Torguson Park Bike Park Lighting:** Lighting will be added to the bike park to expand the hours that this area of the park is usable. Estimate \$200,000.~~

~~**Torguson Park Entry-Area Acquisition:** The property bordering the western boundary of the primary vehicular entrance to Torguson Park should be acquired for a more visible entry to the park, as well as to provide expanded park entrance features, landscaping and parking. Acquisition \$400,000461,000. Development cost estimate not yet determined.~~

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~~**Torguson Park Skate Park Improvements:** The existing skate park is a popular and heavily used facility, and should be expanded or improved with additional features and facilities to accommodate increased usage from new growth, and make the skate park more visible from other areas of the park and parking lot. Estimate \$250,000.~~

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~~**Torguson Park Boundary Line Adjustment for Minor Park Expansion:** Les Schwab has agreed to donate property at the northwest corner of their site to the City for a minor expansion of Torguson Park, which will enable a direct connection of the BMX area of Torguson Park to a new pedestrian connection from North Bend Way (via a trail connection through the adjacent development.) A boundary line adjustment is necessary to add this area to Torguson Park. Estimate \$3,000.~~

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~~**EJ Roberts Park Expansion:** Boundary line adjustment and acquisition of 2.4 acres of property abutting and immediately east of EJ Roberts Park for expansion of the park. Cost of \$250,000.~~

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EJ Roberts Park Expansion Trail Development: Construct a passive loop trail through the forest within the EJ Roberts Park expansion area. Includes design and construction of approximate 800-foot long gravel pathway, and associated bridge/boardwalk areas. Estimate \$250,000.

Si View Neighborhood Park New Play Equipment ~~Replacement~~: The existing play equipment at this park is old and in deteriorating condition and should be replaced with new equipment, together with new soft surface area borders. Estimate ~~\$60,000~~ 150,000.

Tanner Trail Phase 2 Right-of-Way Acquisition, North Bend Way/Cedar Falls Way Roundabout through frontage of Public Works Property: Tanner Trail, Phase 1 was constructed in 2002 and begins at Bendigo Blvd, proceeds along the abandoned BN Railroad right-of-way, and terminates at the North Bend Way/Cedar Falls Way Roundabout. Phase 2 will acquire property from there to the eastern extent of the frontage of the Public Works facility. This system will also provide for the pedestrian needs along the south side of North Bend Way in lieu of requiring a sidewalk next to or close to the street on that side. Estimate of \$714,300 (based on 2/7 of total \$2,500,000 estimate for acquisition cost from Cedar Falls Roundabout to SVT junction, including repayment of ULID assessments on property).

Tanner Trail Phase 3 Right-of-Way Acquisition, East of Public Works to Snoqualmie Valley Trail Junction: This phase will complete acquisition of the trail east to its terminus at the junction with the Snoqualmie Valley Trail, providing links to other regional facilities. Portions of this corridor may be acquired, constructed and dedicated to the City as a part of cottage developments, through incentives for this established in the cottage regulations. Estimate of \$1,785,700 (5/7 of total \$2,500,000 estimate for acquisition cost from Cedar Falls Roundabout to SVT junction, including repayment of ULID assessments on property).

~~**Tanner Trail Construction, North Bend Way/Cedar Falls Way Roundabout to Maloney Grove Ave. SE:** An 8' wide asphalt paved trail will be constructed within the Tanner Trail right-of-way adjacent to North Bend Way, described above. Estimate \$121,000 for ¼ mile.~~

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~~**Tanner Trail Construction – Maloney Grove Ave. SE east through frontage of Public Works Property:** \$121,000 for ¼ mile.~~

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Tanner Trail Construction – East of Public Works property to 436th Ave. SE Snoqualmie Valley Trail, excluding Cottages at North Bend (already constructed): ~~8'-10'~~ wide asphalt paved trail within the Tanner Trail right-of-way adjacent to North Bend Way. Estimate ~~\$242,000 for ½ mile.~~ \$1,320,000.

Tanner Trail / Snoqualmie Valley Trail Junction Improvements: The junction of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail, Tanner Trail, and North Bend Way is an important junction for both local and regional trail users and is also an important corridor for elk and other wildlife crossing under I-90 at this location. Improvements would be made to make the Snoqualmie Valley Trail crossing of North Bend Way more visible and safe for pedestrians and motorists. A small parking lot would be built for trail users with formalized trailheads to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and Tanner Trail. Native landscape improvements would be provided to enhance wildlife cover for the crossing area. The project is

anticipated as a joint city/King County project. Additional planning and coordination with King County needs to be done and a site plan developed with cost estimates before this facility can be formally placed in the capital facilities plan. Estimate ~~\$600,000~~1,000,000.

Bendigo Boulevard S. Multi-Use Trail: A 10' wide paved multi-use trail is proposed on the west side of Bendigo Boulevard South between Ribary Way and the South Fork Snoqualmie River to provide a direct bicycle and pedestrian connection from downtown and the levee trails to the proposed Rattlesnake Mountain Trailhead Park on Ribary Way. The trail will be ~~an improved roadway shoulder~~, separated from the shoulder meandering through retained trees where space permits, and will include intersection crossing improvements at the I-90 onramp. Cost estimate \$1,730,000.

~~Dahlgren Family Park:~~

~~Upon dedication to the City, the 4 acre park to be dedicated through the Tanner Landing Master Plan Overlay District Regulations in NDMC 18.10.025 should be developed with park and picnic facilities. Park facilities should be designed consistent with that provided by King County in the adjacent Tanner Landing Park such that the two adjacent parks work as one cohesive whole. Estimate \$2,000,000.~~

Commented [MM21]: Under construction.

~~Tollgate Farmhouse Restoration:~~ ~~Purchased as part of the Tollgate Farm, the farmhouse is in need of repair and restoration, for eventual use for small scale classes and activities. The majority of the exterior rehabilitation has now occurred, but the building interior needs to be reconstructed, including a new kitchen and an ADA accessible entrance and restroom, new water connection, and a septic system. Exterior site work is described under Tollgate Farmstead Improvements, below. Estimate \$320,000.~~

Commented [MM22]: Completed.

~~Tollgate Farm Phase 2 Improvements - Athletic Fields, Parking, Landscaping:~~ ~~Per the Tollgate Master Plan, the athletic fields would be graded and constructed at the west end of the central meadow. Work would include necessary backstops, fencing, ground preparation, seeding, irrigation, drainage and bleachers. Additionally, the heirloom apple trees along North Bend Way would be restored through proper pruning, thinning, fencing for protection, and clearing of the areas around the trees. Estimate \$1,500,000.~~

Commented [MM23]: Determine with Si View MPD whether this is still a good site for ballfields or whether other uses should be considered within the 13 acre active recreational area of the park.

Tollgate Water & Sewer Extensions/Connections: To serve the expanded use of Tollgate Farm upon development of the Phase 2 Improvements, water and sewer mains and services need to be extended to the site. The extension would proceed under the railroad tracks and under West North Bend Way to the Tollgate site. The main would then proceed east along West North Bend Way and tie into the existing main at the intersection of West North Bend Way/Sydney Avenue. Sewer would be extended from the main to be installed on NW 8th Street and then proceeding along West North Bend Way to the site of the bathrooms at the Tollgate athletic fields. The utility extensions are anticipated to occur through a ULID for both water and sewer, formed to assist in financing the facilities in the general area with other contributing property owners. Estimate \$400,000.

~~Tollgate Farmstead Improvements:~~ ~~The Tollgate Farm Master Plan anticipates the area around the Tollgate Farmhouse as an interpretive and multi use farmstead area that can be used as a venue for activities and events such as the North Bend Farmers Market, weddings and other small scale outdoor gatherings. The area would include a new barn structure for housing activities, an agricultural support station for washing and minor processing of locally grown crops, and new parking area and entry for public access to the farmstead and eastern end of Tollgate Farm Park. The site is also anticipated for a pea patch garden and/or demonstration garden and a small interpretive apple orchard with elk fencing. Estimate \$1,800,000.~~

Commented [MM24]: Completed (under construction).

Tollgate Farm to Downtown Trail/Sidewalk Multi-use Trail: From the west end of the West North Bend Way bridge over the South Fork Snoqualmie River, along West North Bend Way, ~~and then to the driveway entrance to the parking lot, with an intermediate connection to the on-site trail to the pedestrian entrance to Tollgate Farm Park at 8th Street, a multi-use trailsidewalk~~ would be extended for pedestrian access from downtown to the farm/athletic fields. Work would include approximately ~~3,300~~1,600 linear feet of roadway reconstruction (within the existing paved roadway) to provide a 10-foot

~~pathway, 10-foot planted bioswale landscape strip, shoulder, roadway restriping, and landscaping curb, gutter, landscape strip, street trees, and 8-foot wide concrete sidewalk for the entire length of the improvement. Estimate \$370,000~~400,000.

~~**Tollgate Farm to Snoqualmie Valley Trail Connector:** A gravel trail would be constructed east across Tollgate Farm from the existing pathway under SR-202 to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail, including boardwalks. Estimate \$560,000.~~

Commented [MM25]: Completed.

Tollgate Farm Forest Trail: A gravel or soft surface trail would be constructed between the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and Ballarat Ave. NE through the forest, linking the northern part of the Silver Creek neighborhood to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail, and providing greater public access and use of this portion of Tollgate Farm. Estimate ~~\$400~~800,000.

~~**Disc Golf Course:** Facilities for a disc golf course would be constructed at an existing park, possibly along the Dike Road fields (east of Boalch Ave.) at Meadowbrook Farm, or at the Dahlgren Family Park, consisting of 18 anchored removable poles with disc golf chain target/baskets, and minor signage identifying the course. Regular mowing needs for the course would need to be arranged prior to installation. Estimate \$40,000.~~

Commented [MM26]: South Fork Landing Park acquisition now serves as the primary disc golf course. Meadowbrook Farm less suitable given wildlife, less developed conditions, and level of additional maintenance that would be required.

~~**Meadowbrook Farm to Snoqualmie Valley Trail Connector:** A trail would be constructed east across Meadowbrook Farm from the Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center building and Boalch Avenue Trail to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. The trail would provide connectivity of the interpretive center to the heavily used Snoqualmie Trail, and would allow fieldtrips and groups at the Interpretive Center access to the trail to the big cedar, located east of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. Estimate \$500,000.~~

Commented [MM27]: Completed.

~~**Meadowbrook Farm Baq'ab Praire Loop Trail:** An 8' wide paved pedestrian trail (with crushed stone and boardwalks within critical areas) will complete a loop with the existing Boalch Trail, connecting from the Interpretive Center north along SR-202 and through the Camas Meadow to Centennial Fields Park, with a spur trail connecting to Snoqualmie Middle School. The project would be a joint project with the City of Snoqualmie, and would include habitat enhancement and interpretive and wildlife safety signage. Estimate \$1,000,000.~~

~~**Meadowbrook Farm to Tollgate Farm Connector Trail:** A trail would be constructed from the Interpretive Center west across SR-202 connecting through the forest preserve area of Meadowbrook Farm west to North Bend Way, then south within the right-of-way of North Bend Way to connect to the trail system within Tollgate Farm Park. Estimate \$750,000~~1,000,000.

~~**Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center Commercial Kitchen Building:** A commercial kitchen will enable the Interpretive Center to host a greater number of events and activities, particularly attractive for wedding users and cooking classes, which would increase revenue to the Farm. The commercial kitchen would be within a separate building, adjacent to the Interpretive Center, to enable separate uses to occur at the same time. Estimate \$500~~900,000 (cost estimate presumes use of existing septic system, sewer connection preferred if available).

~~**Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center Wedding Plaza/Garden:** Improvements to the grounds immediately adjacent to the Interpretive Center would enable events to better utilize the space, particularly attractive for wedding users. Improvements would include a paved plaza area with associated landscaping and furnishings. Estimate \$60,000.~~

~~**Meadowbrook Farm Picnic Shelter:** A picnic shelter added to another field area away from the Interpretive Center will enable additional group rental of Meadowbrook Farm and associated fields by additional users such as corporate picnics, increasing revenue to the Farm. Estimate for 12-table shelter \$200,000.~~

Commented [MM28]: At Meadowbrook Farm, the potential for a picnic shelter would most likely be in the Snoqualmie portion of Meadowbrook Farm, outside of our service area. At Tollgate Farm Park, a picnic shelter would be very useful. This responds to demand identified in the City Parks Survey for additional picnic shelters.

~~**Tollgate Farm Picnic Shelter:** A large picnic shelter near to the restroom and playground would enable greater group-use of Tollgate Farm Park for events and picnics. Estimate for a 6-table shelter \$100,000.~~

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Meadowbrook Farm Elk Viewing Area and Swing Rock Interpretive Site: The site of the original Meadowbrook Barn, adjacent to the Swing Rock west of SR-202 and just south of the city limit line between North Bend and

Snoqualmie, is anticipated as an area for elk viewing and interpretation of the Swing Rock, a location of great significance in the origin story of the Snoqualmie Tribe, and interpretation of the history of the Meadowbrook Dairy Farm. The project is anticipated as a joint project of the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie, the Snoqualmie Tribe, and the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association. Improvements anticipated include a small parking area, elk viewing platform (likely atop the old silo foundation), a trailhead crossing under SR-202 through ~~a reconstructed the existing~~ cattle underpass, interpretive signage, and native landscape improvements. Additional facility planning and a site plan are needed with cost estimates before this facility can formally be placed in the 6-year capital facilities plan.

William H. Taylor Park Improvements: ~~A new platform/truck crossing and park entry would be constructed at the terminus of Ballarat Avenue, in association with the proposed right of way improvements at that location, creating a more visible and direct access to the depot from Ballarat and McClellan, and improving pedestrian access and safety. In association with the new crossing, the platform plaza area would be extended from the depot to the new crossing, and the landscaping in this area (west of the depot) would be reconfigured to improve visibility and create a terminal viewpoint into the park from Ballarat Avenue (providing a better connection to the downtown). Improvements to the park would also be made at Park Street to improve pedestrian access and safety and better link the park with Si View Park to the south. Estimate \$390,000. A master planning process to develop a recommended site plan and improvements for this park is being prepared under a 2022 contract with a landscape architectural consultant, to improve connection of the park to the downtown, improve the railroad crossing, provide a vibrant community gathering space, and increase parking efficiency along McClellan Street adjacent to the park. Cost estimates for specific site improvements will be determined through that process.~~

William H. Taylor Park Railroad Depot Improvements: ~~The Depot should be expanded and remodeled to provide more usable space for meetings, events, and activities, and add space for a vendor. Estimate \$600,000.~~

William H. Taylor Park Railroad Enclosure: ~~A covered outdoor enclosure may be constructed, immediately east of the terminus of the existing tracks and within the railroad corridor, to house a locomotive or other railroad artifact, similar to the log pavilion in Snoqualmie. The Northwest Railway Museum would secure the funding for the design and installation, and be responsible to maintain the railroad-related enclosure. The design shall be approved by the City. The City and the Northwest Railway Museum would partner on funding the platform and outdoor enclosure improvements, and would enter into an ILA agreeable to both parties for the outdoor enclosure. Estimate \$200,000.~~

William H. Taylor Park to Si View Community Park Trail Connection and Crosswalk Improvements: ~~Paved pathway improvements within Si View Community Park will better connect this park to William H. Taylor Park immediately to the north. A re-located crosswalk is also needed at this location for better pedestrian visibility and safety at this corner on Park Street. Estimate \$543,000.~~

Si View Community Park Eastern Expansion: ~~The property currently owned by Si View WSDOT and the City of North Bend between Si View Community Park and Cedar Falls Way should be acquired and developed as a park and could be the location for a future aquatic center. The park should incorporate the existing trail connection to Cedar Falls Way, as well. Estimate - \$600,000 for acquisition, \$1,000,000 for development of trails, lawn and landscaping, not including aquatic center improvements.~~

Spray Park Feature: ~~A spray park feature should be installed at a park for summer water play. The feature could be a simple conventional spray park, or an accessible water fountain where people can get wet. The specific park has yet to be determined, but could be located at the Si View Community Park or a future park acquisition such as the Dahlgren Family Park, William H. Taylor Park, or Si View Community Park Eastern Expansion. The cost would could be shared with the Si View Metropolitan Park District if included in the aquatics center bond. Estimate \$1,600,000.~~

Riverfront Park Improvements and South Fork Snoqualmie Right Bank Levee Trail and Promenade: ~~The existing right-bank levee would be improved with landscaping, lighting, signage, picnic tables and benches, paving, and potentially areas of boardwalk, to create a river walk promenade, with improved access down to the shoreline. The~~

Commented [MM29]: Better cost estimates will be available following completion of Park plans following public process occurring this year. Update following that process.

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~~adjacent vacant single-family residential parcel on the corner of Park Street and Bendigo would be acquired for a small parking lot and park entry. Additional improvements within Riverfront Park itself (behind the levee) would be minimal in nature to maintain the natural, forested character of the site. A master planning process to develop a recommended site plan and improvements for this park is being prepared under a 2022 contract with a landscape architectural consultant, to improve public access to the park and river, connection to the downtown, and minor park improvements, while maintaining the predominantly forested character and floodplain storage capacity of the site. Cost estimates for specific site improvements will be determined through that process. An easement is necessary from the adjacent property owner for access across a portion of private property along the levee to continue the river walk all the way to North Bend Way. Estimate \$2,750,000, including developing master plan, acquisition, design and construction.~~

Commented [MM34]: Park planning occurring this year by consultant. Better cost estimate will be available following that process.

~~**South Fork Snoqualmie Left Bank Levee Trail:** The existing informal levee trail between Bendigo Boulevard and W. North Bend Way would be improved with a gravel surface. Estimate \$500,000. Design work will occur in 2023, funded by a King County Rivers Grant, to set back the left bank between Bendigo Boulevard S. and W. North Bend Way. The design will incorporate a multi-use pedestrian trail atop the levy. The design should include pedestrian access off the levy down to the river. Specific cost estimates will be developed through that process.~~

South Fork Snoqualmie River Pedestrian Bridge at Shamrock Park or 10th Street: A bridge over the river will provide direct pedestrian and bicycle connection between the predominantly residential areas on the east side of the river with additional neighborhoods and the large commercial areas west of the river. Location will be either at Shamrock Park off Orchard Drive, or at Si View Neighborhood Park at the end of SE 10th Street. Estimate \$1,500,000.

~~**South Fork Snoqualmie River Pedestrian Bridge at Bendigo Boulevard N.:** A bridge over the river and Ribary Creek will provide pedestrian and bicycle connection (and sewer utilities) between downtown and Tollgate Farm Park, with a paved spur trail connecting to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. Design work funded by a 2022 PSRC Small Cities Grant. Estimate \$3,900,000 for construction.~~

~~**Tanner Road Shoreline Park Restroom:** Upon dedication of this park to the City, A small, basic restroom should be constructed at this park to provide facilities for whitewater users that frequent this access location. Estimate \$450,000.~~

Commented [MM35]: Consider if this is still a priority considering major takeout improvements planned at Tanner Landing Park and new restroom at adjacent Dahlgren Family Park.

Acquire New Park in southern part of City: A new public neighborhood park of approximately 6 acres is needed in the southern part of the City between Maloney Grove Ave. SE and Stilson Ave. SE, where no public parks currently exist, to serve local neighborhoods. A specific property has yet to be identified. ~~Ideally, the property would include riverfront access to the South Fork Snoqualmie River (such properties are currently within the Urban Growth Area outside City limits). Based on current 2018 land values of \$7 per square foot 2022 land values of \$300,000 per acre in North Bend and 6-acre property, estimate is \$1,829,520-\$1,800,000.~~

~~**Off Leash Dog Park:** Develop an off-leash dog park within the City, either within an existing open space park, or a future park property yet to be determined. Cost estimate not yet determined. Cost estimate of \$40,000 based on 500 linear feet of 5' black commercial-grade chain link fencing, gates and minor associated furnishings.~~

Commented [MM36]: Determine whether portion of Dahlgren Family Park may be suitable for this purpose? Another option would be South Fork Landing Park (depending on Si View MPD's plans) or Tanner Landing Park (depending on King County's plans). Improvements outside of City's UGA couldn't use park impact fee revenue, so other fund sources would need to be identified.

Park Orientation and Identification Signage: Install signage on primary trails indicating the trail name and direction and distances to other key recreational destinations and commercial services. Install distance markers on primary loop trails. Estimate \$50,000.

~~**New Pickleball Courts and Striping:** Stripe the existing tennis courts at EJ Roberts Park for pickleball use. Construct additional pickleball courts atPark. (OPTIONS INCLUDE: Si View Neighborhood Park, Tannerwood Park, Tollgate Farm Park,) Estimate of \$5,000 for re-striping tennis courts, and \$50,000 for each new constructed concrete court.~~

Commented [MM37]: Added project responsive to public demand noted in Survey. Determine if it is better to do multiple pickleball courts in one location, or single courts in multiple locations (public neighborhood parks).

I: 6-YEAR CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN

The 6-Year Parks Capital Facilities Plan prioritizes the top projects from the 20-year Parks Capital Facilities Program, based on the needs analyses in this element, public input regarding desired facilities from prior City and Si View Metropolitan Park District park surveys referenced in this element, and anticipated funding sources including the Si View Metropolitan Park District 2018 Bond, ~~should that be passed by voters~~. Of note, more projects are listed on the 6-year Parks Capital Facilities Plan than are anticipated to occur. This has been intentionally done to provide flexibility in allocating resources in order to be able to take best advantage of opportunities as they may arise, including grant availability, possible partnerships with other agencies and organizations, and community interest and support. To determine anticipated available funding for projects, the City has projected 6 years of residential growth to estimate park impact fee revenue, utilizing known developments over this period, as well as a small additional growth estimate for residential projects not yet known. The 6-Year Parks Capital Facilities Plan should be reviewed and updated every other year in conjunction with revenue projections and implementation of projects.

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TABLE 5: 6-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

##	Project	Cost Est.	Funding Sources	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Trail Construction:									
	Baqwab Prairie Loop Trail at Meadowbrook Farm	1,000,000	PIF/G/REET/Snoqualmie	1,000,000					
	Tanner Trail Construction, Public Works to Snoqualmie Valley Trail	1,320,000	TIF/PIF/G/TBM/DM		1,320,000				
	Bendigo Boulevard S. Multi-use Trail to Tennant Trailhead Park	1,730,000	TIF/PIF/G/TBM/DM			1,730,000			
	Tennant Trailhead Park bicycle and pedestrian trails	290,000	PIF/MPD Bond	290,000					
	Tollgate Farm to Downtown Multi-Use Trail	400,000	PIF/MPD Bond/TBM	400,000					
	S. Fork Left Bank Setback Levy Trail with river access	TBD**	PIF/G/REET/TBM				TBD**		
Park Improvements:									
	Tennant Trailhead Park Site Improvements (excluding trails)	1,400,000	PIF/KC Grant	1,400,000					
	Torguson Park Phase 2 Plaza and Playground Improvements, Irrigation, and Fencing	1,100,000	PIF/MPD Bond			1,100,000			
	Si View Neighborhood Park New Play Equipment	\$150,000	PIF				\$150,000		
	Si View Community Park Eastern Expansion park improvements (not including aquatic center)						1,000,000		
	Torguson Park Plaza Phase 2 Improvements	1,100,000	PIF/MPD Bond						1,100,000
	Spray Park /play fountain feature (location TBD)	1,600,000	PIF/G/REET					1,600,000	
	Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center Outdoor Event Plaza/Garden	60,000	PIF/G/REET/MB Farm Funds					\$60,000	
	Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center Commercial Kitchen Building	500,000	PIF/G/REET/MB Farm Funds						\$500,000
	William H. Taylor Park Improvements	TBD***	PIF/G/REET/NWRM/MPD Bond			TBD***			
	Riverfront Park Improvements	TBD***	PIF/G/REET				TBD***		
	New Pickleball courts in Neighborhood Parks	DETERMINE			HERE				
	Off-leash dog park within existing City Park (likely Dahlgren Family Park)	40,000			40,000				
Park and Open Space Land Acquisition:									
	Acquire new park in southern part of City	1,800,000	PIF/G/MPD Bond						1,800,000
Total:				FINISH ONCE DETERMINED					

Key:

IF – Park Impact Fees
TIF – Transportation Impact Fees
TBM – Trail and Bicycle Facility Mitigation Fees
MPD Bond - Si View Metropolitan Parks District Bond Funds
SO -Sports Organizations
G - Grant
DM - Development Mitigation Contribution
REET - Real Estate Excise Tax

Notes:

*Projects are not listed in any order of priority.

** Cost estimates to be developed through project design/engineering in 2023.

** Cost estimates to be developed through Site Planning Process in 2023.

Commented [MM38]: Note Edits to the CIP not shown in redline format, as it becomes too messy. This is all new, based on projects from the 20-year Parks Capital Facilities Program. Parks Commission should review and prioritize this and determine if other projects should be added.

TABLE 6: COMPLETED PARK IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE LAST 6-10 YEARS

Year	Project
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Park Improvements Funded In-Part With Park Impact Fee Revenue	
<u>2022</u>	<u>Tollgate Farm Park Farmstead Improvements.</u>
<u>2021</u>	<u>Tanner Trail – Cedar Falls Roundabout to Public Works; Tennis Court Backboard at EJ Roberts Park; Torguson Park Skate Park; Tollgate Farmhouse Restoration;</u>
<u>2020</u>	<u>No projects completed in 2020.</u>
<u>2019</u>	<u>Meadowbrook Farm to Snoqualmie Valley Trail Connector Trail; Tollgate Farm to Snoqualmie Valley Connector Trail; Torguson Park Bike Park Lighting</u>
2018	Torguson Park Maintenance Building – expansion of the existing restroom to accommodate maintenance area for park equipment and replace the former maintenance building damaged by the adjacent commercial building explosion in 2014.
2018	Torguson Park Improvements - ballfield and backstop improvements, new restroom/concession building, paved pathways with exercise stations, landscaping, plaza improvements, and site furnishings
2018	Park Entry Signs – new entry signs at City parks, and kiosk sign at Torguson Park
2015	EJ Roberts Park Improvements - new picnic shelter and pedestrian bridge, additional landscaping, and replaced teeter totter and swings
2014	Tollgate Farm Park Phase 1 Improvements – loop trail, parking lot, restroom, playground, cattle fence, landscaping, picnic tables and site furnishings
2011-2013	No projects for these years
Additional Park Improvements Not Funded with Park Impact Fee Revenue	
2016	Torguson Park Picnic Shelter (funded and constructed by John Day Homes as developer mitigation for Ranger Station Cottages)
2016	Sports court resurfacing – EJ Roberts Park and Si View Neighborhood Park (park maintenance funds)
2015	Meadowbrook Farm Trail along SR 202 – Interpretive Center to Camas Meadow (funded by Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association)
2011-2014	No projects for these years

SCOPE OF WORK

OVERVIEW

The primary purpose of this scope of work is to provide the City of North Bend (Client) with full design services for the Riverfront Park and W.H. Taylor Park Master Planning & Phase 1 Concept Design. Site Workshop will contract directly with the Client for these services.

This contract will create the Master Plan for the parks and provide project definition and concept design for Phase 1 improvements. Specific program elements are to be determined through a collaborative and inclusive process with City of North Bend, community members and stakeholders.

Project Area

The project consists of two sites in the City of North Bend, Riverfront Park and William Henry Taylor Park. Riverfront Park is along the South Fork Snoqualmie River and bordered by private residences and Bendigo Blvd S to the east and south. The site has an existing trail on top of a levee that was constructed for flood protection. Much of the park property is within the river's floodway. A portion of the property is in the floodplain only. The City also owns property on the other bank/west side of the river. That property is not the focus of this project, but will be considered in the master planning process. Bendigo Blvd S is a State Route under WSDOT jurisdiction.

W.H. Taylor Park is located in the heart of North Bend. It is bounded by E McClellan St and railway tracks to the North, E Park St, residences and apartments to the south, east and west. Two streets dead end at the park, Cedar Ave S and Ballarat Ave S. The Train Depot building within the park includes public restroom facilities and is the boarding spot for the seasonally run train operated by the Northwest Railway Museum. The City has recently replaced the roof and is in the process of renovating the interior of the building to house NW Railway museum ticketing, a small store, the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Foundation.

Project Team

The project team will include the following sub-consultants: Signal (Architecture), KPFF (Civil Engineering), Herrera (Natural Resources) and a Surveyor. Other consultants – including arborist services, mechanical, structural, electrical, and geotechnical engineering – are to be engaged in future phases.

Project Schedule

The City of North Bend does not have a target date for project completion. Following is a suggested timeline for the initial phase of the project. It is anticipated that the project will kick-off on September 26, 2022.

Master Planning & Phase 1 Definition (+/- 9 months, Sept 26, 2022 – May 2023)

Project Initiation	12 weeks
Program Definition	10 weeks
Master Planning & Phase 1	14 weeks

Design, Bid, Build (duration is estimated and to be confirmed at completion of Master Plans)

Schematic & Design Development Documents	+/- 6 months
Construction Documents & Permitting	+/- 9 months
Bidding and Contracting	+/- 2 months
Construction	+/- 9 months

Project Budget and MACC

The total project budget for the construction of Phase 1 improvements is undefined. A target construction budget for Phase 1 improvements at both sites is to be defined as part of the master planning process. It is anticipated that construction will be funded by a combination of grant funding, Si View Parks District and City of North Bend funding.

Based on the RFQ and conversations with City staff, it is understood that the master planning process should include consideration of the following elements for each Park:

W. H. Taylor Park

- Park entry and McClellan Street, terminus of Ballarat Avenue, and the downtown core, including pedestrian crossing of railroad tracks into the park
- Parking orientation and configuration along McClellan Street, including parking options
- Site planning within the park including plaza/gathering areas, trails and landscape improvements
- Connection to Si View Park to the South
- Train depot alternatives including possible relocation
- Consider potential additional acquisitions to expand the park

Riverfront Park

- Park entry and relationship of park to Bendigo Blvd and the river frontage
- Use of publicly owned property on both sides of the river
- Parking
- Plaza/gathering area, trails and landscape improvements
- Restrooms
- Consider potential additional acquisitions to expand the park
- Consideration of site constraints including floodplain, floodway and other possible critical areas.

Assumptions and Qualifications

- The Master Plan will be produced in one continuous effort through the completion of Phase 1 Definition. Pauses or project holds may result in additional services.
- Phase 1 detailed design and construction administration services to be contracted as Additional Services in a future contract amendment. Decisions made as a result of the Master Plan will inform the scope and level of effort for the Phase 1 final design, permitting and construction.
- This phase of the project is funded by local money and does not include any special stipulations or reporting as sometimes required by projected funded with State or Federal money.
- Public engagement will be a collaborative effort between the Client with support by the Site Workshop design team. Site Workshop will provide graphics and materials to be used and presented in outreach efforts, including materials used in print or distributed digitally.
- Master Plan final report will include a simple executive summary, brief summary of community engagement and alternative concepts, and a narrative description of the preferred master plan. Graphics prepared as part of engagement processed to be included in the master plan report.
- Printing costs for deliverables will be expensed.

- This proposal includes an estimate of reimbursable expenses, including printing costs and mileage to meetings in North Bend.

Exclusions

- Physical models and professional illustrations are excluded and may be provided as an additional service. Professional illustrations for purposes of this scope of work is intended to mean photorealistic 3d renderings.
- Cultural Resources and Archeology consultation are excluded. Off-site improvements including utility and transportation upgrades not on the site or street frontage are excluded.
- Research, design, and application in support of LEED, SITES or other “green” certifications.
- All permit submittals will be provided with Phase 1 future contract amendment and are excluded from this scope.
- All work associated with hazardous waste or contaminated soil is excluded.
- Plan processing or cost of permits and fees.
- Consultant services not specifically identified in this proposal.

Scope of Work – Basic Services

The initial scope will be limited to development of the Master Plan for each park and defining the scope for Phase 1 improvements which will create the basis for a scope update and associated contract amendment to continue work. Three distinct tasks are described below to create flexibility; however the actual work is effectively three parts: information gathering, program definition, and design. Each part includes various engagement activities intended to facilitate broad project support from the community, neighbors and city staff.

Task 1 - Project Initiation

This task is focused on understanding the sites through information gathering, site analysis and initial meetings with the Client, Design Team and project Stakeholders.

Subtask A - Critical Areas

- Assessment of the Riverfront Park parcels to determine all critical areas present within the property and assess the location of the OHWM (ordinary high water mark).
- Based on initial assessment, critical areas are to be rated, delineated and marked for pick-up by the surveyor, including all wetlands and the OHWM.
- Deliverables: Critical Areas Delineation and Report

Subtask B - Site Survey

- Site survey for the park properties including boundary, topography, site structures, vegetation and utilities. Survey to include picking up delineation of critical areas at Riverfront Park.
- It is assumed that survey of the W.H. Taylor Park site will be limited to the park property at this stage of the project until planning has advanced sufficiently to determine the extent of McClellan Street and railroad survey that will be required to support the development of the preferred concept plan.
- Deliverables: Site Survey in autocad .dwg and pdf format for the Riverfront Park and W. H. Taylor Park parcels.

Subtask C – Start-Up & Site Analysis

- Contracting, Project Start-up
- Review of existing conditions, documents, data gap analysis, reports.
- Site analysis and associated documentation.
- Kickoff workshops with staff and stakeholders (2) separate in-person workshops.
- Bi-weekly Client meetings (on-line)
- Design team meetings (on-line or in person in Seattle)
- Project management
- Deliverables: Data gap analysis / summary memo, site analysis workshop graphics, and combined base files.

Task 2 – Program Development

This task is focused on program development through interactive workshops, meetings, digitally available and physically available materials/surveys.

- Public Engagement(s) #1: project overview and idea generation presented in a variety of ways, including on-line survey, (1) in-person public meeting, and digital/printed materials created to be available at City facilities and events.
- Stakeholder Workshop(s): targeted interactions with specialty stakeholders, assumes (1) in-person and other workshops on-line
- Bi-weekly Client meetings (on-line)
- Design team meetings (on-line or in person in Seattle)
- Project management
- Deliverables: Public engagement and workshop materials, meeting notes and summary, etc.

Task 3 – Master Planning / Phase 1 Concept Design:

This task is focused on development of alternative concepts for each site, development of a preferred master plan and report, and definition of Phase 1 projects for each sites to establish a construction budget and extent of work for Phase 1 improvements.

- Site Planning: develop (3) conceptual site plans for each park. Alternative concepts are intended to test preferences and priorities, including precedent imagery and graphics to support ideas.
- City Council Workstudy for presentation of concept options and ideas.
- Public Engagement(s) #2: share options via online media and (1) in-person public meeting or open house, consider a “party in the park.” Materials to be provided to be available for posting on City website or in an on-line survey or for physically posting in a City facility.
- Synthesize options to a single plan for each site.
- Public Engagement(s) #3: share synthesized plan via online media and (1) in-person public meeting or open house, consider a “party in the park.” Materials to be provided to be available for posting on City website or in an on-line survey or for physically posting in a City facility.
- Final Master Plan and reports
- Phase 1 Concept Plans
- Bi-weekly Client meetings (on-line)
- Design team meetings (on-line or in person in Seattle)
- Project management
- Estimate of probable costs for full Master Plan and Phase 1 Park Improvements.

- Deliverables: Public engagement materials, design drawings and narrative, estimate of probable costs, and Phase 1 Concept Plan. Concise final report document for Council approval.

Other Services

Below Tasks to be determined pending extent of Phase 1 Improvements. The items below may be included in a future contract modification as needed pending decisions made for Phase 1.

Arborist Report

Assessment of the condition of all existing trees greater than 6" caliper, including a map and table of trees with arborist recommendations.

Geotechnical Report

Geotechnical analysis, including test pits as required for the engineering of proposed improvements including site structures, pavements and on site stormwater facilities.

Schematic Design

The purpose of Schematic Design is to fix and describe the size and character of the Phase 1 improvements. Scope of work to include: A single Schematic Design document package including Plans, Sections and Project Narrative.

Design Development

Preparation of (1) document package including drawings, outline specifications, cost estimate, etc. in sufficient detail to describe all aspects of the proposed development.

Construction Documents

Preparation of (3) document packages (60%, 90% and 100%) including drawings, specifications, cost estimates, etc. in sufficient detail to construct all aspects of the proposed development.

Bidding and Contracting

Assembling of bidding documents for advertisement in public bid environment. Assist Client in preparation of support documents reflective of the project MACC and other budget considerations.

Construction Administration

Administration of construction including weekly meetings, management and review of built work.

Project Closeout

Assist in determining substantial and final approval of the project, including a joint final inspection with Client. City will prepare a final punch list.

Fee Summary

Site Workshop will contract directly with Client for the following proposed services:

Basic Services

Phase	Basis	Fee
Task 1: Project Initiation		
Subtask A: Critical Areas	NTE	\$40,000
Subtask B: Site Survey	NTE	\$40,000
Subtask C: Site Analysis & Start-Up	Lump Sum	\$28,300
Task 2: Program Definition	Lump Sum	\$28,300
Task 3: Master Plan / Phase 1 Concept Design	Lump Sum	\$79,700
Subtotal		\$216,300
Reimbursable Expenses	NTE	\$3,000
Total		\$219,300

Future / Additional Services

The following other services are anticipated. A fee proposal for these services to be provided at the completion of the Master Plan/Phase 1 Definition Phase.

Task	Basis	Fee
Geotechnical Report	TBD	TBD
Arborist Report	TBD	TBD
Schematic Design – Project Closeout	TBD	TBD
Total		TBD

Site Workshop HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

Personnel	Hourly Rate
Principal	\$150
Project Manager / Landscape Architect	\$120
Horticultural Support	\$110
Technical/Admin	\$95