

Chapter 2: Goals and Objectives

The following goals and objectives are based on an analysis of existing park, recreation, and open space conditions the results of workshop planning sessions.

Open Spaces and Preserves

Develop a high quality, diversified park and open space system that preserves and enhances significant environmental resources and features.

- Increase natural area and open space linkages.
- Cooperate with other public and private agencies, and with private landowners to set-aside land and resources necessary to provide high quality, convenient park and recreational facilities before the most suitable sites are lost to development.
- Preserve unique environmental features or areas in future land developments and increase public use and access. Cooperate with other public and private agencies, and with private landowners to set aside unique features or areas as publicly accessible resources.
- Work with King County and State of Washington agencies and departments to increase access to public lands.

Trail Systems

Develop a high quality interconnected system of park trails and corridors that access significant environmental features, public facilities and developed local communities and business districts.

- Enhance the water access system to kayakers, canoers, paddle boaters, and other non-motorized water craft users by marketing the existing water trail along the Snoqualmie River near Fall City.
- Create an interconnected off-road walking trail system providing access to environmental corridors, natural areas, historic sites, scenic vistas, parks, public facilities, and local business districts for local resident hikers.
- Identify and support an on-road bicycle route system providing access to historic areas, scenic vistas, parks, public facilities, and business districts for local resident commuter and recreational biking enthusiasts. Support linking local on-road bicycle routes with regional routes to provide opportunities for extended touring opportunities for local and regional enthusiasts alike.
- Create an interconnected off-road multipurpose hike, equestrian, and bike trail system providing access to major parks, schools, public facilities, business districts, and other trail corridors.

- Maintain, enhance, and improve existing and public trailhead access points to the existing trails within the District.
- Create trailhead improvements that furnish trail systems with appropriate supporting services including interpretive and directory signage systems, maps, rest stops, potable water, restrooms, parking and loading areas, water and other services.
- Where appropriate, locate trailheads at or in conjunction with park sites, schools, and other community facilities to increase local area access to the trail system and reduce duplication of supporting improvements.
- Develop trail improvements to design and development standards which are easy to maintain and access by maintenance, security, and other appropriate personnel, equipment, and vehicles.

Wildlife Resources

Incorporate natural areas ecological, habitats features and resources into the park and open space system to protect threatened species, preserve habitat, and retain migration corridors that are unique and important to local wildlife.

Wildlife habitat

- Identify and conserve wildlife habitat including nesting sites, cover, and foraging areas within or adjacent to natural areas, open spaces, and developed areas.
- Acquire and preserve wildlife migration corridors that link nesting sites, covered, and foraging areas.

Natural areas

- Preserve and protect significant environmental features including wetlands, open spaces, woodlands, shorelines, waterfronts and other characteristics that support wildlife and reflect Fall City natural heritage.
- Acquire and provide public access to environmentally sensitive areas and sites that are especially unique to the Fall City area.

Community Parks

Develop community parks that that allow easy access to basic park/playground facilities across Fall City

Pocket parks

- Develop pocket parks with appropriate playground equipment, picnic facilities, potable water, restrooms, and play fields or other facilities as deemed necessary.
- Cooperate with public and private agencies through grants or partnerships to develop pocket parks in areas to facilitate reaching the goals set above.

Recreational Facilities

Develop a high quality, diversified recreation system that provides for all age and interest groups, and enhances regional resources and facilities equitably across Fall City.

Waterfront access and facilities

- Cooperate with public and private agencies to acquire and preserve additional shoreline access for waterfront fishing, wading, swimming, boating, and other related recreational activities and pursuits.
- Cooperate to develop a mixture of watercraft access opportunities including canoe, kayak, sailboard, and other boating activities.
- Cooperate with other governmental agencies and private organizations to develop access opportunities for motorized and non-motorized boats.

Athletic and Event facilities

- Develop athletic facilities that meet the highest quality competitive playing standards and requirements for all age groups, skill levels, and recreational interests.
- Develop an event / community center.
- Partner, where appropriate, in the development of a select number of facilities that provide the highest competitive playing standard, possibly in conjunction with King County Parks, Snoqualmie Valley School District, Cities of North Bend, Snoqualmie, Sammamish, Issaquah, Si View Metropolitan Park District, and the State of Washington.

Indoor facilities

- Support the continued development and diversification by Snoqualmie Valley School District and other public and private agencies of special meeting, assembly, health, and other community facilities that provide general support after hours to school age populations and the community-at-large at the elementary and middle schools in Fall City.
- In partnership with the Snoqualmie School District and other public and private agencies, maintain and expand multiple use indoor recreational centers that provide physical conditioning facilities, gymnasium, recreational courts, and other athletic spaces for all age groups, skill levels, and community interests after hours on a year-round basis.
- Develop and/or operate multiple use indoor community centers that provide venues for arts and crafts, music, video, classroom instruction, meeting facilities, health care, daycare, latch key, and other spaces for all age groups including preschool, youth, teens, and seniors on a year-round basis.

- Develop and/or partner and/or operate indoor and outdoor cultural and performing arts facilities in Fall City and school facilities that enhance and expand music, dance, drama, and other audience and participatory opportunities.

Recreational Programs

Develop high quality recreational programs and services that meet all community group needs.

Recreational programs

- Promote opportunities for arts and crafts, classroom instruction in music and dance, physical conditioning and health care, meeting facilities, daycare, latch key, and other program activities for all cultural, age, physical and mental capability, and income groups in the community using FCMPD, King county and Fall School District resources.
- Promote soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, and other instruction and participatory programs for all age, skill level, and income group in the community - using FCMPD, Snoqualmie Valley School District, and private resources.
- Where appropriate, promote opportunities for historical and cultural societies to display artifacts, reports, and exhibits; and the conduct of lectures, classes, and other programs that document and develop awareness of Fall City's heritage.

Cultural Arts Programs

Collaborate with the Fall City Historical Society, business community, service groups, schools, arts patrons, and artists to optimally utilize artistic resources and talents.

- Where appropriate, support policies and programs that encourage or provide incentives that attract and retain artists and artworks within the Fall City community

Historical Context

Develop a high quality, diversified park and open space system that preserves significant historical opportunity areas and features.

- Work with Fall City Historical Society, Snoqualmie Tribe, and other cultural groups to incorporate community activities into park and recreational programs.

Special Purpose Facilities

Develop high quality facilities that meet the interests of the community.

Special enterprises

- Where appropriate, initiate joint planning and operating programs with other public and private agencies to provide for other activities on an area-wide basis.
- Where appropriate and economically feasible (self-supporting), assist others to develop and operate specialized and special interest recreational facilities of interest to the general population

Design and Access Standards

Design and develop facilities that are accessible, environmentally friendly, safe, easy to maintain, with life-cycle features that account for long term costs and benefits.

ADA Compliance

- Insure that whenever practical all parks and facilities comply with local, state and federal American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Accessibility

- Design outdoor picnic areas, fields, courts, playgrounds, certain trails, parking lots, restrooms, and other active and supporting facilities to be accessible, where possible, to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and activity interests - especially at sites with significant interpretive opportunities. (It should be understood that many equestrian, motor bike and hiking trails are activity specific and not compatible with the aforementioned accessibility objective).
- Design indoor facility spaces, activity rooms, restrooms, hallways, parking lots, and other active and supporting spaces and improvements to be accessible to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and activity interests.

Maintenance

- Develop low maintenance and high capacity design standards and capabilities to reduce overall facility maintenance and operation requirements and costs.
- Where appropriate, institute standards for low maintenance materials, settings or other value engineering considerations that reduce care and security requirements, and retain natural conditions and experiences.

Security and Safety

- Implement the provisions and requirements of the ADA and other design and development standards to improve developed park facility safety and security features for park users, FCMPD staff, and the public-at-large.

- Develop and implement safety standards, procedures, and programs that provide proper training and awareness for FCMPD staff.
- Define and enforce rules and regulations concerning park activities and operations that protect user groups, FCMPD staff, and the public-at-large.
- Where appropriate, develop adopt-a-park programs, community park watches, park police patrols, and other innovative programs that increase safety and security awareness and visibility.

Financial Resources and Coordination

Create effective and efficient methods of acquiring, developing, operating, and maintaining facilities and programs that accurately distribute costs and benefits to public and private interests.

Finance

- Implement innovative available methods, such as private donations, inter-local agreements to finance facility development, maintenance, and operating needs in order to reduce costs, retain financial flexibility, match user benefits and interests, and increase facility services.
- Enter into joint ventures with other public and private agencies including the Cities of Issaquah, North Bend, Sammamish and Carnation, the Snoqualmie Valley School District, King County, regional, state, federal and other public and private agencies including for-profit concessionaires where feasible and desirable.
- Establish or coordinate with an existing 501(C) non-profit vehicle through which money may be donated to the park district to fund a particular, or a variety of, special project(s) for construction and/or improvement of park facilities.

Public and private resource coordination

- Create a comprehensive, balanced park and recreational system that integrates Fall City facilities and services with resources available from King County, the Snoqualmie Valley School District, and other state, federal, and private park and recreational lands and facilities in a manner that best serves and provides for local resident interests.
- Cooperate with King County, the Snoqualmie Valley School District, and other public and private agencies to avoid duplication, improve facility quality and availability, reduce costs, and represent local resident interests through joint planning and development efforts.

Cost/benefit assessment

- Define existing level of service (ELOS) and proposed level of service (PLOS) land and facility levels-of-service (ELOS/PLOS) that differentiate requirements

due to population growth impacts versus improved facility standards, community nexus of benefit, FCMPD versus the combination of state, county, city/town, school, and other provider agency efforts in order to effectively plan and program park and recreation needs within existing FCMPD boundaries.

- Create effective and efficient methods of acquiring, developing, operating, and maintaining park and recreational facilities in manners that accurately distribute costs and benefits to public and private user interests.
- Develop and operate lifetime recreational programs that serve the broadest needs of the population recovering program and operating costs with a combination of registration fees, user fees, grants, sponsorships, donations, scholarships, volunteer efforts, and the use of general funding.
- Where appropriate, provide recreational programs for those interested groups who are willing to finance the cost through user fees, registration fees, volunteer efforts or other means and methods.

Human Resources

Develop, train, and support a professional parks and recreation staff that effectively serves the community in the realization of the above listed goals and objectives.

Personnel

- Employ a diverse, well trained work force that is motivated to achieve FCMPD goals.
- Encourage teamwork through communications, creativity, positive image, risk taking, sharing of resources, and cooperation toward common goals.
- Where appropriate, provide staff with education, training, and modern equipment and supplies to increase personal productivity, efficiency, and pride.
- Establish and coordinate the activities of an active volunteer corps to assist staff and FCMPD officials with park and recreation programs and facility maintenance and development requirements.

Tourism

FCMPD will promote tourism by capitalizing on the unique scenic beauty and proximity to urban areas and providing facilities for regional events.

- Market the districts parks, natural lands, water access in an effort to increase tourism benefits to the district and community.
- Utilize opportunities associated with parks, trails, and recreational facilities for economic development.

- Market the water trails that flow through the Fall City area to interested groups and organizations.
- Promote the park system and the Fall City as a recreational and ecological resource for both residents and visitors.