

# Cooperative Park Master Plan

City of Dayton

2014 Comprehensive Plan Update

ORD. 1873 Attachment B, 2/9/2015

with Port of Columbia & Columbia County



*Columbia County, Washington*

*Adopted Plan*

*Columbia County - February 19, 2014*

*City of Dayton (by Resolution #1241) – February 24, 2014*

*Port of Columbia – February 20, 2014*

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

---

Introduction	3-4
Approval	5
Background & History	6
Park & Recreation Types	7
Countywide Inventory	8-13
Public Involvement & Needs Analysis	14-19
Cooperative Mission, Goals & Priorities	20
Columbia County	21
Inventory	22
Goals & Priorities	23
Level of Service Map	24
Capital Improvement Plan	25-26
City of Dayton	27
Inventory	28-30
Goals & Priorities	31-35
Level of Service Map	36
Capital Improvement Plan	37-40
Port of Columbia	41
Inventory	42
Goals & Priorities	43
Level of Service Map	44
Capital Improvement Plan	45
Cooperative Next Steps	46
Appendices	47
A: Stakeholder Interviews & Survey Results	47-54
B: Town of Starbuck	55-56

# INTRODUCTION

---

## PLANNING PROCESS

Columbia County in southeast Washington is rich with parks and recreation facilities and opportunities. The county is composed of prairies and forests, rivers and mountains. The county provides the community with a wide range of recreational activities, but also strives for more. In 2013, Columbia County, the City of Dayton, and the Port of Columbia came together to update all three of their Parks and Recreation Master Plans and to create a single document to be referenced in their comprehensive plans. The following document was created with the help of students from Eastern Washington University, the three jurisdictions, stakeholders, and the community. The purposes of this document are to create a consolidated inventory of recreational opportunities in order to understand the future needs of the community and provide each jurisdiction with a Parks and Recreation Element in their comprehensive plans to be referenced and utilized for funding opportunities. The plan also provides a detailed inventory of parks and recreation lands for reference.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Community Residents

Columbia County Commissioners

Kim Lyonnais, Columbia Co, Planning Director

Melissa Shumake, Columbia Co. Planner

Dayton City Council

Dayton Parks Board

Dayton Planning Commission

Craig George, Mayor of Dayton

Christine Broughton, Dayton City Council &

Parks Board Chair

Karen Scharer, Dayton Planning Director

Rob John, Dayton Public Works

Port of Columbia Commissioners

Jennie Dickinson, Port Director

Kiwanis Club of Dayton

Dayton School District

Dayton Chamber of Commerce

Steve Martin, Dayton School Board & Salmon

Recovery Board

Jody Martin, Columbia Cares Coalition Chair

The Waitsburg Times

Dayton Chronicle

Dayton Development Task Force

## CONSULTANTS

Eastern Washington University

Professor Gregg Dohrn

Jamie Gardipe, Graduate Student, Urban & Regional Planning

Zam DeShields, Graduate Student, Urban & Regional Planning

All photos taken and provided by Zam DeShields & Jamie Gardipe

Historic Train Depot photo provided by:

[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Historic\\_railway\\_depot\\_in\\_Dayton,\\_WA.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Historic_railway_depot_in_Dayton,_WA.jpg)

# APPROVAL

---

Adopted by:

Columbia County on February 19, 2014

City of Dayton on February 24, 2014

Port of Columbia on February 20, 2014

This copy of the Columbia County Cooperative Park Master Plan is the adopted plan including all edits from the Port of Columbia, City of Dayton and Columbia County.

The approval process required a SEPA determination, public approval for each jurisdiction, followed by consideration to formally adopt the plan by the Columbia County Commissioners, Dayton City Council, and the Port of Columbia Board of Commissioners.

## For more information please contact:

Kim Lyonnais, Planning Director  
Columbia County

114 S. Second St.  
Dayton, WA 99328  
(509) 382-4676  
[Kim\\_Lyonnais@co.columbia.wa.us](mailto:Kim_Lyonnais@co.columbia.wa.us)

Karen Scharer, Dayton Planning Director  
City of Dayton

111 S. First St.  
Dayton, WA 99328  
(509) 540-6747  
[Kscharer@daytonwa.com](mailto:Kscharer@daytonwa.com)

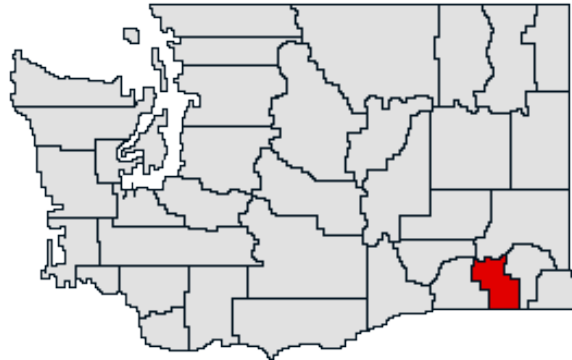
Jennie Dickinson, Port Director  
Port of Columbia

1 Port Way  
Dayton, WA 99328  
(509) 382-2577  
[jennie@portofcolumbia.org](mailto:jennie@portofcolumbia.org)

# BACKGROUND & HISTORY

---

## LOCATION & POPULATION



Columbia County is located in southeast Washington, bordering Whitman County to the north, Walla Walla County to the west, Garfield County to the east, and the state of Oregon to the south. The county has two population centers, the City of Dayton, and the Town of Starbuck. Dayton has a population of 2,526 and Starbuck 129, based on the 2010 census. The county has a total population of 4,078.



## IMPORTANCE OF HISTORY

The history of Columbia County is apparent in many of the parks and recreation opportunities. Columbia County was one of the first places settlers came to in Washington. Lewis and Clark camped east of where Dayton is today on their return trip. This rich history is evident in many of the parks and recreation sites and is a point of pride to the people of Columbia County.

# PARK & RECREATION TYPES

---

Columbia County has a wide variety of parks and recreation features serving the local community and visitors seeking outdoor/wilderness or “Historic Dayton” experiences. This inventory includes local, state, federal, non-profit, and privately owned parks and recreation facilities providing a wide spectrum of opportunity that exists in the community.

Three types of parks and recreation facilities are present in Columbia County:

## COMMUNITY PARK

Community Parks serve the immediate population in the area. Community Parks vary in size from less than one acre to about four acres. These parks are ideally located within a half mile of residential areas and are safely accessible by walking. At a minimum, Community Parks should have open space and playground equipment.

## REGIONAL PARK

Regional Parks serve the entire county and offer recreational opportunities to residents and tourists. In Columbia County, Regional Parks are between two and several thousand acres. These parks offer several different park and recreational opportunities to serve a broad spectrum of the public.

## SPECIAL USE FACILITY

These facilities or features are intended to serve specific recreational needs. The size and location of Special Use Areas varies according to use. Special Use Areas include trailheads, snow-parks, ball field complexes, campgrounds, and other specific recreation facilities.

# COUNTYWIDE INVENTORY

---

Parks and Recreation land and facilities owned by Columbia County, the City of Dayton, the Town of Starbuck, and the Port of Columbia are separated into their own section in the document. The following inventory list shows these lands, while also including publicly and privately owned recreation lands within the county. The purpose of this inventory list is to provide the community with a preliminary list of parks and recreation facilities in order to create a guidebook, map, and/or website to provide information on the many opportunities within Columbia County. Condition was determined by site visit and website information.

Name	Type	Location	Operating Agency	Features	Size	Condition
Athletic Fields	Special Use Area	Dayton – West of Touchet River	Dayton School District	Baseball, Football, Track	11 acres	Good
Boldman House Museum	Special Use Area	Dayton	Dayton Historical Depot Society	Museum, Interpretive Information	2 structures .33 acres	Good
Caboose Park	Community Park	Dayton	City of Dayton	Caboose, Playground	.5 acres	Good
Camp Nancy Lee	Special Use Area	County	Kiwanis Club of Dayton	Cabin	Unknown	Fair
Camp Touchet	Special Use Area	County	Columbia Basin Baptist Association	Private Party Use, Overnight Facilities	80 acres	Good
Camp Wooten State Park	Regional Park	County	Washington State	Cabins, Day Use, Swimming, Fishing, Hiking, Tennis, Canoeing, Private Parties	40 acres	Good
Columbia County Fairgrounds	Regional Park	County	Columbia County	Horse Track, Tack, Pavilions	26 acres	Fair
Columbia County Shooting Association	Special Use Area	County	Private	Open Shooting Range – 100 Yard	5 acres	Good
Dayton Elementary School	Special Use Area	Dayton	Dayton School District	Playground, Softball, Open Space	2.73 acres	Good



<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Operating Agency</b>	<b>Features</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Dayton High School	Special Use Area	Dayton	Dayton School District	Outdoor Basketball, Indoor Gym, Playfield	3.6 acres	Fair- some areas need improvement
Dayton Historic Train Depot	Special Use Area	Dayton	Dayton Historical Depot Society	Museum, Courtyard, Interpretive Information	2 buildings .5 acres	Good
Eckler Mountain Sno-Park	Special Use Area	County	Columbia County	Snowmobiling, Snowshoeing, Cross County Skiing, Parking	56 miles of trails	Good
Flour Mill Park	Community Park	Dayton	Banner Bank	Gazebo, Art, Interpretive Signs	1.4 acres	Good
Godman Trailhead & Campground	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Camping, Picnic Tables, Parking, Toilet, Trail Access	West Butte Trail	Good
Historic Dayton Pathway	Special Use Area	Dayton	City of Dayton	Pathway, Art	2 blocks	Good
Ladybug Campground	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Hunting, Hiking, Camping, Toilets, Picnic Tables	Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness	Good
Lake Bryan	Regional Park	County	Multi-jurisdictional, Army Corps of Engineers	Boating, Kayaking, Canoeing, Swimming, Fishing	60 acres	Good
Last Resort KOA	Special Use Area	County	Private	Camping, RV, Playground, Cabins, Access to Hunting, Hiking, Fishing	Unknown	Good
Lewis & Clark Trail State Park	Regional Park	County	Washington State	Camping, Day Use, Fishing, Swimming	37 acres	Good
Little Goose Dam & Lock	Regional Park	County	Army Corps of Engineers	Day Use, Visitor Center, Fish Ladder Viewing Area, Fish Cleaning Facility	2 acres	Good

Name	Type	Location	Operating Agency	Features	Size	Condition
Little Goose Landing	Regional Park	County	Army Corps of Engineers	Day Use, Camping, Boat Launch, Fishing	2 acres (+ access to 60 acres)	Good
Lyons Ferry Marina	Regional Park	County	Port of Columbia	Camping, RV, Day Use, Dog Park, Marina, Fishing, Store, Restaurant	17 acres	Fair- some areas need improvement
Meadow Creek Trailhead	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Off Road Vehicle Trails, Equestrian Facilities, Parking, Toilet, Picnic Tables, Mountain Biking	Meadow Creek Trail 3miles	Good
Palus Artifact Museum	Special Use Area	Dayton	Blue Mountain Heritage Society	Museum, Interpretive Information	1 building .15 acres	Good
Panjab Trailhead & Campground	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Trail Access, Wildlife Viewing, Equestrian Facilities, Fire Rings, Toilets, Parking, Camping	Panjab Trail 5 miles	Good
Patit Creek Campsite	Special Use Area	County	Dayton Development Task Force	Interpretive Signs, Open Space	20 acres	Good
Pietrzycki City Park Complex	Regional Park	Dayton	City of Dayton	See Below	22.03 acres	See Below
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dayton (Pietrzycki) City Park (Main Park Area)</li> </ul>	Regional Park	Dayton	City of Dayton	Playground, Open Space, Day Use Picnic Area, Tennis, Exercise Stations, Skate Park, Garden, Pickle Ball	6.18 acres	Fair- some areas need improvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dayton City Pool</li> </ul>	Special Use Area of Regional Park	Dayton	City of Dayton	Outdoor Pool	.7 acres	Fair Condition

Name	Type	Location	Operating Agency	Features	Size	Condition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dayton Juvenile Fish Pond and Frisbee Golf</li> </ul>	Special Use Area of Regional Park	Dayton	City of Dayton	Frisbee Golf, Juvenile Fishing and Parking	15.15 acres	Good – Needs ADA Access & Underground Sprinklers
Rattlesnake Trailhead	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Parking, Trail Access, Toilet, Wildlife Viewing	Rattlesnake Trailhead 2.5 miles	Good
Sawtooth Trailhead	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Parking, Trail Access, Wildlife Viewing	Sawtooth Trail 14 miles	Good
Ski Bluewood	Special Use Area	County	Private	Skiing, Cross County, Hiking, Day Use	400+ acres	Good
Slick Ear Trailhead	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Limited Parking, Trail Access, Wildlife Viewing	Slick Ear Trail 1.5 miles	Good
Smith Hollow School House	Special Use Area	Dayton	Blue Mountain Heritage Society	Museum, Interpretive Information	1 building .74 acres	Good
Snake River	Regional Park	County	Natural Resource, Multi-jurisdictional	Boating, Kayaking, Canoeing, Swimming, Fishing	23.2 miles (within the county)	Good
Sports Complex	Special Use Area	Dayton	City of Dayton	Baseball, Softball	5.02 acres	Good
Starbuck Park	Community Park	Starbuck	Town of Starbuck	Swing set, Open Space	.5 acre	Fair
Starbuck School Park	Community Park	Starbuck	Starbuck School District	Playground, Baseball, Basketball, Open Space	2 acres	Good
Starbuck Triangle Park	Community Park	Starbuck	Town of Starbuck	Tennis/ Basketball Court, Slide, Open Space	.5 acre	Poor
Teepee Trailhead	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Toilet, Parking, Trail Access, Wildlife Viewing, Equestrian Trails and Trailer Parking	East Butte Trail, Mt. Misery Trail, Turkey Creek Trail, Smooth Ridge Trail	Good

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Operating Agency</b>	<b>Features</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Tenacum Timbers	Special Use Area	County	Latter Day Saints	Private Party Use, Overnight Facilities	Unknown	Good
Texas Rapids	Regional Park	County	Army Corps of Engineers	Day Use, Primitive Camping, Boat Launch, Fishing	2 acres (+ access to 113 acres)	Good
Touchet Corral Sno-Park	Special Use Area	County	USFS	Snowmobiling, Snowshoeing, Cross County Skiing, Parking	56 miles of trails	Good
Touchet River	Special Use Area	County	Natural Resource, Multi-jurisdictional, Private	Inner-tubing Swimming, Fishing, Lewis & Clark Trail State Park	55 miles	Good
Touchet River Dike Path	Special Use Area	Dayton/County	City of Dayton, Columbia County	Biking, Walking, Horseback Riding	1.45 miles	Good
Touchet Valley Golf Course	Special Use Area	County	Columbia County	Golf	35 acres	Fair
Tucannon Campground	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Camping, Parking, Toilets, Trail Access, Picnic Tables	Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness	Good
Tucannon Habitat Management Area	Regional Park	County	Army Corps of Engineers	Day Use, Wildlife Viewing, Hiking, Fishing & Hunting Access	30 acres	Good
Tucannon Lakes	Special Use Area	County	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Fishing, Fly Fishing	8 lakes	Good
Tucannon River	Special Use Area	County	Natural Resource, Multi-jurisdictional	Kayaking, Canoeing, Swimming, Fishing	62 miles	Good
Tucannon RV Park	Special Use Area	County	Private	RV Park, Camping	Unknown	TBD

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Operating Agency</b>	<b>Features</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Twin Buttes Trailhead	Special Use Area	County	U.S. Forest Service	Picnic Tables, Toilets, Parking, Trail Access, Fire Rings, Wildlife Viewing	Grizzly Bear Trail, East Butte Trail	Good
Umatilla National Forest	Regional Park	County	US Forest Service	Camping, Hiking, Snow Mobiling, Cross County Skiing, Snowshoeing, Mountain Biking, Fishing	1,406,513 acres (includes land outside the county)	Good

# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & NEEDS ANALYSIS

---

## STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Using a list of stakeholders suggested by each jurisdiction, in person and telephone interviews were conducted. The goal was to uncover areas of concern, interest, and the best parks and recreational assets of Columbia County. A total of 13 stakeholders were interviewed using a guided list of questions as well as general discussion. Stakeholders interviewed were predominately board members, commissioners and council members, with some recreationalists and members of environmental groups.

These interviews provided a great start to the public involvement process. The variety of interest in parks and recreation that exists in Columbia County was quickly revealed through the discussion with each stakeholder.

Some of the ideas most emphasized by stakeholders included:

What are the priorities?

- Attracting tourists
- Improving access and knowledge of parks
- Knowing what we have- an inventory
- Marketing what we have
- Family oriented programs

What are the most valuable parks and recreation features?

- Ski Bluewood
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Historical sites
- The Snake River
- Touchet Valley Golf Course
- Columbia County Fairgrounds
- Lyon's Ferry Marina

What's missing or needs improvement?

- Community Recreation Center
- Recreation programs for youth and adults
- Dog Park in Dayton
- Getting power to Bluewood
- Trails Improvement- Waitsburg to Dayton, expansion of the Dike Path
- More summertime community events

The notes from the Stakeholder Interviews were extensive, providing insight for determining the best direction for parks and recreation in the County. Please see the attached appendix (A) for the full list of questions and discussion notes.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & NEEDS ANALYSIS (cont'd)

---

### DOT EXERCISE

The dot exercise consisted of three large charts containing a total of 27 photos of parks and recreation activities. Participants were given three sticker dots to place on what they thought were the top three most important activities or features. If there was something missing, participants could write items in as well. The photos included both existing and possible features within Columbia County. 172 Columbia County residents participated in the dot exercise.

### WRITTEN SURVEY

The written survey consisted of six questions to better understand the perception of parks and recreation in the county as a whole. The following were the questions used on the survey:

1. Which area do you most identify with? (Circle One)  
*Starbuck, Dayton, Columbia County, Port of Columbia*
2. Do you think there are adequate park facilities to serve the area where you live? (Rate 1 to 5)
3. Do you think there are adequate recreation facilities and options to serve your needs? (Rate 1 to 5)
4. What are the most desired missing assets for parks and recreation in the area? (Write in answer)
5. Which existing parks and recreation facilities should be improved next? (Write in answer)
6. Would you be willing to pay a tax or user fee to support new parks and/ or park facilities and the cost of maintenance? Why? (Rate 1 to 5 & write in answer)

The written survey was offered online through Survey Monkey, mailed to 150 randomized county residents, and in person at both public survey events. A total of 96 surveys were collected.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & NEEDS ANALYSIS (cont'd)

---

### TURKEY BINGO

*November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013*



The first public survey was conducted at a popular regional event called Turkey Bingo. Every year over 400 people attend this event put on by the Kiwanis Club in Dayton. Two methods of public survey were used at this event: the written survey and the dot exercise. 121 Columbia County residents participated in the dot exercise and 7 in the written survey.



### DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME

*December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

The second public survey was conducted at the first Dayton High School home basketball game of the season against Pomeroy. Both the paper survey and dot exercise were conducted at this location. To increase the participation in the written survey, candy bars were offered to those who completed both the dot exercise and the written survey. 52 Columbia County residents participated in the dot exercise and 51 completed the written survey.



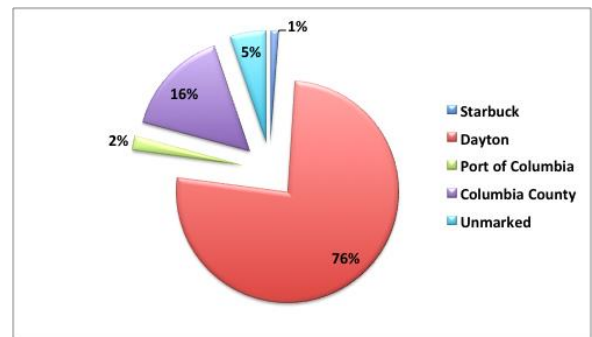
# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & NEEDS ANALYSIS (cont'd)

## WRITTEN SURVEY RESULTS

(96 Participants)

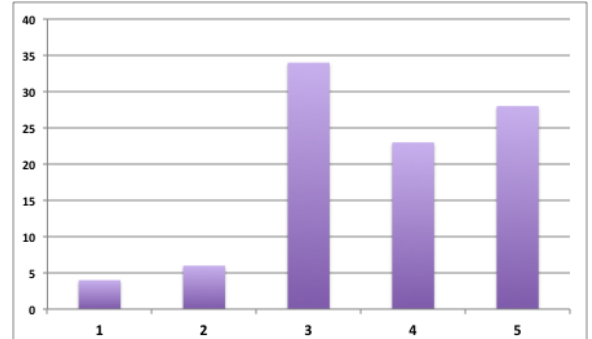
### 1. Which area do you identify with most?

73 - Dayton  
15 - Columbia County  
5 - Unmarked  
2 - Port of Columbia  
1 - Starbuck



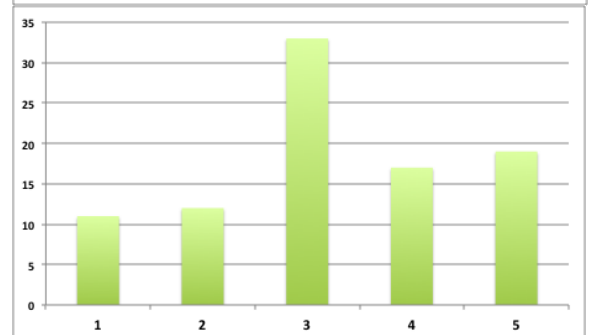
### 2. Do you think there are adequate park facilities where you live? 1 being low & 5 being high

5 - 28  
4 - 23  
3 - 34  
2 - 6  
1 - 4



### 3. Do you think there are adequate recreation facilities and options to serve your needs? 1 being low & 5 being high

5 - 19  
4 - 17  
3 - 33  
2 - 12  
1 - 11



### 4. What are the most desired missing assets for parks and recreation in the area?

See appendix A for full range of answers

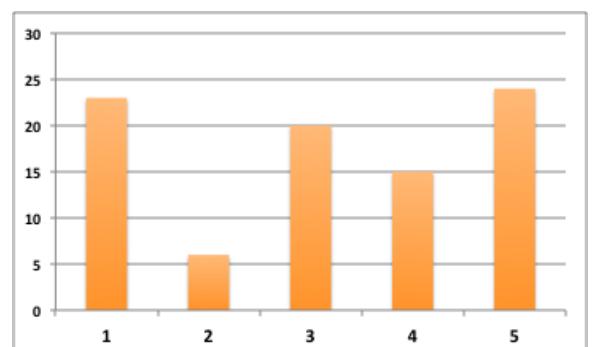
### 5. What existing parks and recreation features should be improved next?

See appendix A for full range of answers

### 6. Would you be willing to pay a tax or user fee to support new parks and/ or park facilities and the cost of maintenance?

1 being low & 5 being high

5 - 24  
4 - 15  
3 - 20  
2 - 6  
1 - 23



## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & NEEDS ANALYSIS (cont'd)

---

### DOT EXERCISE RESULTS

The results of the dot exercise are listed in the chart below.

Rank	Feature or Activity	Total Dots
1	Indoor Swimming Pool	86
2	Community Recreation Center	35
3	Camping	27
4	ORV/ATV/Dirt Bike Trails	27
5	Fishing	26
6	Hunting	24
7	Outdoor Swimming Pool	23
8	Skiing	23
9	Boating	19
10	Recreation Events	19
11	City to City Connection Trails	19
12	Mountain Bike Trails	18
13	Playground	15
14	Water Trails	14
15	Hiking	14
16	Golfing	14
17	Bowling Alley (Write-in)	13
18	Dog Park	11
19	City Trails and Sidewalks	10
20	Snowmobiling	10
21	Outdoor Education	9
22	Cross Country Skiing	9
23	Skateboard Park	8
24	RV Park	7
25	Cabin Rentals	7
26	Marina	6
27	Disk Golf	6
28	Horseback Riding/Trails (Write-in)	6
29	Bicycle Lanes & Racks	4
30	Snow Shoeing	4
31	Go Cart Trails (Write-in)	1
32	Drive-in Movie Theater (Write-in)	1
33	Soccer (Write-in)	1
34	Roller Skating Rink (Write-in)	1
35	Fairgrounds (Write-in)	1

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & NEEDS ANALYSIS (cont'd)

---

### ANALYSIS OF SURVEYS

The public surveys conducted at Turkey Bingo, the basketball game, via survey monkey, and by mail-in provided the three jurisdictions with the necessary information on the needs and wants of the community. This information combined with the feedback from stakeholders helped formulate multi-jurisdictional goals and priorities for Columbia County as well as more specific goals and priorities for Columbia County, City of Dayton, and Port of Columbia.

Findings in the public surveys showed the county has a wide variety of available parks and recreation facilities available. The community overall feels there are adequate parks and moderate adequacy in recreation opportunities.

Stakeholders and members of the community identified areas that need improvement or additions through the written survey and through the dot exercise. The residents of Columbia County surveyed were most interested in adding an indoor swimming pool. They also would like to see a large community recreation center to provide meeting and event space, as well as space for indoor sports activities. The members of the county also showed their support for outdoor recreation activities and would like to see them expanded. One of the main concerns of the county is providing information to residents and visitors on where parks and recreation facilities are.

# COOPERATIVE MISSION, GOALS, & PRIORITIES

---

Utilizing the information gathered through the stakeholder interviews, the two public surveys, the online survey, and the mail-in survey, the jurisdictions formed these mission, goals, and priorities. These are meant to be a guiding vision for the cooperation between the jurisdictions to fulfill the needs and desires of Columbia County residents. In the following sections addressing each individual jurisdiction, the demands and needs assessed using public involvement were translated into goals, priorities, and capital improvement plans.

## MISSION

The mission of our multi-jurisdictional plan is to provide a framework for development, maintenance, and promotion of parks and recreation amenities within Columbia County.

## GOALS

- Increase recreational opportunities, which promote tourism to spur economic development.
- Meet the parks and recreation needs of the county residents.
- Provide equitable access to parks and recreation opportunities.
- Improve and promote existing parks and recreation.
- Regularly review parks and recreation facilities and services to evaluate maintenance requirements and to accommodate the future needs of the community.

## PRIORITIES

- Continue to develop recreation paths and trails.
- Develop a recreation map.
- Maintain recreation access to major waterways.
- Maintain recreational access on state and federal lands.

# Columbia County



# COLUMBIA COUNTY INVENTORY

---

Columbia County provides a diverse land for parks and recreation. The variety of recreational opportunities gives county residents many options, if they have access to and knowledge of them. Approximately 1500 Columbia County residents live in the county, not in the incorporated areas of Dayton or Starbuck. These residents have a high interest in the recreation opportunities the county provides. While there are several private park and recreation areas in the county, Columbia County only owns and operates the two following facilities located on the outskirts of Dayton, as well as Eckler Mountain Sno-Park.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Columbia County Fairgrounds are located just outside of Dayton. The Fairgrounds include a horse track and pavilions. The 26-acre property hosts a variety of events and recreation activities year round.

## TOUCHET VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Adjacent to the Columbia County Fairgrounds is the Touchet Valley Golf Course. The 35-acre golf course is partially in Dayton and in county land just outside the city limits. The 9-hole course features 2,931 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 36. The course rating is 35.5 and it has a slope rating of 122. The fairways are open but tree lined, and the small greens are flat.



## TOUCHET RIVER DIKE PATH

The Touchet River Dike Path is a special use area pathway that runs along the Touchet River in Dayton and in Columbia County south of the city. It is intended for bike and pedestrian use.

# COLUMBIA COUNTY GOALS & PRIORITIES

---

After evaluating the public surveys, Columbia County created the following list of Goals and Priorities for parks and recreation:

## GOALS

- To maintain and improve access to available recreation areas and activities for residents and tourists.
- Increase the visibility of available recreation areas and activities through a regional recreation map/brochure.
- Maintain acceptable levels of service for county owned recreation facilities
- Explore the viability of a bike/pedestrian path from Dayton to Waitsburg and of a Community Recreation Center.
- Work with landowners who are interested in creating or improving recreational opportunities.

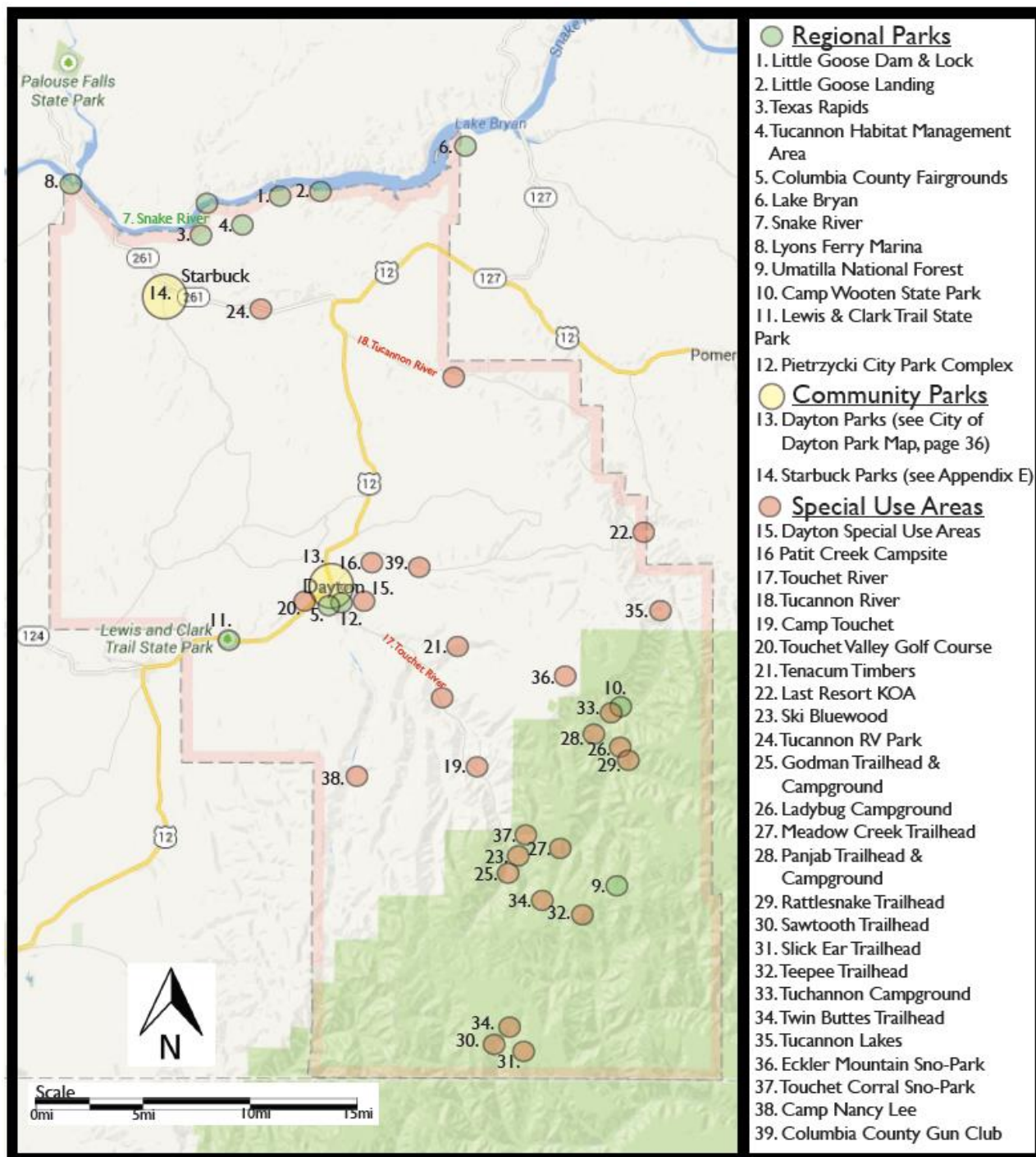
## PRIORITIES

- Fairgrounds upgrades, connectivity, and usage.
- Golf course upgrades (irrigation) and visibility.
- Levee path maintenance.



# COLUMBIA COUNTY LEVEL OF SERVICE MAP

The following map shows the location of all parks and recreation lands within Columbia County. The green circles represent Regional Parks, the yellow circles represent Community Parks, and the red circles represent Special Use Areas. This map shows the diversity of recreation opportunities available within the county, capitalizing on the water features to the north, historical features around Dayton, and mountain features to the south.





# COLUMBIA COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The following chart shows the projects identified by Columbia County with completion expected by 2020. The X's represent ideal completion date. This chart is part of Columbia County's updated Capital Improvement Plan. (The Columbia County Commissioners, Planning Department and Columbia County Engineers agreed upon the projects listed in the Capital Improvement Plan after reviewing the information collected from public surveys.) The projects listed in the CIP were taken directly from the adopted CIP provided by the County Engineer and ranked by the County Planning Department after reviewing the surveys.

Project	Budget 2013 (\$)	Projected 2013 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2 0 1 5	2 0 1 6	2 0 1 7	2 0 1 8	2 0 1 9	2 0 2 0	Unfunded (\$)	Funding Source/ Proposed Funding Source
Levee Pathway Maintenance	35,000	35,000	35,000								Capital improvement fund
Golf course irrigation- construction							X			650,000	Rural excise sales tax fund
Booker Home to Levee Pathway			5,000								Capital improvement fund
Youth Building Insulation			5,000								Capital improvement fund
Youth building remodel	95,875										Rural excise sales tax fund
West Fairground RV park			35,000								Rural excise sales tax fund
Fairground electrical upgrades			35,000								Rural excise sales tax fund
Grandstand Drainage	16,785	16,785	5,000								Rural excise sales tax fund

<b>Project</b>	<b>Budget 2013 (\$)</b>	<b>Projected 2013 (\$)</b>	<b>2014 (\$)</b>	<b>2 0 5</b>	<b>2 0 6</b>	<b>2 0 7</b>	<b>2 0 8</b>	<b>2 0 9</b>	<b>2 0 0</b>	<b>Unfunded (\$)</b>	<b>Funding Source/ Proposed Funding Source</b>
Golf course irrigation- PE only	10,220	10,220									Rural excise sales tax fund
Fairgrounds midway improvement			25,000	X						225,000	Rural excise sales tax fund
Bike path Dayton to Waitsburg									X	2,500,000	Federal rail to trail, fundraising, state entities
Fairgrounds stormwater improvements					X					75,000	Rural excise sales tax fund
Recreational facilities parking improvements			25,000	X						165,000	Rural excise sales tax fund
West grandstand replacement								X		1,200,000	Rural excise sales tax fund
East grandstand replacement						X				165,000	Rural excise sales tax fund

# City of Dayton



# DAYTON INVENTORY

---

The character of the city parks are a reflection of the community's history and desire to honor Dayton's heritage. The following park descriptions explain the park lands currently owned and operated by the City of Dayton, as well as highlights of those parks owned or operated by non-profit and private interests. Today, the citizens of Dayton celebrate its rich past by inviting guests to enjoy the city and parks with walking tours, annual festivals, and home tours that display Dayton's continued commitment to preservation and restoration. For the added pleasure of our visitors, Dayton offers first class accommodations, fine dining and interesting shops. Dayton is also in close proximity to some of the most prestigious wineries in Washington. Natural wonders such as Palouse falls and the Blue Mountains are within a short drive.

## PIETRZYCKI CITY PARK

Pietrzycki City Park is the largest park in Dayton. This park has a total park area of 22 acres and is considered to be a regional park. There are many features within the park including an outdoor pool, playground equipment, a frisbee golf course, the Juvenile fishing pond, baseball field, a day use covered picnic area, tennis court, exercise stations, and a skate park. The location of this park provides access to the Touchet River Dike Path, the Touchet River, a foot bridge over the river to the Dayton School District athletic fields west of the river, and the Sports Complex south along the dike path.



DAYTON's OPEN SWIMMING POOL – Generally open in the months of June, July and August, the Dayton pool provides a variety of programs, lap swim, swim team, lessons, aquacise, open swim, and night lap swim.

## DAYTON INVENTORY (cont'd)

---

**JUVENILE FISHING POND** - The fishing pond is located in Petrizki City Park. Each spring the pond is stocked with fish. Youth and adults with disabilities are encouraged to utilize this fishing area. This park area is considered a special use area within the regional park.

### SPORTS COMPLEX

The Sports Complex is located on the east side of the Touchet River south of the Juvenile Fishing Pond and behind the Columbia Co. Hospital. The Sports Complex has both a baseball field and softball field. The Sports Complex covers a total of 5.02 acres.

### TOUCHET RIVER DIKE PATH

The Touchet River Dike Path is a special use area that runs along the Touchet River in Dayton. This partially paved pathway is almost a mile and a half long, intended for bike and pedestrian use.

### CABOOSE PARK

Located on N. 1st Street, one half block north of Main Street, is Caboose Park which features a train caboose and children's playground equipment. Caboose Park is a half-acre and easily accessible from Historic Downtown Dayton on Main Street and the northeast residential area of the city.

### FLOUR MILL PARK

Located on Main St, this downtown Dayton park borders on the Touchet River. The park is a wonderful place for visitors to stop for lunch in the park gazebo, view local art, or rest on park benches. The park also is a trailhead to the Touchet River Dike Path connecting to Pietrzycki Park. Public restrooms and parking are provided for visitors to the Historic Downtown Dayton.

## DAYTON INVENTORY (cont'd)

---

### DAYTON HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT

Located east of Caboose Park, facing N 2nd Street, and adjacent to the rail road tracks, the Historic Dayton Train Depot has been preserved to showcase the history of Dayton, an art museum, and gift shop. The adjoining open courtyard serve the Dayton residents and visitors with a Saturday's Market and music during the warm months and a shaded place to enjoy the outdoors on a hot summer day.

### BOLDMAN HOUSE MUSEUM

The Boldman House Museum and Garden has a mission to bring life to the family home of Miss Gladys M. Boldman through restoration, conservation, interpretation, and education. It is listed on the Local, State and National Historic Registers as the Brining/Boldman House. The original house was built in 1880 and started as a small three-room home. It is located at 410 North First Street on the north side of Dayton.

# DAYTON GOALS & POLICIES

---

After conducting public surveys, the City of Dayton created the following list of Goals and Policies:

## GOAL 1: PARK & RECREATION PLANNING

Plan current and future parks and recreation facilities in a manner that is responsive to the needs of the community and accommodates future growth.

- Policy 1.1: Public input through citizen involvement shall be provided in all phases of parks planning.
- Policy 1.2: Regularly review parks and recreation facilities and services to evaluate maintenance requirements and to assess the future needs of the community.
- Policy 1.3: Study land development patterns in the urbanized area and take measures to provide for future recreational areas. This could include the outright purchase of land for neighborhood parks or a requirement that a developer set aside a reasonable amount of land for open space or recreation facilities.
- Policy 1.4: Examine neighborhood areas that are not adequately served by recreational facilities, such as neighborhood parks, and pursue a means to correct those deficiencies.
- Policy 1.5: Actively seek out alternative funding sources for development and future maintenance of park and recreation facilities.
- Policy 1.6: Coordinate park and recreation needs with Columbia County, School District, Port of Columbia, non-profit organizations and funding sources.
- Policy 1.7: Coordinate park planning, acquisition and development with other City projects and programs.
- Policy 1.8: Actively seek out agreements with utility providers and the Port for the use of utility easements and rail road for trail and trailhead purposes.
- Policy 1.9: Encourage and support volunteer efforts to maintain and enhance programs, sites, and facilities.
- Policy 1.10: Evaluate the impacts of new development projects on the City's parks, recreation, and open space resources through the SEPA environmental review process, identify potential significant adverse impacts of the development, and take appropriate steps to mitigate any reduction in such services.

## DAYTON GOALS & POLICIES (continued)

---

Policy 1.11: Require development projects along designated trail routes to incorporate the trail or a trailhead connection as part of the project.

Policy 1.12: Place priority on maximizing grants, alternative sources of funding, and inter-agency cooperative arrangements to develop the City's park, open space, and trail resources.

Policy 1.13: Public services and facilities should be developed and timed to meet projected needs and demands of the public in a manner that ensures highest quality and fiscal responsibility.

### GOAL 2: PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Acquire and develop an interconnected system of multi- functional parks, trails, recreation facilities, and open spaces that is attractive, safe, and available to all segments of the City's population.

Policy 2.1: Place a priority on the revitalization and improvement of existing parks and recreation facilities.

Policy 2.2: Provide parks and recreation facilities that are needed, locally unique in character, historically significant, interconnected, inclusive, accessible, and financially feasible to maintain.

Policy 2.3: Market and promote parks and recreation facilities and the benefits of parks and recreation to residents of and visitors to the community to increase awareness, health, participation, tourism, and donations.

Policy 2.4: Develop and continue partnerships with other public agencies and the private sector to meet the demand for parks and recreational facilities in the City.

Policy 2.5: The protection or acquisition of outstanding scenic vistas and areas of unique features should be encouraged in order to safeguard their recreational value. Documented historical and archaeological sites should be protected.



## DAYTON GOALS & POLICIES (continued)

---

### GOAL 3: TRAILS

Develop a trails plan that provides access to significant environmental features and historic landmarks.

Policy 3.1: Work with Columbia County, other agencies, non-profit organizations, and private property owners; addressing protection, expanded and developed access, trail enhancement, and/or acquisition of lands necessary for implementation of non-motorized recreational use trails.

Policy 3.2: Where terrain and conditions permit public access, work in partnership with the development community to provide opportunities for public connections and access points to trails system.

Policy 3.3: Create a comprehensive system of multipurpose off-road trails using alignments through public landholdings as well as cooperating private properties where appropriate.

Policy 3.4: Link residential neighborhoods and downtown to trails and trailhead facilities through bike and pedestrian routes.

Policy 3.5: Furnish trail systems with appropriate supporting trailhead improvements that include interpretive and directory signage systems, rest stops, drinking fountains, restrooms, parking and loading areas, water, and other services.

Policy 3.6: 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.

Policy 3.7: Develop trail improvements of a design and development standard that is easy to maintain and access by maintenance, security, and other appropriate personnel, equipment, and vehicles.

Policy 3.8: The protection or acquisition of outstanding scenic vistas and areas of unique features should be encouraged in order to safeguard their recreational value. Additionally, documented historical and archaeological sites should be protected.

# DAYTON GOALS & POLICIES (continued)

---

## GOAL 4: PARKS MAINTENANCE

Maintain parks and recreation facilities in a manner that is responsive to the site, and balances the needs of the community with available funding.

Policy 4.1: Actively seek out alternative funding sources for the maintenance of park and recreation facilities.

Policy 4.2: Continually seek operational efficiencies to ensure that parks and recreation facilities are provided to the community in the most cost effective manner possible.

Policy 4.3: Ensure that park and recreation facilities are used, operated, and maintained in a manner that is consistent with best management practices and have a no net loss impact on the local and regional environment/natural systems.

Policy 4.4: Annually inspect existing facilities to ensure they are safe for public use.

## GOAL 5: RECREATION PROGRAM SERVICES

Recreation programs and services shall be based on the needs and interests of the community; promoting opportunities, healthy living and daily exercise.

Policy 5.1: Work with other recreation organizations to develop and facilitate efficient and cooperative programming among the public, commercial, and nonprofit entities.

Policy 5.2: Programs shall provide opportunities for various proficiency levels, ability, socio-economic levels, ages, and gender.

Policy 5.3: Market and promote recreation program opportunities and the benefits of parks and recreation to residents and visitors of the community.

Policy 5.4: Expand services to meet the needs of the community by securing alternative funding sources.

# DAYTON GOALS & POLICIES (continued)

---

## GOAL 7: ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Volunteers and staff members shall represent the City of Dayton in a favorable manner and exhibit skills and values of the City including: community, creativity, excellence, passion, integrity and service.

Policy 1: Recruit, select, supervise, provide training, opportunities for volunteers and staff that further professional skills and city values.

Policy 2: Encourage staff and volunteers to strengthen relationships with community groups and organizations by exhibiting professional skills and city values.

Policy 3: Ensure that volunteer and staff efforts are recognized and appreciated.

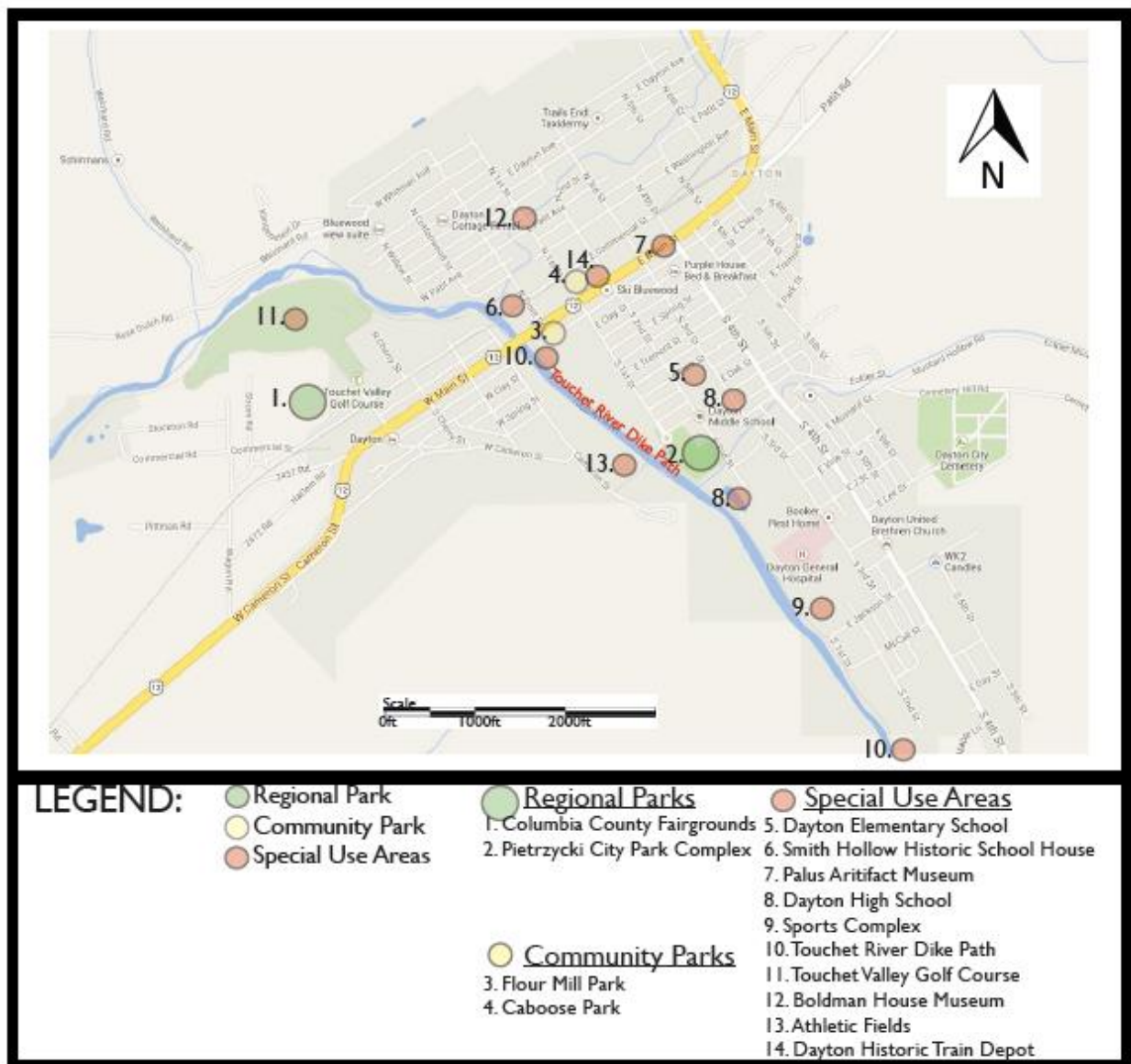
Policy 4: Promote open lines of communication to staff and both internal and external customers through a variety of methods including written, meetings, and other means.

## PRIORITIES

- Create a Park & Recreation Map and wayfinding signage
- Maintain existing parks and recreational facilities in a good condition
- Develop a Dog Park
- Complete build-out of Caboose Park
- Expand the Historic Dayton Bike and Pedestrian Trail and other trails
- Develop a Community Center

# DAYTON LEVEL OF SERVICE MAP

The City of Dayton currently provides enough park access to cover the community based on a radius of ½ mile from each Community Park. The map below shows the location of these parks with a yellow circle. When measured, this radius indicates adequate access to park facilities for residents within the boundary. Residents on the far south and west end of the city are outside of the ½ mile service radius. The green circles show Regional Parks and the red circles show Special Use Areas located within and near the city.



# DAYTON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

---

The following table lists the parks and recreation projects identified in the updated City of Dayton Capital Improvement Plan. The table identifies the projects, their location, operating agency, costs, funding, and estimated completion year. These projects were included in the plan by Dayton City Council and Staff after public surveys identified areas of need. Funding sources include the Recreation and Conservation office (RCO), Dayton Development Task Force (DDTF), other grants, taxes, donations, park district formation, Blue Mountain Heritage Society, Dayton Historical Depot Society, School District Bond, user fees, and volunteers.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Operating Agency</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Year</b>	<b>Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>Possible Revenue Sources</b>
Booker Walkway	West of Dayton Hospital	Dayton Hospital	2014	\$33,000	Funding secured
County Wide Recreational Map	N/A	Lead - TBD	2015	\$20,000	RCO, DDTF, other grants, county, port & city taxes, donations, volunteers
Pietrzycki Park Frisbee Golf course signage	Pietrzycki City Park	City of Dayton	2015	\$3,000	RCO, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Pietrzycki Park wayfinding signage	Main St. & 1st St S.	City of Dayton	2015	\$3,000	RCO, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Fishing Pond ADA Accessibility	Next to Pietrzcki Park	City of Dayton	2015	\$5,000	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Caboose Park splash pad	Caboose Park Next to N 1 <sup>st</sup> St.	Dayton Devel. Task Force (DDTF)	2015	\$20,000	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Operating Agency</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Year</b>	<b>Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>Possible Revenue Sources</b>
Caboose Park restroom	Caboose Park	TBD	2016	\$130,000	RCO, DDTF, Dayton Historical Depot Society, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Caboose Park Parking	Caboose Park/Alley	City of Dayton	2016	\$25,000	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Smith Hollow Historic School House Landscape and shoreline restoration	On-site - Front St & Touchet River	Blue Mountain Heritage Society	2016	\$15,000	Blue Mountain Heritage Society, RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Flour Mill Park Restrooms	Main St.	Banner Bank/ R Whipple/ City of Dayton	2017	\$30,000	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Pietrzycki Park Playground	Dayton	City of Dayton	2016	\$40,000	RCO, park district formation, donations, volunteers
Camping Area	Dayton TBD	TBD	2017	\$80,000	RCO, user fees, park district formation, donations
Pietrzycki Park Outdoor Pool	Dayton	City of Dayton	2019	\$400,000	RCO, user fees, park district formation, donations
Pietrzycki Park Water Feature & Splash Pad	Dayton	City of Dayton	2020	\$40,000	RCO, park district formation, donations, volunteers

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Operating Agency</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Year</b>	<b>Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>Possible Revenue Sources</b>
Dog Park (property & improvement)	TBD	City of Dayton	2022	\$200,000	RCO, user fees, park district formation, donations, volunteers
Flour Mill Park Public art	Dayton	Banner Bank	2022	\$20,000	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Touchet/Patit path (acquisition or easements required)	Dayton at confluence of Touchet and Patit (SE)	City of Dayton	2020	\$100,000	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Historic Dayton Bike/ Pedestrian trail extensions within city limits – Phase I	Dayton - generally along Commercial Street	City of Dayton	2020	\$200,000	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Historic Dayton Bike/ Pedestrian bridge trail extension over Touchet River Phase 2	Dayton - generally along Commercial Street	City of Dayton	2024	\$20,000 feasibility – Full cost TBD	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Touchet River Dike Path extension – South of Main & West of river	Dayton	City of Dayton	2034	TBD	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Community Center	Dayton	TBD	Feasibility 2016 Construction 2024-34	\$1,000,000+	RCO, School District, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Operating Agency</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Year</b>	<b>Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>Possible Revenue Sources</b>
Touchet River Path Extension North & West of Main St. (southwest side of river)	Dayton	City of Dayton/ Columbia County/ private	2024	TBD	RCO, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Pietrzycki Park Outdoor Pool & building improvements	Dayton	City of Dayton	2026	\$200,000	RCO, user fees, park district formation, donations
Covered Swimming Pool & Equip Cover on existing outdoor pool*	Dayton	City of Dayton	TBD	\$300,000+ ongoing maintenance and staffing	RCO, School District, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Regulation-Size Soccer Field	Dayton	Dayton School District	TBD	TBD	RCO, School District Bond, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
Additional Gymnasium	Dayton	Dayton School District	TBD	TBD	RCO, School District Bond, DDTF, other grants, park district formation, taxes, donations, volunteers
* While the citizens of Dayton and Columbia County have clearly stated their desire for an indoor or covered pool for year around use, because of the small local population and limited number of winter users, a covered pool is <u>not</u> sustainable, nor economically feasible to build and maintain in the foreseeable future.					



# Port of Columbia



# PORT OF COLUMBIA INVENTORY

---

The Port of Columbia is a small county port that operates out of Dayton. The Port leases property along the Snake River from the US Army Corps of Engineers that provides parks and recreation opportunities for residents and visitors on the north side of Columbia County.

## LYON'S FERRY MARINA

Lyon's Ferry Marina is located on the Snake River on the northern border of Columbia County. The marina is a total of 17 acres but provides access to 23 miles of river within the county. The site offers camping, RV spaces, day use, a small dog park, an ADA accessible fishing dock, fish cleaning, restrooms, a boat launch, moorages, supply store, and restaurant.



# PORT OF COLUMBIA GOALS & PRIORITIES

---

After conducting public surveys, the Port of Columbia staff developed the following Goals and Priorities:

## 1. Maintain access to the Snake River for recreational use by the public

Objective 1- Continue lease of Lyons Ferry Marina property from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Objective 2- Operate Lyons Ferry Marina facility in a manner that allows access to the river for as many members of the public as possible.

## 2. Maintain and Improve Lyons Ferry Marina Facility and Infrastructure

Objective 1- Maintain and replace aging facilities as needed to retain a quality recreation experience for the public.

Objective 2- Install new facilities to keep up with the demands of the modern recreational public.

## 3. Increase the number of visitors to Lyons Ferry Marina

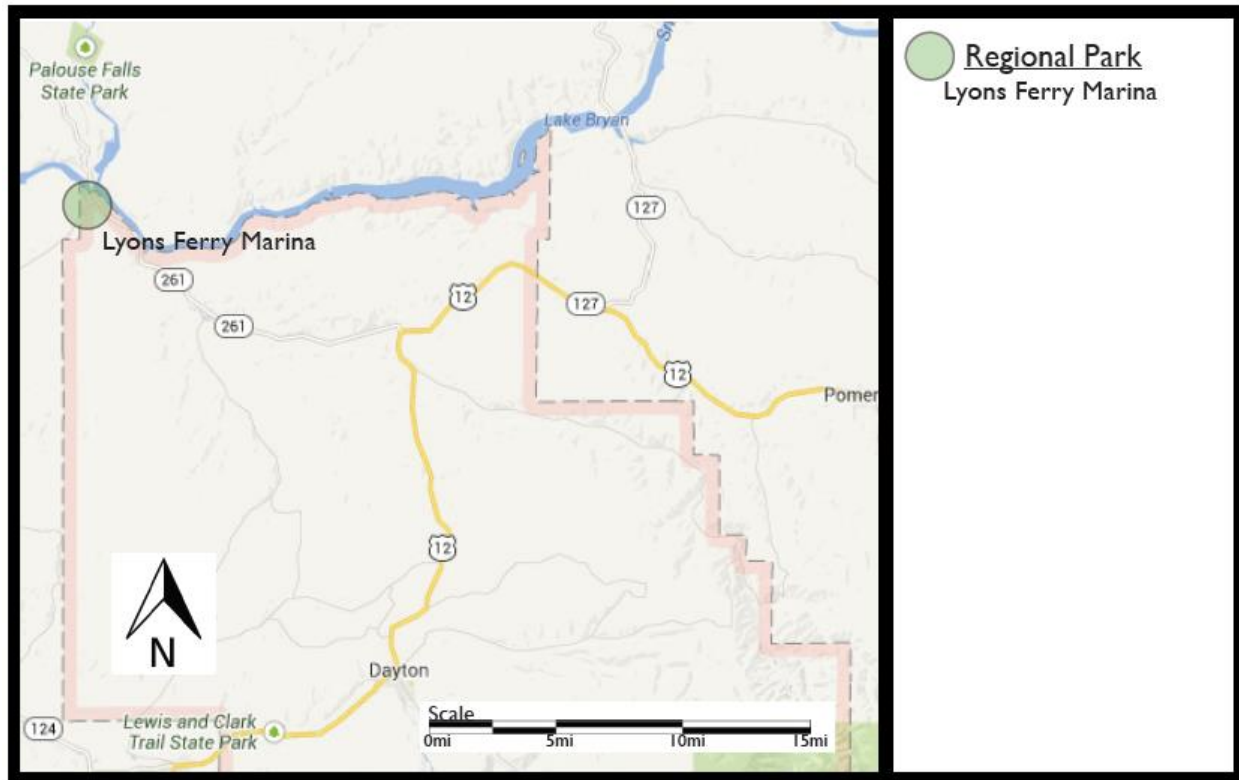
Objective 1- Maintain facilities in a manner that is attractive to the public.

Objective 2- Market facilities in cooperation with concessionaire, the City of Dayton, Columbia County, and the Town of Starbuck through a county-wide recreational map and other marketing programs.

# PORT OF COLUMBIA LEVEL OF SERVICE MAP

---

This map shows the location of Lyons Ferry Marina in Columbia County.



# PORT OF COLUMBIA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

---

After surveying the community, the Port of Columbia Board developed a Capital Improvement Plan identifying future projects. The following table lists the projects, estimated year of completion, cost, and funding sources. Funding sources include the Port of Columbia, concessionaire, and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

<b>Project/Facility</b>	<b>Estimated Year of Completion</b>	<b>Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>Possible Revenue Sources</b>
Playground	2014	\$20,000	Port/ Concessionaire
Laundry Facility	2015	\$12,000	Port/ Concessionaire
Rental Cabins	2016	\$90,000	Port/Concessionaire
Upland Restroom Replacement	2017 - 2020	\$150,000	RCO/Port
Swimming Pool	2017 - 2020	\$75,000	Port/Concessionaire
Boat Moorage Replacement	2017 - 2020	\$1,000,000	RCO/Port
Breakwater Replacement	2025	\$1,000,000	RCO/Port

## COOPERATIVE NEXT STEPS

---

The purpose of writing a cooperative plan is to ensure that this small county is successful in implementing plans and serving the community with excellent parks and recreation features. These next steps provide some guidance to ensure that the three jurisdictions work together efficiently.

1. Form a Cooperative Park Committee that includes representatives from all three jurisdictions or utilize an existing organization to serve this function.
2. Determine the best method for communicating existing park and recreation opportunities to both residents and visitors.
3. Develop a recreation map using information from this plan.
4. Use the inventory and map to maintain access to waterways, state, and federal lands.
5. Work cooperatively to obtain grants and funding, as needed.

# APPENDIX A: STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS & SURVEY RESULTS

---

## STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

The following table shows detailed answers given during stakeholder interviews. Thirteen different individuals, including board members, commissioners, council members, and recreationalists were interviewed. Numbers to the right of answers indicates the number of stakeholders who stated the same answer to the particular question.

<b>General Questions</b>	
What do you think should be the most important priorities of the county and cities?	Activities for middle school children Keep the gym open for the public Parks & recreation district with tax base so it is sustainable and funded Cheap activities Community recreation center Youth programming Improve and expand the fairgrounds Streets Waste treatment facility Keep up with maintenance on all facilities More restrooms and walkways around ball fields Attracting tourists Family oriented programs Incentive for people to use facilities Accessibility Improve participation and advertising of facilities Reach all people (both sides of Dayton) Underground sprinkler system Inventory, marketing, knowing what we have
What parks & recreation features do you see as most valuable to the Dayton/Columbia County region?	Ski Bluewood (4) Hunting (2) Events Historical sites Golf course (3) Dike path Fishing on the Tuccannon & Touchet Snake River City Park The fairgrounds City Park The marina

	<p>Lyons Ferry Park</p> <p>Hiking, trails</p> <p>Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, winter rec.</p> <p>Sightseeing</p>
What features are missing or could be improved upon?	<p>Community recreation center</p> <p>Recreation programs</p> <p>Safe routes to school (sidewalks and lighting)</p> <p>Sidewalk beautification</p> <p>If Ski Bluewood could be open year round for mountain biking, etc. Get power up to Bluewood.</p> <p>Dog Park</p> <p>Advertising</p> <p>Snake River connection</p> <p>Walking path besides the dike</p> <p>Trail alongside the tracks to connect Dayton to Waitsburg</p> <p>Make parks usable</p> <p>Multipurpose facility large enough to accommodate 300-400 people to host events and eliminate fairground facilities</p> <p>Racquetball court</p> <p>Summertime activities and locations (more events like “national night out”)</p> <p>Underground sprinklers &amp; sewer system</p> <p>Marketing (literature), dots on maps, brown recreation signs</p> <p>Water (boating, water sports, fishing – lack of outfitters on Tucannon and the Snake)</p>
What areas do you think should be preserved or protected?	<p>National forests</p> <p>Salmon runs</p> <p>Habitat enhancement (there is a reluctance of people to work with organization)</p> <p>Stream corridor, riparian zones</p> <p>High school – not currently on historic preservation list</p> <p>City Park</p> <p>Pristine/cleanliness of rivers and hillsides, wild and scenic destination</p>
What recreation opportunities need to be expanded?	<p>Events</p> <p>Ski Bluewood (2)</p> <p>Port - moorage, boat ramps, more camping</p> <p>A nice RV park</p> <p>Recreation facilities</p> <p>Transfer station</p> <p>Rock hill possible park facility</p> <p>Winter sports</p> <p>Mountain biking</p> <p>Hiking – markings and maps</p> <p>ATV trails</p>



Do you think that recreation opportunities are well known to residents and visitors?	<p>Residents – yes (4)  Visitors – no (5)  Visitors if they ask  Community events  Lack of signage and a good map  Need marketing, inventory, knowledge of access  Both – Yes (1)  Hunting and Fishing well known</p>
What is the best method to communicate opportunities? Is this something you would like to see?	<p>Waitsburg Times (2)  Chamber of Commerce (3)  Recreation magazines like Sunset (3)  City website – More pictures &amp; improvements, categorize by recreation type (4)  Try to reach Spokane  Price promotions to justify driving from Walla Walla or have something they do not have  Water Park, splash pads, pool slides, etc.  Signage (3)  Pamphlets to advertise – distribute all over state (3)  Facebook (2)  Good map  Internet – presence on existing recreation websites  Print media</p>
Show inventory list, ask what they would add, how they prioritize the list?	Hiking – trail names, contact Umatilla
What natural features in Columbia County would you consider to be irreplaceable?	<p>Historic buildings &amp; homes  Fishing  Blue Mountain  Agricultural lands  Open space  Riparian zones  Rivers in and out of town (2)  Forests (2)  Lakes</p>
<b>Dayton Questions</b>	
Are there adequate park facilities to serve all of the areas of Dayton? Rate 1-5	<p>5 (0)  4 (8)  3 (3)  2 (0)  1 (0)  Adequate if: connectivity existed, a recreation center, dog park, new bathrooms and lighting at City Park, fish pond environmental improvements, little league  City Park is nice  Parks underutilized (2)</p>

What are the most desired missing assets in Dayton parks and recreation?	Recreation center with weight area, racquetball, basketball court, events, etc. (2) Trail & sidewalk connections (2) Dog park (4) Enhancement of Caboose park with a water feature Handicap access/platform to fish pond Covered swimming pool (2) City Park bathroom (2) Tennis courts Skateboard/BMX/bike park (2) Update pool with new equipment Concessions at City Park ball fields More children oriented activities Outdoor amphitheater Bicycle parking Sports store with rentals
Which facilities do you think should be improved next?	Recreation center with gym, covered pool, weight room(3) Irrigation system at ball fields Plants around pool that require little maintenance Skateboard park (2) City Park restrooms Horseshoe pits Improve fish pond The fairgrounds Golf course, water system (2) Blue Mountain connection/trails Integrated uses Swimming pool (2)
Would you be willing to pay a tax or user fee to support costs for improving the maintenance of existing parks?	5 (7) 4 (3) 3 (2) 2 (0) 1 (0) Is there already a tax? Where are current funds coming from? Depends on where the money is going. You get what you pay for and the taxes already low.
<b>County Questions</b>	
What is the greatest recreation feature in Columbia County?	Lyons Ferry Marina Bicycling Ski Bluewood Hunting

What recreation opportunity is missing or needs expansion?	Marina funding Connection trail between Dayton and Waitsburg
<b>Port of Columbia Questions</b>	
What opportunities for parks and recreation expansion do you see for the port?	Improve Lyons Ferry Marina (2) Rails to Trails – Bike trail to Waitsburg Marketing
Which features have the best opportunity to spur economic development?	Hunting & Fishing (2) Trail to Walla Walla Upscale RV Park on the edge of town Ski Bluewood Hiking Biking Cross country skiing county wide
<b>Starbuck Questions</b>	
What do you define as Starbuck's parks?	Swing set park by water Park area with the bell Area next to the jail
How do you see parks and recreation improved in the future?	Improve the playground at the school
What is Starbuck's most valuable parks and recreation feature?	The river running right through the park
<b>Additional Comments</b>	
<p>Emphasis on salmon conservation and habitat in parks</p> <p>Concerns for Starbuck on loss of opportunity for growth when the pulp mill comes to town</p> <p>Bring more events like Crossfit competitions, bicycling, equestrian events</p> <p>Improvements to the high school</p> <p>Parks and Recreation needs to be responsive to changing demographic and reach all parts of town</p> <p>Dayton Days</p> <p>Country Club</p> <p>User fees to fund facilities</p> <p>More signage</p> <p>Too much signage</p> <p>Connection from the Dike Path to flashing light crosswalks on Main Street</p>	

## WRITTEN SURVEY RESPONSES

The next couple tables show the detailed answers to the written survey questions 4, 5, and 6.

A total of 96 written surveys were completed through survey monkey, mail-in, and at Turkey Bingo and the first basketball game.

<b>4. What are the most desired missing assets for parks and recreation in the area?</b>	
Starbuck	Open hunting land
Dayton	Golf maintenance
	Youth programs
	Indoor soccer field (x4)
	Indoor pool (x17)
	Community Recreation Center (x5)
	Camping facilities at the snake & palouse rivers, north fork & chase mountain
	Bike track
	Larger ski area
	Dog area/ park (x4)
	Sandbox (x3)
	Camping (x3)
	Docks on river
	Parks & Playgrounds- more
	Bowling alley
	Climbing Wall
	Gym/ YMCA (x2)
	Spinning toys/ equipment at park
	Infant toys/ equipment
	Archery
	Picnic tables in park (x2)
	Horseback riding
	ATV trails (x2)
	The ocean
	Day use covered area for more than two parties
	Trails (running, biking)
	Outdoor exercise facilities
	Outdoor stage
	Extended hours for existing facilities
	Sports fields
	Teen Center
Columbia County	Community Rec Center for winter time use

	Year round fishing pond
Port of Columbia	
No Jurisdiction Identified	Indoor pool- rec & physical therapy for hospital
	Indoor childrens activities- gymnastics, dance
	Community sponsored teams outside of school events

<b>5. Which existing parks and recreation facilities should be improved next?</b>	
Starbuck	
Dayton	Golf course
	Fairgrounds
	Slides, swings, jungle gym (x3)
	Bathroom at park (x2)
	Lyons Ferry (x3)
	Basketball court
	City Park (x6)
	Pool (x13)
	Lewis & Clark State Park (x2)
	Dike path- pave entire length
	Bike trails (x2)
	Walking, hiking trails (to Waitsburg)
	Fishing pond (x4)
	Sport fields
	ATV trails
	Skate park (x2)
	Little league field
Columbia County	Basketball courts
	Sand volleyball at city park
Port of Columbia	
No Jurisdiction Identified	

<b>6. Would you be willing to pay a tax or user fee to support new parks and/or park facilities and the cost of maintenance?</b>
We are over taxed as it is.
I don't pay taxes (x8
Property tax is too high, would rather see user fees.
A small tax, no user fees.
Fixed income (no taxes).
Yes, because I care.
It should be the states responsibility.
User fee not vehicle + fee.
Because I want better equipment
Would depend on amount of tax.
Because it would help community out.
It would help the youth and future generations.
There is a great need for activities year round that are affordable for kids to keep them involved in an activity- family time as well.
These facilities are important to youth and adults.
We are taxed enough.
I believe there are existing funds. Didn't the commissioners and city/ county employees just get a cost of living or basic 3% raises?
The tax payers in columbia county are too cheap to allow taxation by vote for the school and maybe they would if they thought it would benefit them.

## APPENDIX B: TOWN OF STARBUCK, WA

---

### STARBUCK INVENTORY:

Starbuck is classified as a town and is the second incorporated area within Columbia County. It is located about 20 miles northwest of Dayton near the Snake River. The Tucannon River runs along the west side of the town. Starbuck was once a booming railroad town in the early 1900s. Since then, the town has dwindled down to a small population of 129, based on the 2010 U.S. Census.

Starbuck decided not to be included in the main section of this plan, as they have no parks projects planned for the future at this time.



## STARBUCK SCHOOL PARK

The park attached to the Starbuck School is a 2 acre park on the east end of town. The park is in good condition and has a playground, baseball field, basketball court, and open space.

## STARBUCK PARK

Starbuck Park is uniquely located on the Tucannon River in the south west corner of town. The park is small, but includes a swing set and about half an acre of open space. The park is in fair condition.

## STARBUCK TRIANGLE PARK

Triangle Park sits on the north end of town and is in a triangle shape. The park includes a tennis court, basketball court, slide, and open space. This park is in poor condition. The amenities offered are not in safe, usable condition.

# TOWN OF STARBUCK LEVEL OF SERVICE MAP

The following map shows the location of the three existing parks in Starbuck.





