



Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2018-2024



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PREFACE

On behalf of the Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission members and staff that helped with its creation, I am pleased to present the 2018-2024 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Wenatchee continues to grow and evolve bringing with it changing demographics and boundaries, increasing expectations for service and funding challenges. While embracing and moving with the changes, our core purpose still remains as simple as our beginnings. We exist to help **build community through our people, parks and programs**. This comprehensive plan has been developed to make sure that we focus our actions, efforts and resources so future generations will reap the “simple” benefits of: Beautiful public places, quality recreational experiences, protected habitat areas and vibrant arts and cultural opportunities.

This plan is divided into six chapters: Introduction, Planning Area, Existing Resources, Demand and Needs Assessment, Guiding Framework and Implementation. The introduction describes the rationale behind the creation of the plan. The planning area and existing resources chapters define the physical boundary of the study area and provides brief descriptions of the key elements found within the area. Goals and objectives prepared for the plan came as the result of an information gathering process which is outlined in the demand and need assessment section. The guiding framework section describes the core purpose, values, and outcomes for the organization. Goals, objectives and strategic actions are segregated into the five categories of **Parks and Facilities, Habitat, Recreation Programs, Arts and Culture and Organizational Development**. The plan concludes with the implementation section that contains the capital investment plan which includes a summary of potential funding sources.

The late President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower said, “In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.” Those who created this comprehensive plan would probably agree with our former President. We believe that planning has been indispensable to the future of our organization and the City.

I look forward to your support in making this plan a reality for the City of Wenatchee.

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