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City of Pullman

Parks, Facilities, & Recreation

Comprehensive Five Year Plan

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*Recreation is not a secondary concern for a democracy. It is a primary concern, for the kind of recreation a people make for themselves determines the kind of people they become and the kind of society they build. - **Harry Allen Overstreet***

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Mission Statement

The Pullman Parks, Facilities, & Recreation Department will provide opportunities for high quality recreation and skill development by focusing on dedicated leadership, program diversity, and responsiveness to demands of our dynamic local community. We will strive to preserve, enhance, and protect our open spaces to enrich the quality of life, contribute to the vitality of the local economy, and promote a high quality of life for present and future generations in a safe and secure environment.

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Purpose of the Plan



Overall Vision:

The City of Pullman, Parks, Facilities, & Recreation (PFR) Comprehensive Plan is intended to lay the groundwork for the future of the city parks, facilities, and recreation system. The plan is designed to supplement the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. It expands on the information contained in the "1999 Comprehensive Plan" and "2018 Comprehensive Plan Update: Existing

Conditions and Future Forecast, Final Technical Memorandum" by providing significantly greater detail regarding the inventory of parks and recreation activities and facilities. This plan inventories existing parks, and identifies future parks development, explores park rehabilitation issues, discusses recreation program and service needs, and identifies parks, facilities, recreation, and open space goals and objectives.

Purpose:

The City of Pullman, Parks, Facilities, & Recreation Comprehensive Plan establishes a process that provides guidance on the management and development of the recreational services, parks, facilities, trails, squares and triangles, and other open spaces. This plan serves to unite the system into a coordinated network that reflects the needs and recommended priorities for the benefit of both the city residents and the many visitors over the next 5-20 years.

This plan builds and draws from existing and previous work done by the City of Pullman. That work includes the following:

- 2018 City of Pullman, Comprehensive Plan Update
- 2016 City of Pullman, ADA Transition Plan
- 2014-2018 City of Pullman, Parks & Recreation 5 year plan
- 2008-2013 City of Pullman, Parks & Recreation 5 year plan
- 2007 Fact Book, Pullman Washington
- 2002-2007 City of Pullman, Parks & Recreation 5 year plan
- 1999 City of Pullman, Comprehensive Plan
- 1996 City of Pullman, Pedestrian/Bicycle Circulation Plan

Public input is required by Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) as part of the planning process. The plan is required to maintain eligibility for state and federal grant programs. Matching grants are available through RCO with categories for local park projects,

conservation, open space lands, and trails. The City of Pullman appoints the Park and Recreation Commission, who in turn works with the city staff throughout the process. The community is included in regular Parks and Recreation Commission meetings as the Plan moves to the Pullman City Council for adoption.

The department will formulate, stimulate, and encourage frequent and regular communications with all members of the community in order to assure and involve residents in programs, goals, and objectives that are consistent with community needs and desires.

- Offer recreation programs that provide equal opportunities for all, regardless of race, creed, social status, economic need, or ability.
- Provide programs that inspire good health and physical development.
- Provide programs to encourage socialization of the individual and family group.
- Provide educational classes for a variety of interests and age groups in the community.
- Provide programs that invite more intensive use of existing facilities.
- Provide programs to attract and hold the interest of middle and high school students.
- Encourage the joint use of all community facilities such as parks, community center, libraries, schools, etc.
- Provide a broad and varied program of leisure activities and service related to the needs, interests, and abilities of all the people of Pullman.
- Maintain parks, facilities, formal garden, playgrounds, ballfields, and RV Park at levels that provide a safe and pleasant setting for the public.
- Maintain highly visible areas to a level that presents a positive image of the City.
- Perform appropriate maintenance on indoor and outdoor swimming pools when in operation.
- Provide snow removal from City parking lots, sidewalks and paths, around city property, and spring gravel cleanup.
- Maintain parks, facilities, and cemeteries at a standard that reflects pride in the park system and the City.
- Provide for the beautification and maintenance of downtown planters beds, seasonal hanging baskets, and seasonal lighting displays.
- Through the Community Improvement Program, work with the residents of Pullman to seek compliance with street tree, nuisance, garbage, litter, and weed control ordinances.

Introduction

City Profile:

This Comprehensive plan includes an inventory of existing facilities and programs, identification of needs, goals and objectives, and recommendations for future projects. It uses National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) best practices as standards for several different categories of parks, facilities, and open spaces.

The City meets the NRPA recommendation standards in many areas. For example, currently there are two pools at Reaney Park outdoor swimming facility which meets the standard that there is one outdoor pool for every 15,000 residents. The City constructed an outdoor splash pad at Reaney Park Pool in 2015. The Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center (PAFC) contains two pools, a warm water therapy pool and a six-lane lap pool. The Center provides year-round swimming lessons and water exercise programs. It also contains a fitness room with cable and hand weights, medicine balls, exercise balls, treadmills, recumbent bicycles, and elliptical training machines. The Pullman School District uses the facility for swimming, physical education classes throughout the school year and for girls' and boys' swim teams.



The City of Pullman has 29 developed parks (including school parks) totaling approximately 225 acres. Paths and trails within the City limits extend more than 18 miles. The 7-mile-long Bill Chipman Palouse Trail connects Pullman and Moscow. The 11-mile-long Latah Trail runs between Moscow and Troy, Idaho. The City's PFR provides many summer and holiday programs for preschoolers, youths, teens, adults, and seniors.

In 2018 the City of Pullman was ranked 25th of the "Top 100 Best Places to Live" by the Livability website. Nearly 2,300 cities were ranked on more than 40 data points measuring economics, housing, amenities, infrastructure, demographics, social and civic capital, education and health care. Pullman is nicknamed "The Lentil Capital" because of its flourishing agricultural farmland; the city has prioritized green space, constructing nineteen parks, and developing over eighteen miles of trails and pathways." You can find the full article at <https://livability.com/list/top-100-best-places-to-live/2018/10>.

The \$1,050,000 Downtown Riverwalk project was completed in 2006 and beckons walkers to Pullman Trails and Pathways. This project was funded by donations from present and former members of the Pullman community, businesses, and a \$340,000 WA Wildlife and Recreation Coalition grant. This completed the trail connection from the locally funded 1999 Proposition No. 1 Koppel Farm Trail, which was an inner city expansion of the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail. In 2007 the residents of Pullman passed a \$2,250,000 Proposition No. 1 initiative for improvements to parks and paths. The additional trail expansion added a Maple Street Extension linking the Washington State University campus to the downtown, a Palouse Highway addition linking the Military Hill area to the existing system, and a Johnson Avenue

connection adding pedestrian ways to housing developments to the southeast. A 2007 Proposition No. 1 Bond provided for improvements to restrooms at Kruegel Park, Sunnyside Park, City Playfields, and funding for a complete lighting renovation of the ball field complex at the City Playfields. Remaining Bond funds were used to design (2012) and construct a spray pad and improvements at the Reaney Pool Complex (2014). Additionally, three new paths were designed for completion in 2013-2014. A Wawawai Road connection linking Whispering Hills and Sunnyside Park with Davis Way, and a path along City Cemetery linking Fairmont Road, business districts, and Pullman Regional Hospital to green space east of the cemetery, which will eventual link to the Johnson Avenue Path, the Whitman County Humane Society Dog Park, and the current Mary's Park development.

Park developments have included several land donations; Sunrise Park, 1085 SE Bypass Dr, wetland enhancement (2013); 625 SE Alderwood Court for a southern entrance to Lawson Gardens (2013); Emerald Pointe Park, Golden Hills Drive, for a children's playground (2011); and land for Mary's Park, 1570 Johnson Avenue, from the estate of Herb Neil (2010).

Other developments have included; Itani Park and Itani Liner Path to Sunnyside Hill (2006-2014), Petry Park along the City Trail and Pathways (2005), Terre View Park on Military Hill (2003), and the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center construction which was fully funded by a private donation from Mary Schweitzer and Ed Schweitzer (2000). The facility was donated to the Pullman School District and built at Military Hill Park on grounds dedicated for park use; (a joint City of Pullman and Pullman School District IAC funded project in the early 1970's). The pool is operated by the City of Pullman through an inter-local agreement. A Metropolitan Park District was established by voter approval in 2002 creating a continuous funding source for PFR programs and 20% each year is set aside for capital improvement projects.

The Pullman School District is a significant partner in community access to recreational facilities. School playgrounds, gymnasiums, and athletic fields are used for sponsored recreation division programs throughout the city. In 1995, the City of Pullman provided partial funding to enlarge the gymnasium at Sunnyside Elementary School in exchange for community access during non-school use. After constructing a new elementary school on Pioneer Hill in 1998, the School District offered half of the old Franklin Elementary School, now known as the Pioneer Center, to the City for use as a community center. The City remodeled the 1957 portion of the building into the 8,000-square-foot Pioneer Community Center, which opened to the public in 2000; this enabled the Recreation Division to increase the number of recreational activities offered to the Pullman community.

In 2018 the residents of Pullman approved a 20 year, General Obligation Bond, Proposition No. 1, in the amount of \$10,500,000 for the purchase and repurposing of buildings for use as a recreation center and city hall. The Pullman Recreation Center will include a regulation size gymnasium, an elevated walking track, meeting/activity rooms, commercial kitchen, and large parking area. The PFR is planning to move to the new facility in the spring of 2020. The bond also included additional funds of \$800,000, to build the "Garden House" at Lawson Gardens; the city had already obtained a Lodging Tax grant in the amount of \$700,000, for a total budget of \$1,500,000. The "Garden House" will be an event center with meeting rooms overlooking Pullman's only formal garden, completion is slated for 2021-2022.

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Section 1 Operations

*“Know that you are valuable. We have to know we are worth something. Find where you have value on your team. Make sure they know who you are.” --**Katie Sowers***

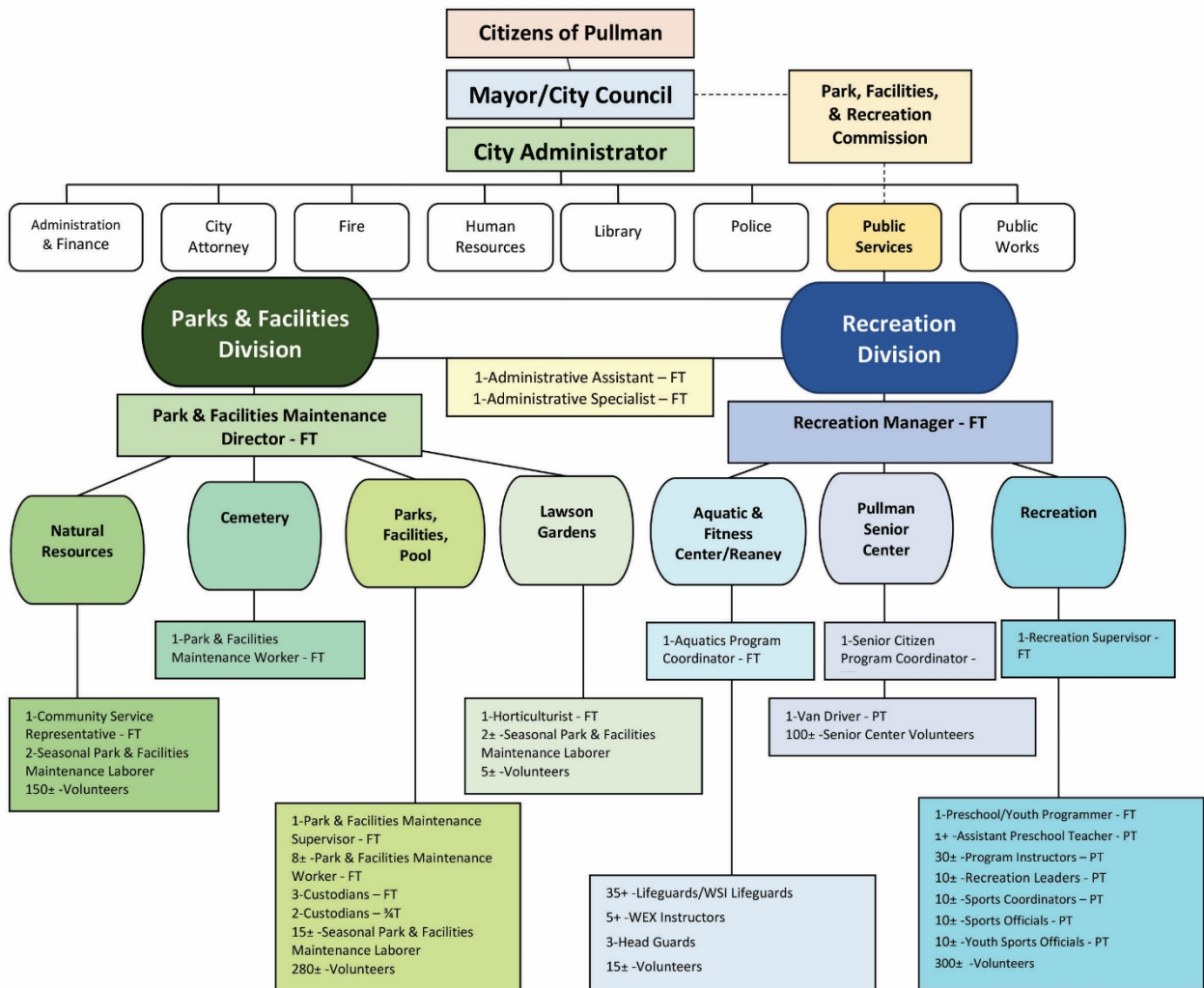


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Existing Operations

The organizational structure of the City of Pullman government directs the management of the parks, facilities, and recreation services. The city has eight separate departments that provide services to Pullman residents. Each of the departments reports to the City Administrator who in turn reports to the Mayor and City Council.

Parks & Recreation services are grouped under the Public Services Department. In 2002 the City Council decided to leave the Public Services Director position vacant as a cost-saving measure. As a result the Parks & Facility Maintenance Director and the Recreation Manager were directed to manage their respective divisions. Below is the current organizational chart for Public Services.

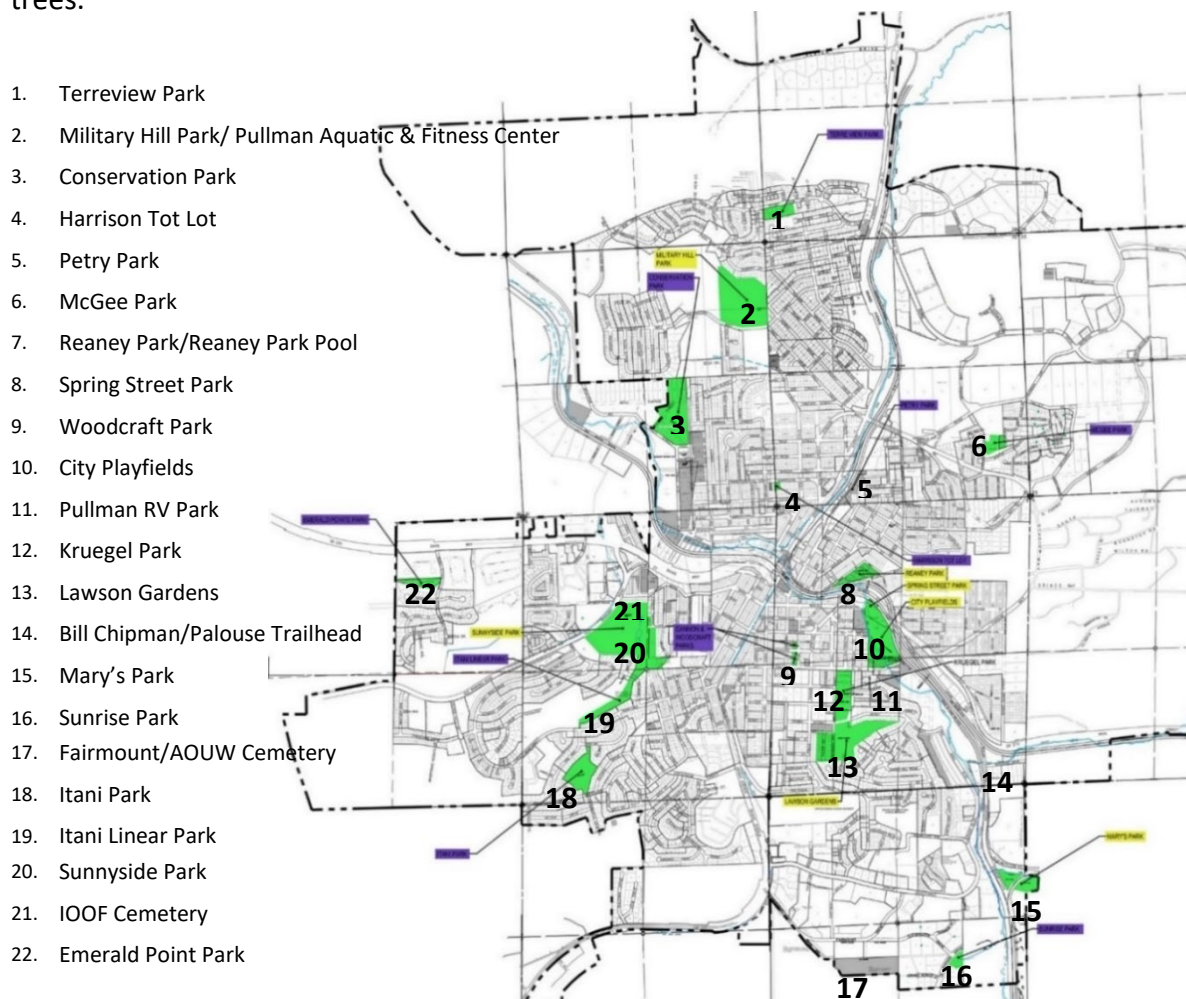


Responsibilities of Parks, Facilities, & Recreation

The Department is responsible for implementing the City Council's goals and objectives by providing the residents of Pullman with parks, green spaces, facilities, and recreational services.

Parks & Facilities:

The division is under the guidance of the Parks & Facilities Maintenance Director, who is responsible for the administrative duties involving the planning, development, and maintenance of Pullman's parks and greenspaces. The Parks & Facilities Division maintains and monitors general upkeep of nineteen parks, city facilities, numerous green spaces (Well 7, Cougar Plaza, Pine Street Mall, etc.), three city cemeteries, city trees, RV park, weed control, and the city trail and pathways system. This division also works with the community on compliance of city ordinances regarding solid waste, nuisance, weed control, and diseased trees.





The parks and facilities division is responsible for:

- Aeration, fertilization, irrigation of turf, spraying lawn areas for weed control, spraying and fertilizing trees and evergreens for insect and disease control and proper care of 19 parks;
- Assisting with burials at city cemeteries;
- Community improvement (code enforcement);
- Installation of new playground equipment;
- Cutting, trimming, and weeding public shrubs and flower beds;
- Installing, repairing and maintaining picnic tables, benches, signs, playgrounds, other equipment, and park facilities;
- Maintaining baseball and softball fields;
- Maintaining of city facilities and buildings:
- Management of the Bill Chipman/Palouse Trail in conjunction with Washington State University, University of Idaho, City of Moscow, and Whitman County Parks;
- Parks & Facilities Maintenance Director is also extensively involved in design and construction of park development and improvement projects;
- Planting and maintaining downtown flower baskets and planters;
- Pool maintenance for Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center and Reaney Park Pool Complex;
- Snow removal from city trails, parking lots, and sidewalks;
- Trash and litter pickup in parks and public rights-a-way;
- Working with city and civic groups on special events such as 4th of July, Concerts in the Park, Farmers Market, Lentil Festival, Movies in the Park, Music on Main, Art Walk, etc.;
- Working with civic groups such as the Pullman Civic Trust, Grand Avenue Greenway Committee, Pullman 2040 Committee, etc.;

Recreation:

The division is under the guidance of the Recreation Manager, who is responsible for all matters pertaining to the administrative and professional duties involved in planning, developing and directing recreation programs and facilities for the Pullman community.

The recreation division is responsible for:

- Preschool activities; examples could include Pullman Parks, Facilities, & Recreation Preschool, summer camps, special holiday programs, etc.;
- Youth Enrichment Activities; examples could include art, dance, theater, enrichment programs, personal safety, science and STEM programs, and other general youth programs;

- Youth Sports Activities; examples would include basketball, flag football, golf, soccer, wrestling, mini-hoops, pee wee soccer, summer sports camps, t-ball and coach pitch, tennis, volleyball;
- Adult programs; examples could include art, dance, fitness, karate, outdoor recreation;
- Adult sports; examples could include basketball, softball, golf, tennis, volleyball, soccer;
- Aquatics; examples would include swim lessons, special programs, water fitness, lifeguard training;
- Fitness facilities, operation of the fitness room at the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center;
- Pools, staffing for the city's seasonal outdoor lap and dive pools at Reaney Park Pool and the year-a-round indoor warm and recreational pools at Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center;
- Teen activities; examples could include rafting, drama, trips, and other activities of interest to teens;
- Senior and active adult activities; examples could include computer classes, art, day trips, overnight trips, along with the day-to-day operation of the Pullman Senior Center;
- Working with City and civic groups on special events such as the 4th of July, Care-to-Share Fun Run, Concerts in the Park, Annual Egg Hunt, Lentil Festival, Movies in the Park, and more.

Section 2

2014-2019 Plan Review

*“Nature surrounds us, from parks and
backyards to streets and alleyways. Next time
you go out for a walk, tread gently and
remember that we are both inhabitants and
stewards of nature in our neighborhoods.”*

– David Suzuki



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2014-2019 Plan Review

The Pullman Parks and Recreation Commission and PFR Staff reviewed the plans set forth in the 2014-2019 Five Year Plan and are able to report that most if not all of the goals set down in the last plan were achieved on or ahead of schedule.

2014-19 Park Goals & Objective Review:

Short Term Goal: Improve existing park facilities

Objective: Build the Lawson Gardens, Garden House and continue to expand Lawson Gardens, creation of ponds and perimeter landscaping.

- With the 20 year, 2018 General Obligation Bond, the City of Pullman will be finishing the design work for the Garden House. Construction should begin late 2020-2021.

Objective: Continue to develop Itani Park; landscape, paths, and pavilion installation.

- The department collaborated with Public Works to pave the pedestrian path through the park that also provides Public Works with access to the sewer line serving the adjacent subdivision. Subdivision development mitigation and natural planting continues throughout the park and a pavilion was constructed near the south parking lot in 2010.

Objective: Construct an outdoor spray pool at Reaney Park in conjunction with Master Plan.

- Funds from the 2007 Proposition No. 1 Bond (\$672,000) and \$39,000 from the Metropolitan Park 10% Capital Reserve fund were dedicated for 2012 design and 2014 construction of a spray pad and other improvements to the Reaney Park Pool Complex.

Objective: Expand the city's existing recreational vehicle park and build a facility to provide showers and restrooms for recreational vehicle park users.

- The city has met with local owners to express an interest in the adjacent land required for expansion. Public Works awarded a contract to improve the current sewer system.
- The Parks and Facilities Division has worked with Washington State University civil engineering students to develop plans for a shower/restroom facility.

Short Term Goal: Cooperate with local organizations to enhance transportation corridors in the community.

Objective: Coordinate with the Pullman Civic Trust and other local organizations to improve the community's pedestrian paths and to establish appropriate connections within pathway corridors.

- Staff members continues to serve on the Palouse Chipman Trail Committee having served most recently President. The city has made accommodations for storage of trail equipment and continues to work on efforts to plow sections of the trail that has become a year-round alternative commuter corridor, within the city limits.
- City staff worked with Pullman Civic Trust to promote the passage of the 2007 Proposition No. 1, funding improvements for parks and paths. The vast support of the community made possible the construction of new paths, restrooms, and ballfield lighting at City Playfields. City staff has also met with Washington State Department of Transportation representatives, expressing our interest in the possible rail banking of the Union Pacific line that could provide an additional path. The Wawawai Road widening, completed in 2014 developed a separate path linking Whispering Hills, Sunnyside Park, and Main St. with the Davis Way path. Additionally, a new path system, linking Fairmont Road, Bishop Blvd, the business district, and, Pullman Regional Hospital. Eventual the pathway system will connect Sunrise Park, green spaces which will eventually link with Mary's Park, Johnson Avenue Path, and the Whitman County Humane Society Dog Park.

Objective: Coordinate with the Grand Avenue Greenway Committee, local merchants, and other groups to beautify Grand Avenue and other major thoroughfares in the community through landscaping and other means.

- The Grand Avenue Greenway Committee has raised \$146,530.41 from 2000 to 2019, dedicated to improvements along the north-south corridor. A number of projects have been completed; new raised planter beds, hanging baskets, the addition of the Mayors' Grove, Scouts' Park, Neill Public Library improvements, the WSU Presidents' Grove, the SEL Wayside, the Jess Ford Greenway, and Well 7 landscape development. On April 29, 2012 the Chamber Presidents' Grove and Three Forks Wayside were added and dedicated to the completed project list. The WSU Landscape and Architecture Design Studio created and presented plans to local organizations for future development north of Stadium Way.
- New city entrance signs were installed in 2017 and 2018 at both the north and south entrances to the city.

Objective: Compliance with Phase II of the State mandated Storm Water Retention Consistency

- Staff worked with Stormwater Division to implement the Stormwater Management Program. The "Operation & Maintenance Plan" was last updated December 6, 2012. All City employees are attending yearly mandatory stormwater training and Park staff is coordinating with the Public Works Department to improve parking lots adjacent to our waterways.

Long Term Goal: Establish and implement level of service standards for Parks, Facilities, & Recreation facilities in the community

Objective: Through the city's "budget by objective" format service standards are set and reviewed.

- Adopt formal level of service standards, in keeping with the expressed needs of the community, to guide the development and maintenance of parks, facilities, and recreation facilities.
- Staff monitors actual costs and man-hours of maintenance activities for parks and facilities and adjusts during the yearly budget process to address changes due to public input, city-wide goal setting and direction from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Capital Improvement Projects are reviewed and prioritized on a city-wide basis yearly.

Objective: As community growth occurs, work with real estate developers to provide facilities in accordance with adopted level of service standards.

- Recent examples include the donations of Sunrise Park, Emerald Pointe, Mary's Park, 625 SE Alderwood Court, Itani Park, and Liner Path. Staff continues to work with the Planning Department by providing comment on each new development and how that addition will blend with and link to the existing park and path system.

Long Term Goal: Improve existing park facilities.

Objective: Replace the picnic shelter at Kruegel Park.

- Staff removed the old roof structure during October 2013 and installed a new one early 2014.
- With the passage of General Obligation Bond No. 2 in 2018, funds will be available for the construction of a new shelter at Kruegel Park in the next few years.

Objective: Develop Itani Linear Park and northern parking lot.

- The Itani Linear Path was designated the Wetland Buffer Mitigation Site for the SR 270/Airport Road Corridor Sanitary Sewer Trunk Project. The plantings and wetland development occurred between October 1, 2013 and November 20, 2014.
- Paving of the walking path in Itani Linear Path to be completed summer 2019.

Objective: Lawson Gardens' completion in accordance with the Lawson Gardens Master Plan, with construction of the wedding/conference building.

- Garden House plans were developed by a local architecture firm and Pullman City council approved the use of Lodging Tax dollars to support fund raising efforts for the construction of the Garden House at Lawson Gardens. In 2018 voter approved a General Obligation Bond, Proposition No. 1 to fund the construction of the Garden House.

2014-2019 Recreation Goals & Objective Review:

Short Term Goal: Provide a comprehensive recreation program.

Objective: Develop new programs for the youth, adult, and senior population of the City of Pullman that meet their needs and interests.

- From input of the department survey's and course evaluations continue to add new programs and activities.
- Work with and recruit new instructors and coaches for the PFR programs and activities.
- A variety of new day and overnight trips to points of interest in the surrounding communities have been offered to the senior population in recent years.
- National Alliance for Youth Sports: Provide guidance and materials to train youth sport coaches, officials, parents.

Objective: Develop and implement programs for youth/young adults in cooperation with the Pullman School District and local businesses in Pullman and surrounding communities.

- Continued to work with Pullman High School coaches to offer and expand camps for boys and girls basketball; baseball; volleyball; and football.
- Continued to work in partnerships with Palouse Discovery Science Center, Palouse Ice Rink, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute along with other businesses in the surrounding communities.
- Continued to partner with Moscow Parks & Recreation: Offer combined youth softball; adult softball, and basketball programs to expand league offerings.
- YMCA @ WSU: Co-Sponsor their Youth Adaptive Recreation and Special Olympic programs.
- WSU Athletics: Athletes join participants of the Pullman Senior Center on a monthly basis to play cards and board games, recreation youth teams scrimmage at halftime of men's and women's basketball and women's soccer games.
- Skyhawks Sports Academy: Continue to expanded and explore new sport camp offerings.

Short Term Goal: Continue to provide Washington State University students with hands on experience.

Objective: Develop and implement practicum and internship opportunities within appropriate WSU departments.

- Annually, over 300 Washington State University students volunteer with the department to assist in youth sports programs, preschool, and special events each year.
- Continue to coordinate with Washington State University Center for Civic Engagement serving as a community placement for individual WSU students and group learning projects.

Short Term Goal: Provide aquatic classes for Pullman School District students.

Objective: Through use of the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center develop and implement a curriculum with the Pullman School District that meets the standards and educational needs of their students.

- Continued to work with Pullman High School to assist and provide instructors for their Hydro-Fit and special needs classes. Due to the proximity of the elementary and middle schools to the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Centers, the school district has elected not to pursue additional educational programming opportunities at this time.
- Continued working with Pullman High School Swim Teams, providing pool space for in-season daily practices and swim meets.
- Each year the fifth grade classes from the elementary schools participate in a swimming safety day prior to attending a weeklong outdoor camp.

Short Term Goal: Continued support of financially disadvantaged population.

Objective: Provide financial assistance to low income families in the Pullman community through the “Care to Share” scholarship program that allows youth and seniors to participate in recreation programs.

- In 2019, PFR department co-sponsored the Tase T. Lentil 5K Fun Run the proceeds benefit the “Care to Share” funds will further provide scholarships for qualifying youth and seniors. Attendance in 2019 was 205 participants and \$925.00 was raised for additional scholarships.
- In 2019, a total of \$5,115.50 in scholarships were awarded to 207 youth and 11 senior adult for those who are financially disadvantaged.

Long Term Goal: Develop a Multi-Sport complex.

Objective: In cooperation with Washington State University, Pullman Youth Baseball, Pullman Soccer Club and other interested parties, consider the development of a multi-sport complex that would meet the needs of many organizations and different types of athletic programs.

- There continues to be discussions between parties about the need for additional athletic fields in the Pullman community. Limiting factors continue to be adequate and available land as well as financial means to develop such a project.

Long Term Goal: Develop a Recreation Center.

Objective: Construct a Recreation Center to better meet the needs of the Pullman community.

- The 2018 General Obligation Bond No. 1 was passed by Pullman voters and provides funding for the purchase and remodel of a new recreation center. That will include a regulation size gymnasium, elevated walking track, meeting/activity rooms, commercial kitchen, and large parking area.

Section 3

Executive Summary

*“Though the word beautification makes the concept sound merely cosmetic, it involves much more: clean water, clean air, clean roadsides, safe waste disposal, and preservation of valued old landmarks as well as great parks and wilderness areas. To me...beautification means our total concern for the physical and human quality we pass on to our children and the future. – **Lady Bird Johnson***



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Executive Summary



The city of Pullman is located in southeastern Washington among the rolling hills of the Palouse in Whitman County and is surrounded by prime agricultural land. The City encompasses 10.5 square miles, with an average of 3,091.9 people per square mile. The City was incorporated under territorial law in 1888 with a population of approximately 300 people. Pullman is different from other communities in a variety of ways, beginning with its foundation at the base of four large hills. Pullman has grown to encompass these

hills, making the topography mostly sloped with very little flat land. Washington State University dominates the northeastern hill and is one of the larger employer in Pullman. The five year estimated population of Pullman is 34,560 people (State of Washington, 2019 Population Trends, Forecasting & Research Division, Office of Financial Management, August 2019). The median age is 21.9 years old, with a median household income of \$41,574. Pullman is a fluid community with 50.5% of the population reporting they have moved since the previous year, with 14.6% of the populace being foreign-born. The economy of Pullman is most notably driven by government entities (primarily Washington State University), trade center activities (Schweitzer Engineering), a growing manufacturing and high-tech research sector, and agriculture production.

Development of recreation facilities is a priority for the residents of Pullman. In 1997, the passage of Proposition No. 1 and considerable private donations provided an additional eight miles of paved trails, complete with furnishings. (Appendix #2, pg. 88) In 2006 with funds from private donations and a grant from IAC (now RCO, Recreation Conservation Office) the Downtown Riverwalk project was completed, which links the downtown area to the existing Pullman Trails and Pathways. In 2007 the residents of Pullman passed an additional Proposition No. 1 Bond totaling \$2,240,000 for the purpose of constructing new restrooms at Kruegel Park, Sunnyside Park, and the City Playfields; new field lighting at the City Playfield complex; and additions to the trail system with expansion and completion of the Maple Street Extension, Palouse Highway, and Johnson Avenue trails. In 2018 the residents of Pullman passed a new General Obligation Bond No. 1, totaling \$10,500,000 to purchase and remodel an existing building for a new recreation center and city hall, along with construction of a Garden House (event center) at Lawson Gardens the City's only formal garden. In addition, in 2018 the residents passed General Obligation Bond No. 2 a \$2,400,000 replacement Parks and Path Bond to continue with additional improvements to Reaney Park Pool, ADA Improvements to Sunnyside Park, City Playfield (softball fields) upgrades, replacement of the Kruegel Park Shelter, completion of Mary's Park and Emerald Point Park, and further development of the pedestrian/bike paths in Pullman.

The City's partnership with the Pullman School District has significantly contributed to the development of community access to recreational facilities. The City and the District have developed an inter-agency agreement for joint use of facilities. Examples of joint ventures between the two agencies include: the expansion of Sunnyside Elementary gymnasium (1995) to accommodate recreation use after school hours; development of Military Hill Park (1976) to serve the growing recreational needs of residents near the Pullman High School; (1998) Mary Schweitzer and Ed Schweitzer provided funds for the construction of the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center which is owned by the Pullman School District and managed by the City of Pullman, PFR Department; and remodeling of the old Franklin Elementary School (2000) for use as a community center by the City of Pullman and the administrative offices of the Pullman School District.

Pullman's park system is largely comprised of land privately donated to the City over many years to provide parks and open space. While this method has resulted in an evenly distributed and varied system of parks, it cannot be expected that large, desirable land donations will occur in the future. The purpose of this plan is to identify desirable levels of service for Pullman, anticipate the probable growth areas, and proactively plan for park, recreation, and open space development.

For the last 22 years the City of Pullman has been recognized as a "Tree City USA" a program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, and four of those years were awarded the "Tree City Growth Award". This program provides the city an opportunity to educate people who care about their community, about the value of tree resources, the importance of sustainable tree management, and to engage individuals and organizations in advancing tree planting and care across the urban forest. Participation in the Tree City USA program helps residents feel good that they live and work in a city with so many natural resources and is a pleasing way to welcome visitors and prospective residents.

As the City of Pullman continues to grow at a rate of 1.5% per year from 2011 through 2015 the need for additional park space will be desired for the betterment of the community. The City of Pullman may consider enacting park impact fees to newly proposed development to fund the future recreation needs within the City. This method would require developers to dedicate funds, property, or in-kind value toward new facilities. Dedicated funds would be targeted to benefit the general area of the proposed development. The City of Moscow is the closest example of a city where recreation impact fees are mandatory for new development.

Section 4 Community Demand/Action Plan

*“The true purpose of recreation is not merely to amuse, not merely to afford pleasure, not merely to kill time, but to increase our fitness, enhance our usefulness, spur achievement.” – **B.C. Forbes***



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KEY FINDINGS:

Parks, Facilities, & Recreation Questionnaire Results Summary

Park facilities and trails:

1. **Importance:** Parks and open spaces are very important to the Pullman community: The majority of respondents (90.42%) rated parks as extremely important or very important (Question 6, pg. 123). 87% of respondents indicated that open spaces are important to the Pullman community. (Question 13, pg. 130).
2. **Development of parks, facilities, trails, and pathways:** Based on the questionnaire, 59.93% of the respondents indicated that monies should be expended to upgrade existing parks and 41.61% believe that maintaining existing parks and facilities are of high priority. While 42.34% support the purchasing of additional land for future parks and natural areas. (Question 31, pg. 141).
3. **General park maintenance:** The parks general upkeep and maintenance are performed at a high quality or above according to 59.06% of the respondents. (Question 12, pg. 129). From many of the respondents there is a need to improve accessibility in many of the parks and an upgrade of some of the park shelters.
4. **Additional park needs:** From numerous responses on the questionnaire, additional needs include pickleball courts, trails, and handicap accessibility upgrading of some park restrooms.



Recreation programs and events:

1. **Potential increase of recreation participation:** Although 85.19% of respondents said they participate in recreation programs and activities within the last year (Question 17, pg. 132) continued promotion and development of programs is extremely important. 85.92% believe that recreation programs are extremely important or very important to the quality of life in Pullman. (Question 18, pg. 132).
2. **Department communication:** Most of the respondents (77.34%) receive their information for programing and special events from the PFR Department Activity Guide which is published three times per year. The department provides both printed and digital flipbook of the departments' brochure along with online registration. With a number of residents getting information from friends, family, and word of mouth, or from social media sites (Question 19, pg. 133). The department must continue reaching out to the community and promoting our programs in a clear, concise way, differing it from other public entities and organizations.
3. **Additional recreation activities and programs:** When ask about the role of PFR in youth sports, 75.52% of the respondents thought that the city should develop and maintain fields and facilities and sports leagues. (Question 27, pg. 139) The response

also stated that recreation programs should be mostly from tax dollars and some user fees (55.88%, Question 29, pg. 140). Respondents would like to see more special events (concerts in the park, festivals, and movies) 49.21%, with PFR developing and offering more drop-in activities for both youth and adults (41.27%). Most respondents indicated that the main reasons for not participating in recreation programs (Question 20, pg. 133) were “to busy/no time” or programs were not available due to “day or time offered”.

Future facility improvements recommendation

1. **Priorities of respondents:** Based on the outcome of the questionnaire, staff interaction with community user groups, and input from the Pullman 2040 Committee, 41.61% of the respondents indicated a need to upgrade existing parks followed by maintaining existing parks and facilities. Based on open ended responses, examples of facilities needing improvement include, pickleball courts, tennis courts, and playground equipment.
2. **New trails:** Prioritizing a citywide trail system was one of the top ranked options according to questionnaire outcome.
3. **Multi-purpose community facility:** The second most popular response for project prioritization was development of a multi-purpose community facility. In addition, respondents preferred several types of features to be included such as a walking track, gym space, and community center.
4. **Parks and natural areas:** Respondents value parks and natural areas, adding or developing new parks and natural areas is highly valued among Pullman residents. The respondents mainly value trails that link neighborhoods with community destinations (70.59%) and paved trails for walking and biking trails (58.59%). Continued development of the Pullman trail system is a very high priority of the Pullman community.
5. **Suggested Park Facility Improvements from public input:**
 - a) **City Playfield:**
 - (1) General Obligation Bond No. 2 will fund six new dugout structures to Wiley, Bowman and Thatuna fields. New scoreboxes, backstops and fencing will be installed along with adult fitness components along the pedestrian path
 - b) **Emerald Pointe Park**
 - (1) Establish parking lot, open green space, shade, shelter, restroom, playground and ties to path system
 - c) **Harrison Tot Lot**
 - (1) Create an ADA accessible entrance
 - (2) Flat paved area for beginner bike, blades, scooter, and skating experience
 - (3) Plant trees to define park from adjacent homes, creating a more enticing atmosphere
 - d) **Itani Park and Itani Linear Park**
 - (1) Add art elements to the park landscape
 - (2) Adult exercise equipment (balance beams, bar, etc.)
 - (3) Enhance park with benches, spring animals, garbage cans

e) Kruegel Park

- (1) ADA parking
- (2) ADA access to shelter and restroom
- (3) Change flow/layout of playground
- (4) Keep “sled hill” a priority
- (5) Move red swirl to a different location
- (6) Resurface tennis courts and re-landscape surrounding area
- (7) Update/upgrade play equipment
- (8) Naturescape development

f) Lawson Gardens

- (1) Addition of teahouse on future pond as per Lawson Master Plan
- (2) Additional parking with Garden House construction
- (3) Create Sunken Garden near the reflective pool
- (4) Explore potential winter light display

g) Mary’s Park

- (1) ADA regional playground to include two large play equipment for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12, plus child and adult diggers, music play component, zip-line, etc.
- (2) Construct a shelter and restroom
- (3) Water wheel on Sunshine Creek
- (4) Wetland Garden, demonstration gardens, small orchard with varieties developed at WSU and planted to accommodate harvest from the ground on one side and a wheel chair path at tree top height on the other

h) McGee Park

- (1) Challenge of design with the diversity of user groups.
- (2) Potential for a mix of small user elements at existing site and addition of a cable climbers/etc. for older patrons located away from current playground
- (3) Plant trees to shade portions of the open turf area of the park
- (4) Replace play equipment to include elements for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12
- (5) Resurface basketball court

i) Petry Natural Area

- (1) Potential opportunities for Young Professionals to provide some funding and additional clean up/care and maintenance for this area
- (2) Three Forks Wayside mural

j) Military Hill Park

- (1) Provide ADA access to playground and shelter by creating a parking lot location between the shelter and playground, with a paved pathway to the water tower
- (2) Enhance path and add adult exercise equipment
- (3) Possibly move or create another shelter for better sightline of playground area

k) Reaney Park

- (1) 2018 General Obligation Bond No. 2 will fund ADA compliant park restrooms, locker room, and shower updates and diving tank liner replacement
- (2) Create an enhanced entrance to park at southern turnaround area
- (3) Review and educate the public on park ordinance regarding animals in the park
- (4) Signage to enhance idea of patron parking
- (5) Shade structure over ADA picnic pad, adding a ADA pedestal table

l) Spring Street Skate Park

- (1) Add chess table(s) and “little library”
- (2) Addition of BMX/dirt bike/pump course
- (3) Enhancements to lawn bowling – this could stay or move to alternate location

m) Sunnyside Park

- (1) 2018 General Obligation Bond No. 1 Bond will fund paving of the path from Cedar St. lot to the Itani Linear Path and on to the shelter, restrooms, and playground
- (2) Tennis court resurfacing for tennis and pickleball
- (3) Play equipment for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12 with space separation by age
- (4) Duck feeding receptacles at pond
- (5) Small gazebo construction at old restroom building

n) Sunrise Park

- (1) Art sculpture in/near the wetland area
- (2) Construct a gazebo
- (3) Naturescape development.
- (4) Signage starting point for Pullman Regional Hospital Active Living Project walking and exercise path

o) Terreview Park

- (1) Add additional climbing equipment
- (2) Drinking fountain upgrade
- (3) Work to retain the view towards Moscow Mountain

p) Woodcraft Park

- (1) Add gazebo and rebuild stairs

Checklist for new park development:

Mini Parks (2,500 square feet-1 acre): Example would be Harrison Tot Lot

- a) ADA Restroom
- b) Connect parks to the City Trail System
- c) Consideration should be given specifically to age appropriate playgrounds in proximity to elementary schools
- d) Doesn't necessarily have to be city owned; could be managed and owned by developer or neighborhood community (Home Owners Association). These requirements should be consistent and a percent of the park should be designated for the arts, etc.
- e) Flat off street parking areas (5 parking sites)

- f) Footprint for small park – not much smaller than Harrison Tot Lot (.233 acres) to double the size (.5 acres)
- g) Shade – natural and provided
- h) Signage that is aesthetically pleasing and addresses the history of the park
- i) Tables/picnic options
- j) Using smaller parks for other specialty park elements: flower gardens, sculptures, fitness
- k) When developing new parks identify use types (younger, older, fitness, etc.) needs to be varied within a defined distances. Example Harrison Tot Lot is not every park, but need to have some smaller specialty parks.
- l) Seating should be close to play equipment for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12, additional seating close to park entrance and/or parking lot, with seating spaced throughout the park

Neighborhood Parks (1-10 acres): Example would be McGee Park (in addition to elements for Mini Parks)

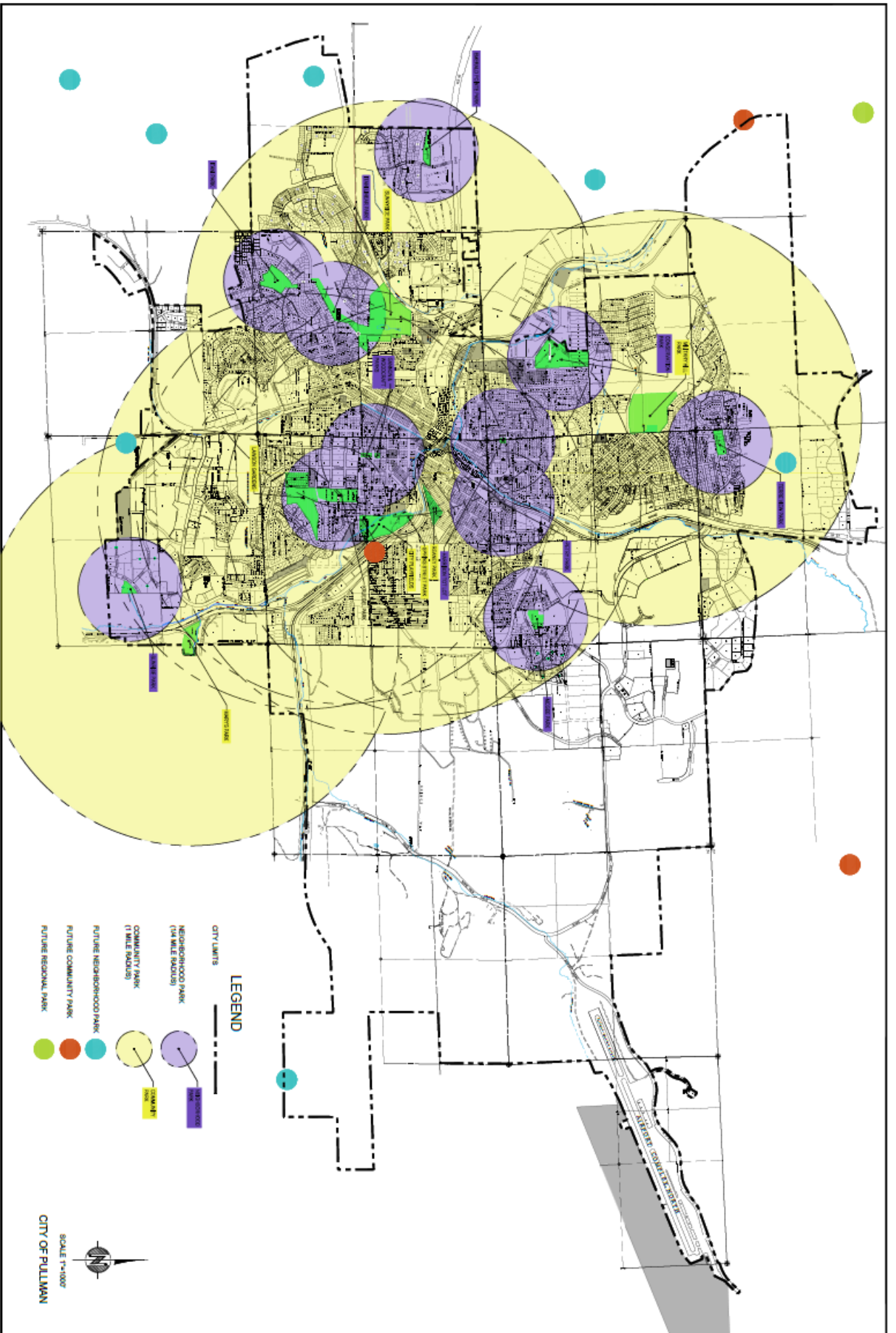
- a) ADA Accessible
- b) ADA Restroom
- c) ADA Shelter (10-50 people)
- d) Flat off street parking areas (5 parking sites per acre)
- e) Develop to accommodate the needs of the adjacent neighborhood
- f) Open space/fields for play and athletics
- g) Play equipment for ages 2 to 5 and/or 5 to 12

Community Parks (11-99 acres): Example would be Sunnyside Park (in addition to elements for mini and neighborhood parks)

- a) ADA Restroom (2 or more sets of restrooms)
- b) ADA Shelter (50-200 people)
- c) Athletic/sport component
- d) Attention needs to be given to tie into city trail system
- e) Flat off street parking areas (5 parking sites per acre)
- f) Play equipment for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12
- g) Water feature

Regional Parks (100-500 acres): (in addition to elements for mini, neighborhood, and community parks)

- a) ADA Restroom
- b) ADA Shelter (50-300 people)
- c) Play equipment for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12
- d) Sightseeing, nature study area, wildlife habitat
- e) Walking, hiking, jogging, bike paths
- f) Water feature



Facility review 2014-2019 and needs assessed by condition and capital improvement planning for 2020-2025

PROJECT	Est. Cost	Year
Trail System: Continue upgrading signage along the city trail system and install bicycle racks. Possible funding through fundraising. The Pullman Civic Trust is currently working on this project.	\$30,000	2014 (Ongoing)
Reaney Park spray pool and complex improvements: Construct an outdoor spray pool or other aquatic feature at Reaney Park. Using Prop 1 monies and Metro Park District 20% set aside for capital improvement.	\$862,000	2014 (Completed)
South St. parking lot and Palouse River vista development: City Playfield and Trail Head parking for Riverwalk and Palouse Chipman Trail.	\$150,000	2015 (Completed)
ADA Improvements to Sunnyside Park: Construct an ADA compliant path from the Cedar St. parking lot to the upper restrooms, shelter, and playground. Also improve the ADA parking.	\$150,000	2019 (Completed)
Itani Linear Park: Pave the Itani Linear Path from Center St. to the Sunnyside Park Shelter and the Cedar St. parking lot. Connection greenway between Itani Park and Sunnyside Park. Funding 2018 approved Proposition No 2 Bond and Public Works Utility Fund.	\$100,000	2019 (Completed)
Mary's Park Development: Herb Neil Estate donation, Phase I - ADA playground design and construction. Funding from Metro Park District 20% set aside for capital improvement and Kiwanis Club of Pullman.	\$225,000	2019-2020
Restrooms & Shower Building Upgrade Reaney Park Pool: Interior and exterior restrooms and changing rooms have not been updated since the early 1960s. Renovation and improvements to the shower building were identified as a high priority in the City's revised ADA Transition Plan. Presently, handicap porta-pots must be leased as park restrooms do not meet ADA Standards. New layout would include toilets, sinks, and shower replacement. Pool Liner, Reaney Park Pool: The diving tank pool liner was installed in 1997 to mitigate water loss from concrete cracks. The liner has exceeded its useful life and is in need of replacement prior to failure. Project will require the removal of the existing liner, concrete repairs to the walls, and placement of a new liner.	\$450,000	2019-2020
Pullman Recreation Center: Remodel and move into the recreation center located at 190 SE Crestview St.	\$2,500,000	2019-2020
Purchase Band Shell/Portable Stage: Instead of pursuing a permanent structure at Sunnyside Park, purchase a mobile platform that can be used for multiple events (i.e. Lentil Festival, Concerts in the Park, Fourth of July, etc.)	\$156,000	2020
Upgrade City Playfields: Add six (6) new dugout structures to Wiley, Bowman, and Thatuna fields. Replace and upgrade existing storage and three (3) scorekeeper boxes. Replace three (3) backstops and replace fencing. Add an adult fitness component along the pedestrian path.	\$300,000	2020
Lawson Garden's Garden House: The Lawson Garden House would be a meeting and event center that would overlook Pullman's only formal garden. Use could include wedding receptions, local civic group meetings, family reunions, and other special events.	\$1,500,000	2020-2021
Pedestrian/Bike Path Development: Create a path from Copper Basin Development, through the Conservation Park, to Darrow St., and on to Harrison St. Plan and develop sections of the trails to the new Kamiak Elementary School as development occurs.	\$450,000	2020-2025
Ice Rink: Secure location and develop seasonal ice rink.	\$75,000	2022
Emerald Pointe Park: Development would include playground, shelter, restrooms, and a paved parking lot.	\$250,000	2022
Mary's Park: Phase 2: Pave parking lot, restrooms, and shelter. The park would also include wetlands mitigation interpretive area, children's garden, and demonstration gardens. The existing structure would be removed.	\$464,000	2023
Replacement of Kruegel Park Shelter: The original shelter was constructed by the Lions Club over 40 years ago. Roof repairs were carried out by Parks staff and Real Life Ministries volunteers to extend its safe use. A new structure similar to those at Sunnyside and Terreview Parks is being proposed. Add ADA route improvements from parking area to the shelter and the restrooms.	\$250,000	2023
Cemetery Expansion: Establish another 2-3 acres of the seven undeveloped acres of the city cemetery ground for grave sales. Fairmount and AOUW are sold out and the earth burial section of the cemeteries 1996 developed addition is approaching 50% of plots being sold.	\$200,000	2024
Veterans Memorial/Monument Site: Work with the Pullman Cemetery Committee, Pullman Local VFW Post 52, and other local residents to purchase adjacent property and construct a Veteran's Memorial/Monument with perimeter fencing of the Pullman City Cemetery.	\$350,000	2025

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Section 5 Inventory & Analysis

*“I firmly believe that to be amidst the simple beauty of nature can be solace in all times.” -
Anne Frank*



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Inventory and Analysis Report



Comprehensive Strategic Planning

Comprehensive Strategic Planning for parks and recreation is a process in which a community thoroughly assesses its current and future needs for parks, facilities, recreation, and open spaces. The process involves:

- Assessment of future parks, facilities, and recreation needs in the community.
- Resident's participation in a variety of public involvement opportunities.
- Develop goals that address the identified needs.
- Develop level of service standards for the community.
- Develop a strategic plan for attaining the goals.
- Review of condition and adequacy of facilities and programs.

The plan is strategic in nature because it is driven by the resident needs and is limited by the community's available finances and resources. It is comprehensive because it addresses the entire community and the uniqueness of Pullman.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency

The Parks, Facilities, & Recreation Comprehensive Plan is designed to be a supporting element of the City of Pullman Comprehensive Plan. The Parks, Facilities, & Recreation Plan focuses on parks, facilities, recreation, and open space planning over a ten-year period beginning in the year 2008, which will be formally reviewed in 2019. It is essential to link planning for parks and open space to the Pullman Comprehensive Plan, to ensure that provisions for parks and open spaces are incorporated into the planned expansion of Pullman.

The City of Pullman Comprehensive Plan identifies goals and policies adopted by the City of Pullman that relate directly to parks, facilities, recreation, and open spaces. This plan recognizes the importance of parks, facilities, and recreation opportunities as being critical elements when considering Pullman's quality of life.

Chapter Nine of the Comprehensive Plan (Appendix 6, pg. 116) is dedicated to parks and open spaces. The plan includes the following statement that illustrates the importance of parks and recreation: "Existing park and recreation facilities in the community have a strong, positive impact upon residents' quality of life. Maintaining these facilities for the continued enjoyment of residents should continue to be a priority."

The four goals included in the Comprehensive Plan for parks, recreation, and open spaces are as follows:

- GOAL P1:** Maximize the quality of life in Pullman by providing open space, trails, parks, and recreational opportunities and facilities throughout the community.
- GOAL P2:** Assure the preservation and conservation of unique, fragile, scenic, and non-renewable natural resources.
- GOAL P3:** Maintain city parks and recreational facilities in good condition.
- GOAL P4:** Complete and protect a system of green belts, centered on streams and wildlife corridors, to protect natural resources and provide passive recreation.

The Comprehensive Plan addresses the Pullman's recreation programs by stating, "Recreational programs operated by the Public Services Department have proven to be popular among city residents. These programs should continue, but the department should evaluate them on an ongoing basis, in order to assure that they continue to reflect the interests of the community. These and other programs for youth should continue to be a priority."

Storm Water Management Program

The PDR department is currently working toward compliance with the City's Eastern Washington Phase II municipal stormwater permit. Water runoff assessment:

- Fertilizer application is not held to the same standards as pesticides, but we do not exceed recommended rates and have implemented soil testing to help us best manage our turf.
- Lawson Gardens contends with storm water from Meadowvale St. and Alderwood St. which exits the park through a culvert at Meadowvale St. and Derby St. Lawson Gardens also handles purged water flow from Well 8 through its stream bed system.
- Most City parking lots drain fairly well; exceptions would be the Sunnyside Park back lot access drives and the Terreview Park parking lot.
- New irrigation systems have been installed at McGee Park, Pioneer Center, and City Cemetery with moisture sensing probes and state-of-the-art monitoring capability utilizing technology from Decagon.
- Pesticides are applied by state licensed personnel (The parks and facilities division pays for staff training to stay current on CEU's, record keeping, PPG, IPM, rates, labels, etc.).
- Pesticide storage is located in a separated and locked area of the main shop with a containment drain (no outlet) that can be pumped and the material removed as hazardous waste when required.
- Plow the path system throughout town; the sidewalks along park property and major traffic corridors (Crestview, Grand Ave., Stadium Way, portions of East and West Main St., Fairmont Dr., Terreview Dr., Palouse St., High St., Paradise St., Derby St., and Bishop Blvd.) and plow and de-ice the City's parking lots, Riverwalk, sidewalks around the Town Centre, and the pedestrian islands downtown.
- Reaney pools when required are drained into the adjacent sanitary system. The filter house can flood during storm events primarily from river water backing up through the storm drains mixing with water generated from the Maiden Lane area.

- The Sunnyside Park ponds are a closed system that must be supplemented with city water to maintain depth. There is a culvert that runs the length of the ponds which handles water from the Itani drainage. A pond overflow can be found in the manhole east of the small pond that drains into the culvert daylighting at the north end of the park.
- Trucks and equipment are washed at the wash rack at South and Riverview and around the Parks Shop.
- Walkways, paths, etc. are blown clean of debris using backpack blowers or ground driven units when possible to reduce water usage.
- Water-wise landscaping is implemented wherever possible to reduce water consumption.
- Yard waste is deposited in a Pullman Disposal drop-box. Grass clippings are not collected but mulched back into the turf to reduce composting associated problems and to reduce fertilizer needs.

City of Pullman, ADA Transition Plan

The department is always working at improving access to individuals with disabilities to Parks, PFR activities and facilities, in compliance with the City of Pullmans ADA Transition Plan.

- Continue being committed to accommodating residents with disabilities and special needs who participate in recreation activities. PFR Department will make every reasonable effort to ensure that programs are accessible. Keeping in mind that persons with disabilities want the same opportunities and chance to experience the benefits of PFR programs and services.
- Work with the City of Pullman Planning Department when making any development or alterations to buildings or facilities within the parks system. Including, but not limited to barrier free access to assembly areas, buildings, paths and trails, play areas, play components, pools, signage, ramps, site plans, and walk ways.
- The City of Pullman is currently working on revising the Transition Plan, when approved by City Council; the department will adopt those standards.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Regional Setting

Pullman is a community of 34,560 according to the State of Washington 2019 Population Trends, Forecasting & Research Division, Office of Financial Management, August 2019. Pullman is the largest city in Whitman County consisting of 10.5 square miles, and is located in the heart of the Palouse region of southeast Washington State. The largest metropolitan area near Pullman is Spokane, Washington located 75 miles to the north. The most recognizable elements of the Palouse region are the expansive hilly fields of agriculture production and Washington State University located in Pullman.



Local Setting

The City of Pullman is almost synonymous with Washington State University. Approximately 65 percent of the population is comprised of WSU students (2017 enrollment 21,022) making Pullman unique from most other communities.

Pullman's neighboring city is Moscow, Idaho located eight miles east. Interestingly, Moscow is the home of the University of Idaho adding to the student population of the region. A four-lane highway and a paved trail, which borders Paradise Creek, connect the two cities. The trail is named the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail and was constructed on a rail bank line. The trail is very popular for recreation users and a large number of regular commuters between the two cities. Additional trails are under construction to expand the trail system in both Pullman and Moscow with links into Whitman and Latah Counties. To date the area system encompasses approximately 18 continuous miles of paved trails.

The climate in Pullman is typical of eastern Washington ranging from cold winters and frequent snow, to hot summers. Annual precipitation is 38.6 inches of snowfall per year and 21.32 inches of rainfall, which requires irrigation for most landscapes and has resulted in the need to place an emphasis on water-wise options. All four seasons are experienced in Pullman, with warm summer months, crisp autumn afternoons, mild winters with blankets of snow, and sunny spring days and each is reflected beautifully in the rolling landscapes that paint the Palouse. The rich topsoil is generally shallow with a clay or basalt rock sub-base. This sub-base does not retain water very well creating frequent flood conditions with heavy precipitation or sudden thawing.

Population and Demographics

The city's 2017 census population was estimated at 32,382. This number represents an increase of 9.2% over the 2010 U.S. census count of 29,799. Population figures within the area are expected to continue to increase based on projections by the city.

The city estimates that, the number of WSU students living in Pullman in the fall of 2017 was 21,022 (comprising 65 percent of the total population). Of course, during semester breaks and throughout the summer months, the student population in town decreases dramatically.

Due to the large contingent of university students in the community, Pullman's population is quite young when compared to other cities. Median age is 21.9 years old, with approximately seven percent of the population 60 years of age or older. Since the 1990's, efforts have been made to retain more retirees in Pullman through the provision of appropriate housing and services.

The per capita income in Pullman according to U.S. Census Bureau for 2017 was \$18,681. Pullman is about half the state of Washington average per capita income of \$34,869.

The racial composition of the city's population reflects a largely Caucasian population, comprising approximately 73% of the total. The largest non-white racial group is Asian/Pacific Islander, at 11% of total population. African Americans represent 3% of the population, while less than one percent is listed as Native American. Persons of Hispanic origin, regardless of ethnic origins, comprise 5% of the population.

Projected Growth

Table 1: Historic and Projected Population and Enrollment			
Year	WSU Student Enrollment ¹⁰	Whitman County¹¹	Pullman¹²
1890 ¹³	N/A	19,109	868
1900	389	25,360	1,308
1910	1,016	33,280	2,602
1920	1,911	31,323	2,440
1930	3,270	28,014	3,322
1940	4,035	27,221	4,417
1950	5,446	32,469	12,022 ¹⁴
1960	6,837	31,263	12,957
1970	14,520	37,900	20,509
1980	16,786	40,103	23,579
1990	15,970	38,775	23,478
2000	16,298	40,740	24,948
2010	18,232	44,776	29,799
2020	21,150	47,826	33,740
2030	26,000	50,577	37,333
2040	24,000	52,504	39,850
2050	32,000	54,637	42,636
2060	32,000	56,980	46,000

¹⁰ 1890-1990 & 2040: City of Pullman, Comprehensive Plan, 1999; 2000 & 2010: Washington State University Office of Institutional Research, Enrollment by Campus, College, and Sex 1997-2011, 2013; 2015: Enrollment by Campus, College, and Sex 2012-2016, 2016; 2020 & 2030: Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas Company, 2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan Update, Volume 2, 2012. All figures represent fall enrollment for the Pullman campus.

¹¹ 1900-2010: Washington State Office of Financial Management, Forecasting Division, Decennial Census Counts of Population for Counties, 2017; 2015-2040: Washington Office of Financial Management, 2012 Projections, County Growth Management Population Projections by Age and Sex: 2010-2040, Final Projections, Medium Series, 2010 to 2040, 2012; 2040 & 2050: City of Pullman, Comprehensive Plan, 1999.

¹² 1890-2010: Washington State Office of Financial Management, Forecasting Division, Decennial Census Counts of Population for Cities and Towns, 2017; 2015-2055: City of Pullman, Comprehensive Plan, 1999

¹³ Whitman County was established in 1871.

¹⁴ The sizable increase in Pullman's population between 1940 and 1950 is due to the inclusion of university students in the overall total, a policy of the U.S. Census Bureau that has continued since that time

Historically, growth in Pullman has been very closely tied to growth at WSU. While WSU is expected to continue to be a major driver of change in the city, the trend in recent years has been to a diversification of the economic base. The WSU Research and Technology Park and Port of Whitman County Industrial Park are home to a variety of businesses building off the research and training of the academic community.

The Washington Office of Financial Management (OFM) prepares population and employment forecasts for each county and the state as a whole. State law mandates use of these forecasts as the basis for long range planning by local jurisdictions. Distribution of the forecast growth within the county is left up to the jurisdictions in the county. Table 1 shows the historic and forecast growth for the county, city, and WSU. As shown in Table 1, the projected population for Pullman in the year 2020 is 33,650, and the population forecast for the year 2030 is 34,610 derived from the OFM forecasts mentioned above.

Public Involvement

For the purpose of developing the PFR Comprehensive Plan, the primary tools for collecting public input were the Parks, Facilities, & Recreation Needs Assessment Survey conducted in September 17-October 15, 2018 using online “Survey Monkey”, with two open house meetings. Residents were notified of the meetings via a news release, e-mail notice to current users, Facebook, Twitter, both the PFR and the City of Pullman accounts, and the departments website informing residents of the survey opportunity and making them aware of the open houses. Paper copies of the survey were made available to the public at the Pullman City Hall, Pioneer Center, Pullman Senior Center, Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center, and Neill Public Library. Input was also gathered during two public open houses with PFR staff, which were held, September 12, 2018 and October 10, 2018, at the Pioneer Center, for a summary from those open houses. (Appendix 7, pg. 145) The department solicited as much public input as possible during the plan’s development, as well as working closely with Pullman 2040: Recreation and Environment Committee, Pullman Civic Trust, Pullman Cemetery Committee, Pullman Lawson Garden Committee, the Pullman Parks and Recreation Commission, and City Council for the final adoption of this document.

The Parks and Recreation Commission serves as a volunteer advisory board to the Pullman City Council and staff. The commission routinely provides public input as to the effective operations and planning of recreation programs and facilities. The seven-member commission is scheduled to meet once a month. Public notices announce the time and location of each commission meeting which are always open for public input.

The City of Pullman receives a great deal of public involvement coordinated through “Volunteers in Parks” program. There are many opportunities available, from park or green space adoption to donations for park assets such as trees and benches. The City of Pullman has a rich history of public volunteerism and involvement in the parks system.

Historical Perspective



The Founding of Pullman

In the spring of 1876, Bolin Farr took up a homestead in Whitman County. Two more homesteaders, Daniel McKenzie and William Ellsworth joined him in the fall of 1877. These three homesteads made up the main portion of what is now Pullman. The first post office was named “Three Forks” since the Dry Fork Creek and Missouri Flat Creek join the South Palouse River. Orville Stewart established the first general store in the spring of 1881 when Bolin

Farr dedicated 10 acres of his land for a town site.

Farr named the town Pullman after George Pullman of the Pullman Car Company who gave \$50 toward the first July 4th celebration. Charles Moore of Moscow purchased the Farr site in 1882. Charles Moore and Daniel McKenzie re-platted the town site and this new plat became the original plat of Pullman. The Spokane & Palouse Railroad from Spokane to Genesee, Idaho was built as far as Pullman in the fall of 1887, and on April 11, 1888 the town was legally organized as a village with a population of 250.

Parks, Facilities, & Recreation

The roots of the Public Services Department can be traced back to the development of the first parks in Pullman. The parks system was formed in 1903 when the first city park was established on Pioneer Hill on property donated from William Daw, which is known today as Kruegel Park. In 1904, land for Pullman’s second park was purchased from Albert Reaney. The first Parks Commission was established in 1906. The Parks Commission developed a policy to “have a playground on each hill in Pullman.” That goal was realized through the acquisition of Sunnyside Park in 1953, which complemented the existing Harrison Tot Lot on Military Hill and McGee Park on College Hill. Military Hill Park and Sunnyside Park were fully developed in 1974 with the aid of federal and state grants.

Other significant park developments include the additions of the City Playfields in 1941, the Pullman RV Park, (a Recreational Vehicle Park) in 1983, and Lawson Gardens in 1987. The City has received six recent land dedications with Terreview Park completed in 2002, dedication of Petry Natural Area in 2004, and the seven acre Itani Park. Additionally the Herb Neil Estate donated five acres for the creation of Mary’s Park; the Emerald Pointe Owners association donated 2.625 acres for the Emerald Pointe Park for expansion of a green space and playground for the Golden Hills housing development, 625 SE Alderwood Court was acquired for the development of a southern pedestrian entrance to Lawson Gardens, and most recently Sunrise Park, a wetland enhancement. The current park system includes 19 parks totaling 131+ acres, in addition to over 18 miles of City Path and Trail System and 7 miles of the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail and numerous open and green spaces.

The city's role in public swimming began in 1917 with the construction of the original pool at Reaney Park; the lap pool was constructed in 1960. A complete renovation occurred in 1979, resulting in the Reaney pool design as it exists today. Access to year round swimming in Pullman took a dramatic leap forward with the completion of Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center in 2000. Mary Schweitzer and Ed Schweitzer furnished the vision and the funding for the indoor facility. The center is owned by the Pullman School District and managed by the City of Pullman, PFR Department.

Prior to the mid-1960s, the parks and cemetery maintenance functions were assigned to the Maintenance and Operations Division. The "Old Park Shop" was constructed in 1968 to serve as an operations base for the parks personal. Subsequently, the Parks & Recreation Department was established and located at a converted house near Reaney Park. In 1972 the Parks & Recreation Department moved into the new city hall located at 325 SE Paradise St. At that time the library and building maintenance functions were included as divisions of the department.

The Public Services Department was formed in 1980 when the library was separated into its own department. The Public Services Department currently consists of two primary divisions involving Parks Maintenance and Recreation. The Recreation Division appointed its first Superintendent in 1964 at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission. In 2000 the Department moved to the Pioneer Center, the former the Franklin Elementary School. The building is shared with the Pullman School District administrative offices. The move to the Pioneer Center allowed for an increase in programming opportunities. The current full-time staff includes the Recreation Manager, Recreation Supervisor, Senior Citizen Coordinator, Aquatic Coordinator, Preschool/Youth Programmer, Administrative Assistant, and an Administrative Specialists, in addition to numerous casual and volunteer coaches, instructors and recreational leader positions. The Parks Department currently has fifteen full time staff which includes Parks & Facilities Maintenance Director, Parks & Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Horticulturist, Community Service Representative, and nine Parks & Facilities Maintenance Worker, three Custodians, two $\frac{3}{4}$ time Custodians, in addition to seventeen Seasonal Employees.

Pullman Parks, Facilities, & Recreation

Historical Highlights

The following is a list of the important dates in the history of the parks and recreation movement in Pullman, Washington from 1900 to the present.

1903	First City Park was acquired from William Daw, later became Kruegel Park
1904	Land purchased from Albert Reaney for Reaney Park
1906	First park commission was formed
1917	First outdoor pool completed at Reaney Park
1925	Council policy established to “secure a playground on each hill in Pullman”
1931	The Pullman Athletic Association was formed
1938	New Reaney Pool completed (\$25,000)
1941	City Playfield property dedicated by Henry Cole
1944	A youth center was established in the Pullman Hotel
1946	Woodcraft Park property was donated to the city
1950	Three lots were purchased on Harrison Street to provide a neighborhood playground for Military Hill
1952	Lighting added to City Playfields
1953	Acquired title to land on Sunnyside Hill
1954	Acquired title to land on Military Hill (Conservation Park)
1958	Kruegel Park named after William C. Kruegel
1959	Mayor’s Recreation Committee called for the establishment of a permanent city recreation and parks commission
1960	New municipal swimming pool constructed at a cost of \$108,000 at Reaney Park
1964	Acquired additional land on Lybecker Road and named it McGee Park
1964	Citizen’s Committee on Park Development and Recreation recommended that a recreation and park commission be instituted and a full-time superintendent be hired
1966	A \$700,000 bond issue was passed for the construction of a city hall/community center building
1969	Recreation Division offered its first eight-week summer program
1970	Pullman City Hall/Community Center building officially opened
1972	Recreation and Park Commission was changed to “Parks and Recreation Commission”
1972	The parks and recreation department moved into the New City Hall at 325 SE Paradise St
1974	Military Hill Park and Sunnyside Park completed
1975	Completed remodeling of Reaney Park and City Playfield
1975	Pioneer Day camp developed with Whitman County and the school district
1975	Youth soccer and basketball programs developed
1976	Adult basketball and softball leagues developed
1979	Constructed a lighted softball diamond at Pullman Playfields and a lighted baseball diamond at Military Hill Park.
1979	Completed renovation of the swimming pools at Reaney Park
1980	Sunnyside Park picnic shelter completed by Lions Club
1983	Recreation Vehicle Park (Pullman RV Park) constructed near City Playfields
1983	Purchased 10 acres of land for cemetery expansion
1985	Constructed a second lighted softball diamond at City Playfields
1985	Reaney Park Pool filter house rebuilt
1985	Lawson Gardens property donated by Gerald Lawson
1987	Jogging path constructed around City Playfields
1987	Lawson Gardens dedicated
1988	Centennial Fountain and lighted path constructed

1989	Farr Cemetery renovated
1989	Wahl property purchased for park shop development
1991	Rose Garden built at Lawson Gardens
1991	City Cemetery expanded (1 acre)
1991	Perennial Garden built at Lawson Gardens
1992	Golf course feasibility study completed
1993	Teen Center opened at Gladish Community Center
1993	Hosted Washington State Games
1993	Sunnyside Park Tennis Courts renovated
1994	Cougar Plaza constructed
1994	Xeriscape (water-wise) Garden planted at Lawson Gardens
1995	Sunnyside Elementary School Gymnasium
1996	Hosted Washington State Games
1997	Flood Repairs at Pullman Playfields (3 softball fields and path)
1997	Installed pool liner at Reaney Pool
1997	Rafik and Mary Sue Itani donated property for the future Itani Park
1998	New Park shop built
1998	Bill Chipman Trail completed (7 miles)
1999	Spring Street Park completed (skate board facility)
1999	New play equipment at Reaney Park installed
1999	New park entrance sign standard developed
1999	Prop 1 approved by voters to construct trails, sidewalk improvements and downtown beautification
2000	Pioneer Community Center opened to public (old Franklin Elementary, owed by Pullman School District)
2000	Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center completed (gifted by Mary Schweitzer & Ed Schweitzer)
2000	Floyd Larson picnic shelter completed at Sunnyside Park
2000	Construction began on Itani Park
2000	Bill Chipman Trail extension completed (3 miles)
2001	Ring Road and Airport Road Trail completed (5 miles)
2002	Terreview Park completed (property gifted by Mary Schweitzer & Ed Schweitzer)
2004	Glenn and Melodie Petry donated property to the City for the creation of a natural area along the trail system
2004	Itani Linear Park was donated
2005	The upper portion of Petry Park was gifted and will provide linkage between the city path and Maple Street Extension
2006	Opening of the Riverwalk extension and Pine Street Mall
2006	Development of the Conservation Park at the site of the old city nursery
2006	Installation of new play equipment at Harrison Tot Lot and Kruegel Park
2007	New Proposition One passed for construction of restrooms at Sunnyside, Kruegel, and City Playfields, path extensions, and new ballfield lights
2007	Sale of Lawson Farm for 1.25 million for the continuing upkeep and development of Lawson Gardens
2007	Installation of new play equipment at Military Hill, and Terre View
2008	Dedication of the Liberty Elm Tree at Itani Park
2008	Dedication of the fish sculpture at Pine Street Mall
2008	Sewer improvements to the City RV Park
2008	Installation of pavers on terrace path at Lawson Gardens, the Alvin Chandler Memorial Walkway
2008	Creek development at Lawson Gardens
2008	New ballfield lights at the City Playfields
2008	Opening of new restrooms at City Playfields, Kruegel Park, and Sunnyside Park
2008	Path extensions of Maple Street, Palouse Highway, and Johnson Road
2008	Pullman High School Wayside Sign on Davis Way
2010	Five acre donation from the Herb Neil estate for the creation of Mary's Park

2010	Installation of pavilion at Itani Park.
2011	2.625 acre donation from the Emerald Pointe Home Owners Assoc. for the development of a playground and green space for the children of the Golden Hills housing development
2012	Dedication of Chamber Presidents' Grove and the Civic Trust Three Forks Wayside
2012	Donation of 625 SE Alderwood Court by Pam Eacheron and Gene Apperson for pedestrian access to Lawson Gardens
2013	Donation was made by Beatriz and Ed Schweitzer for renovations of the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center
2013	Donation of Sunrise Park by Sue and Kevin Kirkman
2014	Harrison Tot Lot installed Shade Structure
2014	Construction of Upper Quann Field at Military Hill Park for Pony League
2014	Removed junipers from Stadium Way planter strip landscape
2014	Fairmont Cemetery landscape installation along Clearwater Drive
2015	Playground surround replacement at Kruegel Park and Harrison Tot Lot
2015	Reaney Park Splash Pad installation
2015	McCroskey land donation to Sunnyside Park
2015	Construction of the City Entrance Sign, South Grand Avenue (funded by Grand Avenue Greenway Committee)
2016	Constructed all new soccer boxes for youth sports
2016	Upper Quann Field dug out renovation, at Military Hill Park
2016	Upper Quann irrigation replacement
2016	WSU, LA 367 Musical Park Playground constructed at Mary's Park
2016	Military Hill Park Tennis Court resurfaced
2017	First Lawson Garden's "Shakespeare in the Park"
2017	New Harrison Tot Lot play element installed, donated by the Girls Scouts
2018	Installation of an additional double-sided Cemetery Columbarium at Fairmont Cemetery
2018	Fairmont Cemetery Fountain Niche restoration
2018	Installation of three sculptures for 130 th City of Pullman Celebration, funded by the Grand Avenue Greenway
2018	Passage of General Bond Proposition No. 1 for purchase of the Encounter Ministries Building for Recreation Center/City Hall and funding for the construction of the Garden House at Lawson's Garden for \$10,500,000
2018	Passage of General Obligation Bond No. 2, Replacement for Proposition No. 2 Parks and Path Bond totaling \$2,400,000
2018	WSU 367 Landscape Architectural Construction, Wetland Neighborhood improvements to Mary's Park
2018	ESPN College Game Day Prep
2018	Purchase and installation of new downtown furniture (benches, garbage cans, and planters)
2018	Construction of the City Entrance Sign, North Grand Avenue, funded by the Grand Avenue Greenway Committee
2018	Construction of the International Welcome Wayside Sign on Davis Way
2019	Resurfacing of Tennis Courts at Kruegel Park, making 2 Pickleball Courts and 1 Tennis Court
2019	Resurfacing of Sunnyside Park Tennis Courts making 4 Pickleball Courts and 1 Tennis Court
2019	ADA Sidewalk and paving at Sunnyside Park
2019	Paving of pathway in Itani Liner Park connecting the park with Sunnyside Park.



Budget and Revenue Summary

The total Public Service Department budget has increased by \$402,439 since 2012 which constitutes a 18.22% increase, while revenues have increased \$164,917 since 2012 which is an increase of 10.6%. The Recreation Division increases are due to the addition of the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center and relocation of the recreation offices and programming to the Pioneer Center. The parks and facilities division increase is mainly

due to the additions of the Conservation Park, Itani Park, Petry Natural Park, Spring Street Park, and downtown hanging baskets to the park system. Along with efforts of the Grand Avenue Greenway Committee, the department has also created many green spaces along North Grand Avenue, with plantings of flowers, shrubs and trees. The Parks & Facilities Division has accomplished these additions with no additional full time park staff and a decrease in the number of seasonal staff. The division has worked each year to qualify as a Tree City USA, and has also been awarded the Growth Award a number of times.

From 2012 to 2018 the department has increased program and fee revenues by \$106,578 or 7.35%. In 2018 the department recovered 45.34% of the department's budget from program/rental fees, donations, and Metro Park dollars.

Budget				
	2012	2014	2016	2018
Cemeteries	\$107,905	\$104,292	\$118,651	\$130,675
Lawson Gardens	\$102,048	\$147,412	\$123,085	\$116,016
Natural Resources	\$71,114	\$118,185	\$130,683	\$144,310
Parks	\$886,160	\$887,421	\$1,108,847	\$1,165,015
Parks Division Total	\$1,167,227	\$1,257,310	\$1,481,266	\$1,510,441
Aquatics	\$586,118	\$633,245	\$660,167	\$689,930
Recreation	\$877,690	\$953,409	\$1,043,428	\$1,164,786
Recreation Budget Total	\$1,463,808	1,586,654	\$1,703,595	\$1,854,716
Metro Park District	\$18,802	\$16,023	\$17,391	\$21,000
Total Budget	\$2,811,837	\$2,859,987	\$3,202,252	\$3,431,732

Revenue				
	2012	2014	2016	2018
Cemeteries	\$24,130	\$20,602	\$20,611	\$34,181
Lawson Gardens	\$70,607	\$69,460	\$43,130	\$70,866
Natural Resources	-	-	-	-
Parks	\$41,386	\$50,303	\$53,971	\$73,137
Donations		\$6,415	\$8,881	\$5,475
Parks Division Total	\$136,123	\$146,780	\$126,593	\$183,659
Aquatics	\$360,616	\$303,030	\$308,101	\$325,683
Inter-local Agreement Aquatic	\$64,500	\$69,534	\$83,039	\$76,602
Recreation	\$343,905	\$403,312	399,107	\$415,800
Donations		\$7,591	\$12,272	\$12,491
Recreation Budget Total	\$769,021	\$783,467	\$802,520	\$830,576
Metro Park District Tax* (20% is retained for capital projects)	\$544,378	\$749,499	\$509,821	\$541,865
Total Revenue	\$1,449,522	\$1,679,746	1,438,934	\$1,556,100
Percent of Budget	51.5%	58.73%	44.77%	45.34%
Lawson Gardens Capital Asset	\$3,112,337	\$3,001,084	\$2,958,080	\$2,922,312
*The revenue reflected in this chart are from actual revenue receipts in the department registration program and does not reflect inter-fund transfers and other revenues.				

2018 Recreation activities, participants, and revenue

Activity Category	Enrollment	Attendance	Revenue
Active Adults	5,760	14,140	\$30,950.17
Adult Sports	611	6,820	\$ 27,867.00
Discovery Zone	991	4,444	\$73,266.65
Fitness	582	6,701	\$18,869.98
General Recreation	273	2,081	\$31,380.50
Gymnastics	29	116	\$2,616.00
Preschool	576	6,016	\$ 85,010.00
Teen Programs	20	26	\$921.15
Youth Dance	202	3,262	\$34,307.12
Youth Sports	2,217	27,801	\$75,587.50
Sub Total	11,261	71,407	\$380,776.07
Aquatic Center Drop-In	4,872	4,872	\$ 17,828.82
Aquatic Center Membership	1,493	28,507	\$134,802.88
Aquatic Center Programs	6,424	16,183	\$111,402.06
Sub Total	12,789	49,562	\$264,033.76
Reaney Pool Drop-In	3,996	3,996	\$14,843.82
Reaney Pool Memberships	167	2,884	\$13,898.46
Reaney Pool Programs	295	6,195	\$11,362.24
Sub Total	4,458	13,075	\$40,104.52
Facility Rentals – Aquatics PAFC	127	2,540	\$9,836.27
Facility Rentals – Aquatics Reaney	8	400	\$ 3,935.45
Facility Rentals – Buildings	311	7,775	\$12,298.00
Facility Rentals – Garden Plots	24	24	\$720.00
Facility Rentals – Lawson Gardens	24	3,600	\$3,000.00
Facility Rentals – Park Shelters	507	45,225	\$6,295.00
Facility Rentals – RV Park	2,457	2,457	63,584.06
Sports Kits	4	50	\$37.12
Sub Total	3,458	62,071	\$ 99,705.90
Donations:			\$17,966.00
Misc.			\$ 3,463.49
Retail			\$14,362.08
Tax			\$15,174.38
Grand total			\$835,586.20*

*Totals reflected above are from receipts processed in the recreation offices. The Department receives monies from other sources (e.g. Metro Park District tax, Lawson Gardens, Cemeteries, Pullman School District, dedicated fund donations). The additional revenues are not reflected in the totals above, due to receipting done in the finance department.

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*With exercising, the more you do it, the more you get into it. And the more you see results, the more you're pushing for the next level.” - **Michelle Obama***



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MASTER PLAN REPORT



Levels of Service Standards

The need for recreation is universal. Parks, facilities, recreation, and open spaces offer places to exercise, participate in competitive sports, socialize with others, and space for people to get away from development and experience their natural surroundings. Recreation provides the opportunities for learning, exploration, and challenges that contribute to the wellbeing of a person, both physically and emotionally.

Although widely accepted in the past, there is an increased recognition that national-based standards may not be getting communities what they really want or need. A growing school of park and recreation planners argue that uniform standards 1) emphasize “how much” rather than “how good”; 2) reflect past desires and expectations rather than today’s need; 3) do not recognize the unique conditions, resources, and needs of different communities and cultural groups; and 4) often are unrealistic and difficult to implement. Although uniform standards may help to raise the current standards of “lowest common denominator” communities, they may contribute to underachievement in more ambitious communities. (Planning for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space in Your Community, Washington State Dept. of Community, Trade, and Economic Development.)

Recognizing some of these shortcomings an NRPA (National Recreation and Parks Association) task force has revised its approach and published updated guidelines in the Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines by James D Mertes and James R Hall, NRPA 1995. In updating its standards, NRPA moved away from specific universal standards for park acreage. Instead, NRPA now places increased emphasis on recognizing the unique needs of individual communities. The new NRPA guidebook suggests and provides approaches for inventorying existing park areas and facilities, and assessing the adequacy of the current standards through visitor surveys, resident questionnaires, field observations, and participation rates. The agency no longer offers one tidy set of one-size-fits-all standards.

The Department has included some of the standards in this plan as a bench mark for review of existing park area and facility review, as one additional tool in planning for future facilities and land area requirements, along with citizen surveys, resident questionnaires, and field observations of participation rates in usage and programs.

Recreation facilities are the constructed components that make up the parks, facilities, and open space improvements.

Parks & Facilities

Mini-Parks (Pocket Parks): Addresses limited, isolated, or unique recreation needs, less than a quarter mile distance in residential settings. A mini park would be between 2,500 square feet and one acre in size.

Neighborhood Parks: Remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Emphasis is on informal active and passive recreation, one quarter to one half mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers, the size of a neighborhood park would be a minimum of five acres, with five to ten acres being optimal.

School-Parks: Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of park, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use, the size is determined by location of school district property, and variable size depending on function.

Community Parks: Serve a broader purpose than the neighborhood parks. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscape and open space. Determined by the quality and suitability of the site, usually serves two or more neighborhoods and one half to three mile distance, as needed to accommodate desired use, usually between 30-50 acres.

Natural Resource Areas: Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space and visual aesthetics/buffering

Regional Park: Regional parks are publicly-owned open spaces and facilities designed to serve a broad area that generally includes several local government jurisdictions. Regional park facilities are owned and maintained by a county, state, or a regional park district. Regional parks generally feature both natural areas for passive recreation and active recreation facilities and range in size from 100-500 acres.

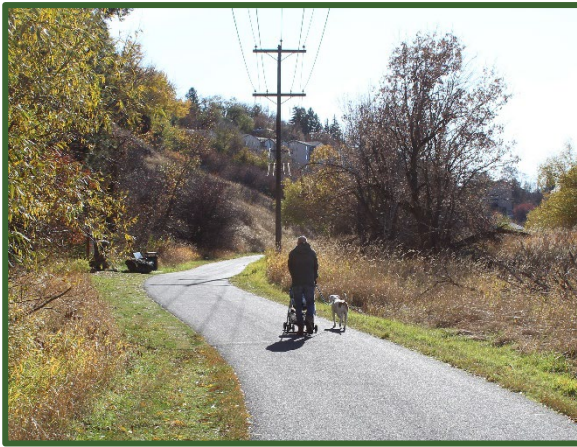


Inventory of Existing Facilities and Programs: Parks, Facilities, & Recreation Facilities, and Open Spaces

MP – Mini Park NP – Neighborhood Park CP – Community Park NA - Natural Resource Area

Name	Location	Size	Facilities	Activities & Priority
CEMETERY'S				
City Cemetery	500 SE Fairmount Rd	20 acres	Cemetery plots	High
Farr Cemetery	Fountain Street	1 acre	Historic site	Low
I.O.O.F	800 W. Main St	3 acres	Cemetery plots	High
PARKS & FACILITIES				
City Playfield (NP)	820 SE South St	8.66 acres	3 softball fields, jogging track, batting cage, picnic area, and public restroom.	High
Conservation Park (NA)	799 NW Darrow St	15.85 acres	Paths and open space, with scenic overlooks of the Palouse River	Low
Emerald Pointe Park (NP)	Golden Hills Dr	2.625 acres	Under development: proposed features; paths, wetland enhancement, playground, sports fields	Med.
Gannon Park	Jackson St	.233 acres	Open space	High
Harrison Tot Lot (MP)	337 NW Harrison St	0.233 acre	Playground, family picnic area	High
Itani Liner Park (NA)	(entrance next to) 970 SW Center St	7.1 acres	Path, and wetland enhancement	Low
Itani Park (NP/NA)	950 SW Crestview St	7.45 acres	Development continuing, path, pavilion, and naturescape	Low
Kruegel Park (NP)	705 Dilke St	7.95 acres	2 tennis courts, volleyball, playground, baseball diamond, football field, soccer field, barbecue area with picnic shelter, and public restrooms	High
Lawson Gardens (CP)	705 SE Derby St	13 acres	Formal gardens, gazebo, reflecting pool	High
Mary's Park (NP)	1570 SE Johnson Ave	5 acres	Under development: proposed features; ADA designed playground, shelter, picnic area, sports fields, open space, restrooms	High
McGee Park (NP)	1220 NE Lybecker St	3.04 acres	Playfields, basketball court, baseball diamond, playground, barbecue area with picnic shelter and public restrooms	Med.
Military Hill Park (CP-SP)	500 NW Greyhound Way	25 acres	Playfields, 6 tennis courts, 2 baseball diamonds, playground, aquatic & fitness center, jogging path, barbecue area with picnic shelter	High
Petry Natural Park (NA)	To access the natural area, enter the city path on Stadium Way between the railroad track and 415 NE Stadium Way approx. one-quarter mile up the path on your left.	1.96 acres	Two benches, two picnic tables, and trash receptacles, and a tire swing	Low

Reaney Park (NP)	690 NE Reaney Way	1.64 acres	Outdoor pools, playground, gazebo, picnic tables, barbecue	High
Spring Street Park (NP)	325 NE Spring St	2.75 acres	Completed in 2000. Includes a skateboard park and a public restroom.	Med.
Sunnyside Park (CP)	147 SW Cedar St	25 acres	2 ponds, waterfall, baseball diamond, 2 tennis/pickleball courts, volleyball, walking trails, garden plots, barbecue area with picnic shelter, disc golf course and public restrooms	High
Sunrise Park (MP)	1085 SE Bypass Dr	.08 acres	<i>Under development: Wetland</i>	Low
Terreview Park (NP)	335 NW Terreview Dr	3.25 acre	Picnic shelter, public restroom, paths, and wetland area.	Med.
Woodcraft Park (MP)	675 SE South St	.84 acre	Shaded picnic area	Low
OPEN SPACES (MINI PARKS)				
Downtown & Greenway	Main, Grand, Olsen, Davis Way	1 (+) acre	Planter beds	High
Civic Trust Park				
Cougar Plaza (MP)	Grand at Olsen St	0.1 acre	Donor monuments, cougar statue	High
High Street Mall (MP)	E Main St	0.3 acre	Benches and landscaping.	High
Pine Street Mall (MP)	E Main St	0.3 acre	Benches, landscaping, and waterfall	High
RV PARK				
Pullman RV Park	785 SE South St	1 acre	19 RV spaces, utility hook-ups	Med.
TRAIL SYSTEMS				
City Path and Trail System	Within city limits	18 miles		All High
Bill Chipman Palouse Trail	Between Pullman and Moscow	7 miles		
GREEN-SPACES				
Centennial Fountain			Pullman High School Wayside Sign	
Chamber Presidents' Grove			Scout Park	
City Entrance Signs			SEL Wayside	
Daisy St & Grand Ave			Sim's Lot	
Mayor's Grove			Three Forks Wayside	
Grand Avenue Greenway Sites: IGA/Daily Grind/Wysup/Jess Ford/Nye St./North Grand/Scout Park/Main & Grand/ Bill's Welding/Georgia Carpetworks/Fire Station 1/Center & Grand			Transit Transfer Site	
Mayor's Grove			Veterans Memorial	
Neill Public Library Plaza and Courtyard			Welcome Wayside	
Pioneer Center			Well 7	
Pullman City Hall			WSU Presidents Grove	



Trail, Path, and Bikeway Systems

Pedestrian and bicycle trails continue to grow in popularity and support in the Pullman community. This was reflected in the passage of 2007 Proposition No. 1 which in part funded new trails in the city system, mainly due to the popularity of the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail that links Pullman and Moscow. Walking is America's favorite form of outdoor recreation. Bicycling is also a very popular activity nationwide.

Since the completion of the Bill Chipman Trail in 1997, there has been considerable progress in extending the trail system into Pullman. Pullman successfully passed Proposition No. 1, a local tax levy, in 1997 to provide funding for three miles of paved recreational trails. Pullman also constructed five miles of paved trails on Airport Road and Terre View Drive in conjunction with the "Ring Road Project."

The City with IAC funds and citizen donations constructed one mile of trail near the downtown business district. The completion of the Downtown Riverwalk fills the gap in an eight-mile circular trail system. This completed portion provides needed recreation opportunities as well as an alternative transportation route for non-motorized vehicles. This route is identified as Pullman Trails & Pathways. (Appendix 2, pg. 88) Additional trail extensions were constructed in 2008 with funds from 2007 Proposition No. 1; the Maple Street extension, trail along Johnson Road with bridge connection to Bishop Boulevard, a Palouse Highway trail connection, and a cemetery loop including wetland creation.

There may be some confusion between trails and bikeways. Trails are transportation systems that are separate from roads, and aside from off-road vehicle trails, are for non-motorized use. Some, but not all bikeways can be trails, i.e., a Class I Bikeway is a trail because it is separated from the roadway. Trails can also be developed to accommodate multiple uses such as pedestrians, in-line skaters, bicyclists, and equestrians.

Definitions of Trail Types:

Primary Trail – is intended for multiple use, is accessible wherever possible and located conveniently so as to connect several community facilities. Typically, a primary trail is paved and has a minimum improved surface width of 10 feet (12 feet desirable). Ideally, primary trails should have limited road crossings, which disrupt the flow and continuity of the trail. For this reason primary trails are often built in greenways, along stream or river corridors or along utility easements or vacated roads or railroads.

Secondary Trail - can provide access for bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians, and is located so as to connect community facilities or neighborhoods or to provide access to primary trails. A secondary trail has a minimum width of 8 feet, can be paved or soft

surface, and may not be accessible along its entire length (accessibility is desirable, even if limited to trail segments). Secondary trails may include segments located on low volume residential streets or sidewalks when separate trail construction is not feasible or necessary.

Path - is an informal connection through or between neighborhoods, and is appropriate for pedestrian, equestrian, or off-road bicycle use. A path is typically soft surface, with a minimum width of 4 feet. Depending on use, location, and underlying conditions, the surface material may be native soil, forest duff, wood chips or crushed rock.

Unimproved Path - is a pedestrian route of variable width dictated by use. Unimproved path surfaces usually consist of forest duff or native soil.

Equestrian Trail - is typically a soft surface trail consisting of native soil material. Crushed rock surfacing is used in areas of soft or erodible soils. Minimum desired trail width is 4 feet with 6 feet being desirable. In addition, trail shoulders should be cleared a minimum 3 feet on both sides and vertical clearance should be 10 feet within the trail and shoulder zone. Equestrian trails should be separated from other trails whenever possible to reduce potential conflicts with other user groups. Equestrian trails and other types of trails may parallel each other but should be physically and visually separated by vegetation, a fence, or a combination of the two. There are currently no equestrian trails identified in Pullman.

Bikeways - are different than park or greenway trails in that their principal focus is on safe and efficient transportation. Trails emphasize a strong relationship with the natural environment and may not provide the most direct route from a practical transportation viewpoint. Bikeways serve distinctly different user groups than trail users. Typical bikeway user groups would include bicycle commuters, fitness enthusiasts, and competitive athletes. Their emphasis is on speed, which can be a serious conflict with recreation-type trails and their user groups. For this reason, it is important in planning that an attempt be made to separate trails and bikeways. If such dual uses cannot be avoided, it is important that the trail or bikeway be designed with more flexibility, such as for higher speeds, including passing zones and greater widths. Bikeway route systems and standards follow these classifications:

Class I Bikeway (Bike Path) – is a paved trail, separated from the public rights-of-way, principally for the use of bicycles but typically also shared with other trail users so they are actually Primary Trails when serving a multi-use function. The minimum width is 8 feet, with two foot cleared shoulders on both sides, but the recommended minimum paved width is 10 feet (12 feet if the path is to be used by maintenance vehicles or has high traffic volumes). Generally, a Class I Bikeway has two-way traffic separated by a centerline.

Class II Bikeway (Bike Lane) – is a paved portion of a roadway that is designated by signage and/or pavement markings for preferential bicycle use; 12 feet is the minimum width where parallel roadway parking is also permitted. Where parking volume is high, the combined bike lane/parking width should have an

additional 1 to 2 feet. Without parking along the rights-of-way, the minimum bicycle lane width is 5 feet including a normal gutter width of 2 feet. Class II Bikeways are typically one-way lanes located on each shoulder of a public street improvement.

Class III Bikeway (Bike Route) – is a signed bicycle route, along public rights-of-way, not served by bike paths or bike lanes. Bike routes are shared facilities, normally with motor vehicles, where bicycle usage is secondary. The development and maintenance of 4-foot paved roadway shoulders with a standard edge stripe is recommended to significantly improve the safety and convenience for bicyclists and motorists along such routes.

Class I Bikeways and Primary (multi-purpose) Trails are the most desirable bicycle facilities because they allow users to be safely separated from cars. However, they are also the most difficult to plan and develop because they require large linear tracts of land separated from roadways. Class I Bikeways and Primary (multi-purpose) Trails are often built on unencumbered utility corridors, river levees, and rail banked railroad rights-of-ways. The Interurban Trail from Tukwila to Pacific is one example of a Class I Bikeway and Primary (multi-purpose) Trail built on former rail line rights-of-way.

Class II Bikeways are preferable over Class III Bikeways because they provide a separate travel lane for the bicycles and theoretically are not sharing the same piece of pavement with motor vehicles. On minor streets and roads, a Class III Bikeway may be sufficient because traffic volumes and speeds are usually lower.

Class II and Class III Bikeways are actually part of the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element because their development is dependent on construction of the road system. Their capital improvement costs will therefore be included under the Transportation Element. However, in the recommended standards below, there is no distinction made between bicycling on a paved trail or bikeway. The overall goal of the recommended standard is to provide a coordinated community facility for bicycling. Similarly, there is no distinction made as to what types of pedestrian trails make up the recommended standard.

NRPA Standard:	Not an NRPA Category	
Recommended Standard:	Pedestrian:	0.5 miles per 1,000 populations
	Bicycling:	0.5 miles per 1,000 populations
	Equestrian:	.1 miles per 1,000 population

Athletic Facilities

Facilities for structured sports, organized teams or leagues.

Recommended Standard:	Baseball fields:	1 field per 5,000 population
	Youth Baseball:	1 field per 3,000 population
	Softball fields:	1 field per 3,000 population
	Football:	1 field per 20,000 population
	Soccer fields:	1 field per 3,000 population
	Gymnasiums:	1 gym per 5,000 population
	Basketball:	1 court per 5,000 population
	Tennis courts:	1 court per 2,000 population
	Volleyball:	1 court per 5,000 population
	Swimming: (indoor)	1 pool per 10,000 population
	Swimming: (outdoor)	1 pool per 15,000 population

Baseball Fields

Pullman High School/Military Hill Park currently has three baseball fields available for recreational use when not utilized by the high school's programs. WSU has one baseball field that is not generally available for community recreational use.

The current number of full-size baseball fields seems sufficient for local demand

NRPA Standard:	1 field per 5,000 population
Recommended Standard:	1 field per 5,000 population

Youth Baseball Fields

The term "youth baseball fields" is used herein to distinguish ballfields whose outfields are 225 feet or less. Youth baseball facilities are provided at Sunnyside Park, Kruegel Park, McGee Park and Pullman City Playfields. The primary users of youth baseball fields are the Pullman Youth Baseball Association and the department. Pullman user groups have suggested that additional baseball fields in Pullman are needed at the current time.

NRPA Standard:	Not an NRPA category
Recommended Standard:	1 field per 1,500 population (Youth)

Softball Fields

The Pullman School District currently has two softball fields suitable for junior and senior high school aged youth. The City of Pullman has two softball fields available for community use. Pullman user groups have suggested that additional softball fields in Pullman are needed at the current time.

NRPA Standard:	Not an NRPA category
Recommended Standard	1 field per 3,000 population

Football Fields

Pullman Senior and Junior High Schools each have one regulation football facility and track. Recreational flag football leagues are growing in popularity among youths and college participants. However, recreational leagues do not require a regulation field and can be played on any large, flat turf area.

NRPA Standard:	1 field per 20,000 population
Recommended Standard	1 field per 15,000 populations

Soccer Fields

Soccer is a very popular sport for local elementary and junior high school girls and boys. Soccer players (age 5-10) do not require full-size fields for play or practice. As many as three games can be played simultaneously on one full-size soccer field (sideline to sideline). Micro-soccer programs use smaller fields with fewer players on each team. This allows each player to make more contact with the ball, reduce idle time and increases distances of running. The growing interest in micro-soccer has greatly impacted the current lack of availability of soccer fields. The field-size requirements increase with the players' age. By the time children are 11 years old, they are usually playing on full-size soccer fields. The amount of soccer fields available for community use is currently insufficient for the demand. The growth in popularity has created the need for additional utilization.

The city has two small practice/game soccer fields at Kruegel Park, Thatuna, and the City Playfields. In addition the PFR Department uses the fields at Sunnyside, Jefferson, and the future Kamiak (fall 2019) elementary schools. The Rolland complex at the Pullman High School has four total fields; two regulation soccer fields and two for recreational use. The Lincoln Middle School and the Pullman High School are the primary locations for the Pullman Soccer Club.

NRPA Standard:	1 field per 10,000 population
Recommended Standard:	1 field per 3,000 population

Basketball Court, Indoor, and Outdoors

Due to the long winter months in Pullman, indoor basketball courts and gymnasiums are at a premium. The most desired gym time is taken by interscholastic basketball, volleyball, wrestling and other sports. In 1995, the City of Pullman partnered with the Pullman School District at Sunnyside Elementary to provide funding to enlarge the gymnasium to accommodate community recreation programs during non-school hours. This agreement has provided beneficial to both parties.

The City does not have full control of any full-sized gymnasium, instead relying on the availability of public school district gyms on an as available basis. There exists a demand for gym time for a variety of community recreation programs including basketball, volleyball, aerobics, karate, etc. (Beginning in 2020 the new recreation center will be open with a full size gymnasium).

There are currently five outdoor basketball courts in Pullman located at each of the public school facilities. They vary greatly in size and condition, but they are distributed well throughout each of the Pullman neighborhoods and receive considerable use by the community. Additional baskets are located at Kruegel Park, McGee Park, and the Pioneer Community Center.

NRPA Standard:	1 court per 5,000 population
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Recommended Standard: 1 court per 3,000 population

Tennis Courts

Tennis received “low need” scores in the department survey. This is in part due to the popularity of tennis nationally being in a downward cycle, having peaked in the 1970’s. There is an abundant supply of outdoor tennis courts available in Pullman for community use. The City of Pullman and the Public School District have six courts on Military Hill Park, with an addition two courts available, one at Kruegel Park and one at Sunnyside Park. (In 2019 a court at both Kruegel and Sunnyside Parks were converted to Pickleball courts.) WSU has 12 courts available to the public.

NRPA Standard: 1 court per 2,000 population

Recommended Standard: 1 court per 2,000 population

Swimming Pools

The Pullman user groups have indicated a need for additional outdoor water facilities (spray/waterpark). The Reaney Park outdoor swimming facility has two pools available for public use. The summer population in Pullman decreases dramatically when WSU students are gone for the summer. The recommended level of services standard of 1 per every 15,000 is easily met with the outdoor facility. Additionally, Pullman manages the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center, which is owned by the Pullman School District and managed by the PFR Department. This center has one competition pool and a smaller therapy pool. The center is open year-round for public use and swimming lessons.

The Pullman Community has traditional and competitive swimming facilities, but not all are available for use by the general public as they are on the WSU Campus and restricted to students and faculty. The outdoor Reaney Park Pool has a dive pool, lap pool and a children’s spray pad that was installed in 2015, which has water features that are very popular with children with no standing water, which eliminates the possibility of drowning, reducing supervision and operation cost.

NRPA Standard: 1 pool per 20,000 population (indoor)

Outdoor pool not an NRPA Standard

Recommended Standard: 1 pool per 15,000 population (indoor)

1 pool per 15,000 population (outdoor)

Play Equipment

The City provides seven play structures within the neighborhood parks. All play structures installed within the last ten years meet the accessibility standards for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Pullman School District elementary schools provide three playgrounds with equipment, with a fourth elementary school being opened in the fall of 2019.

Play equipment is an important socialization tool for young children. Where play equipment is installed, it is important that the entire playground be designed to be ADA accessible. It is desirable that play equipment be evenly distributed throughout the Pullman park system and

neighborhoods. As new developments occur, it is also desirable to consider easy access to playgrounds as part of the planned development.

NRPA Standard:	Not an NRPA Standard
Recommended Standard:	1 play equipment per 2,000 population

The NRPA strongly advocates that an open space system be developed in concert with the parks and recreation guidelines developed by a community. However, as cited below, NRPA notes that it is not appropriate to apply the idea of a LOS (Level of Service) guideline to open space:

Open Space

Natural areas received the highest score on the Park and Recreation Survey. Pullman is surrounded by vast rolling hills of wheat and agriculture production. The majority of wooded areas are found within the city limits. These natural areas are very valuable to wildlife and should be protected from development where possible. The City's Environmental Quality Commission has identified numerous areas within Pullman as being critical areas for wildlife. Where critical areas are identified on public property, these areas are intended to remain in their natural state to support wildlife and remain accessible to the public for passive recreational use.

The open space system cannot and should not be equated with a numerical standard of any kind. This approach is both impractical and counterproductive. There is no number of acres of floodplain or wetlands that every community should have in order to meet a national standard. Rather a community should, through the strategic planning process, develop open space policies which reflect the unique resources of the community and could be the basis for the open space system.

Natural or open space lands with environmental significance cannot be included in a land based standard because these lands have limited capability for recreational use beyond desirable and limited passive recreation and interpretation and environmental education. (Parkway, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, NRPA, 1996).

While there is no established level of service for the amount of open space in a community, the perceived need for additional "Nature areas" was apparent in the PFR Department Survey. The City should continue to acquire critical areas where possible to provide natural habitat for wildlife and provide open space buffers to development.

Greenways

Greenways are linear forms of open space that are maintained to conserve natural and cultural resources, and to provide recreational opportunities, aesthetic and design benefits, and transportation linkages between natural resource open spaces and recreation facilities. The primary difference between greenways and natural area open spaces is that greenways emphasize use to a greater extent through such means as trails. They allow for pedestrian movement between parks throughout the community. Some natural resource open space areas are too fragile to even allow trails within their boundaries.

Greenways may be classified as either "natural" or "human-made". "Natural" greenways are linear natural resource open space areas that protect streams, rivers, ravines, drainage ways, wetlands, lowlands, shorelines along lakes and ponds, vegetated steep slopes, and the like. The South Fork of the Palouse River is an example of a natural greenway where development is restricted in the natural floodway.

Park systems and the community generally favor creation of "natural" greenways because they are protecting the natural resource areas and have an unspoiled character. "Human-made" greenways, however, can be designed to be very appealing by using plantings, cultural and historic references, and human-made elements. Examples include the Koppel Farm Community Garden, Itani Linear Park which will connect Sunnyside Hill to Sunnyside Park, and the improvements made to Grand Avenue in Pullman through the efforts of the Grand Avenue Greenway Committee.

Section 7

Recommendations Summary

*"If variety is the spice of life, then recreation is the sugar. Get sweet and recreate – **Kimberly Grandal***



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Recommendations Summary



In an era in which health care cost has become the biggest single expenditure in U.S. society and the central importance of physical activity in preventing and improving a wide variety of health problems is now well understood and documented by scientific research; public parks, facilities, and recreation services must have a central role in promoting and providing physical opportunities as part of the health care system of the United States. Close-to-home parks, facilities, and recreation resources

result in more physical activity and better health for citizens. (*The Benefits of Physical Activity Provided by Parks and Recreation Services: the Scientific Evidence, NRPA 2010*). The Pullman Parks, Facilities, & Recreation Department will be challenged over the next five years to meet increasing demands in growth for existing programs and to meet requests for new services. Continued growth in the park system will require additional resources to retain park maintenance standards at approved service levels. Attention to aging infrastructure and systems must continue.

Technology and new marketing tools will be needed to improve services for department customers. Also, additional facilities, staff, and resources will be needed in the future to meet the increasing service level demands from a growing population. Keeping in mind that how close a person lives to a park or recreation opportunity (proximity) has a dramatic impact on whether or not they participate and with what frequency. Whether it is a park, recreation center, recreation program, playground, trail/walking path, or other recreation amenities, distance from one's home is an important factor in usage.

Park Recommendations

Park recommendations have been formulated from city goals, staff input, and responses from the public input meetings, and the needs assessment survey. 70.59% of survey respondents stated that trails that link neighborhood with community destinations as the highest priority, with 33.82% of them stating that trails that link with other existing trails is important. (Appendix 7, pg. 145) The Parks and Facilities Division plans to work with Pullman Civic Trust and other local groups for a fully connected trail system within Pullman and provide support regionally for the development of the "CAP Trail" (Colfax, Albion, and Pullman) on the former Union Pacific Rail Line. The trail system provides opportunities for Pullman citizens to safely walk or ride their bikes to school or work, or for their health, away from city traffic.

The continued development or acquisition of park property is deemed a high priority, based on the results of the needs assessment survey. Pullman citizens support land purchases to preserve open/green spaces in the city, remodel/repair of existing structures and youth/adult athletic fields were also highly supported. This was further demonstrated by the passage 2018

voter approved \$2,400,000 General Obligation Bond No. 2 that will fund Reaney Park and Pool Improvements (pool liner replacement and park restroom/shower building upgrades), ADA Improvements to Sunnyside Park (ADA compliant parking lot and path access to facilities) , City Playfield upgrades (dugouts, scoreboxes, fencing and backstops for Wiley, Bowman and Thatuna fields), Pedestrian/Bike Development (Itani Linear Path, Conservation Park Path, etc.), Kruegel Park Shelter replacement, completion of Mary's and Emerald Pointe Parks (ADA/inclusive playground elements and amenities such as children's gardens, wetland interpretive area and restroom/shelters) and a Portable Stage/Band Shell (for civic events such as the July 4th Celebration, Lentil Festival, Concerts in the Park, etc.)

Pullman city ordinance allows leashed dogs in the parks, with the exception of Lawson Gardens, Harrison Tot Lot, and all city cemeteries. From public input, an off leash Dog Park was needed in Pullman. City staff from the parks division worked with the Whitman County Humane Society in the planning of their new facility "the Pooch Park" which was dedicated on May 1, 2013.

Recreation Recommendations

The Recreation Division foresees offering recreation programs at an increased level in the next five years. As the new Recreation Center opens to the Pullman community in 2020, there will be opportunities to increase programming to middle school aged children and the senior population. With the proximity of the new Pullman Recreation Center to Lincoln Middle School, after school programs, open gym, and other programs could become widely available for teens to utilize. The Senior Center will have increased space for additional programs and will have access to designated fitness rooms to offer specialized programs for that population. Where the Senior Center will now be in the same building as Preschool, intergenerational programs between the two populations could become more common.

Based on the community response to the 2018 Needs Assessment Survey, fitness and art programs are a high priority in order to improve the fitness and quality of life for Pullman residents. In addition, adult and youth sport program opportunities remain a high priority to community members. Those taking the survey rate recreation activities and programs provided by the City as "very good" or "satisfied". Community members expressed their desire for the continued support of special programs, such as the Annual Egg Hunt, Movies and Concerts in the Park. The Recreation Division needs to continue balancing the multi-generational needs of Pullman residents, taking into account the various interests and needs of the different age populations within a diverse community.

Section 8

Goals & Objectives

2020-2025

*"Recreation's purpose is not to kill time, but to make life, not to keep a person occupied, but to keep them refreshed; no to offer an escape from life, but to provide a discovery of life." – **Author Unknown***



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Parks, Facilities & Recreation: Goals and Objectives 2020- 2025

Pullman must plan today for tomorrow's park and recreation sites and facilities, taking into account trends, and respond to shifts in demand. Changes in demographics signal parallel changes in demand. Work habits, leisure time, health concerns, tastes, and other factors, will create a demand for a greater variety of facilities and activities. Some of these demographic trends



have been considered during the goal making process, some of which include 1) increasing city population; 2) aging of Baby-Boomers; 3) increase in school-age children; 4) increasing ethnic diversity; 5) changing lifestyles of the population; and 6) increased need for physical activity of Pullman citizens. These considerations were taken into account when formulating the following short and long term goals of this plan. Within this plan, a short-term goal is designed to be achievable within five years; 2020-2025. A long-term goal is achievable after 2025.

PARKS & FACILITIES: 2020-2025 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Short Term Goal: Improve existing park facilities.

Objectives: Continue to implement the projects that were approved by the Pullman citizens with the passage of the 2018 General Obligation Bond, Proposition No. 1 and General Obligation Bond, Proposition No. 2.

- Construct the wedding/event Garden House at Lawson Gardens. (Prop. 1)
- Develop Emerald Pointe playground and green space. (Prop. 2)
- Develop Mary's Park as an ADA/Inclusive playground and park. (Prop. 2)
- Install new pool liner and shower building improvements including new exterior restrooms at the Reaney Park Pool Complex. (Prop. 2)
- Path and ADA access development; Canyon View, Harrison, north by-pass and Terreview connections. (Prop. 2)
- Replace the picnic shelter at Kruegel Park. (Prop. 2)
- Upgrade City Playfields with the addition of six (6) new dugout structures to Wiley, Bowman, and Thatuna fields. Replace and upgrade existing storage and three (3) scorekeeper boxes. Replace three (3) backstops and replace fencing. Add an adult fitness component along the pedestrian path. (Prop. 2)

Short Term Goal: Cooperate with local organizations to enhance transportation corridors in the community.

Objective: Coordinate with the Pullman Civic Trust and other local organizations to improve the community's pedestrian paths and to establish appropriate connections within pathway corridors.

- Coordinate with the Grand Avenue Greenway Committee, local merchants, and other groups to beautify Grand Avenue and other major thoroughfares in the community through landscaping and other means.

Short Term Goal: Continued expansion and development of the city's ADA Transition Plan.

Objective: Continue improving access to individuals with disabilities to PFR activities and facilities, in compliance with the City of Pullman's ADA Transition Plan.

- Continue being committed to accommodating citizens with disabilities and special needs who participate in recreation activities. The PFR Department will make every reasonable effort to ensure that programs are accessible. Keeping in mind that persons with disabilities want the same opportunities and chance to experience the benefits of PFR programs and services.
- Work with the City of Pullman Planning Department when creating any new development or alterations to buildings or facilities within the parks system. Including, but not limited to barrier free access to assembly areas, buildings, paths and trails, play areas, play components, pool, signage, ramps, site plans, and walk ways.

Short Term Goal: Compliance with Phase II of the State mandated Storm Water Retention consistency.

Objective: Work with the City of Pullman Stormwater Services Program Manager to comply with the Eastern Washington Phase II Storm Water Permit as it relates to parks and public green spaces.

- Work with the City of Pullman Public Works Department on redesign of downtown parking lots adjacent to waterways.

Short Term Goal: Partner with Phoenix Conservancy to restore native plant and animal communities to Conservation Park.

Objective: To educate the public about their natural heritage, increase the network of walking and biking trails connection Pullman's green spaces, and provide opportunities throughout the project's duration for local elementary, secondary, and college students and community members to get involved in restoration and community enhancement. (Appendix 8, pg. 148)

- Develop an area adjacent to Petry Natural Area along the City Trail System for an edible garden and interpretive site for the purpose of public education on the benefits and usability of native Palouse Prairie flora.

Long Term Goal: Establish and implement level of service standards for parks, facilities, and recreation facilities in the community.

Objective: Adopt formal level of service standards, in keeping with the expressed needs of the community, to guide the development and maintenance of department facilities.

- As community growth occurs, work with real estate developers to provide facilities in accordance with the adopted level of service standards.

Long Term Goal: Create and/or improve park and cemetery facilities.

Objectives: Continue to improve park facilities as funding allows.

- Completion of Lawson Gardens in accordance with the adopted Master Plan.
- Construction of a Lawson Garden Tea House.
- Develop neighborhood, community and a regional park per adopted guidelines.
- Develop the remaining nine acres of cemetery existing cemetery property.
- Find location within a newly developed park for the construction of a performing arts pavilion.
- Expand the city's existing recreational vehicle park and build a facility to provide showers and restrooms for recreational vehicle park users.
- Secure land and develop Veterans' Memorial/Monument adjacent to City Cemetery. (Appendix 5, Pg. 114)

Long Term Goal: Expand Skate Park Opportunities.

Objective: Expand Spring St. facility and develop a new complex to include greater skill elements as well as areas dedicated for the very young and beginners.

Long Term Goal: Complete Veterans Memorial/Monument at City Cemetery

Objective: Work with the Pullman Cemetery Committee, Pullman Local VFW Post 52, and other local citizens to purchase adjacent property and construction a Veteran's Memorial/Monument site with perimeter fencing at the Pullman City Cemetery. (Appendix 5, Pg. 114)

Long Term Goal: Expansion of Pullman City Cemetery

Objective: Expand another two-three acres of the remaining undeveloped city cemetery property for internment sites. There are few available grave sites left in Fairmount and the Association of United Workman (AOUW) sections of City Cemetery. Additionally we are approaching 50% capacity in the 1996 developed additions 1C and 2C. (Appendix 5, Pg. 114)

RECREATION: 2020-2025 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Short Term Goal: Provide a comprehensive recreation program.

Objective: Develop new programs for the youth, adult, and senior population of the City of Pullman that meet their needs and interests.

- Develop and implement lifetime recreational programs that serve the broadest needs of the population while recovering program and operating costs with a combination of registration fees, user fees, grants, sponsorships, donations, scholarships, volunteer efforts and the use of general funds.
- Work cooperatively with local agencies, organizations, and special interest groups to support and enhance city recreation programs and services.
- Continue to provide and expand recreation programs that improve health and wellness.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of programs and activities through the use of questionnaires, surveys, and participation evaluation forms.
- Encourage recreation staff to keep abreast of current and future recreation trends by attending professional conferences and workshops as budget allows.
- Continually identify community interests and needs relating to recreation programs and services.
- Encourage staff to become familiar with community programs and services in order to provide referrals and options to citizens.

Short Term Goal: Continue to provide Washington State University students with hands on experience.

Objective: Develop and implement internship opportunities within appropriate WSU departments.

- Continue to coordinate with Washington State University Center for Civic Engagement serving as a community placement resource for individual WSU students and group learning projects.
- Recruit students to be volunteers for Pullman Recreation youth and adult sports programs.

Short Term Goal: Provide aquatic classes for Pullman School District students.

Objective: Through use of the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center develop and implement a curriculum with the Pullman School District that meets the standards and educational needs of their students.

- Continue to work with Pullman School District staff to provide physical education classes to students.
- Continue to make the Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center available for Girls and Boys swim team practices and meets.

Short Term Goal: Continued support of Care to Share Scholarship Program.

Objective: Provide financial assistance to qualifying families in the Pullman community through the “Care to Share” scholarship program that allows youth and seniors to participate in recreation programs.

- Develop and program a yearly fundraiser that will help sustain “Care to Share” funds to further provide assistance to qualifying youth and seniors in the Pullman community.

Short Term Goal: Identify General Obligation Bond No. 1 projects.

Objective: Continue to see seek public input and develop plans to remodel the recreation center using the funds generated from the passage of General Obligation Bond No. 1.

- Remodel and move to the 2018 voter approved Pullman Recreation Center on Crestview St.
- The recreation division will develop and implement policies to maximize use of the Pullman Recreation Center by the Pullman community and local user groups. In addition the department will develop and promote additional programs and activities that will meet the recreational needs of the Pullman community.

Short Term Goal: Identified facility improvement projects.

Objective: Continue to see seek public input and develop plans to improve City parks using the funds generated from the passage of General Obligation Bond No. 2, Parks and Pathway bond levy.

- Backstops, fencing, dugouts, and score boxes at City Playfields. (Prop. 2)
- Identify a location for seasonal/portable ice rink.
- Inclusive playground installation in Mary’s Park. (Prop. 2)
- New playground equipment at various parks. (Prop. 2)
- Park playground development at Emerald Pointe Park. (Prop. 2)
- Update and inform the public as General Obligation Bond No. 2 (Prop. 2) projects are completed.

Long Term Goal: Develop a Multi-Sport complex.

Objective: In cooperation with Pullman School District, Pullman Youth Baseball, Pullman Soccer Club, and other interested parties, consider the development of a multi-sport all weather complex that would meet the needs of many organizations and different types of athletic programs.

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“In real life only diverse surroundings have the practical power of inducing a natural, continuing flow of life and use.” – Jane Jacob

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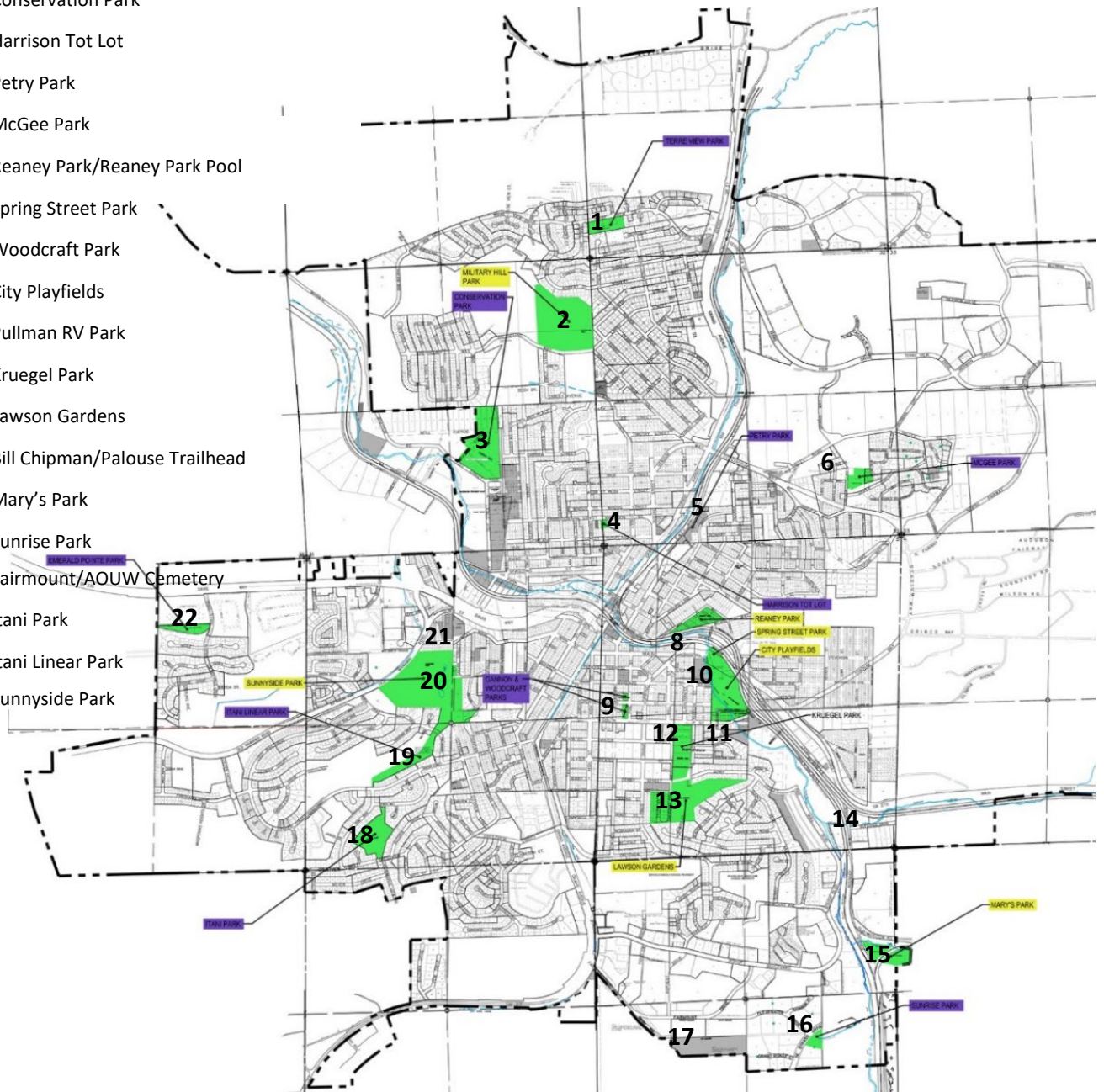
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APPENDIX 1

City of Pullman Parks, Facilities, Plazas, & Cemeteries

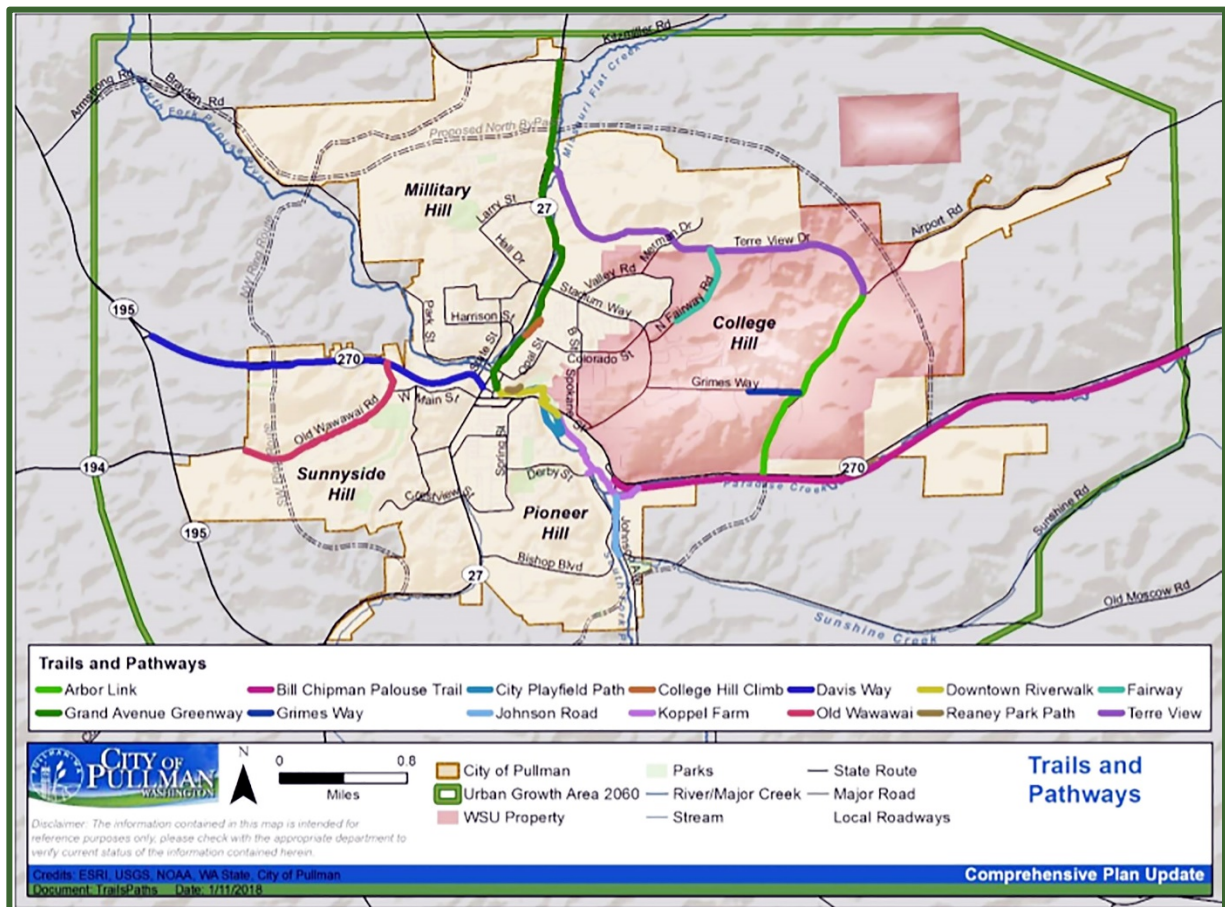
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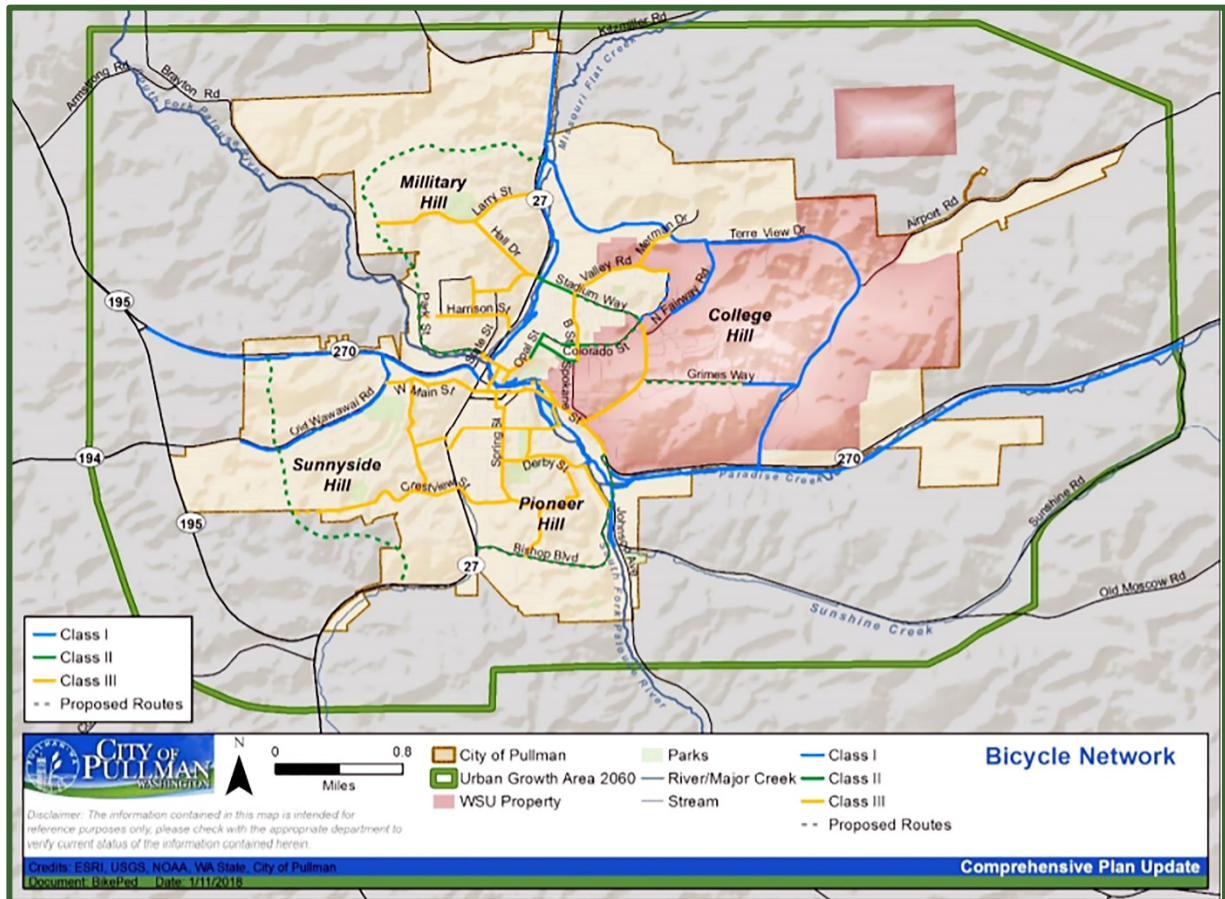
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City of Pullman Trails & Pathways



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Pullman Bicycle Network Map



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Appendix 4

Pullman Parks & Facilities Amenities

*Play for young children is not recreation activity, it is not leisure-time activity nor escape activity. Play is thinking time for young children. It is language time. Problem-solving time. It is memory time, planning time, investigating time. It is organization-of-ideas time, when the young child uses his mind and body and his social skills and all his powers in response to the stimuli he has met. - **James L Hymes***



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820 SE South St (8.66 acres) Situated along the South Fork of the Palouse River are one little league field (Thatuna) and two softball fields (Bowman, and Wiley) that constitute the Pullman City Playfields. This is the main athletic facility for Pullman's summer sports. A jogging track, exercise stations, volleyball standards, batting cage, picnic tables, drinking fountains and restrooms are also part of this athletic complex. The land for the City Playfield was dedicated to the city in 1941 by Henry Cole. Wiley Field was lighted in 1979, Bowman Field in 1985 the system was updated in 2008 and now includes Thatuna Field.

Amenities:

- A. Youth Soccer Field
- B. Youth Soccer Field
- C. Thatuna Baseball Field
- D. Restroom 1
- E. Bowman Adult Softball Field
- F. Youth Soccer/Football Field
- G. Wiley Adult Softball Field
- H. Youth Soccer/Football Field
- I. Restroom 2
- J. Walking Track



799 NW Darrow St (15.85 acres) The City's "old nursery" site having outgrown its initial purpose made its transformation into the Conservation Park as a result of WSU student Angie Kenney's Master Thesis; "Environmental and Societal Benefits of Conserving Open Space: An in Depth Analysis and formal Park Proposal for Pullman, Washington".

Amenities:

- A. Natural Walking Path
- B. Vista Views



In 2011, **2.625 acres** were donated from the Emerald Pointe Home Owners Assoc. for the development of a playground and green space for the children of the Golden Hills housing development.

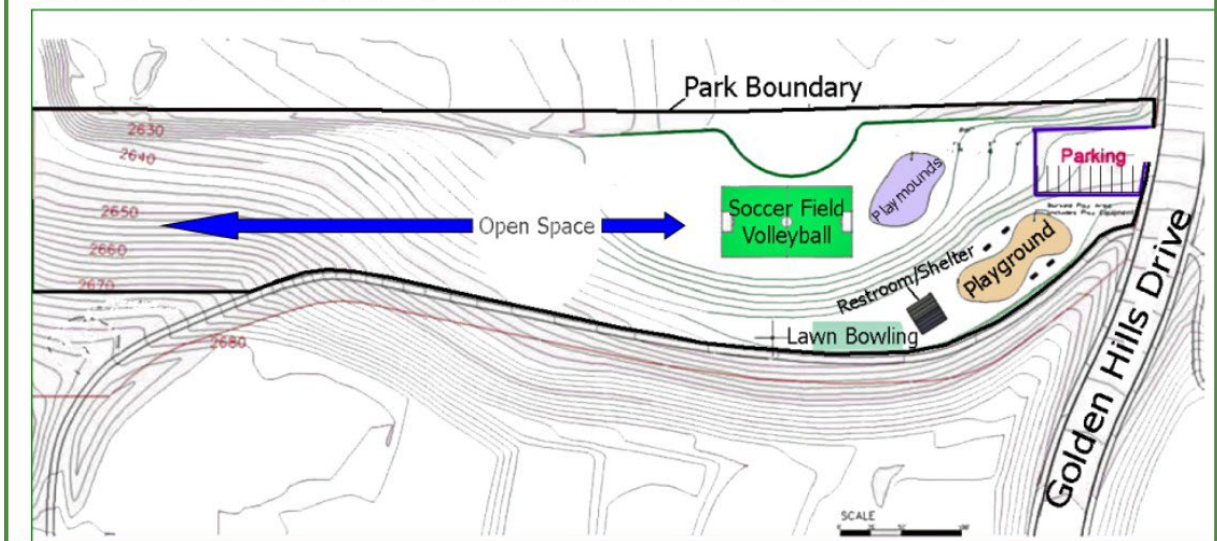
Amenities:

A. Still under development



Emerald Pointe - Site Design

* Open Space *Soccer Field *Volleyball *Playmounds *Playgrounds *Lawn Bowling *Restroom/Shelter



Between Jackson St and McKenzie St (.233 acres) Two lots were donated in 1959 as a Memorial for two little boys, John N. Gannon age 14 and his brother George H. Gannon age 11 who bought the property in 1904 for their mother and sisters. They purchased the property and house from savings they earned; John operated a peanut and popcorn machine and George shined shoes and sold the Spokesman-Review.

Amenities:

A. Greenspace



337 NW Harrison St (.233 acres) Harrison Tot Lot is designed specifically for toddlers and very young children. All equipment is colorful, imaginative and geared for use by young families. Casual seating areas, picnic table and BBQ further enhance this little park.

Amenities:

- A. Shade Shelter
- B. Play Apparatuses



950 SW Crestview Dr (7.1 acres) Rafik and Mary Sue Itani donated this natural linear park and greenspace to the city in 2004, development of the path began in 2006 and will be paved in 2019.

Amenities:

- A. Walking Path
- B. Bird Watching



950 SW Crestview Dr (7.45 acres) Rafik and Mary Sue Itani donated this natural linear park to the City in 1997, development of the park began in 2006. In 2010 a small gazebo was constructed in the park.

Amenities:

- A. Shelter
- B. Viewing Bench
- C. Walking Path



705 SE Dilke St (7.95 acres) Originally donated to the city in 1903 by William C. Kruegel, the park has a lovely grove of shade trees that border the spacious picnic shelter and BBQ area. Overlooking two tennis courts is an expansive playground which includes swings, slides, and climbing equipment. A small football field, little league baseball diamond, soccer field, volleyball standards and restrooms complete the facilities available at this lovely park.

Amenities:

- A. Youth Soccer Field 1
- B. Youth Baseball Field
- C. Youth Soccer Field 2
- D. Youth Soccer Field 3
- E. Youth Soccer Field 4
- F. Restroom 1
- G. Kruegel Art Shed
- H. Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- I. Play Apprentice
- J. Park Shelter
- K. Restroom 2



705 SE Derby St (13 acres) In 1985 Gerald Lawson, a local farmer, donated the land and development funds for this beautiful formal garden complex. The garden was dedicated in 1987 to the memory of his first wife, Alice. Oriented around a large reflecting pool and gazebo, seasonal plantings of colorful annuals accent the walkways and grassy area. In 1990 the Pullman Rotary Club donated funds for development of a circular rose garden which was planted in 1991-92 with 600 assorted rose bushes. The Perennial Garden was planted along the east side of the garden in 1991 and provides unique and colorful displays year round.

Amenities:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| A. Terrace Garden (Wedding Site) | E. Rose Garden |
| B. Perennial Garden | F. Xeriscape Garden |
| C. Reflective Pond | |
| D. Small Gazebo | |



1570 SE Johnson Ave (5 acres) In 2010, 5 acres were donated from the Herb Neil estate for the creation of Mary's Park. The plans for Mary's Park is to make this an interactive ADA accessible park. In the spring of 2019 two new all-inclusive designs, the Forest and Train play structures were approved. There will be additional free standing elements added in 2019 and throughout 2020. Each of the structures and elements are designed with all-inclusive fun play to be enjoyed by all the people of Pullman.

Amenities:

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|---|-------------------------------|
| A. Musical Garden | D. Children's Garden (Future) |
| B. Wetland Pathway | E. Edible Forest (Future) |
| C. Play Apparatuses (2019 installation) | |



1220 NE Lybecker St (3.04 acres) Land for this park near W.S.U. was acquired in 1964. McGee park has a softball diamond and fenced basketball court for youth. The Ryan Memorial Basketball Court was donated by a Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ryan in 1980 to be enjoyed by the youth of the community. A large picnic shelter and BBQ Grills are situated near the children's playground and restroom facilities.

Amenities:

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| A. Park Shelter | C. Restrooms | E. Softball Field |
| B. Play Apparatuses | D. Basketball Court | |



500 NW Greyhound Way (25 acres) Set on Military Hill overlooking the fields of the Palouse, Military Hill Park is a shared facility with Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center and Pullman High School. There are six tennis courts, two baseball diamonds, one playfield, a children's playground, picnic shelter, BBQ's and restroom facilities. Surrounding the park is an extensive exercise trail. Development of Military Hill Park was completed in 1974 with the help of I.A.C. Funds. Quann Field, the primary baseball diamond, was outfitted with lights in 1979 and new bleachers were installed in 1992.

Amenities:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| A. Pullman Aquatic & Fitness Center | D. Tennis Court 1 | H. Upper Quann Field |
| B. Play Apparatuses | E. Quann Baseball Field | I. Hiking Trail |
| C. Park Shelter/Restrooms | F. Tennis Court 2 | J. Soccer Field |
| | G. Tennis Court 3 | |

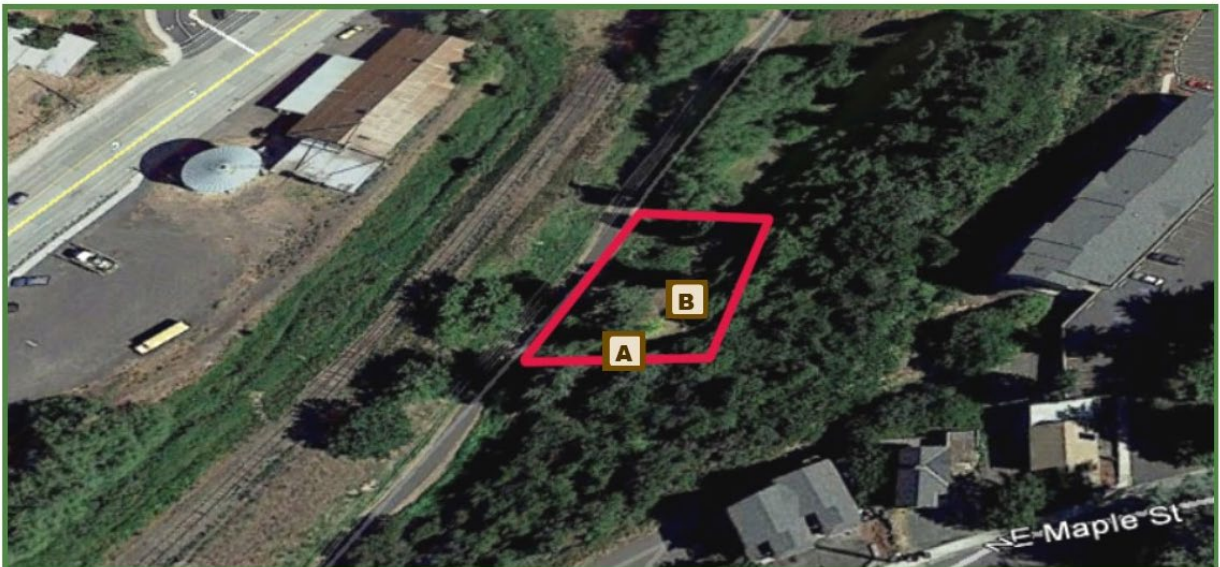


A dedication ceremony for the Petry natural Area (Petry Park) was held on July 6, 2014. In order to access the natural area, enter the city path system on Stadium Way and walk up the path approximately one-quarter of a mile, the path is found on your left. Signage marks the location of the site.

Glenn and Melody Petry not only donated the property but also signage, two benches, two picnic tables, and a trash receptacle.

Amenities:

- A. Benches
- B. Picnic Table



590 NE Reaney Way (1.64 acres) In 1910 Reaney Park was the site of a roller rink and livery stable for W.S.U. students. The city purchased the park site from Albert and Phebe Reaney in 1904. The bandstand was constructed and native buckeye trees planted in 1915. As more land was purchased the first swimming pool was built (1917). Reaney Park is the home of the National Lentil Festival and the Reaney Park Concert Series on summer evenings. Our community's only outdoor pools are located at the west end of the park and an extensive playground area wraps around the park perimeter.

Amenities:

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| A. Play Apparatuses | D. Reaney Park Pool House | G. Slash Pad |
| B. Park Shelter | E. Reaney Dive Pool | |
| C. Horse Shoe Pit | F. Reaney Lap Pool | |



325 E Spring (2.75 acres) Located near Reaney park. The park includes a skate board facility, and public restrooms. The park has a trail link to the Bill Chipman Trail. Benches are located along the tranquil Palouse River for patrons to enjoy a quite moment alone.

Amenities:

- A. Skate Park
- B. Restroom
- C. Walking Path
- D. Wetland



147 SW Cedar St (25 acres) Home of Pullman's yearly Fourth of July celebration, this expansive park rolls with the natural terrain of the Palouse. Cradled below grassy knolls are two ponds fed by a waterfall and connected by a babbling brook. Graceful willows dip into the ponds and is home to assorted ducks and turtles. Development of Sunnyside Park was completed with the help of I.A.C. Funds in 1974. There is a large picnic shelter and BBQ overlooking the ponds and an adjoining children's playground. Two tennis courts, a little league baseball field, volleyball standards, disc golf course and trails complete the athletic facilities available. The south side of the park, previously a nursery, is now used for community gardens which are available for summer rental through the Parks & Recreation office.

Amenities:

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|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| A. Restroom 1 | E. Park Shelter | H. Tennis/Pickleball Court |
| B. Upper Pond | F. Play Apparatuses | I. Community Garden Plots |
| C. Lower Pond | G. Baseball Field | J. Disc Golf Field |
| D. Restroom 2 | | |



Clearwater Drive (.08 acres) The park was donated in 2013 by Sue and Kevin Kirkman. Development will include a walking path, gazebo, benches and be the beginning point for Pullman Regional Hospital wellness path. (This park is still under development)

Amenities:

- A. Walking Path
- B. Wetland



325 NW Terreview Dr (3.25 acres) The park was donated by Ed and Mary Schweitzer in 1999. The park includes a picnic shelter, playground, wetland pond area, and public restroom.

Amenities:

- A. Park Shelter
- B. Play Apparatuses
- C. Restroom
- D. Wetland



675 SE South St (.84 acres) Nestled in a quiet southeast neighborhood and sheltered by shade trees, Woodcraft park is primarily a peaceful picnic area with a swing bench. The park land was donated to the city in 1946, by “Neighbors of Woodcraft”, a Fraternal Association.

Amenities:

- A. Swing Bench
- B. Picnic Area



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APPENDIX 5

Cemetery Maps of Future Development

Planned future site for Veterans Memorial.



Planned fencing for Pullman city cemetery.



Cemetery expansion site.



APPENDIX 6

City of Pullman Comprehensive Plan

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Chapter Nine

Parks and Open Space Element

BACKGROUND

Pullman's public parks and recreational facilities provide a variety of recreational opportunities to residents (see Table 3-7). These amenities are supplemented by facilities at WSU, school district properties, and the Community Center located at City Hall.

Existing park and recreation facilities in the community have a strong, positive impact upon residents' quality of life. Maintaining these facilities for the continued enjoyment of citizens should continue to be a priority.

Access to public recreation facilities is also important. In order to maximize access, the city should consider park locations when planning pedestrian and bicycle trails, and transit lines.

User fees for programs can also work to restrict access. While it is important for programs to offset their costs to the greatest extent possible, user fees should be realistically structured to ensure access by lower income residents.

Recreational programs operated by the Public Services Department have proven to be popular among city residents. These programs should continue, but the department should evaluate them on an ongoing basis, in order to assure that they continue to reflect the interests of the community.

The development of new recreational facilities will be needed to accommodate a growing population. The city will need to explore options to ensure the financial feasibility of new recreational facilities. Some of these options may include:

- private sector sponsorship of some recreational activities
- pursuit of state, federal and foundation grants for park development or expansion
- current city revenues or bond financing
- requirements for developer contributions, such as provision of park land or payment of fees to a fund for subsequent acquisition of park facilities

Riparian corridors and other open space areas represent unique recreational opportunities. Some of these areas could be used to connect current and future parks with pedestrian and bicycle trails, for the quiet enjoyment of residents. The shoreline of the South Fork of the Palouse River holds special significance to the community, and the city should place a priority upon acquiring parcels of land along the shoreline, as they become available.

Agreements to protect sensitive areas may be possible. The city should explore the possibility of providing regulatory and financial incentives to property owners and developers, in exchange for the protection of these areas.

Although there are parks in each of the residential neighborhoods (College, Pioneer, Sunnyside, and Military Hills) and downtown, they vary in size and development. Some neighborhoods have access to fewer recreation facilities than others. In order to accommodate expected growth without reducing the level of service to existing residents, it will be important to identify new park sites and develop them in a timely fashion. Towards this end, the city has acquired separate parcels of land on Military and Sunnyside Hills to eventually establish parks at these sites.

The Public Services Department is working to maintain existing parks and continue to offer recreation programs at current levels as demand increases due to growth. However, inflation and limited city funds make this increasingly challenging. Recreation participants are increasing approximately seven percent per year, depending upon the activity. The following goals and policies are aimed to meet the rise in demand, maintain and enhance local parks and recreational opportunities, and preserve natural resources.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GOALS AND POLICIES

GOAL P1: Maximize the quality of life in Pullman by providing open space, trails, parks, and recreational opportunities and facilities throughout the community.

Policy P1.1: Establish level of service criteria for park land needs in the city.

Policy P1.2: Maintain flexibility about park size and facilities in order to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

Policy P1.3: Disperse parks throughout the city to make parks available to the greatest number of people. Cooperate with public schools and other agencies to develop joint facilities where appropriate.

Policy P1.4: Attempt to acquire land for parks or recreational facilities that is accessible by public transit or pedestrian and bicycle trails.

Policy P1.5: Maintain recreation program user fees as low as possible in order to permit lower income households equal access as more affluent households.

Policy P1.6: Develop a network of recreational trails and bikeways throughout the community that will be accessible to all residents of Pullman, and offer a range of recreational challenge and scenic experience.

Policy P1.7: Cooperate with developers to provide parks and recreation facilities, including trails, at the time that development occurs in low- and high-density residential areas.

Policy P1.8: Extend city trails to connect to regional trails.

Policy P1.9: Retain neighborhood facilities at various locations in the city to help serve the cultural, recreational, and social needs of community residents.

GOAL P2: Assure the preservation and conservation of unique, fragile, scenic, and non-renewable natural resources.

Policy P2.1: Pursue funding sources for the acquisition and improvement of shoreline parcels within the city.

Policy P2.2: Develop the river park area from City Playfield to Grand Avenue to preserve the shoreline and provide recreational opportunities.

Policy P2.3: Explore the acquisition of significant habitat areas within the city on a case-by-case basis.

Policy P2.4: Work cooperatively with property owners and land developers to protect privately owned land with significant environmental features through the use of easements, zoning conditions, land trust agreements, or other appropriate means.

Policy P2.5: Require buildings to be set back from stream channels to provide open space for riparian areas.

GOAL P3: Maintain city parks and recreational facilities in good condition.

Policy P3.1: Consider operation and maintenance costs in the design of all park improvements and recreation facilities. These costs should be considered prior to acquiring new facilities.

Policy P3.2: Maintain a nursery for annual, perennial, and shrub production to reduce the cost of park maintenance.

Policy P3.3: Consider creative solutions to the ongoing costs of maintaining parks and recreation facilities, including sponsorship by business and civic groups and WSU internships and practicum.

Policy P3.4: Maintain and expand city cemetery facilities as necessary.

Policy P3.5: Periodically review the design of existing parks and renovate park facilities to reflect changing needs and desires of residents.

GOAL P4: Complete and protect a system of green belts, centered on streams and wildlife corridors, to protect natural resources and provide passive recreation.

Policy P4.1: Attempt to restore the South Fork of the Palouse River to a more natural appearance and function.

Policy P4.2: Protect riparian corridors along perennial streams from the adverse effects of development. Maintain a buffer of vegetation (preferably native vegetation) along all streams.

Policy P4.3: Whenever possible, establish greenways to link open space areas located in close proximity to one another.

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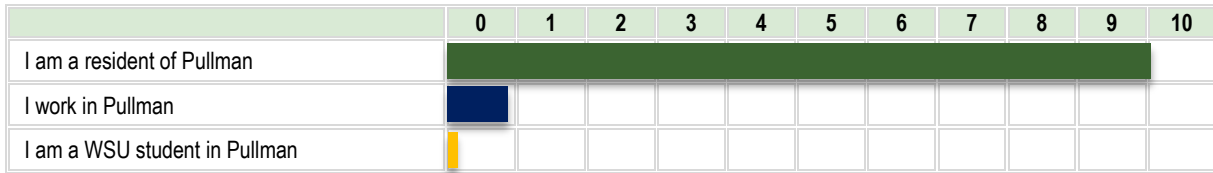
Appendix 7 Needs Assessment

*“The nation behaves well if it treats its natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value.” – **Theodore Roosevelt***



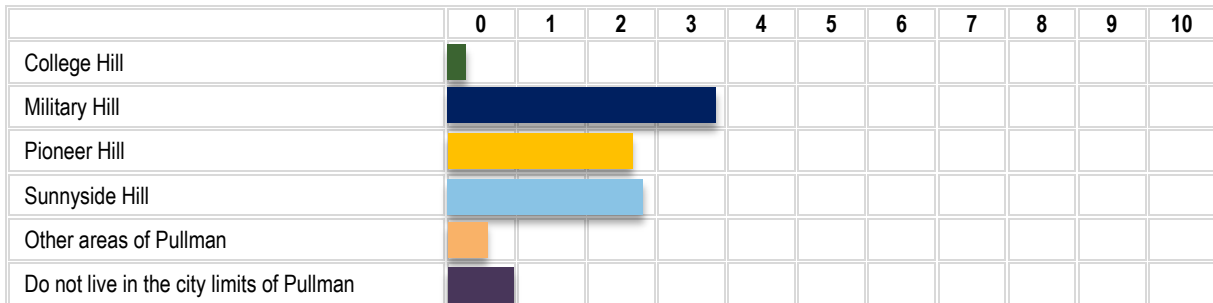
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Q1: Do you live, work, or go to school in Pullman?



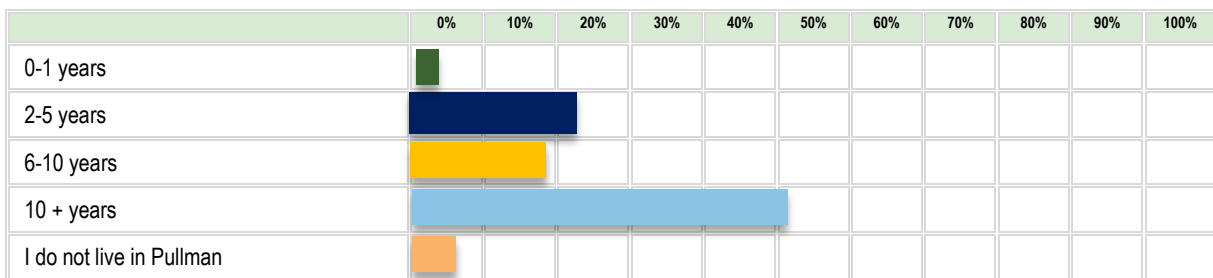
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I am a resident of Pullman	91.46%	150
I work in Pullman	7.32%	12
I am a WSU student in Pullman	1.22%	2
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Q2: Where do you live in Pullman?



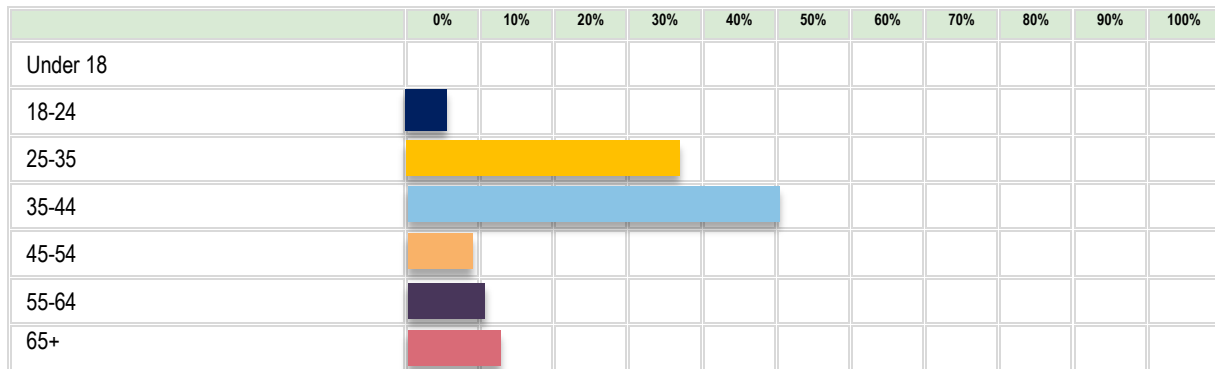
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College Hill	2.99%	5
Military Hill	34.73%	58
Pioneer Hill	23.35%	39
Sunnyside Hill	25.15%	42
Other areas of Pullman	4.79%	8
Do not live in the city limits of Pullman	8.98%	15
		167

Q3: If you live in Pullman, how long have you lived here?



Answer Choices (Answered: 167 Skipped 0)	Responses	
0-1 years	3.59%	6
2-5 years	21.56%	36
6-10 years	18.56%	31
10+ years	50.30%	84
I do not live in Pullman	5.99%	10
		167

Q4: What is your age?

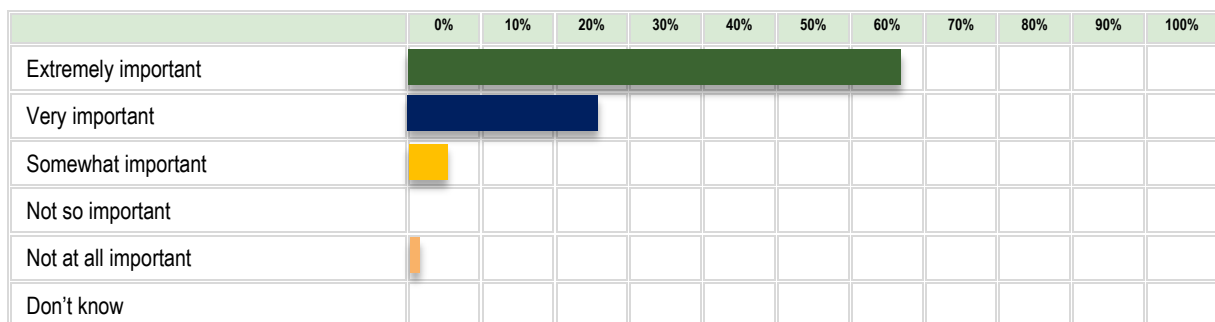


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Under 18	.00	0
18-24	5.99%	10
25-35	25.75%	43
35-44	39.52%	66
45-54	7.78%	13
55-64	10.16%	17
65+	10.78%	18
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Q5: Your occupation?

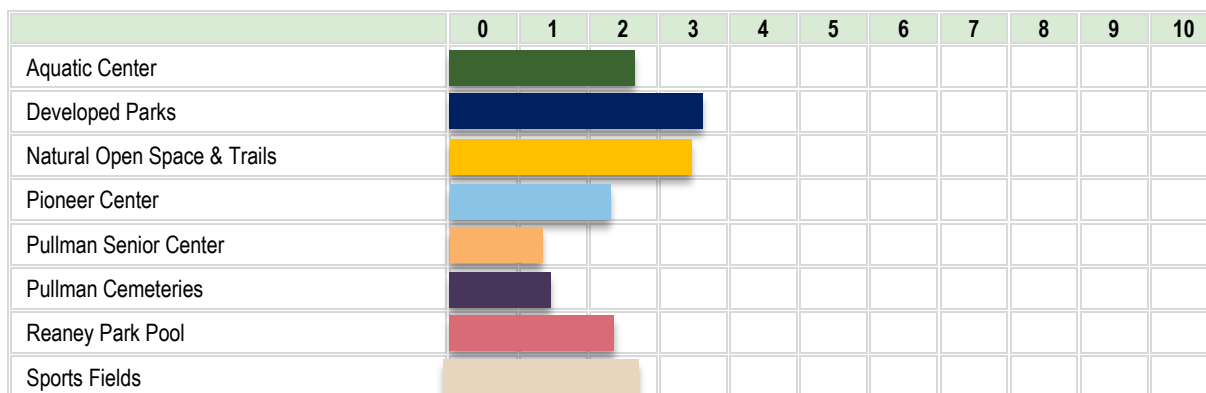
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Government	9.64%	16
Private employer	13.25%	22
Professional	16.27	27
Retired	13.25%	22
Student, K-12	.00	0
Student, WSU	2.41%	4
WSU Staff/Faculty	22.29	37
Other	22.89%	38
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Q6: How important are park facilities to the overall quality of life in Pullman?



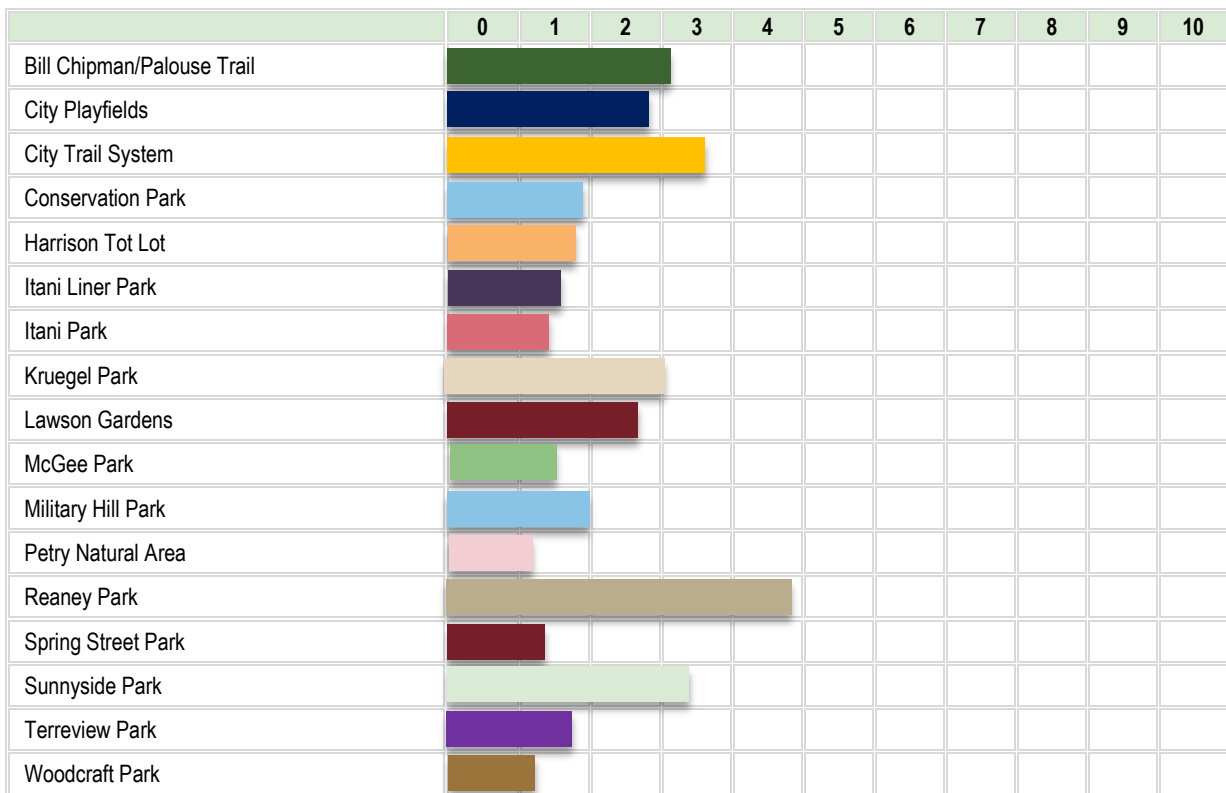
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Extremely important	65.79%	100
Very important	24.63%	42
Somewhat important	5.92%	9
Not so important	.00%	0
Not at all important	.66%	1
Don't know	.00%	0
		152

Q7: How frequently do you visit the following Pullman amenities in season?



Answer Choices (Answered: 152 Skipped 15)	Never	Rarely > 5x/year	Sometimes 1-2 x monthly	Frequently 1/+ per week	Total
Aquatic Center	21.71% (33)	37.50% (57)	17.11% (26)	23.68% (36)	152
Developed Parks	.66% (1)	9.93% (15)	48.34% (73)	41.06% (62)	151
Natural Open Space & Trails	2.63% (4)	18.42% (28)	40.13% (61)	38.82% (59)	152
Pioneer Center	25.33% (38)	38.00% (57)	21.33% (32)	15.33% (23)	150
Pullman Senior Center	84.77% (128)	11.26% (17)	1.32% (2)	2.65% (4)	151
Pullman Cemeteries	64.45% (101)	31.58% (48)	1.97% (3)	0.00% (0)	152
Reaney Park Pool	29.61% (45)	37.50% (57)	18.42% (28)	14.47% (22)	152
Sports Fields	18.79% (28)	32.21% (48)	24.83% (37)	24.16% (36)	149
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Q8: For the below listed parks, how many times have your or others in your household used the facility in the past months?



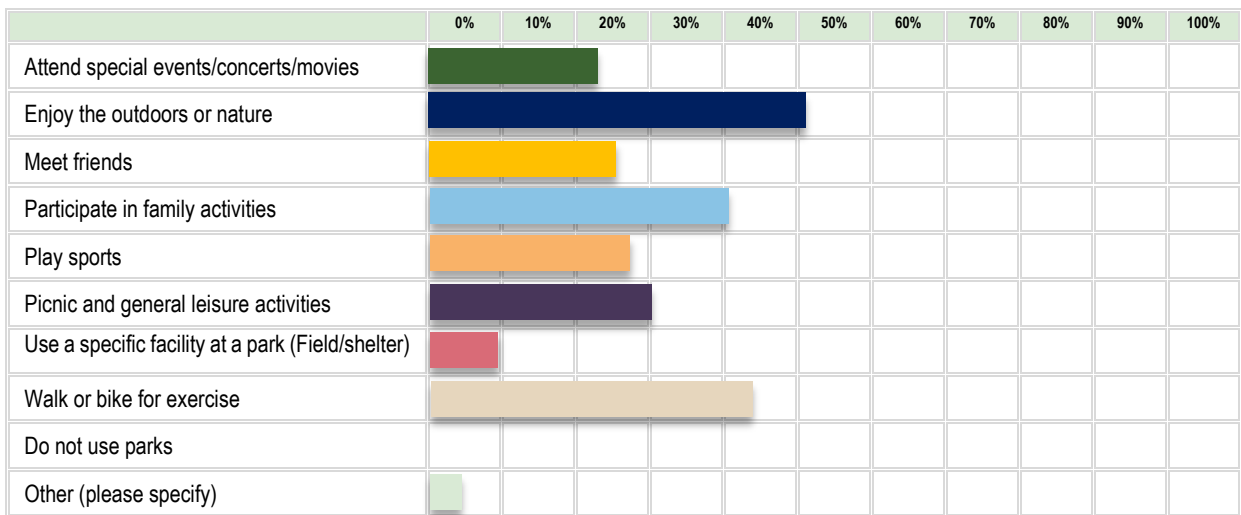
Answer Choices (Answered: 151 Skipped 16)	0 Visits	1-5 Visits	6-10 Visits	11-15 Visits	16+ Visits	Total
Bill Chipman/Palouse Trail	15.23% (23)	35.10% (53)	14.57% (22)	9.27% (14)	25.83% (39)	151
City Playfields	25.83% (39)	33.77% (51)	11.26% (17)	10.60% (17)	18.54% (28)	151
City Trail System	13.33% (20)	26.00% (39)	11.33% (17)	8.00% (12)	41.33% (62)	150
Conservation Park	60.67% (91)	22.00% (33)	8.67% (13)	2.67% (4)	6.00% (9)	150
Harrison Tot Lot	62.91% (95)	23.84% (36)	4.46% (7)	3.31% (5)	5.30% (8)	151
Itani Linear Park	79.05% (117)	13.51% (20)	2.70% (4)	0.68% (1)	4.05% (6)	148
Itani Park	76.5% (114)	15.44% (23)	2.68% (4)	1.34% (2)	4.03% (6)	149
Kruegel Park	10.67% (16)	34.00% (51)	25.33% (38)	11.33% (17)	18.67% (28)	150
Lawson Gardens	17.88% (27)	50.33% (76)	12.58% (19)	9.93% (15)	9.27% (14)	151
McGee Park	70.20% (106)	21.85% (33)	3.31% (5)	2.65% (4)	1.99% (3)	151
Military Hill Park	54.00% (81)	30.00% (45)	5.33% (8)	4.00% (6)	6.67% (10)	150
Petry Natural Area	84.46% (125)	9.46% (14)	4.05% (6)	1.35% (2)	0.66% (1)	148
Reaney Park	6.62% (10)	21.19% (32)	24.50% (37)	19.21% (29)	28.48% (43)	151
Spring Street Park	77.70% (115)	16.89% (25)	2.70% (4)	1.35% (2)	1.35% (2)	148
Sunnyside Park	13.33% (20)	24.00% (36)	18.67% (28)	18.00% (27)	26.00% (39)	150
Terreview Park	65.33% (98)	20.67% (31)	6.00% (9)	4.00% (6)	4.00% (6)	150
Woodcraft Park	81.21% (121)	14.77% (22)	1.34% (2)	0.67% (1)	2.01% (3)	149

Q9: For the below listed parks how satisfied were you with the amenities and condition of the parks?

Answer Choices (Answered: 151 Skipped 16)	Excellent	Very Good	Satisfactory	Not Very Good	Totally Inadequate	N/A	Total
Bill Chipman/Palouse Trail	22.97% (34)	40.54% (60)	18.92% (28)	1.35% (2)	1.35% (2)	14.86% (22)	148
City Playfields	6.71% (10)	32.89% (49)	28.19% (42)	5.37% (8)	3.36% (5)	23.49% (35)	149
City Trail System	12.24% (18)	39.46% (58)	26.53% (39)	4.76% (7)	0.00% (0)	17.01% (25)	147
Conservation Park	4.9% (7)	6.99% (10)	13.99% (20)	4.20% (6)	1.4% (2)	68.53% (98)	143
Harrison Tot Lot	3.38% (5)	8.11% (12)	15.54% (23)	12.16% (18)	3.38% (5)	57.43% (85)	148
Itani Linear Park	2.78% (4)	4.17% (6)	7.64% (11)	2.78% (4)	0.69% (1)	81.94% (118)	144
Itani Park	2.04% (3)	5.44% (8)	12.24% (18)	1.36% (2)	0.00% (0)	78.91% (116)	147
Kruegel Park	8.11% (12)	26.35% (39)	35.14% (52)	12.16% (18)	4.05% (6)	14.19% (21)	148
Lawson Gardens	23.49% (35)	36.24% (54)	19.46% (29)	1.34% (2)	0.00 (0)	19.46% (29)	149
McGee Park	2.04% (3)	9.52% (14)	13.61% (20)	4.76% (7)	0.68% (1)	69.39% (102)	147
Military Hill Park	2.04% (3)	8.16 (12)	24.49% (36)	10.88% (16)	1.36% (2)	53.06% (78)	147
Petry Natural Area	1.37% (2)	4.79% (7)	9.59% (14)	1.37% (2)	0.00% (0)	82.88% (121)	146
Reaney Park	9.33% (14)	33.33% (50)	31.33% (47)	12.67% (19)	4.00% (6)	9.33% (14)	150
Spring Street Park	1.36% (2)	6.12% (9)	10.99% (16)	0.00 (0)	0.00 (0)	81.63% (120)	147
Sunnyside Park	12.93% (19)	31.97% (47)	29.25% (43)	10.20% (15)	2.04% (3)	13.61% (20)	147
Terreview Park	6.12% (9)	10.20% (15)	14.97% (22)	2.04% (3)	0.68% (1)	65.99% (97)	147
Woodcraft Park	2.05% (3)	2.05% (3)	8.90% (13)	2.74% (4)	0.00\$ (0)	84.25% (123)	146

#	Other (Please specify)
1.	The bathrooms at parks are often missing or in poor condition. We need to upgrade our play equipment.
2.	Tennis courts at Kruegel Park are unusable. Would like pickleball courts to replace them.
3.	The play equipment is older and seems to be failing at Kruegel and at Sunnyside. Kruegel Park picnic structure needing work.
4.	Found many amenities to be broken, beyond disrepair or unsanitary. It leaves one to wonder who is managing these parks. There are large areas of parks that are basically mud holes and not usable. Restrooms are locked and water fountains are not turned on early enough in the spring. Bleachers obscure walking and bike paths so they are not usable. Soccer goals are put away and locked up, preventing adequate use by the public. A short 10-15 minute drive to Moscow provides a stark contrast to the dismal condition of parks in Pullman; it's no wonder why so many who work in Pullman actually end up living in Moscow or surrounding areas
5.	Conservation Park needs massive tree removal for the health of other trees. Harrison Tot Lot needs safer, more updated equipment/elements for younger children. Literally nothing is designed for "tots"
6.	More restrooms would be helpful, and having them open for more of the time. Some of them seem to operate seasonally
7.	The tot lot needs major updates. Safety for young children, which is what I assume a "tot lot" should be designed for, is very inadequate. The elements are very old and designed for much older children. Please just take everything out and start over!!! There are so many moms in this neighborhood that drive elsewhere in town to accommodate their young children.
8,	The parks and facilities are all well maintained. It would be AWESOME if the bathrooms could be heated above freezing AND therefore used all year.
9.	I do not know where some of these areas are, I am afraid.
10.	Need bathrooms for City Playfields.
11.	All parks need more work for children and adults with disabilities.
12.	My reason for marking satisfactory or worse is because of how often the bathrooms are not available during the year. This has created many problems for our family and others at various events and gatherings.
13.	Maggie Forest?
14	Pioneer Center playgrounds – very good.
15.	The existing parks and trails are under-maintained. Not a great idea to add until staff and budget can support existing.
16.	Is the Woodcraft Park by the new school? If it is, it is totally not maintained at all. There are dangerous holes in the gravel path, weeds over growing pathways. All the parks are sooooo out dated with ADA accessibility. This includes play equipment, bathrooms, and ground cover. Completely limits kids from accessing any of the parks. It's tragic that an entire family that has a child with additional needs can't go to one park in Pullman!!
17.	Equipment at the parks seems SO outdated. Almost every other town we visit has all new equipment for the kids and none of the old stuff mixed in with new-ish equipment.

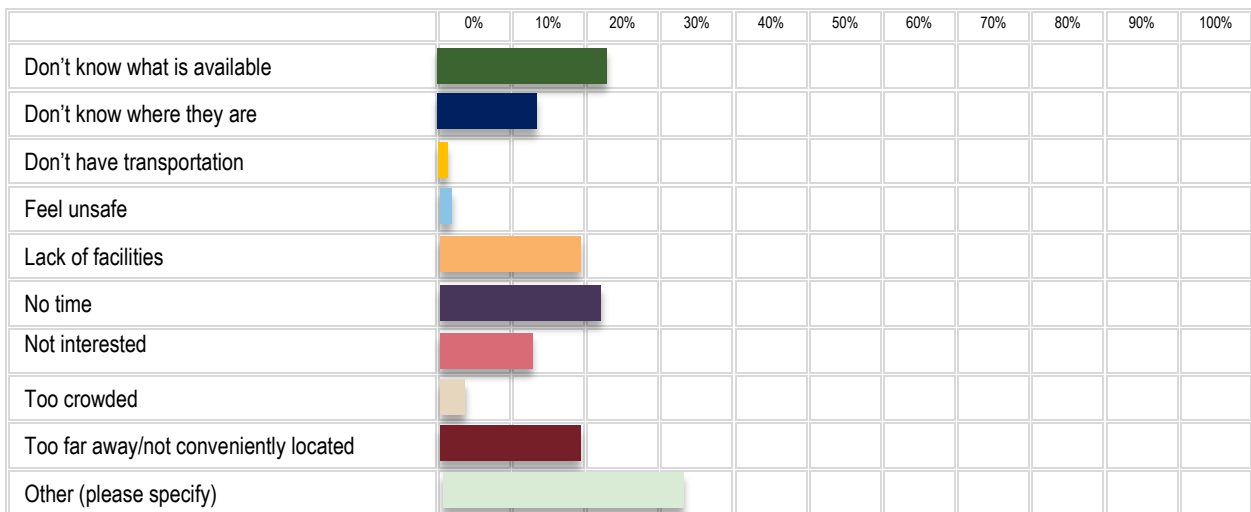
Q10: What are the primary reasons that you use parks in Pullman? Please check your top 2 choices.



Answer Choices (Answered: 96 Skipped 71)	Response	
Attend special events/concerts/movies	21.85%	33
Enjoy the outdoors or nature	49.01%	74
Meet friends	24.50%	37
Participate in family activities	39.74%	60
Play sports	25.17%	38
Picnic and general leisure activities	28.48%	43
Use a specific facility at a park (Field/Shelter/Disc Golf course)	9.27%	14
Walk or bike for exercise	42.38%	64
Do not use parks	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	5.30%	8

#	Other (Please specify)
1.	Walk dog
2.	Running (I'm not sure what that goes under)
3.	Kids sports and pools
4.	None listed
5.	Use the play structures, swings, etc. with kids
6.	Walk the dog
7.	Pokemon Go
8.	Take children to the park, pool

Q11: If you seldom use or do not use the parks in Pullman, what are your reasons? Please check you top 2 choices.

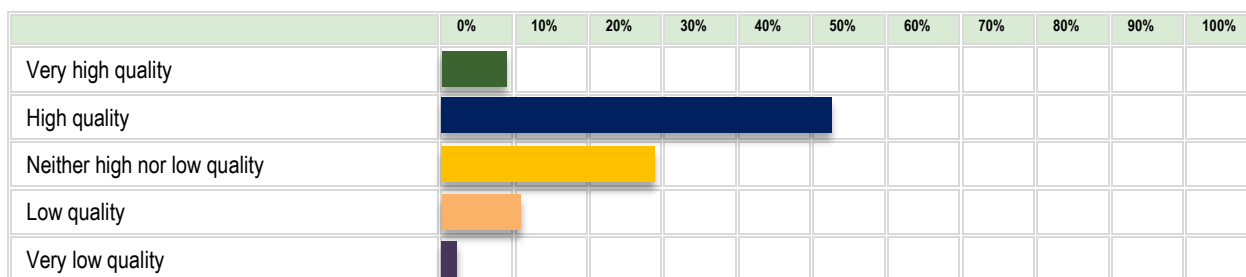


Answer Choices (Answered: 96 Skipped 71)	Response	
Don't know what is available	20.83%	20
Don't know where they are	12.50%	12
Don't have transportation	2.08%	2
Feel unsafe	2.08%	2
Lack of facilities	18.75%	18
No time	20.83%	20
Not interested	13.54%	13
Too crowded	4.17%	4
Too far away/not conveniently located	19.79%	19
Other (please specify)	33.33%	32
		96

#	Other (Please specify)
1.	Play structures are outdated. Limited shade.
2.	Not enough scheduled activities for adults.
3.	Not handicapped accessible.
4.	"Too" far away/
5.	Lack of bathroom facilities - Reaney park bathrooms are gross! Also it's frustrating to not have bathrooms open year round in our parks!!! Also water fountains produce weird colored cloudy water that tastes terrible.
6.	Not applicable....I am a frequent park goer....
7.	The locations of the parks are good - I'd use ones farther from my house if there was better trail connections to them.
8.	For the ones we don't use, it's because of distance.
9.	Doesn't apply
10.	I use the parks.
11.	Dog waste.
12.	Deteriorating/unsafe play equipment for children.
13.	I live in an area that has its own private park.
14.	I do not live in town. I use my home city parks more.
15.	I'm using them less as my children are growing up and we do other things.
16.	I have mobility problems, specifically with walking on unsmooth footing or going up or down curbs or stairs if there is no handrail.

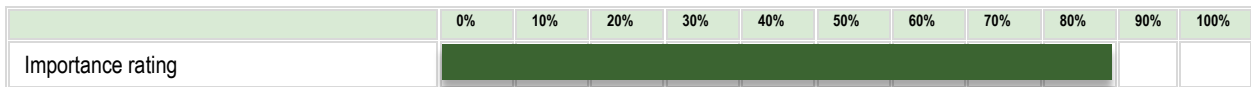
17.	We used the parks weekly when my kids were small. Now that they are teenagers we mostly use the disc golf at Sunnyside.
18.	I often use the parks, so this question does not apply.
19.	N/A
20.	Poor bathrooms.
21.	Lack of free splash pad.
22.	Old play structures for children.
23.	Better playground equipment in Moscow.
24.	Nice parks are too far away. Near parks aren't great for small children.
25.	My children do not like the playground equipment. Metal is too hot. Causing burns.
26.	Lack accessibility.
27.	N/A
28.	Live right outside city limits in the country.
29.	Really outdated play equipment.
30.	I have no reason to use the park in Pullman
31.	We often go to Moscow to go to the parks there.
32.	Some of the playground equipment is tired and could stand to be replaced. (Kruegel Park)

Q12: How would you rate the general upkeep and maintenance of the existing parks in Pullman?



Answer Choices (Answered: 149 Skipped 18)	Response	
Very high quality	8.05%	12
High quality	51.01%	76
Neither high nor low quality	27.52%	41
Low quality	10.74%	16
Very low quality	2.68%	4
		149

Q13: How would you rate the importance of natural open space to the community?



Answer Choices (Answered: 150 Skipped 17)	Response	
Average Number	87%	150
		150

Q14: Select the five (5) activities you would like to participate in the most. Assume you have the time, money, and transportation to do whichever five (5) activities you want.

Answer Choices (Answered: 149 Skipped 18)	Response	
Arts/Crafts	16.78%	25
Baseball/Softball	8.72%	13
Basketball	6.04%	9
Bicycling for pleasure	43.62%	65
Bird watching/feeding	4.70%	7
Camping	20.81%	31
Concerts	31.54%	47
Disc Golf	8.05%	12
Dog walking	20.81%	31
Fairs/Festivals	36.24%	54
Fishing	8.05%	12
Exercising/Aerobics	24.83%	37
Gardening	10.07%	15
Hiking/Backpacking	29.53%	44
Hockey/Inline	.67%	1
Jogging/Running	24.16%	36
Picnicking	22.15%	33
Photography	14.77%	22
Playground (visit/play)	40.27%	60
Nature walks	36.91%	55
Skateboarding	0.67%	1
Soccer	10.74%	16
Swimming	42.28%	63
Tennis	10.07%	15
Walking for pleasure	45.64%	68
Wildlife watching	10.74%	16
		149

Q15: Besides the City of Pullman, other public and private entities own and operate a variety of park and recreational facilities within the city's recreational service area. For each facility/provider, please mark the column that best describes how often you visit.

Answer Choices (Answered: 150 Skipped 17)	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Total
Athletic leagues/clubs	57.72% (86)	14.77% (22)	12.08% (18)	15.44% (23)	149
Church	42.28% (63)	10.07% (15)	8.05% (12)	39.60% (59)	149
Private membership club	85.03% (125)	5.44% (8)	6.80% (10)	2.27% (4)	147
Public schools	25.85% (38)	14.97% (22)	17.01% (25)	42.18% (62)	147
State Resources	16.78% (24)	26.57% (38)	42.66% (61)	13.00% (20)	143
Washington State University	10.14% (15)	17.57% (26)	38.51% (57)	33.78% (50)	148
Whitman County	14.19% (21)	25.68% (38)	41.89% (62)	18.24% (27)	148
Other	45.12% (37)	21.95% (18)	25.61% (21)	7.32% (6)	82

Q16: When looking at current issues and trends in parks do the following items need to be addressed by city ordinance?

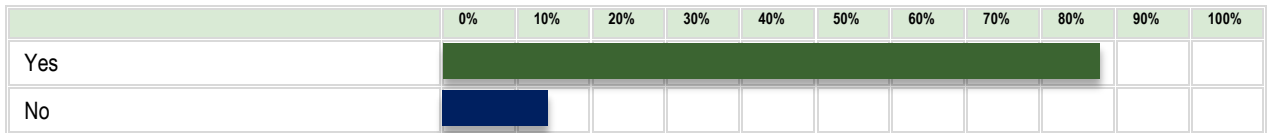
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Should dogs be excluded at special events											
Smoking in parks											
Vamping in parks											

Answer Choices (Answered: 150 Skipped 17)	No	Maybe	Yes	Total
Should dogs be excluded at special events (Lentil Festival, Concerts)	35.14% (52)	27.70% (41)	37.16% (55)	148
Smoking in parks	28.19% (42)	15.44% (23)	56.38% (84)	149
Vaping in parks	28.57% (42)	22.45% (33)	49.98% (72)	147
				150

#	Other (Please specify)
1.	As long as they pick up after their pet.
2.	Dogs must be on a leash.
3.	I don't want people to smoke in the park, but I personally have never had an issue with this.
4.	I guess the No means no smoking and no vaping. That's why I chose No for those, but also no for excluding dogs at events. I don't mind dogs at events.
5.	The effort to control smoking/vaping is not worth the effort – those resources better used other ways.
6.	Keeping dogs under control. Bike/pedestrian conflicts safety wise.
7.	Enforcement of pick-up after pets!!!
8.	Banning smoking doesn't work. Creating a viable space for smokers that will not disturb the nonsmokers is more effective in my experience.
9.	I rarely if ever see people smoking or vaping when I'm at the park. And as long as dogs are friendly and controlled by owner, I don't mind them.
10.	I'm assuming that means that smoking and vaping would be excluded.
11.	Question poorly worded. There should be no smoking or vaping in parks.
12.	No smoking/vaping at parks.
13.	Dogs at any park, they leave messes everywhere and are often off leash.
14.	Didn't give a specific question regarding smoking or vaping (unlike dogs). Allow smoking or vaping: NO.
15.	Pullman desperately needs new parks. Follow Moscow' lead.
16.	I do not want my children or I exposed to vaping or smoke in public areas.
17.	Smoking should be fine outside.

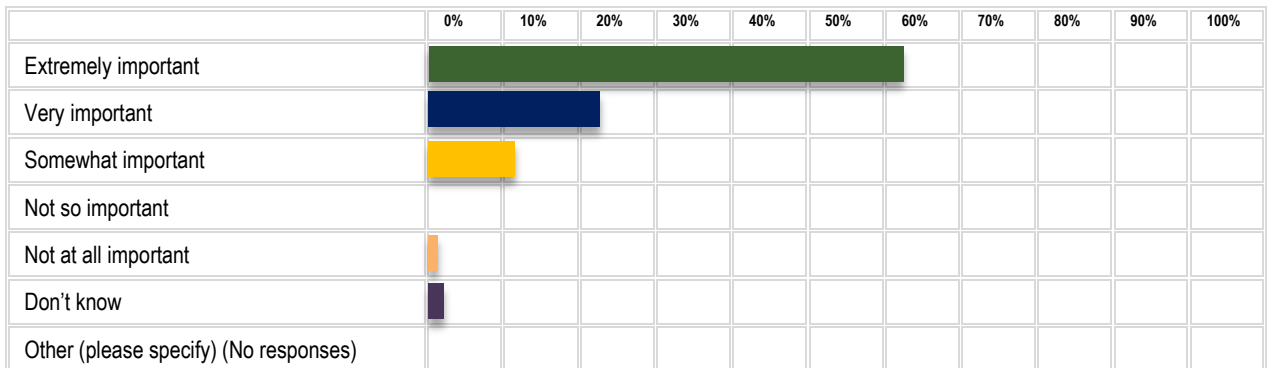
18.	This question is unclear. But I do not believe we should allow smoking or vaping in parks.
19.	Littering is a big problem, so more, so more trash cans? Or leaving free stuff on curbs? Especially when WSU students take off at the end of semesters it's a hassle for locals (having grown up here I know it's a mess even though some people enjoy the challenge of dumpster diving I think there's probably a better middle ground) the question is unclear. But I do not believe we should allow smoking or vaping in parks.
20.	No smoking of any kind.

Q17: Have any household members participated in activities or recreation programs provided by the City of Pullman in the last year?



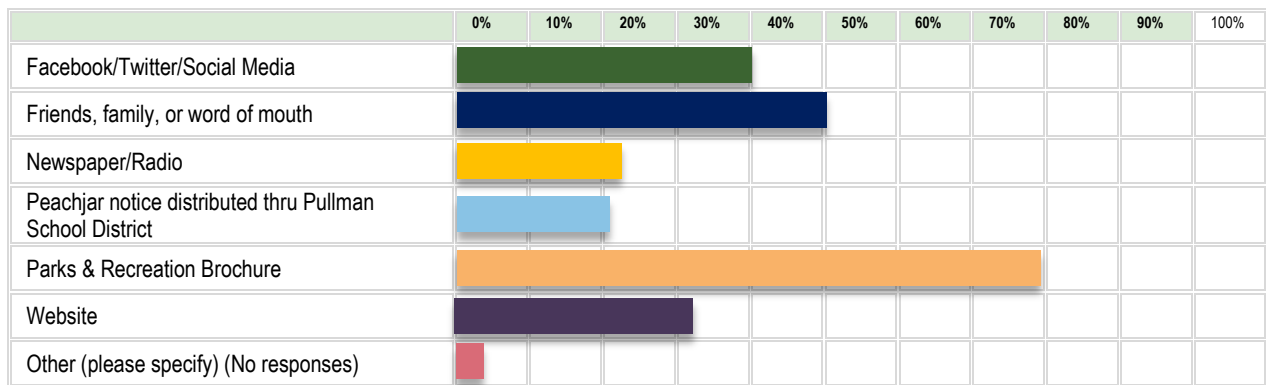
Answer Choices (Answered: 135 Skipped 32)	Response	Total
Yes	85.19%	115
No	14.81%	20
		135

Q18: How important are recreation activities and programs to the overall quality of life in Pullman?



Answer Choices (Answered: 135 Skipped 32)	Responses	Total
Extremely important	63.70%	86
Very important	22.22%	30
Somewhat important	11.75%	16
Not so important	0.00%	0
Not at all important	0.74%	1
Don't know	1.48%	2
Other (please specify) (No responses)		0
		135

Q19: If you participated in services and programs offered by the city of Pullman, how did you learn about them? Please check all that apply.



Answer Choices (Answered: 128 Skipped 39)	Responses	Total
Facebook/Twitter/Social Media	38.84%	51
Friends, family, or word of mouth	49.22%	63
Newspaper/Radio	21.88%	28
Peachjar notice distributed thru Pullman School District	20.31%	26
Parks & Recreation Brochure	77.34%	99
Website	32.03%	41
Other (please specify)	4.69%	6
		128

#	Other (Please specify)
1.	Pullman Community News
2.	None
3.	Social Media from both Park & Rec and City of Pullman.
4.	Paper
5.	Senior Center announcements
6.	Senior Center, I belong and go at least twice a week for meals. Sometimes other programs if there is no cost.

Q20: If you do not participate in recreation or sports programs offered by the City of Pullman, what are your reasons? Please select all that apply.

Answer Choices (Answered: 73 Skipped 94)	Responses	Total
Classes or programs are full	9.59%	7
Don't have activities I'm interested in	24.66%	18
Held at inconvenient locations	4.11%	3
Lack of transportation	2.74%	2
Need child care in order to participate	16.44%	12
Not accessible for people with disabilities	2.74%	2
Not available due to day or time offered	32.88%	24
Not aware of programs	10.96%	8
Poor quality of programs	2.74%	2
Too busy/no time	32.88%	24
Too expensive	9.59%	7
Other (please specify)	21.92%	16
		73

#	Other (Please specify)
1.	I have found swim lessons to be confusing/stressful and employees who answer the phone give incorrect or incomplete information.
2.	Child was too young.
3.	I do participate
4.	Registration is inconvenient.
5.	Doesn't apply.
6.	I participate.
7.	I participate in some programs, based on interest and time.
8.	Not the season of life with the number and ages of current children.
9.	The Senior Citizen trips are very important to me.
10.	Would like cheap rec soccer, per user fee.
11.	Lack of choices for older kids and teens.
12.	I do not participate so this question does not apply.
13.	N/A
14.	New to town.
15.	Not interested.
16.	Most are held at Neill Public Library and there's very little parking, and the bus routes especially in the summer are the worst and take forever to get to any of the neighborhoods.

Q21: How often do you or others in your household participate in recreation activities in Pullman or elsewhere? For each activity in which you participate, please select the response that most closely represents how often you participate when the activity is in season.

Answer Choices (Answered: 134 Skipped 33)	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Total
Active Adult	83.59% (107)	5.47% (7)	4.69% (6)	6.25% (8)	128
Adult Sports Programs	65.91% (87)	15.15% (20)	10.61% (14)	8.33% (11)	132
Art Programs	66.15% (86)	18.46% (24)	13.85% (18)	1.54% (2)	130
Bicycling	42.86% (57)	12.78% (17)	21.05% (28)	23.31% (31)	133
Dance Programs	71.75% (94)	10.69% (14)	6.87% (9)	10.69% (14)	131
Disc Golf	74.62% (97)	15.38% (20)	6.15% (8)	3.85% (5)	130
Fitness Programs	38.35% (51)	16.54% (22)	22.56% (30)	22.56% (30)	133
General Recreation Programs	31.54% (41)	27.69% (36)	27.69% (36)	13.08% (17)	130
Gardening	63.08% (82)	13.85% (18)	11.54% (15)	11.54% (15)	130
Jogging/Running	50.38% (66)	16.03% (21)	17.56% (23)	16.03% (21)	131
Lap Swimming	51.52% (68)	21.21% (28)	15.91% (21)	11.36% (15)	132
Preschool Program	73.64% (95)	4.65% (6)	5.43% (7)	16.28% (21)	129
Senior Center Programs	92.37% (121)	3.05% (4)	0.76% (1)	3.82% (5)	131
Skateboarding	88.19% (112)	6.30% (8)	3.94% (5)	1.57% (2)	127
Special Events (Egg Hunt, Concerts/Movies)	15.91% (21)	25.00% (33)	37.12% (49)	21.97% (29)	132
Tennis	79.39% (104)	11.45% (15)	6.11% (8)	3.05% (4)	131
Youth Enrichment Programs (Babysitting, Cooking)	68.94% (91)	17.42% (23)	8.33% (11)	5.30% (7)	132
Youth Sports Programs (Basketball, Soccer)	46.97% (62)	12.88% (17)	14.39% (19)	25.76% (34)	132

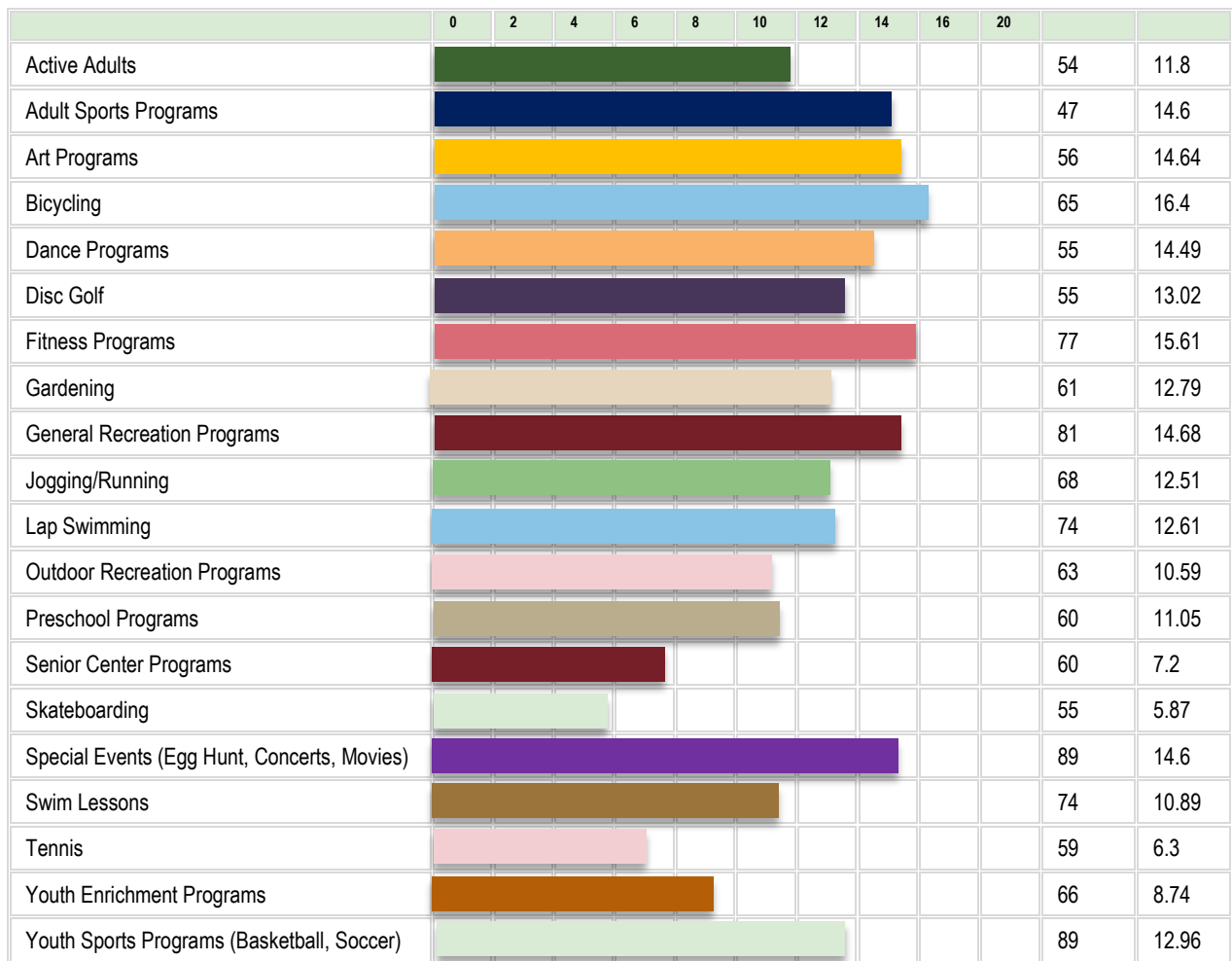
#	Other (Please specify)
1.	WEX class 2-3 times a week.
2.	Walking the trails – often.
3.	Travel to other cities for Pickleball Tournaments.
4.	Pickle Ball
5.	Attend grandchild sports programs thru Parks & Rec.
6.	Barracudas!!!
7.	I am at the dog park almost every day with my dog. We also walk every day, outdoors or in a hardware store.
8.	No other members in this household.
9.	Pickleball – often.
10.	Girl scouts, gymnastics in Moscow, music lessons.

Q22: If you or others in your household have participated in an activity below, please rate your level of satisfaction.

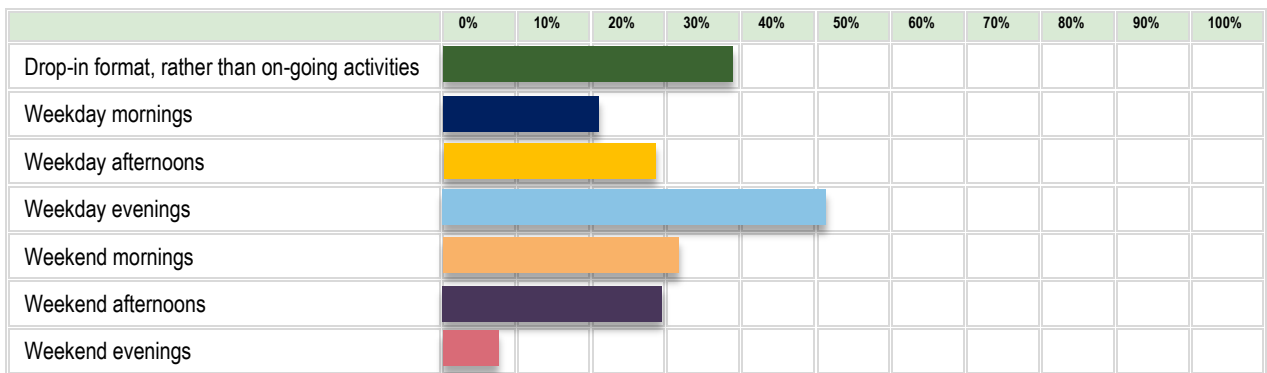
Answer Choices (Answered: 122 Skipped 45)	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Active Adult	21.62% (8)	21.62% (8)	58.76% (21)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)	37
Adult Sports Programs	17.07% (7)	31.71% (13)	46.34% (19)	2.44% (1)	2.44% (1)	41
Art Programs	13.04 % (6)	39.13% (18)	45.65% (21)	0.00% (0)	2.17% (1)	46
Bicycling	31.67% (19)	43.33% (26)	21.67% (13)	3.33% (2)	0.00% (0)	60
Dance Programs	22.45% (11)	28.57% (14)	46.94% (23)	2.04% (1)	0.00% (0)	49
Disc Golf	2.38% (1)	47.62% (20)	47.62% (20)	2.38% (1)	0.00% (0)	42
Fitness Programs	20.97% (13)	43.55% (27)	32.26% (20)	3.23% (2)	0.00% (0)	62
Gardening	22.50% (9)	30.00% (12)	45.00% (18)	1.47% (1)	0.00% (0)	40
General Recreation Programs	23.53% (16)	48.53% (33)	26.47% (18)	1.47% (1)	0.00% (0)	68
Jogging/Running	27.27% (15)	45.45% (25)	25.45% (14)	1.82% (1)	0.00% (0)	55
Lap Swimming	19.05% (12)	47.62% (30)	31.75% (20)	1.59% (1)	0.00% (0)	63
Outdoor Recreation Programs	20.00% (9)	35.56% (16)	40.00% (18)	2.22% (1)	2.22% (1)	45
Preschool Program	32.61% (15)	19.57% (9)	45.65% (21)	0.00% (0)	2.17% (1)	46
Senior Center Programs	17.24% (5)	13.79% (4)	68.97% (20)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)	29
Skateboarding	6.25% (2)	15.63% (5)	78.13% (25)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)	32
Special Events (Egg Hunt, Concerts/Movies)	31.58% (30)	49.47% (47)	13.68% (13)	4.21% (4)	1.05% (1)	95
Swim Lessons	18.84% (13)	33.33% (23)	27.54% (19)	18.84% (13)	1.45% (1)	69
Tennis	5.56% (2)	22.22% (8)	58.33% (21)	11.11% (4)	2.78% (1)	36
Youth Enrichment Programs (Babysitting, Cooking)	14.89% (7)	31.91% (15)	51.06% (25)	2.13% (1)	0.00% (0)	47
Youth Sports Programs (Basketball, Soccer)	25.00% (25)	44.12% (30)	26.47% (18)	4.41% (3)	0.00% (0)	68

#	Other (Please specify)
1.	WEX
2.	The lack of Gym space is concerning. The Pullman Public Schools should be more inclusive with working with Community activities/clubs/sports teams.
3.	The Movies in the Park is great, the Egg Hunt specifically could have more set up of amenities (coffee, connection point, booths, etc.)
4.	Our kids have participated in many things. The programming is really good. The quality of fields is not very good. Our soccer fields are just done in an outfield, and our baseball fields are really REALLY bad, though our coach said it was brought up and we were told that parks person thinks we have great fields.
5.	Jump rope was a favorite; wish they did adult jump rope.
6.	More room is needed at the Senior Center for the fitness classes.
7.	This survey is excessively long. Your results would likely be more accurate if it were shortened and simplified imo
8.	Bummed out about adult swim lessons in the summer tried to sign up, because didn't want to do them at WSU student rec center, but since nobody else signed up it was a problem.

Q23: Please choose the top four (4) programs that are most important to your household.

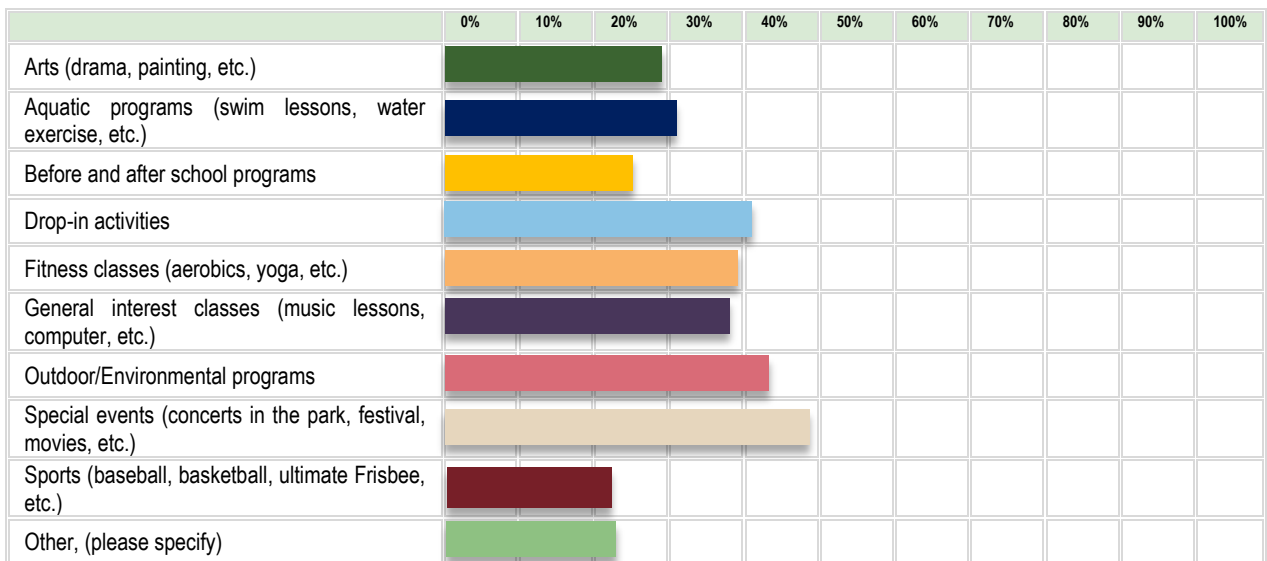


Q24: What are the most convenient program times for you and others in your household? Please select your top 2 choices.



Answer Choices (Answered: 131 Skipped 36)	Responses	
Drop-in format, rather than on-going activities	37.40%	49
Weekday mornings	20.61%	27
Weekday afternoons	28.24%	37
Weekday evenings	50.38%	66
Weekend mornings	31.30%	41
Weekend afternoons	29.01%	38
Weekend evenings	8.40%	11

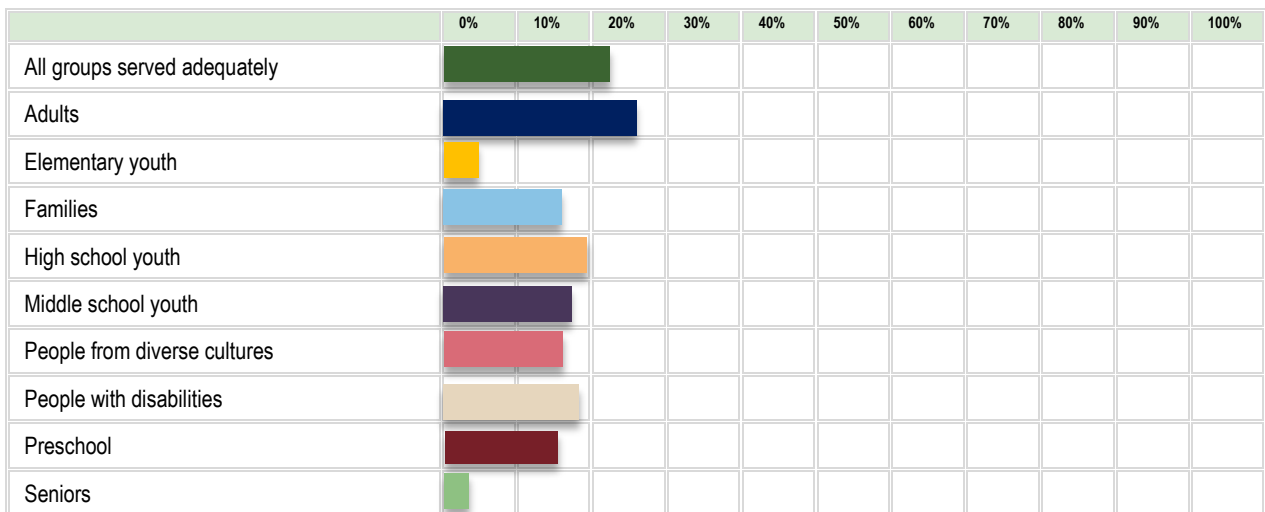
Q25: What additional recreation activities or programs do you feel the City of Pullman should offer or expand? Please select all that apply.



Answer Choices (Answered: 131 Skipped 36)	Responses	
Arts (drama, painting, etc.)	27.78%	35
Aquatic programs (swim lessons, water exercise, etc.)	30.16%	38
Before and after school programs	26.19%	33
Drop-in activities	41.27%	52
Fitness classes (aerobics, yoga, etc.)	38.89%	49
General interest classes (music lessons, computer, etc.)	37.30%	47
Outdoor/Environmental programs	43.65%	55
Special events (concerts in the park, festival, movies, etc.)	49.21%	62
Sports (baseball, basketball, ultimate Frisbee, etc.)	21.43%	27
Other, (please specify)	23.81%	30

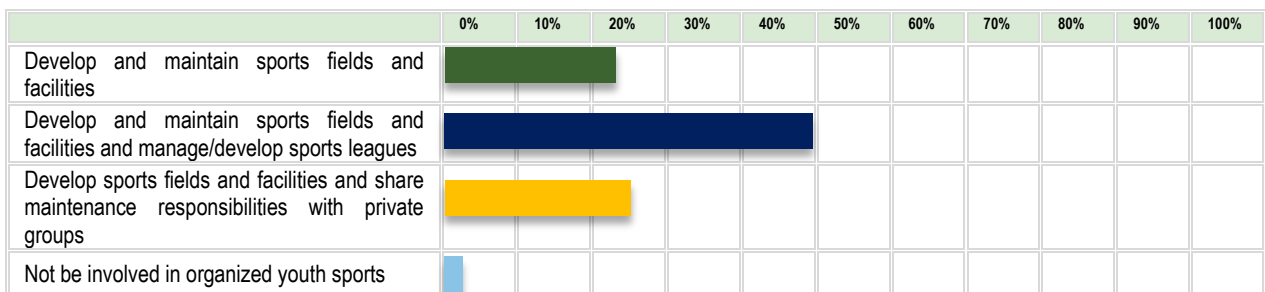
#	Other (Please specify)
1.	Indoor Rock climbing, gymnastics
2.	Pickleball court
3.	Adult/family programs/sports
4.	Pickleball
5.	We need more activities for teens who are not sports oriented! If teens don't play sports there is not much to do in this town! Teen center would be fantastic! More youth places where kids could hang out? Open Gym's? No charge drop in centers like Moscows drop in afterschool center at Eggan. More activities for adults who are not seniors. Cooking classes?
6.	Bicycling trails
7.	Woodworking, ceramics, welding – crafts you need expensive equipment to do. Individuals can't invest before they know how to do it and decide it is worth the investment. A maker space would be cool.
8.	My city councilman said something about pickleball? That's a really fun sport and should be considered.
9.	There are more than enough programs, I would rather see funds diverted to park maintenance and improvements.
10.	Open gym for toddlers/young children during weekday mornings.
11.	Indoor walking options, especially dog-friendly walking options, would be fabulous. For several months out of the year, it is just dangerous to walk outdoors due to the snow and ice. An indoor venue would make a tremendous difference.
12.	Water polo
13.	Concerts, festivals, etc. need to be done well – typical Pullman style is very under-rated.
14.	Silver Sneakers Program
15.	Maybe some free senior walks, friendship building activities
16.	Youth Center
17.	Because of my financial and physical limitation. I have to pick carefully. More activities that are free and handicapped accessible.
18.	Music for babies/children
19.	I wish there were more weekday lunch fitness class options.
20.	Pickleball
21.	Pickleball is a growing sport. I'd like to see courts provided by the city.
22.	A summer diving class, singing/performing opportunities for kids.
23.	Community center for winter sports inside.
24.	Concerts for people under 50!! The range in music is not reaching a broad audience. Work with the university and younger people to bring in bands that will bring in students and younger people to the concerts. There should be a range of music and concerts available, but it seems the concerts series are only targeting a specific age range.
25.	More classes for water aerobics
26.	Programs need to be accessible for people with disabilities.
27.	Crafting (knitting, scrapbooking, crocheting) for beginners, they have some in Moscow, but that is sometimes 30-40 minutes away with traffic. Many people I know are interested in playing board/card games with like mid-20s to young-30s but there's no-where to meet in the community. Also I've spoken with many young women who are interested but intimidated by table top games (think dungeons and dragons) but again are intimidated by the crowd of rude/rowdy young men so anything to cater to that group. Also anything to set up in town (not on campus) to help young women with learning how to be independent is also a common theme, such as anything that changing gender roles in society have affected.
28.	Classes for younger kids that aren't just sports.
29.	Full-day youth activities on PPS Collaboration days
30.	I can't really critique what should be offered since I don't know what currently is offered entirely.

Q26: Which groups are most under-served by current recreation services? Please select your top two (2) choices.



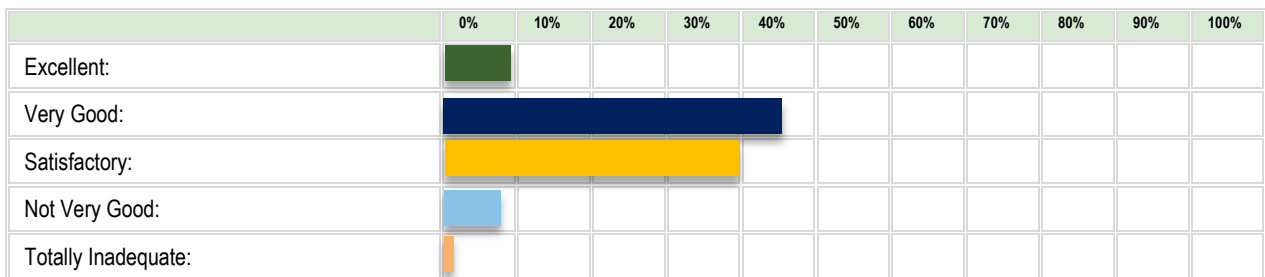
Answer Choices (Answered: 119 Skipped 48)	Responses	
All groups served adequately	21.85%	26
Adults	25.21%	30
Elementary youth	5.88%	7
Families	15.13%	18
High school youth	19.33%	23
Middle school youth	15.97%	19
People from diverse cultures	17.65%	21
Preschool	15.97%	19
Seniors	4.20%	5

Q27: What role should the City of Pullman assume in organized youth sports and sports fields and facilities? Please select one.



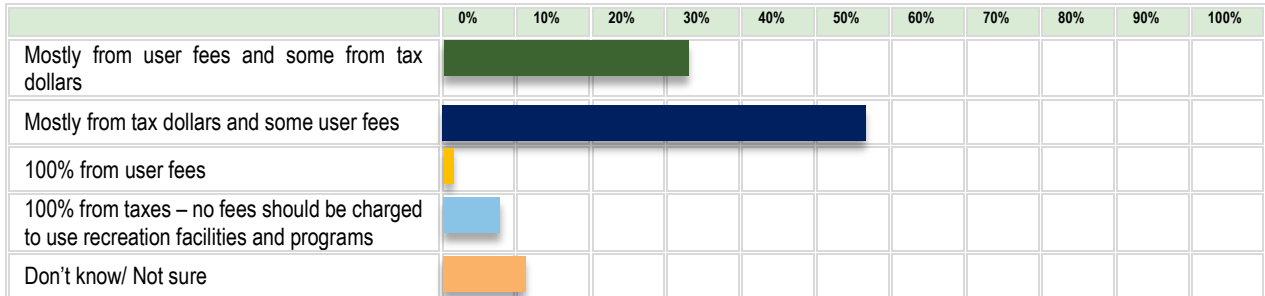
Answer Choices (Answered: 131 Skipped 36)	Responses	
Develop and maintain sports fields and facilities	22.90%	30
Develop and maintain sports fields and facilities and manage/develop sports leagues	49.62%	65
Develop sports fields and facilities and share maintenance responsibilities with private groups	24.43%	32
Not be involved in organized youth sports	3.5%	4

Q28: How would you rate the recreation activities and programs provided by the City of Pullman? Please select one (1).



Answer Choices (Answered: 131 Skipped 36)	Responses	
Excellent: There are many opportunities to do all or most of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	9.77%	13
Very Good: There are numerous opportunities to participate in many of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	44.36%	59
Satisfactory: There are some opportunities to participate in the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	39.10%	52
Not Very Good: There are a few opportunities to participate in activities and programs I enjoy.	8.27%	11
Totally Inadequate: There are no opportunities to participate in any of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	0.75%	1

Q29: Which one of the following statements best describes how you feel parks and recreation programs and facilities should be funded. Please select one (1).

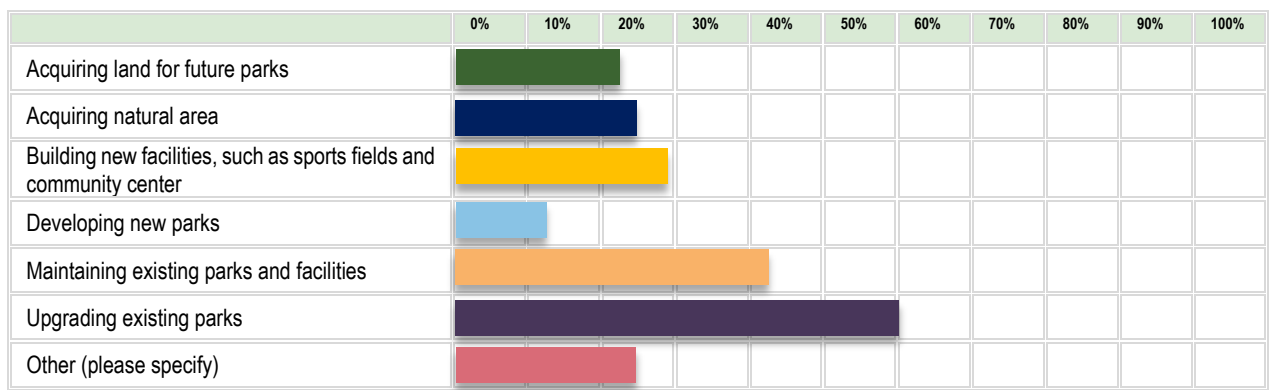


Answer Choices (Answered: 131 Skipped 36)	Responses	
Mostly from user fees and some from tax dollars	23.53%	32
Mostly from tax dollars and some user fees	55.88%	76
100% from user fees	2.94%	4
100% from taxes – no fees should be charged to use recreation facilities and programs	8.09%	11
Don't know/ Not sure	11.76%	16

Q30: How would the following factors influence the amount you would pay for recreation activities and programs? For each factor, please mark the column that best describes how you would pay.

Answer Choices (Answered: 133 Skipped 45)	Would pay more	Would consider paying more	Neutral	Would not pay more	
Program is offered close to me	6.11% (8)	34.35% (45)	44.27% (58)	15.27% (20)	131
Program offering of special interest to me	25.56% (34)	49.62% (66)	18.80% (25)	6.02% (8)	133
Offered in more appealing facility	18.05% (24)	33.83% (45)	39.85% (53)	8.27% (11)	133
Offered in conjunction with childcare or activities for my kids	23.62% (30)	25.20% (32)	35.43% (45)	15.75% (20)	127
Offered at a more convenient time	18.46% (24)	42.31% (55)	30.00% (39)	9.23% (12)	130

Q31: How can the City of Pullman park system be improved? Please select your top two (2) choices.

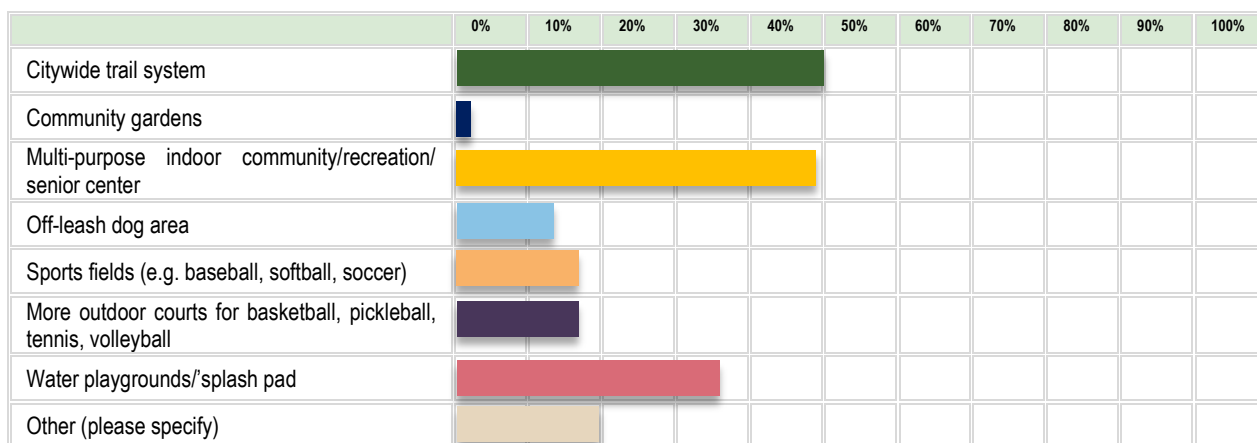


Answer Choices (Answered: 131 Skipped 36)	Responses	
Acquiring land for future parks	18.25%	25
Acquiring natural area	24.09%	33
Building new facilities, such as sports fields and community center	27.01%	37
Developing new parks	12.41%	17
Maintaining existing parks and facilities	41.61%	57
Upgrading existing parks	59.93%	78
Other (please specify)	22.63%	31

#	Other (Please specify)
1.	Pickleball courts
2.	Adding more soccer sessions. As a non WSU member my only option in summer league :(
3.	Additional trails
4.	More handicapped accessible
5.	Upgrade picnic shelters
6.	More care in youth sports. They are poorly organized and poorly coached. No motivation to want to coach.
7.	Making parks safer – lights on the Chipman trail/keeping it clear in the winter.
8.	It sure seems like additional staff would be needed, to keep up with additional parks and green spaces and faster population growth. Alan Davis and his staff do an amazing job. But Council should ask if they need to fund some more regular positions.
9.	Community center and open gyms, more youth related places to hang out and have fun.
10.	Pullman parks need updates for safety and accessibility, they are so poor for a city that seems like they should value them.
11.	DO NOT BUILD NEW FACILITIES UNTIL YOU CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT ONES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

12.	Pullman can't manage the facilities and programs it currently has under its purview, so developing new opportunities only adds to an inadequate foundation. I registered for adult soccer and never even got contacted. Kids toes get blistered and bloody from the Reaney Park Pool and the restrooms are beyond embarrassing. Improve management and increase turnover for people in these positions as they are seem unable to manage effectively.
13.	Soft service trails in parallel with the existing hard surface (asphalt) trails!
14.	Tot Lot!!!
15.	Restroom availability and access could be improved.
16.	More off leash dog areas.
17.	Parks need to be real, not glorified catch basins (Terreview) or parking lots (Spot Shop Trailhead). Trails needs completing with overpasses. Desperately need a large multi field complex.
18.	Teen center activities, dances for teens, roller-skating rinks, open gyms, afterschool hang out places, homework help, more nerf activities that didn't cost as much. Maybe a membership fee to have access to all programs.
19.	New indoor sports facility for year round sports.
20.	Kruegel Park needs a scoreboard for baseball games.
21.	Add Pickleball courts
22.	Please consider creating Pickleball courts, or converting current tennis courts.
23.	Add Dog Park, no fee.
24.	Upgrading bathrooms
25.	Upgrading, maintain, and expanding the trail system within and outside Pullman.
26.	More bathrooms.
27.	Improving and expanding trail system.
28.	Free splash pad with wide hours (8am-8pm).
29.	Add onto exercise area for Aquatics Center, Indoor walki8ng area for bad weather.
30.	Disability accessibility.
31.	Get rid of all the dated equipment. Especially the big slide at Sunnyside Park!

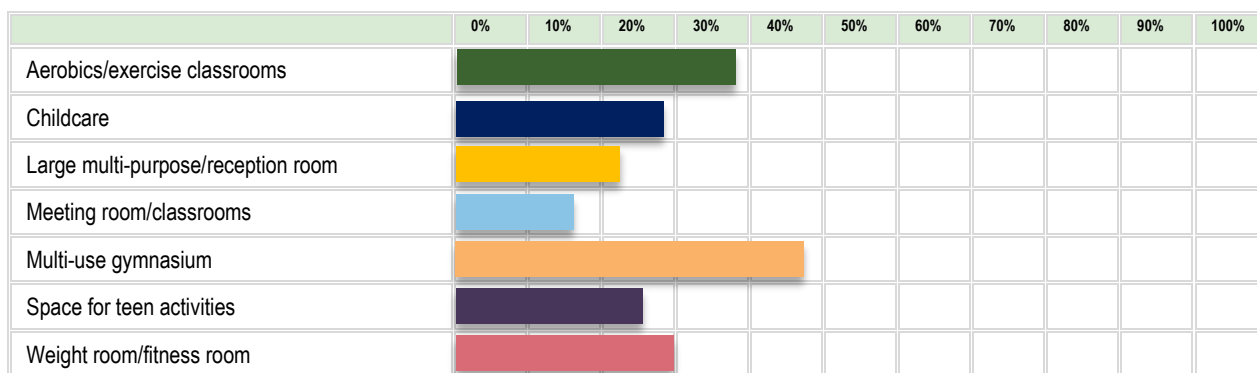
Q32: If funding were available, which of the following facilities should have the highest priorities in Pullman. Please select your top two (2) choices.



Answer Choices	Responses	
(Answered: 137 Skipped 30)		
Citywide trail system	48.91%	67
Community gardens	3.65%	5
Multi-purpose indoor community/recreation/ senior center	47.45%	65
Off-leash dog area	14.60%	20
Sports fields (e.g. baseball, softball, soccer)	16.06%	22
More outdoor courts for basketball, pickleball, tennis, volleyball	16.06%	22
Water playgrounds/splash pad	34.31%	47
Other (please specify)	19.71%	27

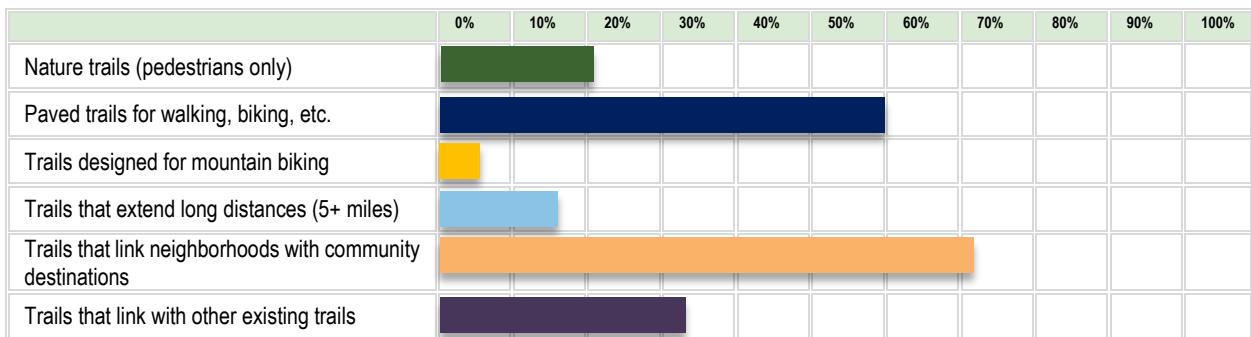
#	Other (Please specify)
1.	Multi-purpose indoor with a pool.
2.	A really, really good playground like CDA City park.
3.	Nature viewing.
4.	Improving outdoor lap swimming
5.	Waterslide, hot tub, lazy river? Indoor facilities sports plex.
6.	Building mountain bike and general cycling trails.
7.	Update playground equipment
8.	Biking
9.	Playgrounds
10.	Reaney Park Pool, Fix water fountains and restrooms; install charcoal disposal; fix the grills that are in disrepair; grade and level the so called bike paths around the city (my 4 year old cannot ride his bicycle with training wheels because he would fall over on his side riding on the 35 degree grade of the "bike path".
11.	Extend bus service to the Evergreen Community.
12.	I would access more if I could drive to sitting spaces at for instance Sunnyside and Reaney Parks.
13.	Waterslide, roller skating rink, teen cooking classes, pool tables? Ping Pong?
14.	A bike/pedestrian bridge over Stadium Way by Dissmore's would be a great improvement to the trails!
15.	Pickleball courts.
16.	Year round park bathrooms.
17.	Inside play activity area.
18.	Modern Disc Golf Baskets.
19.	Upgrade play structures.
20.	Playground equipment.
21.	Updating playground equipment so it can be enjoyed.
22.	Park accessibility.
23.	Outdoor concert area.
24.	Updating existing parks to make them accessible to kids with all abilities.
25.	Better Outdoor pool facility...grass area inside enclosure would be a start!
26.	Improve major existing parks playground equipment.
27.	Upgrade current parks so we don't need to go to Moscow.

Q33: What facilities would you most like to see in an indoor recreation center? Please select your top two (2) choices.



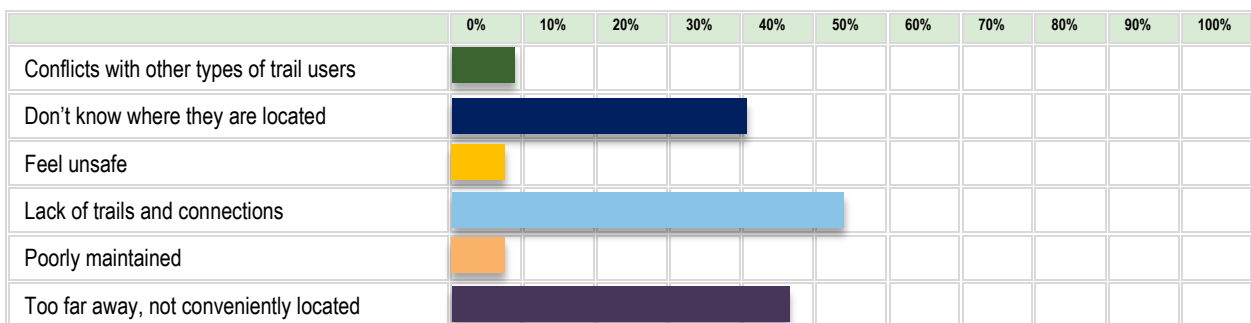
Answer Choices (Answered: 129 Skipped 38)	Responses	
Aerobics/exercise classrooms	37.98%	49
Childcare	27.91%	36
Large multi-purpose/reception room	22.48%	29
Meeting room/classrooms	16.28%	21
Multi-use gymnasium	45.74%	59
Space for teen activities	24.81%	32
Weight room/fitness room	29.46%	38

Q34: What type of trails/pathways should have highest priority in Pullman? Please select your top two (2) choices.



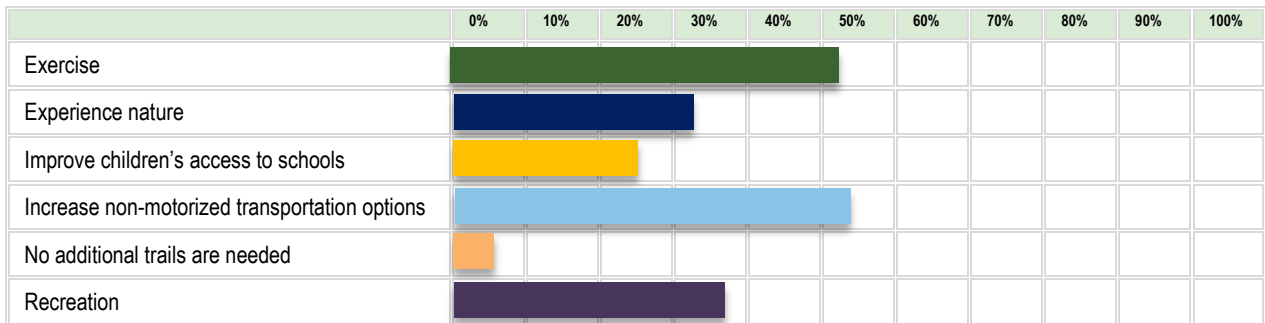
Answer Choices (Answered: 136 Skipped 31)	Responses	
Nature trails (pedestrians only)	20.59%	28
Paved trails for walking, biking, etc.	58.82%	80
Trails designed for mountain biking	5.88%	8
Trails that extend long distances (5+ miles)	14.71%	20
Trails that link neighborhoods with community destinations	70.59%	96
Trails that link with other existing trails	33.82%	46

Q35: If you do not currently use pathways or trails in Pullman, what are your primary reasons? Please select your top two (2) choices.



Answer Choices (Answered: 68 Skipped 99)	Responses	
Conflicts with other types of trail users	8.82%	6
Don't know where they are located	39.71%	27
Feel unsafe	7.35%	5
Lack of trails and connections	51.47%	35
Poorly maintained	7.35%	5
Too far away, not conveniently located	44.12%	30

Q36: What are the primary reasons to develop more trails in Pullman?
Please select your top two (2) choices.



Answer Choices (Answered: 137 Skipped 30)	Responses	
Exercise	51.09%	70
Experience nature	31.39%	43
Improve children's access to schools	24.82%	34
Increase non-motorized transportation options	52.55%	55
No additional trails are needed	5.84%	8
Recreation	35.04%	48

#	Comments from Open Houses (Present Improvement Needs)
1.	Protect bicycle infrastructure
2.	Street furniture (e.g.: benches, tables, etc.)
3.	More green spaces, trails/paths
4.	Snow Park
5.	Youth Sports Field (Soccer and Baseball)
6.	No Smoking designation for all City parks
7.	Take away all auto parking for Emerald Pointe Park
8.	Protect informal paths throughout town
9.	Designate trail as parks!
10.	Maintain existing – esp. trees, landscape (trim trees @ Kruegel Ballfields)
11.	Maintain play equipment – check equipment safety (Kruegel equipment squeaks)
12.	Improve/maintain existing before adding. P&R does not have capacity!
13.	Mass overhaul of Little League baseball fields. Prioritize kids! Learn how to maintain.
14.	Playset disrepair (Old)
15.	Open eyes!
16.	4 pickleball courts at Kruegel
17.	You do a wonderful job!
18.	Love Kruegel Park!!

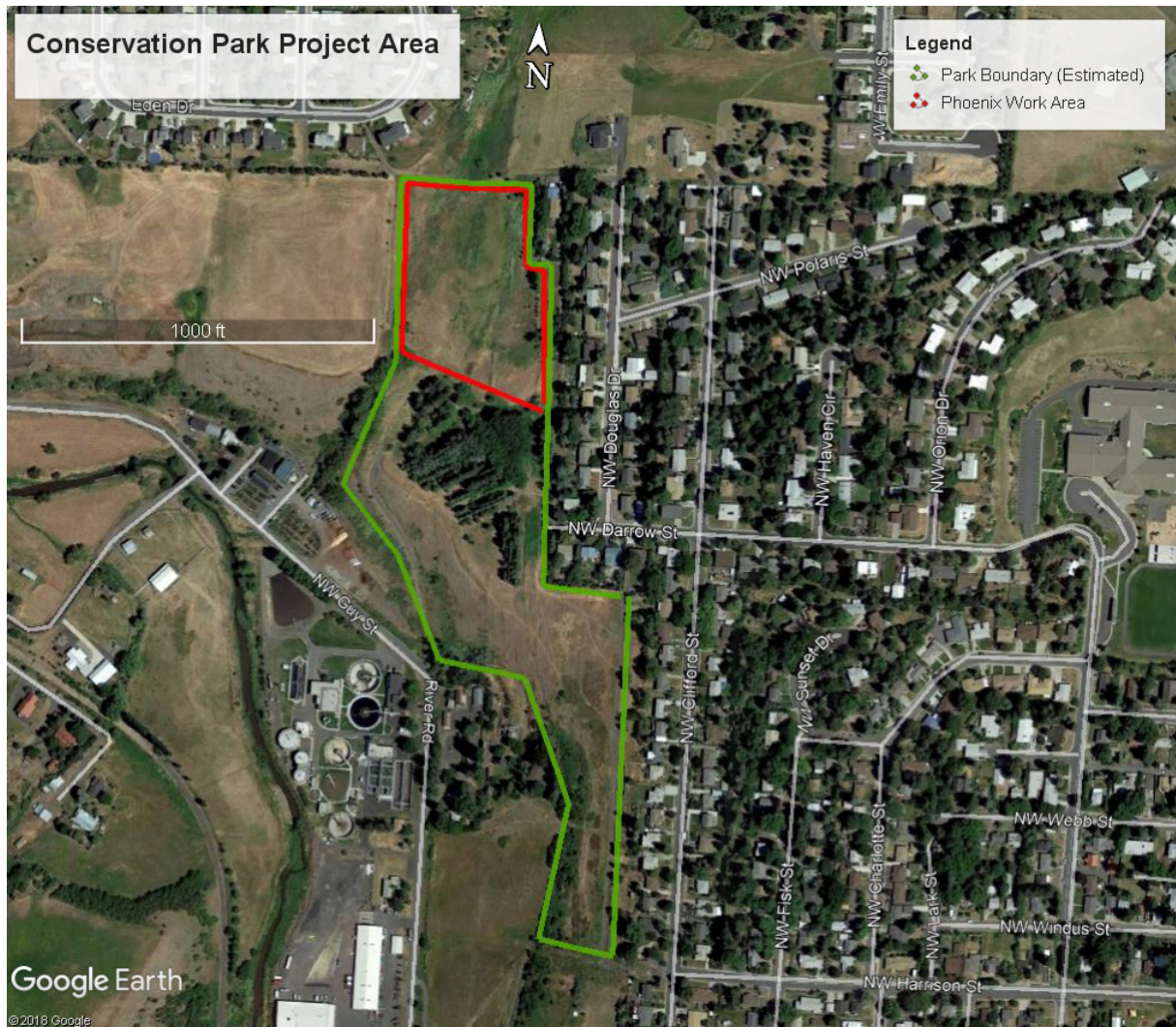
#	Comments from Open Houses (Future Improvement Needs)
1.	Soccer Fields
2.	Ice Hockey Rink!!
3.	Figure skating too!
4.	Teen Center
5.	Park with splash pad accessible for everyone like Spokane and Couer d' Alene
6.	Indoor sports courts (Basketball, Volleyball, Futsal)
7.	50 meter (long course) pool
8.	Create more sport activities (e.g. v-ball, ping pong, for middle school and high school ages)
9.	Create parks close to senior housing

10.	Large off-leash area(s) for dogs similar to Mountainview Park in Moscow (multi-use)
11.	Dog Park – fully fenced, off-leash-no fee!!!
12.	Pickleball courts in every park.
13.	Pickleball complex at Kruegel
14.	Open splash pad. A good one!
15.	One Feature Park that is crow-jewel
16.	4 pickleball courts at Kruegel
17.	Pickleball Courts! @ Kruegel Park
18.	Production orchard for local food security: food banks, PSPP
19.	Edible landscaping for community enjoyment
20.	Pollinator space.
21.	Xeriscape (water-wise) demo/interpretative garden
22.	Trails committee, map informal trails

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APPENDIX 8

CONSERVATION PARK MAP, Phoenix Conservatory



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