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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 28, 2022

5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

IN PERSON

LIVESTREAM VIA City website

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Darcy Long, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall, Dan Richardson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Tim McGlothlin

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Human Resource Director Daniel Hunter, Finance Director Angie Wilson, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Senior Planner Dawn Hert

Legal Counsel Jonathan Kara VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman. Long, Randall, Richardson, Runyon present; McGlothlin absent. Mayor Mays presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays asked Councilor Long to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Long invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Mays noted that Employee Recognition had been removed from the agenda.

It was moved by Long and seconded by Randall to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried 4 to 0; McGlothlin absent; Long, Randall, Runyon, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

Art Committee Report – Scott Stephenson, The Dalles Art Center via Zoom

Scott Stephenson, Executive Director The Dalles Art Center reported on the following projects underway with the aide of the funding by the City. He said the Art Center had a contract with the City for public art design and creation.

All Together The Dalles Mural

- Complete
- Working with Dawn Hert, Senior Planner on Walking Tour of the sites in the mural; coffee table book utilizing grant from State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and grants identified by The Dalles Art Center.
- Book designed by local designer; will be used as a fund raiser for the Art Center; overview of buildings, divided into periods; available in April

Walking Tour App (see attached)

- App has photos, information on the various buildings on the mural and a Google map to location
- Adding the Walldogs Murals to the app

Plaza Manned Kiosk

- Working with Main Street for manned kiosk at Cruise Ship Dock with products for sale and information., the Beautification Committee is working on the landscaping

Gazing Plaza

- Located at corner of 2nd and Washington Street in Discount Plus parking lot
- Space donated by owner
- Sculpture by local artist
- Interactive forging opportunity during Cherry Festival for citizens to “pound metal pieces” that will be added to the main sculpture

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- Eventually there will be a pocket park at the location with tree, benches and shade; many local companies donating time and talents to the project

Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation Sorosis Park Update – Scott Baker, Executive Director

Scott Baker reviewed outreach done:

- English and Spanish – reaching people where they are
Examples: Farmers Market, High School

He summarized:

- Project will be Phases (Phase 1 irrigation and trees estimated completion April 2023
Irrigation - \$1 million state of the art system
Trees plantings representing area around Oregon
Trees will be established 6 to 8-foot trees
Funds from City of The Dalles and Wasco County
- Grants: Using donated funds as matching funds for grants to get biggest bang for the dollars
Covered sports courts (basketball and pickle ball)
Gazebo matching funds \$165,000 committed
- Tree Top Play structure – next on list
Existing structure 20 plus years old, with only 2-year maximum life
Using handprints and other features such as fairy gardens or part of shelters (12-foot x 12 foot) – honoring the past; possibly using a program at Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC)

Councilor Randall asked if connection to the 14th Street Reservoir trail was included.

Baker said it was not. He said the plan before them was site specific for Sorosis Park.

Councilor Richardson asked about the “camp host”.

Baker said it would be like State Parks camp hosts, likely a person or couple with their RV to serve as a constant presence in the park. He said it would be shared security with CGCC.

Richardson asked for an update in the summer on the project and the Mill Creek Greenway project.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Robert Schultens (2637 West 10th), Jennifer Dewey (383 Summit Ridge), and Shelly Onslinger (2627 East 27th) all spoke in opposition to the location of the proposed Navigation Center.

Ordinance allowing shelter/center passed without community input

Low income housing – not appropriate for location

Current location of pallet shelters is working fine

Not close to services

52 break-ins or vandalism at the dealership (location is behind dealership on 6th) in past two years – nothing done

Dock beautification – why not West 6th Street, busiest business street in The Dalles

Property better used for revenue generation

Plan isn't fully developed

Citizens should have a say in how funds are used

Low Income housing isn't temporary housing

City Manager responded:

- She and Police Chief are working on a plan for addressing increased vandalism
- The \$500,000 committed by the City are ARPA funds, that have to meet specific criteria
- This is only funding approval, not project approval
- Site approval had to go through the regular planning process, with property owner notification within 300 feet of the site *corrected 100 feet via email

Councilor Runyon said the project is not a City project and suggested people meeting with Kenny LaPoint for more information on details.

Councilor Long said the pallet homes are transitional housing with rules and plans for people to transition into housing, and find jobs.

Mr. Schultens disrupted the meeting and was asked to leave.

Dewey said there would be a business meeting on March 31st at the Old Griffith building to brainstorm ideas to reduce crime. She suggested representative of the City attend.

Judy Merrill, 400 West 11th Street thanked General Services Terry Hardraker and Jerry Johnson for the great job on the public restroom on the west side of the Veteran's Services Building. She said it looked great, with brighter lighting, and new signage. She said she deeply appreciated a public restroom downtown.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger Welcomed everyone back to in person meetings. She thanked City Clerk Grossman and Finance Director Wilson for their work on the update of the Council Chamber.

She reported that Public Works Director Dave Anderson wanted her to pass on the Bid Documents for the Construction of the Dog River Pipeline were advertised and available with a bid opening date of May 5, 2022.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Runyon reported:

- Meet and Greet of City Manager candidates
- City Manager interviews
- QLife meeting, until he lost signal

Councilor Randall reported:

- Meet and Greet of City Manager candidates
- City Manager interviews
- QLife in need of budget committee members
- Historic Landmarks meeting on March 30th

Councilor Long reported:

- Matthew Klebes was hired as the new City Manager to start May 16, 2022
- New Urban Renewal Agency member Shanon Saldivar; reviewing downtown incentives at April 19 meeting
- Traffic safety – traffic on Columbia View Heights to Veteran's Hospital is a residential neighborhood, please slow down
- Increase of truck parking with two tires on the sidewalks – this is illegal and breaks down the curbs

Mayor Mays reported:

- KODL
- St Vincent de Paul
- Columbia Gorge Community College
- Jeff Merkley Zoom meeting
- Library Board Member
- KACI

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CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Randall and seconded by Richardson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0; McGlothlin absent; Long, Randall, Runyon, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

Item approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the March 14, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 22-009 Authorizing Transfers of Budgeted Amounts Between Categories of Various Funds of The City of The Dalles Adopted Budget, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Finance Director Angie Wilson reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Long and seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution No. 22-009 Authorizing Transfers of Budgeted Amounts Between Categories of Various Funds of The City of The Dalles Adopted Budget, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. The motion carried 4 to 0; McGlothlin absent; Long, Randall, Runyon, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Draft Stream Corridor Overlay Code Amendments

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the staff report (see attached).

Richardson asked Hert to define “Safe Harbor provision”

Hert said it was to protect fish bearing streams and corridors by not encroaching on the stream bed.

Runyon said the setback was 25 feet and now goes to 50 feet, but there was a hardship adjustment clause.

Hert said there were protections in place, specific steps needed to receive the adjustment.

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Upcoming Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Updates to Goal 9 Policies and Commercial/Industrial Buildable Lands Analysis

Senior Planner Dawn Hert reviewed the staff report (see attached).

Richardson asked for update on the Westside Planning Process; affordable housing, commercial redevelopment.

Hert said three years ago there was a grant to fund the process, however, COVID put it on hold. She said the Planning department would reapply in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

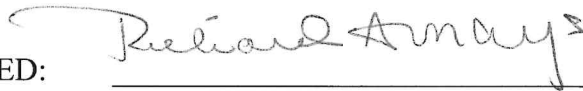
Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by/

Izetta Grossman, CMC

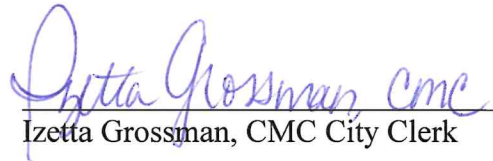
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Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk

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The Dalles Art Center celebrates community through a city-wide art collaboration.

Hood River, OR
Art of Community

Art of Community was established in 2014 to build on the relationship between the Columbia River Gorge community and its talented artists.

Hood River, OR
Gorge Artists Open Studios Tour

Tour 44 Studios: Sept. 17, 18 and 19, 2021, 10am to

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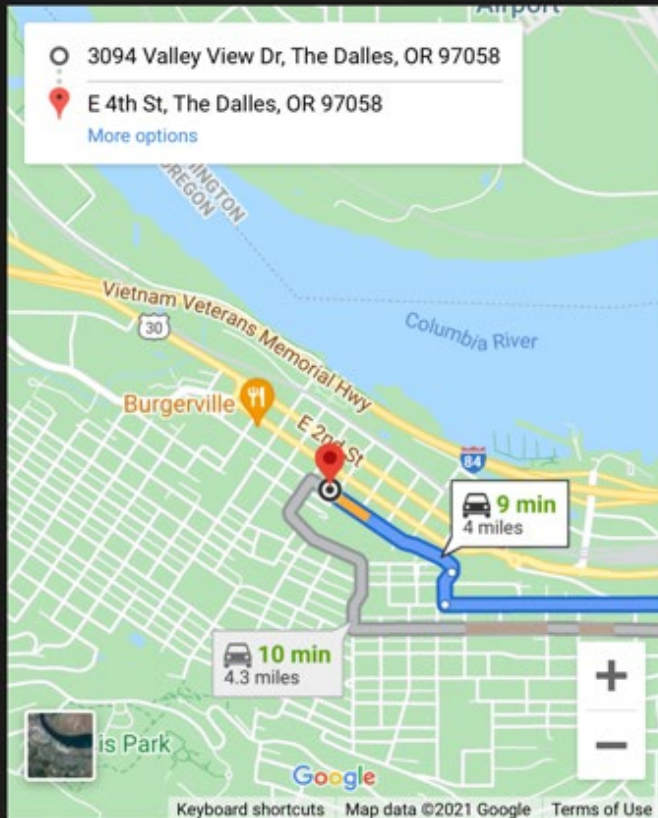
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When World War I ended, civic leaders proposed a suitable memorial to those who served and died in the war. It would include a 1,100-seat auditorium (or theater) with balcony, a grand ballroom with "floating" hardwood floor and its own balcony, a Fireside Room for meetings and smaller gatherings, and a gymnasium. The building was erected with public funds at a cost of \$125,000 in 1921. The light tan brick building occupies one-quarter of a city block and is an example of the neoclassical style common to public and governmental buildings of its era. During its heyday "The Civic" was the venue for local cultural, entertainment, ceremonial, social, and recreational events. It was home to concerts and plays, high school graduation ceremonies and the annual gatherings of the Old Wasco County Pioneer Association. In the 1950s and early 1960s it was operated by the city Parks and Recreation Department, which held recreational activities and sock hops in its gym for local youth. At the end of that era the facility had largely fallen into disuse. The auditorium was turned into a professional wrestling arena. Eventually the auditorium was condemned for



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that era the facility had largely fallen into disuse. The auditorium was turned into a professional wrestling arena. Eventually the auditorium was condemned for safety reasons. By 1991 the city decided to demolish the building. But a group of citizens formed a non-profit corporation to purchase the property and undertake restoration, which nears completion.

Blame it on the automobile. The success of Walther-Williams automobile dealership one block north of the present Civic Auditorium triggered the construction of this venerable institution in two ways. In early 1917 the expanding business took over the Vogt Opera House in the middle of its block and turned the town's large theater/auditorium into an automobile storage warehouse. America entered the war in Europe—there would be no large theater for several years. Then the war was over. The automobile was becoming affordable by the middle class, and that spelled the end of the horse and buggy era. It also marked the end of the livery stable that occupied the Civic site. So there was a large site, right in the middle of town, ready for a new "civic" use.



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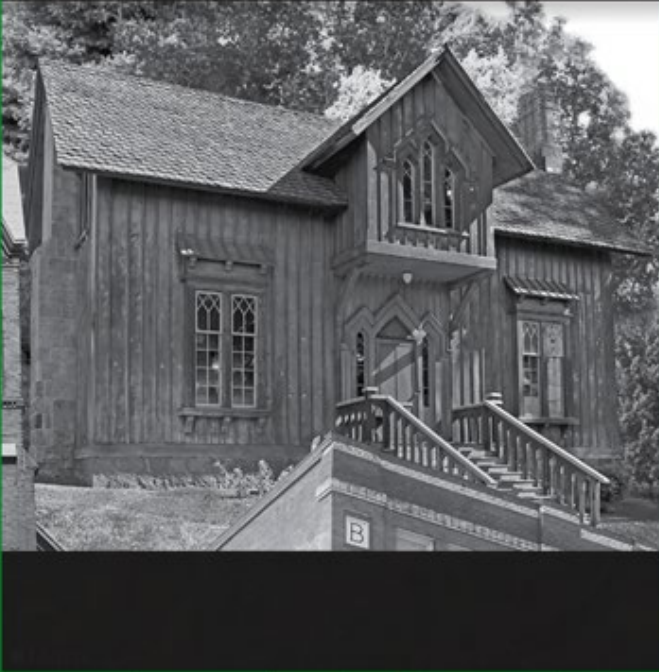
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Fort Dalles Museum is housed in one of the oldest buildings in The Dalles. The carpenter gothic structure is the former Surgeon's Quarters, the only remaining officers' quarters of the 1856 Fort Dalles military complex. A group of civic-minded women, the Sorosis Club, was instrumental in saving the building and opening its doors as one of Oregon's oldest history museums in 1905. The spacious shady grounds are also home to an historic collection of wagons and antique vehicles, many of which were entrusted to the museum by the local American Legion Post. The 1895 Anderson Homestead buildings were moved to the museum grounds in 1971 from their original site 25 miles southwest of The Dalles. Home to a Swedish immigrant family, the buildings include the log house, a granary, and a barn.


The original military reservation covered a wide area from Amaton Springs on The Dalles High School grounds to the east, to the west of Mill Creek, and everything above the first bluff (between 6th and 7th Streets). It included a lumber mill fed by a flume that











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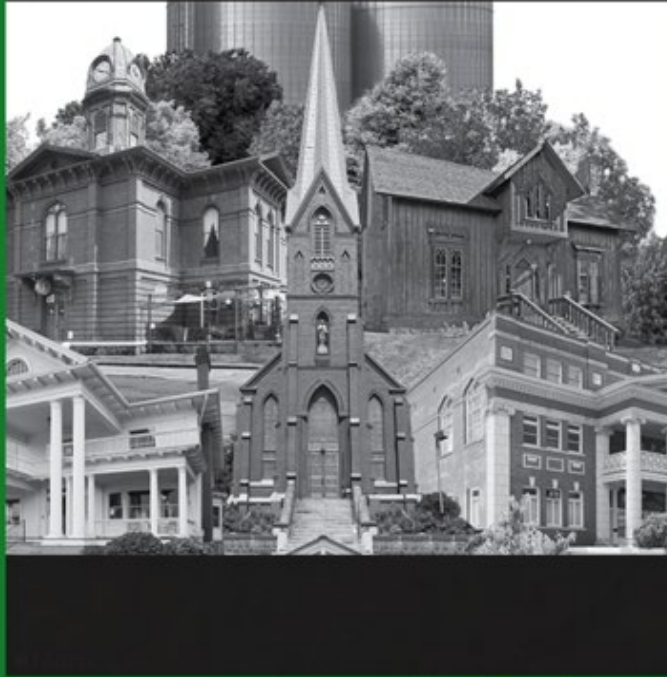
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Old St. Peter's Landmark is a gothic revival building patterned after churches in Europe. It replaced a smaller, wood frame church that occupied the same site in the 1800s. The parish raised funds through the 1890s in spite of major fires and floods in the town and a nationwide economic recession. Construction began in 1897 and the building was dedicated on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1898. The building features Povey stained-glass windows, Carrara marble altar, and a steeple topped by a rooster weathervane that has long-served as guide for riverboat pilots. The reed organ that served the earlier building is still present. It served the early years from 1898 until a 1907 Kilgen organ was purchased, installed, and dedicated March 24, 1925. When the Catholic parish moved to larger quarters in 1970 the building was about to be torn down. A small band of citizens formed Old St. Peter's Landmark Preservation and raised money to save the building that now hosts concerts, weddings, meetings, the local bridge club, and free tours.

Oh my! Those smoke stains and water stains! The



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St. Peter's Landmark

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The cover features a design with large green and light blue rectangular blocks. On the left, there is a vertical strip showing a close-up of pine tree branches against a light blue sky. At the bottom, there is a horizontal strip showing a blurred image of a road with a vehicle. The main title is centered in the upper right green block.

Sorosis Park Conceptual Plan

**Northern Wasco County
Parks and Recreation District**

February 2022



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1.1 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS

The following documents contain specific elements that have bearing on the parks planning process and guide the goals, objectives, and recommendations for the Sorosis Park Conceptual Plan.

The Dalles Municipal Code (1998)

Sorosis Park is a 35.98-acre property, identified on Wasco County Assessor's Map No. 01N13E09 as tax lot 300 and owned by NWCPRD. The District also owns a 4.74-acre lot adjacent to the north side of Sorosis Park across E Scenic Drive, identified on Assessor's Map No. 01N13E04DD as tax lot 2800.

The Sorosis Park property is designated P/OS – Parks and Open Space by The Dalles Comprehensive Plan Designation. The P/OS zone is “intended to insure sufficient open areas throughout the community to safeguard public need for visual and environmental resources and to provide areas for recreational activities.” Public parks restricted to day use activities are allowed in the P/OS zone, as well as trails for biking, walking, and/or running. Permitted uses for P/OS proposals are processed per the provisions of Article 3.030: Site Plan Review. Conditional uses that require additional review procedures and development standards as community facility site, per Article 5.100: Community Facilities Overlay District, include ball fields, swimming pools, tennis courts, and other active recreational sports facilities.

Section 5.110 – P/OS Parks and Open Space District

5.110.040 Review Procedures

A. Review. Where allowed as outright permitted uses, proposals for Parks and Open Spaces shall be processed per the provisions of Section 3.030: Site Plan Review. Where allowed as conditional uses, proposals for Parks and Open Spaces shall be processed as Community Facilities sites, per the Review Procedures and Development

Standards Sections of Section 5.100: Community Facilities Overlay District.

Section 5.100 – CFO – Community Facilities Overlay District

5.100.030 Review Procedures

A. Review. Community Facilities shall be reviewed as conditional uses per the provisions of Section 3.050: Conditional Use Permits.

B. Notification. Notification of a proposed community facility application shall be sent to all property owners whose property falls within 300 feet of the proposed community facility development site.

C. Map Overlay. Approved Community Facilities sites shall be designated on the official zoning map with the CFO – Community Facilities Overlay.

Section 5.110.050 of The Dalles Municipal Code requires off street parking only if parks include stadiums or other large structures for seating. Parking development standards follow standards for Low-Density Residential (RL) zones in section 5.010.050. Building heights and yard setbacks for P/OS zones follow RL standards outlines in section 5.010.050.

Wasco County Comprehensive Plan (2008)

The Wasco County Comprehensive Plan evaluates the provision of key services. Under Chapter 5, Community Facilities and Services, the county lists the current supply of recreation facilities, an evaluation of the acres of development and undeveloped recreation areas as related to the supply of urban and rural acres, and notes future recreational needs. Some of the highest-cited needs for the county include campsites, district parks, and community parks. The Sorosis Park Master Plan seeks to align development recommendations with identified needs as appropriate.

The Dalles Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2011)

Adopted in May 1994 and amended May 2011, The Dalles Comprehensive Land Use Plan includes a chapter addressing recreational needs (Chapter 8). The chapter includes the following relevant goals and policies:

Chapter 8 Goals

- **8.2** *Incorporate the recreation policies for the Columbia River area found in The Dalles Riverfront Master Plan: a. Riverfront recreation should be resource-based and should not degrade riverfront resources. b. Transportation and recreation planning should be coordinated among local recreation and transportation agencies to develop bikeways and trails.*
- **8.10** *The Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District's Parks and Recreation Master Plan shall be acknowledged as a background document in Volume III of The Dalles Comprehensive Plan, to serve as the City's long range recreation plan for The Dalles Urban Growth Boundary Area along with facility plans for the City of The Dalles and North Wasco County School District 21. A parks and open space standard of ten acres per 1,000 population should be adopted as part of the Parks Master Plan achieved within the urban area. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan shall include goals and recommendations directed toward maintaining the ratio of acres of park land per 1,000 residents at the current level of service and ensuring that parks and open space areas are equitably distributed throughout the community.*
- **8.11** *The Parks Master Plan shall strive to provide neighborhood parks within a 5 minute walk or 1,500 feet of all residential areas. The plan shall also consider funding mechanisms for acquisition, development, and maintenance of park and recreation facilities.*
- **8.13** *Expenditures of the Park and Recreation District's System Development Charge fund shall be consistent with the parks plan for the Urban Area.*

- **8.15** *Development plans for existing and future recreation facilities shall include designs for use by handicapped persons in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards (ADA).*

NWCPRD Master Plan (2019)

The Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District system is comprised of distinctive and accessible parks that promote healthy lifestyles, showcase social, cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities, and meet the needs of a diverse community. The Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District (NWCPRD) Parks and Recreation Master Plan is intended to guide development of the District parks system for the period between 2019 and 2039. The Master Plan identifies strategies and recommendations for operation and maintenance of parks, land acquisition, development, and funding.

Effective parks system planning requires identifying and assessing existing park facilities and amenities through an inventory process. The inventory process exposes system-wide strengths, needs, opportunities, and constraints, and reveals underserved areas. The NWCPRD Master Plan outlines the activities that occur in each park and the condition of facilities and amenities to guide recommendations and capital improvement programming efforts. The Plan carefully reviews current and future parks system needs by park classification type to ensure a balanced parks system capable of efficient service to the community. National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) classifications are used as a basis for the establishment of a classification system specific to the needs, resources, and facilities in NWCPRD.

The NWCPRD Master Plan also analyzes community recreation needs and makes recommendations that provide a path for strengthening the District's parks system and building community capacity while accommodating future growth and adapting to changing needs. Recommendations are organized into the following categories: deferred maintenance, park improvement, park development, park acquisition, open space acquisition, and trail development. The Plan outlines dozens of deferred maintenance recommendations for Sorosis Park that aim to prioritize immediate repair and enhancement needs while meeting higher maintenance and safety standards:

- Replace boards on picnic tables at reservable picnic area
- Repair and replace brick fascia and grills on group bbq
- Replant for all previously removed diseased and hazardous trees
- Remove parking lot curbing and replace with parking barriers
- Replace current exercise fitness area
- Replant windbreak on westside of ball field
- Replace roof on small restroom building; include skylights
- Install 3 aluminum bleachers with railings
- Remove row of popular trees on westside of ballfield and grind stumps
- Replace the shelter foundation with solid poured concrete
- Replace southeast half of irrigation system
- Fountain repair
- Remove 85 diseased and hazardous trees and grind stumps
- Resurface playground with solid pour composite fall material
- Replace current restroom
- Replace tree top park with new playground

The Plan also identifies park improvement recommendations to expand the existing capacity of Sorosis Park:

- Plan and develop approximately 10 acres of undeveloped park land
- Construct a park host site

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act

Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District and the City of The Dalles are located within the broader Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area (CGNSA). The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act was passed by Congress and signed into law in 1986. The Act provides for the protection and enhancement of scenic, cultural, natural, and recreation resources, as well as protection of the Gorge economy. Under this Act, 292,500 acres were designated for special protection.

The CGNSA is delineated into three areas: Special Management Area; General Management Area; and Urban Area. Special Management Areas cover about 114,600 acres and contain some of the Gorge's most precious resources. The General Management Area covers about 149,400 acres of land and all of the Columbia River. Urban Areas, including The Dalles, are exempt from Scenic Area regulations.



1.2 SITE INVENTORY AND CONDITIONS

Overview

Sorosis Park was built in 1965 and is the largest park in the District. It is classified as a regional park and is one of two regional parks that NWCPRD operates. Regional parks are open spaces and facilities that serve several local government jurisdictions. As such, regional park facilities are considered a destination and include a vast amount of open space. They can feature both natural areas for passive recreation and active recreation facilities.

Sorosis Park is 35.98 acres and is considered the crown jewel of the District. Located on a hill along West Scenic Drive, the park features expansive views of the Columbia River and Mount Adams to the north, and Mount Hood to the southwest. Sorosis Park was founded in the 1900's by the Sorosis Club, an early women's organization that also founded the Carnegie Library and saved the Fort Dalles Surgeon's Quarters.

Today, the park includes a walking trail, disc golf, restrooms, picnic tables, a themed playground, tennis courts, softball fields and concession stand, and a picnic and shelter area.

Existing Facilities

- Signage
- Entry rose garden
- Large play structure (Tree Top)
- Exercise station
- Open-air picnic table and grill area
- Improved sidewalks
- Restrooms
- Doggie stations
- Trash receptacles
- Fire pit
- Irrigation control building
- Storage building
- Shelter with electric capacity; water pump
- Disc golf amenities
- Ball fields (4)
- Concession stand
- Tennis courts with lighting (4)
- Scenic vistas of Mount Adams and Mount Hood
- Art mosaic columns with hand prints
- Sand volleyball courts (2)



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- Online Survey Respondent



Opportunities and Constraints

In the last several years, Sorosis Park has experienced significant tree loss as Ponderosa pines were devastated by the Ips Beetle. The District has removed approximately 500 infected trees, which has dramatically reduced the tree canopy and the shade it produced. The forced clearing of many areas in the park has opened expanded viewsheds of Mount Hood and Mount Adams and the surrounding area.

At the entrance of the park is The Sorosis Park Rose Garden, which includes a Memorial Garden and a Veterans Honor Garden, was established in 1953 by The Dalles Garden Club. The garden is also home to the Vogt Fountain. The fountain is operational and was last restored in 2020. Adjacent to the entrance is an asphalt parking lot with angled parking stalls. The asphalt paving has aged and weathered, exposing a rough and textured surface.

The functionality of the lawn and field areas is limited by an aging and insufficient irrigation system. The iconic play structure is also reaching the end of its lifespan. There is a newly installed exercise station with rubber tile surfacing adjacent to the Tree Top play structure and swing set.

The existing shelter provides shade cover and currently has picnic tables and counter space. The southwest side of the pavilion is enclosed and disrupts sight lines. There is a recently improved open-air picnic table and grill area which could support community events and group gatherings. The grill adjacent to the picnic area could use a replacement screen, and there is no counter space adjacent to the grill area.

The disc golf course runs throughout the site, and although it activates the site, the current layout may constrain a revised park program and design. A walking path encompasses the park and, due to the tree removal, provides many views to surrounding mountains, orchards, and the Columbia Gorge. Four ball fields anchor the southwest section of the site and are supported by a concession stand. Currently, permanent seating is not provided adjacent to the fields to support fans during games.

The unavoidable tree removal and aging park infrastructure brings the opportunity to revisit how the park program and design can serve and enhance the current community, which has continued to grow and diversify. The Conceptual Plan will develop a new vision for Sorosis Park that includes recommendations and site, planting, and irrigation design concepts based in site analysis findings and community input.

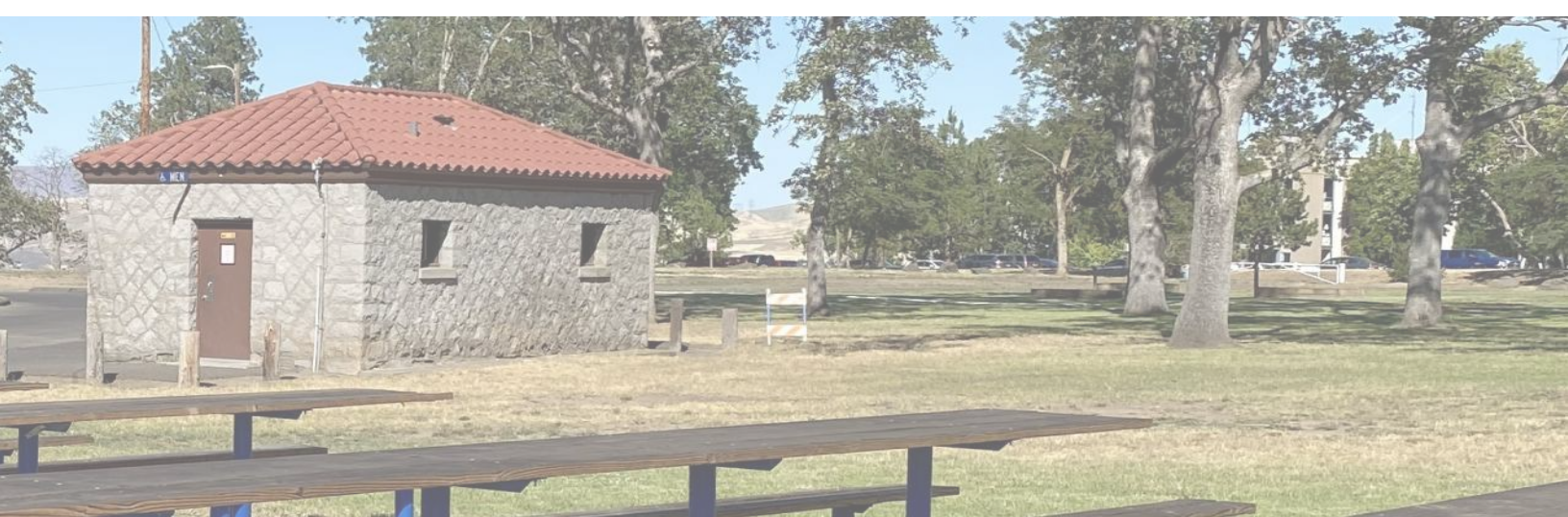
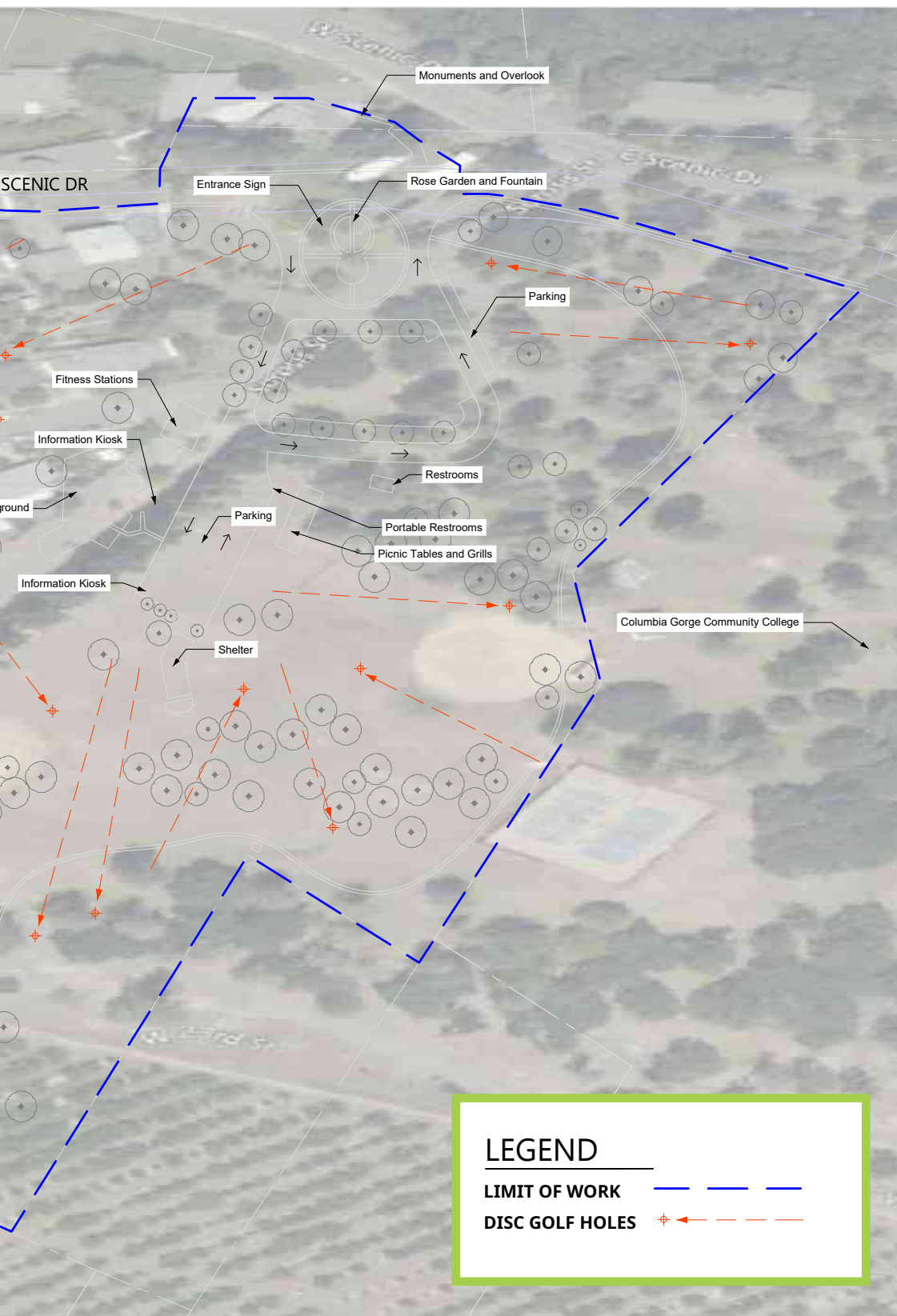


Figure 1 Existing Conditions Map



1 EXISTING CONDITIONS
1" = 100'-0"





Parque Sorosis

Plan Conceptual

¿Qué nuevas comodidades...

Parque Sorosis

Plan Conceptual

¿Qué te gusta del Parque Sorosis?

Sorosis Park

Conceptual Plan

What do you like about Sorosis Park?

Plaza
Walking path
Play area
Bike lane
Water feature
Shaded area
Picnic area
Dog park
Sports field
Golf course
Tennis court
Baseball field
Swimming pool
Fountain
Gazebo
Bandstand
Stage
 amphitheater
Public art
Historic marker
Monument
Fountain
Gazebo
Bandstand
Stage
 amphitheater
Public art
Historic marker
Monument

Play area

Walking path

Plaza

Water feature

Shaded area

Picnic area



02

Community Involvement

16 Methods

18 Key Findings

2.1 METHODS

Cameron McCarthy (CM) facilitated several public processes to gather input from local community members to understand how Sorosis Park can better serve residents and visitors in the future. The following forms of engagement were used to generate a diverse range of feedback from residents, visitors, and various stakeholder groups. Additional detail is provided in the Appendices.

Tabling

Members of NWCPRD and Cameron McCarthy set up activities at a booth at The Dalles Farmers' Market and La Michoacana Store to gather input for the redevelopment and conceptual design of Sorosis Park in the Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District. Attendees could participate in several activities, including:

- Providing general written comments about development phases, perceptions, concerns, desired improvements, and new ideas
- Voting for preferred types of programming

The Dalles Farmers' Market and La Michoacana Store activities attracted participants of all ages and backgrounds. The Dalles Farmers' Market was selected because it is a popular summer destination for community members, while La Michoacana Store is a primary hub for the Latino community. Participants provided insightful feedback through written comments and voting on phasing and priorities, improvements to existing facilities, and potential amenities for the redevelopment of Sorosis Park.

Stakeholder Interviews

The purpose of the stakeholder interviews is to gather more specific perspectives from community members and organizations about park needs and desired improvements. Following is a list of stakeholders developed by Cameron McCarthy and NWCPRD. Most stakeholders

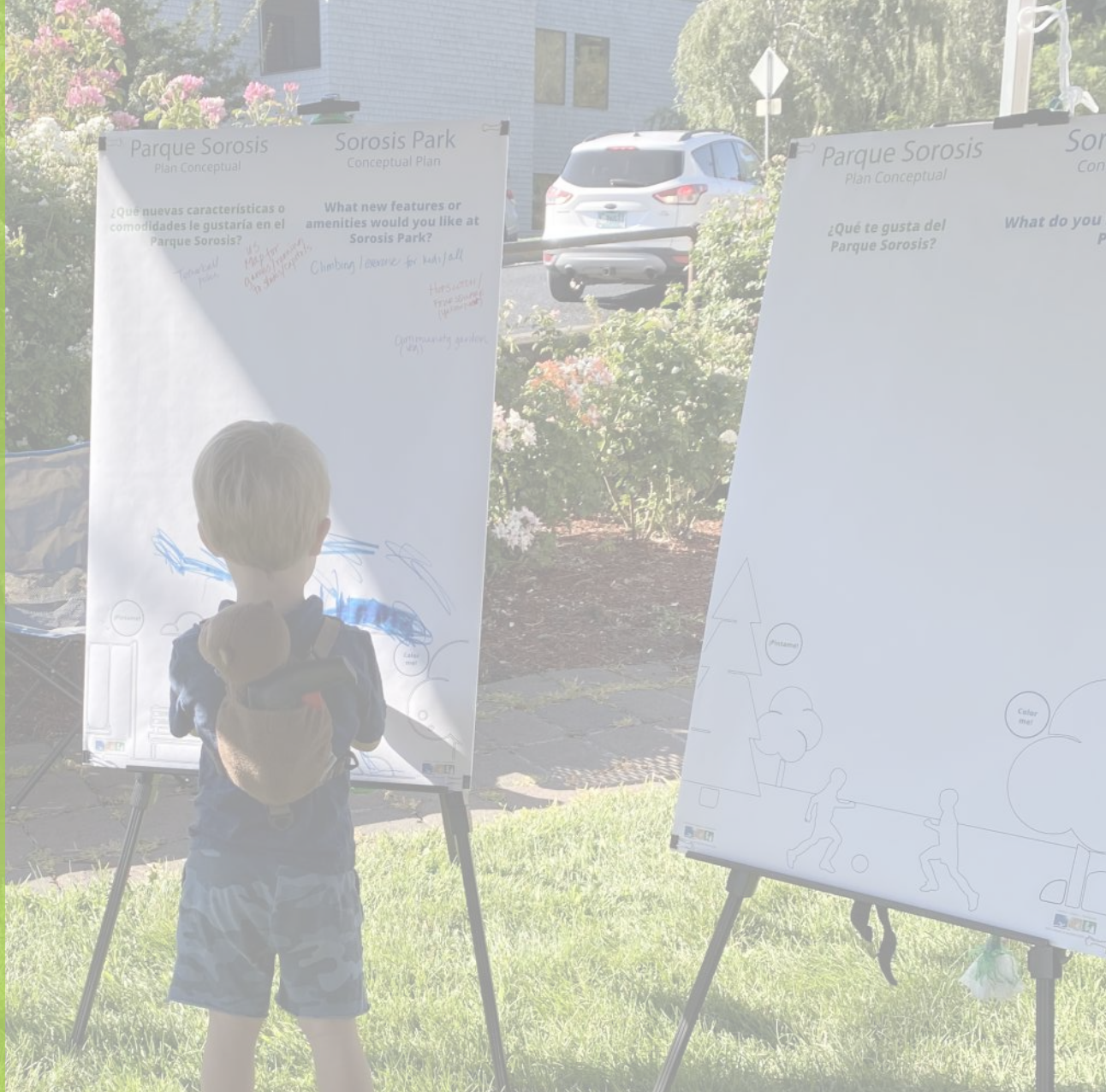
responded affirmatively to Cameron McCarthy's request for an interview. Interviews were conducted by phone and documented the stakeholder's role in the community and their feedback on future Sorosis Park improvements. The following organizations were represented:

- YouthThink
- PRIDE Book Club
- Youth Athletics
- 4H/OHSU Extension
- ODVA The Dalles / Wasco County Veterans Services
- Wasco County Historical Society/Fort Dalles Museum
- The Dalles City
- The Dalles Public Works
- Disc Golf Association
- Pickleball Association
- Girls Softball

Online Survey

An online survey collected public feedback about future improvements to Sorosis Park. The survey included five questions and was available in English and Spanish. Publicized on social media and the District web page, the survey was open from early August to mid-September. The survey received 311 English responses and 3 Spanish responses. The survey included the following free-response questions:

- What do you like about Sorosis Park?
- What existing park features would you like to see improved?
- What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?
- What new features or amenities would you like at Sorosis Park?
- If the park is developed in phases, what improvements do you want to happen first? What improvements could happen later?



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***I GREW UP GOING TO SOROSIS AND NOW
FREQUENTLY TAKE MY 4-YEAR-OLD. IT'S ALWAYS
HAD A MAGIC TO IT WHEN YOU WERE A KID AND
IT'S WONDERFUL TO PASS ON.***

- Online Survey Respondent

2.2 KEY FINDINGS

Tabling Outcomes

Community participants provided useful park-specific commentary during these events. The most common feedback the community shared is summarized below.

La Michoacana Store garnered the most commentary on:

- Participants prioritized tree coverage as an important improvement in initial stages
- Participants enjoy picnic areas
- Multiple participants put a strong emphasis on adding more grills and stations to prepare food
- Participants expressed that shade and greenery makes them feel good and welcome in a park

The Dalles Farmers' Market garnered the most commentary on:

- Participants prioritized tree coverage as an important improvement in initial stages
- Participants enjoy the views of Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood
- Multiple participants put a strong emphasis on adding a splash/water play park and adding bathrooms next to play areas
- Participants expressed the current running/walking trail made them feel good and welcome in the park
- Other amenities frequently requested included: drinking fountains, playground, exercise area, merry go round, pump track, basketball hoops, tetherball hoops, and shade structures
- Many also want more types of programming, including adopt a tree

“THE DIVERSITY OF USES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE PARK MAKE IT A GREAT COMMUNITY RESOURCE. THERE IS PLENTY OF SPACE AT THE PARK YOU CAN DO ACTIVITIES WITH FRIENDS AND NOT WORRY THAT YOU’RE INFRINGING ON THE SPACE OF OTHERS.”

- Online Survey Respondent



Stakeholder Interview Outcomes

This section summarizes key takeaways, or observations, from the collection of interviews.

Positive Community Characteristics

Stakeholders love the tight-knit and supportive community, location, and local history. They also value local community events and partnerships. Sorosis Park is a major destination and keystone for parks and recreation in The Dalles and Wasco County. Stakeholders appreciate the wide variety of amenities (including athletics/fitness, play and social gatherings), previously immersive pine forest and natural environment, scenic views, and central hub for community events.

Welcoming Park Features

Trees and shade are the most often identified features that make interviewees feel good or welcome in a park. Additional park features that stakeholders find welcoming are well-maintained facilities, seeing others actively using the park, irrigated lawn, quiet and relaxing areas to be in nature, and athletic fields/facilities.

Visits to Sorosis Park

Social gatherings, community events, relaxation in nature, the walking trail, and the playground are the top activities interviewees participate in when they visit Sorosis Park. The majority of the stakeholders travel to the park by car. Several stakeholders live nearby and report walking to the park. A couple stakeholders mentioned the Gorge TransLink has a station at the Columbia Gorge Community College.

Barriers and Challenges

The most frequently documented challenges at Sorosis Park included loss of trees (and protection from sun and wind), bathroom accessibility (location, open regularly, ADA access, and capacity), overall site ADA access, condition of fields/lawn (particularly the lack of irrigation). Lack of bilingual signage was also identified as a challenge.

New Services, Features or Amenities

New features most requested by stakeholders included a dog area, additional covered structures for picnicking and sports, trees, tennis and pickleball courts, and a community event space.

Improvements to Existing Features

The most common improvement to existing features is improving the surface of the walking trail and extended the length of the walking trail. Additional improvements include: formalize the ball field complex; repair the lawn and ball fields; condense disc golf course to reduce park user conflicts; upgrade paths, tables/seating, and restrooms for ADA accessibility; update playground equipment, replant trees; increase the amount of shade; highlighting The Dalles identity; and expanding the parking area and capacity.

Top Priorities

Irrigation and replanting trees were most often identified as the top priority for future improvements. The next top priority was picnic shelters.

Additional Comments

- The walking trail was mentioned several times as an asset in The Dalles. It was also noted that it was the only shaded walking trail in The Dalles.
- Stakeholders mentioned there are no public basketball courts in The Dalles. There was interest in developing a covered basketball court at Sorosis Park in the future.
- Overall, stakeholders are optimistic about future improvements. While they are devastated by the tree removal many stakeholders view the situation as a rare opportunity to improve and reimagine the park for future generations.
- When future improvements to the play area or shelter take place, stakeholders have an interest in preserving sentimental elements (e.g. children's name tiles, artwork, and plaques).

Online Survey Outcomes

Community participants provided useful insights, ideas, and recommendations through the online survey. The most common recurring themes and suggestions that emerged from the responses are generalized below.

Question 1: What do you like about Sorosis Park?

- Play Structure
- Walking Path
- Scenic Viewshed
- Trees, Vegetation, Shade
- Open Space (Passive Recreation Opportunities, Accommodates Multiple Uses and Groups)
- Sports Facilities (Disc Golf, Ball Fields, Courts)
- Covered Picnic Area
- Multi-use, Family-Friendly Community Space

Question 2: What existing park features would you like to see improved?

- Playground Repairs / Upgrades
- Trail Maintenance / Upgrades
- More Covered / Shaded Rest Areas
- Bathroom Upgrades
- Trees, Grass, Green Space (Replanting, Restoration, and Irrigation System Upgrade)

Question 3: What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

- Cleanliness and Maintenance of Facilities and Grounds
- Rest Areas (Picnic Tables, Seating, Shade)
- Passive Recreation Opportunities (Walking Trails, Open Space, Play Equipment)
- Trees, Grass, Green Space
- Observing Play and Community Recreation / Active Use

Question 4: What new features or amenities would you like at Sorosis Park?

- Trees
- Bathrooms (Upgraded, Open Year-Round, Strategically Dispersed)
- Playground (Upgraded, ADA-Accessible, All-Ages, Water Play Feature Added)
- Drinking Fountains / Water Bottle Filling Stations
- Dog Off-Leash Area
- Amphitheater / Concert / Event Space
- Shade Structures / Shade Sails

Question 5: If the park is developed in phases, what improvements do you want to happen first? What improvements could happen later?

First Priority

- Trees, Vegetation, Grass Restoration
- Playground Repairs/Upgrades
- Shaded Areas

Second Priority

- Bathroom Upgrades
- Trail Upgrades

Third Priority

- Rest Areas (Upgrades, Additions, Tables, Seating)
- Disc Golf Route Alterations (Separation from Passive Rec Areas)






I THINK THE ABSOLUTE BIGGEST PRIORITIES ARE REPLANTING NEW TREES AND VEGETATION, REBUILDING THE IRRIGATION TO KEEP IT ALL ALIVE, AND REGRADING THE TRAIL AROUND THE PARK PERIMETER. ... THE SOONER WE REPLANT TREES AND GET IRRIGATION, THE SOONER WE CAN GET BACK TO THE PARK SPACE WE REMEMBER AND LOVE.

- Online Survey Respondent



A conceptual site plan for Sorosis Park, overlaid on a green background with a topographic map. The plan shows a parking area with 32 stalls and a flexible event open space, a raised hardscape with a concrete mowstrip, and a path labeled 'E SCENIC DR'. A building labeled 'Columbia Gorge Community College' is also shown.

Raised hardscape with concrete mowstrip. Parking (32 stalls) and flexible event open space.

E SCENIC DR

Columbia Gorge Community College

03

Conceptual Design

Guided by an in-depth site inventory, analysis and community insight, the conceptual design envisions the next chapter for Sorosis Park. Replanting the tree canopy and expanding the irrigation system are at the forefront of future improvements that will enhance the recreation activities and social gatherings at the park. Additional improvements will address the needs for a variety of user groups.

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PROPOSED LANDSCAPE

STREETSCAPE
Paisaje Callejero-Ragado

FOREST
Bosque

OPEN FIELD AND LAWN
Campos y Césped, Regado

DROUGHT TOLERANT
Tolerante a la Sequía

BOTANICAL GARDEN
Jardín Botánico

GRASSY SWALE
Swale de Césped

See recommendations for proposed irrigation.



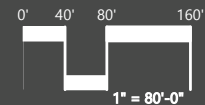


EXISTING ELEMENTS







- EXISTING SIDEWALK**
Acera existente
- SOFT SURFACE PATH**
Superficie de Sendero Suave
- EXISTING TREES**
Arboles Existentes
- EXISTING DISC GOLF HOLE COURSE**
Agujero de Golf de Disco
- EXISTING DISC GOLF HOLE**
Agujero de Golf de Disco
- MONUMENTS AND OVERLOOK**
Monumentos y Vista
- ROSE GARDEN AND FOUNTAIN**
Jardín de Rosas y Fuente
- RESTROOMS**
Baños
- SHELTER**
Área Cubierta
- TENNIS COURTS**
Canchas de Tenis
- DISC GOLF 18 HOLE COURSE**
Campo de Golf de Disco de 9 Hoyos
- BACKSTOP**
Barrera
- SOFTBALL FIELDS**
Campos de Softbol
- CONCESSIONS**
Concesión
- VOLLEYBALL COURTS**
Canchas de Voleibol

PROPOSED ELEMENTS

- CONCRETE SIDEWALK**
Camino de Cemento
- PROPOSED TREES**
Arboles Propuestos
- RELOCATED DISC GOLF COURSE**
Disco de Golf Reubicado
- RELOCATED DISC GOLF HOLE**
Disco de Golf Reubicado
- PAVILION**
Pabellón
- REPLACE GRILL GRATE**
Sostituir la Rejilla de la Parrilla
- PICNIC TABLES / BENCHES (10)**
Mesas de Picnic / Banquillos (10)
- SHELTER**
Área Cubierta
- EVENT SPACE**
Plaza de Eventos
- BIKE RACK**
Portabicicletas
- PORTABLE RESTROOMS**
Baños Portátiles
- PLAYGROUND**
Patio de Recreo
- SHADE STRUCTURES**
Estructuras de Sombra
- BOTANICAL GARDEN**
Jardín Botánico
- BASKETBALL/ PICKLEBALL COURTS**
Cancha de Baloncesto y Pepinillo
- GRASS SWALE**
Jardín de Lluvia



PROPOSED LANDSCAPE

	STREETSCAPE Paisaje Callejero-Ragado
	FOREST Bosque
	OPEN FIELD AND LAWN Campos y Césped, Regado
	DROUGHT TOLERANT Tolerante a la Sequía
	BOTANICAL GARDEN Jardín Botánico
	GRASSY SWALE Swale de Césped

PROPOSED TREE LIST

Botanical	Common	Native	Evergreen	Irrigation	Growth
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	Incense Cedar	X	X	Occasional	Slow
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Common Hackberry			Until established	Moderate
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech			Regularly	Slow
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scotch Pine		X	Until established	
<i>Platanus × acerifolia</i>	London Plane Tree			Until established	Moderate
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	X		Regularly	Fast
<i>Quercus garryana</i>	Oregon White Oak	X		Until established	Slow
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak			Until established	Fast
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak			Until established	Slow
<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	Giant Sequoia		X	Until established	Fast
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	Silver Linden			Until established	Moderate



Populus tremuloides
Quaking Aspen

Proposed Landscapes: Forest, Open Field and Lawn, Botanical Garden
Irrigate regularly



Sequoiadendron giganteum
Giant Sequoia

Proposed Landscapes: Forest, Open Field and Lawn, Drought Tolerant
Irrigate to establishment

Rate	Drought Tolerant	Wind Resistant	Supports Wildlife Habitat	Fire Resistant
	X	X		
te to Fast	X	X	X	X
	X (Moderate)	X	X	
	X	X		
te to Fast	X	X		X
		X	X	X
	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X
te	X	X		



Calocedrus decurrens
Incense Cedar

Proposed Landscapes: Forest, Open Field and Lawn
Irrigate regularly

PROPOSED LANDSCAPE

STREETSCAPE
Paisaje Callejero-Ragado

FOREST
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OPEN FIELD AND LAWN
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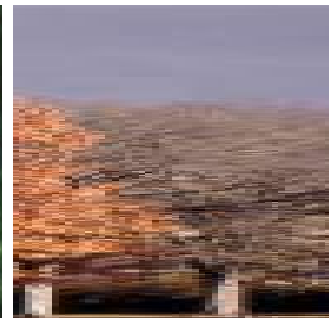
Celtis occidentalis
Common Hackberry

Proposed Landscapes: Drought Tolerant
Irrigate to establishment



Quercus garryana
Oregon White Oak

Proposed Landscapes: Drought Tolerant, Open Field and Lawn
Irrigate to establishment



Quercus rubra
Northern Red Oak

Proposed Landscapes: Drought Tolerant, Open Field and Lawn
Irrigate to establishment



Platanus x acerifolia
London Plane Tree

Proposed Landscapes: Drought Tolerant
Irrigate to establishment



Quercus macrocarpa
Bur Oak







Proposed Landscapes: Drought Tolerant, Open Field and Lawn
Irrigate to establishment



Pinus sylvestris
Scotch Pine

Proposed Landscapes: Drought Tolerant, Open Field and Lawn, Botanical Garden
Irrigate to establishment

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Silver Linden

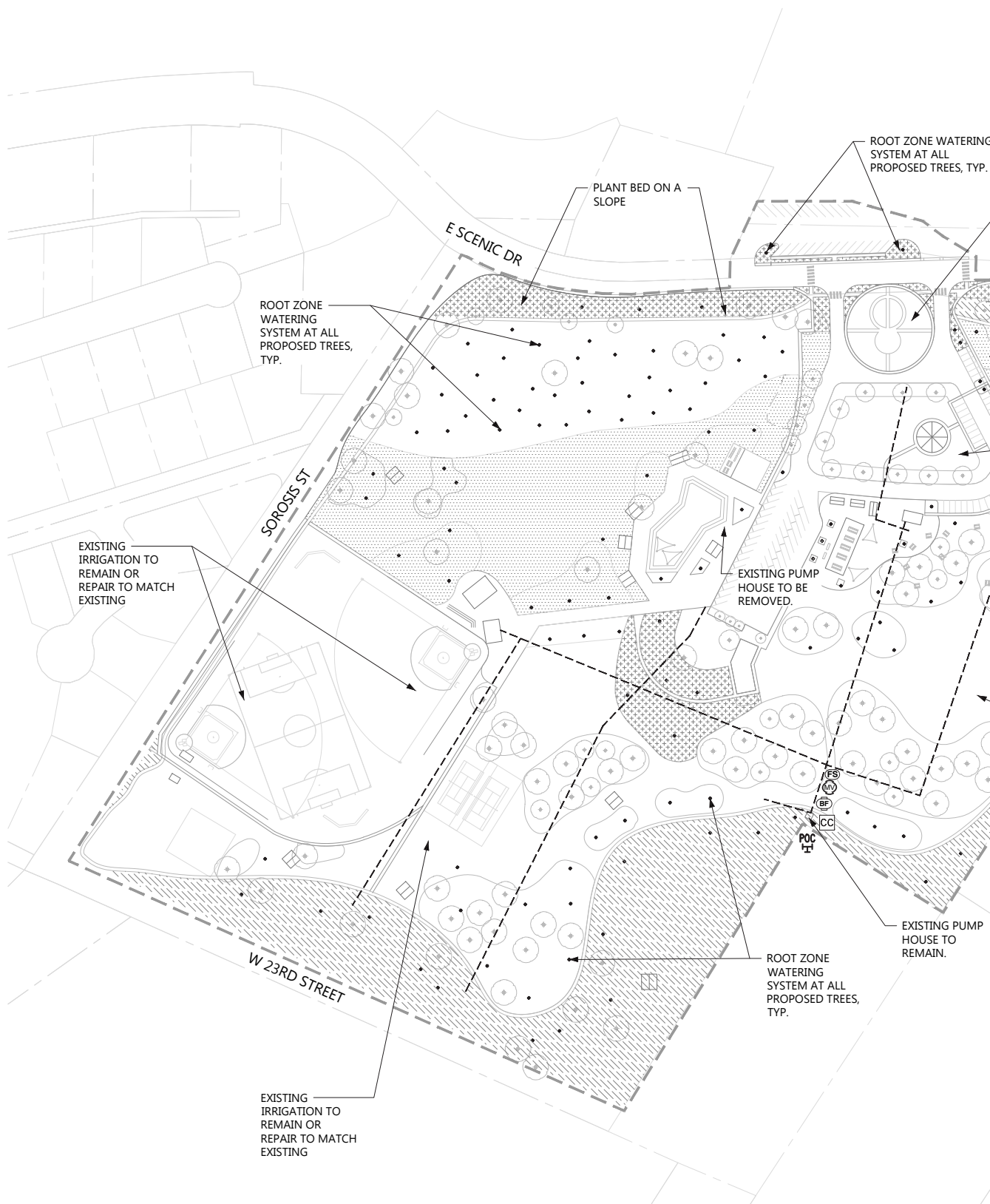


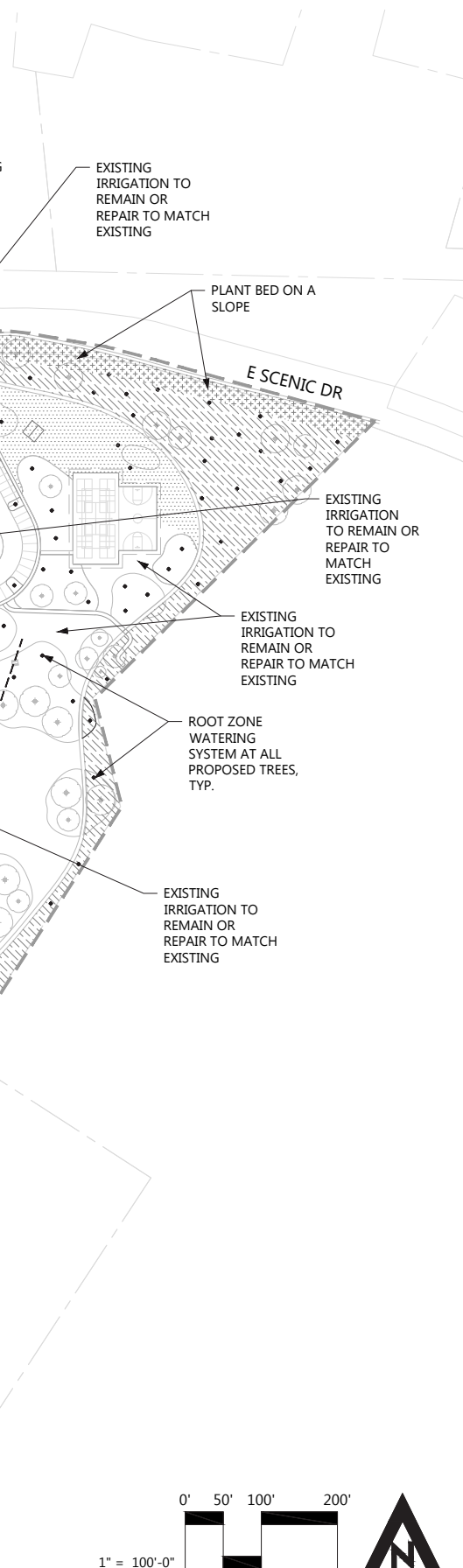
Proposed Landscapes: Drought Tolerant, Open Field and Lawn
Irrigate to establishment



Fagus grandifolia
American Beech

Proposed Landscapes: Open Field and Lawn
Irrigate regularly





LEGEND

- Project Site
- CC Irrigation Controller
- POC Point of Connection
- BF Backflow Device
- MV Master Valve
- FS Flow Sensor
- Existing Mainline, 3"

PROPOSED IRRIGATION AREAS:

- • Proposed Tree Center, See Tree Plan
- Tree Irrigation:
Tree Root Zone Watering System at all Proposed Trees
- Open Field and Lawn Irrigation:
Rotors
- Plant Bed Irrigation:
Rotary Spray Head and/or Drip Line
- Drought Tolerant Landscape Irrigation:
Rotary Spray

NOTES

- Point of connection located in pump house.
- Existing pump house at playground to be removed.
- Existing backflow device to be salvaged and reused.
- Existing controller and pump to be salvaged and returned to owner.
- Existing irrigation is two-wire system with conduit available, contractor to locate/verify.
- Irrigation products to match existing Hunter irrigation products used by The District whenever possible.
- Decrease head and rotor spacing to provide additional spray overlap to address high wind conditions on site.
- Review site grade changes during irrigation design, adjust zones and product selection as needed to provide adequate coverage and control.
- Contractor to locate all existing irrigation components within the project site prior to commencement of work on site. Coordinate with general contractor to ensure this work is completed before any site demolition. Contractor to cut, cap or modify existing components to ensure existing and proposed system will be fully operational and provide full coverage of landscape areas. Contractor to protect existing irrigation in place and maintain irrigation supply to surrounding landscapes during construction. It is the contractor's responsibility to install temporary irrigation supply if required during construction. Notify owner's representative prior to installation if existing conditions require modification to proposed design.
- Irrigation trenching within existing drip-line of trees shall be performed with a hand spade or hydro-excavation.

SITE DATA

- Meter size: 4" contractor to verify.
- Mainline size: 3", contractor to verify.
- PSI: To be determined.
- GPM: To be determined.
- Internet connection at controller to be provided by owner.

RECOMMENDED IRRIGATION PRODUCTS

Conceptual design is based on the following irrigation products:

Controller: Hunter ACC2 + Centralus in metal wall-mounted cabinet
 Master Valve: Hunter 3" ICV
 Flow Sensor: Hunter 3" Flow-Sync
 Valves: Hunter ICV
 Decoders: Hunter, 1 per valve
 Rotors: Hunter I-20 and I-25
 Rotary Spray Head: PROS-12-PRS 40-CV MP-Rotator
 Root Zone Watering System: RZWS-36-25-CV, 2 per tree
 Drip Line: Hunter DripLine, HDL-CV
 Support System: CAT5 cable to controller from router or cell cartridge

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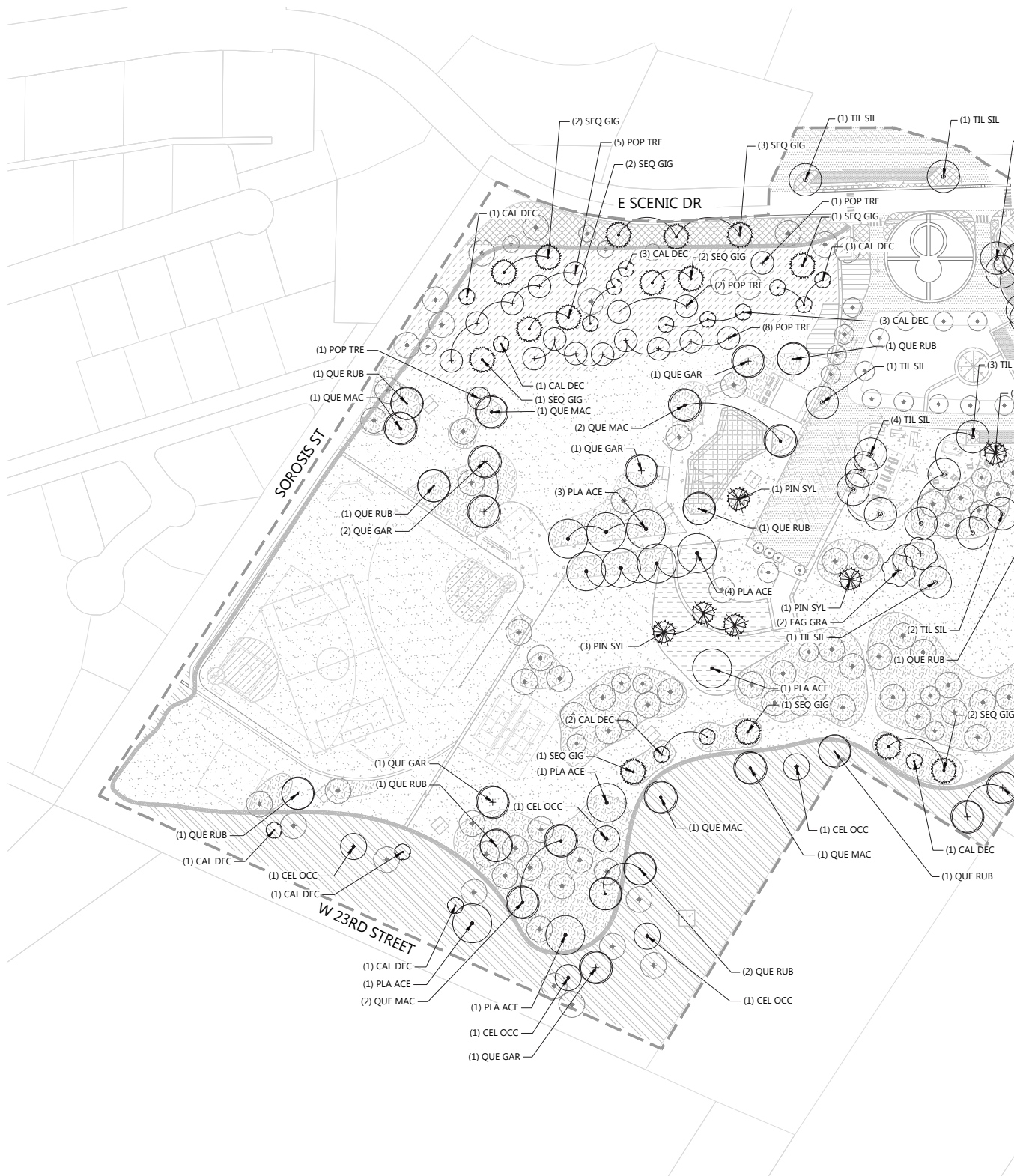
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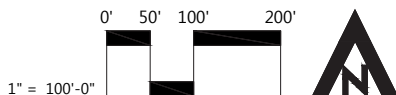
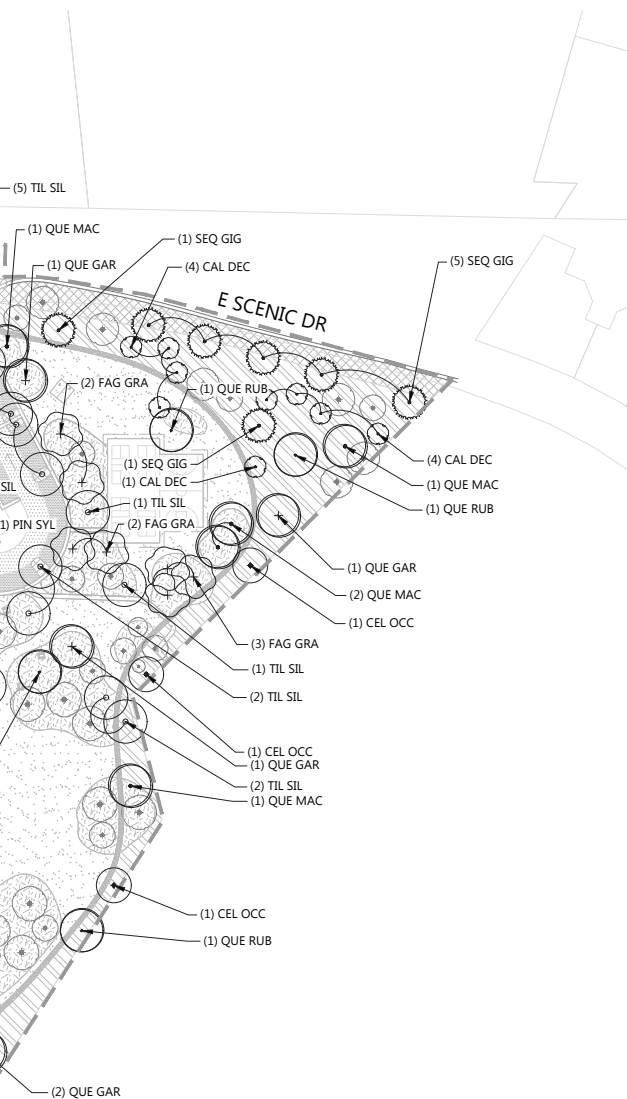
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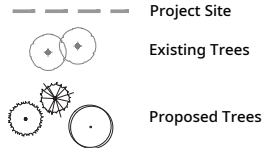
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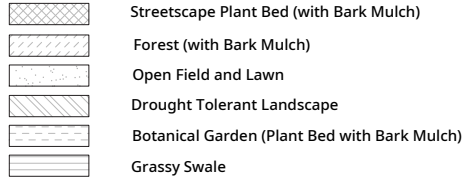




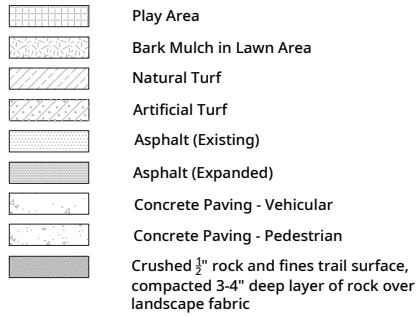
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PROPOSED LANDSCAPE AREAS:



PROPOSED SITE MATERIALS:



NOTES

1. See Sheet L300 for Irrigation Coverage Plan.
2. Install root barrier at all trees within 5' of curbs, walls or paving.
3. Verify exact locations and routing of existing underground utilities prior to starting work.
4. Make minor adjustments in tree spacing as necessary to accommodate the irrigation system as installed.
5. Where new lawn abuts existing, provide a smooth transition and make lawn repairs as necessary.

PLANT SCHEDULE

CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	QTY
CAL DEC	Calocedrus decurrens	Incense Cedar	2" cal	26
CEL OCC	Celtis occidentalis	Common Hackberry	2" cal	8
FAG GRA	Fagus grandifolia	American Beech	2" cal	9
PIN SYL	Pinus sylvestris	Scotch Pine	2" cal	6
PLA ACE	Platanus x acerifolia	London Plane Tree	2" cal	11
POP TRE	Populus tremuloides	Quaking Aspen	2" cal	17
QUE GAR	Quercus garryana	Oregon White Oak	2" cal	11
QUE MAC	Quercus macrocarpa	Burr Oak	2" cal	13
QUE RUB	Quercus rubra	Red Oak	2" cal	13
SEQ GIG	Sequoiadendron giganteum	Giant Sequoia	2" cal	22
TIL SIL	Tilia tomentosa	Silver Linden	2" cal	24
			Total	160

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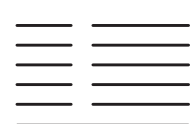
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Recommendations

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4.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview

The approach to replanting tree canopy includes three design strategies based on several layers of criteria. The criteria emerged from input from the District and the public outreach process, environmental constraints, and site inventory and analysis.

The proposed tree species list is responsive to site and climate conditions which limits the list of appropriate trees due to the intense heat, drought and wind conditions that exist in the Gorge. Additional tree species not included on the proposed tree list may be viable with increased irrigation and enhanced plant health monitoring and support.

Criteria

The first layer of the tree species selection process is driven by criteria focused on whether a species is suitable for the Columbia River Gorge climate (including species tolerant of sun, drought, and wind), adaptable to climate change (including fire resistant species), and supportive of wildlife habitat (including species that provide food and shelter for wildlife).

The second layer of the process involves an analysis of proposed tree species identified through the application of the first layer of criteria. The species that meet environmental constraints are further evaluated based on growth rates, native/non-native species status, and tree type (deciduous or evergreen).

The third and final layer of the tree species selection process considers the quality and character that each tree species provides to determine if the species aligns with the community aesthetic associated with Sorosis Park. During the public outreach process many individuals identified Sorosis Park as a unique and treasured place, a restorative refuge, and a welcoming place where they felt safe and deeply

connected with nature and their community. The proposed tree species list includes grand specimen trees that contribute to enhancing the unique character of Sorosis Park (e.g., Giant Sequoia, American Beech, and London Plane Tree). Other trees proposed to be planted in clusters create a new, deciduous interpretation of the welcoming, calming, and protective understory environment Sorosis Park previously provided (e.g., Quaking Aspen).

Design Strategies

The first design strategy introduces drought tolerant trees along the periphery of the park (i.e., drought tolerant landscape) and in some designated interior areas (i.e., the botanical garden). These areas will be irrigated initially to establish plants; however, irrigation is intended to discontinue after establishment (in most cases plant establishment takes approximately 2-3 years). Introducing drought tolerant landscapes with a variety of tree species conserves water and reduces irrigation costs, reduces maintenance efforts, expands plant diversity, and supports plant resiliency. In some cases, drought tolerant plants are also fire resistant.

The second design strategy involves planting trees to bolster tree canopy at the northern periphery (i.e., the streetscape) and by planting trees species to create denser tree canopy at the northwest corner of the park (i.e., the forest). Most of the selected tree species are intended to only be irrigated to establishment, however some may require regular irrigation depending on the final tree species selection. Including proposed tree species with regular or occasional irrigation needs will require more water use and infrastructure investment in order to realize potential benefits. Tree diversity will be greater (which can increase prevention of wide-spread tree devastation from pests and diseases) and an added benefit is trees with faster growth rates. The majority of the proposed regularly irrigated tree species also support wildlife habitat and are wind and fire resistant.



**IT COULD BE A GREAT PLACE TO WELCOME BACK
WILDLIFE SUCH AS NATIVE BIRDS, BATS, AND BEES.**

- Online Survey Respondent

The third design strategy aims to create small stands of trees in large open spaces or adjacent to facilities (i.e., the open field and lawn areas). These areas will be regularly irrigated to maintain lawn areas. Some of the proposed tree species in these areas can withstand drought conditions if needed (i.e., Giant Sequoia, Oregon White Oak, Bur Oak, Northern Red Oak, Scotch Pine, and Silver Linden). Groupings of proposed trees in specific locations are intended to provide shade for existing or proposed facilities such as the playground, the grill and picnic area, and the basketball and pickleball courts.

The three design strategies are applied in the following proposed landscape recommendations.

PLANTING

P1. Drought Tolerant Landscape – Irrigated to Establishment

Install trees in the northeast, east, and southeast areas of the park. Drought tolerant landscape will be irrigated through temporary means during establishment. Irrigation is intended to discontinue once trees are established.

P2. Forest - Irrigate to Establishment (with potential to irrigate regularly if desired)

Install trees along northwest section of the park adjacent to E Scenic Drive. Forest will be irrigated to establish trees. Regular or permanent irrigation may be necessary if final tree species selection requires higher irrigation needs.

P3. Open Field and Lawn – Irrigate Regularly

Repair existing lawn and seed new lawn as shown on plan. Select clusters of existing and proposed trees within the open field and lawn area are to receive bark mulch groundcover to support reduced maintenance (e.g., lawn mowing access and autumn leaf drop).

P4. Streetscape Landscape – Irrigate to Establishment (with potential to irrigate regularly if desired)

Install drought tolerant plants along E Scenic Drive and the main entrance. Streetscape landscape will be irrigated initially and discontinued once plants are established.

P5. Botanical Garden – Irrigate to Establishment (with potential to irrigate regularly if desired)

Implement a botanical garden with a variety of plant species to support habitat, biodiversity, and education. The botanical garden may include native and drought tolerant species, accessible paths and signage for park users to explore and learn about different plant species. The garden may include a few specimen tree species as well.

P6. Grassy Swale – Irrigate to Establishment

Repair or install lawn or grass seed and create a slight depression in the grassy swale area shown on plan. Grassy swale will capture stormwater from the parking lot for water detention and infiltration during a rain event. Due to the climate, a modest stormwater treatment approach like a grassy swale is an appropriate management practice. The grassy swale aesthetic will also blend in with the adjacent open field and lawn areas.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

01. Irrigation System Replacement

Expand, improve, and repair existing irrigation system to provide sufficient water to support park use and vegetation establishment. The redesigned irrigation system will provide irrigation to all areas to establish plants and select areas after establishment that need regular irrigation. Areas with regular irrigation needs include the open field and lawn areas and the existing rose garden. Regular irrigation may be utilized in the forest or botanical garden if species with higher irrigation needs are desired in those locations.

FACILITIES

F1. Playground Replacement

Replace the beloved but aging tree top playground with a comparable sized and themed play area. New play surfacing and equipment will support ADA access. Shade structures will accompany the new play facility to provide shade in the short term until surrounding tree plantings reach maturity. The play area will be surrounded by a sidewalk and a tot track for parents and children to circulate around the playground and to the adjacent picnic shelters.

F2. Portable Restroom Enclosure

Install a portable restroom enclosure to expand restroom availability on site. Relocate the enclosure and portable restrooms to the playground area. Responses from the public outreach process voiced support for a restroom facility closer to the playground to support child safety and supervision by eliminating the need to cross the parking lot and vehicle traffic to use restroom facilities.

***MANY VIEW THE SITUATION
AS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO
IMPROVE AND REIMAGINE
THE PARK FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS.***

- Local resident

F3. Pavilion

Construct a large pavilion structure intended to be a reservable amenity to support large events such as weddings or parties. The location of the pavilion is centrally located, adjacent to parking and the picnic and grill area, and provides excellent views toward the Gorge and Mt. Adams.

F4. Picnic Shelters

Install additional picnic shelters in designated areas in the park. One (1) medium sized structure and three to four (3-4) small structures are recommended to accommodate social gatherings of various sizes. Shelters will include tables, grills, and cooking preparation areas. Install ADA accessible tables, grills and cooking preparation areas.

F5. Existing Shelter

Install roll up garage doors on west side of the existing shelter to provide additional light and air flow when the weather allows. Install ADA accessible tables, grills and cooking preparation areas. Update gas connection and install seating around the existing fireplace.

F6. Existing Grill

Replace grill grate at existing picnic and grill area.

F7. Drinking Fountain

Install additional drinking fountains in areas adjacent to both existing and proposed amenities such as athletics, play areas, and social gathering areas.

F8. Event Space

Construct an open, accessible, and paved plaza to support community events such as markets and celebrations.

F9. Food Vendor Space

Expand concrete paving and install additional utility connections adjacent to the existing picnic and grill area to provide space for food vendors during weekends, special events, and/or weekdays.

F10. Basketball Court and Pickleball Courts

Install a covered basketball court and four pickleball courts adjacent to the expanded parking lot and CGCC campus. Access to public basketball courts is limited in The Dalles and this specific amenity was requested during the public outreach process.

F11. Exercise Station

Install cast in place concrete benches that can be used for both seating and plyometric exercises. Introduce agility training speed ladders on the concrete paving with non-slip paint and stencils. Paint color can coordinate with existing exercise equipment. Install ADA accessible exercise equipment.

F12. Volleyball Court

Replace volleyball nets, poles, and sand to update the existing volleyball court facility.

F13. Disc Golf Course

Relocate disc golf course holes impacted by proposed improvements and modify course as proposed improvements are implemented. Considerations were taken to minimize the impact to the existing disc golf course.

F14. Softball Field

Install artificial turf surface to infield at the northeast softball field.



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PARKING AND ACCESS

PA1. Soft Surface Path

Enhance and supplement the existing soft surface path material to improve traction and expand the path to create a 1-mile loop with mile markers.

PA2. Parking Lot

Resurface existing asphalt parking lot and re-stripe parking stalls. Raise the expanded parking area to the east and designate the area as a flexible overflow event space. Elevating the parking area will slow vehicular traffic and increase pedestrian safety. Improving circulation and pedestrian safety was an improvement identified during the public outreach process.

PA3. Sidewalks

Install new sidewalks in key areas where there are gaps in the existing sidewalk network. Improvements include connections to the softball fields, tennis courts, playground, exercise station, the existing and proposed shelters, the picnic and grill area, the existing and expanded parking areas, the pavilion, the monument and overlook area, crosswalks on E Scenic Drive, the proposed basketball and pickleball courts, the Rose Garden, and the Columbia Gorge Community College.

PA4. Crosswalk

Install five crosswalks to increase pedestrian safety and connectivity at Sorosis Park. Two crosswalks will connect the sidewalk running east to west along Scenic Drive and the Rose Garden. Two additional crosswalks will connect across Scenic Drive between the park and the monument and overlook area, and one crosswalk will connect the pavilion to the restrooms and the picnic and

grill area. The proposed crosswalks are intended to be raised crosswalks to support traffic calming measures. E Scenic Drive is currently a 25 MPH road, and crosswalks on E Scenic Drive and at the park's main entrance will reinforce the speed limit and increase awareness of pedestrian safety.

PA5. Softball Field Access

Install a shared use concrete access road from the existing parking lot to the existing softball fields, concessions, and restrooms. The access road will provide primarily pedestrian access and accommodate several parallel parking spaces for special events, unloading, or maintenance access. The access road leads to an expanded concrete paving area around the existing concessions and restroom buildings and provides fire truck access to structures.





SITE FURNISHINGS

S1. Shade Structures

Install shade structures near amenities such as the playground and the existing picnic table and grill area. Shade structures will provide immediate shade after installation. Providing shade was a high priority from the community during the public outreach process. Shade structures will provide shade and cooling while the proposed trees establish to a size that can provide adequate shade. Shade structures can remain or be removed once trees are established.

S2. Picnic Tables

Install additional uncovered picnic tables adjacent to the existing restroom and picnic area to increase capacity and support multiple group

gatherings simultaneously. Support for both increased capacity and separate picnic areas was identified during the public outreach process.

S3. Benches

Install additional benches throughout the park where existing or proposed facilities are located, along the soft surface trail, and in locations with scenic views of the park or its surroundings.

S4. Bike Rack

Install bike rack near playground.

S5. Bilingual Signage

Install or replace park signage with information in English and Spanish.

4.2 PRIORITIZATION

The recommended projects are prioritized based on input from site inventory and analysis, tabling events in the community, an online public survey, stakeholder interviews, the NWCPRD Master Plan, and input from the NWCPRD Board and District staff. The priority levels consist of High, Medium, and Low. High priority projects are planned for the first five-year planning period (2021-2026).

Medium priority projects are planned for the second five-year planning period (2027-2032). Low priority projects are planned for the third ten-year planning period (2033-2042). The priority levels and schedule may adapt as funding sources are available. See Tables 1 and 2 for the project prioritization schedules.

Table 4.1 Prioritization Schedule by Level

<i>ID</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Priority Level</i>
O1	Irrigation System Replacement	High
P1	Drought Tolerant Landscape	High
P2	Forest	High
P3	Open Field and Lawn	High
P4	Streetscape Landscape	High
F1	Playground Replacement	High
F2	Portable Restroom Enclosure	High
PA1	Soft Surface Path	High
F3	Pavilion	High
F10	Basketball Court and Pickleball Courts	High
F4	Picnic Shelters	Medium
F5	Existing Shelter	Medium
F8	Event Space	Medium
PA2	Parking Lot	Medium
PA3	Sidewalks	Medium

<i>ID</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Priority Level</i>
S1	Shade Structures	Medium
S2	Picnic Tables	Medium
P5	Botanical Garden	Low
P6	Grassy Swale	Low
F6	Existing Grill	Low
F7	Drinking Fountain	Low
F9	Food Vendor Space	Low
F11	Exercise Station	Low
F12	Volleyball Court	Low
F13	Disc Golf Course	Low
F14	Softball Field	Low
PA4	Crosswalk	Low
PA5	Softball Field Access	Low
S3	Benches	Low
S4	Bike Rack	Low
S5	Bilingual Signage	Low



Table 4.2 Prioritization Schedule by ID

<i>ID</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Priority Level</i>
O1	Irrigation System Replacement	High
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P2	Forest	High
P3	Open Field and Lawn	High
P4	Streetscape Landscape	High
P5	Botanical Garden	Low
P6	Grassy Swale	Low
F1	Playground Replacement	High
F2	Portable Restroom Enclosure	High
F3	Pavilion	High
F4	Picnic Shelters	Medium
F5	Existing Shelter	Medium
F6	Existing Grill	Low
F7	Drinking Fountain	Low
F8	Event Space	Medium
F9	Food Vendor Space	Low

<i>ID</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Priority Level</i>
F10	Basketball Court and Pickleball Courts	High
F11	Exercise Station	Low
F12	Volleyball Court	Low
F13	Disc Golf Course	Low
F14	Softball Field	Low
S1	Shade Structures	Medium
S2	Picnic Tables	Medium
S3	Benches	Low
S4	Bike Rack	Low
S5	Bilingual Signage	Low
PA1	Soft Surface Path	High
PA2	Parking Lot	Medium
PA3	Sidewalks	Medium
PA4	Crosswalks	Low
PA5	Softball Field Access	Low

4.3 COST ESTIMATES

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DIRECT CONSTRUCTION COSTS

PROJECT	TOTAL COST	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
LANDSCAPING			
Plantings	\$ 591,832		
		\$ 591,832	
IRRIGATION			
Irrigation	\$ 525,805		
		\$ 525,805	
PAVILION			
Pavilion/Gazebo (large event)	\$ 171,000		
Pedestrian Paving	\$ 23,524		
		\$ 194,524	
PLAYGROUND			
Restrooms	\$ 150,000		
Playground	\$ 349,554		
Site Furnishings and General Improvements	\$ 46,750		
Utilities	\$ 30,000		
Pedestrian Paving	\$ 121,251		
		\$ 697,555	
FOOD VENDOR SPACE AND PICNIC AREA			
Utilities	\$ 20,000		
Site Furnishings and General Improvements	\$ 89,710		
Pedestrian Paving	\$ 138,710		
		\$ 248,420	
SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS			
Fencing	\$ 37,150		
Plantings	\$ 133,049		
Pedestrian Paving	\$ 220,949		
		\$ 391,148	
PARKING LOTS			
Parking Lots and Crosswalks	\$ 180,912		
Pedestrian Paving	\$ 101,400		
		\$ 282,312	
VOLLEYBALL COURTS			
Sand Volleyball	\$ 111,000		
		\$ 111,000	
MULTI-USE COURTS			
Multi-Use Courts	\$ 313,590		
Pedestrian Paving	\$ 9,425		
		\$ 323,015	
PICNIC SHELTERS			
Picnic Shelters	\$ 246,360		
Pedestrian Paving	\$ 46,800		
		\$ 293,160	

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DIRECT CONSTRUCTION COSTS			
PROJECT	TOTAL COST	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS			
Site Furnishings and General Improvements	\$ 118,280		
		\$ 118,280	
PARK HOST SITE			
Site Furnishings and General Improvements	\$ 49,500		
		\$ 49,500	
EXISTING SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS			
Utilities	\$ 5,000		
Existing Picnic Shelter	\$ 24,000		
Pedestrian Paving	\$ 78,150		
		\$ 107,150	
SOFT SURFACE PATH			
Pedestrian Paving	\$ 105,110		
		\$ 105,110	
MULTI-USE COURT COVERED STRUCTURE			
Multi-Use Court Covered Structure	\$ 579,642		
		\$ 579,642	
	Estimated Direct Construction Cost		\$ 4,618,453
CONTINGENCY (30%)			
			\$ 1,385,536
	Estimated Total Cost		\$ 6,003,989

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DIRECT CONSTRUCTION COSTS

PROJECT	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
LANDSCAPING						
G2050 LANDSCAPING						
Plantings						
Tree Plantings	160	EA	\$ 180.00	\$ 28,800		
Bark Mulch, 4 inch depth	2824	CY	\$ 38.00	\$ 107,312		
Botanical Garden	14037.5	SF	\$ 3.8500	\$ 54,044		
Drought Tolerant Landscape	20000	SF	\$ 3.85	\$ 77,000		
Streetscape Planting	46878	SF	\$ 3.85	\$ 180,480		
Open Field and Lawn	500000	SF	\$ 0.25	\$ 125,000		
Grassy Swale	3309.5	SF	\$ 5.80	\$ 19,195		
					\$ 591,832	
IRRIGATION						
G2050 LANDSCAPING						
Irrigation						
Controller, Hunter	1	EA	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500		
Master Valve, Hunter 3" ICV	1	EA	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000		
Pump, Hunter 3" Flow-Sync	1	EA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000		
Pressure Reducer / Booster Pump	1	EA	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500		
Cellular Module	1	EA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000		
Plant Bed - Rotary Sprays, Hunter	80916	SF	\$ 1.80	\$ 145,648		
Lawn Area - Rotors, Hunter	147865	SF	\$ 1.80	\$ 266,157		
Trees - Root Zone Watering System, Hunter	160	EA	\$ 100.00	\$ 16,000		
					\$ 525,805	
PAVILION						
F1010 SPECIALTY STRUCTURES						
Pavilion/Gazebo (large event)						
New Pavilion/Gazebo	1	EA	\$ 171,000.00	\$ 171,000		
					\$ 171,000	
G2030 PEDESTRIAN PAVING						
Pedestrian Paving						
Concrete Paving and Paths (5 ft width)						
Paving, base	3619	SF	\$ 6.50	\$ 23,524		
					\$ 23,524	

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PROJECT	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
PLAYGROUND						
F1010 SPECIALTY STRUCTURES						
Restrooms						
New Restroom	1	EA	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000		
					\$ 150,000	
G2040 SITE DEVELOPMENT						
Playground						
Playground Equipment	1	AL	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000		
Play Surfacing	10532	SF	\$ 14.20	\$ 149,554		
					\$ 349,554	
Site Furnishings and General Improvements						
Shade Structures, Custom Canopies 33'x33'x40'	2	EA	\$ 23,375.00	\$ 46,750		
					\$ 46,750	
G3000 UTILITIES						
Utilities						
Sewer System	1	AL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000		
Water Supply	1	AL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000		
Power Supply	1	AL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000		
					\$ 30,000	
G2030 PEDESTRIAN PAVING						
Pedestrian Paving						
Concrete Paving and Paths (5 ft width)						
Paving, base	18654	SF	\$ 6.50	\$ 121,251		
					\$ 121,251	
FOOD VENDOR SPACE AND PICNIC AREA						
G3000 UTILITIES						
Utilities						
Water Supply	1	AL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000		
Power Supply	1	AL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000		
					\$ 20,000	
G2040 SITE DEVELOPMENT						
Site Furnishings and General Improvements						
Picnic Tables, Landscape Forms Gretchen	12	EA	\$ 3,580.00	\$ 42,960		
Shade Structures, Custom Canopies 33'x33'x40'	2	EA	\$ 23,375.00	\$ 46,750		
					\$ 89,710	
G2030 PEDESTRIAN PAVING						
Pedestrian Paving						
Concrete Paving and Paths (5 ft width)						
Paving, base	21340	SF	\$ 6.50	\$ 138,710		
					\$ 138,710	

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PROJECT	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS						
G2040 SITE DEVELOPMENT						
Fencing						
Softball Field	325	LF	\$ 22.00	\$ 7,150		
Backstop	2	EA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000		
					\$ 37,150	
G2050 LANDSCAPING						
Plantings						
Natural Turf Infield	6823	SF	\$ 7.00	\$ 47,761		
Artificial Turf Infield	6823	SF	\$ 12.50	\$ 85,288		
					\$ 133,049	
G2030 PEDESTRIAN PAVING						
Pedestrian Paving						
Concrete Paving and Paths (5 ft width)						
Paving, base	7161	SF	\$ 6.50	\$ 46,547		
Reinforced Concrete Paving						
Paving, base	18753	SF	\$ 9.30	\$ 174,403		
					\$ 220,949	
PARKING LOTS						
G2020 PARKING LOTS						
Parking Lots and Crosswalks						
Access Roundabout and Parking Lots (expanded)						
Paving, curbs, base, signage, striping	12281	SF	\$ 5.15	\$ 63,247		
Parking Lots (accessible)						
Paving, curbs, base, signage, striping	2152	SF	\$ 5.15	\$ 11,083		
Parking Lots (existing, improved)						
Overlay, signage, striping	70555	SF	\$ 1.50	\$ 105,833		
Crosswalk						
Striping	500	SF	\$ 1.50	\$ 750		
					\$ 180,912	
G2030 PEDESTRIAN PAVING						
Pedestrian Paving						
Concrete Paving and Paths (5 ft width)						
Paving, base	15600	SF	\$ 6.50	\$ 101,400		
					\$ 101,400	
VOLLEYBALL COURTS						
G2040 SITE DEVELOPMENT						
Sand Volleyball						
Courts (incl. nets, poles, sand)	11100	SF	\$ 10.00	\$ 111,000		
					\$ 111,000	

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MULTI-USE COURTS						
G2040 SITE DEVELOPMENT						
Multi-Use Courts						
Basketball Courts (1)	4200	SF	\$ 36.95	\$ 155,190		
Pickleball Courts (4)	7200	SF	\$ 22.00	\$ 158,400		
					\$ 313,590	
G2030 PEDESTRIAN PAVING						
Pedestrian Paving						
Concrete Paving and Paths (5 ft width)						
Paving, base	1450	SF	\$ 6.50	\$ 9,425		
					\$ 9,425	
PICNIC SHELTERS						
G2040 SITE DEVELOPMENT						
Picnic Shelters						
New Picnic Shelters (12' x 12', with tongue and groove upgrade)	8	EA	\$ 26,215.00	\$ 209,720		
Counter Top Space	8	EA	\$ 700.00	\$ 5,600		
Grill	8	EA	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,400		
Picnic Tables, Landscape Forms Gretchen	8	EA	\$ 3,580.00	\$ 28,640		
					\$ 246,360	
G2030 PEDESTRIAN PAVING						
Pedestrian Paving						
Concrete Paving						
Paving, base	7200	SF	\$ 6.50	\$ 46,800		
					\$ 46,800	
GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS						
G2040 SITE DEVELOPMENT						
Site Furnishings and General Improvements						
Bicycle Parking	20	EA	\$ 350.00	\$ 7,000		
Trash Receptacles	10	EA	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 19,800		
Entrance Sign	1	EA	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000		
Informational Kiosks	2	EA	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000		
Benches, Landscape Forms Gretchen	12	EA	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 29,280		
Cast in Place Concrete Benches	10	EA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000		
Electric Vehicle Charging Station	2	EA	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000		
Drinking Fountain	2	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000		
Disc Golf Course Adjustments	100	SF	\$ 6.50	\$ 650		
Trail Mile Markers	5	EA	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500		
Replace Grill Cover	30	LF	\$ 25.00	\$ 750		
Exercise Area Improvements (Pavement Striping for Training Activities)	200	SF	\$ 1.50	\$ 300		
					\$ 118,280	

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PROJECT	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
PARK HOST SITE						
G2040 SITE DEVELOPMENT						
General Improvements						
Park Host Site	4500	SF	\$ 11.00	\$ 49,500	\$ 49,500	
EXISTING SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS						
G3000 UTILITIES						
Utilities						
Propane Supply	1	AL	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
G2040 SITE DEVELOPMENT						
Existing Picnic Shelter						
Barn Doors	2	EA	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	
G2030 PEDESTRIAN PAVING						
Pedestrian Paving						
Concrete Paving and Paths (5 ft width)						
Paving, base	12023	SF	\$ 6.50	\$ 78,150	\$ 78,150	
SOFT SURFACE PATH						
G2030 PEDESTRIAN PAVING						
Pedestrian Paving						
Crushed Rock Trail (3 ft width)						
Trail	65694	SF	\$ 1.60	\$ 105,110	\$ 105,110	
MULTI-USE COURT COVERED STRUCTURE						
F1010 SPECIALTY STRUCTURES						
Multi-Use Court Covered Structure						
Multi-Use Court Covered Structure	13801	SF	\$ 42.00	\$ 579,642	\$ 579,642	
Estimated Direct Construction Cost						\$ 4,618,453

NOTES:

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APPENDIX A

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS SUMMARY AND NOTES

TO: SCOTT BAKER (NWCPRD)

FROM: COLIN MCARTHUR, LIZ AUVIL (CAMERON MCCARTHY)

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2021

SUBJECT: **SOROSIS PARK CONCEPTUAL PLAN
STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS SUMMARY AND NOTES**

INTRODUCTION

As part of the community outreach and engagement process for the Sorosis Park Conceptual Plan project, Cameron McCarthy conducted various types of outreach including stakeholder interviews, focus group discussions, and an online survey. The purpose of the stakeholder interviews is to gather more specific perspectives from community members and organizations about park needs and desired improvements. Following is a list of stakeholders developed by Cameron McCarthy and NWCPRD and the questions that were used to guide the interviews. Most stakeholders responded affirmatively to Cameron McCarthy's request for an interview. Interviews were conducted by phone and documented the stakeholder's role in the community and their feedback on future Sorosis Park improvements.

TABLE 1. STAKEHOLDER LIST

NAME	ORGANIZATION/ROLE
Debby Jones	YouthThink
Barbara Telfer	PRIDE Book Club
Lamont Crichton-Tunai	Youth Athletics
Lu Seapy	4H/OHSU Extension
Russell Jones	ODVA The Dalles / Wasco County Veterans Services
Cal McDermid	Wasco County Historical Society/Fort Dalles Museum
Julie Krueger	The Dalles City Manager
Dave Anderson	The Dalles Public Works Director
Keith Howe	Disc golf Association
Tim McGlothlin	Pickleball Association
Tanner Elliott	Girls Softball Board Member

KEY TAKEAWAYS

This section summarizes key takeaways, or observations, from the collection of interviews.

Positive Community Characteristics

- Stakeholders love the tight-knit and supportive community, the location (weather, scenery, and proximity to outdoor recreation), and the local history. They also value local community events and local partnerships. Sorosis Park is a major destination and keystone for parks and recreation in The Dalles and Wasco County. Stakeholders appreciate the wide variety of amenities (including athletics/fitness, play and social gatherings), previously immersive pine forest and natural environment, scenic views, and central hub for community events.

Welcoming Park Features

- Trees and shade are the most often identified features that make interviewees feel good or welcome in a park. Additional park features that stakeholders find welcoming are well-maintained facilities, seeing others actively using the park, irrigated lawn, quiet and relaxing areas to be in nature, and athletic fields/facilities.

Visits to Sorosis Park

- Social gatherings, community events, relaxation in nature, the walking trail, and the playground are the top activities interviewees participate in when they visit Sorosis Park.
- Majority of the stakeholders travel to the park by car. Several stakeholders live nearby and report walking to the park. A couple stakeholders mentioned the Gorge TransLink has a station at the Columbia Gorge Community College.

Barriers and Challenges

- The most frequently documented challenges at Sorosis Park included loss of trees (and the protection from sun and wind), bathroom accessibility (location, open regularly, ADA access, and capacity), overall site ADA access, condition of fields/lawn (particularly the lack of irrigation). Lack of bilingual signage was also identified as a challenge.

New Services, Features or Amenities

- New features most requested by stakeholders included a dog area, additional covered structures for picnicking and sports, trees, tennis and pickleball courts, and a community event space.

Improvements to Existing Features

- The most common improvement to existing features is improving the surface of the walking trail and extended the length of the walking trail. Additional improvements include: formalize the ball field complex; repair the lawn and ball fields; condense disc golf course to reduce park user conflicts; upgrade paths, tables/seating, and restrooms for ADA accessibility; update playground equipment, replant trees; increase the amount of shade; highlighting The Dalles identity; and expanding the parking area and capacity.

Top Priorities

- Irrigation and replanting trees were most often identified as the top priority for future improvements. The next top priority was picnic shelters.

Additional Comments

- The walking trail was mentioned several times as an asset in The Dalles. It was also noted that it was the only shaded walking trail in The Dalles.
- Stakeholders mentioned there are no public basketball courts in The Dalles. There was interest in

developing a covered basketball court at Sorosis Park in the future.

- Overall, stakeholders are optimistic about future improvements. While they are devastated by the tree removal many stakeholders view the situation as a rare opportunity to improve and reimagine the park for future generations.
- When future improvements to the play area or shelter take place, stakeholders have an interest in preserving sentimental elements (e.g. children's name tiles, artwork, and plaques).

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Lamont Crichton-Tunai

Role: Award Winning State and National Athletics Coach and Youth Mental/Physical Health Advocate

Date: 8/20/2021

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

Grew up in The Dalles in 1998. Currently lives in The Dalles and coaches youth athletics; his children play sports. Leader at Island Boy Camp (athletics), a family run organization for football and tournaments. Organization embraces Samoan culture and focuses on giving kids what they need mentally and physically. During COVID coaches stayed in touch with kids and supported them with academics and help them get scholarships so they can go to school and pursue further education. 3,000-4,000 kids participated in program to date. He does strength and conditioning trainings. He did trainings during COVID for any kids interested in exercising. He uses Sorosis Park for youth training activities. He plays music while they exercise, run and train. He talks with kids about their mental health and struggles during their trainings. He coaches youth digitally with videos and social media, too. Youth is his main concern in The Dalles.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

The youth and the tight knit/supportive community. The community loves his cooking and having dinners. He loves seeing youth develop and overcoming challenges. There were times when I couldn't afford to play sports and the community stepped up to pay for fees or equipment for me. We help each other, and it's an honor to give back to a community that has supported me. Our coaches did a lot for us when I was in school. They encouraged us to keep up with good grades and help you with your homework over dinner. We are all about family. We also barbeque at the park after practice. Before we eat, we start the community meal with a prayer. Kids appreciate what coaches show them about life and respect and appreciating others in their family and community. We have week-long camps with athletic trainings; upcoming one in December. The coaches will teach classes to athletes. One class is about sports and one is about cooking and other life skills. We involve the community as much as possible and community supports us with donations and donations for raffles (fishing trips, tree services, Blazer tickets, etc.) We also do fundraisers where people purchase food meals that we prepare.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

Little League softball has done some amazing improvements to the one usable field up there. I'd love to see an actual complex with a main concession stand and restrooms and central, and then the fields would happen past there (4 fields). We used to host tournaments (mostly baseball tournaments) and if we had a complex for softball/baseball we could host tournaments.

Tennis and pickleball courts could be turned into basketball. Basketball tournaments could generate revenue for the town. The cost would be significant if there were 40-50 teams and \$500-\$800 admission per team, and all the hotel rooms could be booked to host the teams. Wrestling used to have tournaments and it would be great to see that again too.

Parking is an issue. People must park on the street. Parking at softball needs improvements—there is just a dirt area and one row of parking at the back corner of the park. A lot of park space could be used to support parking.

Currently the park supports pickleball, softball and disc golf. There's not much you can do besides those sports—you can also walk, sit, and barbeque. There is a huge open space between exercise station and softball fields, same thing between the grill area and the college. Huge open spaces with no amenities.

Basketball has no location to play in town, especially since there is not a covered area to play basketball year-round. The kids need more training areas. Basketball and baseball need indoor or covered area for harsh weather of season. High school has indoor area but no one else in town has space to train. It's limiting for any people or kids that don't participate in school sports. Basketball and volleyball compete for gym space; some teams must travel to Dufur to practice in an indoor facility or covered facility. It deters kids from participating in sports. The District could host tournaments at Sorosis Park. We need to generate revenue for the town and support purchasing supplies for youth sports equipment. Our youth needs investment, even to purchase supplies that are standard in other parts of the state. We don't have the minimum equipment we need.

We struggle with Wahtonka field. Hood River and Hermiston have turf fields but we don't, and our youth and youth athletic programs suffer for it.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

Sorosis Park because I couldn't continue using the High School fields.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

I like the one good softball field. I like to train youth.

b. How do you travel to the park?

I drive to the park.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for residents?

The park closes at night, and if park was open people would continue to use it in the evenings. Or maybe a portion of the park with barbeques, picnic areas or fire pit area could remain open in the evenings.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

Little League softball and the disc golf group is currently served. Youth could be better served. No youth tournaments. Sorosis Park is a huge amenity and attraction; we could leverage it with facilities to generate revenue to support youth equipment, fees, etc.

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

Parking, dated/unkept fields, conflicts with disc golf and other activities. Loss of trees is difficult, but it did open some new space in the park. Disc golf should not be cutting through barbeque area or open space for impromptu activities/gatherings/picnicking/informal trainings or exercises. Disc golf overlaps with the tee ball area and walking paths, etc.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Softball, basketball. Also, tournaments to support/generate local revenue. Repaired surface (lawn/other to fix muddy areas during harsher/wetter weather). Covered structures or gazebos, grilling area would support group gatherings. Existing shelter could have a grill area. In the past they would barbeque at the ramp/adjacent to the shelter. More equipment like this site: <https://gfoutdoorfitness.com/>

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Covered basketball courts, volleyball courts that are covered and updated. Right next to the new exercise station, you could add additional training facilities. Speed ladders could be added (even spray painted and affordable) 25 feet long and three. A concrete block could be used for parametric exercises (height could be 12", 20", 24", 30"). A tire flip that is stationary but used for exercise.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

Update disc golf course or condensing the course to avoid conflicts with disc golf games and other activities happening. There are a lot of overlapping areas and conflicts with youth athletics. Softball field is hard dirt clay and needs improvements.

Lots of open space with nothing in between—I would like to see more activities in between. More parking lot speed bumps should be added to slow down cars. Kids are moving across that parking lot and it's dangerous when cars move quickly through the parking lot. Expand parking lot. On the weekend there is no parking available in the park because it is full.

The bathrooms are usually locked so when I train kids so I have to send kids all the way over to the parking lot portable restrooms. There is another bathroom near the parking but it's too far from the athletic fields. We need a restroom closer to athletics that is open/updated. It could be near the tennis courts with adding a basketball court that is covered. There are only four hoops in town available for anyone, and they are not covered.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

Power access at shelters. Volleyball and ball fields are used; keep them.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

Basketball hoops could happen first; there isn't any of them available in town so adding another new activity that anyone can use is important. Generating revenue would be incredible.

Designated area for dogs so fields aren't impacted by pet waste.

Parking would be good to add later. Especially for events at the large shelter, people must drop people off and then walk back.

Pool covered would be useful; and we could have tournaments year-round. Covered facilities are important in a lot of the parks. Kids that want to train for swimming, etc. can't use facilities during off-season or can't afford to use other facilities that are covered, or their parents cannot drive them to facility in Hood River. Lack of support for covered facilities deters kids from playing sports; they get discouraged because they don't have a place to play/train throughout the year.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

Attending local events.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Keith Howe

Role: Leader in Disc Golf League and Disc Golf Tournament

Date: 8/20/2021

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

He started being involved with disc golf in The Dalles. He started to raise money for signage and tee pads, and safety improvements for course. Previously the Boy Scouts added some improvements.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

It's a small, close community. Amenities are close together however not many outdoor activities folks can do in The Dalles so Sorosis Park is a huge asset.

Concern with new trees—tree protection. Pier Park has tree protection around trees to protect against disc golf discs and wildlife like deer.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

Location makes a great park, and beauty is welcoming. Irrigated lawn, trees and shade make a park feel welcoming. It makes a park feel welcoming to bring family and children. Picnic spots feel welcoming and enjoyable in a park. Picnic spots that are more permanent and not movable and out of the way from the disc golf course would be helpful. Designated areas so people are safe and out of the way from disc golf traffic. Spots to sit and eat would be fantastic.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

No comment.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

No comment.

b. How do you travel to the park?

Most people drive there, and some people jog up the hill to the park and then return. Not many bicyclists because no designated bike areas/paths. Only one way in and out along Scenic Drive.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for residents?

No bike paths or bike areas in the park so that is a barrier. Folks walk within the neighborhood to the park. Folks use the college parking lot, park parking lot, across the street and the softball parking lot.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

It is difficult to get water up at the park. People can't access water for drinking at the park so it's restrictive. Field that was multi-use now has a softball fence so it's exclusively softball users now. Fence is permanently used now so there's no room for other field sports.

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

Challenges include irrigation, shade and drinking water. However, bathrooms are also a challenge; they have been closed often. They are open now and had pipes replaced I believe but bathroom access has been limited in the past.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Tennis and pickleball is well used and a good amenity. Volleyball is rarely used. Horseshoe pit is never used. Volleyball and Horseshoe areas are south and east of softball fields. Focus on supporting well used activities.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Picnic tables and permanent picnic areas, bathroom access, drinking water. Maybe cornhole. I would like to see the community involved in deciding what kinds of trees are put into the park prior to those improvements happening. I'm interested in also participating in locating trees so there are minimal conflicts to current activities.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

New workout facility is in good condition, playground is always used.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

Everything except horseshoe pits could be preserved. Volleyball could be left alone.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

Irrigation is top priority; trees are also a top priority, so they start growing as soon as possible. Small structures for picnicking are a top priority along with the playground. Those are primary improvements; everything else can be preserved or remain (except horseshoe can be removed).

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

Mid-Columbia Disc Golf Association page on Facebook where he posts information and announcements, and he sends out emails.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Tim McGlothlin

Role: City Councilor

Date: 8/23/2021

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

City Councilor, former past President of The Dalles Lion's Club, and President of The Dalles Pickleball Association.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

The people, the weather, the location, and our friends.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

Well-maintained park. The Dalles Lions' Club has volunteered an incredible amount of maintenance. Bathrooms, the splash park at Thompson Park, Kelley Avenue, Rose Garden at Sorosis Park. The Dalles Pickleball Association donated a windscreen.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

City Park, Aquatic Park, Sorosis Park. Grandchildren and children bring me to parks to play and gather.

4. Do you visit Soros Park? Why/why not?

Yes, we use tree top play park—we were part of the group that invested in it, and we've used it constantly over the years. It's a matter of pride for our community.

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

We use playground and pickleball courts, and the picnic shelter. We had a barbeque after playing pickleball (29 people). Another 25 people using the shelter on a different day.

b. How do you travel to the park?

We walk to the park.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Soros Park challenging for residents?

ADA access has been improved.

6. Who does Soros Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

In the past I would have said the Hispanic community, but I see nothing happening that excludes any groups. And low-income groups have access to parks because the parks are free to use. Our pickleball group has a small \$15 fee per year that goes to operational costs, but other members donate to the parks.

7. What challenges do Soros Park currently face? What are your concerns?

Anything that promotes health and wellness. Improved walking trails and pickleball courts.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Soros Park?

The baseball fields are well-supported. A lot of people play frisbee golf. We should paint the frisbee goals. Dog walkers aren't well supported, and we could use a dog park.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Soros Park?

Pickleball tournament at Soros Park where the old tennis courts used to be (on the east side) in addition to other events/concerts/tournaments/conventions. Soros Park could be a center for major events because we have beautiful views and weather. Covered swimming pool would be great for young people to practice swimming in the winter/etc.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

No, not necessarily. Other than frisbee golf, pickleball courts, maintenance, and irrigation of lawn areas.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

Not necessarily. In other areas, Riverfront Park needs some improvements at the parking area.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

Tree replanting. Pickleball courts that aren't shared with tennis courts.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

Text messages, Groupwise, Google Groups, Email, Social Media (Facebook, etc.), Word of Mouth, Posters/Bulletin Boards.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Barbara Telfer

Role: PRIDE Book Club founder and Librarian

Date: 8/24/2021

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

Worked at library for 12 years—she was born and raised here. Her parents were involved in local events/issues. She worked at OHSU Medical Library, studied at UO, and finally came back to The Dalles and work at the library. She participated in local bands. She got involved with the National Alliance for Mental Health Issues and started the PRIDE Adult Book Club. She is looking forward to being involved with music as she will retire soon (September 3). Sorosis Park has been a fixture in our lives. They had a picnics there growing up.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

It's her hometown and she knows many people here. She loves history and it's the end of the Overland Trail. Her dad was a firefighter, and they would open their fire station door and have coffee and chat with the community. It's an interesting community, and it depends on which part of the community that you participate in. It's a mix of rural and somewhat urban (because of the community college). It can be close knit if you have connections or a community to be a part and.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

In The Dalles shade is so important. The existing path around Sorosis Park is nice to walk on. The frisbee golf is highly used. The exercise area is very nice. I'm very impressed with all the features. It is nice to have quieter areas, too. The automobile show has been at Sorosis Park in the past and it is a huge attraction/event. Having a variety of activities is nice, but so is making room for quiet spots to rest. Existing Oaks are still beautiful.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

Events draw me to parks. City Park is close to the library, and it has the Farmers Market on Saturday. It has lots of shade and an area for kids. Breeze is nice.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

We walk our dog up there. Sorosis Park is on a high spot and you can get a breeze if there is one. We had library picnics up there, and staff gatherings. We sometimes get takeout food and go sit and eat, or when I was younger I would go read up there.

b. How do you travel to the park?

We drive.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for residents?

I'm not aware of any barriers. I haven't heard about any complaints about noise. And I do see a variety of people in the park on Sunday when we walk our dog. There are not a lot of signs with Spanish on them in the area. We have a couple markets for Hispanic community. At the library we're open and encouraging with a variety of groups like homeless individuals, but there are places that are less tolerant. Many places in town are trying to find bilingual skills. Language is probably the biggest barrier.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

I have seen all ages and different groups at the park. I have seen a grandmother in a wheelchair for a children's party. It is somewhat flat to move around. Different sized groups use the park. The Steak Feed, firework show has hundreds of people, and family parties with lots of people, and there are small groups (3-4)

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

We need more restrooms to support the athletic ball games. We need better paths for ADA compliance. We need more trees, but I know it takes more time.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

It is fun to have picnics, and they have the grill area. The shelter is also nice (we hosted a high school reunion). Another shelter would be nice so you could have more groups. The tennis courts, softball, baseball, and frisbee golf are all good. They also have horseshoe pits.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Another shelter, ADA path, trees, and bilingual signage to the park.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

The path could be updated to be ADA, and the benches/picnic tables/seating, and the restroom/portables. A specific area for animals would be nice (even though people pick up after themselves) and animals could have a place to socialize, and it could attract more people.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

The Rose Garden is pretty and cool.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

I would like to see restroom improvements first.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

We have a paper once a week, library newsletter, radio, Facebook, Instagram.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Dave Anderson

Role: Public Works Director

Date: 8/24/2021

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

Public Works Director for the City of The Dalles, oversees water, stormwater, sewer, and transportation, and public rights of way.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

It's a smaller community with a rural feel to it. There's a lot of opportunity to maintain that and the neighborly relationships between citizens and the local government entities that work together.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

Even though it's expensive to maintain, it is nice to have green landscape and shade. Especially after the tree removal. Facilities for youth and younger kids, which Sorosis currently has, and sports fields and facilities. It's important that fields are maintained, and surfaces are safe. Having restroom facilities and drinking water are valuable to me.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

I visit Sorosis to have lunch with friends, I attend birthday parties for my grandkids. I also go the Kiwanis Park (small pocket park—near the river). I also use the riverfront trail. Those are the main ones.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

Social gatherings—small or medium-sized gatherings. It's been so important to have those events especially during COVID.

b. How do you travel to the park?

I use my personal vehicles. The transit system does go up the hill and stop at the college.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for residents?

Not that I'm aware of in particular—Sorosis Park has handicap parking and smooth access to the sidewalks. I don't know if the restrooms are fully ADA accessible right now—they may not have power operated doors.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

The District sponsors a lot of things. Many of the sports associations use the park such as softball, baseball, little league, and soccer. There is always a challenge to find field space in The Dalles so Sorosis Park is a big asset to sports organizations.

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

Restroom access for ADA standards, and access year-round to those restrooms. Irrigation system is inefficient and costly right now. There could be improvements so it's more efficient. Replanting trees will be nice.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

I hope to see athletics facilities continue at Sorosis Park. I also hope the community can add to the parks and green spaces soon; we need more facilities. The sand volleyball courts are not maintained and that would be nice to use. We used to have tournaments up there; it would be nice to use those. Keeping up the dugouts and concessions building to support the athletics activities.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Not that I can think of or didn't mention. Perhaps restrooms and shower facilities even though it is challenging to maintain them. In my view, basketball courts accessible to youth would be nice

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

Nothing else.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

Not really, if there are chances to make improvements then I would like to see those explored.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

Replace irrigation is a priority. Getting the infrastructure in place is key.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

I don't use social media, but I know it is heavily used. The City does have a Facebook page, and there is another page, "The Dalles Happenings". Radio show and Facebook page for The Dalles Chamber of Commerce.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Cal McDermid

Role: Director of Fort Dalles Museum

Date: 8/24/2021

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

I was born here and grew up in the county to the east and spent a lot of time here growing up. I spent a lot of time in The Dalles and in Sorosis Park. I spent time away from The Dalles. Current Director Fort Dalles Museum.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

I love the awareness it has for preserving history and the value of the history. Our personal histories are important and it's important to share with visitors.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

A great park makes you feel that you want to plan your next visit right after you leave. The point of many parks is to get back to nature, trees, grass, and sunshine. It's important that it's open and accessible.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

Sorosis Park or City Park. I like to go to events in those parks, and those parks have events.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

Yes, when we have company or to get away/have a break, unwind.

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

Place to play games, run around for younger people.

b. How do you travel to the park?

Usually by car.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for residents?

I'm not sure if they close the park at night, but I don't think of barriers.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

I can't think of anyone who isn't served by the park or couldn't rent a park. The District seems open about who is allowed to host an event. It's not a restrictive park.

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

Yes, the pine beetle devastated the trees, but it's our opportunity now to add trees or other improvements that will be an asset for future generations.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

The walking path is important and highly used. It needs to be maintained and potentially expanded. The tennis courts are there. I like that there is no fence and it doesn't close.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

No comment.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

I can't think of anything else. I'm glad the fountain is running and present.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

Keep the playground in good shape. Maintenance is important because it gives a good impression. Seeing the facilities up and running is good.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

Keep the park clean and clean up after the trees have been removed. Replant the grass, even though it's a lot of work. It's important to maintain and keep things looking nice. Those small touches are so important.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

Facebook is a good source for local happenings in The Dalles. A letter to the editor of a paper is a good idea. Talking on the radio would be a great idea, telling the story of Sorosis Park and the Sorosis Club.

Other Comments

Sorosis Park is a very important park in this town. Anything that can be done to preserve it I'm in favor

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Russell Jones

Role: County Veterans Services

Date: 9/1/2021

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

I work with County Veteran Services for veterans that seek help with financial assistance or need information.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

It's a small town and people are helping each other a lot rather than relying on agencies.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

It depends on user group, but activities that meet the needs of a community. Quiet, relaxing atmosphere in a natural setting.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

I used to go to Sorosis Park a lot but not as much since the trees were removed. I go to the Lewis and Clark festival park sometimes. I can charge my electric car at Lewis and Clark. It's a nice quiet area.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

Primary reason for visiting was quiet, relaxing and nature. We had picnics there with family previously.

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

Picnics with families. The covered picnic area was helpful for picnicking, but it's hard if more than one group was there it was crowded. More covered picnic areas would be great.

b. How do you travel to the park?

I drive to the park.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for residents?

Nothing that I know about.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

I'm not sure because I haven't visited recently.

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

I can't think of anything.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

It's a good place to host community events instead of hosting them downtown. Outdoor concerts might be an activity that could occur at Sorosis Park. It may be better than downtown with parking and not interfering with local business parking, but it would also would not be as central.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Electric vehicle charging stations, several.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

Plant new trees though it takes time.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

I can't think of anything.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

Tree planting is top priority. A later phase could include picnic tables around the park.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

Everyone is on social media, and it seems like a good way to get information out. Advertising on Facebook is the best way we've found we could reach people (for example, our Veterans).

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Lu Seapy

Role: 4H Youth Development Educator

Date: 9/2/2021

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

I work with local nonprofit Wasco County 4H to support youth development 8-18.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

People are generally friendly and welcoming, it's beautiful, and the access to the outdoors. I appreciate the small community and easy access to outdoor recreation.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

Well-maintained, visually appealing, clean, and safe is important. The park has easy access to nature and different areas to be in. It has amenities like tennis courts, benches, ponds, types of trees, little nooks, or corners for people to be. Areas set aside for something (pretty plants, benches, amphitheater, a view, etc.) It feels welcoming when there are activities like kids races, etc.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

I visit Sorosis Park most often and it's because I'm half a block away. Riverfront Park in The Dalles, or Riverfront Park in Hood River. Those areas are close to nature, and good for dog walking. Proximity or a special feature that attracts me are my reasons.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

I appreciate the beautiful views; I like access to the trails for hiking/running. I like the friendly staff and I speak to them every morning. I have used the park for work, too. I used the Lion's shelter a lot for meetings. I like the play area and kids playing there, and there is a boot camp group that exercises (Lamont's group). I like to see the kid's softball games, etc.

b. How do you travel to the park?

I walk.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for residents?

The trees were removed, and it doesn't look inviting anymore. The aesthetics are the biggest barrier. There is a lot of dust now when the wind blows a lot, so that isn't pleasant or welcoming either. The Lion's shelter is non reservable right now and that is difficult to plan for events and schedule something at the park.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

It probably doesn't serve everyone in The Dalles because the location may not be easy to access if you live farther away. I feel like other than that it is very welcoming, and no group is excluded.

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

The main challenge is having the dedicated funds to install the proper landscape, so we don't lose more trees and plants. Organized planning to install planting so windstorms do not continue to damage trees that are there (not the Pines)

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Keep the disc golf, add an amphitheater, and have an area for kids' activities. Movies in the park didn't work well. Music, concerts, or other events.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Another covered area would be great because it is difficult to find shaded areas since trees were removed. The shade fabric would be great to provide more shade in addition to trees.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

If you could cover part of the barbeque area to provide shade and protection. The play structure is a little worn down, and it sounds like Scott knows it will be replaced soon. The parking lot traffic flow is not very clear. I see people exit through the parking lot entrance.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

I like the walk around path, tennis courts, the mountain views, and the benches. The rose garden is lovely. I like the new fitness area and I think it's getting a lot of use now and its location near the parking lot is well situated.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

Irrigation and tree planting.

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

No comment.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

Social media seems like the main way to go. I think older residents still listen to the radio, so that is valuable. I think the newspaper announcements are appreciated but I'm not sure how many people receive the newspaper anymore. Billboards and public areas could be another option for a longer-term announcement (not a single event).

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Taner Elliott

Role: City Councilor

Date: 8/31/21

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

City Councilor and served on numerous parks boards. Currently active in youth sports and on the softball board, Q life budget committee, City of The Dalles budget committee, and School District budget committee.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

I love the abundance of outdoor activities.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

Place for people to play sports, cool off, clear your head, and have family gatherings. At Sorosis Park, we want to get back to a place with trees where it's comfortable to be there.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

Sorosis is my most visited park. My girls play softball there. One of my daughters does cross country and uses the park.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

Neon Nights Car shows, Cherry Festival. Ground was torn up with sprinkler system, so car show had to move. My wife likes to walk at the park with friends.

b. How do you travel to the park?

Usually by vehicle.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for residents?

I don't think there are any barriers.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

I noticed during the cross-country activity, there is a new exercise equipment and people use it for classes. Tree top play area is very popular.

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

Mostly the trees and replanting and irrigated the lawn. Those improvements are needed for community to see progress is being made.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Not really.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Not really anything much.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

Bathroom could be

11. What would you like to see preserved?

I don't think we want to take anything away, and to add things we'd have to remove or rearrange. The pickleball court area seems busy. You could add some courts without impacting other areas.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

Mostly trees and irrigation.

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

Trees and irrigation.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

City of The Dalles and Wasco County. Partner with youth sports organizations. Also, a sign with information at Sorosis Park.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW

Name: Debby Jones

Role: YouthThink Director and Prevention Specialist

Date: 8/30/21

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

I've lived here my whole life. YouthThink is a part of Wasco County. It's a coalition for protecting family and children. I worked for District for 14 years before working for YouthThink. I'm invested in this community.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

I think the community is resilient, but you also must prove yourself. I love the weather here (the wind and the drought is a struggle) but we're centrally located near the mountains, beach, river, etc. I love the history of The Dalles and Wasco County and it's not celebrated enough.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

The initial entrance of a park facility is important. A sign that tells all the restrictions or prohibited can be a little off putting—focus on the 'Do's'. You do need adequate parking and good maintenance. The first impression is key, and the continued impression is lasting. If you make a mistake that hurts the community it can be lasting. It's important for the community to know they can go to parks to connect with each other. Each park is known as a park for doing a specific thing.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

I visit Sorosis Park, and the tennis courts are something I use a lot. I did a lot of fundraising for the tennis courts when I worked at the District. There were a lot of community events that happened there. City Park is close to my office, so I go sometimes too. I don't go to Thompson Park very often, but it has high visibility and that is important in the community.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

Sorosis Park is the only place in the community where you can play tennis—I like that, and it is a key element in the community. We do struggle with balancing the pickleball activity with the tennis activities. We've spent a lot of time fundraising for tennis court lights, and it's a process to share all the spaces. The trees are really missed, and there are improvements to happen to irrigation and I know it's a lot of work to make those improvements. There could be movies in the park but I'm not sure if Sorosis Park is the best venue for it.

b. How do you travel to the park?

I drive to the park, and when I was younger, I would bike. Walk, bike, and The LINK transit is something I occasionally I see.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for residents?

I don't think there are barriers. The park has been a nice amenity for a lot of people in the past. There has been ADA access in the past. Signage could be bilingual moving forward—I'm not sure if there is/isn't any signage.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

I don't think the park doesn't serve anyone.

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

Maintaining tennis court use is important, but I know there is other master planning happening and I'm not sure if tennis is part of other park plans. People need to feel and see that something is being done towards the master plan. There is a lot of work happening behind the scenes, but the community needs to see progress towards those goals.

I think Rachel Carter's Facebook page has been helpful to communicate with the community the priorities and work that is happening. This interview is also helpful as part of the process to know what is happening. Communicating what is happening is important and if information is not provided people imagine or invent what is happening. Explaining the District goals for each year could be another example for communicating what they are working on and how they are using the community tax dollars. The trust issues aren't with the current District or District Board but past administrations.

I know the community in the past has had a lot of pride with their athletic fields and we have lost some of that for whatever reason. Green space is important, and it would be nice for community to be able to host events again. Also it's important to have events and things happening in the park. Bringing people together and connecting is important.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

See above.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

A splash area at Sorosis Park would be neat. I don't want it to compete with the pool, but Sorosis Park is a landmark and institution. Previously the tree canopy helped it be an attractive destination, and this plan and the unfortunate circumstances of the Pine beetle could be an opportunity to make improvements for the future.

I would love to see a cover/heated cover for the tennis courts, and more tennis courts. I see the value of pickleball, and it would be great to have dedicated space for pickleball. I think the disc golf is useful, as well as the exercise equipment. The sand volleyball is great. We need to keep good maintenance of all the facilities. More amenities to serve wintertime use would be great. There's not much to do in the winter outside.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

A dog park would be great, and I know people want one. I don't know if Sorosis Park is the best place for it. There was a space for the maintenance crew and a maintenance shed at Sorosis, and there may be room for a dog park there where there is a lot of space. It seems like if there is an opportunity to provide something we don't have elsewhere it would reinforce creating a destination experience at Sorosis Park.

Highlighting the past would be nice. We struggle with our identity and setting ourselves apart from other communities nearby (such as Hood River, etc.) It could be focused on pioneer history, etc.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

The tennis courts. People supported the memorial plaque at the courts in the past that I think would not like to see the name changed. The tree top playground has children's names and art at the playground. I think people are very sensitive about that, and it would be great to keep those. I heard the swings aren't there as much as before, and I would like to see those reinstated or protected. The fountain is also another resource that people have supported and restored. Keeping those memorials to veterans in place would be important as well. The existing shelter is nice and keeping it in place would be nice, even if the structure

gets replaced in time. There are family names in some parts of the park and honoring the past as we move forward would be nice. In attempts to keep up with Hood River, we sometimes forget our past. I'd like to see us really improve a few things.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

No comment.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

Partnering with additional organizations could also be an option for getting the word out. Newsletters in fellow organizations and support each other would be helpful. We could share links or information about The District and its current work. A holistic approach (NW Natural Gas, PUD, Chamber of Commerce, etc.). Instead of fighting over tax dollars it would be great to see us support each other, and I think YouthThink would be supportive of that (on our Facebook page, newsletter, etc.).

APPENDIX B

ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY

TO: SCOTT BAKER (NWCPRD)

FROM: COLIN MCARTHUR, LIZ AUVIL, GRACE GRAHAM (CAMERON MCCARTHY)

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2021

SUBJECT: **SOROSIS PARK CONCEPTUAL PLAN
ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY**

PURPOSE

This memo summarizes key findings and notes from an online survey that collected public feedback about future improvements to Sorosis Park. The survey included five questions and was available in English and Spanish. Publicized on social media and the District web page, the survey was open from early August to mid-September. The survey received 311 English responses and 3 Spanish responses. The survey included the following free-response questions:

- What do you like about Sorosis Park?
- What existing park features would you like to see improved?
- What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?
- What new features or amenities would you like at Sorosis Park?
- If the park is developed in phases, what improvements do you want to happen first? What improvements could happen later?

KEY FINDINGS

Community participants provided useful insights, ideas, and recommendations through the online survey. The most common recurring themes and suggestions that emerged from the responses are generalized below:

Question 1: What do you like about Sorosis Park?

- Play Structure
- Walking Path
- Scenic Viewshed
- Trees, Vegetation, Shade
- Open Space (Passive Recreation Opportunities, Accommodates Multiple Uses and Groups)
- Sports Facilities (Disc Golf, Ball Fields, Courts)
- Covered Picnic Area
- Multi-use, Family-Friendly Community Space

Question 2: What existing park features would you like to see improved?

- Playground Repairs / Upgrades
- Trail Maintenance / Upgrades
- More Covered / Shaded Rest Areas

- Bathroom Upgrades
- Trees, Grass, Green Space (Replanting, Restoration, and Irrigation System Upgrade)

Question 3: What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

- Cleanliness and Maintenance of Facilities and Grounds
- Rest Areas (Picnic Tables, Seating, Shade)
- Passive Recreation Opportunities (Walking Trails, Open Space, Play Equipment)
- Trees, Grass, Green Space
- Observing Play and Community Recreation / Active Use

Question 4: What new features or amenities would you like at Sorosis Park?

- Trees
- Bathrooms (Upgraded, Open Year-Round, Strategically Dispersed)
- Playground (Upgraded, ADA-Accessible, All-Ages, Water Play Feature Added)
- Drinking Fountains / Water Bottle Filling Stations
- Dog Off-Leash Area
- Amphitheater / Concert / Event Space
- Shade Structures / Shade Sails

Question 5: If the park is developed in phases, what improvements do you want to happen first? What improvements could happen later?

First Priority

- Trees, Vegetation, Grass Restoration
- Playground Repairs/Upgrades
- Shaded Areas

Second Priority

- Bathroom Upgrades
- Trail Upgrades

Third Priority

- Rest Areas (Upgrades, Additions, Tables, Seating)
- Disc Golf Route Alterations (Separation from Passive Rec Areas)

DETAILED RESULTS

The following tables record the online survey results.

Table 1. Question 1 Results

What do you like about Sorosis Park?	Occurrences	Percentages
Trees (Oak trees, pine trees, trees, poplar trees, windbreak at west side)	57	18%
Open space (nature, open space for exercise, space, plenty of space, tree removal opened up free space, experience the outdoors)	53	17%
Shade	42	14%
Grass/Lawn	15	5%
Green space (lush, green)	10	3%
Landscape (Some native plants, educated park, not focus irrigation on grass)	9	3%
View (orchard, river, mountains, town; tree removal added more views.)	92	30%
Large size (size, tall pines made everything feel big)	42	14%
Location (Central, close to town, neighborhood)	40	13%
Beautiful area, Scenery	20	6%
Peaceful (Calm, Quiet, Tranquility, Restful, Refreshing, secluded, Relax)	15	5%
Cleanliness, maintained	8	3%
Wildlife (Habitat and Watching, squirrels)	8	3%
Cool Temperature	6	2%
Windbreaks	2	1%
Tourist Destination	1	0.3%
Quiet	3	1%
History (Monuments,	3	1%
Trash receptacles	1	0.3%
Safe	3	1%
Playground (play, <u>tree top</u> , play park, areas to play, play by age group, play structure, castle park, play in the shade, community built play structure, swings)	116	37%
Walking Path (*track, jogging path, running, only shaded path in town, walking in park, 5k course)	114	37%
Rose Garden (Roses)	23	7%
Walk the dog (space for dogs, dog-friendly)	7	2%
Benches (benches with views, adjacent to play)	6	2%
Dogs on leash law	1	0.3%
Hiking Trails above / surrounding park	4	1%
Fountain	5	2%

Tennis Courts	29	9%
Pickleball	8	3%
Fitness Area (Exercise area, Workout Station, Outdoor Gym)	25	8%
Ball fields (Softball, baseball--watching or playing)	32	10%
Disc Golf Course (Frisbee golf)	40	13%
Horseshoe Pits	2	1%
Volleyball Courts	5	2%
Sports, general	4	1%
Open area for xx skiing and snow shoeing, sledding	2	1%
Covered Picnic Area (Covered Area)	18	6%
Fireplace Shelter (Picnic Shelter, Covered Group Area, Pavilion)	16	5%
Picnicking	14	5%
Barbeque	7	2%
Picnic Tables	6	2%
Gathering place, Community Center (Family Friendly)	35	11%
Community Events (affordable event space, event venue)	9	3%
People Watching	2	1%
Bathrooms	3	1%
Parking Area	3	1%
Car show	1	0.3%
Multi Use (multi use, all ages, something for everyone, adaptable, everything a park should have)	42	14%
Accessibility (free, serves different community groups, increases ability to get outside, public)	10	3%
I don't like a lot right now (I stopped going.)	6	2%
Memories, personal connection, nostalgic, community built it	15	5%
Water Fountain	2	1%

Table 2. Question 2 Results

What existing park features would you like to see improved?	Occurrences	Percentages
Playground		
Playground maintenance/repairs	68	22%
Playground additions/upgrade/expansion	22	7%
Swings (tire swing, all-ages, ADA accessible, more)	12	4%
Creative children's play / more kids activities	6	2%
Shaded play	5	2%
No bark chips (cause slivers, get stuck in shoes/socks)	4	1%
splash pad	3	1%
Sports / Rec		
Trail maintenance/improvements (surface, obstructions, inconsistency, muddy spots)	34	11%
Disc golf route (add signage, don't cross walking paths, add trees, add pads)	17	5%
Softball facility improvements/additions	11	4%
Bark/mulch/natural trail (instead of gravel or pavement)	10	3%
Volleyball (permanent net, more nets, sand pit)	9	3%
Trail extension/connectivity (increase mileage)	7	2%
Tennis court	7	2%
Paved trail (biking, wheelchairs, strollers)	6	2%
Pickle ball court	5	2%
basketball court	4	1%
Fitness equipment (improved, more)	4	1%
Soccer field	2	1%
Fitness area location (too close to playground)	2	1%
Mile markers (on trail)	1	0.3%
Paved walkway (around park)	1	0.3%
Covered sport court	1	0.3%
Facilities		
Bathroom upgrade (accessibility, running water, kid-friendly, open year round, more, lighting)	51	16%
More covered areas (event areas, gazebos, picnic areas, throughout park, at ball fields, variety of sizes)	32	10%
Shelter renovations (covered picnic area, opened up)	23	7%
Picnic tables (more, throughout, with views and shade, accessibility)	19	6%
Benches/seating (more, throughout)	16	5%
Drinking fountains/water filling station	15	5%

Shade structure / <u>Sun shades</u> (over picnic tables, benches, fitness area)	13	4%
ADA accessibility (wheelchairs, walkers, strollers)	9	3%
Dog amenities (dog baggies, bins, water stations)	5	2%
Grilling area upgrades (sinks, food prep)	4	1%
Small group areas (secluded, shaded)	4	1%
Dog park	4	1%
More BBQ facilities	3	1%
Signage (wayfinding, amenities, routes)	3	1%
Trash bins (more)	2	1%
Lighting (at picnic shelter)	2	1%
Maps	1	0.3%
Visitor's center	1	0.3%
Fencing	1	0.3%
Landscape		
Trees (replant, more, fast-growing, diverse)	97	31%
Grass (green grass, more grass, irrigation, mowing)	41	13%
Shade	26	8%
Irrigation efficiency/improvements	26	8%
Plants (more, diversity)	11	4%
Native plants	7	2%
Drought-resistant plants	5	2%
Flowers	5	2%
Less grass	3	1%
Invasive plant / weed removal	3	1%
Plant maintenance/pruning/removal	2	1%
Safety		
Pest control (yellow jackets, squirrels)	7	2%
Parking lot (speed bumps, capacity)	5	2%
Security (security guards, system, prevent vandalism)	3	1%
Events		
Stage for events/performances	4	1%
amphitheater/band shell	2	1%
More events	1	0.3%
Event space rental system	1	0.3%
Monuments / Landmarks		
Rose garden maintenance	5	2%
Vogt fountain restoration	3	1%
Rose garden expansion/multiple	2	1%

Other		
Restore/improve all existing features	6	2%
Veteran memorial enhancements	3	1%
Maintain existing character	2	1%
Edge conditions (boundary with college improved, connectivity to surroundings)	2	1%
Collaborations with college	2	1%
History incorporated	2	1%
Sense of place (congruent with geography, character, surroundings)	1	0.3%
Tree threshold/connectivity	1	0.3%
Webcam (for promotion)	1	0.3%
Marketing/promotion	1	0.3%
Overlook	1	0.3%
Revenue generation (through events)	1	0.3%
Local art	1	0.3%
Snack Shack	1	0.3%

Table 3. Question 3 Results

What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?	Occurrences	Percentages
Facilities		
Cleanliness (bathrooms, trash, play equipment, etc.)	63	20%
Picnic areas/tables	32	10%
Children's play equipment/area	28	9%
Seating (comfortable, near paths and play area)	25	8%
Multiuse	23	7%
Accessibility/all ages/ADA	21	7%
Maintained structures (tables, equipment)	19	6%
Gathering space/structures	12	4%
Open bathrooms	10	3%
Welcoming threshold/entrance	9	3%
Drinking fountains	9	3%
Dog area/infrastructure (fenced off-leash area, bags, bins, water, etc.)	6	2%
Running water	5	2%
Shade structures	5	2%
BBQ areas	4	1%
Lighting	2	1%
ADA accessible play	2	1%
Accommodates variety of group sizes	1	0.3%

Bike racks	1	0.3%
Swings	1	0.3%
Recreation		
Walking trails	22	7%
Ball fields	6	2%
tennis/pickleball courts	3	1%
engage with/move through nature	2	1%
Disc golf	2	1%
Active recreation/movement	2	1%
Exercise. areas	1	0%
Nature play	1	0%
Landscape		
Trees	63	20%
Green grass (well-kept grounds, lush)	49	16%
Open space / spaciousness (large, plentiful spaces, accommodates lots of people without crowding)	46	15%
Shade	40	13%
Rose garden	25	8%
Maintained landscape (mowed grass, trimmed trees, watered)	22	7%
Plants	14	5%
Views (expansive, mountains)	13	4%
Water features/access	13	4%
Flowers	13	4%
Green space	10	3%
Landscaping	9	3%
Beauty	9	3%
Nature	4	1%
Wildlife	3	1%
Sun	2	1%
Native plants	2	1%
Safety	7	2%
Good parking lot (safe, high capacity)	14	5%
Absence of concerning people (dangerous or perceived dangerous - drug users, mental health episodes, erratic behavior, people experiencing houselessness)	6	2%
Air quality / fresh air	5	2%
Absence of drug paraphernalia	3	1%
Dog leash requirement	3	1%
Privacy	1	0%
Respect for others	1	0%
Rules/regulations posted	1	0%

Map	1	0%
Security	1	0%
No crime	1	0%
Other		
Observing play/activity	22	7%
Friendly atmosphere/people	12	4%
Community(ies) together/gathering	10	3%
Quiet/calm/serene	9	3%
Family-friendly	6	2%
Nostalgia/memories	5	2%
Laughter	4	1%
Solitude	4	1%
Cared for	4	1%
Dogs	4	1%
Feeling of refuge/escape	3	1%
Vibrant colors	2	1%
Art	2	1%
Seeing familiar faces	2	1%
Everything	1	0.3%
Sound of birds	1	0.3%
Discovery	1	0.3%
Sense of place	1	0.3%
Public events	1	0.3%
Free	1	0.3%
Comfortable	1	0.3%

Table 4. Question 4 Results

What new features or amenities would you like at Sorosis Park?	Occurrences	Percentages
Facilities		
New/upgraded bathrooms (more throughout, open <u>year round</u>)	35	11%
Playground upgrade (unique, all ages, creative)	34	11%
Drinking fountains / water filling station	31	10%
More shaded/covered picnic areas	27	9%
Dog off-leash area	26	8%
Concert/event space (stage or amphitheater)	20	6%
Shade structures / shade sails	16	5%
More seating (close to playground; memorial benches; <u>;</u>)	16	5%

More picnic tables	15	5%
additional playground	11	4%
ADA-accessible playground	8	3%
fenced in playground	7	2%
Lighting	7	2%
irrigation system upgrade (efficient)	5	2%
Dog water/bags/amenities	4	1%
<u>kids</u> musical area	3	1%
More BBQ areas	3	1%
More parking	2	1%
Bleachers (at ball fields)	2	1%
Kids fitness area	1	0.3%
Pergola (rose garden)	1	0.3%
Trash receptacles (more)	1	0.3%
Recreation		
Water play (splash pad, pool)	25	8%
Basketball court	15	5%
Paved path (bike path, ADA accessible)	12	4%
Pump track (bike/skate park)	10	3%
Disc golf course upgrades (separation from other trails/activities)	9	3%
Climbing wall	7	2%
More walking trails	6	2%
More tennis courts	6	2%
Pickleball court (separate from tennis)	5	2%
Soccer	4	1%
softball fields	4	1%
Fitness equipment instructions/user friendly	4	1%
Mulch/wood chip trails	3	1%
Sports facility	2	1%
Running trail	2	1%
Trail upgrade	2	1%
Adult swing	2	1%
Bocce ball	2	1%
mini golf	2	1%
Games (ping pong, stationary chess, etc.)	2	1%
Tetherball	1	0.3%
Badminton	1	0.3%
Croquet	1	0.3%
Landscape		
Trees	52	17%

Shade	11	4%
Water features	10	3%
Native plants	9	3%
Green grass	8	3%
Plant diversity	4	1%
Garden labyrinth/walk	4	1%
Flowers/pollinator plants	3	1%
Native plant garden	2	1%
Xeriscaping	1	0.3%
Other		
Art installations	10	3%
None	9	3%
Security cameras	3	1%
zip line	3	1%
Snack shack	3	1%
Community garden	2	1%
Nature <u>walk</u>	2	1%
Historic signage	2	1%
Treasure hunt	1	0.3%
Maps	1	0.3%

Table 5. Question 5 Results

If the park is developed in phases, what improvements do you want to happen first? What improvements could happen later?				
	First Priority	Second Priority	Third Priority	Lower Priority
Trees / Planting / Grass	180	18	2	
Playground	35	26	4	1
Shaded Areas	24	3	2	
Irrigation System	44	5	2	
Trail Upgrades	13	13	5	1
Covered Shelters/Gathering Spaces	4	8	11	3
Repair Existing Amenities	1			
New Features/Amenities			3	5
Sports Fields	1	2	7	2
Bathroom Upgrades	10	14	7	
Drinking Fountains / Water Filling Station	1	5	1	
Picnic Tables	2	7	6	

Disc Golf	5	5		
Parking		1	1	
Pump Track	3		2	
Paved Trail	1	1	3	
Water Feature		2	4	1
Climbing Wall	1	2	1	
Maps / Signage		1	3	
Security	1	1	1	
Native Plant/Pollinator Garden			1	
Dog Park/Off-Leash Area	3	2	5	
Rose Garden	1	3		
Pest Control		2		
Seating / Benches	2	4	1	
Art		2	1	
Stage/Amphitheater		1		1
Lighting		1		1
Pickleball	2			
Tennis		1		
Basketball	1	2		
Fitness Equipment	1			
Threshold/Entry	1			
Volleyball	1			1

APPENDIX C

FIT IN THE GORGE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

TO: SCOTT BAKER (NWCPRD)

FROM: COLIN MCARTHUR, LIZ AUVIL (CAMERON MCCARTHY)

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2021

**SUBJECT: SOROSIS PARK CONCEPTUAL PLAN
FIT IN THE GORGE INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

INTRODUCTION

Due to unresolved scheduling difficulties, a conversation with multiple representatives from Fit In The Gorge did not occur in summer 2021. In its place, Cameron McCarthy interviewed a member of Fit In The Gorge. Kristen Slatt was interviewed on September 13, and the conversation included the same questions as the stakeholder interviews.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Transportation is a barrier unless you live in the adjacent neighborhood, which is somewhat affluent for The Dalles.
- Tree removal was difficult to see, but it provides open space and opportunity to improve park.
- Updating the walking trail surface is an important improvement for an existing feature.
- New features of interest include a playground that is appealing to a wide age group of children.
- Preserving the existing picnic shelter is desired.
- Community events at Sorosis Park are enjoyable; additional social events are of interest.
- Top priorities are replanting the trees; updating the walking trail surface; and updating the play structure so it is safe.

INTERVIEW

1. Please briefly describe your role in the community.

Fit In The Gorge is a group of community partners that meets once per month. Health department, hospital, Scott from NWCPRD, The Next Door, etc. usually attend and talk about recreation and activities happening in local community and brainstorming any ideas for future projects that support community health.

Additionally, Kristen is a health supervisor for NCPHD, and I facilitate health promotion in our community. Things like nutrition, smoking prevention.

2. What do you love about your community? What makes it special?

We live in a cool area with the river and local activities like hiking. We have great relationships with local community partners. People know each other and get together to discuss ideas.

3. What makes a great park? What makes you feel good or welcome in a park?

When a park is clean, accessible to many members of the community, a central location, a variety of activities (more than one thing to do) or amenities. A gathering place is important, picnic tables, sitting areas, barbeque areas, gazebo.

a. Which parks do you visit most often? Why?

City Park and Sorosis Park—Sorosis Park has a great play structure that my kids love. City Park is central and easy to walk my children there. Local events are a draw for us to go there.

4. Do you visit Sorosis Park? Why/why not?

See last question. Also, I worked at the college next door before and would visit. The trail around the Sorosis Park is great and nice to do multiple things there.

a. What do you like about it? What do you like to do there?

b. How do you travel to the park?

We walked in the park in the past and we use a car now.

5. What barriers exist that make accessing and/or using Sorosis Park challenging for some residents?

Partly the location—it is far up the hill away from the center of town. It's in an affluent part of The Dalles. Transportation is the biggest barrier. Walking would be a long trip.

6. Who does Sorosis Park currently serve? Who does the park not serve, and why?

Anyone without car access would have difficulty getting to the park.

7. What challenges do Sorosis Park currently face? What are your concerns?

The tree removal was extremely jarring for residents. It feels like a very different park. It's a challenge but also an opportunity for growth or change. Replanting the trees/park is a challenge, and the transportation access is a challenge/concern.

8. What activities or events (existing or new) would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

More community events. Easter Egg Hunt or movies in the park. A lot of people like to play disc golf up there.

9. What new features, services, or amenities would you like to see at Sorosis Park?

Something geared towards a variety of ages. Tree top is great for middle ages 3-10 ages but there could be something for very little kids and older kids like teens.

10. What existing park features would you like to see improved?

The walking trail could be improved—the surface of the trail.

11. What would you like to see preserved?

The gazebo structure, the walking trail.

12. Which improvements are most important to you?

a. If the park is developed in phases, which improvements do you want to occur first? Which improvements could happen later?

The trail, making sure the play structure is safe, and restoring the trees.

13. What is the best way to engage or communicate with residents? How do you learn about events or projects happening in your community?

Going to where people are (like a grocery stores) helps for like a survey. The Dalles Happenings is a Facebook page that does share some events.





PROPOSED LANDSCAPE

STREETSCAPE

Paisaje Callejero-Ragado

FOREST

Bosque

OPEN FIELD AND LAWN

Campos y Césped, Regado

DROUGHT TOLERANT

Tolerante a la Sequía

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Jardín Botánico

GRASSY SWALE

Swale de Césped

See recommendations for proposed irrigation.

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CAMERON

McCARTHY


SOROSIS PARK

DRAFT CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

0' 40' 80' 160'



1" = 80'-0"





The Dalles City Council

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022 | 5:30 PM



Total Maximum Daily Limits (TMDL) Text Amendments - History

- September 16, 2021 - Planning Commission recommending to City Council for adoption of *Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan*.
- November 22, 2021, City Council approved the TMDL.

Adopted Implementation Plan includes existing management strategies:

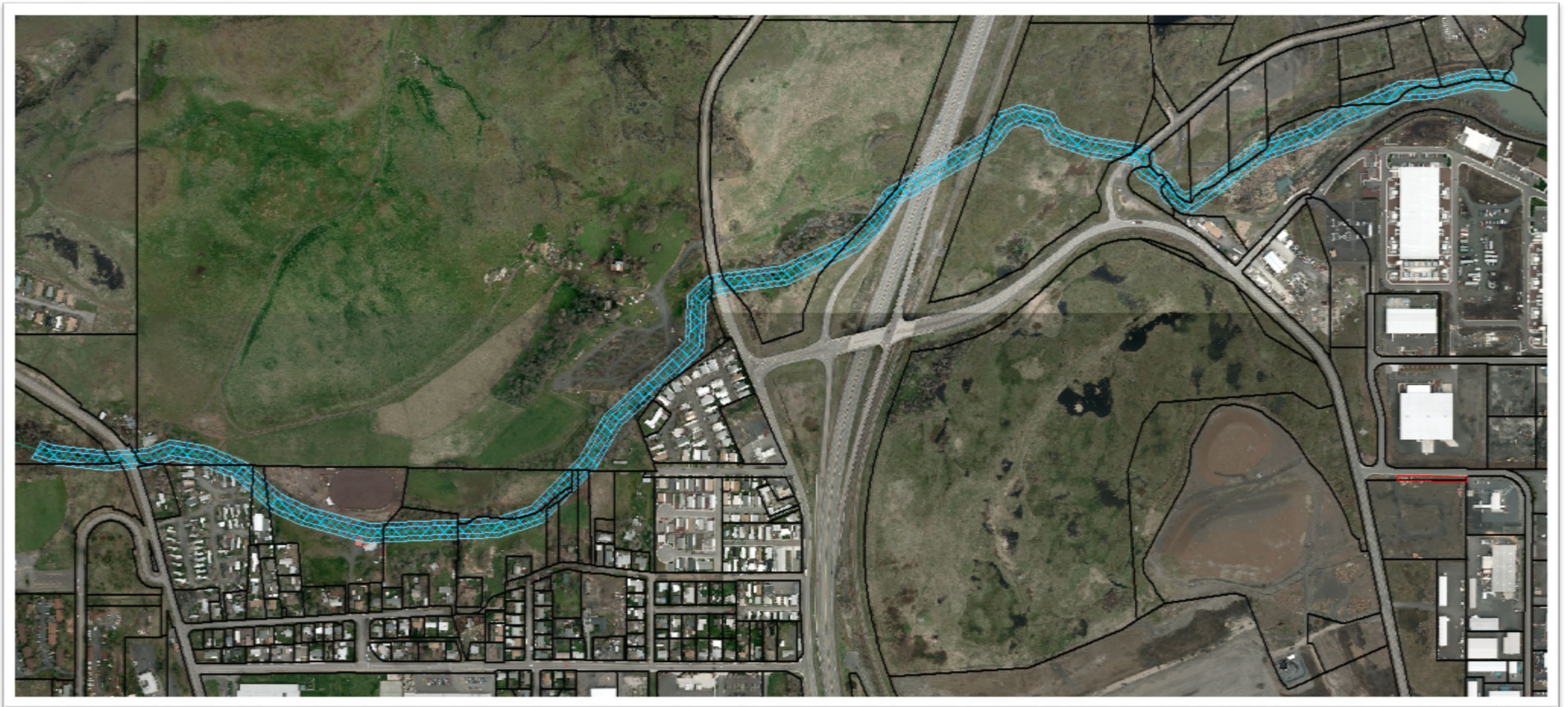
- Education about riparian protection
- Evaluation of roads located along perennial streams
- Restoration of river shading and/or channel conditions
- Consideration of riparian protection ordinances and low impact development building practices.



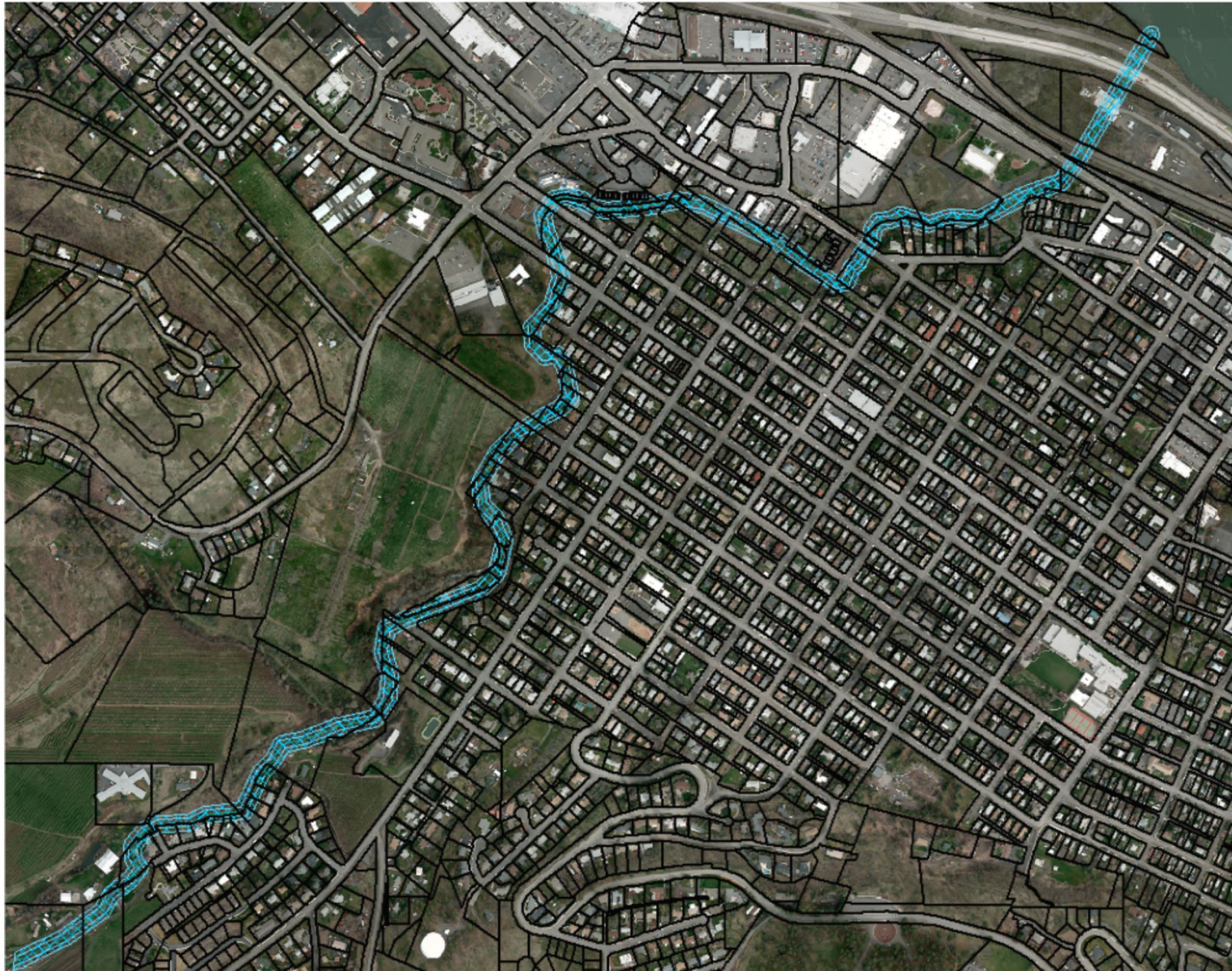
Total Maximum Daily Limits (TMDL)

- Municipal Code implements and regulates, references a Stream Corridor (SC) Overlay for Chenoweth Creek, Mill Creek and Threemile Creek:
 - SC Overlay zone complies with the safe harbor provisions of OAR
 - SC Overlay applies to UGB and includes the corridor extending upland 50 feet from the tops-of-bank.
 - All new development needs to be located outside of the SC Overlay.
 - 50-foot setback required for new development. Two ways it can be reduced:
 - “Stream Corridor Setback Modification”
 - “Hardship Adjustment”.
 - The CDD is proposing to update these two exceptions in the Municipal Code by reducing the potential setbacks allowed.

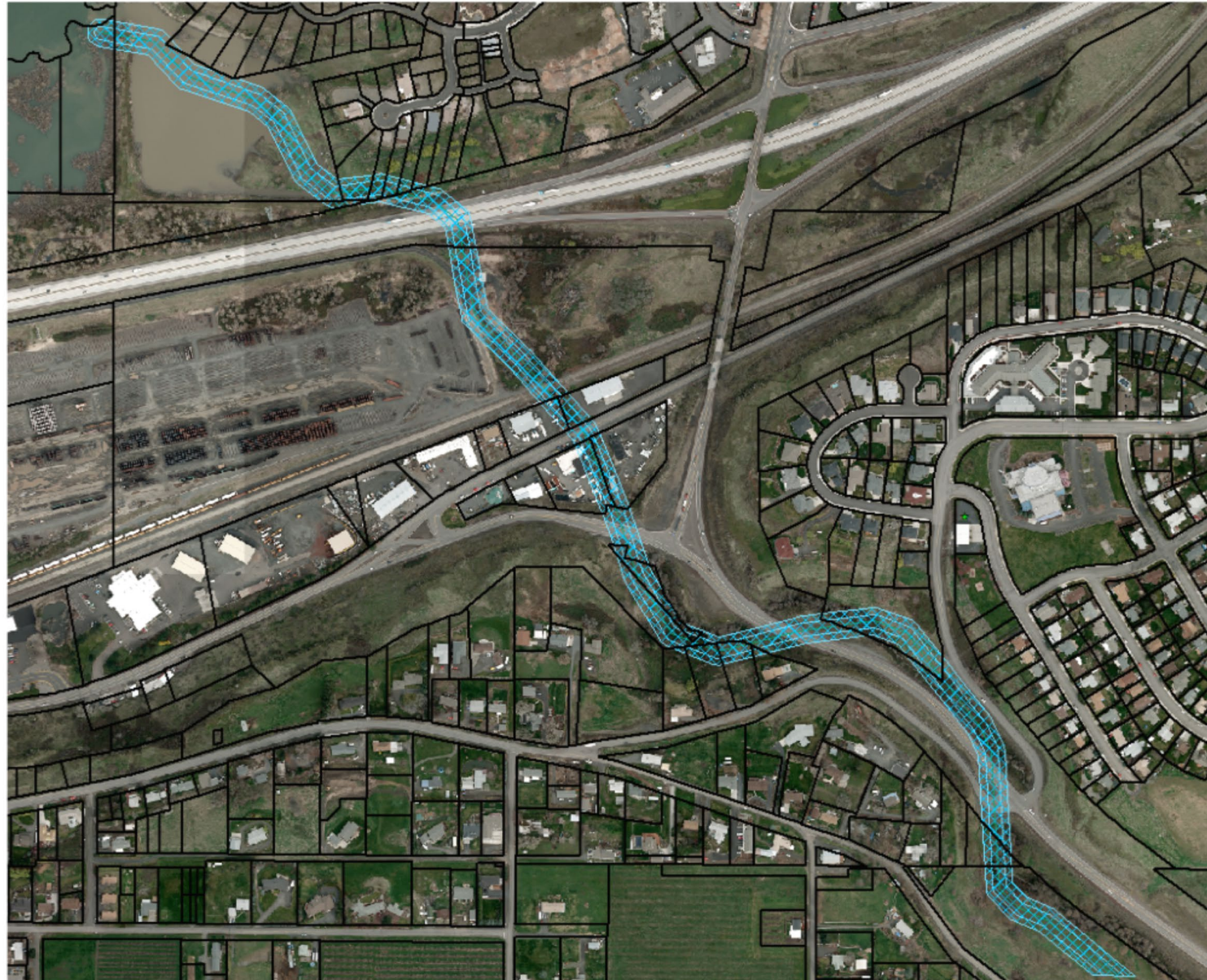
Chenoweth Creek – Stream Corridor Overlay



Mill Creek – Stream Corridor Overlay



Three Mile Creek – Stream Corridor Overlay



The Dalles Municipal Code

Article 10.5 – Stream Corridor Overlay Boundaries

10.5.130.030 Determination and Modification of SC Overlay District Boundaries

The stream corridor setbacks shall be 50 feet from the top-of-bank as shown on The Dalles Stream Corridor Inventory. An applicant for development may rely on this map to determine how a stream corridor setback affects an individual property. However, this mapped setback may be modified ~~in two ways~~:

Determination:

- A. Stream Corridor Delineation Process. The Planning Director may approve a modification stream top-of-bank (“bankfull stage” or the “two year recurrence flood elevation” defined in DSL Administrative Rules (OAR 141-085-0510(5)), based on site survey prepared by a registered land surveyor. The required setback shall be revised accordingly.*

TMDL Text Amendment – Proposed Update #1

Modification:

Remove Section 10.5.130.030(B) which currently allows for the 50-foot stream setback to be reduced by 50% when a riparian restoration plan is submitted. Removing this setback modification provision will bring our code in compliance with State of Oregon safe harbor rules and regulations. Removal of this reduction will be proposed for City Council consideration:

- ~~B. Stream Corridor Setback Modification. The Planning Director may reduce the stream corridor setback in “developed” areas shown on The Dalles Stream Corridor Inventory to 25 feet when all of the following criteria are satisfied:~~
- ~~1. The applicant agrees to restore riparian vegetation within the remaining 25-foot setback area by implementing a riparian restoration plan approved by the Planning Director.~~
 - ~~2. The riparian restoration plan shall be prepared by a wetland scientist, government agent, or other professional with expertise in riparian plants and restoration techniques acceptable to the Planning Director.~~
 - ~~3. The plan shall ensure removal of invasive plant species and replacement with suitable native plant species that will effectively shade the stream and minimize stream bank erosion.~~
 - ~~4. The plan shall include provisions for monitoring and replacement of native plants over at least a three-year period.~~
 - ~~5. The Planning Director may require a riparian conservation easement for the remaining protected stream corridor.~~

TMDL Text Amendment- Proposed Update #2

Modification:

Amend Section 10.5.130.030(C) that allows for a Hardship Adjustment of 67% to the 50-foot stream setback (allowed 33.5 feet). Proposal of reducing the Hardship Adjustment of 40% to the 50-foot setback (allowed 20 feet):

- A. Hardship Adjustment. The Planning Commission may approve a hardship adjustment to the stream setback provisions of this chapter, without going through a formal variance process, under the following circumstances:*
- 1. Where application of the stream setback provisions of this chapter makes it impossible to build a structure (including a building, required parking and access) otherwise permitted in the underlying zoning district, the Planning Commission may allow reductions of the setback standards of the underlying zoning district by up to ~~67%~~ **40%** (to permit the siting of such structures to avoid infringing on the stream setback area.*

TMDL Text Amendment - Proposed Update #3

Modification:

Amend Section 10.5.130.030(C)(2), which allows 3,000 square feet of impervious surface area within the 50-foot stream setback if it is still considered impossible to build after considering the effect of a Hardship Adjustment. A maximum of 500 square feet of impervious surface area within the 50-foot setback:

2. *If, after considering the effect of hardship setback adjustments, it is still impossible to build a structure permitted in the underlying zoning district, the Planning Commission may approve up to **3,000 500** square feet of impervious surface area within the required stream setback area, provided that:*
 - a. *The structure, parking and access area is located as far from the top of bank as reasonably possible; and*
 - b. *The applicant submits a stream corridor restoration plan prepared to the specifications **set forth in Section 10.5.130.030(B) as follows:***
 1. ***The stream restoration plan shall be prepared by a wetland scientist, government agent, or other professional with expertise in riparian plants and restoration techniques acceptable to the Planning Commission.***
 2. ***The plan shall ensure removal of invasive plant species and replacement with suitable native plant species that will effectively shade the stream and minimize stream bank erosion.***
 3. ***The plan shall include provisions for monitoring and replacement of native plants over at least a three-year period.***
 4. ***The Planning Commission may require a riparian conservation easement for the remaining protected stream corridor.***

TMDL Text Amendment – Next Steps

- **March**

- Submittal of formal land use application for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments.
- Notice sent to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- Notice sent to Wasco County Planning.

- **April**

- Notifications of the Legislative Public Hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council will be published in the local newspaper.
- April 12th - Planning Commission Public Hearing

- **May**

- May 9th - City Council Public Hearing



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