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CHAPTER 1 – BACKGROUND



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1.1 PURPOSE

This plan is intended to supplement and update the 2013 City of Selah Parks and Recreation Plan. This update does not replicate the 2013 Plan in its entirety, but selectively reassess key issues and concerns to assist the City of Selah, Recreation, and Public Works Departments as they plan for the coming years of growth and change.

Numerous groups were involved in the formation of this plan including the Recreation Department staff, Public Works staff, HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., and the public. HLA reviewed all feedback to determine how the parks system has changed since 2013, what improvements are necessary for the system to properly function at present, and what must be done to ensure the system meets the needs of the community in the coming years.

1.2 SELF CERTIFICATION

The July 2021 Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) guidance for creating a Parks and Recreation Plan states that they look for a minimum of six elements in a plan: Goals and Objectives, Inventory, Public Involvement, Demand and Need Analysis, Capital Improvement Program, and Adoption. The RCO also requires that the sponsor of an RCO approved plan provide a Self-Certification document. This document can be found in CHAPTER 9.

1.3 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS

Selah's planning efforts are designed to be coordinated and consistent with other City, Yakima County, Washington State, and federal plans.

1.3.1 Statewide Parks and Recreation Planning

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission adopted the Centennial 2013 Plan and promoted three priorities:

1. Fix what we have.
2. Upgrade existing parks, trails, and services.
3. Add new trails and services and work toward opening new parks in the future.

One of the new trail projects in the state-wide Plan is to work towards completing cross-state trails connecting Tri-cities to South Bend.

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan 2018-2022 provides strategic direction and guides investment to ensure outdoor recreation and conservation remain a statewide priority for quality of life. The Plan's top five priority areas for parks, trails and conservation lands are:

1. Sustain and grow the legacy.
2. Improve equity.
3. Get youth outside
4. Plan for culturally relevant places to meet changing demographics.
5. Assert recreation and conservation as vital public services.



1.3.2 Regional Planning

Selah is one of 14 cities or towns, together with Yakima County, and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), that collectively plan as an organization called Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG). In 2016, the organization updated the 2020-2045 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Plan (M/RTP). The purpose of the M/RTP is to describe the region's current values, goals, policies, travel patterns, local, state, and interstate transportation infrastructure and services. Land use changes, population changes, and anticipated legislative changes are then projected over the next 20 years and the resulting transportation infrastructure and services needs identified to accommodate those changes are assessed. Grant money that is reasonably expected from federal, state, and local sources is budgeted to determine how the infrastructure and service changes can be accomplished and when. The Selah Parks and Recreation Plan will ensure consistency with YVCOG's M/RTP sections describing the South-Central Sub-region transportation systems including pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

1.3.3 County-wide Parks and Recreation Planning

The Yakima County Comprehensive Plan Horizon 2040 was adopted and became effective on June 27, 2017. Yakima County separated the Recreation and Parks Element from the Capital Facilities Element and included the Parks and Recreation Element independently as Chapter 8 of Horizon 2040.

Yakima County's park and open space goals are grouped in two general categories:

1. Environment, and Quality of Life.
2. Government Services.

Inventorying public open space and defining lands to be protected and preserved now and lands preserved for future generations are topics covered under the environmental heading. Inventorying and protecting historical sites, expanding consensus and direct financial involvement for parks and recreation to include private/public and private/non-profit partnerships, promoting activities, celebrations, and festivals in parks, supporting accessible and affordable entertainment, and performing arts are topics covered under the heading of Quality of Life and Government Services. Much of the data and analysis performed by the County will be used in this Plan for coordination and consistency.

1.3.4 City Planning Consistencies

The City of Selah updated the City's Comprehensive Plan in 2017. The purpose for developing the City Facility Plan (CFP) now is to consolidate summary information for the City's infrastructure systems from the 2017 Comprehensive Plan, 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update, and add significant detail to create an easy to reference stand-alone document. The previous CFP was completed in 2012.

Selah's 2017 Comprehensive Plan update included a Parks and Recreation section in the Capital Facilities Element which summarized information initially from the 2014-2019 Parks and Recreation Plan and updated remaining projects for a six-year time frame.

The City's Park and Recreation updated priorities were also identified in Selah's Central Urban Area Sub-Area Plan reviewed by City Council on July 10, 2019. Although parks in Selah were inventoried and improvements summarized in the Sub-Area Plan, less of an emphasis was placed on how to improve the parks system and more of an emphasis was placed on how to use wayfinding as a means of promoting the Parks and Recreational opportunities.



Since the development of the Comprehensive Plan and Sub-Area Plan, Selah demolished the municipal pool, and a new Selah Aquatic Center was constructed. The aquatic center is owned and operated by Selah Park and Recreation Service Area Board, a junior taxing district governed by a seven-member volunteer board appointed by the City, and the Yakima County Commissioners.

School District owned park and recreation amenities are mentioned in the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) and included in Table 2-3. Transportation improvements near school properties are often joint ventures between a City and School District. Mention of the School District facilities does not imply the City of Selah is responsible for preservation or improvement of these facilities.

1.4 HISTORY, PHYSICAL SETTINGS, AND CLIMATE

The City of Selah, incorporated in 1919, is in the south-central portion of Washington State in Yakima County, as shown in Figure 1-1 Washington State Vicinity Map. The City lies along Interstate 82, approximately three miles north of the City of Yakima. Selah is the largest bedroom community to the City of Yakima. As a result of increasing growth within the Yakima Valley, there has been a significant increase in population both within Selah and areas surrounding the City. Selah established their future service area in cooperation with Yakima County through the Growth Management Act planning process in 2016, as shown in Figure 1-2.

In 2013, the City of Selah adopted the *2014-2019 Parks and Recreation Plan*. The 2013 Plan explored the inventory of parks and open spaces maintained by the City, determined the satisfaction with City-owned parks and open spaces by conducting a comprehensive community involvement process, developed objectives and priorities to preserve and improve the recreational areas, and identified a capital improvement program to estimate scheduling and budget needs for those improvements.

The community owns and operates City buildings, roadways, parks and recreation facilities, a domestic water system, a sanitary sewer system, a storm drainage system, and transit service within its immediate service area. The City of Selah purposefully plans for the upgrade and operation of each of these individual systems and strives to keep planned improvements both feasible and coordinated. The City of Selah's planning efforts are designed to be coordinated and consistent with other City, Yakima County, Metropolitan, and Regional Transportation Planning Organization, Washington State, and federal plans.

1.4.1 Physical Settings

The City of Selah is situated in the northern portion of the Yakima Valley, in Central Washington State. The community of Selah is located 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.



FIGURE 1-1 WASHINGTON STATE VICINITY MAP



FIGURE 1-2 CITY LIMITS AND URBAN GROWTH AREA



1.4.2 Climate

The climate for the Yakima Valley, including the Selah area, is generally characterized as mild and dry. Summers are generally dry and hot. Sunshine prevails about 85% of the summer and temperatures generally range from 65 to 90 degrees, but dry air results in sudden temperature drops after sunset. Temperatures of 100 degrees frequently occur in the months of July and August. The growing season is typically May 15th to October 3rd and frost-free days range from 130 to 180 days per year.

Precipitation is minimal with an annual average of 7.2 inches. Irrigation is essential for nearly all crops grown in the Yakima Valley. The Yakima Valley relies on snow accumulation in the Cascade Mountain range for an adequate supply of water for irrigation.

Winds are generally light, averaging about 7 miles per hour. Stronger winds ranging from 30 to 65 miles an hour occasionally occur in the spring. During winter months, air stagnation can cause a build-up of pollutants in the Yakima Valley.



CHAPTER 2

INVENTORY AND EXISTING CONDITIONS



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2.1 CITY FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES

As shown in Figure 2-1, Selah has nine parks totaling approximately 45 acres, an aquatic center, and one civic center that are used for public recreation. Table 2-1 presents City parks and the presence or lack of recreational equipment or infrastructure at each location. The City Council adopts the operation and maintenance budget each year for Parks and Recreation. The adopted budgets for Recreation and Parks can be viewed at: <https://selahwa.gov/finance/2013-budget>

2.1.1 Baseball/Softball Sport Complexes

When people think of Selah, they think of baseball. The first baseball team in Selah was formed in 1911. Over the last 100 years, Selah baseball has seen many state titles, all-star players, and collegiate scholarships offered. Selah's sport complexes are multi-use facilities that provide consistent revenue for the Parks and Recreation Department. These sport specific parks are large, well-maintained and attract families, teams and clubs from all over the Yakima Valley and around the state.

2.1.1.1 Carlon Park

The only location for high school level baseball is Wood Field at Carlon Park. Many community members and local organizations have contributed to the outstanding appearance of this field. Due to the climate and ability to play many months out of the year, Wood Field is often used into the evening hours.



Carlon Park is one of the most popular destinations for softball in Central Washington. With multiple top tier fields, announcer's booth, restrooms, snack bar, and exceptional field quality, Carlon Park has become a hub for softball and City events. Carlon Park is home to the Greater Yakima Girls Softball Association (GYGSA) who host 5-6 tournaments each year and draws teams from as far away as Canada. In addition, since 2009 Carlon Park has been chosen to host the High School Fast Pitch State Softball Tournament.

The tennis courts at Carlon Park sit behind the baseball field. These courts supply the only practice/match area for Selah High School Tennis, as well as community member use. Since this is one of the few areas in Selah with lights, community members often use this space after the high school finishes their practices.

Finally, the Carlon Park Skate Park continues to be used by youth in the community with sufficient skating space for younger kids.



Previous Accomplishments

In 2018, the City of Selah accomplished installed a playground, a goal set in the previous Comprehensive Plan. Through multiple open forums, Selah Parks and Recreation found that citizens were looking for a park designed for younger children, so a play set was installed that included a lower entrance level, lower critical fall height, and more protected areas on upper levels.

Since the playground upgrade, this park is used extensively during tournament and event times, as well as during the off season – a time when this park usually lies quiet. Since this park is located near major shopping, schools, and multiple sport opportunities, the City of Selah is excited to have completed this much needed update for the community.

Needs Assessment

The old restroom in this park is in desperate need of updating. The old concession and restroom building are currently being used for secondary restroom access and storage, but much of the building remains empty.

While many updates have been completed on Wood Field, one large and extremely essential update is new field lighting. The current lighting is outdated, using more energy, and costing more to operate than new lights would cost. In addition, one of the light poles is twisting and beginning to cause concern.

The tennis courts surfaces are showing cracks and sunken areas and the north court needs to be completely replaced.

The skate park does not have a covered shelter with a place to sit. Older youth would benefit from updated and more advanced skate park facilities.

2.1.1.2 McGonagle Park

McGonagle Park is centrally located in neighborhoods, and near churches and active community areas. Home of the Selah National Little League, McGonagle Park is a complex of four youth baseball fields and is highly used during baseball season. McGonagle Park allows for multiple games at the same time and is a full-service complex for youth baseball with bleachers, announcer’s booths, restrooms, batting cages, and a concession stand.



Needs Assessment

There is not a playground area for kids to play.



2.1.2 Community Parks

More passive in nature, Selah's community parks are a staple of the play community and provide the most diverse services throughout town.

2.1.2.1 Playland Park

Playland Park is the City of Selah's only established park near the Yakima River. Set in a unique location where the trees are as grand as the view, Playland Park is rich in history and a keepsake for the City of Selah. Playland boasts huge mature trees, large green spaces, a paved walking path, basketball court, horseshoe pits, a sand volleyball court, sheltered area with power and charcoal grills, and a viewing dock for fishing on the river. Playland is, arguably, one of Selah's most diverse and inclusive parks. However, it is also one of our most underused spaces due to outdated and dilapidated amenities.

Needs Assessment

The playground equipment is old and lacks any structures worthy of engagement.

The basketball court at Playland Park needs to be replaced. With fully mature trees and flooding, the basketball court now has major cracks where the roots have pushed the asphalt up.

The Playland sign is original and worn out. While the structure is still sound, the painting is mostly gone and the information is hard to read.

2.1.2.2 Wixson Park

Wixson is easily Selah's most heavily used Community Park. With 5 picnic shelters, a playground, plenty of greenspace, bathrooms, and central location, Wixson Park is often the first thought for community members and user groups. The Selah Parks and Recreation Department can attest to the frequent requests for park shelter rentals at Wixson and the consistent use by local agencies throughout the year. Everything from small birthday parties, library gatherings, large family reunions to massive city-wide events can be seen at Wixson Park. In the past, this park has hosted Selah Community Days, Community Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas parties, National Night Out, Cruise Nights, and many more. Further, the history of this location dates back to nearly the incorporation of Selah.

Previous Plan Accomplishments

In the previous Comprehensive Plan, a few of the recommended items were accomplished including transitioning the spray pad into a covered shelter.

Needs Assessment:

Wixson Park needs new bathrooms. The current structure constructed in the 1950s needs to either be brought up to code (as recommended in the previous Comprehensive Plan) or replaced entirely. Along with the bathroom improvements, the restrooms need ADA access. This would be at a lower cost and could include a walking path from the large gazebo to the bathrooms. This would give ADA access to the parking spaces, through the park, and to the bathroom building.

Due to the high traffic use at the shelters, Wixson Park lacks wayfinding and shelter name signs. The public is constantly informing the Parks and Recreation office of the need for more information about the park. Providing informational signage and increasing communication on-site will greatly improve the flow of park use and rentals.



2.1.2.3 Volunteer Park aka Dolores Huerta Park



Volunteer Park aka Dolores Huerta Park has become a source of great pride in the Selah Community. Awarded a Municipal Excellence Award by the Association of Washington Cities in 2019, Volunteer Park aka Dolores Huerta Park was the primary focus of the last Comprehensive Plan, and the results are incredible. What was once a dusty field in the middle of town, is now a beautiful park, providing equal and collaborative play for everyone. Through the efforts of the City of Selah, countless community members, generous donations from the Yakima Valley, and a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, Volunteer Park aka Dolores Huerta Park is gaining the attention from recreational leaders throughout the State and continues to draw visitors from all over the State.



Today, Volunteer Park aka Dolores Huerta Park includes a solid surface playground allowing for full access by all mobility types, inclusive play equipment for all age levels including structures allowing for wheelchair access, ADA accessible zip line swings, auxiliary climbing structures, disc golf course, large trees, and tables and benches. A new ADA accessible bathroom, drinking fountains, and a walking path make this an exceptional park for all to enjoy.

Previous Plan Accomplishments

At the development of the previous Comprehensive Plan, this space was still a dusty field – so all the goals set to complete this space were accomplished within the last five years. It is safe to say most of the effort put into Selah Parks throughout the last eight years was at Volunteer Park aka Dolores Huerta Park. The City of Selah was awarded a Washington State Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant from the Washington State

Recreation and Conservation Office to complete this project. As such, nearly all of the goals in the previous Comprehensive Plan were accomplished. This included clearing the land and building the park and everything in it. Initial clearing the land rendered concern over the soil content and a huge push from Selah Public Works, HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., and Chris' Excavation was done to ensure safety for park users. After safe soil testing, the Selah Public Works and countless volunteers and companies helped make the vision of an all-inclusive park a reality. Installation of an ADA accessible restroom, walking path, and playground were completed, and full paved parking lot as well.

Needs Assessment

There are no shade structures around the walking path and adjacent to the playground.





2.1.3 Neighborhood Parks

Small in nature, Selah’s Neighborhood Parks are primarily for visual purposes and give greenspace throughout the City. Selah owns four neighborhood parks:

- a. Legion Park
- b. Sunrise Park
- c. Palm Park
- d. Veterans Park

Each park has green grass, trees, and at least one bench to sit on. Collectively, these four parks make up 2.6 acres of the Selah Parks Network. Due to their limited size, improvements are neither necessary nor requested. They provide a space as needed for those who are passing by, but don’t have parking or access for a larger crowd of people. Because of this, it is suggested the minimal changes be made over the next 5 years so attention and resources can be focused elsewhere.



The following is a detailed list of each of the parks and their amenities.

2.1.3.1 Legion Park

The purpose of this small park is to provide green space within the neighborhoods of Selah. Its amenities are limited and but the aesthetic benefit to those passing by makes it worth keeping in good condition.

2.1.3.2 Sunrise Park

Like Legion Park, the primary benefit of this small park is the green space it provides for the community. And since Sunrise Park is in a school zone, the green space also provides safety spaces for children walking to and from school.

2.1.3.3 Palm Park

An exception to the other neighborhood parks, Palm Park is perfectly located in one of Selah’s most established neighborhoods. In the past, Palm Park included a play structure, basketball court, green space, and picnic tables. However, due to wear and tear, the play structure was removed in 2017. Since the removal, many neighbors have contacted Selah Parks and Recreation department asking about a replacement structure.

Needs Assessment

As stated above, installation of a playground at Palm Park would be well received by the neighborhood. It would also give families in Selah another place to play.



2.1.3.4 Veterans Park

Veterans Park, located near the Selah School District Administration Office, showcases an American Flag, and a flag for each branch of the military. There is also a fountain and walking path for visitors. Though this park is small, its value is much larger.



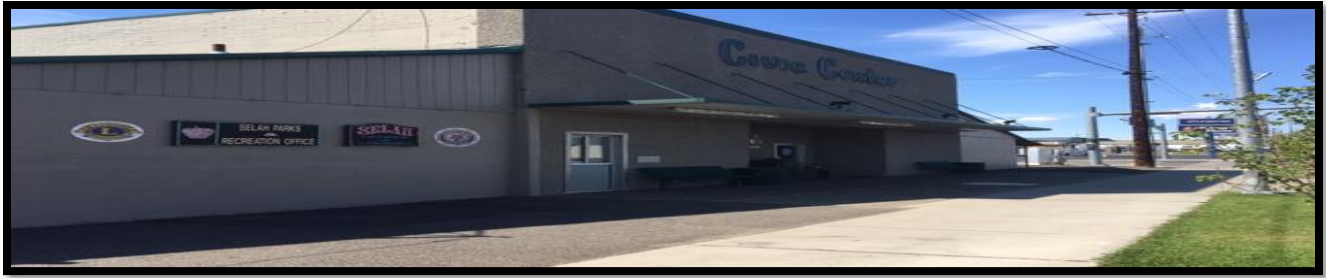
Needs Assessment

Much of Veterans Park is still in great condition and looks well kept. However, there is not a memorial wall to honor our local veterans.

2.1.4 Special Purpose Park: Trolley 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 holidays.





2.1.5 Indoor Facility: Selah Civic Center

Selah Parks and Recreation owns and operates one indoor facility at the Selah Civic Center. The Selah Civic Center provides an opportunity for Selah Parks and Recreation to offer programs to the community unlike any other within the department. Not only is the Civic Center a keepsake in the Selah community, because it is the only indoor facility owned by the City of Selah and operated by Selah Parks and Recreation, its value and purpose is unmatched.

Due to the size of the building and large open rooms, the Selah Civic Center houses several programs and has become a hub for public meetings, fundraisers, and community gatherings. Programs and functions of the Civic Center include:

- Afterschool Program
- Business Meetings
- Community Group Meetings
- Fundraisers
- Harvest Church
- Matinee Dance Group
- Nutrition Programs
- Parks and Recreation Office
- Recreation Classes
- Senior Center Activities
- Senior Exercise Classes
- Senior Meals
- Senior Pinochle
- Senior Tech Classes

Amenities include the kitchen, dining room, main hall, legion room, senior room, and parking lot. People for People, a local non-profit, uses the Civic Center five days a week to prepare and serve healthy meals to seniors and depends on the Civic Center for preparation and delivery of healthy meals to homebound seniors in Selah and nearby communities. The Civic Center has enough tables and chairs to seat 400 guests. Further, the Civic Center is currently the hub for the Selah Food Bank and Selah Shares Clothing Bank. These two services are provided at no cost to the City, and both groups share a small space for storage of their items. Finally, the Civic Center is the primary transit center for the City of Selah. Selah Transit uses Civic Center as the central transit hub and all routes filter off the Civic Center. All these programs create a daily flow of traffic around the Civic Center, proving the importance of upkeep and improvements to the facility.

The Civic Center is the hub for seniors, meetings, and community outreach. And as the needs of the community grow, we must adjust the building to grow as well.



Along with all the members served at the Civic Center, many repetitive groups need to utilize the building for storage. Storage space is used on a consistent basis by the following groups:

- People for People
- Red Cross Blood Drives
- Selah Chamber of Commerce
- Selah Computer Class
- Selah Food Bank
- Selah Parks and Recreation
- Senior Center
- Senior Exercise
- The Legion Post 88
- Tops Fitness Club

Previous Plan Accomplishments

In the past eight years many improvements have been made in accordance with the past Comprehensive Plan. Perhaps of most significance, the Civic Center Parking lot is now fully paved. This welcomed addition was complemented by an island complete with grass, power, and lights. Overall, this project was a great addition to the functionality of the parking lot as well as the aesthetic benefits. Since the Civic Center is now the main transportation center for Selah and this parking lot allows for sufficient flow for the buses and parking for members using the transit center. A new door was added to the front foyer area equipped with a panic bar.

Needs Assessment

In 2022, the City hired HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. to conduct the Selah Civic Center Building Evaluation and Planning Report. The intent of the on-site building evaluation is to assist the City in identifying and evaluating the general condition of the Civic Center, identifying accessibility issues and recommending corrective measures. Other goals include evaluation of current space use and looking at some potential options to enhance the current function and accommodating future growth and operations of the building. A copy of this report is included in CHAPTER 9.



TABLE 2-1 EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Amenities	Sports Parks		Community Parks			Neighborhood Parks			
	Carlton	McGonagle Park	Playland/ Riverside Park	Wixson Park	Volunteer Park (aka Dolores Huerta Park)	Legion Park	Palm Park	Veteran's Park	Sunrise Park
Total Site Acreage	16.5	9.8	2.8	8.0	5.0	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.3
Hard or Sport Court			X				X		
Baseball Fields	X	X							
Softball Fields	X								
Tennis Courts	X								
Skate Park	X								
Restrooms	X	X	X	X	X				
Playground Equipment	X		X	X	X				
Picnic Tables and/or Benches**	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Parking Spaces - onsite	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Parking nearby	X	X							
Predominate Greenspace			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Walking Path	X	X	X		X				
Other Facilities	Concession Area	Concession Area	Grills	Concession Area		Lighted Flagpole		Tribute Flagpoles	
	Bleachers	Meeting Room	Picnic shelter with outlets	Grills		Bench		Flower Garden	
	Press Box at Softball Fields		Pit Toilet	Picnic shelters with outlets		Bike Lane Access			
			River Viewing Deck	Gazebo					
			River Access	Electricity					
			Drinking Fountain	Concrete Platform/Stage					
			Near Yakima Greenway						



FIGURE 2-1 SELAH PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES



2.2 CITY PROGRAMS

Except for 2020, the Parks and Recreation Department customarily offers a variety of recreation activities as shown in Table 2-2. The City may utilize facilities owned and operated by the School District to hold City-sponsored events or activities. Although the City is not responsible for preservation or improvements to School District properties, a similar recreation inventory covering School District recreational equipment and infrastructure is included in the CFP because of the funding nexus between School Districts and Cities. Table 2-3 presents the School District’s recreation facility inventory.

The City of Selah has a variety of youth and adult programming. The Recreation Department offers youth basketball, a football camp, soccer, tennis, and partners with Skyhawk’s to provide multiple summer camps.

The Civic Center offers senior meals, multiple yoga classes, senior exercise, TOPS (taking off pounds sensibly), Community dances, stretch and balance, and fall prevention classes.

TABLE 2-2 INVENTORY – PROGRAMS/RENTAL FACILITIES		
Youth Activities	Senior Activities	Rental Facilities
Basketball (Winter)	Community Dance	Carlson Park
Soccer (Spring, Fall)	Senior Exercise	Civic Center
SkyHawks Camps (Summer)	Yoga	Playland Park
Tennis (Summer)	Fall and Balance	Wixson Park
Football Camp (Summer)	Flexibility and Stretching	
	Meals on Wheels	

2.3 PRIVATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The City relies heavily on the Selah School District to provide facilities to conduct youth sports. The School District has more than 107 acres of usable space. The School District field and gym space are scheduled through ML Scheduler on the District’s website. Other groups may also request School District space, though the City typically has priority. Youth basketball, football, and soccer are conducted on School District fields and courts. The City utilizes Selah Middle School and Selah Intermediate School for soccer, Selah High School for football camps, and Robert Lince Kindergarten, John Campbell Primary, Selah Intermediate School, Lince Gym, and Selah Middle School for basketball.





TABLE 2-3 SELAH SCHOOL DISTRICT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Amenities	Lince	John Campbell	Selah Intermediate	Selah Middle School	Selah High School
Total Site Acreage	13.49	15.65	17.48	32.44	28.78
Baseball and/or Softball Fields			X	X	X
Football and/or Soccer Fields	X	X	X	X	X
Track and Field Accommodations				X	
Hard or Sport Court	X	X	X	X	
Playground Equipment	X	X	X		
Gymnasium	X	X	X	X	X
Other Facilities	Open free play area	Open free play area	Open free play area	Open free play area	Open free play area
				Multi-purpose room and common area	Multi-purpose room and common area
				Fitness Room	Wrestling Room
					Weight Room



CHAPTER 3

COMMUNITY PRIORITIZATION



CHAPTER 3 – COMMUNITY PRIORITIZATION

3.1 COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

According to the most recent 2020 census, the population of Selah is 8,355. Estimates show that Selah is growing at a rate of 1.22% annually and the population has increased by 2.48% since the 2010 census, which reported a population of 8,153. Selah has a population density of 1,811 people per square mile.

The average income is \$51,060 with a poverty rate of 9.85%. Home ownership is 49.2% with 50.8% of people renting their home.

28.66% of people in Selah are high school graduates, 18.79% have some college education, 12.79% have an Associate Degree, 18.29% have a Bachelor Degree, and 9.79% of Selah residents have a graduate degree or higher.

Selah has an employment rate of 64.1% while the unemployment rate sits at 3.7%.

3.1.1 Population By Age

Table 3-1 illustrates the population trends as found in the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

TABLE 3-1 SELAH POPULATION DATA						
Population	Total	%	Male	%	Female	%
Under 5 years	614	7.7	3.79	10.6	235	5.4
5 to 9 years	673	8.5	219	6.1	454	10.4
10 to 14 years	533	6.7	296	8.2	237	5.4
15 to 19 years	568	7.1	180	5.0	388	8.9
20 to 24 years	636	8	190	5.3	446	10.2
25 to 29 years	702	8.8	220	6.1	482	11.0
30 to 34 years	525	6.6	227	6.3	298	6.8
35 to 39 years	553	6.9	320	8.9	233	5.3
40 to 44 years	414	5.2	222	6.2	192	4.4
45 to 49 years	373	4.7	98	2.7	275	6.3
50 to 54 years	485	6.1	346	9.6	139	3.2
55 to 59 years	577	7.3	309	8.6	268	6.1
60 to 64 years	430	5.4	263	7.3	167	3.8
65 to 69 years	326	4.1	140	3.9	186	4.3
70 to 74 years	124	1.6	56	1.6	68	1.6
75 to 79 years	100	1.3	48	1.3	52	1.2
80 to 84 years	174	2.2	47	1.3	127	2.9
85 years and over	150	1.9	32	0.9	118	2.7
Total Population	7,957	100	3,592	45.5	4,365	54.5
SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates						





3.1.2 Population By Race and Ethnicity

Table 3-2 shows the percentage of Selah’s population by race and ethnicity. As illustrated, the largest percentage is white alone, followed by Hispanic or Latino.

TABLE 3-2 POPULATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY	
Race or Ethnicity	Percent %
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	76.60
Black or African American alone	1.00
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.20
Asian alone	1.90
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00
Two or More Races	7.20
Hispanic or Latino	22.00
SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates	

3.2 DEMAND AND NEEDS ANALYSIS

The development of the City of Selah’s Parks and Recreation Plan has been a cooperative effort among citizens, staff, and other agencies during the planning process.

The City offered an online survey that was available for citizen input for several months. City staff were present at Selah Community Days to talk to citizens and participants of the event about the survey and the development of the Parks and Recreation Plan. Materials were produced in English and Spanish to reach as many people in our diverse community as possible. In addition to public events, city staff presented the community with information via social media platforms and the City’s website.

3.2.1 Public Participation Strategy

The City published a Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Survey in April 2022 that ran through August of 2022.

3.2.2 Public Meetings

The City had staff present at Selah Community Days to talk to the community about the survey and the Parks and Recreation Plan. In September, the City, along with HLA put together a committee to set the LOS and scoring for projects in the Plan. The City also had multiple study sessions at council meetings to discuss the Plan.

3.2.3 Survey Results

The City of Selah conducted a community survey from April through August. Posters with QR codes were distributed to local businesses and posted at City Facilities. The surveys were available in English and Spanish. 52 responses were received. Some suggestions from the community survey were included in the evaluation for future needs.

The results of the survey are included in CHAPTER 9.





CHAPTER 4

EXISTING DEFICIENCIES AND FUTURE NEEDS



CHAPTER 4 - EXISTING DEFICIENCIES AND FUTURE NEEDS

4.1 STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM ASSESSMENT

Participants of the September 29, 2022, Parks and Recreation Plan Workshop used the following objectives and priorities to establish Level of Service (LOS) targets, program or improvement screening questions, and scoring criteria to establish an evaluation process for future parks and recreation program and improvement assessment. The workshop participants recommend City staff use the proposed process and consider prioritizing the park and recreation programs and improvements included in this packet in the 2022 Parks and Recreation Plan (2022 P&R Plan).

4.2 IDENTIFY NEEDED ACQUISITION, ENHANCEMENT, AND MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

4.2.1 Targets Considered During the Development of Selah’s 2022 Parks and Recreation Plan

Targets typically follow a set of guidelines and have the following characteristics: specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timebound. The workshop participants recommend the following criteria and resulting (LOS):

TABLE 4-1 POPULATION DISTANCE FROM PARKS AND TRAILS WITHIN SERVICE AREA					
	LOS A	LOS B	LOS C	LOS D	LOS E
Percentage of population within 0.5 miles of a neighborhood park/trail	>75%	61 – 75%	46 – 60%	30-45%	<30%
Percentage of population within 3.0 miles of a community park/trail	>51%	41-50%	31-40%	21-30%	<20%
Percentage of population within 5.0 miles of a regional park/trail	>46%	36-45%	26-35%	16-25%	<15%

TABLE 4-2 DRINKING WATER AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND AT EACH PARK WITH A RESTROOM					
	LOS A	LOS B	LOS C	LOS D	LOS E
Drinking Water Availability	Year-round	3 seasons	2+ seasons	Within 1 block	Potable water is not available





TABLE 4-3 TOILETS AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND AT EACH COMMUNITY PARK					
	LOS A	LOS B	LOS C	LOS D	LOS E
Toilets Availability	Toilets are available year-round, fully accessible, in a permanent structure, and in new condition or rehabilitated within last 3 years	Toilets are available during 3 seasons, in a permanent structure, and in fair condition or rehabilitated within last 8 years	Toilets are available during 2+ seasons	Toilets are available during special events only, are temporary, and portable	Toilets are not available

TABLE 4-4 WATER INTERACTION OR OTHER ATTRACTIONS AVAILABLE IN AT LEAST TWO PARKS DURING THE SUMMER					
	LOS A	LOS B	LOS C	LOS D	LOS E
Water interaction availability	Splash pad or similar interactive water feature available, in new condition or rehabilitated within last 3 years, ADA accessible, and available during the summer	Simplified water feature such as one or more misters available, in fair condition, along an ADA accessible path, available during the summer	Small water features such as a fountain, pond, or water wall offering minimal interaction	No water interaction available in parks during the summer	N/A

TABLE 4-5 BASKETBALL COURTS AVAILABLE IN AT LEAST TWO PARKS AND IN USABLE CONDITION OR BETTER					
	LOS A	LOS B	LOS C	LOS D	LOS E
Basketball court availability and condition	Basketball courts available, in new condition or rehabilitated within last 3 years	Basketball courts available, in fair condition or rehabilitated within last 8 years	Basketball courts available, in minimal usable condition, but requiring rehabilitation in the next 2 years	Basketball courts in poor condition requiring replacement	Basketball courts not available



TABLE 4-6 SOCCER FIELDS OR OPEN SPACE AVAILABLE IN AT LEAST ONE PARK					
	LOS A	LOS B	LOS C	LOS D	LOS E
Soccer fields availability and condition	Permanent soccer fields available, in new condition or rehabilitated within last 2 years	Soccer fields available, in fair condition or open space available for establishing semi-permanent soccer fields	Open space available for setting up temporary soccer fields	Open space available for informal soccer play	Soccer fields or open space for temporary soccer fields not available

TABLE 4-7 TENNIS COURTS AVAILABLE IN AT LEAST ONE PARK AND IN USABLE CONDITION OR BETTER					
	LOS A	LOS B	LOS C	LOS D	LOS E
Tennis court availability and condition	Tennis courts available, in new condition or rehabilitated within last 3 years	Tennis courts available, in fair condition or rehabilitated within last 8 years	Tennis courts available, in minimal usable condition, but requiring rehabilitation in the next 2 years	Tennis courts in poor condition requiring replacement	Tennis courts not available

TABLE 4-8 ONE MILE OF TRAILS AND TRAIL CONNECTIONS IN THE CITY PER 1,000 POPULATION					
	LOS A	LOS B	LOS C	LOS D	LOS E
Trails, routes, and pathway availability and connectivity	Well-marked, ADA compliant, walking facilities available, connecting community activity centers, in new condition or rehabilitated within the last 3 years	Well-connected pedestrian facilities, with good neighborhood connectivity, and in fair condition or rehabilitated within the last 8 years	Sidewalks available, in minimal usable condition, but requiring rehabilitation in the next 2 years	Unimproved walking or bicycling area available	Walking and bicycle facilities not available and not recommended for safety reasons



TABLE 4-9 RECREATION PROGRAMS OFFERED FOR ALL AGE BRACKETS					
	LOS A	LOS B	LOS C	LOS D	LOS E
Recreation program availability	Recreation programs are offered for youth, young adults, and senior persons of all abilities and for every season both indoors and outdoors	Indoor or outdoor recreation programs are offered for multiple age groups for 3 seasons	Recreation programs are available during 1-2 seasons, are based on interest thresholds, and require registration	Recreation programs are managed privately, are limited to registered participants, and require personal approval	Individuals may use recreational spaces when not reserved

Table 4-10 combines the population forecast, parks, their amenities, and targets listed above to provide the current and forecast quantitative targets and the targets' status'.

TABLE 4-10 SELAH'S PARKS AND RECREATION TARGETS		
Facility Need	Current Target (status) using 2020 Census population of 8,360	2040 Target (status) by population forecast of 9,899
Active parks	9 (9)	10 (9)
Open space	45 acres (45 acres)	55 acres (45 acres)
Park and trail head potable water	5 (0)	5 (0)
Community Park toilets	5 (5)	5 (5)
Water interaction	2 (1)	2 (1)
Basketball courts	2 (2)	4 (2)
Soccer fields	1 (0)	2 (0)
Tennis courts	1 (1)	1 (1)
Tracks, trails, and connections	8 miles (8 miles)	12 miles (8 miles)

Adopting evaluation criteria such as those listed below can assist this and future committees in screening programs and improvements before evaluation.

Screen proposed programs and capital improvements with the following questions and considerations:

- Is the proposed program or improvement completely contained inside the City Limits or the City's UGA?
 - If yes, continue through screening.
 - If no, is the proposed program or improvement connected to regional trails which are actively being planned and properly coordinated with all partners?
 - If yes, specify the portion of the regional trail the City will include in this Plan, and continue through screening.
 - If no, then do not proceed without proper City Council concurrence.





- Is the program or improvement consistent with the City's Park and Recreation Plan executive statement, objectives, and priorities?
 - If yes, list specific objectives and priorities.
 - If no, is there a compelling reason for amending the program or improvement into the Parks and Recreation Plan ahead of the next customary P&R Plan update?
 - If no, has the program or improvement been evaluated by City staff and City Council, and deemed of higher priority than programs and improvements on the existing prioritized list?
 - If yes, state the reason for making the new program or improvement a higher priority (i.e., immediate, and unanticipated funding program with unusual requirements, infrastructure emergency allows for accelerated consideration, public-private partnership making funding available for program or improvement, etc.)
- Does the City budget allow for inclusion of the program or improvement in addition to programs and improvements already identified on the prioritized list, or does the City reasonably anticipate grant or other funding to complement the funding allowable in the City budget?
 - If yes, list the sources of funding anticipated to allow for inclusion of this program or improvement and the year the complete funding will be available.
 - If no, will the priority of this program or improvement supersede any of the existing programs or improvements on the priority list?
 - If no, then hold the program or improvement for consideration during the next P&R Plan update.
- Does the City have direct managerial or budgetary control over the program, improvement, or Recreational facility within the next six years?
 - If yes, allow for inclusion of this program or improvement and the year the complete funding will be available.
 - If no, will the City have direct managerial or budgetary control over the recreational facility in the mid-term or long-term planning timeframe before improvements are proposed?
 - If yes, then include the program or improvement for consideration during the appropriate timeframe in the Capital Improvement Program.
- Is ongoing maintenance of the proposed program or improvement identified in the City's budget and sustainable?
 - If yes, show the anticipated maintenance schedule and estimated cost of ongoing maintenance, and if known, the anticipated year of replacement consideration (asset management).
 - If no, has the public shown positive support of a user's fee to satisfy ongoing maintenance?
 - If yes, show supportive action.
 - If no, the program or improvement can be shown as an unfunded, planned program or improvement without a year of anticipated construction or purchase.

4.3 IDENTIFY PROJECT TIMELINES AND ANTICIPATED COSTS

The workshop participants chose to take the scoring sheet handouts home to fill out separately and return to the Parks and Recreation department by October 6, 2022. The scoring sheet results are included in CHAPTER 9. Information on the projects and priorities are included in CHAPTER 6 in Table 6-1 and Table 6-2.



CHAPTER 5

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES



CHAPTER 5 – GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

5.1 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

5.1.1 Executive Statement

Encouraging positive parks and recreation experiences for the City of Selah’s families and visitors requires understanding needs expressed through public processes, evaluating potential programs and capital investments with locally developed objectives and thresholds, and implementing those opportunities which increase equitable wellness options, enhance access, and promote human connectivity.

Ensuring outdoor play is more accessible and attractive, increases connections to nature and each other regardless of age or ability, promotes healthy development, increases neighborhood presence, and therefore increases safety in public spaces.

Participants of the September 29, 2022, Parks and Recreation Plan Workshop used the following objectives and priorities to establish Level of Service (LOS) targets, program or improvement screening questions, and scoring criteria to establish an evaluation process for future parks and recreation program and improvement assessment. The workshop participants recommend City staff use the proposed process and consider prioritizing the park and recreation programs and improvements included in this packet in the 2022 Parks and Recreation Plan (2022 P&R Plan).

5.1.2 Objectives

- Objective 1: Through grant writing and strategic budgeting we will protect the community’s investment in parks and recreation by providing adequate and continual funding for operation and maintenance of community parks, recreation programs, and cultural activities.
- Objective 2: Strategically expand parks and recreation sites, facilities, and programs by seeking financial support from a variety of sources and encouraging private sector contributions to public recreation opportunities.
- Objective 3: With diversity, equity, and inclusion we will recognize, respect, and incorporate Selah’s historic, cultural, and natural resources through parks and recreation programs.
- Objective 4: Working in partnership with the Selah School District, Selah Parks Foundation, Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area (SPRSA), Selah Chamber of Commerce, Selah Downtown Association, civic groups, and businesses, we will work to ensure availability and variety in parks and recreation programming.
- Objective 5: Through community outreach, surveys, public meetings, and input during the public comment portion of the City Council meetings we will seek involvement from the community when determining needs and priorities for parks and recreation.
- Objective 6: Recognize the value of volunteerism for maintaining parks, organizing events, and delivering recreation programs. Maximize individuals’ and organizations’ contributions of commitment and involvement to enhance sustainability of parks and recreation.



5.1.3 Policies

- Priority 1: Complete Civic Center updates to ensure its ability to sustain user groups over the next five years.
- Priority 2: Develop an outdoor youth athletic facility to address the immediate needs of more than 1,200 youth participating in Selah youth sports annually and to increase sports opportunities for young and middle adults.
- Priority 3: Increase recreational programming to offer various opportunities with the goal of continued interaction with youth currently in our programs and those we have not yet reached.
- Priority 4: Enhance existing outdoor areas by accessing state and federal grants and encouraging local support for improved parks, playgrounds, and trail systems.
- Priority 5: Increase numbers and types of local lodging opportunities and attractive amenities in support of accommodating current and expanding offerings of outdoor events.

5.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 1. Vetted – has this program or improvement been previous prioritized through City planning processes?

Points	Category
20	Previously prioritized in more than two planning documents undergoing public process
5	Previously prioritized in County or Regional planning documents

- 2. Preservation – does this program or improvement preserve a City investment?

Points	a. Program Category
30	Extends the life of the program for 1-5 years
20	Extends the life of the program for 6-10 years
10	Extends the life of the program for greater than 10 years

Points	b. Improvement Category
20	Extends the life of the improvement for 1-5 years
30	Extends the life of the improvement for 6-10 years
10	Extends the life of the improvement for greater than 10 years

- 3. Completion – does the program or improvement fill in identified gaps?

Points	Category
10	Completes the identified gap and makes the program or improvement whole
30	Partially fills or satisfies a distinguishable portion of the program or improvement and allows continued use at a level of at least 50% of the ideal
20	Partially fills or satisfies a distinguishable portion of the program or improvement at a minimal level





4. Replacement – does this program or improvement maintain a similar level of service?

Points	Category
20	Increased level of service than the original program or improvement
30	Maintains a similar level of service to the original program or improvement
10	Maintains an acceptable level of service though less than previously supplied

5. Safety – does this program or improvement enhance the safety of City services?

Points	Category
30	Provides a similar level of public safety
10	Increases public safety
20	Encourages safety improvements in a systemic manner

6. Inclusion – does this program or improvement provide greater access to people of all ages and abilities?

Points	Category
10	Provides a similar level of access to most of the population currently participating
30	Increases access to more levels of age and/or mobility
20	Encourages access improvements to accommodate age and mobility in a systemic manner

7. Frequency – is this program or improvement in a high foot traffic park?

Points	Category
10	Public outreach results show this park or program is in the top half of all parks or programs in terms of use frequency
30	Public outreach results show this park or program is in the top ¼ of all parks or programs in terms of use frequency

8. Feasibility – is this program or improvement able to be budgeted for in the customary City budget without financial assistance?

Points	a. Program Category
20	The City budget can accommodate the program in the current budget without financial assistance
30	The City budget is not able to accommodate the program without charging fees, or creating a City tax
10	The City budget is not able to accommodate the program without seeking external funding

Points	b. Improvement Category
30	The City budget can accommodate the improvement in the current budget without financial assistance
10	The City budget is not able to accommodate the improvement without charging fees, or creating a City tax
20	The City budget is not able to accommodate the improvement without seeking external funding





9. Sustainability – once implemented, is this program or improvement able to be maintained through the customary City budget without external financial assistance?

Points	Category
30	The City budget can accommodate the maintenance to preserve investment in the program or improvement without external financial assistance
20	The City budget is not able to accommodate the maintenance to preserve investment of the program or improvement without charging fees or creating a City tax
10	The City budget is not able to accommodate the maintenance to preserve investment of the program or improvement without seeking external funding

5.3 MONITORING AND REASSESSMENT

As projects are completed, City Staff will reevaluate remaining projects and consider them for completion during the next regular cycle. The Plan requires an update every six years.



CHAPTER 6

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



CHAPTER 6 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

6.1 SHORT-TERM PROJECTS (1-6 YEARS)

Programs and improvements evaluated during the sub-committee workshop were identified from various City planning documents, added because of public outreach during the City’s Parks and Recreation survey, or proposed during the workshop. All projects were categorized as short-term, mid-term, or long-term, and were scored and ranked. Workshop participants reviewed the scoring and ranking, then presented the revised workshop packet to City staff as a recommended process for evaluation and prioritization. City staff reviewed the recommended workshop packet with resulting prioritized projects and presented the process and results to City Council for approval.

City staff and City Council may adjust the ranking for several reasons, including but not limited to:

- Future departmental or general budgets.
- Public support.
- Legacy status or,
- Unanticipated opportunity for program or improvement advancement.

The workshop participants recommended five prioritized programs and improvements in each time-related category and City staff chose five overall priorities for which estimates and exhibits would be developed.

The recommended workshop packet, and the estimates and exhibits developed for the top five projects are included in CHAPTER 9.

In Table 6-1, there are two rows of qualitative evaluation defined. One row defines the color coding used in the Priority column and the other row identifies comparative magnitude of cost. As identified in the table, Short term projects (shaded green) are expected to be completed within one to five years or no later than 2028. Mid-term projects (shaded yellow) are expected to be completed within 6 to 15 years or no later than 2038. Long-term projects (shaded orange) are expected to be completed over 16 years and no earlier than 2039.

TABLE 6-1 SELAH’S PARKS AND RECREATION EVALUATION DEFINITIONS			
Time frame for Development	Short-term (S-#) (1-5 years) No later than 2028	Mid-term (M-#) (6-15 years) No later than 2038	Long-term (L-#) (>16 years) No earlier than 2039
Comparative Magnitude of Cost	Low cost = \$ (<\$174,000)	Mid cost - \$\$ (\$175,000 – \$750,000)	High cost =\$\$\$ (>\$750,000)

In addition to a brief title, an anticipated cost range, and the period the City plans to implement the improvement, there is a column in Table 6-2 displaying potential funding sources. The funding sources displayed are illustrative only. Some ranked projects on the scoring sheets in CHAPTER 9 will be eligible for funding sources listed below, and some funding sources may not be listed. Sources, purposes, and availability of all listed examples are subject to change between Parks and Recreation Plan updates. Acronyms are defined below the table.

Selah will develop refined programs and improvement details at the time each is considered ready for seeking funding to ensure a comprehensive and current estimate is performed.





TABLE 6-2 SELAH'S PARKS AND RECREATION PRIORITIES

Priority and Time Frame	Project Examples		Comparative Magnitude of Cost \$ = Low \$\$ = Mid \$\$\$ = High	Funding Source Examples
S-1	McGonagle Park	Crack seal existing parking lot	\$	RCO, City, Private
S-2	Carlton Park	Crack seal interior area	\$	RCO, ARPA, City, Private
S-3	Volunteer Park (aka Dolores Huerta Park)	Install shade sails	\$	RCO, ARPA, City, Private
S-4	Wixson Park	Construct concrete sidewalks between gazebo and restrooms	\$	RCO, ARPA, PBP, CS, STBG Set-aside, City, Private
S-5	Palm Park	Update basketball court	\$\$	RCO, ARPA, City, Private
M-1	McGonagle Park	Pave walking path	\$\$	RCO, ARPA, PBP, CS, STBG Set-aside, City, Private
M-2	McGonagle Park	Pave lower lot	\$	RCO, ARPA, City, Private
M-3	McGonagle Park	Create playground, install big toy set	\$\$	RCO, ARPA, City Private
M-4	Carlton Park	Complete replacement of tennis courts	\$	RCO, ARPA, City, Private
M-5	Carlton Park	Create pavers/bricks area in the hardball grandstand	\$\$	RCO, City, Private
L-1	Carlton Park	Grade ballfields and complete irrigation replacement	\$\$	RCO, ARPA, City, Private
L-2	New Parks	Construct a soccer complex (Speyers Road)	\$\$\$	USDA-RD, CDBG, RCO, ARPA, City, Private
L-3	Veteran's Park	Install a memorial wall	\$\$	RCO, City, Private

RCO – Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
 CDBG – United States Department of Housing and urban Development – Community Development Block Grant
 USDA-RD – United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development
 WSDOT – Washington State Department of Transportation
 PBP – Pedestrian and Bicyclist Program (WSDOT)
 SRTS – Safe Routes to School (WSDOT)
 WTSC – Washington Traffic Safety Commission
 STBG (Set aside) – United States Department of Transportation – Surface Transportation Block Grant – Set-Aside (AKA Transportation Alternatives Program – TAP)
 TIB – Transportation Improvement Board
 CS – Complete Streets (TIB)
 ARPA – Yakima County American Rescue Plan Act
 City – Budgeted funds from General, Parks and Recreation, or Public Works annual budgets
 Private – Potential funds collected as donations from private sources





Table 6-3 shows the complete list of projects scored and ranked by workshop participants, reviewed by City staff, and approved by City Council. The first five projects listed are repeated from Table 6-2.

Selah will develop refined programs and improvement details at the time each is considered ready for seeking funding to ensure a comprehensive and current estimate is performed.

TABLE 6-3 SHORT-TERM PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS	
Carlson Park	Crack seal interior area
McGonagle Park	Crack seal existing parking lot
Playland Park	None
Wixson Park	Construct concrete sidewalks between gazebo and restrooms
Volunteer Park (aka Dolores Huerta Park)	Install shade sails
Legion Park	Quarry spall island
Palm Park	Update basketball court
Veteran's Park	None
Sunrise Park	None
Civic Center	ADA improvements
	Dry landscape islands
Youth Center	None
Parks and Recreational Offices	None
Trails	Trolley Park - Dry landscaping improvements
	Home Avenue sidewalk improvements
	Naches Avenue sidewalk improvements 3rd St to 1st St
New Programs	Adult Frisbee Golf League
New Parks	Planning addition of RV Park
	Planning addition of a soccer complex



CHAPTER 7

RECOMMENDED FUTURE PLANNED PROJECTS



CHAPTER 7 – RECOMMENDED FUTURE PLANNED PROJECTS

7.1 MID-TERM PROJECTS (7-15 YEARS)

Table 7-1 shows a complete list of projects scored and ranked by workshop participants, reviewed by City staff, and approved by City Council. The first five projects listed are repeated from Table 6-2.

Selah will develop refined programs and improvement details at the time each is considered ready for seeking funding to ensure a comprehensive and current estimate is performed.

TABLE 7-1 MID-TERM PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS	
Carlton Park	Hardball field lighting (MUSCO)
	Pave/bricks area grandstand (Hardball)
	Complete replacement of tennis courts
	ADA improvements
McGonagle Park	Pave lower lot
	Playground (big toy set)
	Pave walking path
Playland Park	None
Wixson Park	Home Avenue sidewalk improvements
Volunteer Park (aka Dolores Huerta Park)	Gazebo
Legion Park	None
Palm Park	Playground (big toy set)
Veteran's Park	None
Sunrise Park	None
Civic Center	Vehicle charging station
	Conference room
	Gazebo in east/southeast parking lot
Youth Center	None
Parks and Recreational Offices	Expand offices
Trails	McGonagle Road sidewalk improvements
New Programs	Add adult recreation programs
New Parks	RV Parking



7.2 LONG-RANGE PROJECTS (16-25 YEARS)

Table 6-2 includes the complete list of projects scored and ranked by the workshop participants, reviewed by City staff, and approved by City Council.

TABLE 7-2 LONG-TERM PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS	
Carlton Park	Grade ballfields and complete irrigation replacement
McGonagle Park	None
Playland Park	None
Wixson Park	None
Volunteer Park (aka Dolores Huerta Park)	None
Legion Park	None
Palm Park	None
Veteran's Park	Install a memorial wall.
Sunrise Park	None
Civic Center	None
Youth Center	None
Parks and Recreational Offices	None
Trails	None
New Programs	None
New Parks	Construct a soccer complex (Speyers Road)

7.3 IDENTIFY PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED INTO RELATED PLANS

At the same time the Selah Parks and Recreation Plan is being developed, the City has been drafting an ADA Transition Plan. Since some of the projects share common attributes for both Plans, any ADA related projects in the Parks and Recreation Plan should be included in the ADA Transition Plan.

Some parks and recreation projects include a transportation element. The 2023-2029 Selah Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was submitted to Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) in June 2022 and is in the process of being included in YVCOG's 2023-2026 Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (M/RTIP) and Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) 2023-2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The first opportunity to amend the 2023-2026 M/RTIP or 2023-2026 STIP is during the January 2023 amendment cycle. Details for transportation projects can be prepared in the Selah online TIP program and processed via the December Selah City Council meeting to ensure earliest possible inclusion into the TIP.

The City is considering developing a City Safety Plan in 2023. Projects resulting from crash data analysis and countermeasure identification may have similarities to those included in the Parks and Recreation Plan. Likewise, some of the projects identified in the Parks and Recreation Plan may be suitable to be included in the City Safety Plan. Since the Parks and Recreation Plan can be periodically reviewed and updated, it is recommended to amend the Parks and Recreation Plan with appropriate parks and recreation projects developed through safety analysis as an addendum to this Plan.





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The next Selah Comprehensive Plan will be developed from 2024 through 2026 and these lists of projects can be updated and included in the Capital Facilities Plan.

The City may consider preparing addendums for both the City's Water System Plan (WSP) and the General Sewer Plan (GSP) to include drinking water accessibility, restroom, and water feature projects as identified in the Parks and Recreation Plan update. If projects are mid-term or long-term, the City may wish to wait and include the projects in the next WSP and GSP updates.



CHAPTER 8

FINANCING



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8.1 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAM FUNDING

In CHAPTER 6 possible funding sources for short-term, mid-term, and long-term improvements were included in Table 6-2. Thirteen acronyms were used to indicate federal, state, Yakima County, and local funding, and were defined in footnotes below the table. Website locations to explore the funding sources mentioned in the table are included in Table 8-1 below.

For some of the grant or funding opportunities, park projects or recreation programs may be included as the primary project or alternatively, park and recreation elements may be incorporated into a larger project. For example, although the WSDOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grants focus on providing funding for routes used by school-aged children and have coverage restrictions on how far an eligible sidewalk can be located from a school, portions of sidewalk or street crossing projects may qualify for SRTS grants.

Some funding sources listed below require the City of Selah to contribute matching funds to leverage the grants. Some opportunities occur annually, and others occur every other year. City staff should review the opportunities for an upcoming year at budget time (typically in the fall). Though comprehensive, the table does not list every opportunity. The links listed in the table are current as of November 22, 2022.

TABLE 8-1 POTENTIAL GRANT OR FUNDING SOURCES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	
Funding Grant or Source	Link
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	https://rco.wa.gov/grant/washington-wildlife-and-recreation-program-recreation/
Non-Highway and Off-road Vehicle Programs	https://rco.wa.gov/grant/nonhighway-and-off-road-vehicle-activities-program-trails/
Youth Athletic Facilities	https://rco.wa.gov/grant/youth-athletic-facilities/
National Recreational Trails Program	https://rco.wa.gov/grant/recreational-trails-program/
Surface Transportation Block Grants	https://www.yvcog.org/
State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board	http://www.tib.wa.gov/
United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development	https://www.rd.usda.gov/wa
Department of Commerce – Youth Recreation Facilities	http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/youth-recreational-facilities/
Community Development Block Grant	http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/current-opportunities/community-development-block-grants/





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