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SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Parks Plan

The Selah Community Parks and Recreation Plan is the culmination of an extensive planning process designed to provide a six-year direction to the Selah Community for maintaining, developing, and providing parks and recreation.

The process had three objectives:

1. Build an understanding of the parks and recreation needs and wants of the community.
2. Identify objectives, priorities, and actions for meeting the parks and recreation needs of the community over the next five years and establishing a foundation for meeting future needs.
3. Develop strategies for garnering the resources necessary to carry out the action plan

Organization of the Plan

This plan is organized in a manner that will show what goals we have for the City of Selah and its development of parks and other recreational opportunities.

We will start by showing our accomplishments since the past plan. Not all of the goals were met, so we will highlight how we plan to continue working on past goals as well as undertaking and completing new goals. The community's input for needs and wants were critical to help shape the plan, and an overview of the written survey and community forums are presented. Finally, we present an assessment of our parks with the current amenities and potential development and required improvements that could, or must, take place at each one.

To conclude the City of Selah's Comprehensive Parks Plan we have included our capital improvement plan that highlights our projects for each year and where the funding will come from.

It is our hope that with the development of the comprehensive plan we can begin to take action towards accomplishing our goals and enhancing the parks and recreational opportunities available to the City of Selah.

Achievements since the last 6 year plan (~2006-present)

In the past several years the City of Selah has made several changes to McGonagle Park. In 2009 the Selah National Little League provided the funding and installed covered score boxes behind each backstop. A gravel walking path was added around the perimeter in 2010. A 40x30 sun shade and warming tracks on each field were added in 2011. Finally in 2013 sun shades were added behind each of the bleachers as well an expansion of the lower parking lot.

Carlson Park has also undergone several changes in the past several years. In 2005 the City Council, in cooperation with the Greater Yakima Girls Softball Association, obtained funds for the development of 4 lighted softball fields and a central plaza. A sun shade and covered score boxes were both added in 2013. In 2008 and 2009 bleacher shades and foul ball netting were added to provide safety for spectators. A small field was also added to Carlson Park during the past six years. This field is used for U10 softball. Lastly, during this period, a permanent home was found for a skateboard park, which was developed within Carlson Park and contains a number of concrete skate features.

The City of Selah's Pool has had necessary maintenance done so that the pool can continue to be utilized by the public. In 2011 the City purchased a new slide for users to enjoy. A spray pad including a "spray tower" was added in 2012 and the pool's protective liner was repainted. In 2013 the city purchased a new ADA Lift, a new chlorination system and grading. In 2012, The Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area Board ran a successful levy sponsored by the Selah Parks Foundation to fund the maintenance and operations of the pool for 2013-2018, thus taking over financial responsibility from the City of Selah.

At Wixon Park the City of Selah installed a new large play set for the children and put in wood chips instead of gravel under the toys. Playland Park also had a new toy set installed and ecology blocks were added around it to help protect the toys during flooding. In 2009 a drinking fountain was also added for public use.

Through the efforts of numerous community volunteers, Veteran's Park was developed. This is discussed later in the facilities inventory, but is a small memorial park to honor the military services.

Lastly, North Park was renamed "Volunteer Park" to honor the community volunteers that have been crucial to the development of parks and recreation activities in the Selah area. Plans were developed by the WSU Landscape Architecture Department, and after community meetings, one plan was chosen and eventually approved by the City management. Final plans are still fluid and development of this park is still in its infancy. A walking trail has been rough graded, and an entrance feature has been completed as an Eagle Scout project.

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Through the planning process, the desires of the entire community are brought into focus through a community-wide exchange of visions and ideals. These desires are then reflected in the mission, goal, objectives, and priorities of the plan.

Mission To plan, implement, and develop affordable recreation services, programs, and facilities to meet the present and future recreational needs of the Selah Parks and Recreation community in conjunction with the County, School District, Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area Board, Selah Parks Foundation and other entities to enhance the quality of life.

Goal To recognize parks and recreation sites, facilities, and programs as vital elements of the Selah community's infrastructure: essential to the health and well-being of the citizens and important to visitors.

- Objectives**
1. Protect the community's investment in parks and recreation by providing adequate and continuing funding for operation and maintenance of community parks, recreation programs, and cultural activities.
 2. Expand parks and recreation sites, facilities, and programs as needed by seeking financial support from a variety of sources and encouraging the private sector to contribute public recreation opportunities.
 3. Recognize and respect the historic, cultural, and natural resources of the Selah community through parks and recreation programs, facilities and future development.
 4. Work in partnership with other resources, especially the Selah School District, SPRSA, Selah Parks Foundation, and the private sector, to ensure the availability of a variety of opportunities for parks and recreation.
 5. Seek the involvement of the community in determining the needs and priorities of parks and recreation.
 6. Recognize the value of volunteerism in creating and maintaining parks and organizing and delivering recreation programs. Work with individuals and organizations to maximize their commitment to and involvement in the provision of parks and recreation.

Priorities

Through the planning process, nine priorities for parks and recreation over the next six years were identified. These priorities depend on funding availability and, with the exception of the first priority, are not listed in any particular order.

- Enhance the aquatic opportunities available to the community. Pro-actively work with the Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area Board to determine the future of the current outdoor pool through a pool renovation bond issue and a pool maintenance and operations levy. Promote plans for development of a new community aquatics facility.
- Support the long history and significant growth of field sports in the Selah community. Acquire & develop green space into field facilities to address the immediate needs of more than 600 community youth participating in Selah programs annually including soccer, baseball, lacrosse, and football and to increase sports opportunities for young and middle adults. Continue the tobacco-free sports message in programs.
- Continue to enhance and develop Carlon Park as a regional premier youth athletic facility for community needs and to attract visitors to Selah.
- Increase recreational programming. Increase staffing to place a special emphasis on expanding and improving programs.
- Promote park improvement activities and programming projects that encourage sports- and eco-tourism.
- Promote positive leisure time activities among teens by enhancing parks and recreation facilities and expanding recreational programming.
- Enhance existing parks and complexes. Access federal and state matching funds for major park improvements.
- Create a bicycle-friendly community. Designate bike lanes as roads are improved, make needed changes to road surfaces, and establish bicycle trailheads.
- Develop green space west of Veterans Park into a new park that includes memorials for past community leaders. It will be called Centennial Park.

SECTION III: COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

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Selah...

Many years ago Native American tribes used the calm waters of the Selah valley as a salmon fishery. The Lewis and Clark map showed it as *Selartar* but the name Selah comes from pioneer Father Pandosy who named the city in 1850.

Location

The community of Selah is located in Central Washington on I-82 just north of Yakima. The City is approximately 140 miles southeast of Seattle and 200 miles southwest of Spokane making it almost equal distance from Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, and Portland.

Climate

The altitude of Selah is 1,068 feet. The community has a four-season climate with about 300 days of sunshine. With an average of 8 inches of annual rainfall and 25 inches of snowfall, Selah's summers are hot and dry and winters are cold and sunny.

Topography

Selah lies near the foothills of the Cascade Mountains and offers easy access to hunting, fishing, skiing, and boating in one of Washington's most spectacular wilderness areas.

Selah covers 4.37 square miles and is bounded by two rivers—the Yakima River to the east and the Naches River to the south. The city is spread across the top of the hills overlooking Yakima and offers scenic views in all directions.

Demographics

The 2011 population of the city of Selah is estimated at 7,262, an increase of 7.7 percent from the 2005 estimate.¹ Approximately 24,000 individuals live within the Selah Service Area boundaries (same as the Selah School District boundaries), including the City of Selah.

The median resident age for the City of Selah is 31.5 years.² This is close to the median age of 33.2 years for Yakima County but is younger than the median age of 37.3³ for the state of Washington.

¹ According to the U.S. Census 2010 the population of Selah was 6,395 for 2000. The City of Selah website provided the 2005 estimate of 6,740.

² U.S. Census 2000

³ Office of Financial Management, 2001

The median household income for Selah is \$56,968.⁴ This income is below Washington's median household income of \$58,890⁵ but significantly higher than the median income of \$44,419⁶ for Yakima County.

According to the U.S. Census 2010, the population of Selah is 85.8 percent white with 14.2 percent identified as minorities including approximately 16 percent Hispanic. This may be compared with overall Washington's 11.2 percent Hispanic.⁷ Yakima County, however, has a much larger minority population with 45 percent Hispanic.⁸

The city of Yakima lies just south of Selah and is Selah's closest city. The population of Yakima is approximately 72,000, making it the state's seventh largest city.

Selah is in Yakima County. The County spans 4,296 square miles making it the second largest land area in Washington. The County's population for 2011 is estimated at 243,231.⁹

Commerce

The Selah community revolves around the fruit industry. The land is primarily orchards, mostly apples, with some pears and cherries. There are four fresh fruit packing and storage plants in Selah and two plants producing apple juice and other juice products.

In addition to fruit orchards, some hay is grown and some cattle and horses are raised on irrigated pastures. The Wenas Valley just north of Selah is home to a number of farms and ranches.

Graham Manufacturing, the world's largest plastic bottle manufacturer and recycler, has one of its 35 plants in Selah.

City Government

Selah operates with a strong mayor/council form of government. The city operates with 40-45 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$9.4 million. A full-time city administrator oversees day-to-day operations.

⁴ U.S. Census 2010

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⁹ Office of Financial Management, January 2010 Projections

SECTION IV: EXISTING RESOURCES

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The existing parks and recreation resources of the Selah Community include City-owned sites and facilities, school district-owned facilities, regional facilities, and private facilities.

This section of the report includes (1) a map of the City-owned parks (2) , narrative descriptions of City-owned parks and facilities, school district-owned buildings and grounds, regional facilities, and private facilities, and (3) a matrix of publicly-owned sites and facilities.

Selah Parks

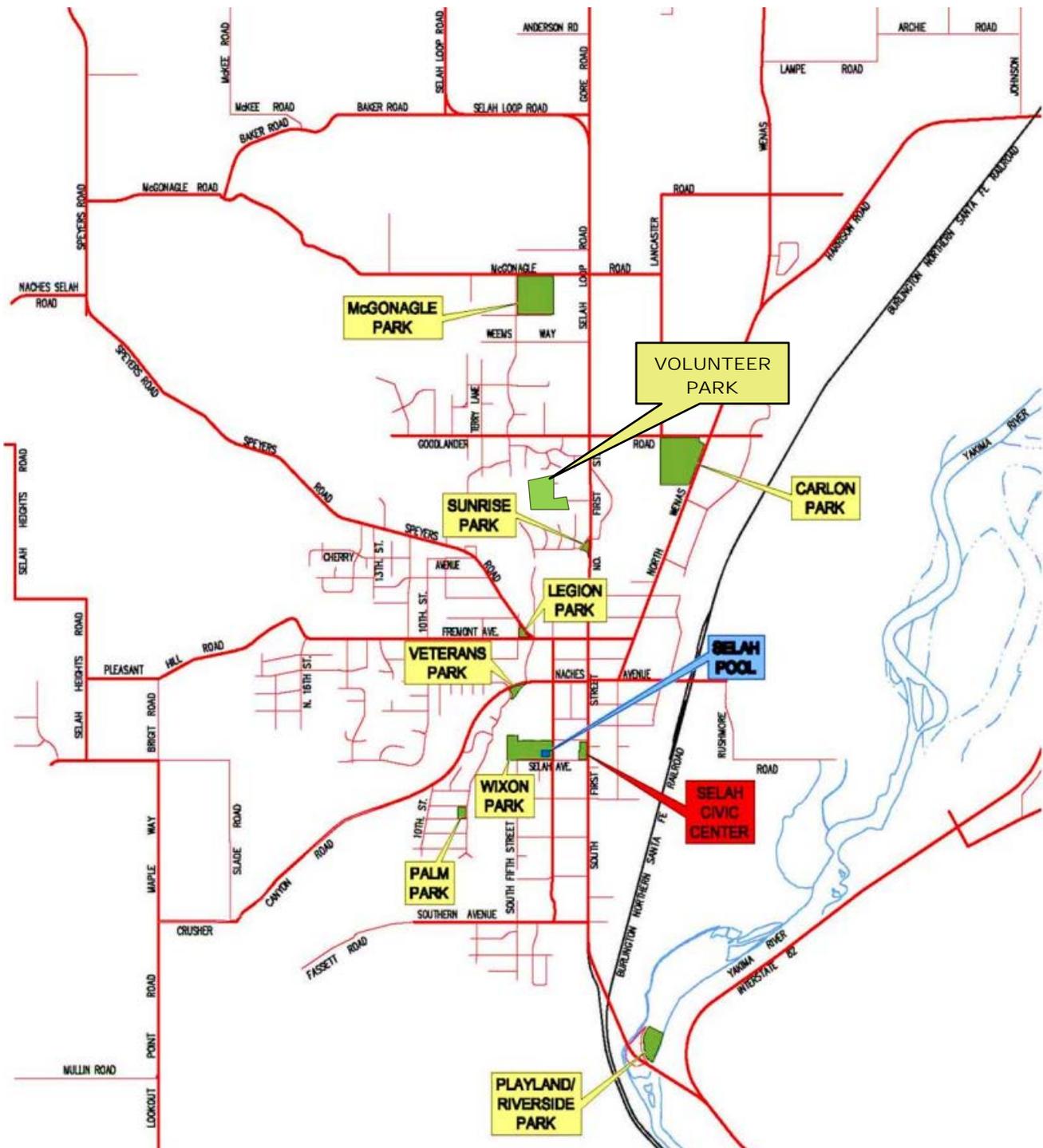
Selah's climate and natural setting are conducive to numerous outdoor activities. Currently the park system consists of nine parks, one public pool, one civic center, and one youth center. These facilities are identified in Figure 2: Map of Selah Parks.

The park system totals 44.45 acres of park land. Approximately 89 percent (39.45 acres) of this park land is developed. The 5 acres of Volunteer (North Park) are largely undeveloped.

The Selah park system includes two sports parks: Carlon and McGonagle; three community parks: Volunteer (North), Playland and Wixson; four neighborhood parks: Legion, Palm, Veteran's and Sunrise; and one special purpose park: Trolley Station Park. Descriptions of these parks, Selah School District facilities, the Yakima Greenway, and privately-owned recreation facilities in Selah are included in this section of the report. Figure 2 is a matrix of all publicly-owned parks and recreation facilities in the Selah community.

Figure 1

Map of Selah Parks



Source: Selah Parks and Recreation website (p. 10) October 15, 2005

Sports Parks

Two parks in Selah are focused on competitive team sports: Carlon Park and McGonagle Park.

Carlon Park

Location	300 East Goodlander Road, between Wenas and First
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acreage/Size	16.5 acres

Amenities

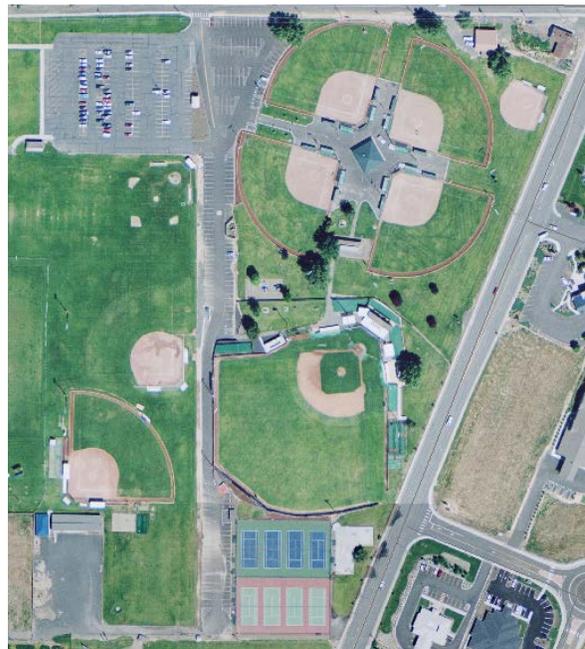
- Softball
 - Four High School Sized Lighted Fields
 - Covered Score Boxes and Score Boards
 - Bleachers
 - Dugouts
 - Safety Netting Above Spectators
 - Concession Area
 - 1 Miniature Fields
 - Access To Two Unlighted High School Fields
- Baseball
 - 1 Full Lighted Field
- Tennis
 - 4 Lighted Courts
 - 4 Unlighted Courts
- Skate Park (5670 sq. ft.)
 - 5 Skate Features
- Parking
 - 200 Paved Spots With Available Overflow Parking At High School
- Picnic Tables
 - 6 Throughout The Park
- Restrooms

Primary Usage

- Fast Pitch
- Little League Baseball
- High School Baseball
- High School Tennis

Development Potential/Needs

- New Play Set
- Shade Structures And Trees
- Small Field ADA Accessible
- Resurface Tennis Courts (Every 3 Years)



McGonagle Park

Location	West McGonagle Road, just west of Selah Loop
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acreage/Size	9.8 acres

Amenities

- Baseball
 - Four Little League Baseball Fields
 - Dugouts
 - Bleachers
 - Concessions
 - Restrooms
 - Meeting Room
- Parking
 - 93 Paved Lots
 - Overflow Gravel Lot
- Picnic Tables
 - 5 Throughout the Park
- Shade
 - Trees

Development Potential/Needs

- Storage Space
- Playground
- Pave The Gravel Lot
- Bicycle Amenities
- More Picnic Tables
- Pave The Walking Path
- Storm Water Retention System



Community Parks

Selah owns three community parks: Playland Park, Wixson Park, and Volunteer Park.

Playland Park

Location	Golf Course Loop Road, across from Elks Golf Course
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acres/Size	2.8 acres

Amenities

- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Picnic Shelter
- Pit Toilet
- Walking Trail
- Children's Play Set
- Sand Volleyball Court
- River Viewing Deck
- Paved Parking (Small Lot)
- Water
- Electrical Outlets

Development Potential/Needs

- Easy & Safe River Access
- New Restroom Facility
- Safe Access To Yakima Greenway
- Expand Parking



Wixson Park

Location	Corner of Selah Avenue and South Third Street
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acreage/Size	8.0 acres

Amenities

- Park
 - Play Set
 - Swings (2)
 - Covered Picnic Shelters (4)
 - Restrooms
 - Shade
 - BBQ Grills
 - Water
 - Electrical Outlets
- Pool
 - 40x20 yd Swim Area
 - 25x50 ft Spray Pad
 - Gender Specific Changing Rooms
 - Concession Stand
 - Restrooms
 - Small Covered Area With Tables
 - 2 Slides



Primary Use

- Park
 - Family Gatherings
 - Community Days Festivities
 - Children Playing
- Pool
 - Swim Lessons
 - Open Swimming
 - Swim Meets
 - Adult fitness classes/opportunities

Development Potential/Needs

- Turn Old Spray Pad Into Covered Shelter
- Make Restrooms ADA Accessible
- Larger Play Set
- Shade Structure Over Play Set
- Bicycle Amenities
- Bring Restrooms Up To Code
- Shade On Pool Deck
- Lockers In Locker Rooms

Volunteer Park

Location	Merinda Drive off North First Street
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acreage/Size	5 acres

This park site is mostly undeveloped, but is ready for development as a passive community park. In 2005, four different park master plans were developed by students at Washington State University, discussed with local residents, and the front-runner submitted to the City. Modifications to the approved plan were made in 2010 to allow for the possible inclusion of an off-leash dog park area. Ken Pendleton, a community volunteer, rough graded a walking track, and Derrick Larson completed a masonry entrance feature as part of an Eagle Scout Project

It is envisioned that within this plan period, final iterations to the plan, funding, and development will occur.

Neighborhood Parks

Selah owns four neighborhood parks: Legion Park, Palm Park, Veteran’s Park and Sunrise Park.

Legion Park

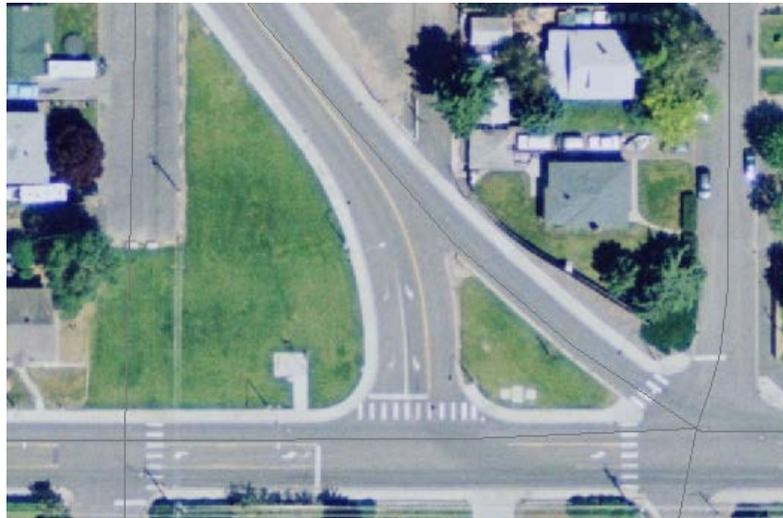
Location	Corner of Speyers Road and West Fremont Road
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acreage/Size	0.8 acres

Amenities

- Lighted Flagpole
- Bench
- Parking
- Designated Bike Lane To The Park

Development Potential/Needs

- Bicycle Amenities
- Shade Trees
- Water Fountain
- Picnic Tables
- Additional Benches
- Shrubbery



Palm Park

Location	Corner of Hillcrest and West Sixth Avenue
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acreage/Size	1.0 acres

Amenities

- Grass Areas
- Paved Basketball Court
- Small Play Area
- Picnic Tables

Development Potential/Needs

- New Play Set
- Trees
- Bicycle Racks



Sunrise Park

Location	North First Street and Hillview Avenue
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acreage/Size	0.3 acres

Amenities

- Picnic Table
- Shade

Development Potential/Needs

Since the park is adjacent to school district property and does not have potential for further development, Selah may want to explore surplusing the park to the Selah School District.



Veteran's Park

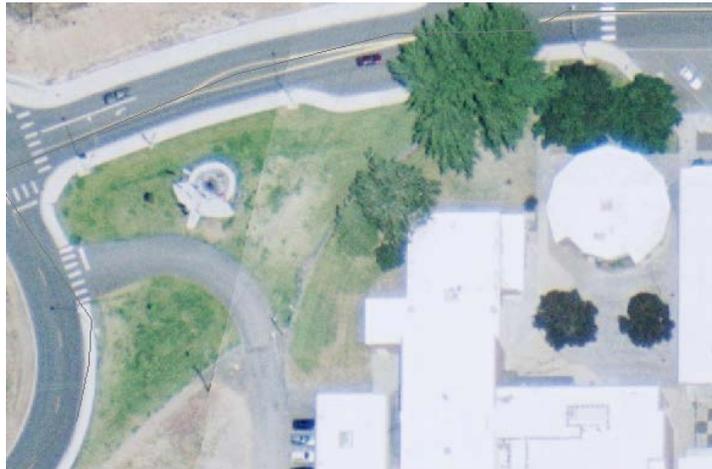
Location	Crusher Canyon and Hillcrest
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acreage/Size	0.5

Amenities

- Tribute Flags for Each Military Branch
- Trees
- Flower Garden

Development Potential/Needs

- Adding Military Equipment
- Add Parking
- Bicycle Racks
- Benches
- Tables
- Informational Signage With Military Facts



Special Purpose Park

Selah’s Trolley Station Park is identified as a special purpose park because its significance is quite different than typical parks. Trolley Station Park is a terminal point and historic site for an interurban trolley that runs between Selah and downtown Yakima throughout the summer months and during the holidays.

Trolley Park

Location	600 South First Street
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	Selah Parks and Recreation
Acreage/Size	0.25 acres

Amenities

- Covered Gazebo
- Bench Seat
- Historical Pictures
- Paved, Undesignated Parking Area

Development Potential/Needs

- Park Sign
- Informational Signage
- Trolley Schedule
- Paint Parking Lot
- Add Shade To Grass Area
- Water Drinking Fountain
- Bicycle Racks
- Picnic Tables
- Benches



Indoor Facilities

Parks and Recreation utilizes two indoor facilities; the Selah Civic Center and the Selah Youth Center.

Selah Civic Center

Location	216 South First Street
Landowner	City of Selah
Managing Agency	City of Selah
Acreage/Size	12,380 square feet/1.03 acres

Amenities

- Kitchen
 - Stove
 - Dishwasher
 - Fridge
 - Freezer
 - Ovens
 - Convection Ovens
- Dining Room
 - Table & Chairs
- Main Room
 - Sound System
 - Projector System
 - Stage
- Legion Room
 - Restrooms
 - Tables & Chairs
 - Sink
 - Microwave
 - Projector Screen
- West Room
 - Couches
 - TV
 - Pianos
 - Kitchen
 - Tables & Chairs
- Parking Lot
 - 60 Spaces
- Event Setup
 - Tables for 400 people
 - Chairs for 600 people

Primary Use

- Business Meetings
- Weddings
- Birthday Parties
- Fundraisers
- Parks & Recreation Offices
- Senior Center, Games & TV Viewing
- Recreation Classes
- Nutrition Program

Development Potential/Need

- Parking Lot Expansion
- Plumbing Brought To Current Code
- Main Room Walls Need Replaced, Water Stained From Roof Leaks
- Office Expansion, Too Small For Current Occupancy
- Lobby Remodeled To Become Visitor Information Area
- Re-Frame The Doors, Purchase Doors To Fit Frames
- New Sound And Projection System

Selah Youth Center

- Pool Table
- Foosball Table
- Ping Pong Table
- Couches
- Video Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Popcorn Machine
- Snow Cone Machine
- Computers
- Outdoor Sports Equipment
- Tables

Public School Sites and Facilities

Selah's joint use agreement for sharing recreational facilities with the Selah School District extends back to 1973. This agreement allows Selah Parks and Recreation to use school facilities free of charge after school hours and on weekends and holidays.

School gymnasiums are shared by school basketball and volleyball teams, Selah Parks recreational teams for K-6 grade, 20-30 AAU basketball teams, and open gym for families. School fields are used for Selah FC soccer and recreation t-ball, flag football and High School Lacrosse teams. In the summer a variety of sports camps, primarily soccer, are held on the school fields.

Among the school facilities used by Selah Parks and Recreation are the Selah High School, Selah Junior High School, Selah Intermediate School, Robert Lince Elementary, and John Campbell Elementary.

Selah High School, located at 801 North First Street, was built in 1988. The school is 141,000 square feet and includes 45 classrooms, a library, computer lab, weight room, football stadium, gymnasium, and two baseball fields. The high school also has a ropes course facility consisting of a series of high and low ropes challenge activities. The ropes course is available for rental by non-profit organizations. Currently this facility is under construction and we don't know how many additional classrooms and additional space is being added.

Selah Junior High School, located at 401 North First Street, was originally constructed in 1958. Over the years several additions have been made including buildings and portables. The school serves students in 8th and 9th grades. Sports and outdoor facilities include a football field with track, large grassy field area with two backstops, and gymnasium. A whole new facility is being constructed and will be completed by December of 2014.

Selah Intermediate School is the newest educational facility in the Selah School District. The facility, located at 1401 West Fremont Avenue, opened in August 1999. The school houses grades 5-7. The building includes a library, computer labs, cafeteria, and gymnasium. The grounds include two soccer fields, a playground, and two basketball hoops.

Robert Lince Elementary, located at 316 West Naches Avenue, was originally built as a high school in 1936. With additional construction to its original structure, Lince became an intermediate school in 1988, and then an elementary school in 1999. Outdoor facilities include playground, basketball hoops, large lighted field area, and basketball hoops. A 12 foot wide sidewalk is planned for construction on West Naches Avenue (Third to Fourth Street) on the north side of the street across from the school when road improvements are made. This school will be demolished and turned into green space at some point over the next six years.

John Campbell Elementary is a large campus located at 408 North First Street. The school houses preschool through fourth graders. The school building consists of a main building constructed in 1948 and remodeled in 1955. In 1973, three pods were added and the facilities updated. Outdoor facilities include two playgrounds, multi-use field, and basketball hoops.

Regional Facilities

Regional facilities are those facilities that have amenities that attract the local community even though the facilities themselves are located outside of the Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area and are owned by outside agencies.

The Yakima Greenway, fondly known as the “Jewel of Yakima,” boasts 10 miles of paved pathway connecting three parks, two fishing lakes, and three river access landings. The many nature protected areas spread throughout the Greenway contain a variety of flora and fauna native to the area. The Greenway is popular for walking, bird watching, fishing, running, biking, skating, and picnicking.

Owned by the Yakima Greenway Foundation, which started 25 years ago, the Greenway is intended to give citizens and visitors free access to the Yakima and the Naches rivers and to protect the river corridor from development and misuse. The Greenway is entirely supported by foundation funds. No public funds are used to maintain or operate the Greenway.

Harlan Landing is one of three Greenway parks and is the closest Greenway park to Selah. It is located on I-82 at Rest Haven Road, one-half mile south of Playland Park. The park has four picnic tables, a small picnic shelter with two tables, a medium-sized grassy area along the Yakima River, some shade trees, a pit toilet, a 35 vehicle parking lot, and a small boat ramp to the Yakima River. The parking lot does not have spaces designed or identified for boat trailers.

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources Selah Cliff’s Natural Area is about 5 miles north of Selah on SR 821. The site contains the largest population of Basalt Daisies in the state. It has a small parking area, about a ½ mile of graded and graveled walking trails, picnic tables and interpretive signage. Access is from SR 821, just slightly south of the 3 mile marker, on the east side of the highway.

Private Facilities

Private facilities are those facilities that service parks and recreation needs of a community but are privately owned. Selah has two large developed facilities—Yakima Elks Golf and Country Club and a new public golf course called River Ridge. There are also plans for construction of a private fitness center. In addition, Yakima Valley Sportsman Association operates a small shooting range.

Yakima Elks Golf and Country Club

The Yakima Elks Golf and Country Club, located along the Yakima River at 318 Golf Course Road, is a private 18-hole course. The course amenities include a large lodge with restaurant and lounge, clubhouse, pro shop, and RV Park.

Established in 1917 as a privately-owned 9-hole course named Riverside Golf Course, the course was purchased and expanded by the Elks in 1974. In 1990, the lodge was expanded, the RV Park was built, and the parking lot extended.

River Ridge Golf Course

River Ridge Golf Course is a new facility, opened to the general public in 2003. Memberships are available for this nine-hole, par 32 executive course. Located at 295 Golf Course Road, next to the Yakima Elks, course amenities include a restaurant, pro shop, meeting rooms, and ample parking.

The course recently added a putting green and a screened driving strip (instead of a driving range). Established as a scenic walking course, River Ridge does offer golf carts to those need them.

Yakima Valley Sportsman Association

This group operates the Pomona Gun Club in Selah on East Pomona Road just off SR 821.

Figure 2

Selah Community Parks and Recreation Facilities

Recreation Facilities	Acreage	Restrooms	Picnic Tables	Picnic Shelter	Play Equipment	Hoops	Baseball Fields	Football Fields	Soccer Fields	Softball Fields	Tennis Lighted	Tennis Unlit	Trails	Pool
Parks														
Carlton Park	16.5 acres	X	X		X		1			5	4	4		
Legion Park	0.8 acres													
McGonagle Park	9.8 acres	X	X				4							
Volunteer (North) Park	5.0 acres													
Palm Park	1.0 acres				X	X								
Playland Park	2.8 acres	X	X	X	X								¼ mile	
Sunrise Park	0.3 acres		X											
Wixson Park	8.0 acres	X	X	X	X									X
Veteran's Park	0.5 acres													
Special Purpose Parks														
Trolley Station (gazebo)	0.25 acres			X										
Indoor Facilities														
Selah Civic Center	1.03 acres	X												
Selah Teen Center		X												
Public Schools														
John Campbell					X	X	2 backstops							
Robert Lince					X	X	3 backstops		2 (temp)					
Selah Junior High					X	X	2 backstops	1						
Selah Intermediate														
Selah High School						X	2	1						
Selah Academy														
Regional Facilities														
Yakima Greenway		X	X	X	X								10 mi	
Private Facilities														
Elks Golf Course	188 acres													
River Ridge Course	33 acres													

SECTION V: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Assessment of our Park Facilities and Recreational Opportunities, and future direction- Written Survey

In the fall of 2011, a survey was prepared to help gather community input for the development of this plan. The survey was loosely based on the one used in the 2006-2011 plan, as well as some questions taken from the City of Yakima survey. This was sent to each household in the Selah School District as part of their periodic newsletter. Response was relatively poor, and attempts were made to supplement the pool of respondents by active recruitment during the May 2012 Selah Community Days Celebration at Wixson Park.

In brief, it is felt that:

- (1) The recreational opportunities for children are excellent within our park system, but that there is room for improvement for teens, young- and mid-aged adults;
- (2) Of those that did have an opinion, the condition of all major park facilities was rated excellent or good;
- (3) New park development should focus on multi-use facilities and should include trail/walking options;
- (4) Lastly, there was overwhelming support by the public to develop and fund a solution to our pool needs, with 81% of respondents in favor of a tax to pay for a new pool.

Results of the survey follow.

Questions						
Age Groups	4 and under	5-10 yrs	11-17 yrs	18-25 yrs	26-40 yrs	
(Participants were asked how many people in there households were in each of the following age groups)	62	46	43	26	50	
	41-52 yrs	53-64 yrs	65 and older			
	55	29	11			
Residence Description	City Resident/Own	City Resident/Rent	SSD/Own	SSD/Rent	Other	
	25%	17%	41%	7%	10%	
Recreational Opportunities	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	
Children	36%	47%	10%	2%	5%	
Teens	6%	19%	23%	9%	43%	
Young & Middle Adults	1%	23%	22%	16%	38%	
Senior Citizens	14%	23%	15%	1%	47%	
Satisfaction of Recreation Programs	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Satisfied	No Opinion	
City Sponsored	27%	45%	12%	0%	16%	
Youth Center	8%	22%	9%	5%	56%	
Summer in the Parks	14%	27%	15%	3%	41%	
Facilities Most Used	Baseball Fields	Playgrounds	Skatepark	Softball Fields	Tennis Courts	Soccer Fields
% = Importance to the public	18%	55%	5%	12%	10%	41%
	Volleyball Courts	Swimming Pool	Open Space	Pathways	Walking/Tra ils	Picnic Facilities
	2%	71%	25%	30%	33%	39%

Desire for Facilities	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Walking/Bike Trails in Parks	54%	27%	8%	1%	10%
Designated Bike Lanes	42%	25%	15%	2%	16%
Walking/Bike Trails along Yak. River	48%	28%	12%	0%	12%
Nature Trails	39%	31%	11%	2%	17%
Improving Parks and Recreation	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Increase Rec Programs	35%	37%	15%	0.80%	12%
Expand Sr. Center	15%	25%	24%	2%	37%
Improve Yakima River Access	26	36	26	7	18
Acquire Natural Area for Preservation	20%	20%	21%	12%	27%
Improve Existing Parks	32%	34%	17%	2%	15%
Develop Dedicated Soccer Fields	23%	19%	24%	13%	21%
Complete Bike Trail through City	35%	30%	19%	4%	12%
Indoor Pool	50%	19%	13%	5%	13%
Outdoor Pool	56%	22%	9%	1%	12%
Swimming Pool Spray Park	47%	20%	14%	6%	13%
Develop Off-Leash Dog Park	10%	13%	24%	31%	22%
Additional Public Access to Yakima River	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Hand Carry Boats/Rafts	22%	19%	15%	2%	42%

Shore Fishing	18%	20%	16%	4%	42%
Trails	25%	27%	14%	0.80%	33%
Wildlife Viewing	19%	28%	15%	4%	34%
Parks Conditions					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Wixon Park	22%	52%	13%	3%	10%
Carlton Park	37%	36%	8%	0%	19%
Playland Park	9%	37%	14%	4%	36%
McGonagle Park	28%	29%	7%	0.80%	35%
Future Planning Questions					
	Yes	No	Undecided		
Willing to Fund programs through levy for entire Selah Parks and Recreation User Community	65%	4%	31%		
Replace the Pool	75%	4%	21%		
Tax for new Pool	81%	2%	17%		
New Parks					
	Community Parks 20+	Neighborhood Parks 3+	Mini Parks 3-	Greenways/Paths	No New Parks
	29%	31%	10%	50%	12%
How should new parks be developed					
	Open Space	Playgrounds	Trails/Nature Areas	Athletic Fields	Multi-Use
% = Importance to the public	11%	27%	33%	11%	40%

Assessment of our Park Facilities and Recreational Opportunities, and future direction-- Public Forums

The City of Selah and the Parks and Recreation Board held two public forums, on November 6 and 7, 2012, to gather input for this plan. Although these were advertised in the Selah School District Newsletter, the Yakima Herald and on the reader board at the Selah Civic Center (on the main thoroughfare through town), the attendance at these public forums was very low.

Both of these were conducted as undirected focus groups, moderated by either Parks Department personnel, or members of the Selah Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The main topics at these forums were expansion of green space to further accommodate field sports, e.g. lacrosse, and the need for a pool solution. Residents were open minded about an indoor vs. outdoor pool and asked for approximate costs of each option so that they could development their own cost-benefit analysis.

Because of the high interest by the community during the public forums and the written surveys, and the overwhelming approval of a community funded Maintenance and Operations levy for the pool, the need for a pool solution has become our top priority for this plan.

SECTION VI: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

TABLE 1: PARKS AND RECREATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Year	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
2014	Wixson Park Improvements Covered Gazebo	\$ 40,000	City
	Civic Center New walls, Plumbing, Parks office expansions	\$ 90,000	City
	Pool Filters	\$ 35,000	City
	Centennial Park Project Develop and Construct	\$ 200,000	Private
	Warning Track Material, Infield Conditioner	\$ 8,000	City
	2014 SUBTOTAL	\$ 373,000	
2015	Carlton Park Improvements Playground (big toy set)	\$ 50,000	
	Legion Park Improvements Benches, bike rack	\$ 20,000	Legion Grant
	Wixson Park Improvements Concrete sidewalk to restrooms	\$ 60,000	City
	Civic Center Sound & Projection System, Re-key (electronic)	\$ 10,000	
	2015 SUBTOTAL	\$ 140,000	
2016	McGonagle Park Improvements Pave lower parking lot	\$ 90,000	City
	Overlay Civic Center Parking Lot	\$ 90,000	City
	Infield Conditioner	\$ 6,500	City
	2016 SUBTOTAL	\$ 211,000	City
2017	McGonagle Park Improvements Playground (Big Toy Set)	\$ 50,000	
	Develop Green Space for Youth Sports Complex	\$ 1,000,000	City
	Pool Develop Plans and Construct New Pool	\$ 5,000,000	Grants/Bond
	Greenway Extension Playland Park	\$ 500,000	ALEA/Bond
	2017 SUBTOTAL	\$ 6,550,000	
2018	Playland Park Improvements Restroom	\$ 40,000	
	Volunteer Park Improvements Develop/construct park	\$ 400,000	RCO/ City
	2018 SUBTOTAL	\$ 440,000	
2019	Carlton Park Improvements Replace Lighting Hardball Field	\$ 300,000	Local Partners
	Palm Park Improvements Playground(Big Toy Set)	\$ 50,000	City
	2019 SUBTOTAL	\$ 350,000	
PARKS AND RECREATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TOTAL		\$ 8,064,000	

