

# City of Pateros

## Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan



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## Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2025-2030

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## SUMMARY

*“City Staff are engaged daily with residents and visitors. They take complaints and compliments. They setup for events and cleanup following. Standard practice is to hold a debrief with staff and event coordinators after each event to identify what works and what does not; and what is needed, and improvement opportunities.”*

*– Jord Wilson, City Administrator*

The City of Pateros has completed several planning documents over the past decade, including a 2016 update of the Downtown Business District Plan, ongoing efforts to upgrade the Pateros Mall and Commercial Avenue and beginning an update to Comprehensive Plan, which includes a Park, Recreation and Open Space Element.

A current plan (defined as six years or less since adoption) is required to maintain eligibility for grants from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), consists of an inventory evaluation, an analysis, a determination of community’s desires, and an evaluation of alternatives for meeting community park and recreation needs. The most crucial pieces of the plan are the six-year action and capital programs aimed at meeting the identified recreational needs of the community.

The plan is intended to provide a balance between community demands for recreation activities, facility needs, environmental impacts, and available resources. While an analysis of population growth, demographic characteristics, current usage, safety, historical considerations, and proximity to other population centers and major recreation areas played an important role in preparation of the plan, the most critical considerations were community desires and availability funding sources.

The primary purposes of the Plan are to:

- Develop a comprehensive approach to recreation planning for existing facilities, programs and open spaces that provides a basis for decision making and budgeting.
- Encourage the development of future park and recreation programs, facilities and open spaces geared towards meeting the needs of current and future generations.
- Establish priorities for:
  - Capital improvements
  - Program development
  - Land acquisition/disposal
- Ensure conformance with federal and state policy requirements for shared revenues and grant assistance.

- Inform the Douglas County PUD about the City’s recreation priorities for the waterfront.

Finally, the Plan provides descriptions of the service and planning areas; goals, objectives and policies based on community desires; an analysis of need for improvements and new development; descriptions of existing facilities; and a plan of action for managing Pateros’ Park and recreation facilities and programs.

## INTRODUCTION

### Location

Pateros is located in the southwest corner of Okanogan County, Washington’s largest county. Okanogan County covers over 5,300 square miles of area, and Pateros covers a little over 300 acres of land.

Located in North Central Washington, Pateros is approximately 85 miles south of Canada, 145 miles west of Spokane, 160 miles north of Yakima, and 200 miles east of Seattle. Pateros is situated at the confluence of two rivers, the Methow and the Columbia, the largest river flowing into the Pacific Ocean in North America; two ecoregions, the North Cascades and the Columbia Plateau; and two highways, U.S. 97 (Okanogan Trails Scenic Byway/Cascade Loop Scenic Highway) and State Route (S.R.) 153 (Cascade Loop Scenic Highway). Figure 1 depicts Pateros’s location in North Central Washington.

U.S. 97 is a major north/south transportation corridor in North Central Washington and provides an important international/interstate transportation corridor running from British Columbia into California. U.S. 97 is also a vital local/regional highway running through the Okanogan Valley connecting Wenatchee, 60 miles to the south of Pateros, and Okanogan/Omak, 35 miles north of Pateros. The North Cascades Loop Scenic Highway, S.R. 153, is the main corridor into the Methow Valley and the North Cascades.



Figure 1. Location Map

## **Economy**

Historically, Okanogan County's economy was largely based on resource industries, including orchards, cattle ranching, logging, and wood products manufacturing, with the outdoor recreation industry playing an increasingly important role in recent decades Pateros's economy has been similarly based. The tree fruit industry, including fruit processing, storage and packing, and orchard management, is now the cornerstone of the local economy with outdoor recreation-oriented visitors contributing significantly as well. The City lost its grocery store and bank some years ago and has suffered significant and lingering impacts from the 2014 Carlton Complex Wildfires, however, there is an active and growing business district centered on the Pateros Mall and most of the dwellings lost in 2014 have been replaced.

Businesses on the Mall include a bakery, tavern, construction management, library, U.S. Post Office and professional offices/buildings. In addition to businesses on the Mall, Pateros has a vibrant hospitality sector along Lake Pateros, including two motels, a restaurant/convenience store and gas station. Pateros's industrial area includes several fruit packing plants and sales offices, mechanics, auto-body garage, storage facility, commercial fueling station, and a foundry. The City also owns 16 acres south of town that has been the subject of numerous studies focused on light industrial, commercial or recreational development. The continued focus on tourism in Pateros is a crucial component to the economic vibrancy of the city. Retail trade is the main contributor to the budget of the City and park and recreation programs rely on the current expense portion of the budget. A healthy business district in Pateros is critical for any improvements or additions to the park and recreation system.

## **History**

Pateros initially was settled in 1886 and incorporated in 1913. After driving a herd of horses from the Kittitas Valley, Lee Ives, the founder of what later became Pateros, began farming near the mouth of the Methow River. His neighbors included Native Americans living in about fifty teepees and about twenty Chinese miners.

In 1894 Pateros was destroyed by flooding of the Columbia River. Lives and homes were lost. Only the homes built on the hills were saved. It was reported that the water came down the Columbia at 657,000 cubic feet per second. In 1894-95, Ives built a hotel on the banks of the Columbia; the colony was called Ives Landing.

In 1898, over 1,200 men from Washington volunteered for military service thinking they would fight the Spanish armed forces and free Cuba of Spanish colonial rule. Before they departed, Spain was defeated, and the longstanding colony of the Philippines was ceded to the United States in the Treaty of Paris.

Instead of being sent to Cuba, the First Washington Volunteer Infantry Regiment was sent west to the Philippine Insurrection. The conflict was nationally known as our “Splendid Little War.” In the summer of 1899, the First Washington Volunteers returned home to local festivities and a three-day official state homecoming in Seattle. The homecoming was proclaimed the largest celebration the city had ever seen. Several men enlisting in Spokane later settled in Pateros, including Charles E. Nosler, William H. Egbert, and Charles O. Miller.

Charles Nosler was a lieutenant and in command of Company “L” at the battle of Caienta, Taitay, and the capture of Morong. William Egbert was mentioned for “Distinguished Service”, in that he crossed the Passig River, March 14, 1899, in one of two small boats with Company, under fire, and assisted in driving the enemy from Pateros Island. After his return in 1899, Nosler purchased the Lee Ives homestead land for \$8,000 and filed the original plat in 1900. Nosler named the town Pateros, in memory of the service of his men, and the capture of the island by that name.

During its growth, Pateros was a main stopping point for the sternwheelers coming up the Columbia River, and a few years later it became the hub for the railroad, which arrived in 1913. Three years later, when Pateros had grown to four commercial establishments and nine homes, Nosler sold to J.C. Steiner who promoted the area so vigorously that for a time Pateros ranked as the principal rail shipping point between Wenatchee and Oroville.

The city grew to about 400 people in the early 1900’s. It had three saloons which did not serve food but often had a pot of beans on for travelers that were hungry and thirsty! The city voted the saloons out in 1909, although they reappeared some years later. The main street in City was dirt and sand and served as a quarter mile racetrack for horses.

In 1913 Pateros formally incorporated. The petition for incorporation of the Village of Pateros as a Municipal corporation of the fourth class was signed by more than 60 qualified male voters. Figure 2 is a 1960s Street Scene of Pateros from the Okanogan County Historical Society. People fondly remember “old Pateros” and frequently comment on its once classic tree-lined main street. In the 1960’s the old City was completely razed and some buildings moved when Wells Dam was built on the Columbia River south of the community inundating the former town site.



**Figure 2. Methow Street Pateros circ. 1960**

Before re-location, Pateros had a single park just off the highway in the downtown area. The half-acre park can be seen in old pictures as a large grassy area surrounded by large trees. Historical markers recognizing pioneers of the city and its historic past can be found in the post re-location Memorial Park.

# DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE PLANNING AREAS

## Planning and Service Area Description

This plan addresses both a planning area and service area. The planning area encompasses the City of Pateros and its adopted Urban Growth Area. The city holds the primary responsibility for funding, development, and maintenance of the park system. The service area indicates the broader population base that regularly uses the Pateros parks.

## Planning Area

Figure 3 illustrates the boundaries of the Planning Area. The City presently owns and maintains 5 developed parks, covering approximately 7.28 acres, and 3 open/green spaces covering approximately 4.40 acres. Complete descriptions are included in the section on Existing Park and Recreational Facilities.

Planning for the needs of the local community is an on-going priority. Pateros, recently adopted *Recreation Basecamp* as a tag line or brand, has a long history of hospitality, and actively pursues tourism. Planning must also address the broader needs of people who visit Pateros for active recreational pursuits as well as scenic and natural resource enjoyment. This plan strives to meet the needs of a service area and tourist population significantly larger than that found within the planning area's boundaries.

## Parks and Recreation Service Area

The Pateros School District, which runs east about halfway to Brewster, north to Carlton, and west past A.Z. Wells Dam, constitutes the principal service area for the City's parks. While the service area includes the primary local user population of the Pateros parks system, Pateros parks serve a much wider group of people including neighboring community populations as well as people from throughout the Northwest and British Columbia, especially during fishing season.

The community's location at the confluence of two rivers and two main routes of travel, both designated as National Scenic Byways, means the parks are used extensively by people who reside outside the principal service area. A review of the past years overnight parking permits show visitors from all over the country, with a majority coming from the west side of the Cascades, and a sizable number coming from Canada to the north. Brewster and Bridgeport residents extensively use the children's playgrounds, tennis courts, fishing and boating facilities, and park restrooms. City events, like Apple Pie Jamboree and the Hydro Races, also draw large local and regional crowds



The waterfront parks, boating and swim facilities, and tennis courts are some of the most attractive facilities in the region. Facilities like the tennis and pickleball courts are unique within a 20-mile radius. In 2020, a Retail Academy Study was done for the City and found the population within a 10-mile radius to be over 6,000. From Pateros to the School District boundary in Carlton is 22 miles.

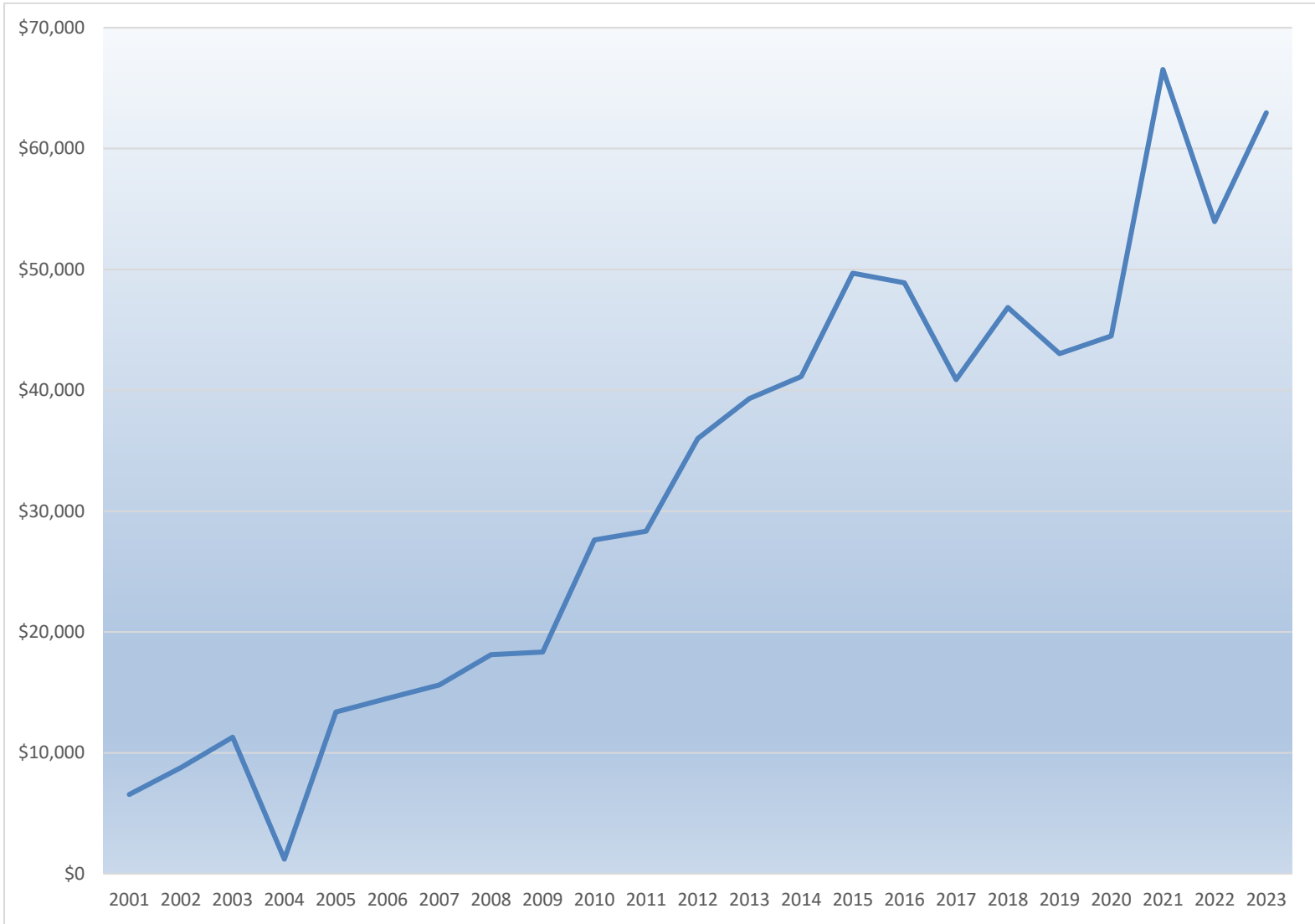
### **Economic characteristics**

Since Lee Ives settled Ives Landing in the late 1880s, Pateros has been a town of hospitality. A common thread found in comments on the Park and Recreation Surveys has been how beautiful, peaceful, and quiet visitors found Pateros. One of Pateros's strengths is the hospitality and tourism trade. Pateros is ideally located at the confluence of roads and rivers. Figure 4 shows hotel/motel tax revenue received over the last 22 years. A significant jump in revenue in 2010 can be attributed to successful citywide events and a new, 31-bed, motel, which doubled the number of available motel beds. The increase from 2020 to 2021 is the result of visitors escaping the confines imposed during the COVID Pandemic.

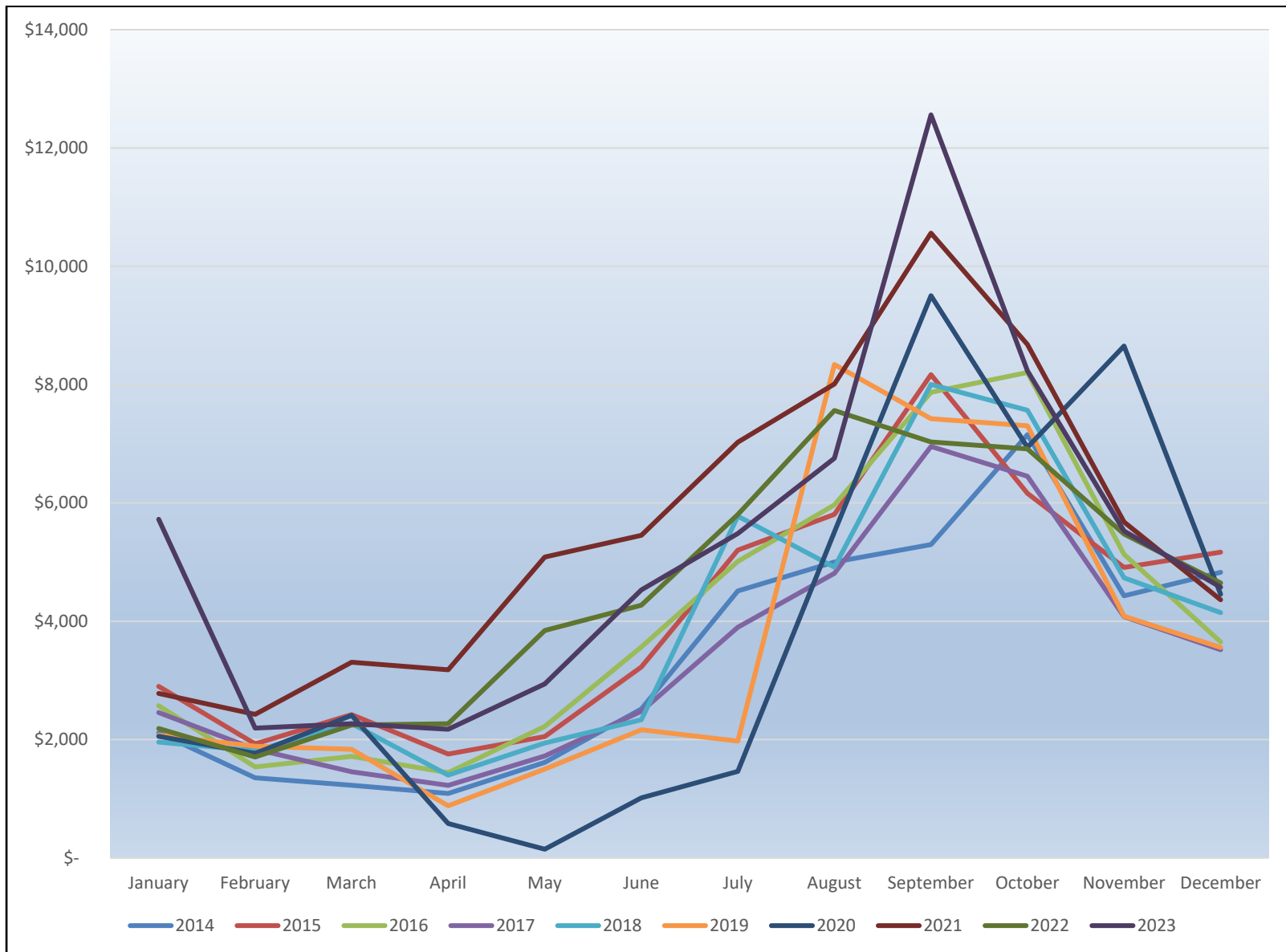
Pateros has seen City events grow in size, and Figure 5 shows motel/hotel revenues by month. In addition to pass-through visitors, City events like the Salmon Bake, Apple Pie Jamboree, Hydro Races, and sporting seasons like fishing and hunting are important events that have increased City tourism and overnight stays. The salmon seasons of the 2020s have seen large jumps in seasonal park use. At its peak, during the 2024 season, parking and camping were beyond capacity with truck and boat-trailers parked throughout town.

The regional economy, which includes Okanogan and Chelan Counties, has seen an increase in tourism related to the wine industry. The Lake Chelan area has an official appellation and a booming wine tourism industry. The Sweet River Bakery is a popular stop in Pateros for visitors with numerous surveyed commenting on their visit to the bakery and their enjoyment of the evening entertainment. The City is ideally located for overnight travelers, and in addition to motel services, Memorial Park and Ives Landing provide space for overnight parking. The City and local businesses continue to pursue increased tourist activity through City events like Apple Pie Jamboree, Classic Hydro Races and Salmon Bake celebrating indigenous people and traditions.

Pateros is a popular stop for visitors entering the County from the south and is known as the "Gateway to the Methow Valley".



**Figure 4 Hotel/Motel Tax Data**



**Figure 5. Total Motel/Hotel Tax by Month**

## **Social Characteristics**

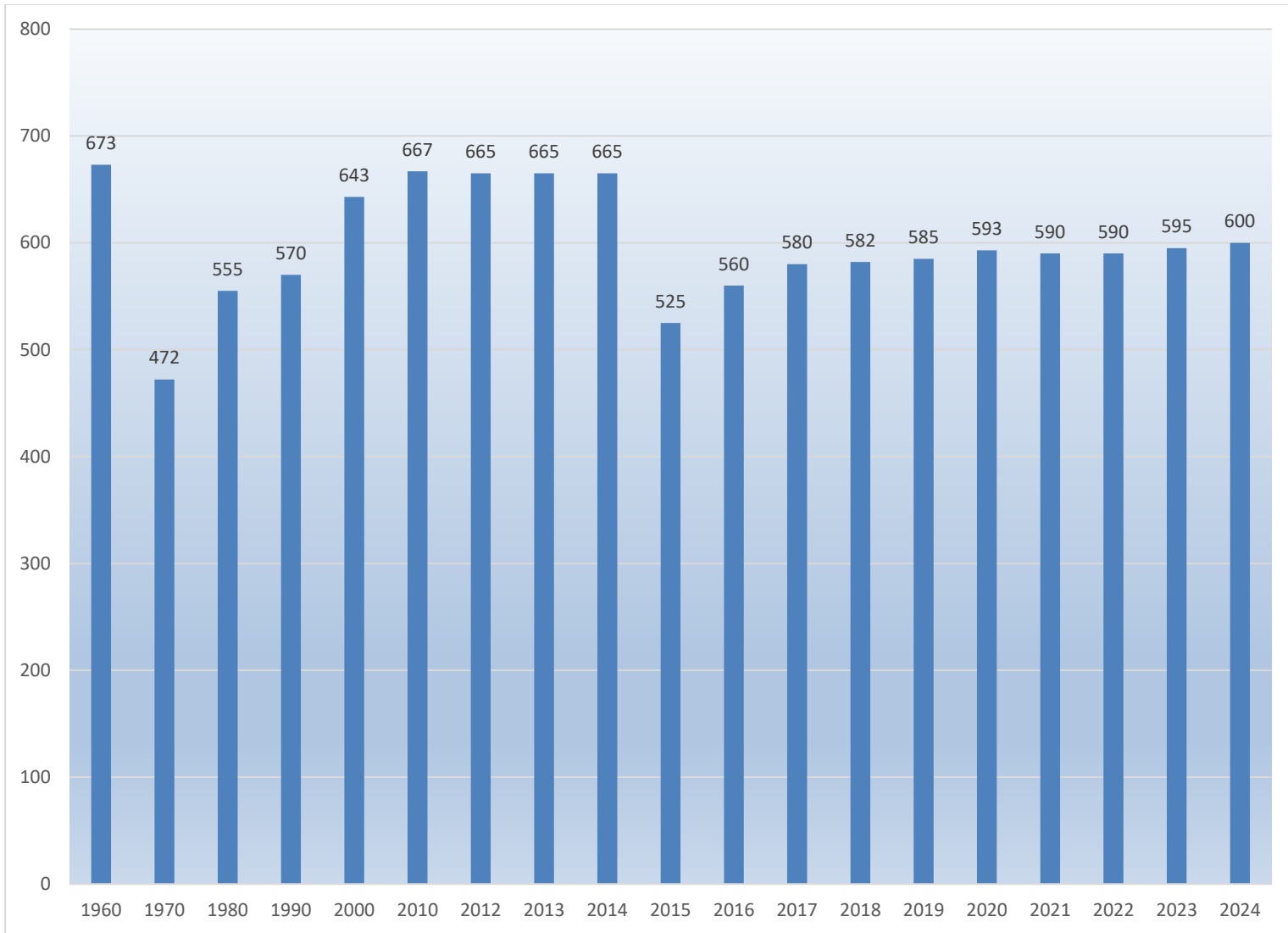
The need for park lands and recreation opportunities shifts with demographic and economic changes in the planning and service area populations. Assessment of trends in population characteristics over time is helpful in projecting future needs. This information, in combination with current public input, offers the best means for planning the future of our park facilities.

Before the construction of Wells Dam, Pateros enjoyed a population high in 1960 of 673 people. By 1970, the population had declined to 472. As Figure 6 below shows, the population rose to 555 by 1980. Growth was slow during the 1980's; in fact, it was under 1% for the entire decade. However, the 1990's saw steady growth, averaging 1.2% per year, for a total of just over 11% for the whole decade. The 2000 Census put Pateros' population at 643, and by the 2010, census at 667, just shy of the high in 1960 but showing growth had slowed to approximately 4% for the decade. From 2001 through 2014 the population remained steady at 665 until, as a result of the destruction from the 2014 Carlton Complex Wildfires, the City's population fell in 2015 to 525, a decline of 140 people. With an April 1, 2017 population estimate of 580 and an April 1, 2024 estimate of 600, the community is recovering population as homes are rebuilt and people can move back home.

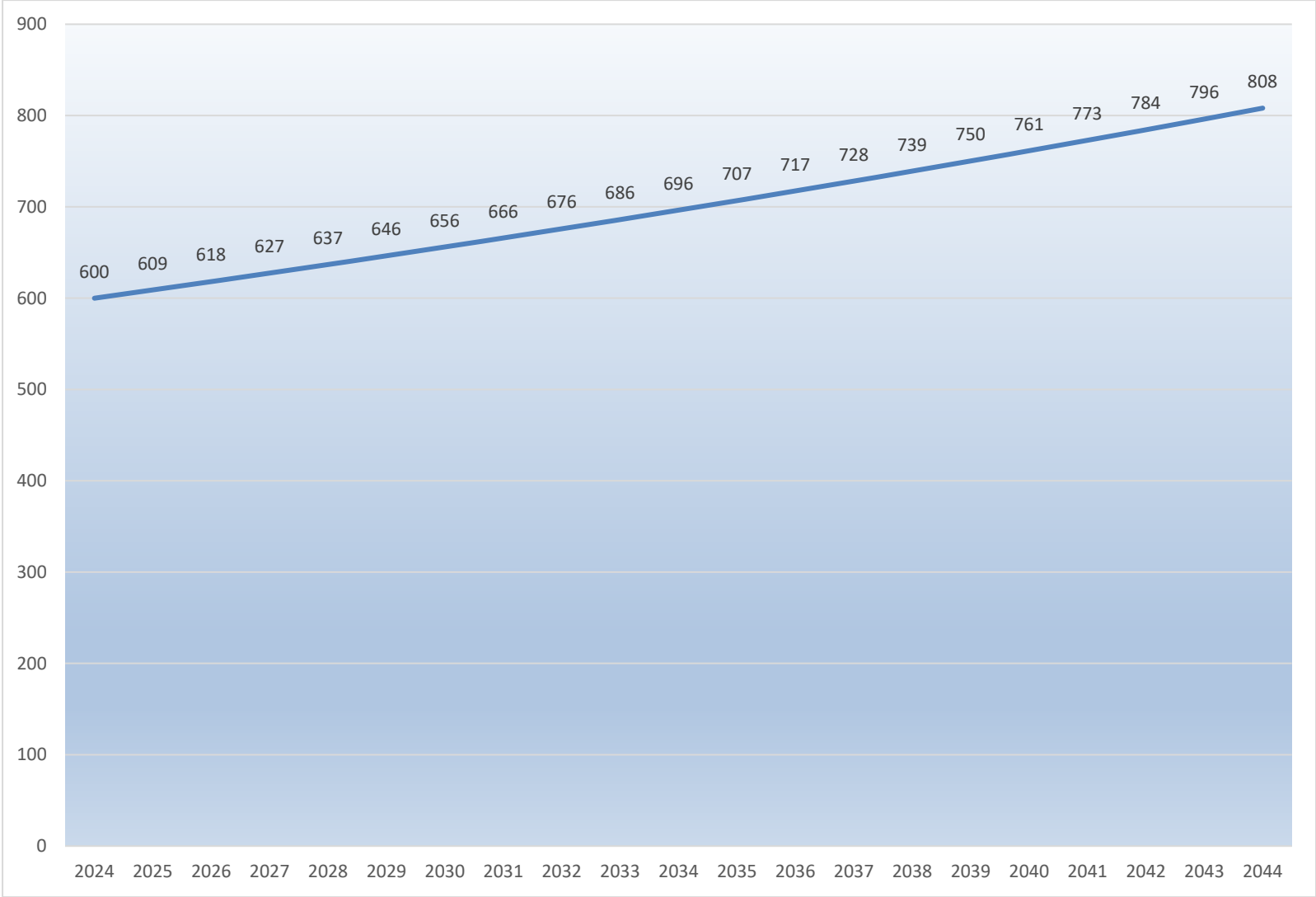
The population is expected to see continued slow growth over the coming years, with any significant increase tied to an increase in available housing. Figure 7 shows projected growth through 2045 at a modest 1.5% per year. The figure shows that the City will not exceed pre-fire population until 2031.

The 2020 Census found that one third of Pateros's population was under 20. Figure 8 depicts Pateros 2020 population by age group. The median age is 37.1, so half are over 37.1 years old and half below. The population is equally divided male and female and the average household size in Pateros is 2.6 persons. The census also revealed that Pateros has a significant Hispanic/Latino population. The City has a 40.8% Hispanic/Latino population which is significantly higher than the Okanogan County total of 19.5% and the Washington State total of 13.7%.

In addition to population characteristics, other factors play a role in how fast the community can grow. According to the 2020 Census, there were 250 housing units in Pateros. The 2020 census found 88.4% were occupied, with 64.3% owner occupied and 35.7% renter occupied.

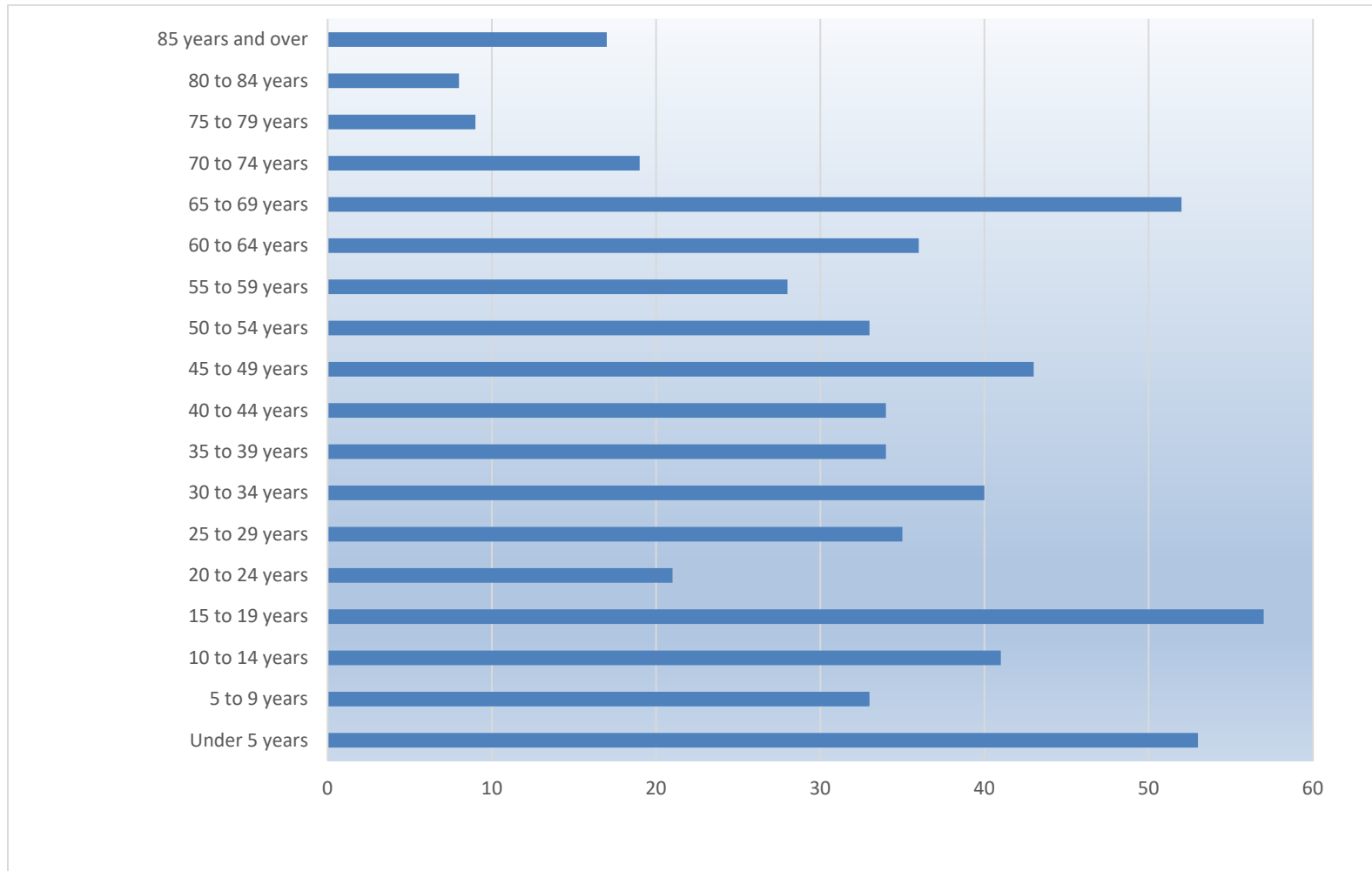


**Figure 6 - Historic Population Data**



**Figure 7. Population Projection**

Note that there has only been one census since 2010 when the population reached a high of 667. Although this document uses the 2020 data and annual estimates, there is some question to the veracity of the 2020 census data, as it does not reflect what the city has seen building permits.



**Figure 8. Population by Age Group**

These population projections indicate what the City can expect in terms of future park needs. However, other factors should also be considered. The service area is much larger than the City limits. The Pateros School District has seen an increase of 3.9% in population from 2010 to 2020. Visitors from neighboring cities and throughout the region use the tennis courts, fishing docks, boat launches, and other park facilities.

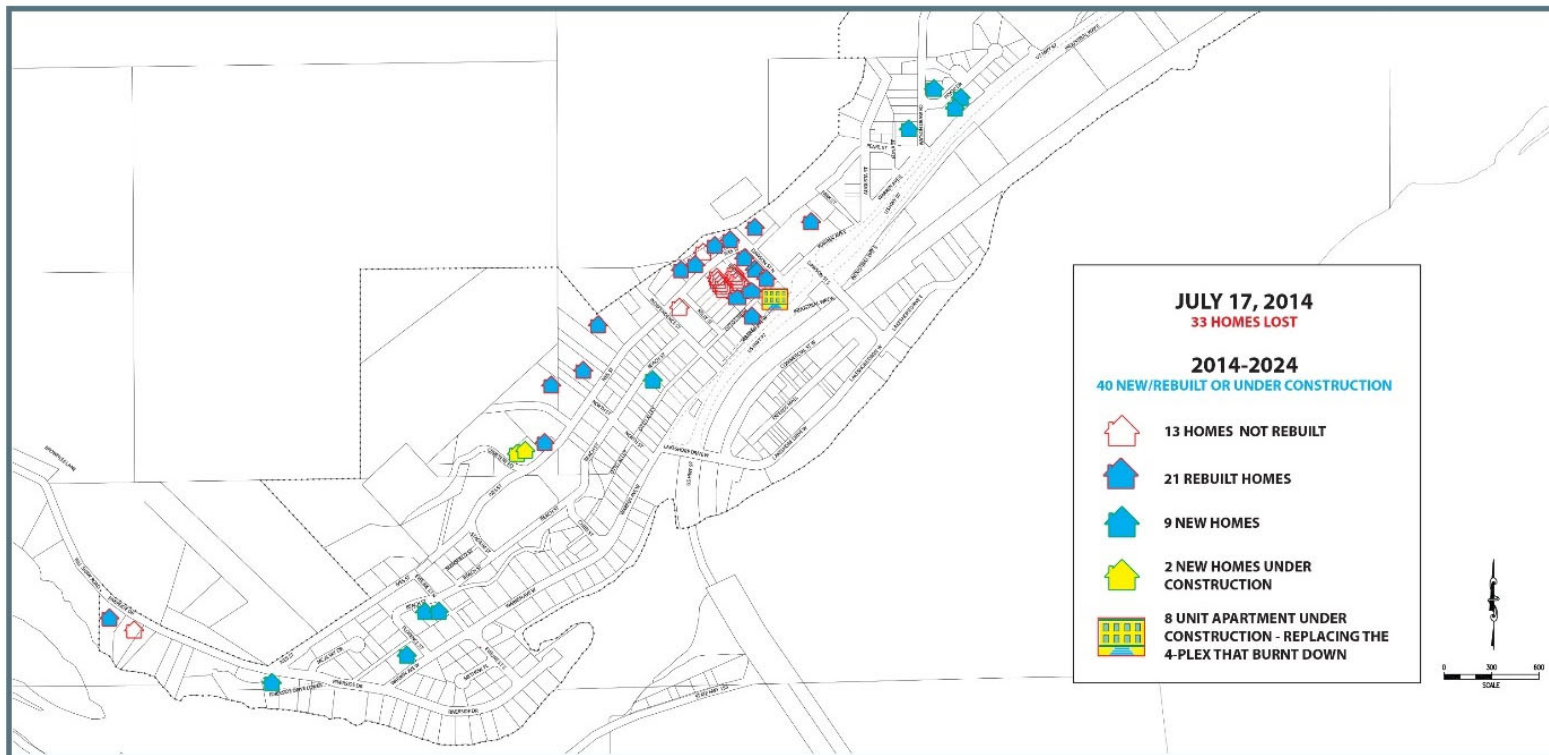
In addition to the local population, tourist season swells the city population, especially on the weekends. Pateros has numerous residences that are second homes and tend to have increased visitor numbers during spring, summer, and fall months. Pateros has two motels with 61 units available for visitors.

In 2014, the City lost 33 homes in the Carlton Complex Fire and at the ten year mark, more than 33 homes were added back to the housing stock. Although not a substantial number, it looks as if the population is much closer to the pre-2014 level. These same building trends can be seen in the surrounding area.

Pateros has limited room for expansion. 90% of the community is developed with housing, businesses, tree fruit and warehouses, and much of what is undeveloped is used as large yards, gardens and storage areas. Figure 9 reflects building permits sold and construction in the City. As a result of the fire disaster, there has been a significant increase in new home construction (see Figure 9) where previously most construction was limited to remodeling, garages, and outbuildings. Growth is limited because of physical land features, Brownlee Hill to the North, Methow River to the West, and Lake Pateros to the South. Although there are adjacent developed and undeveloped properties to the City, the City does not have current plans for annexation. With the numerous limitations, it is not expected that Pateros will exceed a 1.5% annual growth rate over the next 10-20 years.



**HOME CONSTRUCTION 2014 - 2024**



**Figure 9. New Home Construction 2014-2024**

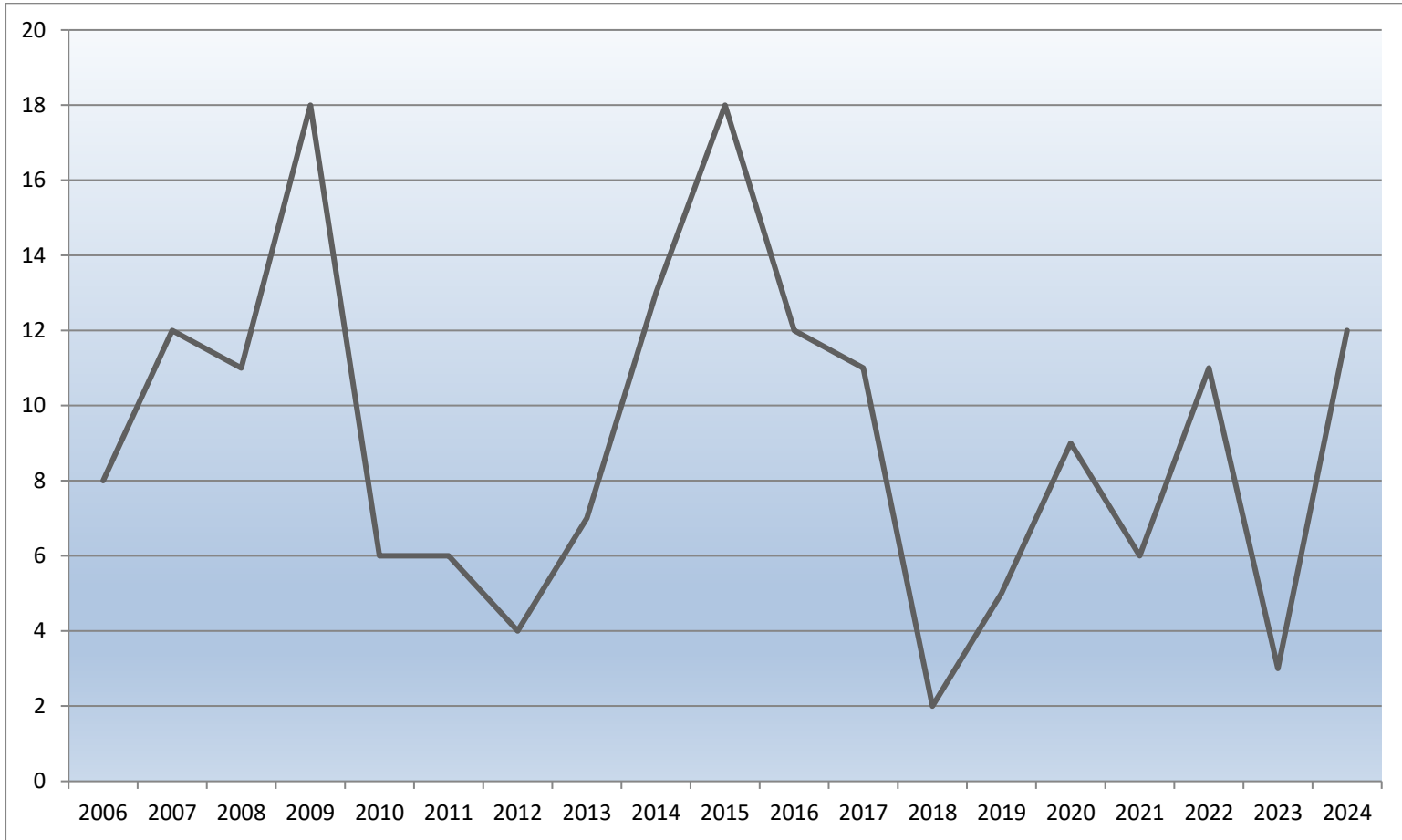
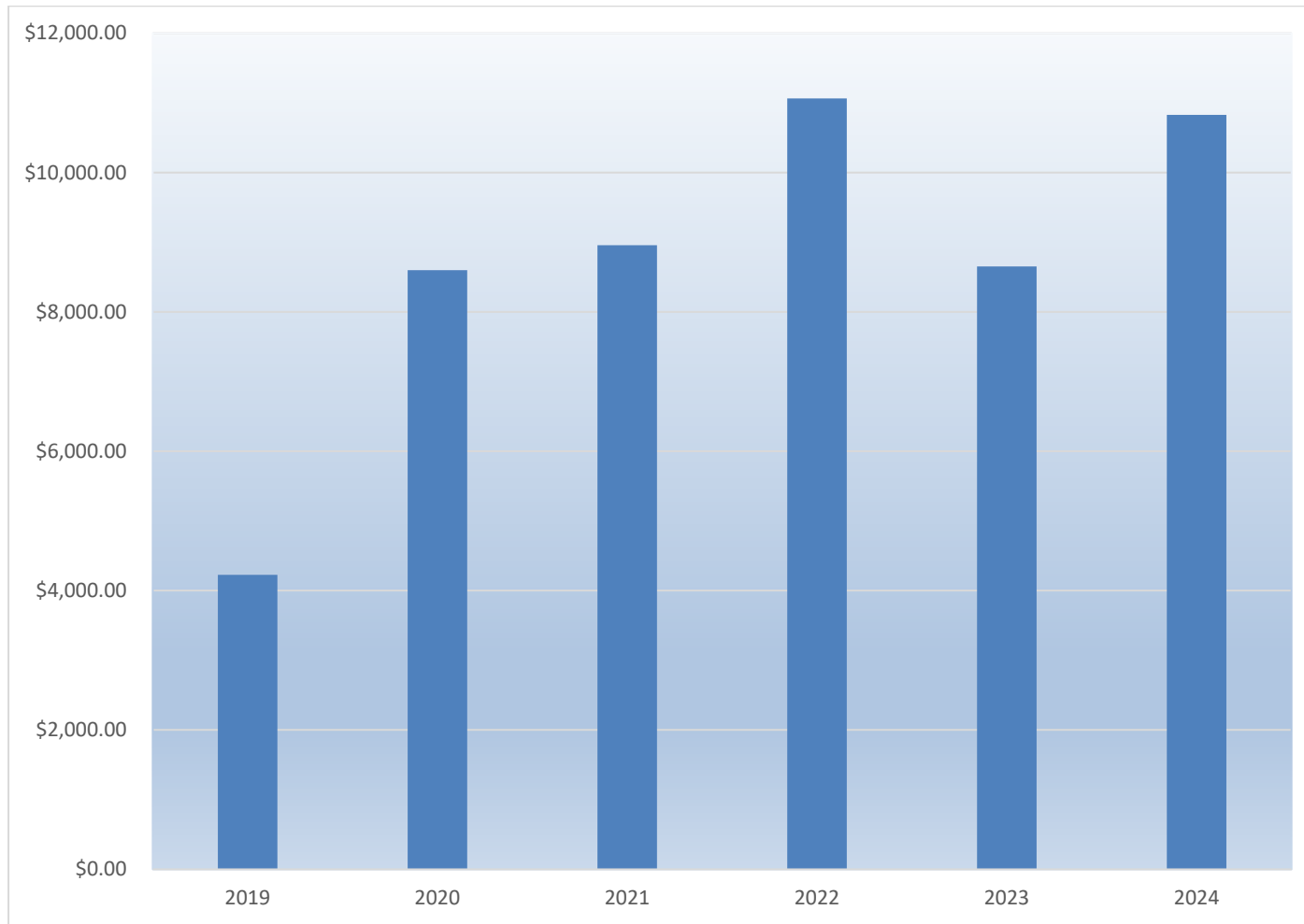


Figure 10. Building Permits 2006-2024

Another source of data that shows use of City Park facilities are usage data. Figure 11 shows the history of overnight parking demand in city parks. Overnight parking is full in the downtown area during peak tourist season and is frequently full during the fall fishing season. Table 1 provides data on Ives Landing Dump Station Use.



**Figure 11. Overnight Camping Fees 2019 - 2024**

**Table 1. Ives Landing Dump Station Use 2019 - 2024**

<b>Ives Landing Dump Station (Sewer Dept)</b>						
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Jan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Feb	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mar	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.00	\$ -	\$ -
Apr	\$ 21.00	\$ 113.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 140.00
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 369.76	\$ 298.00
Jun	\$ 230.75	\$ 268.00	\$ 519.41	\$ 170.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 530.00
Jul	\$ 280.92	\$ 224.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 331.00	\$ 291.05	\$ 267.00
Aug	\$ 155.00	\$ 341.75	\$ 358.00	\$ 266.19	\$ 382.30	\$ 190.00
Sep	\$ 236.06	\$ 126.25	\$ 375.00	\$ 157.02	\$ 176.00	\$ -
Oct	\$ 116.00	\$ 201.35	\$ 230.15	\$ 264.50	\$ -	\$ -
Nov	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dec	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,039.73</b>	<b>\$1,274.35</b>	<b>\$1,788.56</b>	<b>\$ 1,402.71</b>	<b>\$ 1,414.11</b>	<b>\$ 1,425.00</b>

# POLICIES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

## Planning/Policies

Pateros recognizes the important role recreation plays in health, safety, wellbeing, and future development of the community. The City has adopted numerous plans, policies, and codes over the years to help plan for and maintain a high level of recreation service. In the late 1960s, when Pateros was relocated to make way for the filling of Lake Pateros, Memorial and Peninsula Parks were developed as part of the new city. The Methow Boat Launch was built later as part of Douglas PUDs required “Exhibit R” long-term recreation plan. In the relocation move, Pateros’s main street, Methow Street, was redesigned as a pedestrian mall, and more than 40 years later, remains the focal point of the downtown core. Pateros, in cooperation with the Douglas County PUD, has maintained existing facilities with care, while incrementally adding facilities. Parks are treasured by the residents of Pateros and are considered to contribute substantially to the “quality of life” for the overall community.

## Goals and Objectives

The City adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 2007, which was updated in 2014, that contains a Park/Recreation and Open Space Element. The goals and objectives below were originally developed from this plan and have been updated to reflect community input, public workshops, Parks Committee, public survey, and other planning efforts undertaken by the City.

### ***Park and Recreation Goal 1: Provide adequate, well-planned, and well-maintained parks, greenbelts, playgrounds, trails, recreation opportunities and open spaces within the City***

#### **Objectives:**

- Maintain and improve parks and public spaces by increasing diverse use of such spaces.
- Work with the School District to develop property at the east end of the City into a community sports center.
- Improve, expand, and clearly identify pedestrian trails and routes throughout the city and linking all parks and activity centers with residential and commercial areas.
- Encourage and facilitate volunteerism for the park and recreation system.

### ***Park and Recreation Goal 2: Attract visitors to Pateros, thereby enhancing the city’s economy***

#### **Objectives:**

- Improve and maintain image of the City through landscaping of public open spaces. Address City entrances, highway and railroad rights-of-way. Provide “Basecamp” identity, trees, holiday lighting, consistent signage, adequate parking, EV recharging stations and inviting and attractive greenspaces.
- Evaluate highway (Both U.S. 97 and S.R. 153) signage to parks and public spaces. Propose changes as necessary.
- Continue to develop and enhance the Mall as an economic center of recreation activity. Improve pedestrian access from parking and park facilities to the economic center. Encourage community and business use of the Mall.
- Promote the Mall as a space to be used for special events, entertainment, shows and activities – vintage fair, markets, business sidewalk sales, equipment shows.
- Maintain and improve support facilities for visitors and residents such as the EV charging station, bicycle and device chargers, information center, public restrooms, picnic areas, and boat launching/moorage/parking facilities.
- Maximize cultural heritage and history. Celebrate past artists and encourage new installations.
- Develop partnerships with others to maintain and improve the museum and highlight the rich cultural heritage of the region, and the relationship of Ives Landing and Pateros to that heritage.
- Promote and enhance city parks as a destination for small special events such as club meetings and reunions.
- Maximize water orientation by encouraging waterside activities and waterfront attractions, such as docking facilities, pedestrian walks, boat rides, launching, fishing, sketching, etc.
- Maximize Mall and park use. Encourage community events, activities, and entertainment.
- Encourage and provide amenities for peddlers and paddlers. Enhance peddler and paddler access to economic activity.
- Enhance and extend the riverfront trail and its connections. Coordinate with other communities, agencies, and Douglas PUD to make trail links.
- Work with the Douglas PUD and other partners to plan and develop a marina.

**Park and Recreation Goal 3: *Support cooperation and coordination of public and private efforts to provide recreational opportunities***

**Objectives:**

- Coordinate with the Douglas County PUD, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other government agencies in providing diverse recreational opportunities in the area.
- Submit grant applications for needed improvements to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office and all other available funding sources.

- Coordinate maintenance, improvement, and expansion of Pateros' parks with local businesses, service organizations, Douglas County PUD, Pateros School District, and other interested parties.

***Park and Recreation Goal 4: Coordinate Park, Recreation and Open Space planning efforts with Land Use, Downtown, Economic Development, Capital Facilities and Transportation planning and development efforts consistent with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan and Shoreline Master Program and other local and/or regional planning efforts***

**Objectives**

- Pursue development of parks and trails identified in the Pateros Downtown Improvement Plan and Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

***Park and Recreation Goal 5: Embrace the unique character and identity of Pateros as a city of hospitality and basecamp for recreational activities***

**Objectives:**

- Enhance the identity of Pateros as a place of waterfront activity, play and sport.
- Memorialize historic and provide educational facilities and/or displays that illustrate and support the cultural heritage of Pateros using sculpture, furnishings, and other design elements in all parks.
- Create a City of Pateros program for "public arts in the parks".

**Park and Recreation Goal 6: Increase active sports opportunities.**

**Objectives:**

- Provide improved basketball courts
- Provide beach volleyball
- Pursue the development of sports complex/rink or other development for softball, baseball, soccer, track and skating

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD**

The construction of Wells Dam by the Douglas PUD resulted in parts of the original City being submerged in Lake Pateros. The PUD now owns much of the shoreline in the City. The City and PUD, through periodic agreements, manage

City of Pateros, Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan 2018

the shoreline areas to meet the needs of numerous interest groups. Parks and recreation facilities provide key access to the City's shorelines. Most of the parks fall within the PUD shoreline, so maintenance and capital improvements are often funded through City and PUD agreements.

### **City of Pateros/Douglas PUD Recreation Operations and Maintenance Agreement**

The annual agreement between the City and PUD provides the city with responsibility for: Administration; Operation of Recreation Facilities and Grounds; and, Maintenance and Upkeep Recreation Facilities and Grounds Properties with the PUD responsible for improvements over \$10,000 within the following parks:

- Memorial Park
- Peninsula Park
- Ives Landing
- Methow Boat Launch

Starting in 2010, Douglas PUD began payment of an annual sum of \$60,000 (which has been adjusted annually for inflation) to the City to provide all administration and routine operation and maintenance at each park facility (in 2024 total provided by the PUD was \$84,220), with exceptions. For example, the tennis courts and restrooms at the Riverside Drive Access Park fall outside the PUD agreement and are the responsibility of the City.

## **OTHER PLANS**

### **City Plans**

- City of Pateros Comprehensive Plan Park/Recreation and Open Space Element (2007)

Adopted in December of 2007 and updated in 2018, the City of Pateros Comprehensive Plan includes a Park/Recreation and Open Space Element (Park/Rec Element). The Park/Recreation Element outlines five parks planning goals and numerous objectives (see above). This Element is being updated as part of the update of this Park Plan.

- Capital Facilities Plan, (2010)

Adopted in August of 2010 and updated in 2012, the Capitol Facilities Plan prioritizes and schedules capital expenditures needed for acquisition, repair, and replacement of essential capital projects. This plan is slated for an update in 2025.

The parks Level of Service standard in the Capital Facilities Plan is 0.4 acres per hundred residents. The standard reflects the judgment that existing park area is sufficient to meet the needs of the projected 20-year population. The total park acreage is close to 1 acre per 100 residents.

➤ Downtown Business District Plan (2016)

The Downtown Business District Plan (DBDP), updated by staff, was adopted November 2016. The purpose of the plan was to “ensure that it maximizes new opportunities while protecting and enhancing its existing character.” The plan identifies recommendations and prioritizes projects.

The plan addresses:

- Economics and Marketability
- Pateros Image Objectives
- Developing Opportunities
- Areas for Increased Focus
- Community Opportunities
- Development Opportunities

Pateros has moved forward on numerous projects within the plan and numerous recommendations remain.

➤ “Pateros Downtown Market Study” (2024)

This recent planning document provides detailed conceptual plans for rehabilitation of the Pateros Mall which the City has received a \$2.5 million federal grant for implementation.

➤ Other neighboring/regional plans reviewed in the development of the Plan:

- Pateros Shoreline Master Program (2023)
- Okanogan County Outdoor Recreation Plan (2011)
- Brewster Park and Recreation Plan (2002)

This Park and Recreation Plan is intended to reflect and build upon previous planning efforts. Specifically, the plan identifies needs and projects that are consistent with the previous plans adopted by the City. See City of Pateros Comprehensive Plan Chapter V for more details. This document is intended to complement, not compete with previous planning efforts.



# EXISTING PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES

## General

This section focuses on improvements and ongoing programs needed for all parks. The most pressing needs include:

- Security cameras to help reduce vandalism.
- Park hours and rules need to be reviewed, updated in the code, and posted at parks. Clear rules will make it easier for law enforcement to manage.
- Mower over ten years. Needs replaced.
- Irrigation systems maintenance and replacement
- Arbor Day and tree program
- Address overflow parking needs

While the first three items are self-explanatory, the following section provides greater detail on the irrigation systems, the Arbor Day Tree program and parking needs.

## Irrigation Systems

Because of the arid climate, irrigation is the only way to maintain the beautiful parks and green spaces that grace Pateros. Commercial irrigation systems have a life expectancy of 25-35 years. Dry systems (systems that are blown out in the winter) are more exposed to winter freeze-thaw cycles and may only last 20-25 years. The city replaces parts on a much shorter schedule; heads (3-7 years), valves (7-10 years) and controllers (10-15 years). As a system approaches its life expectancy, there is an increase in difficult repairs in the distribution system, check valves, manifolds, and control wires. Remodels and adjustments are made throughout the life of the system, but landscapes and trees grow, and park uses change. There are multiple manual systems still used throughout the city. Table 2 provides data on the parks and open spaces irrigation systems and Table 3 water usage data for irrigated parks.

Goals for replacement or upgrades to the systems include:

- water conservation
- remote controls
- parts that are common and easy to maintain
- ability to adjust for weather and events

**Table 2. Irrigation System Inventory**  
**CITY PARK IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

<b>System</b>	<b>Install</b>	<b>Years in service</b>	<b>Condition</b> (poor, fair, good)	<b>Notes</b>
Ives landing	2017	7	Good	The zone at picnic shelter needs remodeled. Additional irrigation/drip line needed for vegetation along shoreline. Manual drip line at RV dump station.
Memorial Park	1988	36	Poor	Valves and control wires fail on an annual basis. The system takes 12-14 hours to cycle during the busy, summer months, and visitors get a wet surprise when a zone advances. Additional capacity is needed, as there is only one supply line for the whole park and the lawns in front of the Super Stop and Howards Inn. The system still has pre-1988 systems around the kitchen and picnic shelters.
Methow Boat Launch	1988	36	Poor	System was installed with Memorial Park. The original system had major design flaws that has made water the park challenging. Two additional zones were added in 2018 to get better coverage in the landscapes.
Peninsula Park	1988 2013 renovation	36+	Poor	The System is a hodgepodge of remodels. The system around the restroom and playground area is pre-1988, probably from the original installation in the 60s or 70s. Those control valves and wires fail regularly and are increasingly difficult to repair. Zone remodels were made in response to the installation of the playground and kitchen shelter. The system was transitioned from manual to automatic in 2013.
Tennis Courts	1990s	33	Fair	Not sure exact year of installation. The system is simple with only three zones. New check valve and manifold installed in 2017
ROW Parks #1-3	1960s	50+	Poor	There are numerous irrigation systems within the US97 right of way corridor. Most are retrofitted with battery operated controllers.

				Distribution lines are galvanized and failing. Some drip lines have been added in the last 20 years.
Mall	Unknown	25+	Poor	Three systems were installed at different times with original galvanized lines feeding the trees. A major renovation was completed in the 1990s or early 2000s and the splash pad zone was added in 2011.
Pump Station #3	2017	7	Good	Installed with pump station
Riverview Pavilion	2018	6	Good	Installed with pump station.
Warren Avenue	2021	3	Good	Street trees along Warren from the tennis courts to Chris Street.

Below is a schedule of the largest water users in the park system.

**Table 3. Irrigation Water Consumption by Park - 2023**

<b>Water Consumption for Irrigation in 2023</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Gallons</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Memorial	4,728,902	\$5,573.36
Methow Boat Launch	2,014,567	\$2,877.36
Peninsula Park	2,533,585	\$3,392.36
ROW Landscapes	2,959,825.	\$5,564.08
Riverview Pavilion	1,083,464	\$1,948.36

*Note: Douglas PUD pays for 40 acre-feet of water rights annually for city parks.*

## **Arbor Day & Tree Program**

The city manages an estimated 350-400 trees, with over 250 trees planted since becoming a member of the Tree City USA Program in 2013. The city has an active tree board and holds an annual Celebration. To continue this successful program, the following items are needed:

- There is one ISA certified arborist on staff; a second is needed to keep continuity in the program.
- Inventory of trees to develop infrastructure value, pruning and maintenance schedules,
- Create an QR code ID system for the public to get growing information on the many species of trees, growing habits, age, historical and/or cultural significance. This program would be helpful for residents choosing appropriate trees for the appropriate site.

## **Parking**

Boaters squeezed into every possible spot in the downtown area. For example, Methow Boat Launch has six stalls, but 12 plus trailers filled the lot, leaving no turnaround space to get out.



**Figure 12. Ives Landing to Dawson Truck/Trailer Parking During 2024 Sockeye Season**



**Figure 13. Ives Landing Parking Near RV Dump Station**



**Figure 14. Ives Landing Truck/Trailer Parking Along Railroad.**

The following table provides a summary of the number of existing parking stalls available in City Parks.

**Table 4. Parking Stalls**

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Location	Stalls
Ives Landing	7
Ives Landing to Dawson St.	24
Methow Boat Launch	6
Warren above Methow Boat Launch	3
Along Commercial Ave.	10
Memorial Park curb	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>55</b>

### **Pateros Cemetery - Okanogan County Cemetery District No. 3**

The Cemetery District is governed by an elected, three-member Board of Commissioners with property taxes the primary source of funding for the district operations. The district provides maintenance and operation services for the cemetery. As of May 2024, the City of Pateros signed an Interlocal Agreement with the Cemetery District to provide lawn maintenance and weed trimming. The district also contracts with the City to open and close graves.

On Memorial Day, the Fire Department displays veterans' flags along Cemetery Road. The city maintains roadside for the display. The cemetery is over 100 feet higher in elevation than Ives Street and is a popular exercise climb. A small picnic table and portable toilet are just outside the cemetery fence under some large shade trees. It is a popular spot for locals to have lunch.



Figure 15. Memorial Day Flags 2024



**Figure 16. Cemetery Viewpoint**

Opportunities for enhancement of the Cemetery as open space:

- Plant additional shade trees along Cemetery Road from the reservoir to the cemetery. To help screen the reservoir property.
- Create a viewpoint lookout and resting area.

## **INVENTORY**

This section provides an inventory of existing facilities and open spaces. At present, the City owns and maintains approximately 7.28 acres of park and recreation property. In addition to the park and recreation property the City maintains 4.4 acres of open space and right-of-way along Hwy 97 and another 0.98 acres at the old city reservoir site. A pedestrian walking path/trail connects downtown Pateros to the residential district, and in 2023, was extended northward to Ives Landing Park. The park and recreation system is a vital part of the Pateros community and provides residents and visitors both passive and active recreation, sporting, educational and enjoyment opportunities.

Table 5 provides a summary of the city's parks and open spaces.

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**Table 5. Inventory**

<b>Park, Recreation and Open Space Inventory Overview</b>		
<b>Outdoor Facilities</b>		
<b>Park Name</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Primary Purpose</b>
Memorial Park	3.00	Community Park - Community festival grounds, picnic areas, stage/pavilion, boat/fishing docks, hand-launch boat launch, historical and memorial markers, playground equipment, year-around bathroom and shower facilities, gazebos, RV parking, and pedestrian trail.
Methow Boat launch	1.40	Special Use Park-primarily a seasonal boat launching facility with restrooms (boat launch and restrooms closed in winter). It also has basketball hoops and a pedestrian trail link to Memorial Park.
Peninsula Park	1.30	Neighborhood Park - playground equipment, gazebos, swimming area, seasonal restrooms, large lawn.
Tennis Courts	1.00	Special Use Park - primarily for tennis use. Covered seating area, bleachers, seasonal restrooms, and hand launch boat ramp. This park is used predominantly by the School District during tennis season.
U.S. 97 Open Space	1.40	Natural Resource Area - Primarily used as a visual buffer between US 97 and residential area. Contains no facilities or structures and besides pedestrian corridors and trails it has limited uses
Pateros School District	3.59 <sup>1</sup> 7.87 <sup>2</sup>	School- - Primary use is by School District. Includes gym, playground, and sports field used for football, baseball, softball, and other sports. The larger parcel is vacant land the district intends to develop into a sports complex with a local non-profit proposing the development of an ice rink,
Ives Landing	0.75	Special Use Park - year-around boat launch and parking, RV spaces, tent camping, restroom and shower-house and a stepped concrete bulkhead used for hydro launch
Pateros Mall	0.30	Special Use Park - Pedestrian Plaza/mall, central spine of downtown business district, memorial benches and signage, picnic tables, fountain/children's splash-pad, landscaping/trees
Reservoirs Reflector Art	0.98	Existing Water Reservoirs were the subject of a Richard Elliot Reflector Art installation in 1992. The installation was destroyed by the 2014 wildfire but restored and dedicated in 2015.

<sup>1</sup> - developed and located at primary campus

<sup>2</sup> - property acquired at east end of city

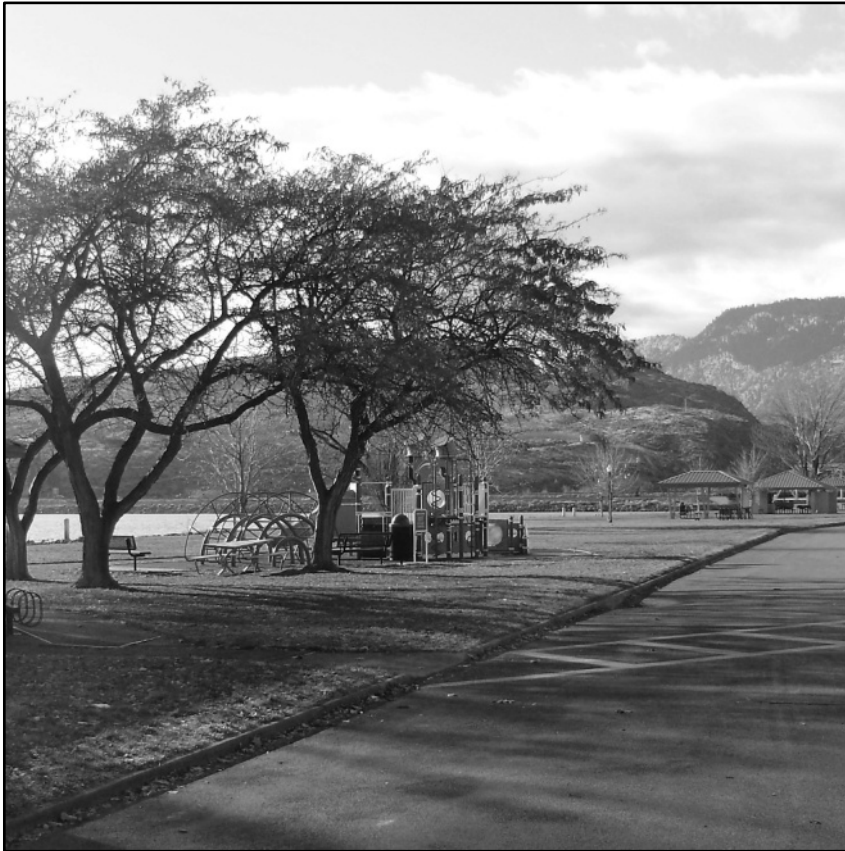
<b>Indoor Facilities</b>		
Pateros School Dist. Gymnasium		Open to the public, limited availability
Pateros Municipal Building		Special Use Park Facility – Visitor center, museum, limited public meeting space

## **Memorial Park**

Memorial Park is a 3.00-acre facility located on Lake Pateros adjoining the central business district. This site includes picnic areas/shelters, four boat docks, historical markers and signs, a monument to the native Methow peoples, benches, playground equipment, restroom facilities, and RV parking. A waterfront trail runs the entire length of the park. The trail links the residential districts across US 97, with a highway underpass, from the Boat launch on the Methow River to Ives Landing Park to the north.

Memorial Park is the largest and most visible park in Pateros. It is important as both a site for residents and for visitors seeking rest and recreation along the Columbia River and is the primary site for community events and festivals such as the Apple Pie Jamboree, Hydro Races, and the Salmon Bake. Memorial Park has a boat launch for hand launching boats. This waterfront park is the most visible feature of the City of Pateros by travelers coming from the south along U.S. 97.

First constructed in 1968 when the town was moved during the construction of Wells Dam, the Park is managed by the City of Pateros, with occasional improvements in cooperation with the Douglas County PUD. Initially constructed as a



lakeside picnic area, the city added the pedestrian underpass in 1994 to provide a safer link between downtown Pateros, the Methow River Boat Launch and residential areas, and in 2017 dedicated the Methow Monument to areas indigenous people.

In 2019, the City constructed Well 4 Pump Station, also known as the Riverview Pavilion. The multi-use facility is a primary source of potable water for the community, stage, and interpretive center. The pavilion is an event space considered part of Memorial Park connecting the park to the Pateros Mall with green space. It is used by the librarian for reading hour and hosts Santa at the Christmas in the City event. During events, Lakeshore Drive and the pavilion parking lot are flexible space becoming the parade route, seating area for movie-in-the-park, vendor space & 3-on-3 basketball tournament space.

**Figure 17. Memorial Park Playground**

Memorial Park is identified in the 2016 Downtown District Business Plan as a key component in the economic

development of the downtown core. The plan calls for the following:

- Maximize water orientation by encouraging waterside activities, clearly open to the public-docking facilities, boats, boat rides, launching, fishing, sketching, etc.
- Maximize water orientation by drawing public to water's edge by system of spaces, pedestrian walks, and riverfront attractions
- The riverfront is under-utilized with only passive recreational opportunities.
- Re-establish the 'historic' and cultural place of Pateros
- Maximize and celebrate the physical relationship of Pateros to the Columbia River, the Methow Valley, and the Okanogan regions.

- Develop a powerful presence along the river recapturing the identity of a riverfront town.
- Symbolize historic events using furnishings, and other design elements.
- Develop a structure suitable for entertainment, festivals, performances, and celebrations.
- Expand the vision of riverfront town.
- Enhance the riverfront trail to provide more urban features and interest in the park
- Improve connections from Memorial Park to the Mall.
- Improve views from business core to park and lake.
- Make ADA assessment and upgrades

Over the past decade improvements to the park have included tree removal/pruning/planting, sidewalk improvements, replacement of fall protection at the playground and installation of the Methow Monument with a sculpture and historical information on native peoples. The PUD has replaced all of the docks along the park; two picnic shelters; and a full remodel of the park restrooms. In 2019, the Riverview Pavilion was constructed and is a center piece of food and entertainment during events and festivals.

Other improvements and questions about park use include:

- Is there a place for paddle board, kayak, electric bike rentals downtown? Should it be on private or public property?
- What about summer vendors or food trucks?
- Two large willows are dying and need to be removed.
- Amenities - additional benches are needed for the playground area. Older benches are ready for replacement. Additional picnic tables are needed for the park.
- Swimming facilities are frequently asked for at this park. The shoreline is a steep drop off more than 50' deep at the end of dock. There is motorized boat traffic, creating a conflict for swimmers. The main channel of the Methow river flows against the Memorial Park shoreline creating dangerous currents. Douglas PUD policy has been for no swimming because of these considerations.
- The horseshoe pits were removed for lack of use and their high maintenance. The Monument Committee has shown interest in expanding the existing feature. Expansion proposals include (See concept pages in appendix): council ring, art, and native plantings.

### **Apple Pie Jamboree (APJ)**

- Happens during sockeye season, so parking and lake access is a premium. Overnight mooring may ease early morning launching during salmon season.
- Lakeshore Drive – between Dawson and the Riverview Pavilion needs permanent striping for the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The lines could be creative in color and would emphasize the pedestrian nature of Lakeshore Drive.
- Temporary and flexible shade structures are needed for events and summer use.
- Additional power and potable water are needed for vendors
- Outdoor potable water and event electricity is needed at the restroom facility.

### **Jet Ski & Boat Races**

- Sandbar continues to grow at the mouth of the Methow. Can it be dredged? Or is it a reality we will be living with. It is pushing the racecourses further upstream – especially for the hydro’s. How does this affect future use of lake and park?
- As the course moves upstream, premium race viewing is in front of City Hall. Continue to develop shade, seating, and picnic amenities for racers and visitors in front of city hall.
- Additional RV spaces and boat trailer parking are needed for both APJ & Classic Hydro events.
- Crane used for hydros is hard on grass and leaves huge ruts. A structural grass (grass paver) area, used for large vehicles traveling across grass, is needed for crane use.



**Figure 18. Sandbar developing at mouth of Methow**

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**Figure 19. Prime Viewing for Hydro Races**

**Memorial Kitchen Expansion for Group Use**

City hosts many functions that would benefit from an expanded kitchen area.

- City Festivals - Apple Pie Jamboree, Classic Hydro's & Christmas in the City.
- Private Gatherings - family reunions, graduation and birthday parties.
- Community Events - Cascade Loop bicycle groups use it for mid-ride picnic lunch; class reunions; Forest Service and agency training; & business picnics.
- Emergency use during fire season by fire teams.

### **Memorial Kitchen Improvements**

- Expansion and improvements to main kitchen. Fixtures need replaced
- Electric upgrades to kitchen - Not enough electricity to facilitate larger gatherings. Need to be able to support multiple crock pots and warmers without blowing the fuses.
- Tankless hot water needs to be larger to support handwashing and sanitation during events.
- Extend patios from curb to trail
- Add shade structures over patios to host gatherings of 75-150 guests.
- Additional tables and trash receptacles needed



**Figure 20. Planned Kitchen Expansion**

### **Pateros Municipal Building - Visitor Center and Museum**

- There is room for outdoor exhibits on the trail side of the Museum
- Murals or art can be added to the bump outs on the Museum
- Charging stations for visitors? Bike & device charging?

- Move transformers on Lakeshore to allow for maintenance and a pedestrian sidewalk from the waterfront trail to Lakeshore Drive.

### **Memorial Park**

- Add charging stations for visitors? Bikes?
- Develop patio and picnic area on lakeside of city hall next to building.

### **Methow Monument Exhibit**

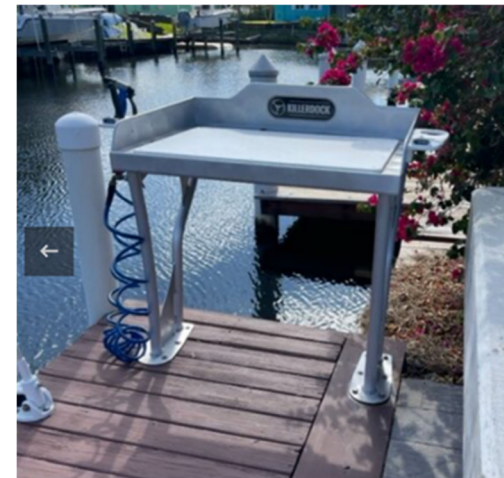
- Continue working with the Methow Tribe Committee and further develop the site to enhance education and support the annual Salmon Bake event. Horseshoe pits were removed, making room for an expansion of the exhibit. SEE conceptual plan for expansion.

### **Riverview Pavilion**

- Upgraded screen and speaker system needed for Movie in the Park.

### **Methow Boat Launch Park**

Methow Boat Launch Park is a 1.40 acre site located immediately adjacent to U.S. 97 off Warren Avenue. This area includes a boat launch on the Methow River, a paved parking area, bathrooms, and basketball hoops. This is the primary boat launching facility for recreational users seeking access to the Methow River and Lake Pateros. Silt accumulation hinders launch access during low water. The boat launch is closed late fall because it is inaccessible during winter months due to early freezing and in early spring due to runoff from the Methow River.



**Figure 21. Fish Cleaning Station that Mounts to Dock.**

In 2014, the PUD dredged Steelhead Bay and made improvements to the boat ramp.

The landscape is mostly developed and in fair condition. Needed improvements include:

- Extend the waterfront trail along the river to Peninsula Park.
- Most vandalized park. Security cameras are needed.
- Restroom renovation is due.
- Replace fixtures and plumbing
- Replace drinking fountain
- Add boat rinse station
- Fish cleaning station needed for end of dock.



**Figure 22. Methow Boat Launch During Fishing Season**

### **Peninsula Park**

Peninsula Park is a 1.30 acre site located at the east end of Riverside Drive in the residential district of Pateros, on the Methow River. The park includes playground equipment, a large lawn area and a swimming beach. Bathrooms were added in 1970, and a covered picnic area was added in 1999. Peninsula Park is a popular site for residents of Pateros for summer recreation and small gatherings. The swimming beach is very popular, in spite of swimmer’s itch, aquatic growth, and silt accumulation. A new restroom facility was installed in 2018.

Planned improvements include:

- PUD plans to expand swim beach in 2025
- Add a beach volleyball court to the west of the restroom. Large sycamore and birch are starting to decline because of disease and major pruning was completed in 2023.
- Old gazebo is ready for a rehab. Electricity panel and wiring either needs renovated or removed for safety.



- Expand patio around playground for ease of maintenance.
- **Peninsula Park Playground Picnic Shelter**
- Hard surface needs added between beach access ramp, playground, and benches.
- Add bench to playground area.
- Add rinse shower to reduce swimmers' itch.
- Replace drinking fountain to include pet waterer.
- Review of code and Okanogan County rules regarding boating within the estuary and the conflict with swimmers. Add safety signage for boaters.
- Kitchen gazebo is due for significant rehab. Water and sump pump are needed. Water was lost during the construction of the restroom, and never restored. It needs painting and repairs to the soffit. The large ash, the beavers destroyed needs to be replaced.
- Sidewalk connecting park to the city sidewalk system at Warren is needed.

**Figure 23.**

### **Tennis Courts (Riverside Drive Recreation Access Site)**

The Tennis Courts are located on a 1.00 acre site on Riverside Drive along the Methow River in the Residential district.

Constructed in 1971, this site includes three fenced and lighted tennis courts, a covered seating area, bleachers, and restrooms.

Outside the fenced area between the tennis courts and the river is a small area of open space. The Tennis Courts are used throughout the year, including use by the High School Tennis Team. Lights are on a timer, and previous policy allowed for illuminating the courts until 10p.m. each day. In 2011, LED lights were added as part of an energy efficiency grant, allowing for public use of lights until 10pm. In 2007, the PUD removed the tennis courts and restrooms from within their project boundary, so all maintenance, resurfacing, and lighting costs fall solely on the city.



In 2018, as part of the Water Improvement Project, the city replaced the service line to the restroom facility, and installed a beach for a hand launching kayak and paddle board access to the

## Figure 24. Tennis Courts

Methow River. In 2024, a grant was received from the Transportation Improvement Board to reconfigure the Warren/Riverside intersection, vehicular access to Lower Riverside Drive and parking at the tennis courts.

The City expects approval of a \$621,419 grant from the Recreation Conservation Office to replace the existing courts. The 2025 project will include a replacement of court surfaces and the addition of 9 pickleball courts. Other needed improvements include:

- Kiosk are needed for events and park rules.
- Picnic pad with grill
- Swimming signage needed
- Updates to pavilion – including painting, roof, restroom fixtures, soffits, and restroom reconfiguration.
- Electric and lighting needed at pavilion
- Turn one restroom into storage for pickleball nets – the other into unisex restroom.
- Recommend renegotiating school contribution with annual increases based on the CPI

### **U.S. 97 Corridor Open Space**

The U.S. 97 Corridor runs north-south through the city. The developed Open Space is 1.40 acre of green area located along the north side of U.S. 97 from the highway bridge to Dawson Street, and over 3.0 acres of undeveloped land along U.S. 97. The developed site is irrigated landscaped with grass and shrubs sloping towards the highway and contains no facilities or structures, with the exception of the Pateros High School reader-board. The undeveloped corridor is unkept and could provide screening and buffer from traffic and railroad, has areas that could be used for overflow event parking, could provide pedestrian corridors and trails connecting outlying neighborhoods to the central business district, school, and parks.



## US 97 CORRIDOR EXHIBIT



### CORRIDOR SITES

- a. Methow Boat Launch park
- b. ROW Park #3
- c. Bridge Wetland
- d. ROW Park #2
- e. Historic Reservoirs
- f. ROW Park #1
- g. Pump Station #3

- h. US97 ROW Warren/Pederson
- i. Winter Barn ditch
- j. Old wells
- k. Great ditch
- l. North side of Commercial
- m. South side of Commercial
- n. Winter Barn

### PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS

Dashed yellow lines show potential pedestrian connections from neighborhoods to work, school, parks and downtown services.

**Figure 25. US 97 Corridor**

The U.S. 97 Open Space is identified in the 2016 Downtown District Business Plan as a key component in the economic development of the downtown core. The Downtown Plan identified the following strategies:

- Provide clarity of access, circulation, and arrival
- Provide street trees, curbs, and sidewalks for safety
- Increase sidewalk width to 5.5' minimum to improve safety

- Maximize public safety along U.S. 97, reducing traffic speed, providing clarity to intersections, maximizing pedestrian safety, and reducing noise and visual blight.
- Provide “Gateway” identity to Pateros
- Provide attractive park-like setting
- Where appropriate, increase use with park benches, picnic tables, outdoor exercise equipment and historical signage

Improvements to the corridor have been made over the last decade, include tree planting and pruning, removal of trees and brush along railroad, placement, grading, and seeding of dredge material from the Methow Boat Launch along railroad by the PUD. The Large Ditch is mowed regularly and is used for overflow parking. In 2014, entrance signs and improvements to the landscapes were installed the Lakeshore and Dawson intersections.

## **Parks and Open Spaces**

The following list provides a general summary of desired improvements for various parts of the park and open space system.

- a. Methow Boat Launch Park – The landscape is mostly developed and in fair condition. Extend the waterfront trail to Peninsula Park
- b. ROW Park #3 – (US97, Lakeshore & Warren) sidewalk/trail needed to connect Lakeshore to Dawson along Warren. The landscape needs complete renovation.
- c. Wetland - Backwater out of the Methow with wildlife habitat potential. Invasive weeds need management. Great opportunity for educational project or exhibit. ROW at Lakeshore end needs renovated.
- d. ROW Park #2 (Between Dawson and Independence) Warren is narrow. A sidewalk connecting Lakeshore and Dawson is needed for pedestrian safety. There is a new 8-plex apartment complex being built with no yard space across the street. A picnic area and benches would be great for the residents.
- e. Historic Reservoirs – Iconic reservoirs are the first thing seen when entering Pateros from South US97, day or night. The reservoirs would make a great viewpoint. The city purchased an adjacent 8.78 acre parcel and any development should consider the preservation of these reservoirs and recreation opportunities.
- f. ROW Park #1 (north side of Dawson) A sidewalk/trail along Warren from Dawson to Pryor is needed to connect residents on Park, Augusta, Pearl, Pryor, Edna, and Watson Draw to the sidewalk system. This is a narrow, steep street and is heavily traveled by farming and truck traffic hauling fruit. Apple House hauls fruit waste up Watson

Draw Road, so truck traffic is year around. The Pateros Apartments are across the street from the park and have no outside yard. A benches and picnic table on a concrete pad in the shade of the large trees would be used by the neighborhood.

- g. Pump Station #3 – fitting example of low water/maintenance landscapes. Can be a rest stop or picnic site for a trail system.
- h. US 97 ROW Warren/Pederson - Alternate route for pedestrian connection between Pederson Road and downtown. Can a multi-user (even primitive) ATV/pedestrian trail connect Pederson Road neighborhood to town?
- i. Winter Barn Ditch – Needs fill and landscaping. It would be useful extension of the proposed Fish Camp RV Park.
- j. Old Wells – Prominent and highly visible location. Needs wayfinding signage or art encouraging visitors from the north to pull into downtown.
- k. Great Ditch – Large unsightly space. It has been graded, native grass planted and kept mowed neat. Great place for overflow parking. A pedestrian crossing midway is needed, which may connect Independence Street, overflow parking and the downtown. The north end is wide enough for a jr. soccer practice lawn. Are there other creative uses that space would support? Beach volleyball, basketball, community garden space, or a mountain bike track? Dog park? Large billboards are unattractive and need removed as they detract from the cities desired aesthetic.
- l. North side of Commercial – Improve parking and add way-finding markers visible from US97
- m. South side of Commercial – Sidewalk construction to be completed in 2024.



**Figure 26. Us 97 Open Space #1**



Figure 27. US 97 Open Space #2



Figure 28. Us 97 Open Space #2

The central corridor is Highway US 97 with Warren Avenue parallel to the north and Cascade and Columbia River Railroad, Commercial Avenue, and Industrial Way parallel to the south.

A US 97 Corridor design/plan is needed to set needs and goals for improvements to the open space along this corridor follow:

- Improve the aesthetic of the corridor
- Enhance the visibility of the business district as a “thriving commercial district”
- Create safe pedestrian connections
- Reduce maintenance and costs of landscapes
- Reduce water consumption
- Express community identity and culture through art
- Develop implementation plan. Identify grant opportunities that would help develop the site.
- Enhance recreation activity
- Remove Billboards



**Figure 29. US 97 Open Space #3**



**Figure 30. US 97 Open Space #1 & Pateros Apartments**



**Figure 31. US 97 Open Space Old Wells**



**Figure 32. US 97 Open Space Industrial Way Off Ramp**



**Figure 33. US 97 Open Space Winter Barn Ditch**



**Figure 34. US 97 Open Space Winter Barn Site**



Figure 35. Commercial Avenue

### **Reservoir Art and Open Space**

This 0.98 acre site contains two decommissioned reservoirs The Carlton Complex wild fire in 2014. Because of the historic significance of the artist and the installation, the mural was reinstalled and rededicated in July of 2016 using insurance funds. In 2023, the City purchased an undeveloped 8.78 acre property just to the north of the site.



**Figure 36. Old Reservoirs**

### **Pateros School District Properties**

The facilities at the School District include a gym and sports field used for softball, baseball, football, and other sports. The gym has very limited use by District residents due to the extensive use by the School Athletic Program. The outdoor athletic field is a football field in the fall and softball/baseball field in the spring. Typically, the field is off limits during the summer months due to reseeded in preparation for the fall football season. The School District also owns the 7.87 acres east of the industrial area along the river. The district has discussed various plans for development of sports facilities on the property but has not settled on a final plan.

Although the School District is outside the planning and implementation jurisdiction of the City Parks System, it has been identified for potential improvements in the 2016 Downtown District Business Plan as a key component in the economic development of the downtown core.

- City/School District Partnership
- Develop School District property north of town into a community sports center.
- Extend trail development through the site
- Develop elderly/youth enhancement projects

### **Ives Landing**

Ives Landing is a small site located at the north end of Lakeshore Drive adjacent to the City shop and wastewater treatment plant. In addition to the boat ramp, the site includes a stepped, concrete bulkhead. In 2017, the park was expanded when Douglas PUD contributed to the development including new pavement for additional boat and trailer parking, and dock and bulkhead improvements for easier boater access. The Park was expanded to include 5 tent camp sites, 6 RV sites and a restroom/showerhouse facility. The Park is a primary access launch for Lake Pateros and Methow Rivers during the winter months, when the ramp at Methow Boat Launch Park is closed.

This park has been popular, especially during fishing season, which also impacts other parks and public rights-of way throughout the downtown area with trucks pulling boats parking wherever they can.

### **Fish Camp RV Expansion**

Fishing on Lake Pateros continues to increase. 2024 was an incredible year for sockeye, and facilities were filled beyond capacity. July 27, 2024, at peak of sockeye season, 67 boat trailers were parked from Ives Landing to Methow Boat Launch. RV and tent facilities were also at capacity.



**Figure 37. Boat Mooring at (Private) Pateros Inn Dock.**

#### Ives Landing, Fishing & Camping Improvements

- Develop RV camp sites (Fish Camp) at Winter Barn property on Industrial Way.
- Develop primitive walking trail along river to the north.
- Pave the road between Ives Landing and Dawson and maximize parking for campers and anglers.
- Further develop north end of park. Add three additional tent camp sites and picnic shelter.
- Overnight mooring is needed for campers. Overnight mooring would also ease congestion during the early morning rush to get on the water. At peak during 2024 sockeye season, boaters began lining up at 2am to be on the water at first light.
- The city had a bad experience with fish cleaning stations in the past and removed cleaning stations that were next to restrooms at the Methow Boat Launch. Fish parts were thrown into a dumpster and created horrible smells in the park and the neighboring houses. With no cleaning stations, people are using park sinks, restrooms, and picnic tables for cleaning fish. River fluctuations leave carcasses on dry land when thrown from shore. Fish cleaning stations are needed at Methow Boat Launch and the Ives Landing site. Stations need to be at the end of a dock where waste can be thrown back into the river. Water is needed to be able to rinse the station down.
- Boat rinse stations at Ives Landing and Methow Boat Launch are needed to reduce the transport of invasive species.

- Development of a marina at Ives Landing was identified in the **2016 Downtown District Business Plan** as a key component in the economic development of the downtown core



Figure 38. Proposed Fish Camp Rv Park, At Winter Barn, On Industrial Way

**Pateros Mall**

The Pateros Mall (formerly Methow Avenue) is a pedestrian plaza, 363 feet in length by 40 feet in width. The plaza is the center of the downtown district and is the main circulation spine for adjoining properties. In addition to the plaza, the City also owns and maintains large parking lots on either side of the Mall. The Mall includes picnic tables and benches, memorial trees and furnishings, fountain/splash-pad, trees and landscaping. The Pateros Mall has hosted community events including Business Appreciation Days, Safety Days (sponsored by the fire department), Apple Pie Jamboree events such as 3-on-3 basketball tournament and live music. Located on the Mall, the City library uses the Mall throughout the summer for reading and educational programs.

Recent improvements to the mall include adding tables and chairs for outdoor dining during the pandemic. The City is on schedule to complete in 2024, new pedestrian sidewalks, landscaping, street lighting, bus plaza, and improved ADA access on Lakeshore, Dawson, and Commercial streets and parking lot access to the mall.



The Mall is identified in the [2016 Downtown District Business Plan](#) as a key component in the economic development of the downtown core. The plan provides the following strategies:

- Anchor and define the axial relationship of the Mall as the central pedestrian spine
- Clarify auto access, circulation, parking, and pedestrian circulation, and to provide direct accessibility and convenient parking
- Clearly define parking areas and access, provide pedestrian connections to retail and recreational use areas
- Develop “Main Street” identity
- Improve Business District image, desirability, and strengthened concentrated central core along the pedestrian core
- Strengthen pedestrian connections, reinforcing co-spine of civic and commercial uses.
- Re-establish the ‘historic’ and cultural place of Pateros
- Provide enhancements to parking lots including lighting, sidewalks, curbs, trees, landscaping, and site furnishings

- Address ADA accessibility
- Anchor and define

A Market Study and conceptual plans with cost estimates for refurbishment of the mall have been completed and a recently awarded federal grant of \$2.5 million dollars will be used to implement the desired improvements, including:

- Add activities –permanent cornhole boards, shuffleboard, game tables, hopscotch...
- Sound system, wifi, cooling misters, shade, electric for phone charging
- Splash pad and picnic shelters
- Market activities – Encourage vendor, food truck, food cart opportunities. Update city code regarding commercial activity on public right of way or property.
- Electric bicycle rental? Or charging stations?
- Develop parking along north side of Commercial Avenue

### **Pateros Municipal Building**

Located on the east end of Memorial Park, along the Waterfront trail, in the downtown district, the Pateros Municipal Building is home to City Hall and Council Chambers, which also serves as a public meeting space. The municipal building is also home to the Visitor Information Center and the Historical Museum.

The Municipal Building is identified in the 2016 Downtown District Business Plan as a key component in the economic development of the downtown core. Strategies for implementing the Plan include:

- Continued use and development as a Regional and Cultural Information Center that describes the historical and cultural importance of Pateros, the Methow Valley, the Columbia River, the Okanogan region, and Canada.
- Gateway center, providing regional information about the variety of experiences available to visitors, lodging, restaurant facilities, and other important resources.
- Partnerships with others to provide an Information/Cultural Center introducing the rich cultural heritage of the region, and the relationship of Ives Landing and Pateros to that heritage.



In 2010 Hibbard Architecture & Planning developed a plan and recommendations for remodel of the former Firehall into a Visitor Information Center and Historical Museum. Uncompleted parts of the project include:

- Cultural mural on face of museum and interactive cultural information loading dock.
- Steamboat smokestack welcome tower
- Landscaping development of outdoor exhibits

### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

In addition to the existing parks, the City has several properties that are in various stages of development that have potential for future parks, recreation and open space development.

**Starr Road Development** – The Starr Road Development project is two miles south of town about and is the site of the former City landfill. Several studies have been completed for the site including the potential development for light industrial uses, plastics recycling and an RV park. Future development of the site is viewed as an opportunity to address the need of additional RV camping. See Appendix E.

**Brownlee Hill property** – The city purchased 7.87 acres just north of the old reservoir site on Brownlee Hill. It would like to use the property for housing. Future accessibility, trails, sidewalks, and parks should be considered in future development.

## **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

The *process* of planning is critical in the development and implementation of a strong park and recreation plan. Public participation is a critical component in identifying needs and demands, priorities, implementation, and project financing to accomplish set goals.

### **Public Participation**

The City of Pateros has completed several planning documents that are relevant to this document, including the Comprehensive Plan and the Business District Plan. These planning processes included public participation. On June 3, 2024, the City of Pateros held a public workshop to review a draft of the updated plan. Participants in the workshop refined and confirmed the needs and demands of the Park and Recreation System identified by staff and the community survey and participated in prioritizing improvements. The City of Pateros also held a second public workshop on September 5, 2024 to review the final results of the survey and discuss park planning priorities. The City of Pateros held a third public workshop on October 21, 2024 to review the draft plan and revisit project prioritization.

### **Public Survey**

The Public Survey is a valuable tool in identifying the needs and demands of the service area. In looking at the needs for park and recreation facilities, it is important to consider the size of the service area, the diverse interests of those served, and if their needs are being met. The City released a survey in 2017 and for this update in 2024.

## 2024 Park and Recreation Public Survey

The Park Survey used for this 2024 update was remarkably similar to the one developed in 2017 for the existing adopted Park Plan. 36 people participated in responding to the survey while it was open. 56 percent of people lived within the City's limits, while 44 percent resided outside city limits.

Overall, 34 percent of the people that responded were very satisfied with Pateros parks and open spaces and 46 percent were satisfied. 70 percent of people wanted existing parks, trails, and activities to be maintained. 70 percent of people do not think more boating facilities are needed. The community contributed an abundance of comments/other responses.

Some takeaways from people that responded:

- 56 percent lived within Pateros city limits.
- 33 percent were 35-44 years of age.
- 39 percent visited parks and open spaces weekly in Pateros.
- 59 percent wanted more recreational activities.

Wants:

1. 89 percent want running/walking trails.
2. 80 percent want trails.
3. 66 percent want picnic areas.
4. 66 percent want swimming.
5. 63 percent want river access.
6. 60 percent want playgrounds.

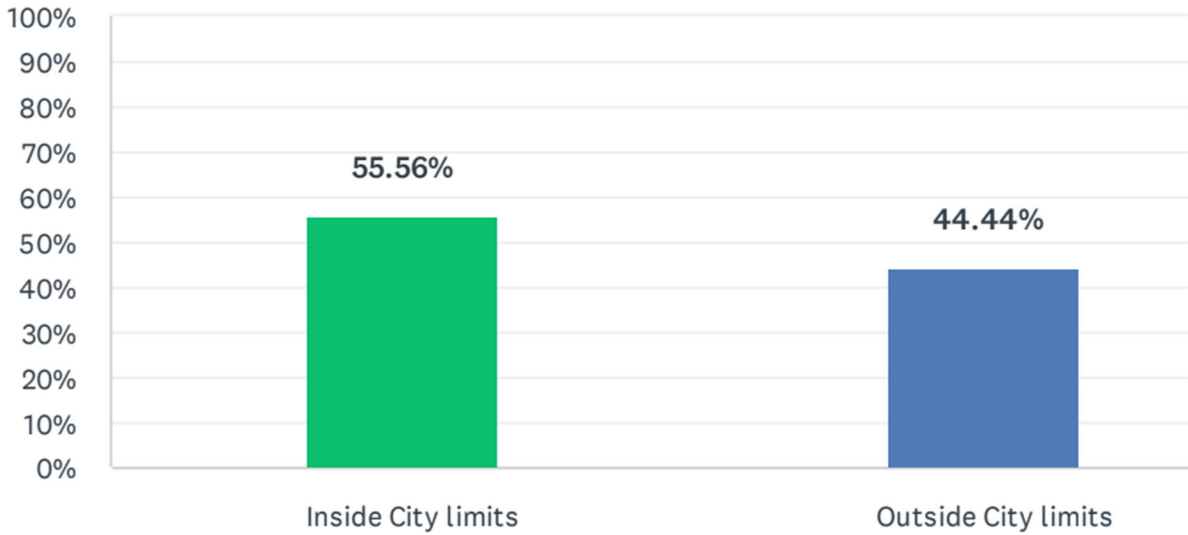
Additional wants:

1. 69 percent want extended trails.
2. 47 percent want soccer fields.
3. 47 percent want a community center/hall.
4. 44 percent want a gymnasium

The following section provides data summaries from selected survey questions. The full survey results are shown in Appendix     .

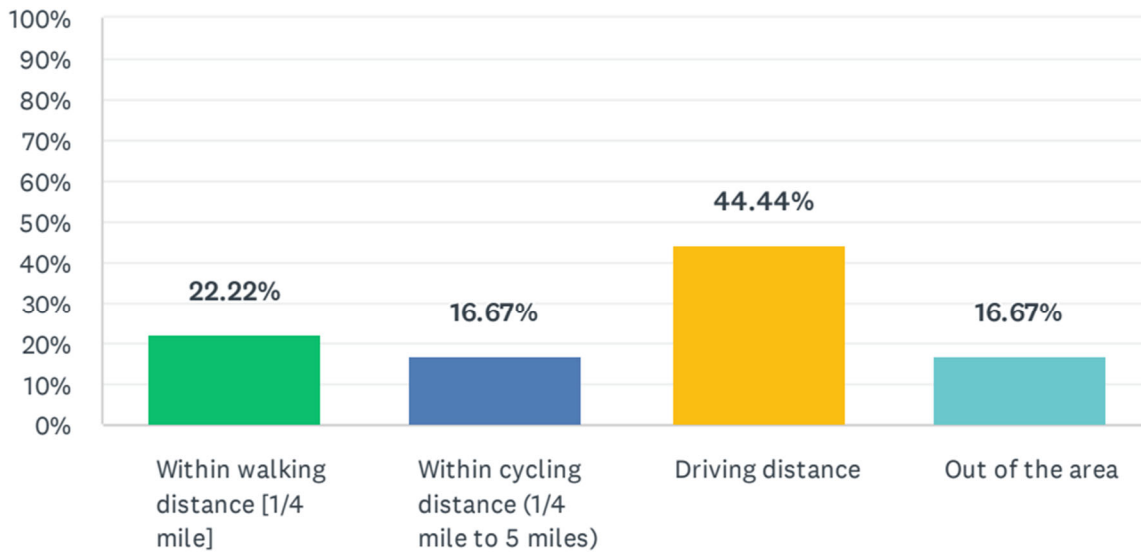
# Q1 Where do you reside

Answered: 36 Skipped: 0



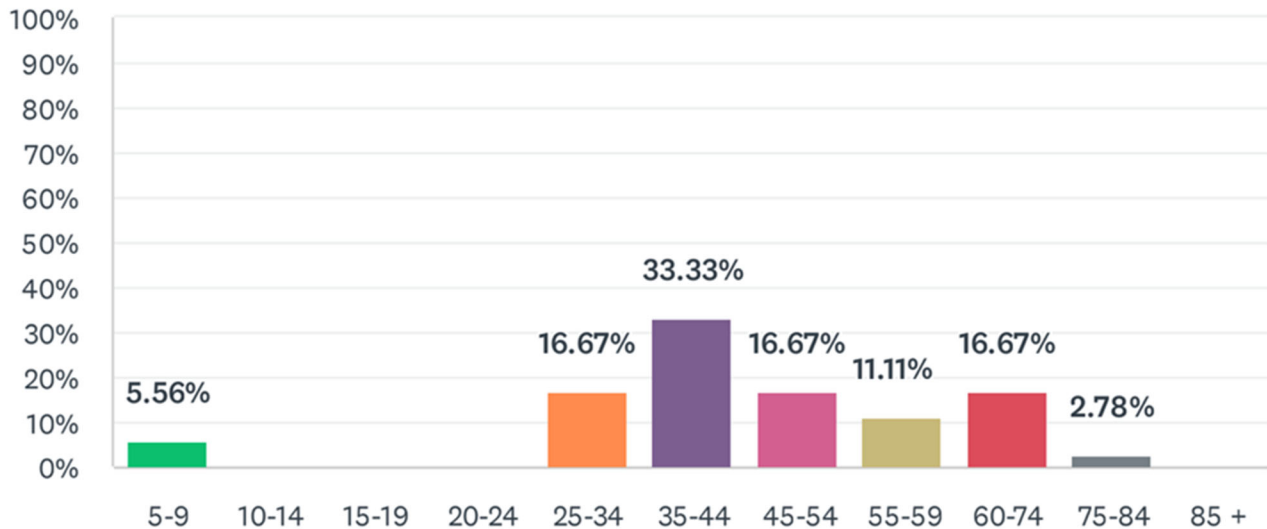
# Q2 If you reside outside City limits, how far

Answered: 18 Skipped: 18



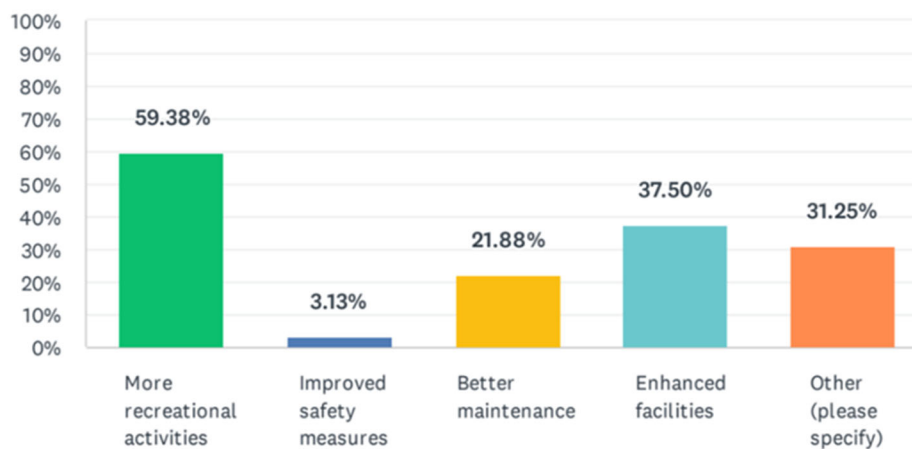
## Q4 Please check your age group

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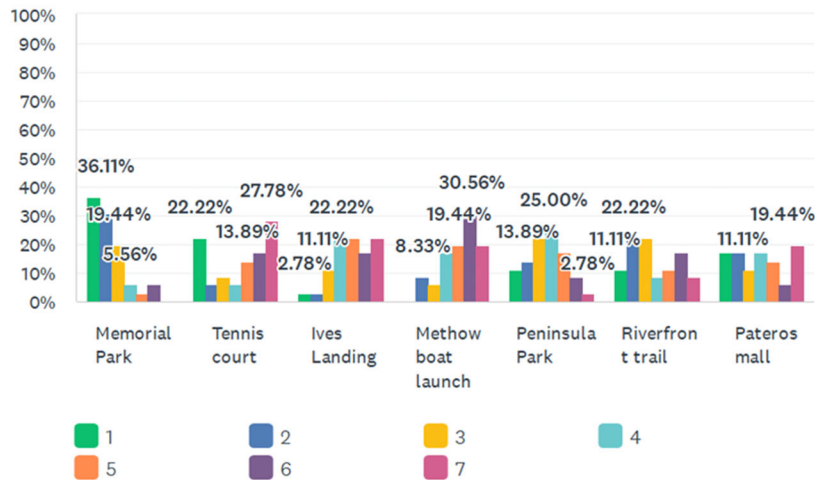
## Q6 What factors would encourage you to use the community parks and open spaces more frequently?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 4



Q7 Please rank the following parks/and or features in order of important to you and your family (rank 1-7 with 1 being the highest priority and 7 being the lowest priority)

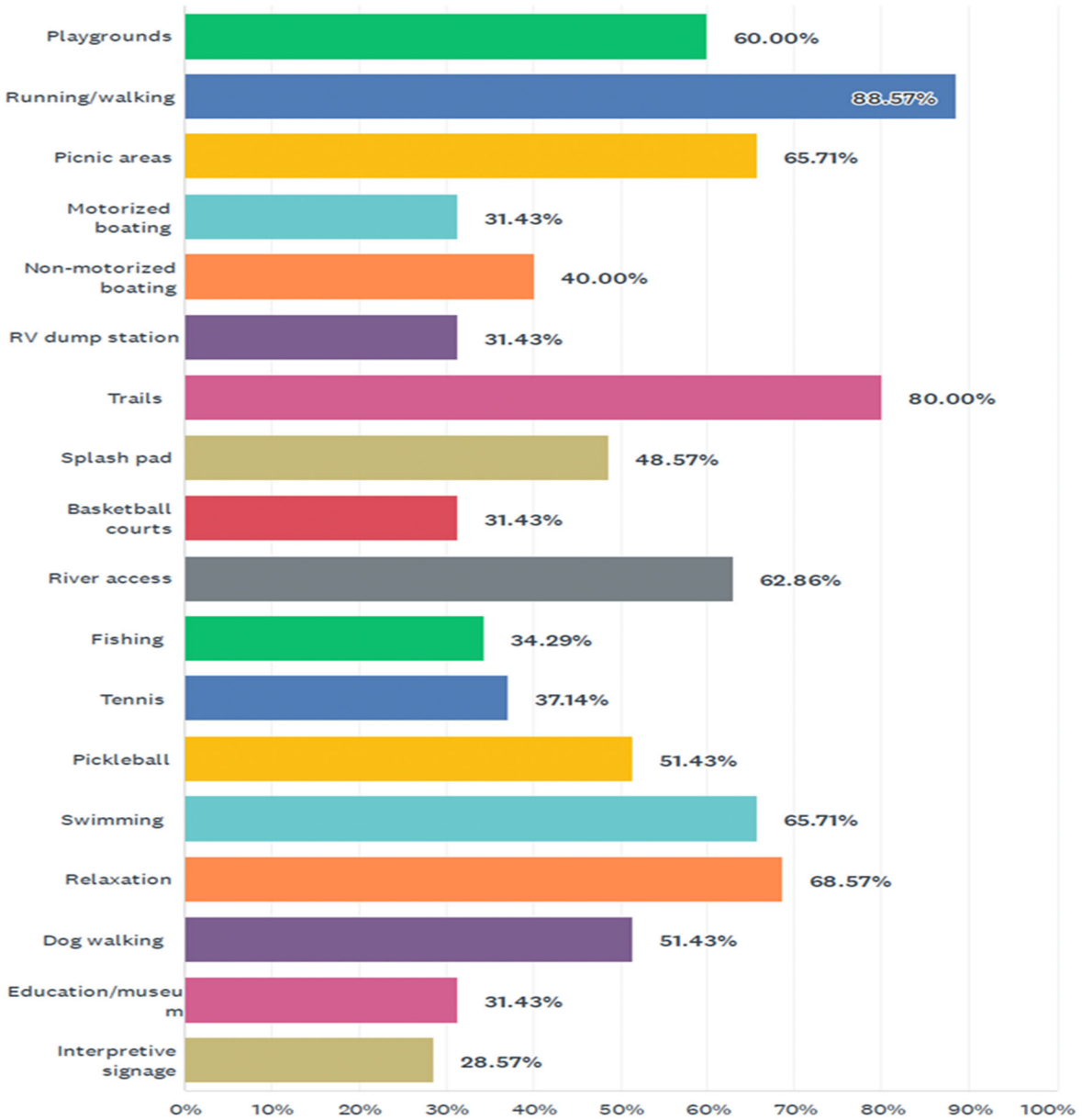
Answered: 36 Skipped: 0



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Memorial Park	36.11% 13	30.56% 11	19.44% 7	5.56% 2	2.78% 1	5.56% 2	0.00% 0	36	5.75
Tennis court	22.22% 8	5.56% 2	8.33% 3	5.56% 2	13.89% 5	16.67% 6	27.78% 10	36	3.56
Ives Landing	2.78% 1	2.78% 1	11.11% 4	22.22% 8	22.22% 8	16.67% 6	22.22% 8	36	3.03
Methow boat launch	0.00% 0	8.33% 3	5.56% 2	16.67% 6	19.44% 7	30.56% 11	19.44% 7	36	2.83
Peninsula Park	11.11% 4	13.89% 5	22.22% 8	25.00% 9	16.67% 6	8.33% 3	2.78% 1	36	4.42
Riverfront trail	11.11% 4	22.22% 8	22.22% 8	8.33% 3	11.11% 4	16.67% 6	8.33% 3	36	4.31
Pateros mall	16.67% 6	16.67% 6	11.11% 4	16.67% 6	13.89% 5	5.56% 2	19.44% 7	36	4.11

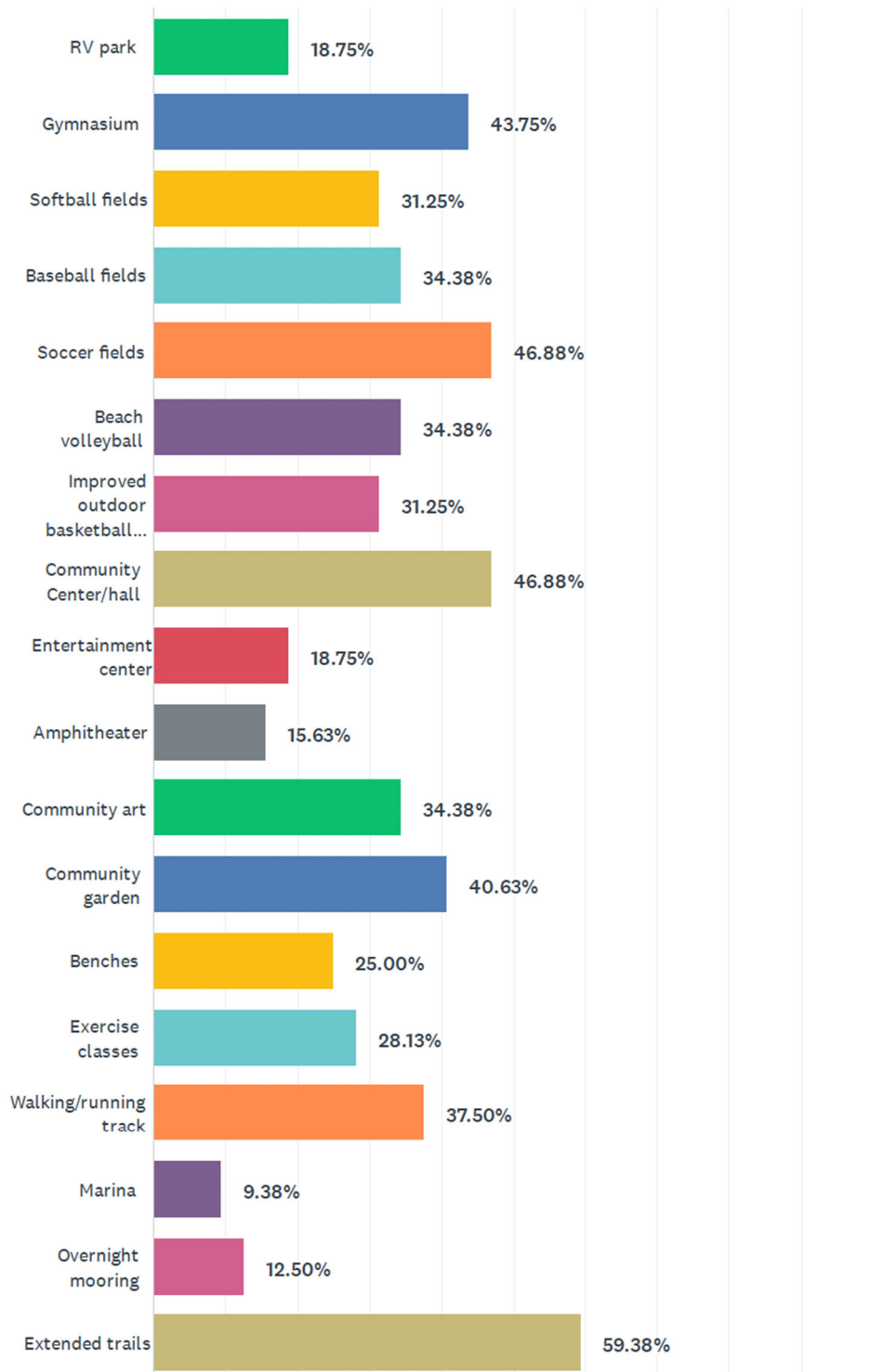
Q10 What amenities/activities would you and your family use in Pateros parks? Please check all that apply.

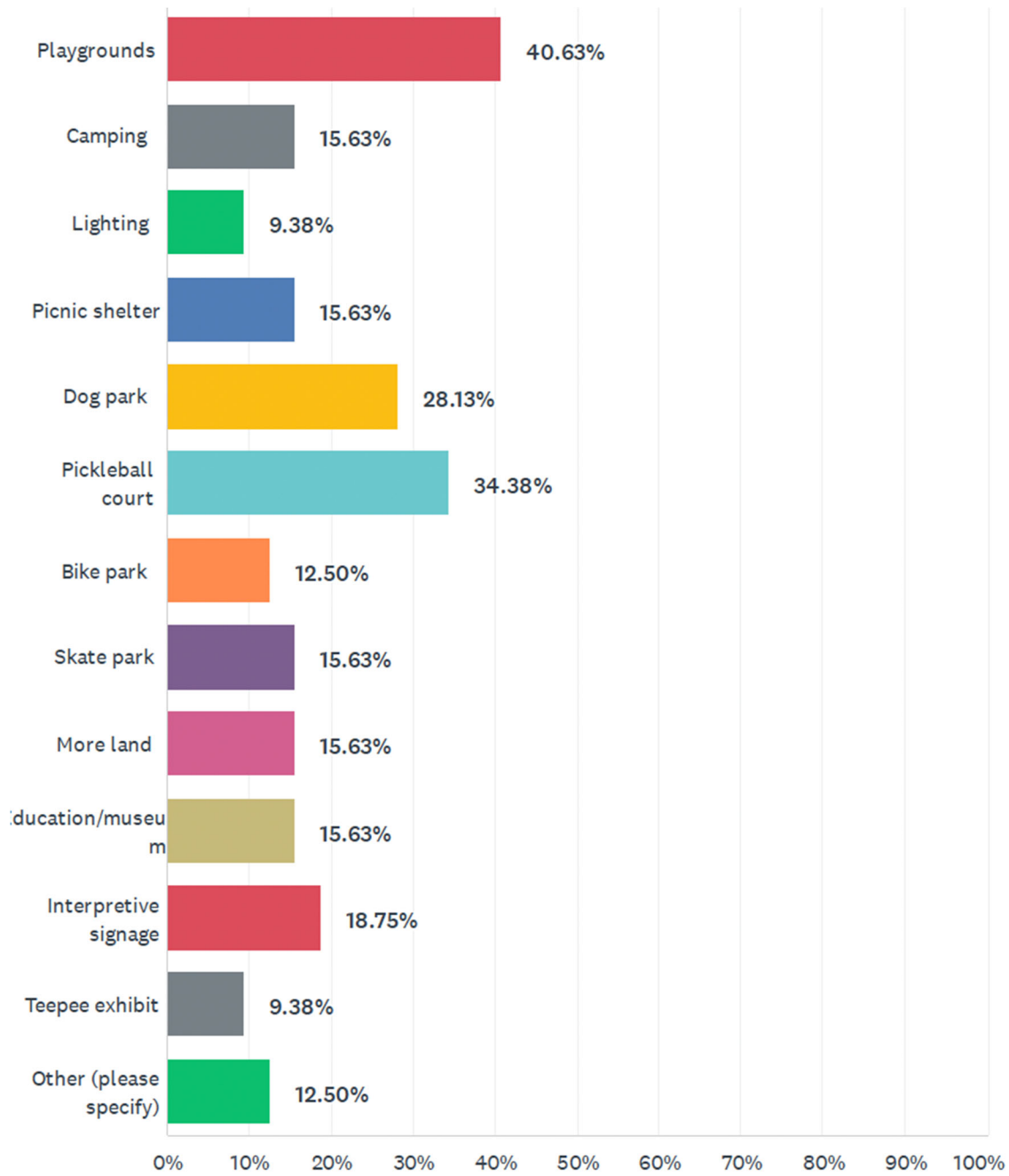
Answered: 35 Skipped: 1



# Q11 What additional park and recreation amenities/activities would you like to see in Pateros

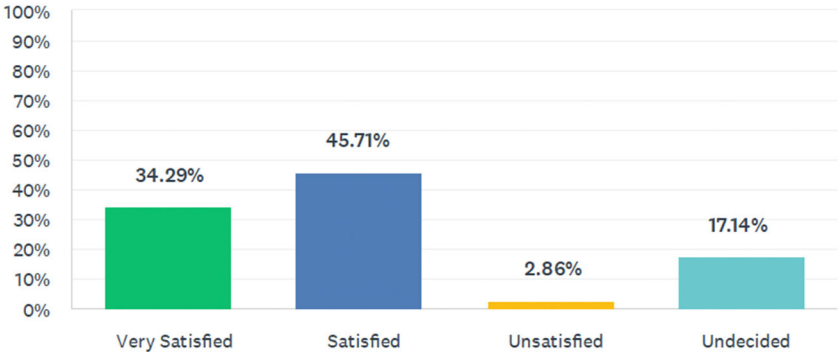
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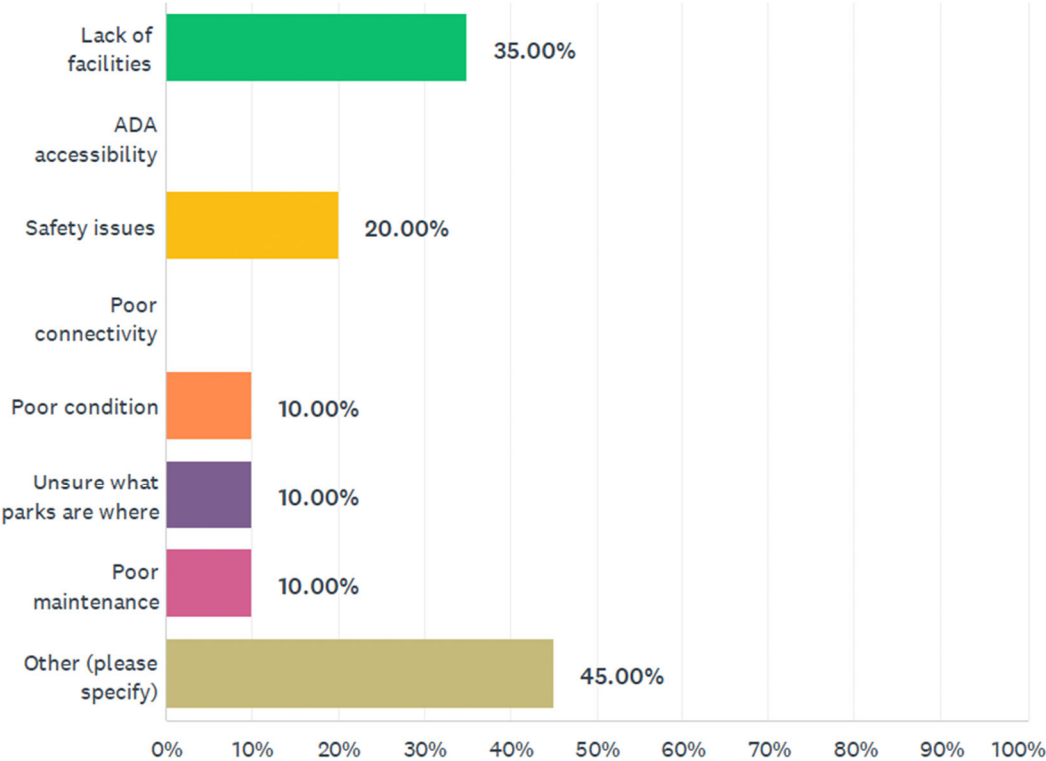
Q13 How satisfied are you with the community parks and open spaces?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 1



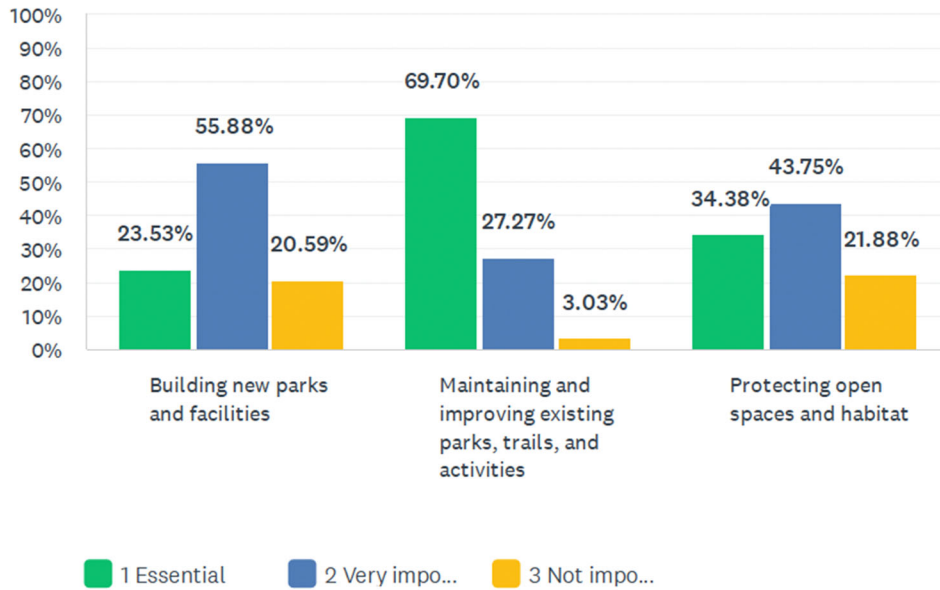
Q14 What are existing barriers to your use of Parks in Pateros

Answered: 20 Skipped: 16



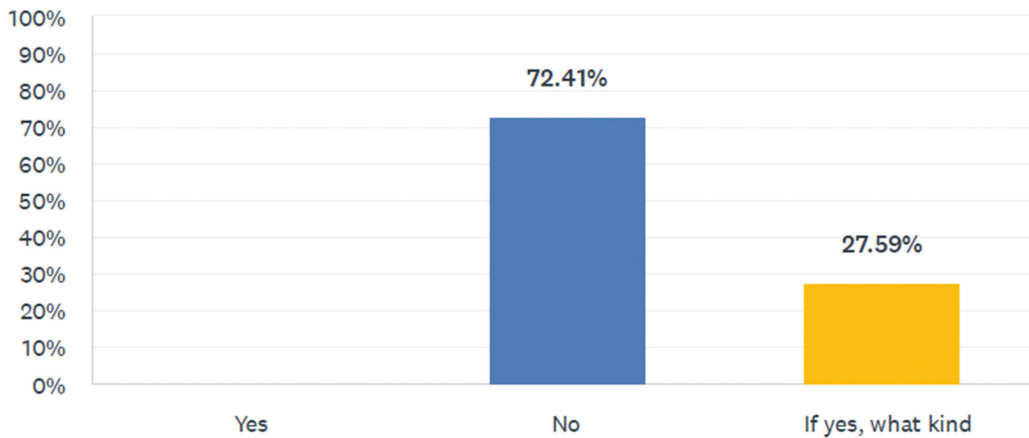
Q15 Rate the importance of the following (1 is essential, 2 is very important, 3 is not important)

Answered: 34 Skipped: 2



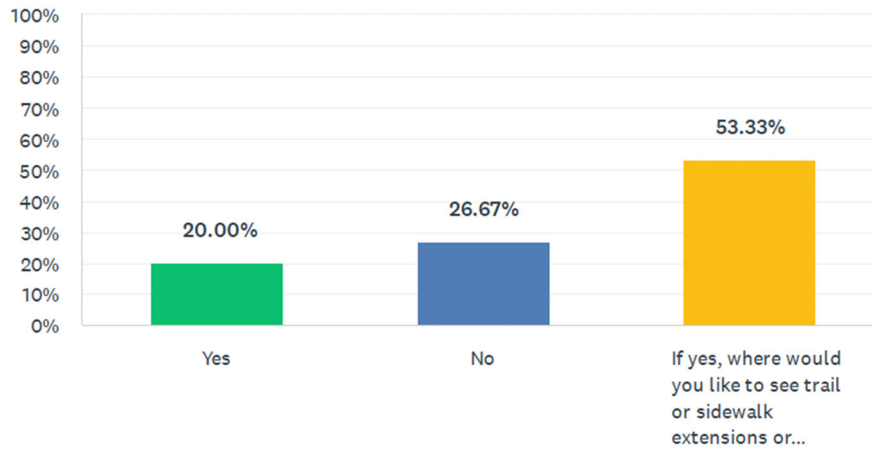
Q16 Does Pateros need more RV facilities and amenities

Answered: 29 Skipped: 7



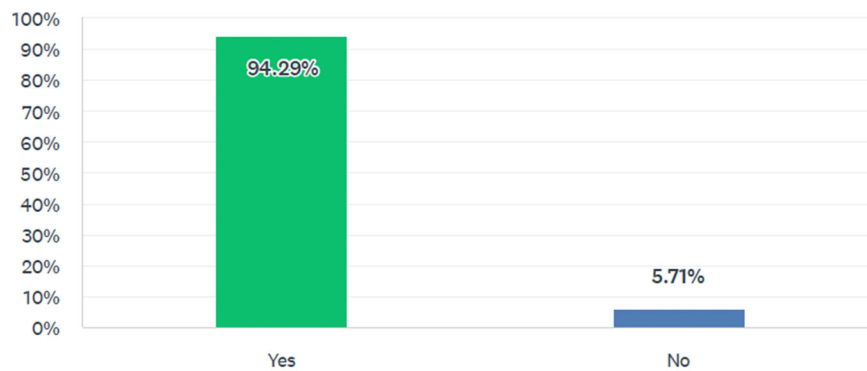
### Q17 Does Pateros need to extend its trails and sidewalks for recreation and pedestrian safety

Answered: 30 Skipped: 6



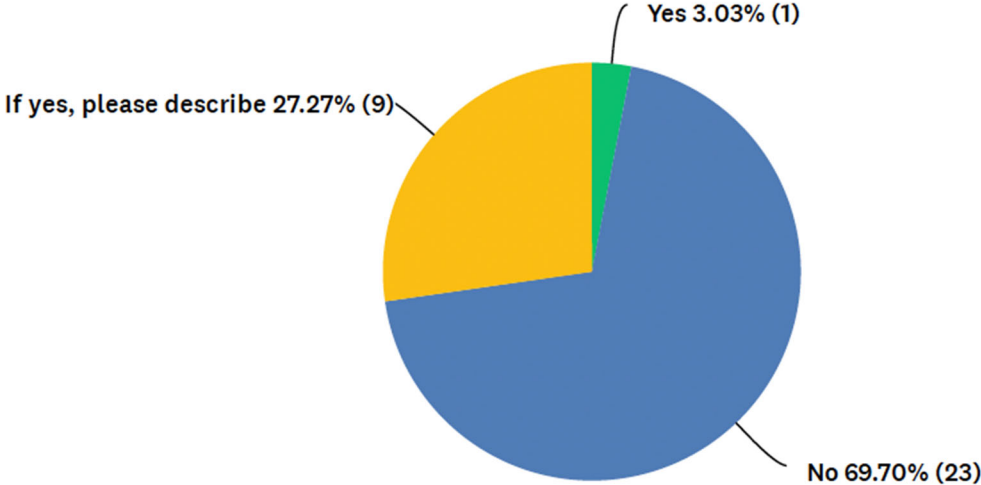
### Q18 Do you feel visitors to Pateros provide economic benefits and it is important that the community is visitor friendly?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 1



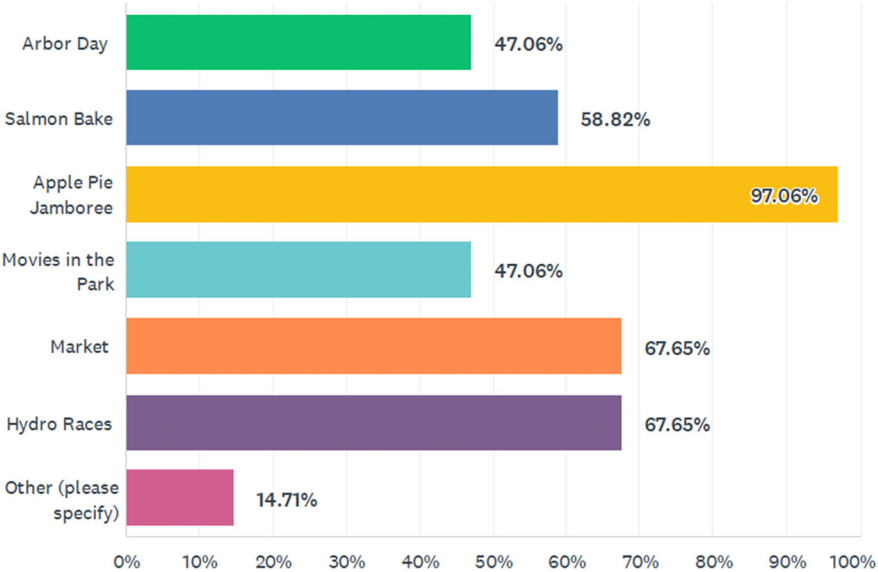
# Q20 Does Pateros need more boating facilities?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 3



# Q21 What City celebrations and festivals have you attended (check all that apply)

Answered: 34 Skipped: 2



### **General Park Priorities Found in the Community Survey**

- The most popular facilities are the Riverfront Trail, Memorial Park and Peninsula Park
- The most popular activities in the parks are walking/running, relaxation, picnicking and river access
- The most desired improvements are for extended trails, RV Park, marina and bandstand
- The majority of people find that the parks meet their expectations
- The majority of people find that the parks are important for community economic development
- The City of Pateros and the Pateros School District should jointly work together to develop a sports complex on the east end of town

See Appendix **■** for list of comments. In general, surveys said they would like more active sports facilities. Residents also expressed concern on image of City, especially the US 97 corridor. Most visitors commented on their appreciation of the City and existing amenities.

### **City/Park and Recreation Planning**

In review of previous planning efforts several general needs have been identified.

- Maintaining quality service through careful maintenance and improvement of existing facilities
- Parks play a central part in the economic development of the City. Facilities that enhance tourism and image are needed.
- Cooperation with outside entities, like Douglas County PUD and the Pateros School District play a crucial role in meeting the LOS needs of the service area.

### **2024 Park and Recreation Plan Update - Public Workshops**

The City held a public workshop meeting to review a draft updated Parks and Recreation Plan. After the planning process was reviewed, City staff reviewed the needs identified in the community survey and through a show of hands had participants identify their own top three priorities for improvements to existing parks and desired expansion of the park system.

Staff then reviewed the proposed improvements for each park, again using a show of hands to identify the top three priorities for each park. The results of the workshop confirmed the survey results and supported staff recommendations for each park.

## Needs and Demands

### Level of Service

Level of Service (LOS) standards are measures of the amount and quality of park and recreation sites and facilities that must be provided to meet a community’s basic needs and expectations. The City of Pateros Capital Facility Plan states that “*The parks LOS standard shall be 0.4 acres per hundred residents. The standard reflects the judgment that existing parks are sufficient to meet the needs of the 20-year population.*”

### Forecast Demand

	LOS Standard	Demand 2024	10-year 2034	20-year 2044
City of Pateros, Capital Facility Plan	.4 acres per hundred residents	2.42 acres	2.80 acres	3.25 acres
National Recreation and Park Guidelines	.63 to 1.1 acres per hundred residents	3.80-6.64 acres	4.22-7.71 acres	5.12-8.15 acres

### City Park and Open Space Inventory & Condition

Memorial Park	3.00 acres	Good Condition
Methow Boat Launch	1.40 acres	Good Condition
Ives Landing	0.75 acres	Good Condition
Peninsula Park	1.30 acres	Good Condition
Tennis Courts	1.00 acre	Poor Condition
Pateros Mall	0.30 acres	Poor Condition
Open Space	4.40 acres	Poor Condition
<b>Total Acreage</b>	<b>10.45 acres</b>	

LOS Standards are best used as benchmark or guide. In the case of parks, falling below the standard would make it difficult to provide the needs of the community. Although Pateros is above its own established LOS rate of .4 acres per hundred residents, the National Recreation and Park Guidelines indicate possible lack of park and recreation acreage in the long-term.

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A good standard for LOS is customer satisfaction, and other LOS Standards can be applied when determining needs and demands

- Relevance - “Does the park system meet the needs and lifestyles of today’s residents?”
- People orientation - “Does the park system meet the unique needs and preferences of area served?”
- Performance Standards - quality over quantity
- Feasibility - “Are goals and objectives attainable in a reasonable amount of time, and are there available funding sources?”
- Practicality - based on sound planning practices, information, and development process

The primary tools for identifying Needs and Demands are previous planning efforts and community input.

- Downtown Business District Plan 2016
- Capital Facilities Plan 2010/2012 update
- City of Pateros Comprehensive Plan 2014
- Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan 2017 public workshop, survey, comment process and adopted plan
- Parks Department October 2017 maintenance and improvement evaluation
- 2024 public workshop, survey, and comment process
- 2024 Pateros Downtown Market Study

## ACTION PLAN

The City of Pateros Staff developed the Action Plan to enhance the existing recreation facilities and expand the park and recreation system. The Action Plan contains a listing of proposed action items by year, which provides the foundation for the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Although every project is not mentioned here, nor are all projects necessarily included in the CIP, the City should continue implementation of this updated Plan as funding becomes available.

The following tables provide lists of projects within existing parks identified by staff and through the public process as priorities for inclusion in the Action Plan. The priority of each improvement is listed as: H - High (2025-26); M - Medium (2027-28); or L - Low (2029-30).

### Identified improvements for Memorial Park include:

Improvements	Priority
Add/improve/maintain park signage	M
Replace/add benches and trash receptacles.	H
Make improvements to kitchen gazebo and kiosk area.	L
Tree maintenance/removal/replacement	H
Add bench to playground area	M
Stripe Lakeshore for APJ 3-on-3	H
Evaluate/update power and water for festivals	L
Install Methow Monument expansion	M
Replace irrigation system	H
Replace movie screen	H
Add security cameras	L

### Identified improvements for the Methow Boat Launch include:

Improvements	Priority
Restroom renovation	H
Irrigation replace/remodel	H
Install seasonal gate to be able to close park to vehicular traffic in winter	M
Add security cameras	H
Add fish cleaning station to end of dock	L

**Identified improvements to Peninsula Park include:**

<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Old Gazebo renovation	L
Seek grant funding to further develop trail/sidewalk to other City parks and facilities	M
Review rules for motorized watercraft use in the estuary	M
Kitchen renovation – painting, soffet work, sink & water.	M
Extend swim beach	H
Playground patio improvements – bench, shower, drinking fountain	M
Renovate/replace irrigation system	H

**Identified improvements to the Tennis Courts (Riverside Drive Recreation Access Site) include:**

<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Restroom renovation – replace fixtures, paint, add electricity, transform one restroom into storage.	H
Replace picnic tables	L
Improve Varrelman pump house slab to picnic area	M
Court renovation – replace surface, upgrade electric & fixtures, repair fencing and backboards, and add pickleball courts	H
Renegotiate school contribution based on CPI	H

**Identified improvements to the Hwy 97 Open Space and Hwy 97/RR right-of-way include:**

<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Develop US97 Corridor Plan (coordinate with WSDOT Plan 2025)	H
Renovate irrigation systems	M
Plant landscapes	L
Review and amend commercial sign rules for the corridor	H
Construct trails/sidewalk for access	L

**Identified improvements to Ives Landing include:**

<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Improve exit road (gravel, pave, add rock barrier or fence along Railroad	M
Add security lighting to park, existing drive and dump station	L
Add picnic area to north end of park	L
Develop waterfront trail and public access along river from Ives Landing to north end of town	L
Expand the RV park to Winter Barn property	H
Add fish cleaning station to end of dock	M
Reconfigure RV stalls for parking convenience	H
Add tent sites to north end of park	M
Install boat rinse station to reduce spread of invasive species	L

**Identified improvements to the Pateros Mall include:**

<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Renovate Mall	H

**Identified improvements to the Municipal Building include:**

<b>Improvements</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Landscape remodel/improvements - patio & picnic area on lake side of museum	L

**Action Plan Categories**

Projects included in this action plan fall into three categories: large-scale projects, minor improvement projects and ongoing maintenance and upkeep. Minor improvement projects typically involve small-scale improvements planned for existing facilities that the City can implement with in-kind services or pose minimal impact on the annual budget (typically projects under \$10,000). These minor improvements may have funding or work donated by local service groups. Minor improvements range from the addition of picnic tables and signage to landscape expansion.

Large-scale projects are typically dependent on outside funding sources in addition to the City's budget for implementation. Most projects in this category are grant-oriented projects or projects funded through agreements with Douglas PUD and will require some

cash usually in the form of a local match. Large-scale projects range from high priority items such as the development of a marina, an RV Park at the Starr Road property, and extending the trail system, to ideas for new facilities the City has included in this plan.

Projects such as the proposed sports complex on school-owned property at the north end of town will require significant public support and involvement if they are to move forward. Some of these large-scale projects will require preliminary study and additional planning efforts to determine feasibility and priority. Prioritization based on public input, budget, and staffing considerations resulted in only a portion of the identified and potential projects being included in the Action and Capital Improvement Plans. Projects included in the Action Plan are projects that already have substantial citizen support and involvement or are financially feasible through city appropriations and grant funding. Those projects listed here, but not included in the CIP are ideas with clear public support that are either particularly costly or have not yet been “adopted” by a community group.

## SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The following Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) provides a strategy for implementing the Action Plan. Given the substantial number of projects and a limited budget/staff, the following criteria were considered in prioritizing projects for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Plan:

- Community Priority (public workshop, surveys)
- Safety factors (risk assessment)
- Environmental considerations
- Available funding
- Capital needs
- Maintenance and operation options and costs
- Potential use
- Consistency with current land use
- Potential for economic development
- Existing local facility

The following CIP covers the years 2025-2030 and is limited to those minor and large projects included in the Action Plan. Projects identified as operation and maintenance do not meet the definition of a capital expenditure and are limited to maintaining and replacing existing equipment and improvements.

**Capital Improvement Plan 2025-2030**

Park	Project	Type of Project <sup>3</sup>	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Memorial Park</b>								
	Add security cameras	M \$8,000					X	
	Tree replacement/removal/replacement	O&M \$8,000	X	X				
	Add bench to playground area	O&M \$3,000				X		
	Stripe Lakeshore for APJ 3-on-3	O&M \$1,000	X					
	Evaluate and update power/water utilities for festivals.	M \$15,000					X	X
	Install Methow Monument expansion	L \$75,000			X	X		
	Add/improve/maintain park signage	O&M \$5,000			X			

<sup>3</sup> - O&M = Operation and Maintenance; M = Minor Project; L = Large Project

Park	Project	Type of Project <sup>3</sup>	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	Replace movie screen	O&M \$3,500		X				
	Replace irrigation system	L \$185,00	X	X				
	Make improvements to kitchen gazebo and kiosk area.	L \$250,000					X	X
	Replace/add benches and trash receptacles	O&M \$6,000			X	X		
<b>Methow Boat Launch</b>								
	Add fish cleaning station to end of dock	L \$5,000					X	
	Add security cameras	M \$8,000		X				
	Make improvements to irrigation system (extension needed for new landscapes and main irrigation system needs some remodel work)	M \$35,000	X	X				
	Restroom renovation	M \$15,000	X	X				
	Install seasonal gate to be able to close park to vehicular traffic in winter	M \$5,000			X			

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Peninsula Park								
	Kitchen renovation	L \$35,000			X	X		
	Extend swim beach	L \$150,000	X					
	Playground patio improvements - bench, shower, drinking fountain	L \$15,000			X	X		
	Review rules for motorized watercraft use in the estuary	O&M \$1,500			X	X		
	Old Gazebo renovation	M \$12,000					X	X
	Renovate/replace irrigation	L \$75,000	X	X				
	Seek grant funding to develop trails/sidewalk to other City parks and facilities	O&M			X	X		

Tennis Courts								
	Court renovation - replace surface, upgrade electric & fixtures, repair fencing and backboards. Add pickleball courts	M \$565,000	X	X				
	Restroom renovation - replace fixtures, paint, add electricity, transform one restroom into storage.	M \$12,000	X	X				
	Renegotiate school contribution based on CPI	O&M			X			
	Replace picnic tables	O&M \$7,500					X	
	Improve) Varrelman pump house slab to picnic area	O&M \$5,000				X		
Highway 97 Open Space								
	Develop US97 Corridor Plan (coordinate with WSDOT Plan 2025	O&M		X				
	Renovate irrigation systems	L \$100 - 200,000			X	X		
	Plant landscapes	L \$100- 200,00					X	

	Review and amend commercial sign rules for the corridor	O&M \$3,500	X	X				
	Construct trails/sidewalks for access	L \$500,000					X	X
<b>Ives Landing</b>								
	Expand RV Park to Winter Barn site	L \$50,000	X	X				
	Add fish cleaning stations to the end of dock	O&M \$8,000			X			
	Reconfigure RV stalls for parking convenience	O&M	X					
	Add tent sites to the north end of park	M \$12,000						
	Improve exit road (gravel, pave, add rock barrier or fence along Railroad	M \$25,000			X	X		
	Add security lighting to park, existing drive and dump station	M \$35,000					X	X
	Add picnic area to north end of park	O&M \$8,000				X		
	Develop waterfront trail and public access along river from Ives Landing to north end of town	L \$300,000						X

	Install boat rinse station to reduce spread of invasive species.	O&M \$2,500						X
<b>Pateros Mall</b>								
	Renovate Mall	L \$5 MM		X				
<b>Municipal Building</b>								
	Patio & picnic area on lake side of museum	M \$12,000					X	