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# CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

## *City of Westport Vision Statement*

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*We are a progressive, friendly and welcoming organization that provides excellent service, facilities, infrastructure and abundant access to recreational opportunities which supports a vibrant year round economy; a destination that attracts visitors that want to return and encourages a diverse, clean, safe and family friendly community with engaged and proud citizens.*

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### **Background**

The City of Westport is centrally located on the Washington Coast, at the mouth of the Chehalis River in Grays Harbor County. This location enables easy access to the Pacific Ocean from several points for recreation, fishing, and boating. The Westport Peninsula serves as the southern land mass separating Grays Harbor from the Pacific Ocean. On the northern two and one-half miles of this peninsula, encompassing about six square miles is the City of Westport. *(Please refer to map 1-1, City of Westport Location Map)* The city is accessible from the central Puget Sound area by way of Interstate 5 south to Olympia, and due west via State Routes 8, 12, and 105. From Vancouver/Portland area in the south the city is accessible via Interstate 5 north to US 101 and State Route 105.

Dunes and ocean beach areas comprise a major component of Westport's land base. The central core area of the peninsula includes forest area, residential development, and commercial activity. Montesano Street and the parallel Forrest Street/SR 105 spur function as the main thoroughfares through the city. The southern part of the city core includes residences, businesses and municipal services. The marina district, in the far northern section of the city, is the primary location of tourist related activity, charter boat and commercial fishing activity, and includes the Port of Grays Harbor marina and docks. This area is also where heavy commercial and seafood processing activity, complementing the commercial fishing industry, exists. Along the east side of the City bordering the harbor are several wetlands.

The City was incorporated on June 26, 1914 and is governed by a five member city council and Mayor and an active planning commission. Grays Harbor County is not a Growth Management Act (GMA) county. While our cities and county are required to follow some elements of GMA planning such as critical areas and shoreline management planning, Grays Harbor County nor the City of Westport are required to fully plan under GMA.

# Map 1-1 City of Westport Location Map



Map data sources: Esri, DeLorme, HERE, TomTom, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

June 2016 Office of Financial Management estimates for the City of Westport show a population of 2,115. This number is a slight population increase over the 2010 Census count of 2,099 but a decrease in population from the 2005 estimate of 2,305.

According to 2010 Census demographic characteristics, the median age of Westport residents is 48 years, compared to a state average of 37 years. 21.3% of the population is aged 65 and over compared to 19.1 in 2000. The state average for the 65 and over group is 12.3%. These statistics show that Westport has a higher percentage of residents in the retirement age category than that of the state as a whole.

At the time of the last full Census in 2000 the median household income for Westport was \$32,037 while that of the state was \$45,776. Current sources such as City-Data.com show the current median income at \$30,814 and that of the state at \$58,405. This information has significant impacts on travel patterns of Westport residents suggesting the importance of local recreational opportunities.

## **Plan Purpose**

The purpose of the City of Westport Park and Recreation Plan is to establish a framework to guide the operation, development and maintenance of public parks and recreation facilities under city ownership. This plan is consistent with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Comprehensive Plan Guidelines.

This plan provides the basis of eligibility for state financial assistance through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. All elements necessary to qualify for recreation funding are included in this plan:

- Goals and objectives
- Inventory
- Public involvement
- Demand and need analysis
- Capital Improvement Program
- Local adoption

## **Plan Organization**

The City of Westport Park and Recreation Plan is organized as follows:

**Chapter 1, Introduction** – Provides an introduction of the plan including background information, plan purpose, and organization of chapters.

**Chapter 2, Goals and Objectives** – Presents a vision and strategy for the City's recreation properties. Sites, facilities, maintenance, and capital plans are addressed by the goals and objectives set forth in this plan.

**Chapter 3, Inventory** – Identifies service area, location, and condition of City parks and facilities along with individual amenities.

**Chapter 4, Public Involvement** – Describes the important public outreach process in developing this plan.

**Chapter 5, Demand and Need Analysis** – Reviews and identifies state, regional and local trends and other pertinent information to provide guidance in developing priorities and channeling investment in the City’s parks and recreation facilities.

**Chapter 6, Capital Improvement Plan** – Lists recreation facilities capital assets, future needs for improvements and/or maintenance, costs, and likely fund sources over a six year period.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **System-Wide Goal**

Satisfy the recreational needs of City of Westport residents and promote community pride by providing the highest quality recreational resources and the widest range of recreational opportunities possible within the resources available to the City of Westport.

#### **1. Recreation Sites**

Maintain adequate park acreage to meet the present and future needs of all of the City's population.

Objective 1a – Provide recreational opportunities that engage our youth, elderly and all community members regardless of ethnic background, race, age, sex, or special needs.

Objective 1b – Encourage the acquisition or development of property which is historically, culturally or recreationally significant to the community.

→ Complete a community driven site evaluation study to determine the highest and best use of Pacific Avenue property.

Objective 1c – Continually improve sites to increase efficiency and usage.

→ Install ball field lighting at Grand Army Memorial Park, Harms Field, and Harriet Dorland Municipal Park to allow for night game.

→ Create additional parking at the Street of Flags Veterans Memorial and near the softball field at Harriet Dorland Municipal Park.

→ Remove sand hill at Harriet Dorland Municipal Park, grade and level to develop area for additional park usage.

→ Improve sidewalks at Street of Flags Veterans Memorial.

→ Install portable bleachers at Rydman Field.

Objective 1d – Encourage the preservation of high value scenic vistas, wildlife habitat areas, significant shoreline areas, and other natural areas.

#### **2. Recreation Facilities**

Provide quality recreation facilities that encourage economic growth, community spirit, civic pride, and that will encourage the retention of families and youth in Westport.

Objective 2a – Raise community awareness of existing recreational opportunities in Westport.

→ Develop a parks page on the City website.

→ Post the Park and recreation plan on the City website.

→ Develop a brochure showcasing City parks.

Objective 2b – Ensure existing facility redevelopment and new development accommodates all users and is ADA accessible.

- Replace playground equipment past its useful life at Harriet Dorland Municipal Park.
- Install playground equipment at Harms Field.
- Install playground equipment at Rydman Field.

Objective 2c – Ensure recreation facilities are identifiable and easy to locate by implementing a system of easily visible signage for all City recreation sites. Improve wayfinding to parks and public spaces by installing directional signage along roadways.

- Install wayfinding signs to make the Hancock Street beach access easier to find. (Pending right of way identification.)
- Improve signage at the Street of Flags Veterans Memorial.

### **3. Maintenance**

Objective 3a – Maintain existing sites and facilities in a cost effective manner while preserving intended uses, aesthetics, and safety.

- Replace backstop and ball field fencing at Harriet Dorland Municipal Park.
- Install a retaining wall along the frontage of the Street of Flags Veterans Memorial for hillside stabilization.

Objective 3b – Maintain adequate park maintenance and operations funding.

Objective 3c – Organize and adopt a park program to encourage volunteer efforts to assist with park and litter clean-up, site enhancement and promote a local watch for vandalism. Provide recognition for these efforts.

### **4. Fiscal Responsibility**

Maintain recreation sites and facilities in a manner that is responsive to the site and balances the needs of its users while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Develop, implement and monitor annual recreation sites and facilities budget with focus on balancing needs and investments.

Objective 4a – Continually seek operational efficiencies to ensure that recreation sites and facilities are provided in a cost effective manner.

Objective 4b – Actively seek out state, federal, non-profit and alternative funding sources for the development and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities.

Objective 4c – Encourage and promote coordination and cooperation with the Ocosta School District, Port of Grays Harbor, local service organizations, local governments, and state and federal agencies for joint recreation opportunities and the utilization of recreation facilities.

## **CHAPTER 3 EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES INVENTORY**

Existing park and recreation sites and facilities provide the basis upon which the park and recreation plan for the City is built. This inventory of sites and facilities assesses their location, quantity and quality, and enables the comparison of existing supply against present and projected future demand for recreation sites and facilities. The inventory also facilitates comparison with park and recreation goals and strategies, thereby enabling judgments to be made on the adequacy of the present system. *(Please refer to Map 3-1, Existing Recreation Facilities)*

Westport residents benefit from a wide array of recreational opportunities. Local parks owned by the City of Westport provide active recreation opportunities such as baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, tennis, BMX biking, and general playground activities. They also provide for passive recreation opportunities such as walking, hiking, picnicking, and view shed activities. The City is also served by a system of other local and regional opportunities.

The City of Westport does not have a formal Parks and Recreation Department and does not maintain park and recreation programs. City owned parks and recreation sites are enriched by other recreation opportunities in and around Westport. Those who come to use state parks and beach accesses may also enjoy City owned sites as well. In order to meet community needs and balance maintenance costs, the service area for City owned parks and recreation facilities is within the City Limit boundaries.

### **Existing Inventory**

The current park and recreation system in Westport consists primarily of four main providers: the City of Westport, the Port of Grays Harbor, Washington State Parks, and the Ocosta School District. Facilities provided by the City, State and school district are open to the general public.

It should be noted that Westport is home to Coast Guard Station Grays Harbor. The current station was established in 1974. Facilities include the dining facility, Administration and Operations building, boathouse, barracks for 32 people, 24 units of family housing, recreational area and residence playground. All sites and facilities, including recreation sites, owned by the Coast Guard are for Coast Guard use only and are off-limits to the general public.

# Map 3-1 Existing Recreation Facilities



## City of Westport Sites and Facilities

### **Beach Access**



There are two City of Westport beach access locations which are accessible by foot off of city streets. Beach access at Hancock Street is provided by ¼ mile dune trail to the waterfront. There is no parking on Hancock Street. This location is bounded to the south by Chateau Westport property and to the north by a private development. Access is allowed due to an historical easement. The City would like to install wayfinding signs to make the Hancock Street beach access easier to find.

Beach pathway access is also available from W. Ocean Avenue. This location is bordered by the Westport by the Sea Condominiums and Westport Light State Park. The foot path nearest the condominiums is no longer accessible due to erosion at the waterfront end of the path. Those wishing to access the beach must use the paved Westport Light Trail to gain beach access. The City offers approximately 120 paved parking spaces along W. Ocean Avenue. The street is flat with easily accessible sidewalks and plenty of room for bikes.

### **Grand Army Memorial Park (GAR)**

Located near the center of the City just west of Forrest Street (SR 105 spur) on Grand Army Street, this 8.4-acre site is home to a well-developed, fenced baseball field complete with restrooms, concession stand and small metal bleachers. This field is home to the Ocosta High School boy's baseball team and the local Babe Ruth baseball program. The site offers 28 paved parking stalls and plenty of room for additional parking in the nearby gravel lot. The site is paved and level with good ADA access to the field, restrooms, concession and paved parking area. The City is planning to install permanent metal bleachers. The City has written agreements with Ocosta School District outlining shared resources and maintenance responsibilities for the field. The field is in need of lights for evening and night games.



### **Harms Field**

Located on the east side of the City just off of Montesano Street and Harms Drive, this one and one-half acre site was deeded to the City with the caveat that the property be used for youth sports activities. This site is home to the South Beach Little League Association.



Facilities include two little league diamonds, covered concrete bleachers, concession stand, and rest rooms. There is ample parking in the paved and gravel lots surrounding the ball field. Restrooms are ADA accessible.

The City re-surfaced the main diamond during the summer of 2016. The City has an agreement with South Beach Little League outlining maintenance, facility and liability responsibilities. Field lights are needed to support evening and night games. Playground equipment is needed to support off-field activities.

### **Pacific Avenue Property**

Located on the east side of the City at the end of Pacific Avenue, this 1acre (approx.) site has a sweeping view of South Bay. The site is currently undeveloped and is the site of the first passenger ferry to dock at Westport. The sternwheeler Enterprise was owned and operated by the Chehalis Steamboat Navigation Company circa 1859. The original pilings still exist and are visible from the property. The site has the potential for multiple waterfront opportunities. At the time of the writing of this plan, the site was not open for public use. The City intends to decide on the future use of the site. Whether it will be developed for passive or active recreation use or have some other specific use needs to be determined. A site evaluation study would help to determine the best use of the site.



### **Rydman Field**



Located just off of Montesano Street (SR 105 spur) this 1 acre site is situated on the southern portion of Westport Airport property. The site has potential for another ½ acre of space for a supportive/compatible use. As Westport's most recent park addition (2015) this site is entirely fenced and provides one soccer field and a port-a-potty. While the site was developed to meet a need for soccer fields in Westport it was done so with potential future airport expansion in mind. The field and amenities are mobile and can be moved to

another location should the need for airport expansion arise. Portable bleachers and playground apparatus are recommended for this site.

### **Street of Flags Veterans Memorial**

Located just south of the City Limits on Montesano Street this .75 acre (approx.) linear site is an underutilized treasure. The site offers a passive recreational opportunity and is home to all 50 state flags, paved walking paths, concrete benches, a vast rhododendron garden and a sprawling All Veteran’s Memorial Wall. There is room for three cars to park off street. All other parking is along the shoulder of the roadway. There are no restroom facilities at this site.



The site is open to the public but is in need of signage and additional parking. A retaining wall should be constructed along the face of the site to allow for hillside stabilization. This would also allow for the development of additional off-street parking along the face of the property.

This location is designated as an evacuation staging area and command post for City operations in the event of tsunami.

### **Harriet Dorland Municipal Park (Westport City Park)**

Located towards the northern end of the City off of Washington Avenue, this seven-acre partially wooded site has both flat and rolling terrain. Facilities include a covered concrete picnic shelter with three tables, wooden and plastic playground equipment, swings, BMX track, tennis court, basketball court, hiking trails, restrooms, and gravel parking for about 20 vehicles. The outlying area includes a more natural experience with two picnic tables and a grill. The playground equipment is past its useful life and due for replacement. The addition of some ADA accessible equipment at this site is recommended.



Harriet Dorland Municipal Park is also the home field for the Ocosta High School girl’s fast pitch softball team. The fenced ballfield includes exposed metal bleachers and a small concession stand. The entrance to the ballfield is located along W. Elizabeth Avenue. There is no parking

at this entrance and cars park along Elizabeth Street often blocking access to the neighborhood. The City has written agreements with Ocosta School District outlining shared resources and maintenance responsibilities for the field. The backstop and fence surrounding the ballfield need to be replaced with taller fencing to stop balls from flying over into neighboring properties. Field lighting is also needed to allow for evening and nighttime games.



Harriet Dorland Park is also a historically significant site and bears a marker to that effect. This was the site of Fort Chehalis, established in 1860. The marker was placed by the Robert Gray Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

### **Cove Street Park**



Cove Street Park is located adjacent to the Port of Grays Harbor Westport Marina Viewing Tower at the intersection Westhaven and Cove. This flat, grass covered 16,000 sq. ft. site provides picnic tables and trash receptacles to support activity at the viewing tower. Parking is available on Neddie Rose Drive and in the public parking lot right across the street. Future plans for this site include the addition of playground equipment.

### **Westport Community Garden**

Located adjacent to City Hall on Montesano Street, this 1,200 sq. ft. site provides raised bed gardening opportunities to the community. The site is fenced and gated with on-site water and is easily accessible from the paved parking lot that can support over 30 vehicles. There is a \$10 annual fee per plot for water and to help maintain the garden. Gardeners must agree to abide by the Westport Community Garden Program Rules adopted by the City of Westport.



## Westport Light House Trail System (Dune Trail)



The trail system extends from Ocean Avenue, through Westport Light State Park, to the Westport Marina viewing tower. This trail provides an eight foot wide wheelchair accessible paved surface for walking/biking with viewing platforms and benches for public use.

Washington State Parks maintains the portion of the trail that runs along state park property. The City of Westport also has an extensive signed and dedicated bike route along their city streets that intersects with the Westport Light Trail System.

## South Beach Senior Center

Located on the corner of Pacific Ave. East and North 1st Street, the senior center is open and available to all community members. Although the building is owned by the City, the senior center is entirely run on a volunteer basis. Open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday the center serves meals for a donation of \$3.00 and serves about 1,000 people annually. Funds from a gently used boutique and donations also help to support center activities. Occasionally volunteers teach classes on various crafts.



In the event of an emergency, the senior center is set-up to operate as an emergency support center. Assistance is provided with meals, cots and blankets for overnight stays and emergency aid. The senior center can host 50 people during an emergency event.

## Westport Maritime Museum



Located in the old historic Coast Guard building, the Museum complex is the focal point for community activities at the Westport Marina. Owned by the City of Westport and operated by the Westport South Beach Historical Society, the museum offers an educational experience of local maritime history. In addition to the museum, the museum complex includes two separate buildings housing the first order Fresnel lens from the Destruction Island Lighthouse and an exhibit of whale bones and sea artifacts. Amenities include a 100 seat meeting hall for events, a gazebo stage, picnic tables and a large grass lawn.

### **Public Restrooms**

The City has constructed and maintains ADA accessible public restrooms and multiple free public parking lots on Port of Grays Harbor property one block south of the Marina near Floats 4 and 6.

### **Westport Municipal Airport**

Activated in 1941, the Westport Municipal Airport is a City-owned, public use airport located immediately off of Montesano Street (SR 105 spur) in the northeast portion of the City of Westport. The site covers 22 acres and offers a 2,317 foot paved runway with visual approaches, 14 transient aircraft tie downs, and security fencing. There are two private hangars for small aircraft.

#### Navigation

Elevation ..... 14' MSL  
TPA ..... 1014' MSL (1000' AGL)  
Runway ..... 12/30; 2318'x50'; ASPH  
Lights ..... Dusk-dawn, MIRL  
Latitude ..... N 46° 53.82'  
Longitude ..... W 124° 06.05'

#### Communications

CTAF ..... 122.9



### **Port of Grays Harbor Facilities in the City of Westport**

#### **Fishermen’s Memorial and Viewing Platform**

Fishermen’s Memorial and the Viewing Platform are located adjacent to Float 20 on Neddie Rose Drive. The Fishermen's Memorial is a tribute to those lost at sea. The annual blessing of the fleet is held here which includes a memorial ceremony for those lost at sea. The viewing platform is a wooden platform elevated slightly above the seawall with mounted viewfinders.

#### **Float 20/Fishing Boardwalk**

Located at the northwest end of the Marina, Float 20 consists of 40 slips. It provides access to a 300-foot long wooden fishing boardwalk for recreational fishing and crabbing. The dedicated parking at this site is owned and maintained by the Port.

### **Westport Marina Boat Basin**

There are a total of 545 moorage spaces available within the Marina, including 525 slips, 12 end-tie spaces, and 8 side-tie spaces. The moorage spaces within the Marina are leased for use by commercial fishing vessels, charter fishing vessels, and recreational vessels. The peak month for commercial boats and non-commercial, recreational fishing boats is August. The public boat launch is located at the terminus of Wilson Street, at the southeastern end of the Marina. Men's and women's restroom facilities and showers are located near the end of Float 17.

### **Westport Marina Esplanade**

Recently enlarged by the City of Westport, the Esplanade runs from Float 4 to Float 16 along Westhaven Street. The Esplanade consists of a wide concrete walkway complete with benches, trash receptacles, plantings, kiosks, pedestrian scale lighting and interpretive signage. The Esplanade is a popular attraction providing a walk along the marina and is the site of fishing derbies and community festivals.

### **Westport Marina Viewing Tower**

Where the northernmost end of Neddie Rose Drive and Westhaven Street meet is the Westport Marina Viewing Tower. The tower consists of four stories, is lighted and provides a scenic overlook of the harbor and the City of Westport. The Port of Grays Harbor replaced the tower with a new concrete structure based on a lighthouse design as a 100th anniversary gift to the community. The local Kiwanis Club donated funding and material, the City of Westport owns and maintains the property adjacent to the tower (Cove Street Park) and purchased picnic tables for public use.

### **Westport Public Boat Ramp**

The Westport Public Boat Ramp is located at the Westport Marina at the foot of Wilson Street next to the Coast Guard Station. Site amenities include: 2 loading floats, 3 lane ramp, 100 paved and striped parking spaces, 135 gravel parking spaces, with fuel and water available. The round trip daily use fee is \$5.00. A calendar year pass can be purchased for \$50.00.

Parking continues to be an ongoing need in the Marina District. The Port owns five paved lots, one gravel boat launch lot and one gravel/dirt lot for un-hitched trailer parking. The paved lots and the boat launch provide parking for about 552 vehicles and attached boat trailers. A parking study by the City of Westport and the Port of Grays Harbor (City of Westport, Port of Grays Harbor Marina District Parking Study, March 2007) indicated that the Marina District's multiple uses and functions generate high demand for parking, particularly during peak activity.

### **Westport South Beach Historical Society**

#### **Grays Harbor Light Station**

Located just outside of Westport Light State Park on Lighthouse Way, the Grays Harbor Light Station is the tallest lighthouse in Washington State, the third tallest on the West Coast. It is owned and operated by the Westport South Beach Historical Society who offers guided tours to the top of the structure with 360° views of Westport and beaches. Site amenities include picnic tables, parking, trails and a viewing platform.

## **Washington State Parks within the City of Westport**

### **Westport Light State Park**

In December 2015, State Parks acquired a 297-acre property between Westhaven State Park and Westport Light State Park—making one park out of two. On September 22, 2016 the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission met and officially named the new combined properties Westport Light State Park. The new park now covers 588 acres. Until plans are finalized for the newly expanded park the original facilities will be kept in place. These facilities include: Rest rooms, showers, viewing platform, picnic sites, and a 160 vehicle parking area. Overflow parking is allowed along the road side on Jetty Haul Road. Activities include ocean fishing, beachcombing, scuba diving, and surfing. The park also features views of scenic Half Moon Bay.

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is still in the process of approving changes to the park's land classifications. This site is being considered as one of four pilot sites for Recreation Concession Areas (formerly called Recreation Business Activities). This designation includes: Providing appropriate opportunities for privately financed development of recreational facilities in existing developed state parks; and, leasing undeveloped surplus lands for revenue-generating purposes.

## **Recreational Opportunities Outside of the City of Westport**

### **Ocosta School District**

#### **Elementary School Complex**

Located north off of SR 105 on Montesano Street the elementary school provides basketball goals, football/soccer field, open play area, and playground equipment.

#### **High School Complex**

Located north off of SR 105 on Montesano Street and right next to the elementary school this complex includes a football field, track, gym, basketball goals, open play area, indoor volleyball court, and public meeting facilities.

### **Grays Harbor County**

#### **Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds**

Located east of Elma on the Old Olympic Highway, the site encompasses 63 acres and includes a 0.3-mile track for auto racing. Facilities include a pavilion building consisting of an arena and grandstand with a seating capacity of 1,500 and an exhibition hall with a dance style capacity of 1,200 and banquet style capacity of 1,200. The site also includes 15 major buildings and barns, two outdoor stages and parking for 1,200 vehicles.

#### **Vance Creek County Park**

Located just south of Elma this county park offers day use for picnicking, boating, swimming, fishing, and walking. Playground apparatus and grass fields provide play space for children of all

ages. Covered picnic tables, barbeques, restrooms, and paved parking are some of the facility amenities.

#### Twin Bridges County Park

Located west of the City of Montesano Twin Bridges is the County's newest park, opening in 2015. The park offers passive, natural recreation experiences. Amenities include restrooms and picnic tables. The park offers waterfront access along the Wynoochee River. This is a day use park and overnight camping is not allowed.

#### Grays Harbor Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Sports Park

This ORV Sports Park is located on 150 acres at the Grays Harbor/Thurston County line off SR 8. The park features five miles of competitive and casual trails and access to the 80,000-acre Capitol Forest Multi-use Recreation Area. A sand drag strip, a fenced motorcycle track (4-wheel drive and other off-road vehicle tracks), a grandstand and hill climbing trails are also available. Facilities include year-round camping areas, restrooms, showers, a 3,000 square foot meeting hall, concessions, picnic areas with covered shelters available, recreational game area, and a dump station.

### **State Recreation Areas**

#### Beach Approaches

- Bonge Approach - 0.5 mile beach approach located just south of Westport. Facilities include picnic tables, restroom and vehicle parking.
- Bottle Beach - Located five miles east of Westport on S.R. 105. Undeveloped site allows access to South Bay and provides opportunities for bird watching. A Discover Pass is required to park at this location.
- Grayland Beach Approach – Located south of Westport on SR 105, this approach provides a restroom and vehicle parking. A Discover Pass is not required to park at this location.
- Twin Harbors Approach - Located south of Westport on SR 105 and just to the north of Grayland Beach State Park, this 2-acre access site provides picnicking and restrooms. A Discover Pass is required to park at this location.

Beaches in Washington State are considered part of the state highway system. Beach driving is allowed unless otherwise signed. Beach driving is generally closed in the summer months to protect clam beds.

#### Grayland Beach State Park

Located on SR 105 in Grayland, this 411 acre state park provides rest rooms, 115 campsites including 16 yurts, 58 full service RV spots, 35 partial service campsites and 6 campsites with no service hook ups. Site activities include ocean fishing, beachcombing, and hiking. A Discover Pass is not required.

#### John's River Recreational Area

Located east of Westport on S.R. 105, this 1,528 acre site provides a boat launch, fishing, hunting, walking trail and restroom.

### South Beach Seashore Recreation Area

This area encompasses the ocean beaches along with eight ocean beach accesses in Grays Harbor County, extending from the county line to the South Jetty. It was created in March 1967 to maintain the ocean beach for public use.

### Twin Harbors State Park

South of Westport, this 172 acre state park provides 143 standard campsites and 49 with trailer hookups, 5 basic cabins, shelters, picnic areas, rest rooms/showers. Activities include hiking, ocean fishing and beachcombing. A Discover Pass is required.

## **Federal Recreation Areas**

### Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge

Located at Bowerman Basin directly west of the City of Hoquiam the Refuge is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The site provides approximately 1,800 acres to preserve critical shorebird resting and feeding habitat.

### Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

The sanctuary, administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration extends from Koitlah Point on the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the south end of the Copalis Wildlife Refuge. The primary scope of regulations for the sanctuary includes a prohibition against oil and gas development; restrictions on discharging or depositing any material; restrictions on altering the seabed; and, a ban on flying motorized aircraft under 2,000 feet near the sanctuary's coastal boundaries and offshore wildlife refuges.

### Olympic National Forest

Located about 50 miles northeast of Westport the site is administered by the U.S. Forest Service (Department of Agriculture). The site offers an extensive variety of recreation opportunities including: boating, canoeing, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, lodging, picnicking, sailing, swimming, and tent and trailer camping.

### Olympic National Park

Located about 70 miles north of Westport the park is administered by the National Park Service (Department of the Interior) and encompasses and preserves possibly the finest example of an Old Growth rain forest in the world. The park also contains the majority of the Olympic Mountain Range featuring Mount Olympus which reaches an elevation of 7,965 feet as well as 57 miles of pristine coastline.

Recreational opportunities are designed to be compatible with the ecology and include: backpacking, beach access, boating, canoeing, fishing, hiking, lodging, mountain climbing, picnicking, scenic vistas, and tent and trailer camping.

**TABLE 3.1  
Existing Local Recreational Facilities Serving the Residents of Westport**

Site Name	Baseball		Softball	Football Soccer	Tennis	Basketball		Play field	Play Ground	Picnic Table	Path	Shore Access	Boat Launch	Fishing Crabbing	Support Facilities <sup>2</sup>	ADA
	60'	90'				In door <sup>1</sup>	Out door									
Cove Street Park										X						X
Fisherman's Memorial & Viewing Platform																X
Float 20/Fishing Boardwalk											X	X		X		
Grand Army Memorial Park*		1													X	X
Grays Harbor Lighthouse										X					X	
Harms Field*	2							X		X					X	X
Harriet Dorland Park (Westport City Park)*			1		1		1	X	X	X	X				X	X
Ocosta Elementary				1		6	5	X	X							X
Ocosta High School				1		6	1	X								X
Rydman Field*				1											X	
Street of Flags Vets Memorial*											X				X	
Westport Marina Boat Basin												X		X	X	
Westport Marina Esplanade											X	X		X	X	X
Westport Marina Viewing Tower										X		X			X	
Westport Maritime Museum*								X		X					X	
Westport Bike Route*											X					X
Westport Community Garden*																
Westport Public Boat Launch												X	X <sup>3</sup>		X	
Westport Light Trail System											X	X			X	X
Westport Public Restrooms*															X	X
Westport Municipal Airport*															X	X
<b>Facility Tally</b>	2	1	1	3	1	12	7	5	2	--	--	--	1	--	--	

\* City owned

<sup>1</sup> Indoor goals are not open to the public unless prior arrangements have been made. <sup>2</sup> Support facilities include: restrooms; benches; trash facilities, etc. <sup>3</sup> Represents 1 boat launch with three launch lanes.

**TABLE 3.2**

**Existing State and Beach Access  
Recreation Facilities  
Serving the Residents of Westport**

Site Name	Pathway	Shore Access	Swim Beach	Picnic Table	Camp Site	Support Facilities <sup>1</sup>
Grayland Beach State Park	X	X	X		X	X
Twin Harbor State Park	X	X	X	X	X	X
Westport Light State Park		X	X	X		X
South Beach Seashore Recreation Area, Ocean Beach Access Points						
Bonge		X				X
Bottle Beach	X	X				X
Grayland Beach		X	X			X
Hancock Street*		X				
Midway		X				X
North Cove		X				X
Ocean Avenue*		X				
Twin Harbors		X				X

\* City owned

<sup>1</sup> Support facilities include: restrooms; benches; trash facilities, etc.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Public outreach and input was an integral part of the planning process and served as the foundation for identifying goals and objectives and determining needs. This information led to the development of the Capital Improvement Program and implementation recommendations.

The planning process for creating the City of Westport Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan included a series of processes, each of which provided the opportunity for public comment and involvement. Public involvement included an iterative process involving comment review and resulting in revision to plan contents. This is an important element in being sensitive to comments of the public as well as building trust during the planning process.

The current update began in August 2016, with the City of Westport and the Grays Harbor Council of Governments (GHCOG) strategizing on plan formation. Public comment was welcomed and incorporated at every point:

#### **Park Committee**

The Committee directed and reviewed the bulk of work undertaken by GHCOG in creation of the current plan, covering the years 2018-2024. Additional staff was called upon to assist in various technical elements of the plan as needed.

Committee membership consisted of the following:

- Mayor Rob Beardon
- Tina Wisnowski
- Kimmi Kerns
- Jillian Adolf
- Johannes Ariens
- Brandy Holmes, Westport City Council
- Tom Aronson, Westport City Council
- Kevin Goodrich, Public Works Director
- Greg Barnes, Streets/ Parks Department

#### **Public Process**

Committee activities were reported at various intervals to the City Council. All Council meetings are open to the public with opportunities to comment during the public comment period.

PLAN REVIEW - A comprehensive review of existing plans documents was completed. Please refer to *Appendix A Related Planning Efforts*. Information within those documents was incorporated into the plan as appropriate. Multiple documents were reviewed before and during the development of this plan.

SURVEYS – The survey was available on the City’s website as well as in hard copy at City Hall. To view the survey findings, please refer to *Appendix B User Survey*. Notification signs were posted at various locations around the City. Notification was posted in the South Beach Bulletin under South Beach Bulletin Board, Meetings-Events-Activities on February 16<sup>th</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. A front page news article was included in the February 23<sup>rd</sup> edition. Survey information was also provided in the form of Public Service Announcements through the Jodesha Broadcasting group on several of their local stations such as KBKW. Please refer to *Appendix C Request for Public Input*.

The survey process remained open from February 15, 2017 through March 30, 2017. Due to a low response rate a survey notice was posted in the City’s mid-April utility billing and the survey remained open until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Within the next week several more on-line surveys were completed. They are included in the aggregate survey totals. Following the close of the survey the Park Committee met to review and discuss the submittals. In all, 111 total responses were received.

OPEN HOUSE - A Public Open House was held on February 23, 2017 at McCausland Hall in Westport to receive public comment and discuss the draft plan materials. The open house contained stations which were staffed Park Committee members and GHCOG staff. Each station focused on a different aspect of the plan. For example, one station discussed the plan timeline and RCO plan requirements. Another station highlighted the public process to-date, while yet another station focused on draft goals and objectives. A PowerPoint displaying images of all Park and Recreation facilities was running during the open house. A display of new potential new playground apparatus was provided and attendees were asked to vote on their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices. Public comment cards were made available at the open house, so that individuals could write their comments and have them considered by the Committee in developing the final plan text.

Comments received during the Open House included the need for the City to have a public golf course and update/replacement of playground equipment at Harriet Dorland Park.

Notifications of the Public Open House included posting in the South Beach Bulletin on February 16<sup>th</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Public Service Announcements were issued through the Jodesha Broadcasting group. Please refer to *Appendix C Request for Public Input*.

CITY COUNCIL – The purpose of City Council presentations was to inform elected officials as well as the public about plan development efforts and provide yet another opportunity for public input. Presentations were made to the Westport City Council on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and July 31, 2017. Presentations were also made to the Planning Commission on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and July 18, 2017.

### **Final Draft Public Notification and Solicitation for Comments**

The draft plan was available for a 30 day public comment period running from August 3, 2017 until September 4, 2017. The public was informed that a final draft of the City of Westport Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan was available for review, by several methods listed below. Please refer to *Appendix D, Final Draft Public Review*.

- Posting the final draft plan for review on the City of Westport web site.
- Notifications were sent to all cities, Grays Harbor County, the Shoalwater Bay Tribe, the Quinault Indian Nation and Chehalis Tribe to inform them that a final draft plan is available for review.
- Hard copies of the plan were delivered to the Timberland Public Library in Westport.
- Announcements were issued to The South Beach Bulletin on July 26 and August 16, 2017. The South Beach Bulletin published the announcements in their August 3 and August 24, 2017, newspaper. The article informed the public where to view copies and where to submit comments.
- Draft plan availability and comment timeline were discussed in Grays Harbor Council of Governments meetings, all of which were open to the public.
- The public was also made aware of the planning process and progress through Westport City Council meetings.

A total of one submission containing seven comments was received during the open public comment period. The following generalized discussion reflects those comments:

It was suggested that street names identifying park locations as referenced in body of plan be added to the map. This suggestion was not implemented due to the size of the map and font size making the text too hard to read.

It was also suggested that a Beach Access symbol at end of Lila (Cohasset area) be added. This suggestion was not implemented at this time as there is no available parking at the site and users must cross private property to access the beach. Even though there is an agreement in place allowing foot traffic to access the beach. The City should have an internal discussion as to whether or not they want to promote the site.

#### City of Westport Sites and Facilities – Beach Access

There was a suggestion to delete the discussion of the foot path nearest the condominiums no longer being accessible due to erosion at the waterfront end of the path. State Parks has re-established this beach access from the paved trail. The recommendation was to add signage at this location to identify directions to beach or to continue on the trail into Westport Light Park. The text was amended to support this suggestion.

#### Table 6-1 Six Year Capital Improvement Program

There was a suggestion to include lengthening the soccer field at Rydman Field to meet length criteria for older age groups. This suggestion will be reviewed by the City and may be revised into the CIP at a later date.

It was suggested that Westport Municipal Airport improvements be included in the CIP. A runway improvements report by the Washington Dept. of Aviation and possible grant funding opportunities were cited. This suggestion was not implemented as the purpose of the City's Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan and the associated CIP is to become eligible for Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) funding. The airport is not eligible for RCO funding.

#### Appendix A, Related Planning Efforts: City of Westport Comprehensive Plan:

The date of latest adopted plan is shown as 1998. The most current update to the Comprehensive Plan was approved by Resolution #1538 in April 2013. (This comment affects References and Appendix A) The Comprehensive plan date and Resolution number were corrected.

#### **Plan Adoption**

The City of Westport Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan was formally adopted via Resolution #892 at the September 11, 2017 Westport City Council meeting. A related SEPA review was also completed in September of 2017. Please refer to *Appendix G City of Westport Determination of Non-Significance*.

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **DEMAND AND NEED ANALYSIS**

This chapter identifies the recreational needs of the City of Westport. Needs analysis involves the comparison of the existing supply of recreation land and facilities to the anticipated recreation demand. The demand and need analysis was developed using national, state and local trends, population characteristics, and the public involvement process. Based on this analysis, specific recommendations emerge which will guide the City toward the attainment of the recreation goals identified earlier providing residents and visitors with a balanced and sound recreation system.

RCO recommends, but does not require, determination of a level of service for park and recreation planning, including trails. An analysis with the level of service tool will indicate strengths and weaknesses of your parks and trails system, suggesting where you may need additional resources. As discussed in prior chapters, several methods were used for collecting information in the City's park and recreation plan. The information gained through the public outreach process and direct input from the Park Committee provided the background needed to establish the Community Needs, which replaces level of service standards. Due to the unique natural resources of the area, the small population base, and the economic concerns, the application of level of service standards to establish recreation needs is not an appropriate or useful method. However, there is benefit in examining local and regional trends and addressing their impacts (if any) to existing recreation opportunities offered by the City of Westport.

#### Population Trends

June 2016 Office of Financial Management estimates for the City of Westport show a population of 2,115. This number is a slight population increase over the 2010 Census count of 2,099 but a decrease in population from the 2005 estimate of 2,305. During the same time period Grays Harbor County has experienced a slight increase population growth from 72,797 in 2010 to 72,820 in 2016.

The national population is aging, and with several places in Grays Harbor being favorite retirement locations, the county follows this trend. Since 2010 the percent of residents in Grays Harbor age 65 and older has steadily risen; from 14.9% in 2010 to 19.8 in 2016. The state population of 65 years of age or older was 12.3% in 2010 and 14.4% in 2016. 21.3% of City of Westport residents were age 65 and over in 2010 and according to 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates were 22% in 2015. The median age of Grays Harbor County is 42.5 years; the median age of Washington State is 37.3. The median age of Westport is 48 years.

The aging population in Washington is having an impact on recreation in the state as many older Washington residents remain very active and involved in outdoor recreation throughout the state. According to *The State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)*, older residents are participating in nature-based activities at a higher rate than are younger residents, which is an important finding given that trends in participation among all residents show a dramatic increase in participation in many nature-based activities.

### Income Trends

Median household income in Westport is not only lower than county and state averages but has a slower growth rate as well. 2010 median household income in Grays Harbor was \$39,452 while the Washington State median household income was \$55,500. The 2010 median household income for the City of Westport was \$31,290. According to the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2015 median household income had grown to \$42,376 in Grays Harbor County, \$62,108 in Washington State and \$32,917 in Westport.

One of the outcomes of reduced income is people recreating closer to home. The economic downturn of 2008 saw less families traveling away for recreation and those who did shortened the length of their time away. The buzzword in the hospitality and tourism industries became “staycations”, vacationing in your own back yard. It is also notable that Americans average 14 vacation days per year compared to the European average of 40 days per year. This places a greater demand on the need for local and regional recreational facilities.

### Statewide Recreation Trends

The 2013 statewide participation survey conducted for the Recreation and Conservation Office and Funding Board, *State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)*, identified over 60 different recreation activities. The top ten favored activities included a desire to recreate closer to home. The percentage of responses is also listed:

1. Picnicking, bbqing or grilling out - 80.9%
2. Walking (without a pet) - 71.3%
3. Wildlife viewing/photographing – 59%
4. Sightseeing - 56.8%
5. Gardening - 56.7%
6. Hiking - 53.1%
7. Walking (with pet) – 51.6%
8. Camping – 42.4%
9. Swimming or wading at beach - 38.8%
10. Swimming in a pool – 38.2%

Survey participants were also asked to rank various activities in order of importance:

- 1-Picnic areas
- 2-Equipped playgrounds/play areas
- 3-Surfaced trails
- 3-Unsurfaced trails
- 5-Boat access sites for non-motorized boats
- 6-Boat access sites that accommodate motorized craft
- 7-Baseball/softball
- 7-Sports fields with soccer goals
- 9-Sports fields
- 9-Sports fields for multipurpose use
- 11-Basketball

### Social Value of Outdoor Recreation

Research suggests that the social elements of outdoor recreation are particularly important among youth and young adults. In a study conducted by The Outdoor Foundation (2011), first-time participants were asked why they decided to participate in an outdoor recreation activity. More than half of all respondents between the ages of 6 and 24 (53.9%) indicated that they participated because their friends and/or family participate in outdoor recreation—the top motivating factor among this age group. More than a third of recreationists 25 and older (34.9%) gave this reason for first-time participation.

### Tourism in Westport

Westport is becoming attractive as a destination resort area. Increased marketing, proximity to the ocean, and other natural attractions have increased the visitor population which, in turn, places a greater demand on all types of recreational facilities.

Because tourism plays an important role in the economy of Westport and is likely to see continued growth, it is important for the community to discuss how it wants to address the tourist population as it impacts local recreational opportunities. Many tourists come to Westport to enjoy the natural resources. Popular tourist activities include: surfing, fishing, beach walking, RV camping, biking, and wildlife viewing.

Tourists tend to engage in the same activities that draw many people to reside in Westport. It is difficult to assess the needs of the tourists specifically, but 19% of the surveys returned were from respondents that spend zero months of the year residing in Westport, and 8% of survey respondents said they resided in Westport 1 – 3 months out of the year. Therefore it can be

assumed that many of the needs part time residents and tourists were expressed in the survey results.

The needs of tourists that are appropriate for the city to address include:

- assistance locating facilities,
- expanded knowledge of recreation opportunities available,
- provision of a safe environment to recreate and play,
- parking accessibility,
- clean facilities, and
- diverse recreation opportunities.

### Survey Responses

In total 111 survey responses were received.

#### **Demographics**

62% of all respondents indicated they lived in the City of Westport, 20% lived in Grays Harbor County and 16% lived elsewhere. The majority of respondents, 66%, live in Westport 10-12 months out of the year and 19% don't live in the City of Westport at all.

The highest age group identified in the survey were over 50 (56%) with the second highest age group between 30 and 39 years (38%). 31% of respondents indicated they had children 9 years of age and under in the home.

42% of respondents indicated an approximate annual household income of over \$75,000. 27% indicated an approximate annual household income of between \$50,000 and \$49,999.

#### **Recreation Sites**

When asked how many times household members have used City park and recreation *sites* in the past year, the highest usage occurred at the Westport Light Trail System and Ocean Ave. Pedestrian Beach Access with 46% and 45% (respectively) of respondents indicating those sites had been used 10 or more times.

The park and recreation sites receiving the least amount of usage were indicated as the Community Garden with only 2.9% of respondents indicating that the site had been used 10 or more times and 77% saying the site had never been used; and, the Westport-South Beach Senior Center with 4% of respondents indicating that the site had been used 10 or more times and 77% saying the site had never been used.

#### **Recreation Facilities**

When asked which *facilities* that respondents and their household use, developed public beach access was the #1 facility with 83% of all respondents indicating usage. Pedestrian trails were

the second highest facility at 80%. Natural areas and interpretive trails held third and fourth place at 66% and 64% respectively.

When asked, of the facilities currently used are there any you feel should be expanded or improved the majority of the responses involved improving or expanding playgrounds/ playfields. Ballfield improvements were the next highest improvement indicated. Beach access, walking/biking trails, and improving maintenance at local parks all were equally identified.

The survey also asked what new facilities should be developed. When commenting on new facilities the greatest majority of respondents identified a public swimming pool, an indoor gym or combination of indoor activity center with a gym, pool and amenities. The next highest facilities in demand were a skate park and additional paths and trails (both walking and biking). Other comments included a dog park, a golf course, more surfing facilities, beach volleyball and a larger soccer field.

As a whole, respondents felt comfortable with City facilities but indicated room for improvement. On a scale of 1 – 5 with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, access to athletic fields/facilities and cleanliness of parks both were rated a 3. Safety of parks was rated a 4 and information about park and recreation facilities was rated a 2.

### **Funding**

When asked how the City should fund expanded or added facilities, 48% indicated a park district or Local Improvement District, 46% indicated user fees, 35% indicated increased sales tax, and 23% indicated increased property tax would be acceptable. Other comments included obtaining grants, fundraising, parking fees and not burdening residents.

Respondents were then asked to identify how much of a tax increase they would be willing to pay per person per year. 24% of respondents indicated they would be willing to pay \$10 per person per year, 23% would be willing to pay \$40, and 21% wouldn't be willing to pay any extra.

### **Final Observations**

Through the observations of the Park Committee and information gained in the public involvement process it is acknowledged that users of the park system in Westport are generally satisfied with existing parks and facilities. Although with careful planning and minimal financial investment the park system could be enhanced by accomplishing some of the recommendations listed below.

Westport residents also benefit by the proximity of Port of Grays Harbor recreational facilities as well as state and federal recreation areas. These facilities provide a wide range of recreational opportunities close to home. Because of this unique situation the City has no recreational deficiencies requiring large investments.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are an expression of the goals identified in Chapter 2 and recommendations resulting from analysis of the park and recreation needs of the City. The recommendations identified in this plan should be a means to meeting the City's present recreation deficiencies and future goals.

### **Ballfields**

Improvements at existing ballfield facilities would allow for increased usage. Field lighting is needed at Grand Army Reserve Memorial Park, Harriet Dorland Municipal Park and Harms Field. Playground equipment is needed at Harms Field to support off-field activities. Additional parking and replacement of the backstop and fence surrounding the ballfield at Harriet Dorland Municipal Park is also needed.

### **Beach Access**

Public beach access should be improved at the Hancock Avenue beach approach by undertaking a site plan design and environmental review for the development of parking and signage.

### **Parks**

Portable bleachers and playground apparatus are recommended to improve usage at Rydman Field. Restrooms, signage and additional parking are needed to improve usage at the Street of Flags Veterans Memorial. The playground equipment at Harriet Dorland Municipal Park is past its useful life and due for replacement. ADA accessible equipment is recommended at this site.

Efforts should be made to make a determination of the best use of the Pacific Avenue site. A plan for implementation should be developed.

### **Signage**

The park system should have easily identifiable signage to aid in locating facilities and parking areas. A welcome kiosk, beach access signage and park signage should all be part of a system-wide themed signage that is easily recognized and enhances a community identity.

### **Easy Access to Information**

Consider the development of an information kiosk that highlights the recreational opportunities in the City. This kiosk would be located centrally or upon entering the City. This would educate both visitors and residents to local recreational opportunities at a central location.

Consider posting online park information on the City's website. This is a cost effective and low maintenance alternative for providing information on various park facilities and equipment available in the city.

Develop a brochure identifying City-owned recreation facilities. Include location and amenities. Make the brochures available at local businesses.

### **Surfer Support Facilities**

Expand surfer support facilities to include: parking, showers/restrooms, picnic areas, and a public safety board for posting beach and ocean sporting safety information.

### **Funding**

Facility Maintenance Funding: As City recreational facilities are expanded and added, additional City staff may be necessary to maintain them. Consider funding another full-time position to allow for existing City parks to receive more upkeep and maintenance.

Consider the development of Adopt-A-Park volunteers to assist with park litter clean-up and site enhancement, as well as promote a local watch program for vandalism.

Develop a separate line item for parks in the City's annual budget to set aside funds for maintenance and capital improvements.

Seek capital improvement grant funding to aid in accomplishing the plan's Capital Improvement Plan.

### **Other Considerations**

As evidenced in the survey results, several facilities were identified for expansion or adding to the current park and recreation inventory in the City. Trails of all types, along with beach access, are important to residents and visitors alike. These facilities should continue to be foundational elements of the City's park and recreation system. Items like surfing amenities and a skate park would be faster and less costly to implement than a long term improvement such as a swimming pool or a multi-purpose recreation center. City leadership should continue to work with resident and volunteers to implement short-term improvements when possible while working towards the implementation of long-term goals and investments.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), sometimes termed a Capital Facilities Plan (CFP), is an operational tool that includes:

- an existing inventory of all capital facilities
- a forecast of future needs
- the proposed location and capacities of new facilities, and
- at least a six-year financing plan showing fund sources for future facilities.

One element of a city's overall CIP is the parks and recreation element. The park and recreation CIP organizes and prioritizes capital needs and costs for park and recreation planning and operation over a six year timeframe. This helps keep budget expenditures focused on true system-wide, established priorities. CIPs are increasingly required to support state and federal loan and grant funding requests. In the case of Recreation Conservation Office funding, a CIP is required.

The Westport Park and Recreation CIP was developed by analyzing open house comments, survey results, Park Committee insights, and staff recommendations as described in the Demand and Need Analysis. This analysis was balanced with current and future budget scenarios to establish the project array.

It is important to note that the six-year CIP is a living planning document and, as such, is open to changes as needed. For example, if an unforeseen funding opportunity becomes available the City may opt to move a project from one year to another to take advantage of the opportunity. Alternately if repair to a site or a facility becomes critical, the City may opt to rebalance funds and scheduling between projects to facilitate need.

Even though specific projects have been identified in the CIP it does not preclude the City, Park Committee members or volunteers from implementing other low cost, easily achievable recommendations. Chapter 5, Demand and Needs Analysis, identified easy to implement items such as improving access to park and recreation information and implementing an Adopt-A-Park volunteer program. Likewise, the CIP does not preclude the City from pursuing potential development of long-term, high-cost items such as an indoor pool or multi-use recreational facility.

**TABLE 6.1**  
**Park and Recreation**  
**Six Year Capital Improvement Program**  
**For the City of Westport**

(All figures are in thousands)

<b>Agency/Department Name: City of Westport</b>						<b>Date of Adoption:</b>						
<b>Address: P.O. Box 505</b>						<b>Completed By:</b>						
<b>City, Zip Code: Westport 98595</b>						<b>Signature:</b>						
<b>Telephone: (360) 268-0131</b>						<b>Title:</b>						
RECOMMENDATIONS												
PROJECT	YEAR	ACQ.	DEV.	REN.	FACILITY	FUNDING SOURCE <sup>1</sup>	ESTIMATED COST (Thousands)					
							2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pacific Avenue Park Development-Phase 1 <sup>2, 3</sup>	2018		XX		Feasibility Study, Viewing Area, Trail	G, I, L, P, U	25					
Westhaven Property Improvements <sup>2</sup>	2018		XX		Irrigation, Landscaping, Seeding, Water GFC	G, I, L, P, U	15					
Cove Street Park Improvements	2019			XX	Irrigation, Landscaping, Seeding	G, I, L, P, U		10				
Street Of Flags Improvements	2020				Viewing, Walkway, Parking, Picnic Facilities, Landscaping	G, I, L, P, U			10			
Skatepark <sup>2</sup>	2020		XX		Feasibility Study	G, I, L, P, U			5			
Pacific Avenue Park Development-Phase 2 <sup>2</sup>	2021		XX		Infrastructure, Picnic/Gathering Area	G, I, L, P, U				225		
Ballfield Lighting Gar/Dorland Park <sup>2</sup>	2022			XX	Support facility - signage	G, I, L, P, U					50	
Pacific Avenue Park Development-Phase 3 <sup>2</sup>	2023		XX		Athletic Facilities, Parking	G, I, L, P, U						500

<sup>1</sup> Funding Source: G = Grants, I = In-kind Services, L = Local, P = Private, U = Unknown

<sup>2</sup> Would involve planning and site design work.

<sup>3</sup> Involves identification of feasible alternatives, environmental issues and development costs.

## **Public Funding Opportunities**

The funding of recommended improvements within the Westport Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan is an important consideration. With limited funding for park and recreation needs, outside sources such as grants and loans should be considered. There are a number of programs that the City is eligible for as outlined below. This recreation plan complies with the planning eligibility requirement and for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) programs. The RCFB provides program specific manuals for each of its funding programs. The manuals can be assessed through their website at [www.rco.wa.gov](http://www.rco.wa.gov). When applicable, the appropriate manuals have been identified for each funding program.

### Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

This program is also administered by the RCFB with the purpose to: provide funding to assist in acquiring, preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to outdoor recreation resources such as parks, trails, water access and wildlife lands. The LWCF is a potential funding program for facility improvements such as: picnic facilities, interpretive signage, restrooms, parking, trails, boardwalks, bridges and waterfront access.

Grant applications are usually due May 1<sup>st</sup> in even years. A minimum of 50% of the projects cost (matching share) must be covered by the applicant. Please see Manual 15: LWCF Program Policies for more specific details and restrictions.

### Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP)

This program is also administered by the RCFB and provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities. The LWCF is a potential funding program for facility improvements such as: buildings, campgrounds, cabins, fishing floats, interpretive kiosks, signs, picnic shelters, play areas, restrooms, roads, paths, and parking and viewing areas.

The program is open in even number years and the awarded projects are subject to funding appropriation and approval by the Legislature in the next yearly session. Applications are generally due May 1<sup>st</sup>. A minimum of 50% of the project cost (matching share) must be covered by the applicant. Please see Manual 10a: WWRP Outdoor Recreation Account (ORA) for more specific details and restrictions.

### Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)

This RCFB program offers grants to provide and improve access to aquatic lands by funding land purchase and improvement or aquatic land protection projects. ALEA grants may be used for

the acquisition, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes. They also may be used to provide or improve public access to the waterfront.

The ALEA program is targeted at re-establishing the natural, self-sustaining ecological functions of the waterfront, providing or restoring public access to the water, and increasing public awareness of aquatic lands as a finite natural resource and irreplaceable public heritage. ALEA is funded almost entirely by revenue generated by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' management of state-owned aquatic lands.

ALEA grant process opens in even number years for funding in the following state fiscal year (2 years out). A minimum of 50% of the project cost (matching share) must be covered by the applicant. Please see Manual 21: ALEA Program Policies and Project Selection for more specific details and restrictions.

#### Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)

The Youth Athletic Facilities grant program provides money to buy land and renovate outdoor athletic facilities such as ball fields, courts, swimming pools, BMX tracks, and skate parks that serve youth. The program focuses on serving youth through the age of 18, who participate in sports and athletics. Projects must include an "in bounds" item, which are items found within the field of play or on the court or track and that are essential for the competitive sport to occur.

Potential funding through the YAF program includes (among others); lighting a ballfield for night games, changing an underused tennis court to a high-demand basketball court, installing artificial turf, expanding a youth-sized softball field to accommodate broader community uses, reorienting a softball field so it can accommodate another athletic activity such as soccer. Indoor facilities are not eligible for funding.

A minimum of 50% of the project cost (matching share) must be covered by the applicant. At least 10 percent of the total project cost (grant amount plus match) must be from a non-state, non-federal contribution. The RCO does not require a Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan for YAF funds.

The program is open in even number years and the awarded projects are subject to funding appropriation and approval by the Legislature in the next yearly session. Letters of intent are usually due in October prior to the funding round. Please see Manual 17: Youth Athletic Facilities for more specific details and restrictions.

## **Private Funding Opportunities**

Private charitable organizations may provide a funding source for public recreation projects. Before pursuing private funding it is important to make sure your project will fit the criteria for funding consideration. Private organizations have leeway to select or refuse projects; therefore much time needs to be spent communicating with the organization before submitting an application.

### The Sierra Pacific Foundation

The Foundation makes grants to communities with company facilities, primarily in Northern California and Washington. Grants range from \$100 to \$50,000, with total annual giving of approximately \$900,000.

Funding is provided for academic and community programs, particularly those that benefit children, including civic affairs, parks and recreation, youth sports and public safety. General operating and project support are provided.

### Emerson Charitable Trust

National scope, primarily in communities with company operations. Grants range from \$100 to \$1,000,000. Focus areas include civic and economic health in building and maintaining public assets such as parks and zoos. Project and general support, as well as equipment, building funds and matching grants are provided.

### Private Donations

Land may be donated to the City earmarked for public and recreation purposes by individual citizens and private corporations.

### Dedications

Dedications involve transfers of property to the City for specific use as defined by the property owners. Some cities require developers to dedicate land for recreational and open space purposes.

## **FEES**

### User Fees

User fees are levied on participating individuals and groups when utilizing certain facilities. User fees provide an additional method of offsetting the cost of facilities and reduce the burden on the general fund for the operations and maintenance costs.

### Impact Fees

Impact fees are assessed to developers of residential, commercial and industrial development. The fees are based on the level of impact a development is expected to have in creating needs for park, open space and recreation facilities.

## **BONDS**

### Voted General Obligation Bonds

Voted general obligation bonds are notes of credit approved by the voters. The voters, in approving the bond, agree to levy themselves an increase in property tax to pay the interest and principal of the bond.

### Councilmanic General Obligation Bonds

Councilmanic general obligation bonds are notes of credit approved by the City Council to be paid by current operating revenue. These differ from voter approved bonds as the debt is paid by the general City operations and maintenance budget.

### Revenue Bonds

Revenue bonds are notes of credit, with the interest and principal paid from the profits from operating the facility whose construction is funded by the sale. Revenue bonds are approved by the City Council.

# APPENDICIES

## APPENDIX A

### Related Planning Efforts

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### RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS

#### LOCAL RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS

##### City of Westport Comprehensive Plan:

The *City of Westport Comprehensive Plan* was adopted by Ordinance No. 1538 in 2013 and is intended to be used as a guide for the physical, economic and social development of the city.

The plan categorizes various functional areas of the city into elements which identify goals and objectives for each element. Policies and objectives pertinent to this update of the city's comprehensive park and recreation plan are located in the land use, circulation, community appearance and natural resources, and shorelines elements.

**Land Use:** The "Public" land use designation identified in the Comprehensive Plan sets aside areas in public ownership or areas where direct public ownership or control may be necessary to protect the city. Public ownerships should be accommodated within a public use district to allow efficient maintenance and expansion of these lands.

**Circulation:** Objectives of the circulation element which pertain to recreation include policies to separate vehicular from pedestrian/bicycle traffic; the provision of a safe and functional pedestrian system; and, maintenance of existing bicycle paths, and review the potential for additional bicycle lanes within the city.

**Community Appearance and Natural Resources:** In this element policies are set forth to preserve and maintain open space land which:

- serves as buffers between transitional land uses;
- have unique, rare or endangered vegetation or animals;
- has potential for future recreational use; and
- areas of steep slope.

##### City of Westport Shoreline Master Program:

The City of Westport adopted an amended Shorelines Master Program in 2016. In conformance with state requirements, the goals and policies the Shoreline Mater Program were incorporated into the aforementioned *Westport Comprehensive Plan*. The regulatory portion of the Program was adopted as Title 17 of the Westport Municipal Code. Also of note is the 2016 adoption of amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use, Shoreline and Zoning Maps and the City of Westport Natural Resource Lands and Critical Areas. Goals and policies identified in that plan for both public access and recreation include:

## **Public Access**

2.03 PUBLIC ACCESS GOAL Goal PA-1. Increase and enhance public access to publicly owned shoreline areas consistent with private rights, public safety, and the natural shoreline character. Maintain and improve our existing public access to publicly owned shorelines and secure additional access for residential and general public use through land use plans identified in the comprehensive plan and development regulations.

4.08 PUBLIC ACCESS This section applies to shoreline public access, including the protection of scenic vistas. As provided in WAC 173-26-221(4), public access to the shorelines of the state is the ability of the public "...to reach, touch, and enjoy the water's edge, to travel on the waters of the state, and to view the water and the shoreline from adjacent locations." Allowing for appropriate public access to shorelines of the state is a key component of the SMA. Consideration must be given to protection of the visual quality of the shoreline resource and to maintenance of view corridors to and from the water and adjacent shoreland features.

### **4.08.01 POLICIES**

- A. Protect and enhance the public's visual and physical access to shorelines of the state to the greatest extent feasible.
- B. Increase the amount and diversity of public access opportunities to shorelines where consistent with the natural shoreline character, property rights, and public safety.
- C. Maintain, enhance, and increase public access in accordance with the following priorities unless found infeasible:
  1. Maintain existing public access sites and facilities, rights-of-way, and easements.
  2. Enhance public access opportunities on existing public lands and easements.
  3. Acquire property or easements to add opportunities for public access to shorelines.
  4. Encourage public access to shorelines as part of shoreline development.
- D. Ensure shoreline development plans by public entities include public access measures unless it is unsafe, unsecure, or negatively affects the shoreline environment designation.
- E. Ensure that development does not impair or detract from public access to the water through standards for design, construction, and operation.
- F. Provide public access as close as feasible to the OHWM without adversely affecting a sensitive environment and design with provisions for access for all persons.
- G. Development, uses, and activities on or near the shoreline should not impair or detract from the public's visual access to the water.
- H. Balance enhancement of views with the protection of shoreline vegetation that may partially impair views.
- I. Maintain, enhance, and preserve visual access of the shoreline from street-ends, public utilities, and rights-of-way.
- J. The city's Comprehensive Parks and Recreation plan should consider and identify existing public access points and potential future access points.

## **Recreation**

### **5.13 RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Recreational development includes commercial and public facilities that provide recreational opportunities to the public. This section applies to public and private recreational uses and

development, accessory recreational uses and development, and excludes private recreational uses associated with residential development.

#### 5.13.01 POLICIES

- A. Prevent recreational development from causing a net loss of shoreline ecological functions.
- B. Encourage the development of recreational facilities that allow the public to access and enjoy shorelines.
- C. Create new public access points to shorelines on public lands.
- D. Promote the ongoing maintenance of shoreline public access.
- E. Work to link shoreline parks and public access points.
- F. Protect the rights of private property owners, and help to minimize adverse impacts on private land associated with neighboring public access points.
- G. Ensure sufficient water and wastewater facilities are available to accommodate the demands of recreational development proposals.
- H. Encourage preservation of scenic views and vistas.

Zoning is the tool commonly utilized to implement recommendations contained in the comprehensive plan. The City has established a recreation and parks district ("RP") with the purpose to secure suitable areas within the city for a wide range of recreational activities that local residents as well as visitors might use.

#### Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan:

The *Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan* (GHEMP) was prepared to improve the interpretation and implementation of the variety of local, county, state, and federal development regulations which affect the Grays Harbor estuary. The GHEMP was adopted by the City of Westport on October 27, 1987 by Ordinance No. 460 and serves to guide the city in the development of lands within the estuary.

Under the GHEMP, the estuary is divided into eight planning areas, each representing a common set of natural and man-related features. Planning areas provide a basis for describing how different areas of the estuary presently function and how they should function in the future. The recreation guideline identified for the planning area which encompasses the city is:

The area represents the major destination recreation center associated with sport fishing. Facilities in support of this activity will be allowed.

#### Grays Harbor Regional Bike Plan:

In 1981, the Grays Harbor Regional Planning Commission prepared the *Grays Harbor Regional Bike Plan*. The goal of that plan is to provide a framework to base the incremental development of a comprehensive bicycle network which will increase recreational amenities and enhance the capability of bicycling as an effective and safe mode of transportation. Local designated bicycle courses serve a local or special interest and typically provide linkages from the state network to parks and recreation areas or schools.

## **STATE AND FEDERAL RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS**

### *Growth Management Act:*

In 1990, Washington State mandated planning to manage growth. Grays Harbor County does not fully plan under the Growth Management Act, but is required to develop ordinances that protect critical areas and natural resource lands. Planning for park and recreation facilities is needed to ensure that recreational uses are in conformance with local critical area ordinances.

### *Shoreline Management Act:*

The Shoreline Management Act was passed into law June 1, 1971 (RCW 90.58). The Act's objectives are to protect and restore the valuable natural resources that shorelines represent and to plan for all "reasonable and appropriate uses" that are dependant upon waterfront location or which will offer the opportunities for the public to enjoy the state's shorelines. The Act, administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology, requires that all counties and cities prepare and adopt local shoreline master programs.

### *Coastal Zone Management Program:*

In addition to the Shoreline Management Act, Washington became the first state to have a federally approved Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM). The state's CZM, approved in 1976, supports technical assistance, education, and project grants to improve public access.

### *Endangered Species Act:*

The US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service administer the Endangered Species Act, passed in 1973, for the conservation and recovery of endanger or threatened species. Through these efforts, critical habitat that endangered or threatened species depend upon may also be protected, which may have possible effects on recreational planning efforts.

## **State Agencies Influencing Local Parks and Recreation**

### *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office:*

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is one of Washington's leading advocates for outdoor recreation. As noted earlier in this plan, the RCO prepared the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) which provides policy guidelines in the development and enhancement of outdoor recreation opportunities in the state. The SCORP identifies policy provisions for providing outdoor recreation in Washington. The document recognizes recreation sties and facilities as vital elements of the public infrastructure, and calls for the need to provide adequate and continued funding.

### *Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission*

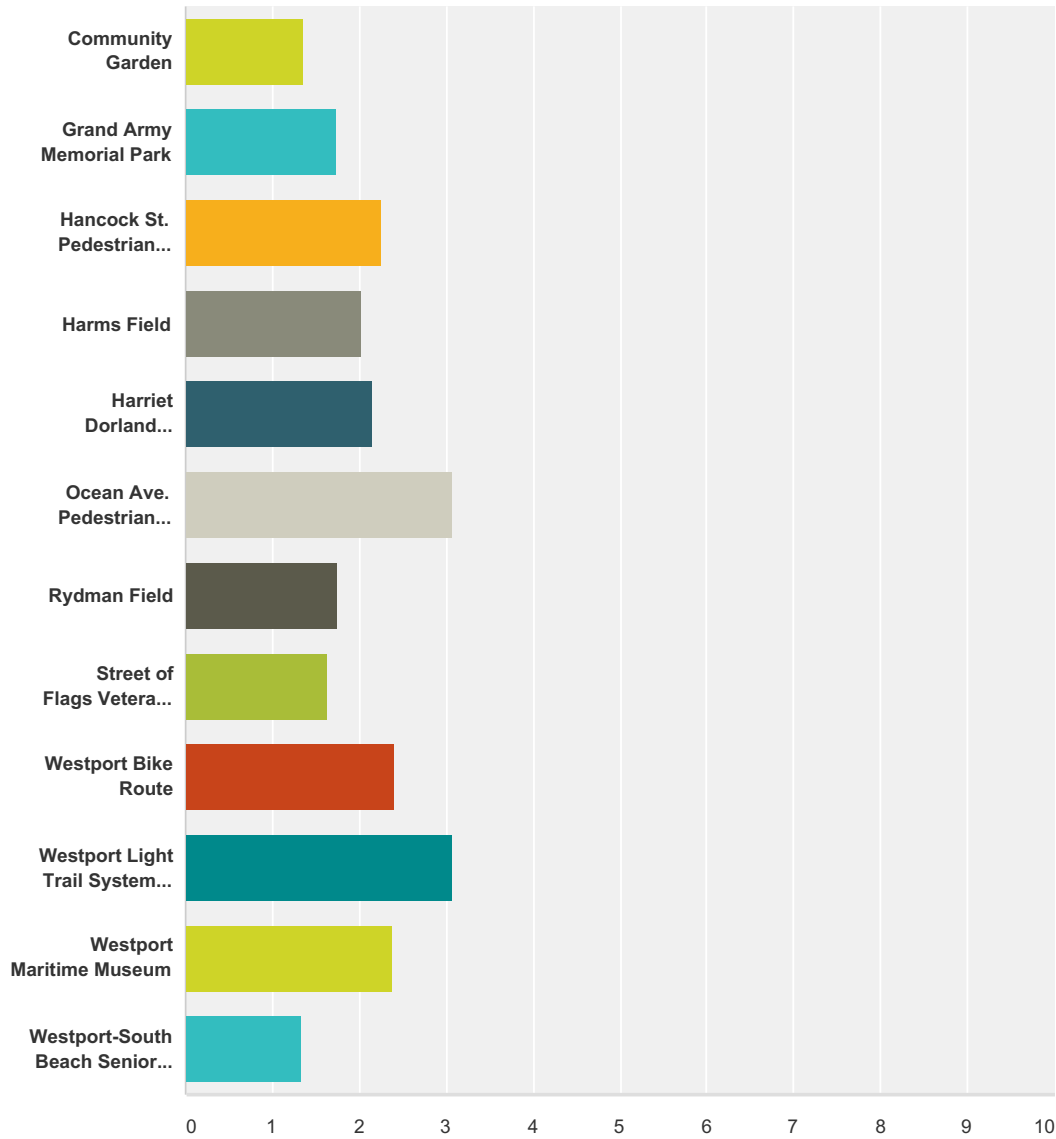
The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission which administers the statewide park system is a major player among parks and recreation attributes of the South Beach area, managing a large park in the City of Westport, Westport Light State Park. The City of Westport recognizes the importance of these facilities in providing beach access to citizens and tourists. Therefore, it is desirable to continue a close working relationship with this agency.

## APPENDIX B

### Survey

**Q1 How many times have members of your household used each of the following City of Westport park and recreation sites in the last year? Please check the response that applies for each site listed below.**

Answered: 113 Skipped: -2

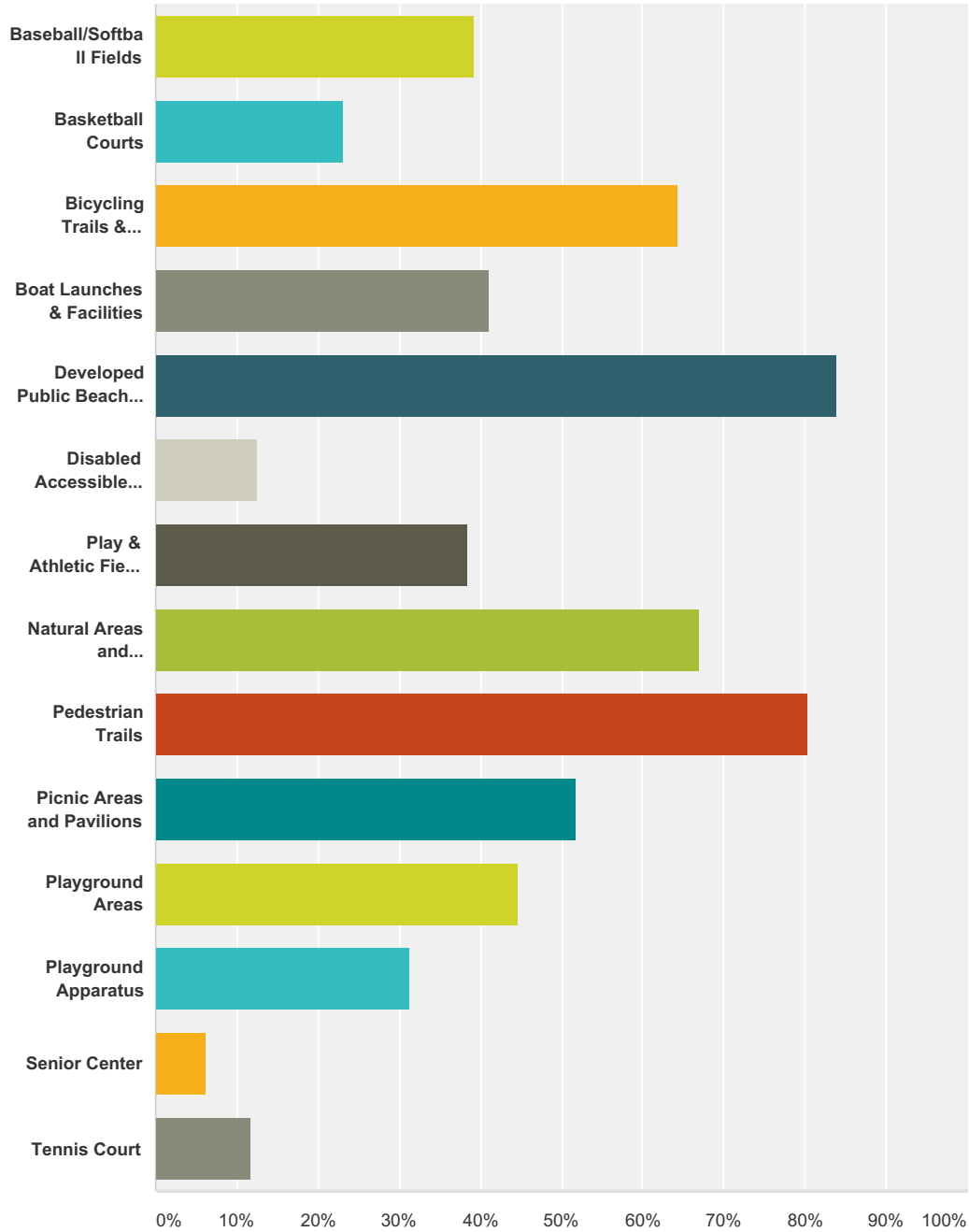


	Never	1-4	5-9	10 or more	Total	Weighted Average
Community Garden	77.67% 80	11.65% 12	7.77% 8	2.91% 3	103	1.36
Grand Army Memorial Park	49.51% 51	35.92% 37	6.80% 7	7.77% 8	103	1.73
Hancock St. Pedestrian Beach Access	37.74% 40	23.58% 25	15.09% 16	23.58% 25	106	2.25

Harms Field	<b>49.06%</b> 52	<b>19.81%</b> 21	<b>11.32%</b> 12	<b>19.81%</b> 21	106	2.02
Harriet Dorland Municipal Park	<b>38.61%</b> 39	<b>28.71%</b> 29	<b>10.89%</b> 11	<b>21.78%</b> 22	101	2.16
Ocean Ave. Pedestrian Beach Access	<b>7.14%</b> 8	<b>24.11%</b> 27	<b>23.21%</b> 26	<b>45.54%</b> 51	112	3.07
Rydman Field	<b>63.11%</b> 65	<b>15.53%</b> 16	<b>3.88%</b> 4	<b>17.48%</b> 18	103	1.76
Street of Flags Veterans Memorial	<b>52.83%</b> 56	<b>37.74%</b> 40	<b>3.77%</b> 4	<b>5.66%</b> 6	106	1.62
Westport Bike Route	<b>30.77%</b> 32	<b>27.88%</b> 29	<b>11.54%</b> 12	<b>29.81%</b> 31	104	2.40
Westport Light Trail System (Dune Walk)	<b>6.25%</b> 7	<b>26.79%</b> 30	<b>20.54%</b> 23	<b>46.43%</b> 52	112	3.07
Westport Maritime Museum	<b>16.36%</b> 18	<b>49.09%</b> 54	<b>15.45%</b> 17	<b>19.09%</b> 21	110	2.37
Westport-South Beach Senior Center	<b>77.36%</b> 82	<b>16.98%</b> 18	<b>0.94%</b> 1	<b>4.72%</b> 5	106	1.33

**Q2 Please indicate which facilities you and your household use. Please check all that apply.**

Answered: 112 Skipped: -1



Answer Choices	Responses
Baseball/Softball Fields	39.29% 44
Basketball Courts	23.21% 26
Bicycling Trails & Facilities	64.29% 72

Boat Launches & Facilities	41.07%	46
Developed Public Beach Access	83.93%	94
Disabled Accessible Facilities	12.50%	14
Play & Athletic Fields (soccer, football, volleyball)	38.39%	43
Natural Areas and Interpretive Trails	66.96%	75
Pedestrian Trails	80.36%	90
Picnic Areas and Pavilions	51.79%	58
Playground Areas	44.64%	50
Playground Apparatus	31.25%	35
Senior Center	6.25%	7
Tennis Court	11.61%	13
<b>Total Respondents: 112</b>		

### Q3 Of the facilities you currently use are there any you feel should be expanded or improved? If so, please specify.

Answered: 52 Skipped: 59

#	Responses	Date
1	Add a second fastpitch/slowpitch field.	5/6/2017 1:43 AM
2	New play equipment at the park.	5/5/2017 8:02 PM
3	Yes a new playing surface at Dorland field	5/5/2017 5:02 AM
4	City Park	5/5/2017 4:14 AM
5	I feel like the far field behind shop n'kart could use some work. Right now there's a drain that is dug up and has a hole all the way around it. Not very safe while we have kids. Someone is going to break an ankle.	5/5/2017 2:48 AM
6	Always room for improvement.	5/5/2017 2:20 AM
7	Playground equipment at the park.	5/5/2017 1:20 AM
8	Disability access to Museum Bldg, wheelchair, walkers, etc.	5/5/2017 1:14 AM
9	No legal parking at Hancock beach access. Parallel parking on Hancock or a parking lot should have been a requirement for developing. Parking should be provided wherever beach access is required.	5/5/2017 1:11 AM
10	Playground	5/5/2017 12:54 AM
11	Skatepark	5/5/2017 12:10 AM
12	Rydman field is too small. Older teams can't play there	5/4/2017 11:27 PM
13	I think there should be more dog care spots and waste receptacles along the trails. Dog waste bags should be serviced more often.	5/4/2017 11:04 PM
14	It would be nice to have power to the new shed at Dorland. The scoreboard is currently being run by a generator at each game and there's no power for concessions. We use a BBQ and sell snacks that don't need power to serve. Bullpens could be improved.	5/4/2017 10:52 PM
15	Beach access	5/4/2017 9:35 PM
16	Rydman would benefit from better bathroom facilities and bleachers. The city park should be updated.	5/4/2017 9:23 PM
17	Surfing	5/4/2017 8:52 PM
18	Better/more access to the beach via boardwalks like off Lila Ave. I had a great grandmother out to visit and all she wanted was to see the ocean but couldn't due to handicap and lack of ability to drive their car on the beach.	5/4/2017 7:50 PM
19	I like the flags and it would be nice to extend that sidewalk all the way down to city hall. It could look so pretty and welcoming.	5/4/2017 4:49 PM
20	Beach approaches with handicap parking that have view of the water.	5/4/2017 2:00 PM
21	The mountain bike at Dorland should be expanded. Could add an area for beginners as well.	5/4/2017 1:24 PM
22	Yes Harms baseball fields could really use a playground. Right by the Montesano beside the library would be a great spot. Doesn't take away from the grass area sometimes used for overflow practice.	5/4/2017 12:56 PM
23	Playgrounds & their restrooms	5/4/2017 11:20 AM
24	Playgrounds	5/4/2017 10:37 AM
25	Always up for more bike path infrastructure!	5/4/2017 9:45 AM
26	Playgrounds	5/4/2017 7:41 AM
27	Bathrooms and showers for people surfing the Groins.	5/4/2017 7:11 AM
28	Skate park and enhanced activation of the maria area.	5/4/2017 6:53 AM

29	Girls softball field should be as nice as boys but it's not	5/4/2017 6:49 AM
30	I think that the girls softball field needs to be on par with the boys baseball field.	5/4/2017 6:23 AM
31	Which they had more tourism go carts etc	4/27/2017 8:51 AM
32	The bike trail from the lighthouse up the beach could use more public water fountains. Staying hydrated during Spring/Summer is tough. Having more access would make the trail easier when the temperature is up.	4/24/2017 11:54 PM
33	Playground toys	4/23/2017 10:08 AM
34	The playground at the city park is falling apart and in need of updating. I know ma y parents would be willing to volunteer and help fix it up if needed	4/21/2017 1:10 AM
35	Nice job updating Twin Harbors bathroom areas.	3/31/2017 3:57 AM
36	I would like more trails by the beach.	3/29/2017 5:46 AM
37	a few more trashcans at beach accesses and maybe a can for ocean debris (i have seen these in oregon for tsunami trash from japan). I like to try to pick up a trashbag or two of trash on the beaches when i go and would like to have a place to throw away the trash on beaches.	3/29/2017 3:17 AM
38	N/A	3/28/2017 9:18 PM
39	Beaches.....more beach facilities. Take care of Cove property > scotchbroom removal; trash cleanups. More camping! Kids stuff!	3/28/2017 5:34 PM
40	Upgrades to the City Park.	3/22/2017 5:38 AM
41	More beach trails	3/8/2017 3:42 AM
42	More beach parks	2/24/2017 9:28 AM
43	The Marina, especially the boat launch.	2/24/2017 12:12 AM
44	Dock parking and a fish cleaning station	2/20/2017 4:43 AM
45	Maintain the facilities you have, no expansions at this time.	2/17/2017 2:08 AM
46	Lighthouse park, needs better access for handicapped , parking, and restroom.	2/17/2017 12:48 AM
47	The City Park doesn't feel very accessible, often forget that it is even there. I have never heard of the Hancock Beach access	2/16/2017 2:42 PM
48	Playground equipment at the city park should be upgraded.	2/16/2017 11:56 AM
49	We would love new playground equipment at Harriet Dorland Municipal Park and at Rydman Field. The Street of Flags Memorial needs to be updated and improved also to be more aesthetically pleasing.	2/16/2017 4:45 AM
50	MORE SIDEWALKS, COMPLETE DUNE LOOPS ALONG FORREST.	2/16/2017 4:33 AM
51	Keep museum and grounds updated, safe, and available to public	2/16/2017 3:59 AM
52	Lighthouse Trails	2/16/2017 2:58 AM

## Q4 Are there any new facilities that you feel should be developed? If so, please specify.

Answered: 64 Skipped: 47

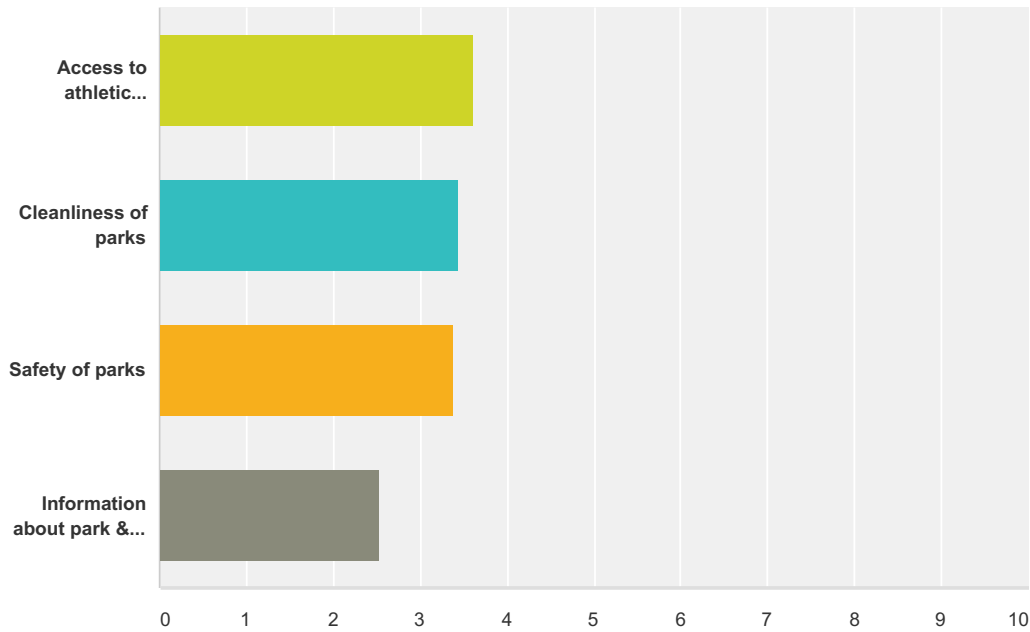
#	Responses	Date
1	Full size soccer field for adult and older kids games. 120 yards by 80 yards. A gym with basketball and volleyball capabilities for adults. Batting cages.	5/6/2017 1:43 AM
2	A community gym.	5/5/2017 8:02 PM
3	Public swimming pool	5/5/2017 10:34 AM
4	Yes a new indoor activity facility for sports and vendors	5/5/2017 5:02 AM
5	Would love to have a public pool for lap swimming and rec swimming for the kids.	5/5/2017 3:14 AM
6	A workout facility/community pool. Place where we could have exercise classes of all kinds, swim lessons, rent it out for birthday parties or special events	5/5/2017 2:48 AM
7	Beach volleyball areas	5/5/2017 2:31 AM
8	Community fitness center	5/5/2017 2:20 AM
9	More places for kids to play!	5/5/2017 2:15 AM
10	Gym	5/5/2017 1:50 AM
11	A large indoor facility for volleyball, basketball, and exercise equipment.	5/5/2017 1:20 AM
12	Aqua park with swimming pool, heated, retractible cover.	5/5/2017 1:14 AM
13	A centrally located playground would be nice. Swings, teeter totter.	5/5/2017 1:11 AM
14	Covered basketball court	5/5/2017 1:04 AM
15	Community center. Covered facilities	5/5/2017 12:54 AM
16	Zip line park	5/5/2017 12:10 AM
17	A community gym would be amazing for Westport! Anything that promotes fitness and a healthy lifestyle, I would support.	5/4/2017 11:59 PM
18	A gym would be nice	5/4/2017 11:33 PM
19	Bigger soccer field	5/4/2017 11:27 PM
20	Gym facility	5/4/2017 11:18 PM
21	I would like to see a facility for the whole community such as swimming pool and racket ball and indoor basket ball court.	5/4/2017 11:04 PM
22	Gym	5/4/2017 11:03 PM
23	A community pool would be amazing. We live on the coast, our kids need to know how to swim. We could use an additional athletic facility that could convert from basketball, volleyball and batting cages would be excellent. Something similar to the Tokeland Gym that the Shoalwater tribe has.	5/4/2017 10:52 PM
24	Indoor pool Skate park	5/4/2017 9:43 PM
25	A walkway on/near the jetty.	5/4/2017 9:35 PM
26	Would love a community pool.	5/4/2017 9:33 PM
27	Westport would really benefit from a nice skate park again and it would be awesome if the city added a splash pad or swimming pool.	5/4/2017 9:23 PM
28	Surfing	5/4/2017 8:52 PM
29	A pool, Westport NEEDS a pool. I grew up in a small town with a pool where we went to learn to swim while in grade school. Kids here don't know how to swim and get out in the ocean. We've lost multiple lives in the few short years we've been here.	5/4/2017 7:50 PM

30	Well thought out and modern tourist center explaining the history of Westport and what it is and has to offer. Clamming crabbing fishing surfing, light house, geology, weather, forestry, etc.	5/4/2017 5:29 PM
31	A skate park and a swimming pool.	5/4/2017 4:49 PM
32	A skate park. Community swimming pool. Indoor rec area for the community.	5/4/2017 1:24 PM
33	Olympic sized swimming pools	5/4/2017 10:02 AM
34	Event center, continuation/linking of walking, biking and longboard trails, indoor rec/fitness center, skateboard park, pump track, Citi bikes	5/4/2017 7:11 AM
35	Skate park	5/4/2017 7:05 AM
36	1) Skatepark. 2) showers, bathrooms, etc. at the groins.	5/4/2017 6:53 AM
37	A spray park would be nice. More for kids to do at the docks	5/4/2017 6:49 AM
38	Community pool	5/4/2017 6:34 AM
39	A pool, or a skatepark	5/4/2017 6:23 AM
40	golf course	5/3/2017 1:06 AM
41	Dog Park	4/30/2017 2:30 AM
42	Pedestrian sidewalks on Montesano St and Ocean Ave East of Forrest St.	4/24/2017 11:54 PM
43	Convention center	4/23/2017 10:08 AM
44	public beach access	4/20/2017 3:41 AM
45	Westport needs a covered area for events, a convention center? Westport needs sidewalks on Montesano st from the y to the docks. free in city bus rides so kids in families without the funds, can get around to the park facilities we have!	3/31/2017 3:57 AM
46	some sort of skatepark? nothing fancy but somewhere for people to skate.	3/29/2017 3:17 AM
47	N/A	3/28/2017 9:18 PM
48	More camping! More care for Cove! Less scotchbroom and litter by the Park.	3/28/2017 5:34 PM
49	golf driving range	3/13/2017 12:25 PM
50	Dog Park Skate Park	3/13/2017 3:54 AM
51	swimming pool! people come from the hot city to the foggy beach, get cold, done! Why come back? After two hours of beach freezing and "coastal scenery", mom and dad want a cocktail and the the kids want a warm pool to swim in. From my prospective, though the \$\$ output is giant, Westport neeeeeeds a pool.	3/7/2017 11:16 PM
52	The city should work with the state to develop walking paths or trails in the forested areas of the park north of Ocean Ave.	3/6/2017 1:17 PM
53	We need a public swimming pool and indoor exercise facility. I myself and other seniors travel over 40 miles round trip 3 to 4 times a week to use the YMCA facilities. Also, it could provide a healthy environment for families and kids after school and during the summer. It could be used as an area where local folks could provide yoga, pilate, and other health related classes. It could also incorporate the senior center, which is now only open 3 days a week for a brief period of time on each of those 3 days. In the summer, visitors to this area would also use the facilities.	3/2/2017 2:32 AM
54	Swimming Pool/ Rec Center	2/24/2017 9:31 AM
55	more bike trails	2/24/2017 9:28 AM
56	The City should work cooperatively with the Westport South Beach Historical Society and State Parks to further develop the Lighthouse and surrounding Park area	2/24/2017 12:12 AM
57	I believe Westport should have an amphitheater overlooking the Ocean. It would bring a new source of tourism and business to our area.	2/20/2017 4:43 AM
58	No.	2/17/2017 2:08 AM
59	Lighthouse park	2/17/2017 12:48 AM
60	Would love to see community swimming pool or skate park in the area.	2/16/2017 11:56 AM
61	More bike paths throughout parks and town. Hiking paths through Westport Light Park.	2/16/2017 9:59 AM

62	We would love walking trails and a park on the bay side of town past the VFW on the Pacific Ave known as the burn site.	2/16/2017 4:45 AM
63	MORE SIDEWALKS, COMPLETE DUNE LOOPS ALONG FORREST.	2/16/2017 4:33 AM
64	New Memorial Park	2/16/2017 2:58 AM

**Q5 We are interested in your opinion of our facilities. Please rate each item 1 through 5. 1 being poor and 5 being excellent.**

Answered: 107 Skipped: 4



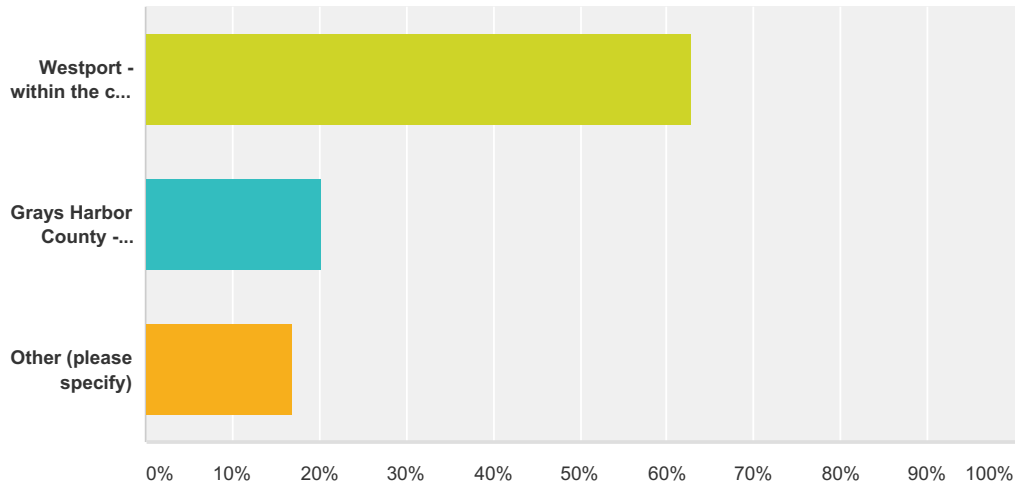
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Access to athletic fields/facilities	3.03% 3	6.06% 6	37.37% 37	34.34% 34	19.19% 19	99	3.61
Cleanliness of parks	2.80% 3	8.41% 9	42.99% 46	33.64% 36	12.15% 13	107	3.44
Safety of parks	6.73% 7	11.54% 12	30.77% 32	38.46% 40	12.50% 13	104	3.38
Information about park & rec opportunities.	21.15% 22	30.77% 32	26.92% 28	17.31% 18	3.85% 4	104	2.52

#	Additional Comments:	Date
1	Remove druggies and needles.	5/5/2017 2:20 AM
2	Too Many baseball fields and no skate park, skate park is practice for surfing maneuvers, a new part of our economy.	5/5/2017 1:14 AM
3	.	5/4/2017 9:33 PM
4	After hearing about the drug needles found in public parks by multiple different mom's, I don't feel safe taking my three kids.	5/4/2017 7:50 PM
5	Baseball fields can only be used by schools.	5/4/2017 11:20 AM
6	City employees kick the public off "their" fields	5/4/2017 6:49 AM
7	I have found needles at the parks before. The Girl softball field bathrooms need improvement too.	5/4/2017 6:23 AM
8	not sure how to get the information out, but frequently hear people who have lived here for years are not aware of the great things that Westport does have.	3/31/2017 3:57 AM
9	New to the area, didn't know you had so many parks.	3/31/2017 12:27 AM

10	Have no experience with these parks.	2/24/2017 12:12 AM
11	Need a dedicated off leash dog area!	2/16/2017 10:56 AM

### Q6 Where do you live?

Answered: 113 Skipped: -2



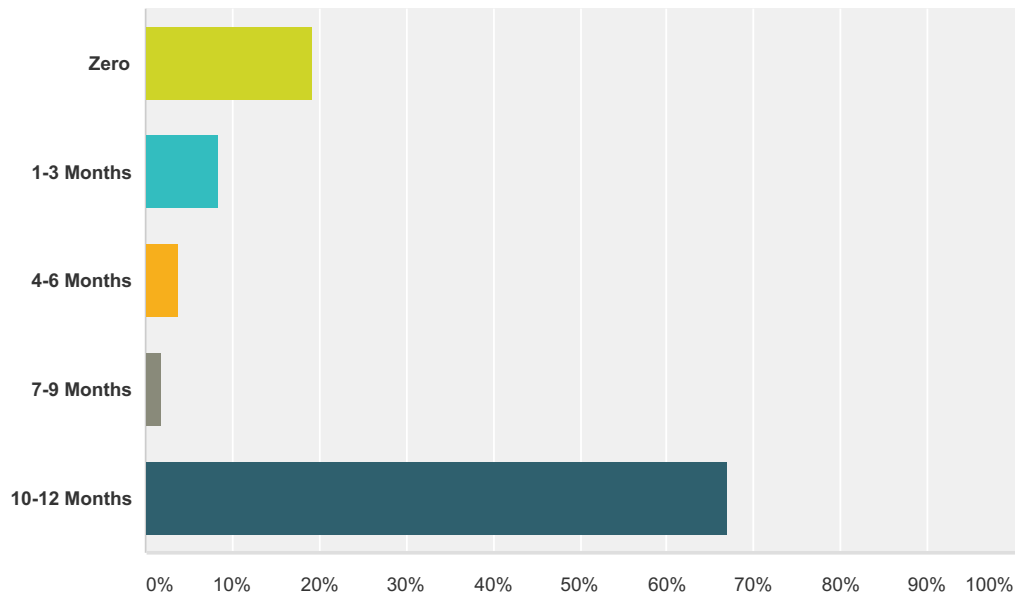
Answer Choices	Responses
Westport - within the city limits.	62.83% 71
Grays Harbor County - outside the City of Westport.	20.35% 23
Other (please specify)	16.81% 19
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Redmond	5/9/2017 5:58 AM
2	Grayland	5/5/2017 2:48 AM
3	callalam county	5/5/2017 1:30 AM
4	Thurston County	5/4/2017 9:43 PM
5	Pasco, WA	5/4/2017 9:35 PM
6	Snoqualmie, WA	5/4/2017 8:52 PM
7	Vancouver, WA (visit Westport and used to live/work there)	5/4/2017 2:49 PM
8	Grayland	5/4/2017 2:08 PM
9	Yelm	5/4/2017 9:45 AM
10	Seattle	5/4/2017 8:43 AM
11	Mason County	5/4/2017 6:51 AM
12	Seattle	5/4/2017 6:48 AM
13	Auburn, Washington	5/3/2017 10:42 AM
14	Olympia	5/2/2017 8:00 AM
15	Centralia and own and Grayland	4/27/2017 8:51 AM
16	Tacoma/Alaska	3/30/2017 11:00 AM
17	Olympia	3/29/2017 3:17 AM
18	Olympia, WA	3/28/2017 5:34 PM

19	Seattle	3/17/2017 8:03 AM
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### Q7 How many months a year do you reside in Westport?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Zero	19.27% 21
1-3 Months	8.26% 9
4-6 Months	3.67% 4
7-9 Months	1.83% 2
10-12 Months	66.97% 73
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

**Q8 Please indicate the number of persons in your household in each age group. Fill in all that apply.**

Answered: 108 Skipped: 3

Answer Choices	Responses
9 & under	31.48% 34
10-14	25.00% 27
15-19	23.15% 25
20-29	27.78% 30
30-39	38.89% 42
40-49	35.19% 38
Over 50	56.48% 61

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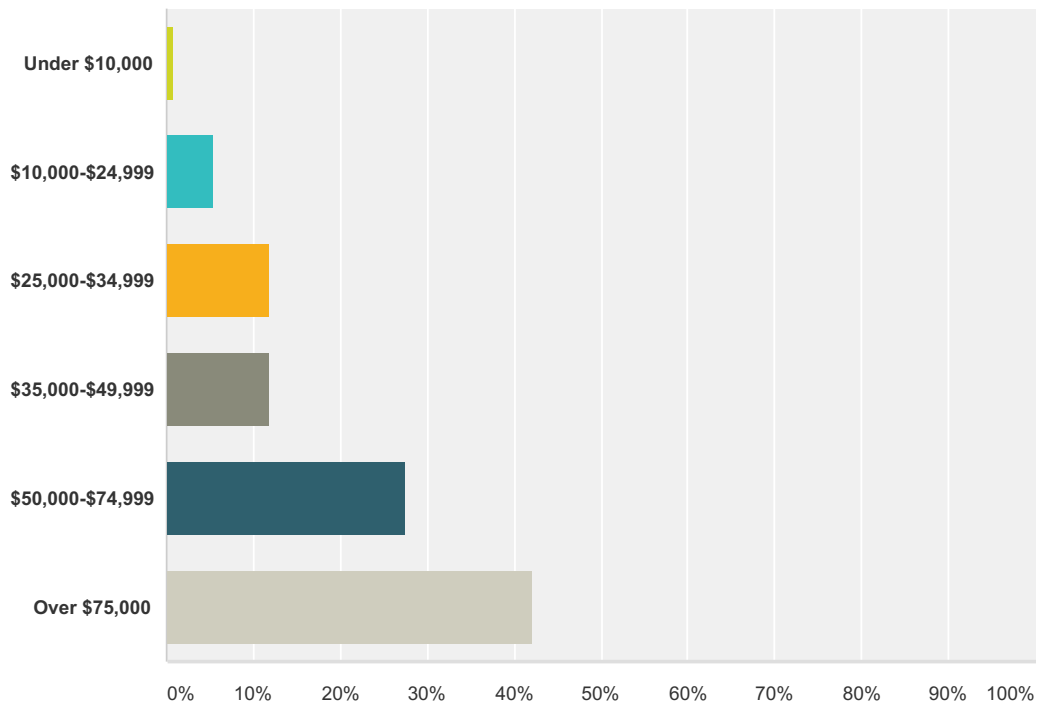
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### Q9 What your approximate annual household income?

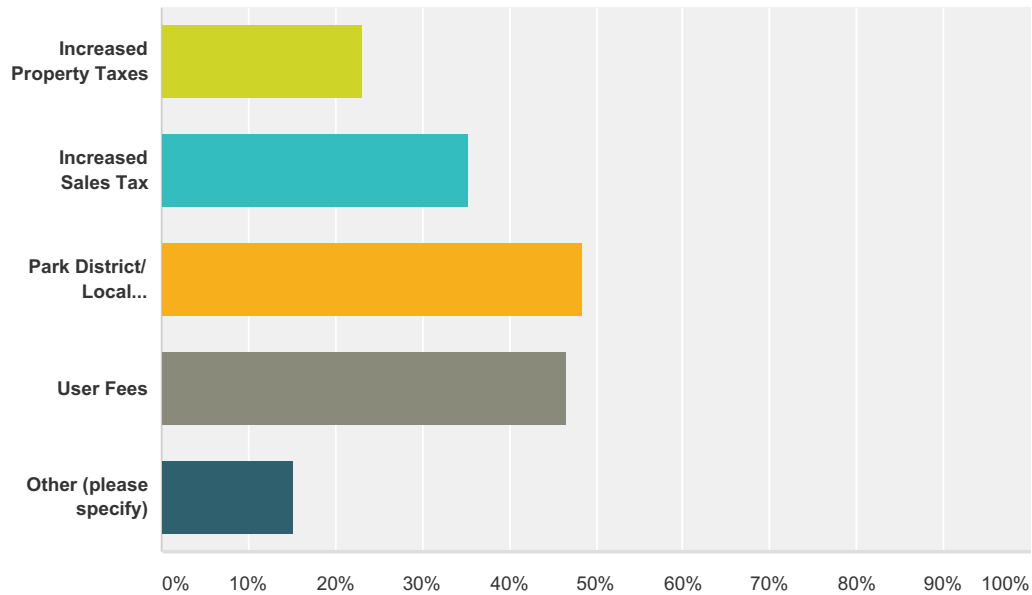
Answered: 109 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Under \$10,000	0.92% 1
\$10,000-\$24,999	5.50% 6
\$25,000-\$34,999	11.93% 13
\$35,000-\$49,999	11.93% 13
\$50,000-\$74,999	27.52% 30
Over \$75,000	42.20% 46
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

### Q10 If you chose to add or expand facilities how should the City fund them. Please check all that apply.

Answered: 99 Skipped: 12



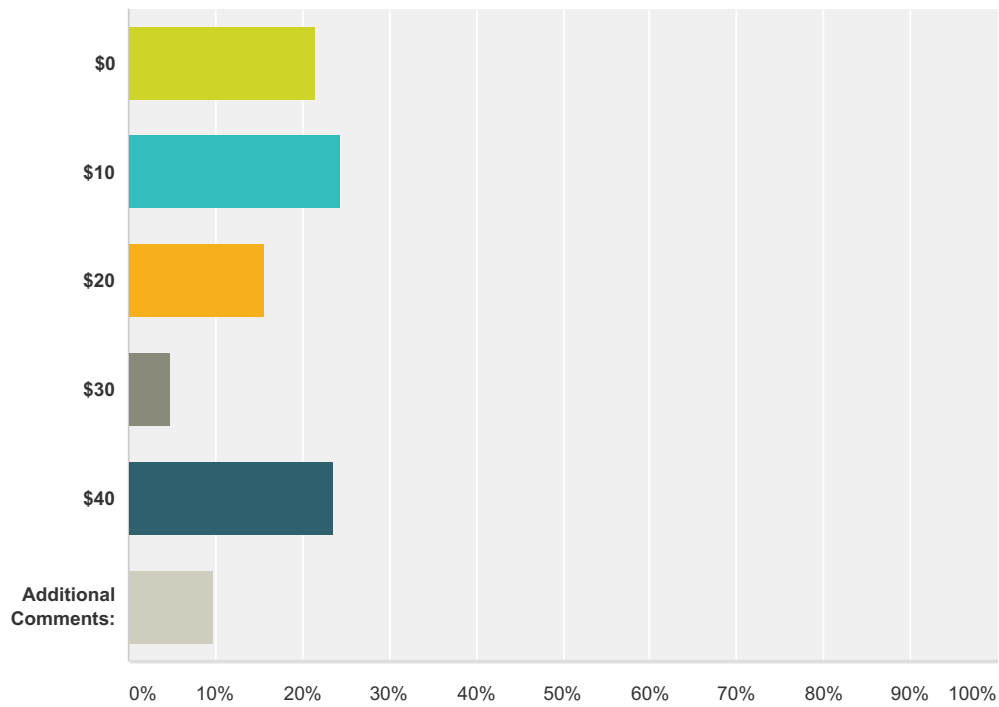
Answer Choices	Responses
Increased Property Taxes	23.23% 23
Increased Sales Tax	35.35% 35
Park District/ Local Improvement District	48.48% 48
User Fees	46.46% 46
Other (please specify)	15.15% 15
<b>Total Respondents: 99</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	grants, Grays Harbor foundation, YMCA partnership	5/5/2017 1:14 AM
2	Grants	5/5/2017 12:10 AM
3	Grants	5/4/2017 11:55 PM
4	Grants	5/4/2017 4:49 PM
5	Fundraising events	5/4/2017 3:03 PM
6	I think we could easily fundraise and pay for a new park at harms field.	5/4/2017 12:56 PM
7	use existing money to improve public facilities instead of city department facilities	4/20/2017 3:41 AM
8	Assigned knowledgeable grant and fundraiser position that pays for itself and brings funds in from wills, grants, etc. User fees keep people who need access the most from participating.	3/31/2017 3:57 AM
9	a cheap way for visitors to enjoy, but still be able to give to the community in which many of us come to and enjoy. i dont want the burden to fall on locals	3/29/2017 3:17 AM
10	Ask the State Legislature	3/28/2017 5:34 PM

11	sue FOG for loss of golf course and resort. Lowered property values.	3/13/2017 12:25 PM
12	Grants	2/24/2017 9:21 AM
13	You should not add or expand. You should maintain and improve existing facilities.	2/17/2017 2:08 AM
14	Whatever tax/fee is easiest to get approved	2/16/2017 4:45 AM
15	Parking fees?	2/13/2017 5:20 AM

### Q11 How much of a tax increase would you be willing to pay per person, per year?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
\$0	21.57% 22
\$10	24.51% 25
\$20	15.69% 16
\$30	4.90% 5
\$40	23.53% 24
Additional Comments:	9.80% 10
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>

#	Additional Comments:	Date
1	Only for a pool	5/5/2017 10:34 AM
2	Depends on what is offered.	5/5/2017 2:20 AM
3	Various sources.	5/5/2017 1:20 AM
4	Already pay huge taxes	5/4/2017 11:27 PM
5	Yeah	4/23/2017 11:23 PM
6	once again non-resident. maybe find away whether it be price of discovery passes or day passes increase.	3/29/2017 3:17 AM
7	apply for grant from recreation and conservation office of the gov	3/13/2017 12:25 PM

8	I would be willing to pay a user fee and increase in sales tax. Due to the recent capital improvement school bonds, property taxes have just about doubled and I doubt property owners would welcome another increase. Additionally, it is likely that federal funding for schools will be cut under the new administration and the State will be having to pick up the cost. This cost will likely be past by State increases in taxes for schools. The City could pursue looking for grant money from private foundations for public improvements that would benefit the whole community.	3/2/2017 2:32 AM
9	You have enough.	2/17/2017 2:08 AM
10	A yearly user fee of \$10-\$20 for good trails would be worth it.	2/13/2017 5:20 AM

## Q12 General Comments:

Answered: 19 Skipped: 92

#	Responses	Date
1	A large indoor multipurpose facility would be a wonderful addition for the City.	5/5/2017 1:20 AM
2	the park dept has NO visibility in the community, not on brochures or other PR, not in South Beach Bulletin...is there even an advisory board of citizens to help in planning and goals??? Plus, no actual community center programming. Westport recreation could do much through funding the Westport Maritime Museum to conduct classes and events.	5/5/2017 1:14 AM
3	Greatest place on earth	5/5/2017 12:10 AM
4	I think we have a wonderful community and investing in parks and facilities that help our kids stay busy is good. The more we invest in our kids, the better all our futures will be.	5/4/2017 10:52 PM
5	We come to Westport about 2 times a year for a long weekend, for about the last 15 years. Our extended family joins us at least once. Although we wouldn't be using any new facilities daily, I would love to see your little town with more community places/activities that can be enjoyed by even the weekend guest to your town.	5/4/2017 9:43 PM
6	We live in Grayland 12mo of year and kids go to Ocosta.	5/4/2017 4:49 PM
7	Good job Westport	5/4/2017 10:37 AM
8	Baby steps to maintain and improve these public facilities....	5/4/2017 1:57 AM
9	We love the beach area, just wish there were a few more things to do....	4/27/2017 8:51 AM
10	I have now resided in Westport with my wife for two years. We have a dog that loves the beach and all the trails the parks have to offer. We love the facilities and the many different activities we can do in such a small space. We Bike, Skateboard, Kiyak, run and hope to soon be surfing. We love being outdoors and enjoying the marina for fishing.	4/24/2017 11:54 PM
11	We came here to retire. We like it quiet. We love the "empty" beach during winter. We like Westport just as it is. Why change it?	4/14/2017 11:22 PM
12	Westport has a drug addiction problem that cannot be solved by police, or punitive action. We need to find a way to integrate these people into our society. Maybe if we allow marijuana to be grown and sold in the city we can use those tax revenues to fund addiction programs that are inclusive in society.	3/31/2017 3:57 AM
13	Also trying to organize volunteer beach/park clean ups, or other events to help take care of public facilities, that way those of us who dont live in grays harbor but still live within in a close distance can come and help keep up on maintaince (clean up, maybe landscape lawncare? dont want to take away other local bussinesses income though). im sure tho many people would volunteer to do some work for the parks and rec also, and maybe you already can and i just have not found it.	3/29/2017 3:17 AM
14	N/A	3/28/2017 9:18 PM
15	Love your town!!! Increase surfing opportunities, increase tourism, better economy : D	3/28/2017 5:34 PM
16	claim hardship because the SRFB (salmon recovery funding board) failed to restore salmon runs despite billions of dollars spent (wasted)	3/13/2017 12:25 PM
17	Westport's problem is not its parks...it is the lack of businesses and jobs.	3/13/2017 3:54 AM
18	Include the Lighthouse as City Park	2/16/2017 2:58 AM
19	I love Westport!	2/13/2017 5:20 AM

## APPENDIX C

### Request for Public Input

# City of Westport updating Park and Recreation Plan

- **BARB AUE**
  - Thu Feb 16th, 2017 8:21am
  - **NEWS**
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The City of Westport is updating its Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan so that it may become eligible for state funding after plan approval. The City, along with the Grays Harbor Council of Governments, invites the public to attend an open house regarding the Park and Recreation Plan on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6–8 p.m. at McCausland Hall, 2201 Westhaven Dr. in the Marina District.

The open house is your opportunity to learn more about the plan, proposed future activities and to provide feedback.

## Park and Recreation Survey

The City of Westport also is offering the opportunity for additional feedback in the form of an on-line survey. The link to the survey is posted on the City's website at: [www.ci.westport.wa.us](http://www.ci.westport.wa.us)

Hard copies will also be available at City Hall. The survey opened yesterday, Feb. 15,, and closes March 15.

All responses are for planning purposes only and will remain confidential and anonymous.

# APPENDIX C

## Request for Public Input

South Beach Bulletin, Thursday, February 23, 2017

### Westport Park and Recreation Plan update Open House this evening

ing for their grants based on the City applies for the funding. Park and Recreation Plan, the need for funding, and how the

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Harriet Dorland Municipal Park is among the facilities that the City's Park and Recreation Plan update will address.

All responses are for planning purposes only and will remain confidential and anonymous.

#### Update required

An update to the Plan is required every six years in order to establish eligibility for grant funding that would aid in developing and/or implementing projects and improvements outlined in the plan.

According to Cummings, most grant cycles, with the exception of the boating and infrastructure grant, run every two years. The next grant cycle for Park and Recreation projects will open in 2018. GHCOG determines who receives fund-

ing the City through the process, will moderate the meeting. Citizens will have an opportunity to learn more about the plan, proposed future activities and to provide feedback for inclusion in the final version that will be adopted by the City Council.

#### Online survey

The City is also offering the opportunity for additional feedback in the form of an online survey that is open now. The link to the survey is posted on the City's website at: [www.ci.westport.wa.us](http://www.ci.westport.wa.us)

Hard copies of the survey are also available at City Hall. The survey closes March 15.

### Citizen input sought on plan changes

By BARB AUE  
South Beach Bulletin Editor

The City of Westport and Grays Harbor Council of Governments (GHCOG), invite the public to attend an open house this evening to learn more about updates now in progress to the City's Park and Recreation Plan.

The Open House will be held from 6-8 p.m. in McCausland Hall on the Westport Maritime Museum campus at 2201 Westhaven Dr. in the Marina District.

Council of Governments' Vicky Cummings, who is guid-

### Park...

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#### Ad Hoc committee

In mid-June, the City Council approved Mayor Rob Bearden's request to form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of City officials and community members to work through the plan's update under the guidance of Cummings. Ad Hoc committee members include Mayor Rob Bearden, City Public Works Director Kevin Goodrich, City Council members Tom Aronson and

Brandi Holmes, along with citizen representatives Kimmi Kerns and Tina Wisnowski.

The committee started meeting monthly in early August and reports to the Planning Commission throughout the update process, which can take up to a year to complete. When done, the Draft plan will be approved by the Planning Commission, which will then submit it to the City Council for final adoption.



# We want to hear from you!

The City of Westport is developing a recreation plan to fulfill Recreation and Conservation Funding Board planning requirements.

Please help us to plan for the future of our city parks by filling out a quick survey (online or paper copy).

Surveys can be found at the City of Westport web site at [www.ci.westport.wa.us](http://www.ci.westport.wa.us) Hard copies are available at City Hall. Questions – Contact City Hall at 360-268-0131.

## WESTPORT PARKS

## APPENDIX D

### Final Draft Public Review

# Westport draft plan for parks ready for comment

- Fri Aug 4th, 2017 12:22pm
- **NEWS**

City of Westport seeking input on draft Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan

The City of Westport is inviting the public to comment on a draft of the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan for the city. The Plan is available for review and comment between Aug. 3, and Sept. 4. Final comments are due no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 4.

The Plan is available for viewing or to be download from the City of Westport website at <http://www.ci.westport.wa.us/>. Paper copies of the Plan are also available for viewing at Westport City Hall and the Westport Timberland Library. All comments must be submitted via email or in writing to: Vicki Cummings, Grays Harbor Council of Governments, 115 S. Wooding St., Aberdeen WA 98520. Or sent by email to [vcummings@ghcog.org](mailto:vcummings@ghcog.org)

The city and the Grays Harbor Council of Governments developed the plan in order to guide future investment and provide eligibility for state funding opportunities through the Recreation and Conservation Office. The final plan is anticipated for adoption at the City of Westport City Council meeting on Sept. 11.

## APPENDIX E

### Adoption Resolution and Meeting Minutes

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City of Westport  
Resolution No. 892

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Westport, Washington, on the subject of adopting the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan Update for the years 2018 – 2023, including the six-year Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Program for the City of Westport.

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee in conjunction with city staff and the Grays Harbor Council of Governments have prepared an update to the City of Westport Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan; and,


WHEREAS public involvement in the planning process included input from the Park Committee, city staff, a public open house and a community survey; and,

WHEREAS, the updated plan includes all of the planning elements as required by the Recreation Conservation Office, including the six-year Capital Improvement Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Westport Planning Commission and City Council have reviewed the plan and a 30-day public comment period was provided for the community at large,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Westport that the attached plan is hereby adopted as the City of Westport Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan for the years 2018 – 2023.

ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

  
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ROBIN BEARDEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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MARGO R TACKETT, CLERK-TREASURER

**City of Westport  
Mission Statement**

**The purpose of Westport City Government is to make decisions that lead our City into the future to create a safe and attractive community where people want to live, work and play.**

**Regular City Council Meeting  
September 11, 2018  
AGENDA**

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.  
Roll Call

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**1.0 Agenda Approval**

**2.0 Consent Agenda**

- 5-8
- 2.1 Approve minutes of August 28, 2017
  - 2.2 Approve Payroll Checks #10370-10380, Direct Deposits & EFTs totaling \$77,339.86

**3.0 Public Hearing**

- 9
- 3.1 Draft Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan

**4.0 Public Comments**

**5.0 Approve Claim Checks**

- 11-17
- 5.1 September Claim Checks #10279, 10281, 10331, 10339, 10381-10476, and EFTs totaling \$195,634.45

**6.0 Ordinances & Resolutions**

- 19
- 6.1 Proposed Resolution #892-Adopts the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan
- 21
- 6.2 Proposed Ordinance #1605, 2nd Reading-Amends the Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) Fees

**City of Westport  
Regular City Council Meeting  
September 11, 2017  
MINUTES**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Rob Bearden.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed the call to order.

Present: Louis Summers, Tom Aronson, Robert Parnell, Mayor Rob Bearden.

Absent: Melissa Huerta, Brandi Holmes

Staff Clerk-Tres. Margo Tackett, PW Director Goodrich, City Attorney

Present: Wayne Hagen, Jr.

**1. Agenda Approval**

Mayor Bearden requested to add the following items to the agenda: 1) Request to approve the agreement to rent a storage unit at Holand Center as Item 12.7, and 2) Expenditure request for asbestos removal in the back structure of the old police department area at 506 N Montesano St. as Item 12.8 Motion to approve the agenda with the added items was made by Parnell, seconded by Summers, carried.

**2. Consent Agenda**

2.1 **Approve minutes of August 28, 2017.**

2.2 **Approve Payroll Checks #10370-10380, Direct Deposits & EFTs totaling \$77,339.86.**

Motion to approve Items 2.1 and 2.2 was made by Summers, seconded by Aronson, carried.

**3. Public Hearing**

3.1 **Draft Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan.** The public hearing was opened at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Bearden.

Vicki Cummings, Council of Governments, stated that there was one written comment on the draft Plan. Based on these comments there were three changes made to the draft Plan. The changes were under City's site & facilities: The trail from the end of Ocean Ave. to the beach has been re-established by the State Parks and it was suggested to add signage to this effect; regarding the Pacific Ave. property access, a statement will be added that the City needs to address the shoreline & access to the property; and the Resolution number and date has been corrected. There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

**4. Public Comments**

Verna MacDonald, Westport, said that she and Linda Schaeffer were the only people out today walking up and down the street in recognition of 9/11. Mayor Bearden stated that he couldn't find any information if the event was occurring in Westport.

Jack Carlson, 800 N Montesano, talked with Chief Rosenow about a telephone system for informing the citizens of emergency and disaster situations.

Linda Schaeffer talked about the crime watch control program and its importance in the community and individual citizens can help by being watchful of their area.

## **5. Approve Claim Checks**

- 5.1 **September Claim Checks #10279, 10281, 10331, 10339, 10381-10476, and EFTs totaling \$195,634.45.** Motion to approve was made by Parnell, seconded by Summers, carried.

## **6. Ordinances & Resolutions**

- 6.1 **Proposed Resolution #892-Adopts the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan.** Motion to approve was made by Aronson, seconded by Parnell, carried.
- 6.2 **Proposed Ordinance #1605, 2nd Reading-Amends the Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) Fees.** Motion to approve was made by Parnell, seconded by Aronson, carried.

## **7. Staff Reports**

- 7.1 **Clerk-Treasurer** Tackett stated that the 2018 Preliminary Budget was completed and handed out for Council's review.

She is planning a Westport Fire Dept. appreciation dinner for them as they will no longer operate under the City when the RFA takes effect September 30. This is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, and encouraged Mayor, Council and staff to attend.

- 7.2 **Fire Chief** Benn-absent.

- 7.3 **Police Chief** Rosenow-absent.

- 7.4 **Public Works Director** Goodrich introduced Water Supervisor Jason Barnum to give an overview of the water department items on the agenda. Regarding Item 12.5, Barnum explained when the Dept. of Health (DOH) looked at the top of the the Water Standpipes, they recommended that the man-hatch be cleaned up and they required new vents installed as these types of vents have been phased out. The second request under this item is to solicit bids to drill a deeper test well. It is thought by the hydro-geologist that there is cleaner water at a deeper depth than what was drilled before. Regarding Item 12.6, he is requesting approval for the engineering and project management of the well drilling. Regarding Item 12.7, rental of a storage unit at Holand Center, he explained that during the demolition of the office building at the SW Field, he will need additional storage to house the equipment that is currently in the building. It is a 10x20 unit for \$79/ month.

PWD Goodrich reported that the chip seal project has been completed, he is working

## APPENDIX F

### Public Hearing Notice

# Affidavit of Publication

## The Vidette

Montesano, Washington

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
County of Grays Harbor )ss

**Brittnee Morris**, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says: That she is the legal clerk of THE VIDETTE, a weekly newspaper, which has been established, published in the English language, and circulated continuously as a weekly newspaper in the City of Montesano, and in said County and State, and of general circulation in said county for more than six (6) months prior to the date of the first publication of the Notice hereto attached, and that the said Vidette was on the 23rd day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of said Grays Harbor County, and that the annexed is a true copy of

### Comp Park & Rec Plan City of Westport

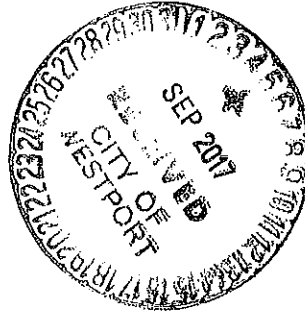
as it appeared in the regular and entire issue of said paper itself and not in a supplement thereof, for a period of 1 week commencing on the 31st day of August, 2017, and ending on the 31st day of August, 2017 and that said newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of this period. That the amount of \$28.74 is the total cost for publication of this notice.

Brittnee Morris

Subscribed and sworn to me before  
this 31st day of August, 2017.

Leslie Bebiach

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,  
Residing at Aberdeen



### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Westport PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Westport City Council has scheduled a public hearing to take comments on the draft Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan.

The hearing will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chambers located at 506 N. Montesano St., Westport.

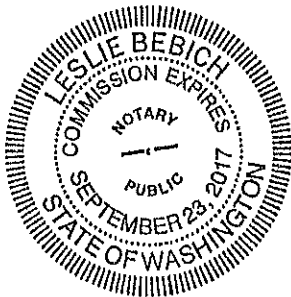
All interested persons are invited to attend.

Date: August 24, 2017

Margo R. Tackett

Clerk-Treasurer

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## APPENDIX G

### City of Westport Determination of Non-Significance

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT  
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)  
CITY OF WESTPORT, WASHINGTON**

Description of Proposal: City of Westport Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan (Plan). The purpose of the Plan is to establish a framework to guide the operation, development and maintenance of public parks and recreation facilities under city ownership. This plan provides the basis of eligibility for state financial assistance through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. All elements necessary to qualify for recreation funding are included in this plan including; Goals and objectives, Inventory, Public involvement, Demand and needs analysis, Capital Improvement Program, and Local Adoption.

Project Number: 09122017

Location of Proposal: The project area includes the city of Westport owned parks and recreational facilities city wide.

Applicant: City of Westport  
PO Box 505  
Westport, WA 98595  
(360) 268-0131

Representative: Prepared by the City of Westport in association with Grays Harbor Council of Governments

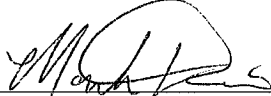
Lead SEPA Agency: City of Westport

SEPA Official: Mark Davis, Building Official

Date of Issue: 09/12/2017

**Threshold Determination:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposed non project action will **not** have a significant adverse impact upon the environment. Therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is **not** required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (C). The environmental review and SEPA threshold determination of this proposed action are based upon the Environmental Checklist of October 11, 2016, and the consultant's recommendations. This information is located at City Hall and is available to the public upon request. Comments regarding this proposed Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) should be directed to the City Public Works Director at the address above. This DNS is not a permit. This DNS is issued under Washington Administrative Code 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date of issuance.

Issued by:

  
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Mark Davis, Building Official  
City of Westport, Washington