

Kittitas County, Washington Park, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan



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Chapter 1: Introduction

The choices that confront Kittitas County at the present time are significant and could alter the character and quality of open space, trail, and park facilities if not adequately planned.

This document outlines the choices that are available and the means for implementing preferred actions found to be of most benefit to Kittitas County residents. **This document is a companion to the recently completed Kittitas County Tourism Plan that outlines demand and implementing actions found to attract and benefit tourists since tourism impacts parks used by residents and its relation to parks is a major economic development objective and opportunity.**

1.1 Objectives

The specific objectives of this planning effort were to:

- **Define the setting** - in Kittitas County including climate, environment, wildlife habitat, history, culture, population changes, and current development conditions.
- **Inventory assets** - including existing public and private open spaces, park and recreation facilities, and recreational services that have been developed to-date by Roslyn, Cle Elum, Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington State, and private non-profit and for-profit organizations.
- **Forecast demand** - for future open space, trails, park, and recreation facilities and recreation services that may be provided by Kittitas County or other agencies.
- **Identify appropriate roles and responsibilities** - that should be undertaken by Kittitas County to meet critical open space, trail, park, and recreation facilities and recreation program needs.
- **Develop the elements of a countywide plan** - for open space, trails, park, and recreation facilities and recreation programs

including wildlife habitat and conservation areas, open spaces and natural resource areas, trails, athletic fields and facilities, indoor community and recreation centers, and other special purpose facilities.

- **Determine costs and standards** - involved in maintaining and/or improving open space, trails, park, and recreation facilities and recreation program levels-of-service (LOS), particularly the possible use of innovative financing tools or methods.
- **Define an implementation program** - outlining the actions necessary to realize the plan including supporting actions necessary to resolve agreements with the county, cities, school districts, state, and other private non-profit and for-profit agencies.
- **Determine public opinion** - through a series of public participation events and resolve final project, plan, and financing particulars based on the results of public input.

1.2 Approach

This study analyzed the supply, demand, and need for public and private open space, trail, and park facilities and recreation services within Kittitas County limits.

The proposed implementation strategies are the result of this comprehensive or holistic analysis. Generally, the proposed strategies recommend Kittitas County focus its resources where open space, trail, park, and recreation facilities needs are most critical, and Kittitas County resources will be most effective.

1.3 Public involvement

The Kittitas County Commissioners and Consolidated Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (CLATC) oversaw this planning process. During the course of the planning program, Kittitas County conducted a series of:

- **Internet surveys** - of county residents and tourists to determine their knowledge, use, condition assessments, and plan proposals during this planning process.
- **Hand-out/hand-back surveys** - of Kittitas County Fair and Ellensburg Rodeo attendees to determine their current utilization, program and park priorities of Kittitas Valley Event Center and other county destinations.
- **Public workshops and forums** - with agencies and city residents in Cle Elum and Ellensburg to brainstorm their ideas for open space, trails, park, and recreation facilities; and to review and critique the resulting brainstorm proposals prior to the development of final plan alternatives.
- **Internet survey of registered voter** - towards the end of the process to determine final voter project and program priorities from among the alternative proposals, and resolve financing preferences with which to implement this plan.

The proposals contained within this document represent the opinions developed from these public participation events.

1.4 Documentation

This report is organized into 6 chapters outlining goals and objectives, recreation program strategies, detailed plan elements, specific park property exhibits, and implementation measures.

Separate technical appendices detailing the community setting, existing facility inventories, park opportunities, land and facility demands, finances, and public opinion are available from the Kittitas County Commissioners.

Chapter 2: Goals and policies

PROS Goal 1 Strategic role

Undertake a strategic approach to open space, trail, park, and recreation facilities and recreation services where Kittitas County assumes responsibility for functions of countywide interest where there are no other viable sponsors, and helps coordinate or support functions and activities that have other viable sponsors.

PROS Policy 1.1 Coordinate activities

Take the lead role in providing information and coordinating services for open space, trail, park facilities, and recreation program activities on a countywide basis.

Update future population growth estimates, inventory existing and proposed facility developments, identify probable countywide and regional facility and program needs, and proposals of countywide facility and program solutions.

PROS Policy 1.2 Planning and development services

Provide detailed planning and development services when:

1.2.1: There are no other designated agencies or organizations who can, or

1.2.2: The activity involves site controversies or environmental consequences that may not be equitably resolved otherwise within Kittitas County.

PROS Policy 1.3 Development, operation, and maintenance

Help develop, operate or maintain open space, trail, park, or recreational facilities or recreation program activities provided:

1.3.1: The facility will have broad benefits for a large proportion of the countywide population and will be financed using resident approved methods, or

1.3.2: Facility development and operating costs will be recaptured from direct charges of the populations who use the facility, or

1.3.3: Facility development and operating costs will be compensated in some manner through inter-local agreements with the using agency, area or benefiting user group, particularly where the demands will originate from a county service requirement, or

1.3.4: The site or facility has intrinsic value apart from traditional operation and maintenance needs, such as a passive natural area or wetland preservation.

The following goals and objectives are based on a strategic approach to countywide services, an analysis of existing open space, trail, park, and recreation conditions, and the results of workshop planning sessions and surveys.

PROS Goal 2 Recreation programs

Promote healthy eating and active lifestyle programs and outreach activities of special interest and lifestyle benefit for county residents.

Promote, and work with other public, nonprofit, and for-profit agencies, organizations, and vendors including Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg cities, Cle Elum-Roslyn, Ellensburg, Kittitas, and Damman School Districts, Central Washington University, Washington State, and others. Such programs may include athletic leagues and sport groups (like youth soccer, little league, lacrosse, and football), youth, teen, and senior age groups, and special populations where these activities are of major interest and benefit to county residents of all ages.

PROS Policy 2.1 Healthy lifestyle

Promote healthy eating and active lifestyle programs including education, awareness, enforcement, and developmental partnerships for youth, teen, and senior age groups, and special

populations where these activities are of major interest and benefit to county residents of all ages.

PROS Policy 2.2 Active lifestyle

Facilitate development of a network of multipurpose parks, trails, facilities, and programs that encourage an active lifestyle involving walking, hiking, biking, playing, swimming, exercising, and other pursuits that help regulate weight and physical condition, and mental and physical health and well being for all age groups.

PROS Policy 2.3 Environmental

Promote the operation of environmental, historical, cultural, and recreational programs providing instruction, volunteerism, and participation in habitat restoration, community gardens, water-based recreation, trail development and security, interpretation programs, summer and day camps, maintenance, and other site-specific activities at park sites and properties in Kittitas County.

PROS Policy 2.5 Historical

Support historical and cultural societies to develop and display artifacts, reports, and exhibits; and conduct lectures, classes, and other programs that document and develop awareness of Kittitas County’s heritage at park sites and properties.

PROS Policy 2.3 Art and cultural

Promote programs for arts and crafts, classroom instruction in music and dance, physical conditioning and health care, meeting facilities, daycare, latchkey, and other program activities for all cultural, age, physical and mental capability, and income groups in Kittitas County by all agencies and vendors.

PROS Policy 2.4 Athletics

Designate and preserve appropriate sites, and facilitate agreements with user and league organizations to operate basketball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, baseball, softball, and other instruction and participatory programs for all age, skill level, and income groups in the County.

PROS Goal 3 Cultural arts

Promote development of high quality, diversified cultural arts facilities and programs that increase awareness, attendance, and participation opportunities at parks and properties in Kittitas County.

PROS Policy 3.1 Programs

Support successful collaborations between Cle Elum-Roslyn, Ellensburg, Kittitas, and Damman School Districts, Central Washington University, Yakama Nation, and other public agencies, service groups, schools, arts patrons, and artists that optimally utilize artistic resources and talents at parks and properties in Kittitas County.

PROS Policy 3.2 Artworks

Where appropriate, incorporate public artworks including paintings, sculptures, exhibits, and other media for indoor and outdoor display to expand resident access and appropriately furnish public places in parks and properties in Kittitas County.

PROS Goal 4 Resource conservancies

Assist with the planning, coordination, and preservation of unique environmental areas, wetlands, wildlife habitat, open spaces, forestlands, and scenic areas.

Work with other public and mission related non-profit and private agencies, such as Cle Elum-Roslyn, Ellensburg, Kittitas, and Damman School Districts, Central Washington University, Washington State Departments of Fish & Wildlife, Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Commission (P&RC), US Forest Service (USFS), US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nature Conservancy, Yakama Nation, Suncadia, and others to provide access to and create an effective approach to the following conservation issues.

PROS Policy 4.1 Wildlife habitat

4.1.1: Identify and help conserve critical wildlife habitat - including nesting sites, foraging areas, and migration corridors within or adjacent to natural areas, open spaces especially within the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Wenatchee National Forest, Teanaway Community Forest, LT Murray Wildlife Area, Oak Creek Wildlife Area, Wenas Wildlife Area, Naneum Ridge State Forest, Colockum Wildlife Area, Quilomene Wildlife Area, and Whisky Dick Wildlife Area, and along the Yakima River and Columbia River shorelines.

4.1.2: Preserve sensitive habitat sites that support threatened species and urban wildlife habitat - particularly around the Little Kachess and Cle Elum Lakes, and along the Yakima River shorelines.

PROS Policy 4.2 Natural areas

4.2.1: Preserve and protect significant environmental features - including unique wetlands, open spaces, woodlands, shorelines, waterfronts and other characteristics that support wildlife and reflect Kittitas County resource heritage - especially Teanaway Community and Naneum Ridge State Forests.

4.2.2: Provide public access to environmentally sensitive areas and sites that are especially unique to Kittitas County and surrounding area - including the length of the Iron Horse State Park/John Wayne Trail corridor from Snoqualmie Pass through Yakima River Canyon to the Columbia River at Vantage.

PROS Policy 4.3 Forestlands

Identify and conserve forest cover and the scenic attributes woodlands provide - especially the Wenatchee National, Teanaway Community, and Naneum Ridge State Forests.

PROS Policy 4.4 Open spaces

Define and conserve a system of open space corridors or separators - to provide definition between natural areas and urban land uses in and adjacent to Roslyn and Cle Elum - especially the open spaces created by the Teanaway Community Forest and the recent acquisitions by The Nature Conservancy.

PROS Goal 5 Historical resources

Assist where appropriate in the planning, coordination, and preservation of unique archaeological, historical, cultural, scenic, and man-made places, sites, landmarks, and vistas.

Work when appropriate with other public and private agencies, such as the Roslyn Museum, Kittitas County Historical Museum, Historic Thorpe Mill, Olmstead Place State Park, Ginkgo Petrified Forest, Central Washington University Museum of Culture & the Environment, Washington State Historical Societies, Yakama Nation, and others, to create an effective approach to the following resource conservation issues and proposals.

PROS Policy 5.1 Historical features and interests

5.1.1: Identify, preserve, and enhance Kittitas County's heritage, traditions, and cultural features - including historical sites, buildings, artworks, views, and monuments within park sites and historical areas - especially Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg historic downtowns.

5.1.2: Identify and incorporate significant historical and cultural lands, sites, artifacts, and facilities into the open space, trail, and park system to preserve these interests and provide a balanced social experience - especially including important Native American sites, homesteads, farms and barns, commercial buildings, railroad, mining, logging camps, and other places of interest in Kittitas County.

5.1.3: Work with the Central Washington University, Washington State Historical Society, Yakama Nation, and other archaeological and cultural groups to incorporate historical and cultural activities into park developments and recreational programs.

PROS Policy 5.2 Manmade environments and features

5.2.1: Incorporate interesting manmade environments, structures, activities, and areas into the open space, trail, and park system to preserve these features and provide a balanced recreational experience including historic mining, logging, railroad, and roads as well as the Wild Horse Wind Farm and Ellensburg Solar Ranch.

5.2.2: Work with property and facility owners to increase public access and utilization of these special sites and features.

PROS Goal 6 Trail systems

Facilitate the planning, development, and operation of a variety of countywide trails including winter, water, horse, off-road hike and bike, ORV and ATV trails, on-road bicycle touring routes and scenic drives that are directly related to environmental resources that are of most interest to Kittitas County residents and tourists.

Work with other public and private agencies, including The Nature Conservancy, Suncadia, Washington State Departments of Fish & Wildlife, Natural Resources, and Parks & Recreation Commission, US Forest Service (USFS), Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to develop and maintain an integrated system of trails.

PROS Policy 6.1 Winter trails

Support a system of alpine skiing, dog sledding, ice skating, Nordic skiing, sledding or snow tubing, snowshoeing, and snowmobile trailheads and trails for access to Wenatchee National Forest and Teanaway Community Forest attractions.

PROS Policy 6.2 Water trails

6.2.1: Support a system of kayak, canoe, raft, and other hand carry boat access landings and other improvements for appropriate access to Kittitas County's lakes and rivers.

6.2.2: Where feasible designate a water trail network for hand-carry or car-top craft including canoes and kayaks navigable lengths of the Yakima and Columbia Rivers.

PROS Policy 6.3 Horse trails

Support a system of horse trails and riding areas for appropriate access to Kittitas County's National Forest (USNF), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Washington State Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Fish & Wildlife (DFW) public lands especially including the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Teanaway Community

Forest, and LT Murray Wildlife Area as well as the Cle Elum Washington State Horse Park, Kittitas Valley Event Center, and Ellensburg Rodeo stable barns and arenas.

PROS Policy 6.4 Hike and bike trails

Coordinate and support a comprehensive system of off-road hike and bike trails that access scenic, environmental, historic, and open space attributes throughout Kittitas County - expanding and linking existing trail systems into area-wide networks especially including between the urban areas and public lands in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Wenatchee National Forest, Teanaway Community Forest, LT Murray, Oak Creek, Wenas, and Whiskey Dick Wildlife Areas.

PROS Policy 6.5 ORV and ATV trails

6.5.1: Coordinate and support a comprehensive system of off-road 4-wheel drive and all terrain vehicle trails and backcountry roads that access scenic, environmental, historic, and open space attributes throughout Kittitas County expanding and linking existing trail systems in the urban and upper county areas into area-wide networks including the Wenatchee National Forest, Teanaway Community Forest, Naneum Ridge State Forest, LT Murray, Oak Creek, Wenas, Colockum, and Whiskey Dick Wildlife Areas.

6.5.2: Coordinate and support designation and operation of off-road 4-wheel drive and all terrain vehicle parks that provide scenic routes, obstacles, and other skill courses for all off-road vehicles, interests, and skill levels.

PROS Policy 6.6 On and off-leash dog parks and areas

6.6.1: Coordinate and support a system of on and off-leash dog areas that provide controlled and convenient exercise opportunities for dog owners including appropriate segments of the proposed horse, hike, and bike trail systems.

6.6.2: Where appropriate, support development of off-leash dog parks that provide controlled and convenient exercise and social area opportunities for dog owners near major Kittitas County destinations including the Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg historic

downtown districts, Central Washington University, Kittitas Valley Event Center, and I-90 hotel/motel concentrations.

PROS Policy 6.7 Streetscapes, parkways, gateways, and artworks

6.7.1: Coordinate and support development of viewpoints and interpretive exhibits that integrate scenic corridors with specific historical, cultural, environmental, and scenic points of interest - especially including a pedestrian connection between Central Washington University and historic downtown Ellensburg.

6.7.2: Promote artwork installations into trails, parks, park facilities, and historical sites - especially within the Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg historic downtown districts and along the pedestrian promenades of the Kittitas Valley Event Center.

PROS Policy 6.8 All trail services and furnishings

6.8.1: Support development and maintenance of a series of trailheads, trailside rest stops, viewpoints, interpretive exhibits, and trail signage systems that integrate winter, water, horse, hike, bike, ORV, ATV, and dog trails with specific historical, cultural, environmental, and scenic points of interest.

6.8.2: Coordinate continuous trail corridors and local spur or loop routes with parks, schools, other public facilities, historical sites, and Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg historic downtown districts.

6.8.3: Support furnishing trails with appropriate supporting trailhead improvements that include interpretive and directory signage systems, rest stops, restrooms, parking and loading areas, water, and other services.

6.8.4: Where appropriate, promote trailheads at or in conjunction with park sites, schools, and other community facilities to increase local area access to countywide trail systems and reduce duplication of supporting improvements.

6.8.5: Where appropriate, coordinate telephones, emergency call boxes, or other means by which trail users can summon fire, emergency aid, police, and other safety and security personnel should the need arise.

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

6.8.7: Support an effective trail maintenance and restoration programs including the use of Adopt-A-Trail for citizens and organizations to provide park maintenance and litter pick-up activities.

PROS Goal 7 Resource parks

Coordinate the planning, development, and operation of a variety of resource-oriented facilities including fishing and hunting sites, hand-carry boat access and launch ramps, swimming beaches, picnicking areas, tent and RV campgrounds that are directly related to environmental resources that are of most interest to Kittitas County residents and tourists.

Work with other public and private agencies, particularly The Nature Conservancy, Suncadia, Washington State Departments of Fish & Wildlife, Natural Resources, and Parks & Recreation Commission, US Forest Service, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management to develop and operate appropriate resource park facilities.

PROS Policy 7.1 Waterfront access and facilities

Support development of additional shoreline access for waterfront fishing, wading, swimming, boating, and other related recreational activities and pursuits along the lake and river shorelines.

PROS Policy 7.2 Picnicking and day-use activities

Support development of additional picnic sites, shelters, and day-use group picnic grounds at major resource parks and along major off-road trail corridors throughout Kittitas County specifically including Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg urban areas.

PROS Policy 7.3 Campgrounds

Support development of additional tent and RV campgrounds, and “glamping” or glamour camping facilities throughout Kittitas

County specifically including near Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg and within the Kittitas Valley Event Center to support resident, tourist, fair, and rodeo participants and spectators.

PROS Goal 8 Playgrounds and fields

Support development of an integrated system of playgrounds, courts, and fields that are of most interest to Kittitas County residents. Assist with the planning of a system of local and regional athletic park facilities including competitive athletic fields that are of interest to Kittitas County residents and regional league tournament participants.

Coordinate and assist as appropriate other public and private agencies including Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg cities, Cle Elum-Roslyn, Ellensburg, Kittitas, and Damman School Districts, Central Washington University, and youth sports league organizations. Help site and sponsor the development of major competitive outdoor and indoor athletic facilities for all age and skill groups that are within reasonable geographic service areas of Kittitas County resident populations.

PROS Policy 8.1 Playgrounds and tot lots

Support development and designation of a network of play sites and facilities that meet playing standards and requirements for all age groups and skill levels within convenient walking distances of residential neighborhoods.

PROS Policy 8.2 Recreational courts

Support development and designation of a network of community park sites that provide a variety of recreational courts (such as basketball, sand volleyball, and tennis courts) that meet the highest quality pick-up and competitive practice and playing standards and requirements for all age groups, skill levels, and recreational interests within convenient walking distances of residential neighborhoods.

PROS Policy 8.3 Skateboard courts and challenge courses

Support development of equipment and furnishings that provide specialized activities (such as skateboard, rollerblade, climbing

walls, and challenge courses) that meet the highest quality competitive practice and playing standards and requirements for all age groups, skill levels, and recreational interests.

PROS Policy 8.4 Athletic fields

Support development and designation of a network of sites for organized sports leagues (such as soccer, lacrosse, softball, and baseball fields) to meet the highest quality competitive practice and playing standards and requirements for all age groups, skill levels, and recreational interests - including competition field sites in Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg as well as potential joint ventures with Cle Elum-Roslyn, Ellensburg, Kittitas, and Damman School Districts, and Central Washington University.

PROS Goal 9 Recreation facilities

Help coordinate the planning, development, and operation of specialized indoor facilities including aquatic facilities, gymnasiums, arts and crafts, classrooms, meeting rooms for special populations, children, teens, seniors, and the general population that are of major interest to Kittitas County residents of all ages

Coordinate and assist other public and private agencies including Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg cities, Cle Elum-Roslyn, Ellensburg, Kittitas, and Damman School Districts and related nonprofits, and for-profits, among others, to realize the following effective facilities and services within reasonable geographic service areas of Kittitas County resident populations.

PROS Policy 9.1 Aquatics centers

Support development and operation of outdoor and indoor aquatics facilities that provide instruction, aerobics, recreation, and competition facilities for all age groups, skill levels, and aquatics interests on a seasonal or year-round basis - working with Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg cities, Cle Elum-Roslyn, Ellensburg, Kittitas, and Damman School Districts, and related nonprofits and for-profits, among others.

PROS Policy 9.2 Recreation centers

Support development and operation of multiple use indoor recreational centers that provide gymnasiums, physical conditioning, recreational courts, and other athletic spaces for all age groups, skill levels, and community interests on a year-round basis - working with Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg cities, Cle Elum-Roslyn, Ellensburg, Kittitas, and Damman School Districts, and related nonprofits, and for-profits, among others.

PROS Policy 9.3 Community centers

Support development and operation of a system of multipurpose community centers and facilities that can provide arts and crafts, music, video, classroom instruction, meeting facilities, eating and health care, daycare, latch key, and other spaces for all age groups including preschool, youth, teens, and seniors on a year-round basis.

PROS Policy 9.4 Arts centers

Support development and operation of special indoor and outdoor cultural and performing arts facilities that enhance and expand music, dance, drama, cultural and historical interpretations, and other audience and participatory opportunities for the county-at-large including special summer farmers’ markets and festival events in the Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg historic downtown districts.

PROS Goal 10 Special purpose facilities

Coordinate and support the development and operation of facilities that have special or unique interests, impacts or relevance to Kittitas County residents that may not be provided by another public or private agency.

If practical, coordinate and assist other public and private agencies including the Suncadia, The Nature Conservancy, Washington State Horse Park, among others, with interpretive centers, museums, and other specialized facilities throughout Kittitas County.

PROS Policy 10.1 Special enterprises

10.1.1: Where appropriate and economically feasible, support the development and operation of specialized and special interest recreational facilities, like Ellensburg’s Water Park, as well as non-profit and for-profit retreats and conference centers, art and performing theaters, archery and gun ranges for Kittitas County residents and tourists.

10.1.2: Where appropriate, participate in joint planning and operating programs with other public and private agencies for special activities like downtown farmers’ markets, farm and barn tours, quilt tours, winery and brewery tours, farm stays and bed-and-breakfasts, and other throughout Kittitas County.

PROS Goal 11 Design standards

Develop and maintain design guidelines to ensure facilities are accessible, safe, and easy to maintain, with life cycle features that account for long-term costs and benefits.

PROS Policy 11.1 Accessibility

11.1.1: Develop and maintain design guidelines for outdoor picnic areas, trails, playgrounds, courts, fields, parking lots, restrooms, and other active and supporting facilities to be accessible to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and activity interests.

11.1.2: Develop and maintain design guidelines for indoor facility spaces, activity rooms, restrooms, hallways, parking lots, and other active and supporting spaces and improvements to be accessible to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and activity interests.

PROS Policy 11.2 Maintenance

11.2.1: Design, retrofit, and develop Kittitas County facilities that are sustainable, of low maintenance, and high capacity design to reduce overall facility maintenance and operation requirements and costs including the use of xeriscaping, drought resistant vegetation, native species, and low-water requirements.

11.2.2: Where appropriate, incorporate low maintenance materials, settings or other value engineering considerations that reduce care and security requirements, and retain natural conditions and experiences.

11.2.3: Where practical and appropriate, implement an Adopt-a-Trail and Adopt-a-Park program where volunteer users and citizens can perform maintenance, collect litter, and other support activities.

11.2.4: Incorporate Integration Pest Management principles in the management of landscape resources by utilizing a holistic approach to managing pests using biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical tools.

PROS Policy 11.3 Security and safety

11.3.1: Implement the provisions and requirements of the American Disabilities Act (ADA), Washington State Building Codes, and other design and development standards that improve park facility safety and security features for park users, department personnel, and the public-at-large.

11.3.2: Develop and implement safety standards, procedures, and programs that provide proper training and awareness for county personnel.

11.3.3: Define and enforce rules and regulations concerning activities and operations that protect user groups, county personnel, and the general public-at-large.

11.3.4: Where appropriate, use adopt-a-park programs, park watches, and other innovative programs that increase safety and security awareness and visibility.

PROS Goal 12 Financial resources

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

PROS Policy 12.1 Finance

12.1.1: Investigate innovative available methods, such as impact fees, land set-a-side or fee-in-lieu-of-donation ordinances, and inter-local agreements, for the financing of facility development, maintenance, and operating needs in order to reduce costs, retain financial flexibility, match user benefits and interests, and increase services.

12.1.2: Consider joint ventures with other public and private agencies including Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg cities, Cle Elum-Roslyn, Ellensburg, Kittitas, and Damman School Districts, Central Washington University, Washington State Departments of Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife, Parks & Recreation Commission, US Forest Service, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Yakama Nation, Suncadia, Nature Conservancy, and other public, nonprofit, and for-profit agencies where feasible and desirable.

PROS Policy 12.2 Public and private resource coordination

12.2.1: Integrate Kittitas County resources and funding with available monies and resources from the cities, school districts, and other regional, state, federal, nonprofit, and for-profit agencies in a manner that will best serve and provide for Kittitas County resident interests.

12.2.2: Cooperate with the cities, school districts, and other regional, state, federal, nonprofit, and for-profit agencies to avoid duplication, improve facility quality and availability, reduce costs, and represent Kittitas County resident interests through joint planning and development efforts.

PROS Policy 12.3 Cost/benefit assessment

12.3.1: Define existing and proposed land and facility level-of-service (ELOS/PLOS) standards that differentiate requirements due to population growth impacts, improved facility standards, and county and local, resident and tourist nexus of benefits.

12.3.2: Create effective and efficient methods of supporting acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of open

space, trail, park, and recreational facilities in manners that accurately distribute costs and benefits to public and private user interests.

12.3.3: Support development and operation of recreational programs that serve the broadest needs of the Kittitas County population, recovering program and operating costs with a combination of registration fees, user fees, grants, sponsorships, donations, scholarships, volunteer efforts, and the use of general funding.

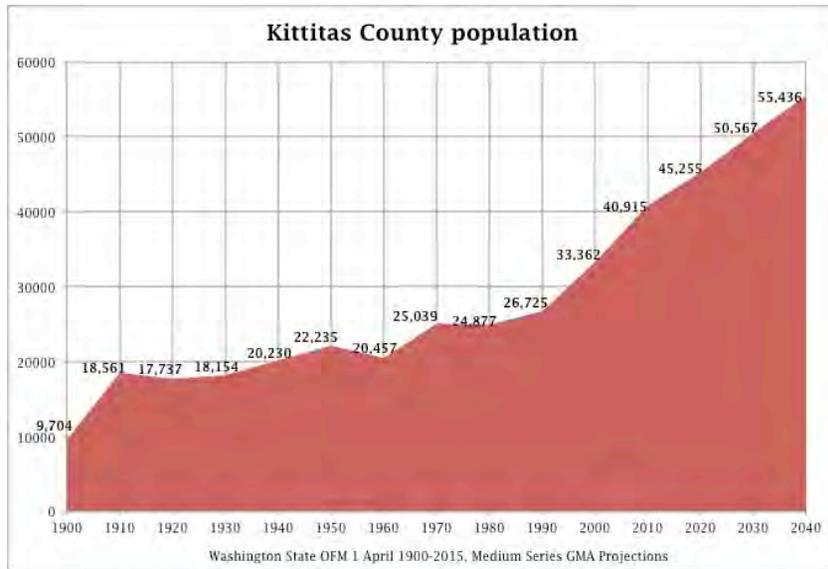
12.3.4: Where appropriate, support providing recreational programs, like retreat and conference facilities, water parks, horse parks, archery and gun ranges, for those interested groups who are willing to finance the cost through user fees, registration fees, volunteer efforts, or other means and methods.

Chapter 3: Recreation demand

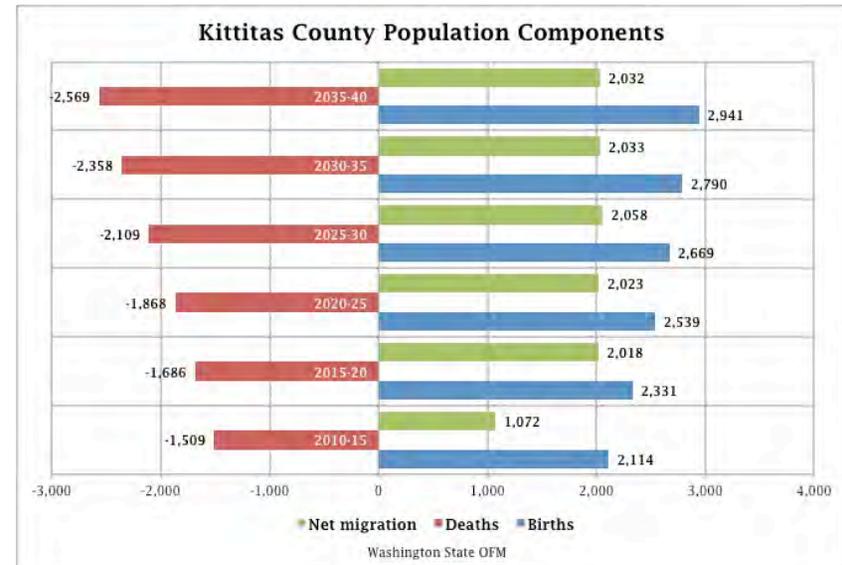
3.1 Kittitas County population projections 2015-2040

Kittitas County population - increased from 9,704 persons in 1900 to 42,670 persons by 2015 fluctuating between a high of 10.3% average annual rate of growth between 1900-1910 to a low of 0.9% between 1970-1980.

Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) estimates Kittitas County will increase to a population of 55,436 persons by the year 2040 averaging 1.2% between 2015-2025 then declining to 0.9% by 2035-2040.



Components of population change - include the number of births, deaths, and net migrants based on county trends and the county's allocation of overall state migration projections. OFM expects Kittitas County will lose 1,509 persons due to mortality attrition between 2010-2015 increasing up to 2,569 persons between 2035-2040 as an increasing proportion of the county's population ages

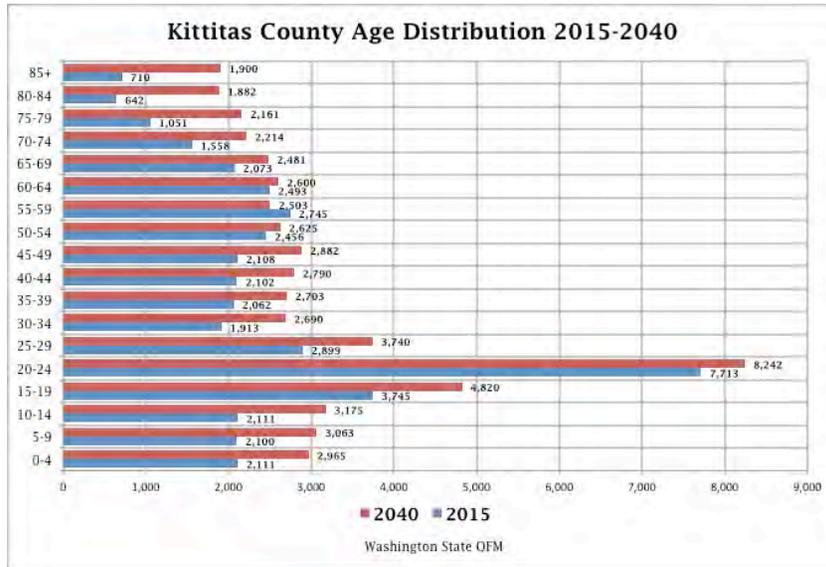


into older, elderly age groups. The number of births in Kittitas County will increase slightly from 2,114 persons or 605 more births than deaths between 2010-2015 to 2,941 persons or 372 more births than deaths between 2035-2040 reflecting a decreasing proportion of the population in fertility ages and a slight decline in the overall birth rate. Kittitas County's increased population growth will result from an increase in net migration from 1,072 between 2010-2015 to 2,032 persons between 2035-2040.

Age distribution - or the number of persons of the population in specific age groups, will shift considerably from 8,527 persons or 20% of the population 60 years and older in 2015 to 13,236 persons or 24% of the population 60 years and older by 2040.

Kittitas County's population age 20-24 which reflects Central Washington University will remain relatively the same number of persons from 7,713 persons in 2015 to 8,242 persons by 2040 but decline in proportion to the overall population from 18% in 2015 to

15% in 2040. Both trends will impact recreation demands due to the unique behaviors of these age groups.



3.2 Kittitas County tourism projections 2015-2040

Website tourist survey - conducted for the Kittitas County Tourism Plan indicated 33% of survey respondents primarily live in Puget Sound (Tacoma, Seattle, Kittitas County) and other Western Washington State (18%) for 51% total from the west side of the state, Central Washington State (29%), Eastern Washington State (12%), Oregon (3%), California (1%), other states in the US (4%), and Canada (0.1%).

The results of the website tourist survey generally reflect population distributions within Washington State and possibly the impact of major travel corridors on I-90 and US-2 to major metropolitan areas in western Washington.

Given the significantly larger populations residing in western Washington, even minor increases in tourist attraction and thereby

demand on Kittitas County recreational assets from western Washington could easily generate greater tourist visitation volumes than major increases from the smaller populations in central and eastern Washington.

Tourist population 1900-2015 - increased in the counties that contribute tourists to Kittitas County (Kittitas, King, Snohomish, Pierce, Chelan, Yakima, Douglas, and Benton Counties) from 221,541 persons in 1900 to 4,380,684 persons by 2015 fluctuating between a high of 9.8% average annual rate of growth between 1900-1910 to a low of 1.2% between 1930-1940. OFM estimates the combine market area will increase to a population of 5,362,956 persons by the year 2040 averaging 1.1% per year from 2015-2020 then declining to 0.7% by 2035-2040.

Population projections 2015-2040

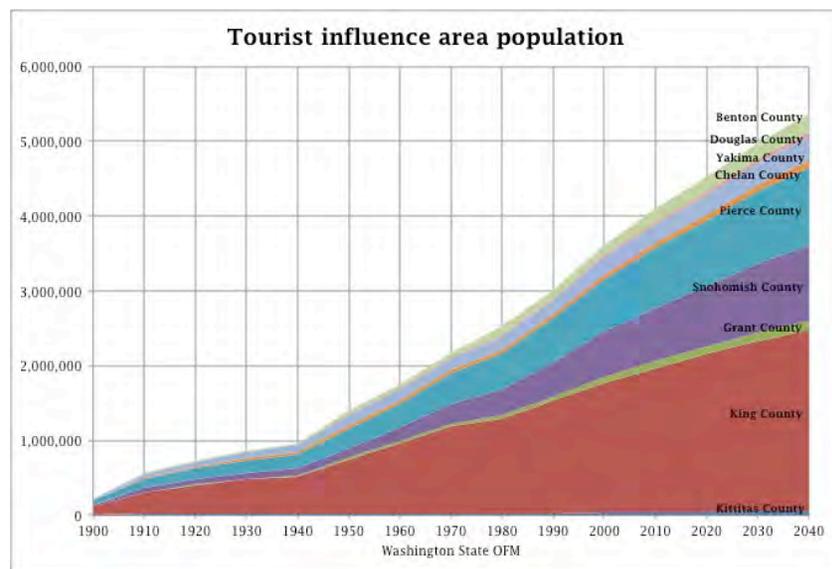
County	2015	2040	Addnl	Growth
Kittitas	42,592	55,436	12,844	30.2%
King	2,052,800	2,418,850	366,050	17.8%
Grant	93,390	138,337	44,947	48.1%
Snohomish	757,600	997,634	240,034	31.7%
Pierce	830,120	1,042,341	212,221	25.6%
Chelan	75,030	89,246	14,216	18.9%
Yakima	249,970	318,494	68,524	27.4%
Douglas	39,990	54,762	14,772	36.9%
Benton	188,590	247,856	61,266	32.5%
Total	4,380,684	5,362,956	982,272	22.4%

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM)

Tourist population in 2015 - King County has the greatest proportion of potential tourist population at 2,052,800 persons or 47% of the total, then Pierce County at 830,120 or 19%, Snohomish County at 757,600 or 17%, Yakima County at 249,970 or 6%, Benton County at 188,590 or 4%, Grant County at 93,930 or 2%, Chelan County at 75,030 or 2%, Kittitas County at 42,592 or 1%, and Douglas County at 39,990 or 1%.

Tourist population in 2040 - King County will have the greatest proportion of potential tourism population at 2,418,850 persons or

45% of the total, then Pierce County at 1,042,341 or 19%, Snohomish County at 997,634 or 19%, Yakima County at 318,494 or 6%, Benton County at 247,856 or 5%, Grant County at 138,337 or 3%, Chelan County at 89,246 or 2%, Kittitas County at 55,436 or 1%, and Douglas County at 54,762 or 1%.



3.3 Washington State RCO SCORP surveys

Washington State’s Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) develops a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every 6 years to help decision-makers better understand recreation issues statewide and to maintain Washington’s eligibility for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funds.

RCO conducted a series of 12-month diary surveys of a random sample of Washington State residents in 2000, 2006, and 2012 to determine the type of indoor and outdoor recreation activities residents engaged in over the year including the resident’s age, gender, ethnicity, income, and regional place of residence.

The RCO SCORP surveys recorded what residents participated in of 140 different indoor and outdoor activities and special spectator events including the participation rate and number of occasions per year by season, month, week, and type of environment (urban, rural, mountain). The surveys did not record the location of the activity.

Washington State tourist oriented recreation activities in 2012

Activity	Partic	Freq
Sightseeing	56.8%	15.2
Visiting nature interpretive center	29.2%	7.3
Wildlife viewing/photographing	59.0%	45.4
Gathering/collecting things in nature setting	27.2%	13.5
Gardening flowers or vegetables	56.7%	17.5
Fishing or shellfishing	34.1%	15.0
Picnicking, bbqing, or cooking out	80.9%	20.5
Beachcombing	32.6%	17.8
Swimming or wading at a beach	38.8%	
Surfboarding	2.1%	6.1
Wind surfing	1.0%	0.1
Inner tubing or floating	17.1%	8.0
Boating - whitewater rafting	2.8%	6.1
Boating - general, except whitewater rafting	32.8%	15.1
Water skiing	7.4%	8.7
Scuba or skin diving	1.6%	13.3
Snorkeling	3.7%	9.4
Using a splash park	8.1%	6.5
Using a spray park	6.4%	6.4
Snowshoeing	6.7%	4.4
Sledding, inner tubing, or other snow play	15.5%	5.5
Snowboarding	7.1%	8.5
Skiing downhill	10.4%	7.6
Skiing cross country	4.5%	8.6
Snowmobiling	2.7%	11.3
ATV riding on snow or ice	2.4%	11.3
Ice skating	3.3%	2.7
Ice hockey	0.5%	40.5
Bungee jumping	0.6%	2.3

Paragliding or hang gliding	0.2%	1.5
Hot air ballooning	0.2%	1.1
Sky diving/parachuting from plane or glider	0.8%	3.0
Base jumping	0.0%	0.0
Flying gliders, ultralights, or other aircraft	1.5%	16.7
Taking chartered sightseeing flight	0.2%	6.8
Walking with a pet	51.6%	97.8
Walking without a pet	71.3%	97.8
Walking with a pet - off leash in dog park	11.5%	23.6
Hiking	53.9%	17.1
Climbing or mountaineering	10.0%	9.2
Bicycle riding	36.9%	35.5
Horseback riding	7.7%	31.9
Off-roading for recreation	15.3%	25.7
Camping	42.4%	10.6
Hunting	9.4%	15.9
Shooting	17.4%	14.4
Playground use	36.9%	32.1
Aerobics or fitness activities, but not weights	30.1%	86.6
Weight conditioning	20.9%	82.5
Jogging or running	36.2%	66.0
Swimming in a pool	51.6%	21.5
Swimming in natural waters	35.7%	14.5
Roller or inline skating	4.7%	12.9
Skateboarding	2.9%	39.8
Badminton	6.0%	9.5
Handball, racquetball, or squash	4.2%	13.4
Volleyball	10.3%	13.1
Basketball	16.8%	20.4
Tennis	10.1%	17.1
Football	5.3%	18.5
Rugby	0.2%	50.5
Lacrosse	0.4%	7.5
Soccer	7.0%	28.7
Baseball	5.4%	16.7
Softball	7.8%	17.7
Golf	15.5%	12.6
Indoor community facilities	28.4%	38.1

Frisbee - disc golf or frisbee golf	4.5%	14.4
Frisbee - ultimate frisbee or frisbee football	3.0%	14.1

Participation rate = percent of the population that participates in the activity
Frequency = the number of times per year a participate engages in the activity

Source: Outdoor Recreation Trends and Futures, RCO SCORP 2012 Survey

Participation rates - were highest for picnicking, barbequing, or cooking out (80.9% of the survey respondents) and walking without a pet (71.3%).

Frequencies - were highest for walking without and with a pet (97.8 times per year).

Kittitas County is located straddling 4 of the SCORP regions for which the diary surveys were collated including the:

North Cascades - extending north through Chelan and Okanogan and west through Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties

Seattle-King - including all of King County

South Central - including Yakima, Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla Counties

Columbia Plateau - including Douglas, Grant, Adams, and Lincoln Counties

Participation rates for top 5 tourist oriented activities

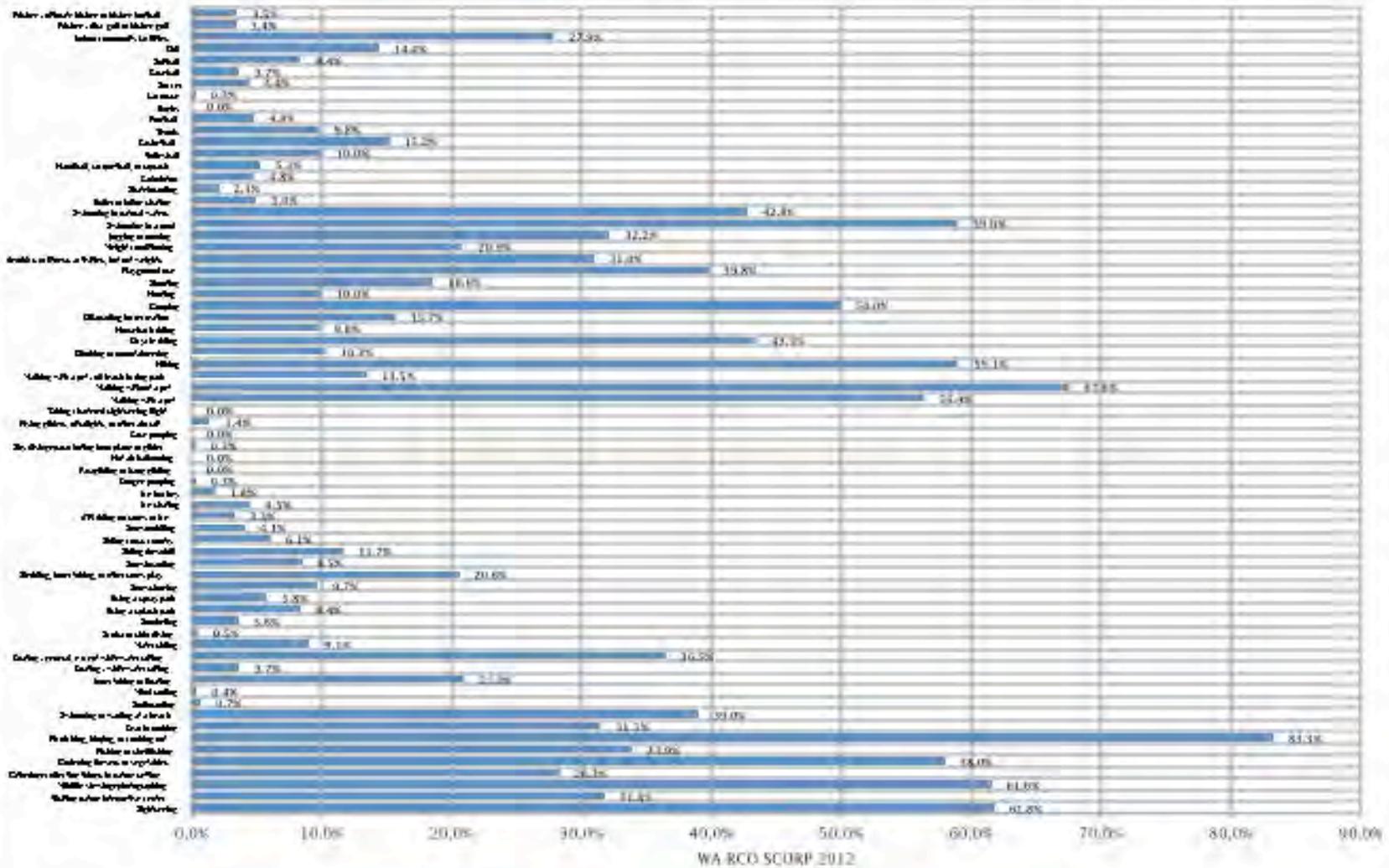
Activity	SeaKng	NoCas	SoCntl	ColPlt
Picnicking, bbqing, cooking	78.3%	83.3%	84.2%	85.1%
Walking w/o pet	78.1%	67.6%	71.9%	65.3%
Wildlife viewing	58.1%	61.6%	49.9%	55.3%
Sightseeing	58.4%	61.8%	51.3%	54.7%
Hiking	57.8%	59.1%	43.8%	36.5%

Frequencies for top 5 tourist oriented activities

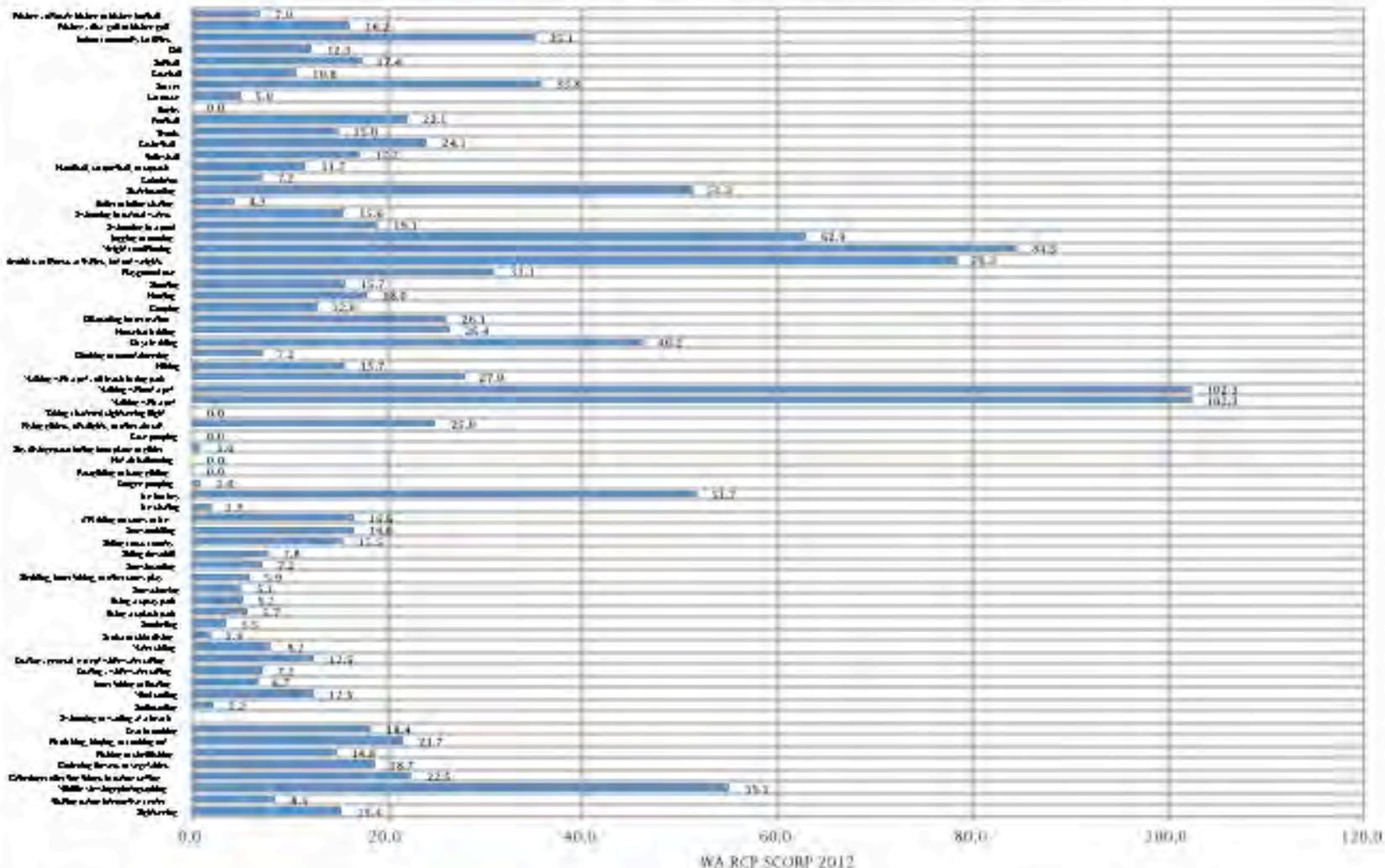
Activity	SeaKng	NoCas	SoCntl	ColPlt
Picnicking, bbqing, cooking	20.8	21.7	17.0	18.9
Walking w/o pet	97.9	102.3	95.5	71.9
Wildlife viewing	31.9	55.1	37.7	31.1
Sightseeing	14.3	15.4	17.1	12.1
Hiking	13.2	15.7	15.6	17.3

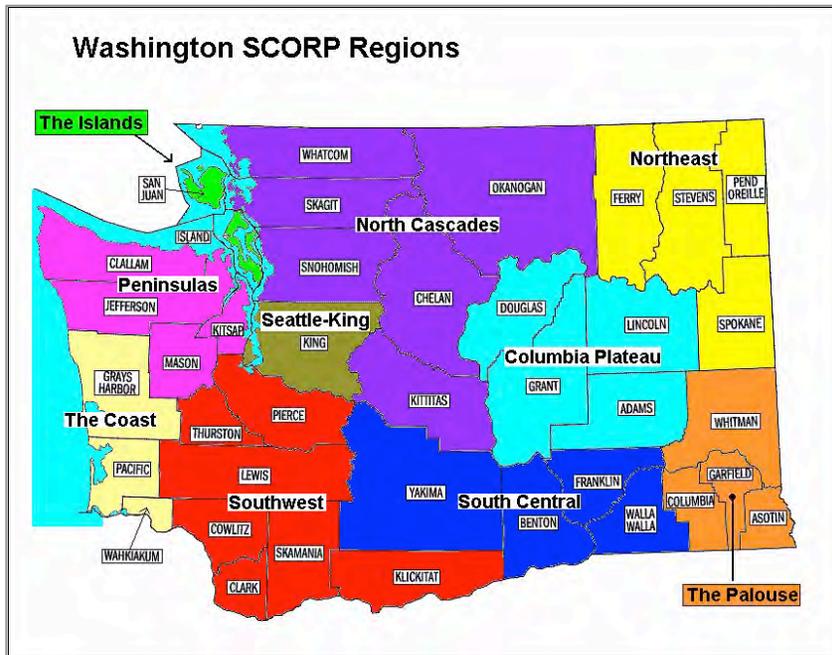
Source: Outdoor Recreation Trends and Futures, RCO SCORP 2012 Survey

North Cascades Region participation rates 2012



North Cascades Region frequencies 2012





Participation rates and frequencies vary significantly by region depending on whether the region is located next to Puget Sound, in western Washington, in or adjacent the Cascade Mountains, in urban versus rural populations, with different age group concentrations.

Kittitas County participation rates and frequencies reflect the North Cascade region that has higher participation rates for picnicking, wildlife viewing, sightseeing, and hiking than the Seattle-King County region, for example, but lower walking without a pet.

Kittitas County frequencies are higher overall for all 5 top tourist attractions than Seattle-King County region.

3.4 Kittitas County annual recreation volumes

The potential annual activity volume or occurrence that could result were the entire population of Kittitas County to engage in these activities in Kittitas County is determined by multiplying the participation rate by the frequency rate by the number of persons expected to reside in Kittitas County from 2015 to 2040.

The total number of activity occurrences that could result if all activity were to occur in Kittitas County programs and facilities would be 17,210,388 in 2015 increasing to 22,400,335 by 2040 or by 5,189,947 or 30%.

Washington State tourist oriented recreation activities in 2012

Activity	2015	2040	Addnl
Sightseeing	405,357	527,595	122,239
Visiting nature center	116,481	151,606	35,126
Wildlife viewing/photographing	1,445,641	1,881,587	435,946
Gathering/collecting in nature	271,205	352,989	81,784
Gardening flowers or vegetables	461,953	601,259	139,306
Fishing or shellfishing	213,693	278,133	64,441
Picnicking, bbqing, cooking out	769,897	1,002,067	232,169
Beachcombing	246,863	321,307	74,444
Swimming or wading at a beach	0	0	0
Surfboarding	656	854	198
Wind surfing	2,130	2,772	642
Inner tubing or floating	59,927	77,998	18,072
Boating - whitewater rafting	11,347	14,768	3,422
Boating - except whitewater	194,326	252,927	58,601
Water skiing	31,782	41,366	9,584
Scuba or skin diving	405	527	122
Snorkeling	5,367	6,985	1,618
Using a splash park	20,393	26,543	6,150
Using a spray park	12,846	16,719	3,874
Snowshoeing	21,070	27,424	6,354
Sledding, tubing, snow play	51,766	67,377	15,611
Snowboarding	26,066	33,927	7,861

Skiing downhill	38,869	50,591	11,721
Skiing cross country	40,271	52,415	12,144
Snowmobiling	28,988	37,730	8,742
ATV riding on snow or ice	23,332	30,368	7,036
Ice skating	3,642	4,740	1,098
Ice hockey	39,636	51,589	11,953
Bungee jumping	128	166	39
Paragliding or hang gliding	0	0	0
Hot air ballooning	0	0	0
Sky diving/parachuting	128	166	39
Base jumping	0	0	0
Flying gliders, ultralights,	14,907	19,403	4,495
Chartered sightseeing flight	0	0	0
Walking with a pet	2,457,439	3,198,502	741,063
Walking without a pet	2,945,441	3,833,665	888,224
Walking with a pet in dog park	160,423	208,800	48,377
Hiking	395,198	514,374	119,176
Climbing or mountaineering	31,586	41,111	9,525
Bicycle riding	855,971	1,114,097	258,126
Horseback riding	110,194	143,424	33,230
Off-roading for recreation	174,529	227,160	52,631
Camping	272,589	354,790	82,202
Hunting	76,666	99,785	23,119
Shooting	124,377	161,884	37,507
Playground use	527,195	686,176	158,980
Aerobics or fitness activities	1,033,836	1,345,598	311,762
Weight conditioning	752,196	979,027	226,831
Jogging or running	862,650	1,122,790	260,140
Swimming in a pool	479,969	624,708	144,739
Swimming in natural waters	284,378	370,135	85,757
Roller or inline skating	9,157	11,919	2,761
Skateboarding	45,884	59,721	13,837
Badminton	14,720	19,159	4,439
Handball, racquetball, or squash	26,411	34,376	7,965
Volleyball	73,258	95,350	22,092
Basketball	156,023	203,073	47,050
Tennis	62,610	81,491	18,881
Football	45,182	58,807	13,625

Rugby	0	0	0
Lacrosse	639	832	193
Soccer	67,091	87,323	20,232
Baseball	17,020	22,152	5,132
Softball	62,252	81,025	18,773
Golf	75,439	98,188	22,749
Indoor community facilities	417,099	542,879	125,780
Frisbee - disc golf or frisbee golf	23,460	30,534	7,074
Frisbee - ultimate frisbee	10,435	13,582	3,147

Activities that would generate the greatest potential annual volume in 2040 were all activity to happen in Kittitas County would be:

- Walking without a pet - 3,833,665 occurrences
- Walking with a pet - 3,198,502
- Observing or photographing wildlife or nature - 1,881,587
- Aerobics or fitness conditioning - 1,345,598
- Jogging or running - 1,122,790
- Bicycle riding - 1,114,097
- Picnicking, barbecuing, or cooking out - 1,002,067
- Weight conditioning - 979,027

Except for aerobics or fitness conditioning and weight conditioning, the majority of these activities can be accommodated on trails, conservancy areas, or parks.

3.5 Web-based visitor survey follow-ups

The web-based survey of visitors to the Cle Elum, Ellensburg, and Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce as well as through postcard handouts and other printed materials at various locations throughout the county generated 359 responses (see Appendix A).

Survey respondents indicated their areas of geotourism interest (historical, cultural, environmental, agriculture, and recreation) and their interest in receiving more detailed information on each interest area.

Would like more information on:	Yes	Return	Percent
Historical	93	20	22%
Cultural	109	32	29%
Environmental	48	11	23%
Agriculture	53	16	30%
Recreation	75	19	25%
Total	378	98	26%

Note: most respondents had more than one interest area.

Follow-up surveys were conducted for each geotourism interest that included the mapped destinations and attractions shown in the Kittitas County Tourism Plan following along with specific questions whether the additional information would generate an increased interest in visiting Kittitas County.

Will you visit Kittitas County more now that you are aware of the extent of destinations and attractions in your geotourism area of interest?

Historical tourists	No	Maybe	Yes
Historical districts and landmarks	0%	40%	60%
Barns and farmsteads	15%	65%	20%
Historic railroads and roads	16%	32%	53%
Mining sites	15%	40%	45%
Logging areas and sites	26%	47%	26%
Museums and Native American sites	0%	65%	35%
Interpretive centers, kiosks, trails	10%	60%	30%
Cultural tourists	No	Maybe	Yes
Barn quilts	25%	44%	31%
Art galleries, studios, performances	6%	44%	50%
Museums and Native American sites	16%	31%	53%
Interpretive centers, kiosks, trails	6%	52%	42%
Environmental tourists	No	Maybe	Yes
Public lands	0%	45%	55%
Unique wildlife habitat areas	0%	45%	55%
Extent of wildlife species	0%	45%	55%
Interpretive centers, kiosks, trails	9%	45%	45%
Agricultural tourists	No	Maybe	Yes
Farms, markets, and produce stands	7%	33%	60%

Wineries and breweries	13%	44%	44%
Barn quilts	13%	63%	25%
Recreational tourists	No	Maybe	Yes
Winter trails	32%	32%	37%
Water trails/boating access	11%	42%	47%
Horse trails	63%	26%	11%
Hiking trails	16%	32%	53%
Mountain bike trails	47%	26%	26%
Off-road vehicle (ORV) trails	63%	21%	16%
All-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails	63%	21%	16%
Dog trails and hotels that allow dogs	16%	42%	42%
Picnic facilities - groups	11%	44%	44%
Tent and RV campgrounds	26%	26%	47%
Fishing access sites	16%	32%	53%
Hunting and shooting sites	63%	21%	16%

Note: some attractions, like museums, and interpretive centers were applicable to more than one geotourism interest.

Geotourism activities generating MOST likely visitation after being provided information on Kittitas County attractions -

include historical districts and landmarks (60% of the follow-up respondents will visit more now that aware of attractions), farms, famers' markets, and produce stands (60%), public lands (55%), wildlife habitat areas (55%), extent of wildlife species (55%), fishing access sites (53%), museums and Native American sites (53%), historical railroads and roads (53%), hiking trails (53%), art galleries, studios, and performances (50%) **suggesting that outreach will generate higher tourism volumes in these activities.**

Geotourism activities generating LEAST likely visitation after being provided information on Kittitas County attractions -

include horse trails (11%), off-road vehicle (ORV) trails (16%), all-terrain vehicles (ATV) trails (16%), hunting and shooting sites (16%), barns and farmsteads (20%), and barn quilts (25%) suggesting that participants of these activities currently know of Kittitas County attractions **suggesting that outreach will be least effective for these attractions since they know or have already frequented these destinations.**

Chapter 4: Plan elements

The following proposals concerning elements of the open space, trail, and park plan are based on the results of environmental inventories, field analysis, demand analysis, workshop planning sessions, and surveys of resident households. The proposals outline the vision developed for open space, trails, and parks within Kittitas County for the next 20 years.

The proposals are **CONCEPTUAL**, in some instances, subject to further study and coordination with public and private participants that may modify the eventual project particulars.

The proposals are described referring to a site or property that may provide a major type of open space, trail, or park activity. Any particular site or property may include one or all of the described plan features. The proposals in each section describe the improvements that will be accomplished under each major type of plan element.

4.1 Conservancies - natural resources

Conservancy lands protect, preserve, and conserve lands that have environmental features of critical area significance (floodplains and landslide hazard), ecological importance (shorelines, wetlands and watersheds), forestland (old growth, woodland cover, and prime productive), farmland (heritage and prime productive), wildlife habitat (threatened and endangered species), and open space to Kittitas County.

To the extent possible and practical, resource conservancy lands link preserved open spaces (even though these lands may not be publicly accessible) to greenways and open space networks. These linked areas will visually define and separate developing urban areas from each other in accordance with the objectives of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA).

To the extent practical, some resource conservancy lands may provide nature and interpretive trails, exhibits, and interpretive

facilities to increase public awareness and appreciation for significant and visually interesting environmental, wildlife, forest, and farm features. Some supporting services may also be developed including limited trailheads, parking lots, and restrooms.

Resource conservancy activities may be located on independent properties or include portions of other sites provided for resource activities, trail corridors, or other public facilities. Conservancies may also be developed on other publicly owned lands subject to public use agreements or easements; or on lands acquired for other public purposes including storm water management, groundwater recharge, and wastewater treatment.

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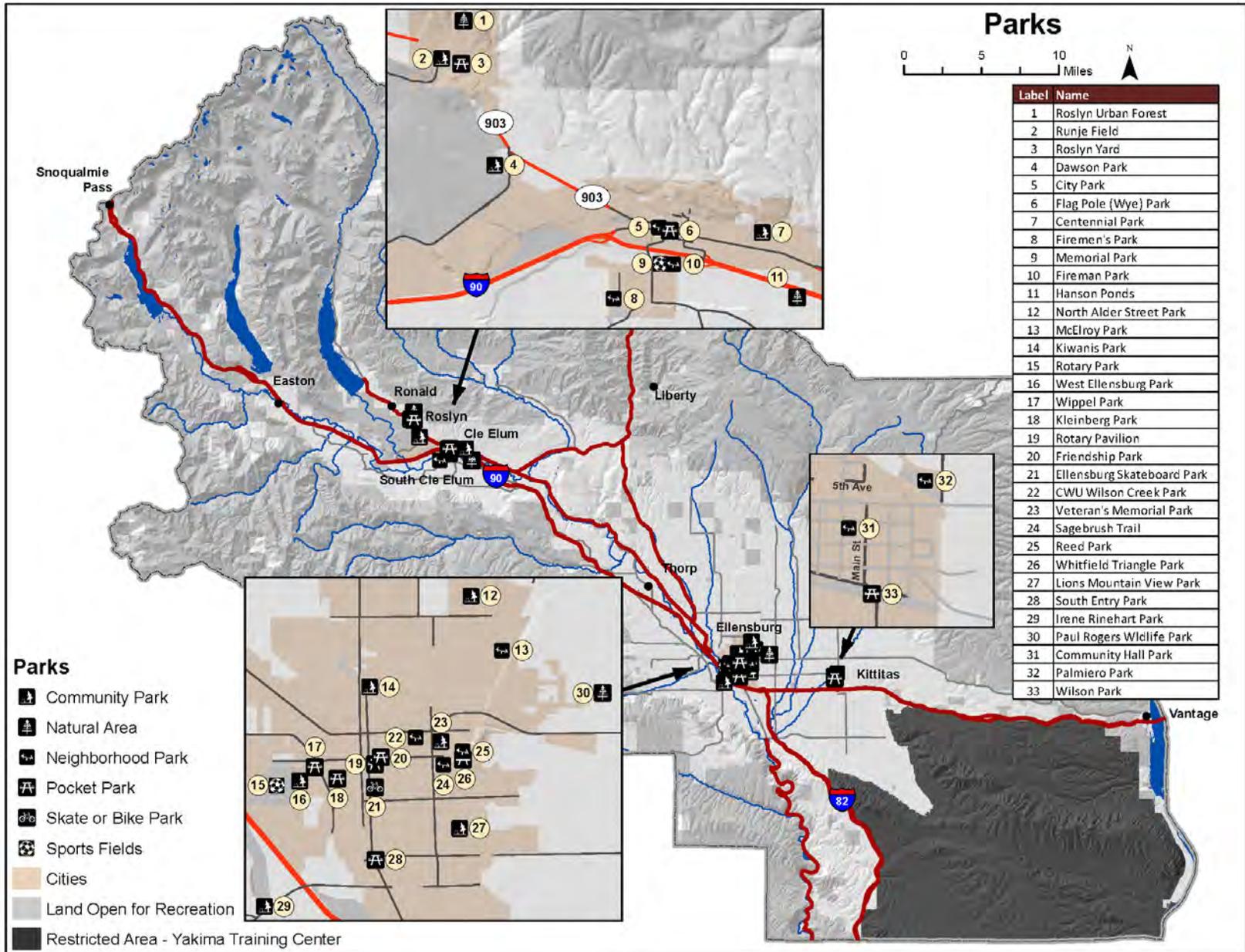
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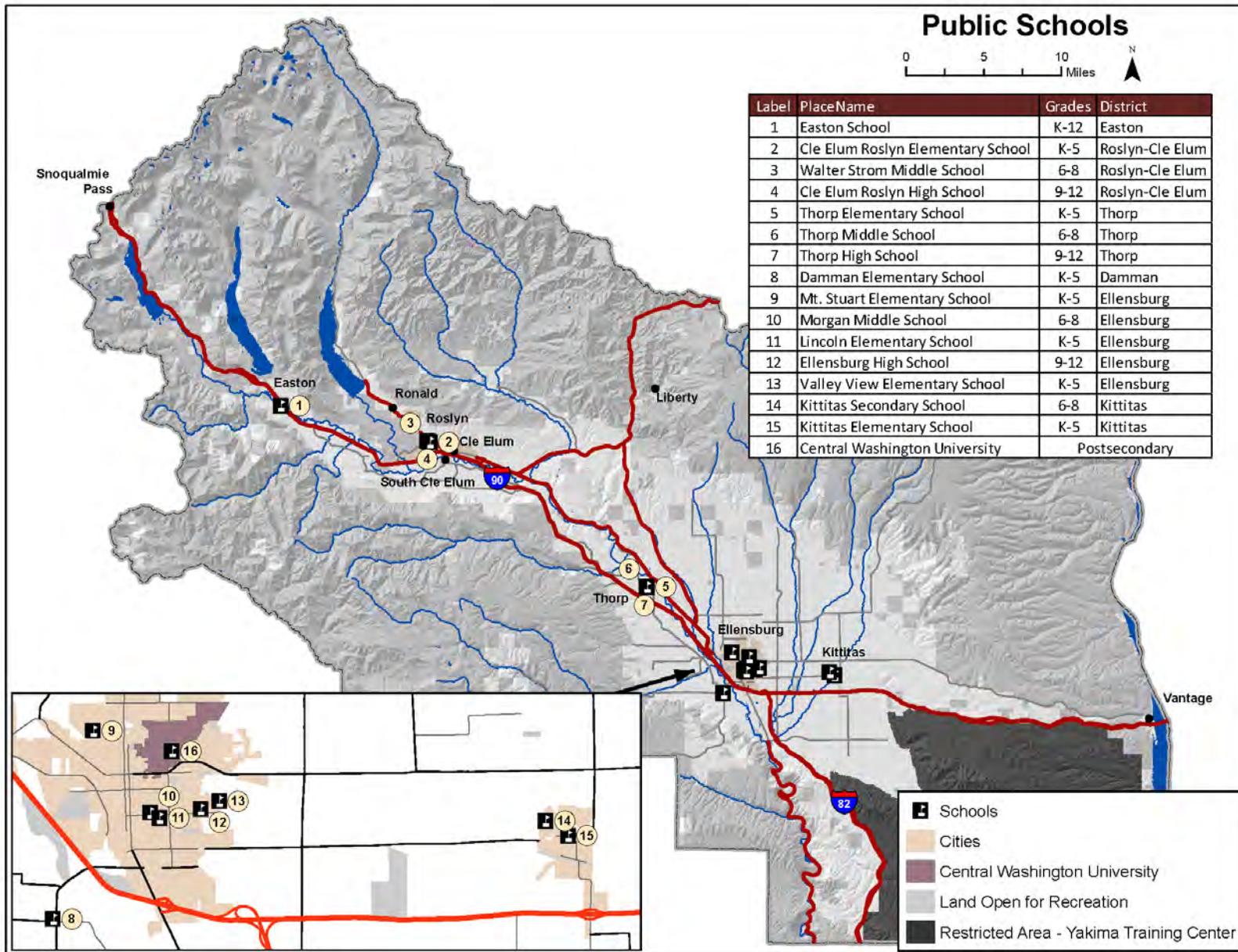
- **Acquisition of development rights and/or title of resource lands** - that would otherwise be developed for other rural or urban land uses; and
- **Provision for public access and interpretive use** - that would not be possible if the lands remained in private ownership without such provisions.

Existing resource conservancy sites

Wildlife habitat, including lands and sites used by threatened and endangered species for foraging, nesting, and migration activities, are protected from degradation and most urban development activities by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) and federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Significant wildlife habitat and habitat buffers are retained, and may even be restored to a natural state, to provide wildlife support.

As such, wildlife habitat ensures the survivability of important species, and also provides wetlands, riparian corridors, forest cover, farm, and open space opportunities.





The following sites have significant multipurpose resource conservancy potentials including mixtures of shoreline, forestland, farmland, wildlife habitat, and open space of area-wide significance in and adjacent to Kittitas County's urban areas.

Existing resource conservancy sites

The following sites have been provided conservancy protection through easements, land use agreements, or acquisitions subject to appropriate feasibility studies with public and private participants.

Existing resource conservation acres*	
Kittitas County	64.1
1 Helen McCabe Park	64.1
This state park, named after Dr Helen McCabe, a professor of Recreation at CWU, is located at the confluence of Wilson Creek with the Yakima River south of Ellensburg on the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway. The park, which is being transferred to Kittitas County, includes an 8-acre pond with fishing access.	
Roslyn	300.0
2 The Roslyn Urban Forest	300.0
In 2004, the City of Roslyn was given ownership of the forestland that surrounds it. The City's Land Stewardship Plan guides the management of the forest that includes a mix of Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, and Grand fir, some nearly 100 years old. The Forest provides a wildlife corridor between the West Fork Teanaway River, the Cle Elum River Easton Ridge, and the Yakima River.	
Cle Elum	82.0
3 Hanson Ponds	82.0
Hanson Ponds includes 3 parcels that are part of a larger riverine area that were breached to allow for greater hydrologic continuity with the Yakima River and provide exceptional salmon habitat. The ponds host the Kiwanis youth fishing pond as well as provide access to wooded areas, wetlands, and riverine habitat.	
Ellensburg	1,458.4
4 Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park	117.0
This community park is located in the southwest portion of the city between I-90 and the Yakima River. Reecer Creek flows through the north boundary between the Park and I-90. Trails	

connect the park under I-90 with Rotary Park.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming and wading beach with grass sunning area Boat launch ramp onto the Yakima River Visitor information kiosk Restroom 	
5 Paul Rogers Wildlife Park	20.0
This community park is located in east Ellensburg on Ronald Road with a series of wetlands, minor streams, and open field habitat.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restroom 	
6 Naneum Watershed	1,263.4
This conservation park is located on Naneum Road and includes 263.4-acres owned by Ellensburg and 1,000-acres leased from Washington State Department of Natural Resources to protect and lands and water resources around Ellensburg's water source.	
7 Reecer Creek Restoration	58.0
This conservation park is located on Lower Reecer Creek west of Rotary Park. The restoration project relocated the dyke, increased the channel length, replanted riparian and upland areas, added in-stream wood, and opened up 58-acres of floodplain.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail on relocated dyke Interpretive kiosk 	
Ellensburg School District	3.0
8 Mt Stewart Elementary School	3.0
This elementary school is located in northwest Ellensburg on 15th Avenue and Cora Street adjacent to the Ellensburg BMX Park.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mt Stewart Elementary Nature Park - a wooded area located north of the school campus 	
Total existing conservancy acres	1,843.4*
* Total site acreage may also provide for other resource or recreational activities.	

Proposed resource conservancy sites

The following sites may be provided conservancy protection through easements, land use agreements, or acquisitions subject to appropriate feasibility studies with public and private participants.

Proposed resource conservancy acres*	
Kittitas County with other participants	unk
9 Gladmar Park	unk
This park is located south of Thorp at the end of Gladmar Park Road and adjacent to the John Wayne Trail. Kittitas County manages the site under a 50-year lease agreement with Central Washington University for public and student research and education.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extensive wetlands and open water ponds connecting with the Yakima River ▪ Proposed footbridges over channel onto islands ▪ Proposed parking area, trailhead, and restrooms 	
10 Mountains to Sound Greenway at Cle Elum	unk
This proposal will link the Mountain to Sound Greenway land acquisitions along the Cle Elum and Yakima Rivers west of Cle Elum with the John Wayne Trail and Cle Elum's Hanson Ponds and Trails.	
Total proposed conservancy acres	unk

4.2 Resource parks

Resource parkland may be conserved in Kittitas County that provide public access to significant environmental features. Generally, resource parks may provide access to significant freshwater shorelines, woodlands, and scenic areas.

To the extent possible and practical, resource parklands will be linked with other preserved open spaces (even though these lands may not be publicly accessible) to create greenway corridors and open space networks. These networks will visually define and separate developed urban areas from each other and the surrounding rural landscapes in accordance with the objectives of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA).

To the extent practical, resource parklands may also be traversed and linked by all types of trail corridors to increase access to and through significant and visually interesting features.

Resource park facilities may be developed that provide public use and enjoyment of appropriate and capable portions of

environmental conservancy sites throughout Kittitas County. Water-oriented resource park activity improvements may provide a distribution of swimming sites, fishing piers, docks, and boat launches.

Where appropriate, resource park sites may also be improved with a variety of outdoor facilities including group and individual campsites, picnic facilities, playgrounds, and open grassy play areas. Supporting services may also be developed including parking lots, restrooms, and utilities.

Resource park activities may be located on independent properties or include portions of other sites provided for environmental conservancies, trail corridors, recreational facilities or other public facilities. Resource park activities may also be developed on other publicly owned lands subject to public use agreements or easements; or on lands acquired for other public purposes including stormwater management detention and retention ponds, and wastewater treatment sites.

Vision

As described herein, the resource park vision will be realized through:

- **Acquisition of resource parklands** - that would otherwise be developed for other land uses;
- **Provision of public access** - and use of natural features which would not be possible if the lands remained in private ownership; and
- **Conservation for public access** - and use of unique and available natural features that visually define and separate developing urban areas.

Waterfront access points

Existing waterfront access sites

The following sites provide access to significant freshwater access points in Kittitas County that provide fishing, beach, boating, and other waterfront access activities.

Existing waterfront access sites

Cle Elum	2
1 Fireman's Park	1
This 12.3-acre community park is located in south Cle Elum near I-90 on the south bank of the Yakima River.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Riverfront access ▪ Restroom 	
2 Hanson/Kiwanis Ponds	1
This 82.0-acre park includes 3 parcels located on part of a larger riverine area between the north bank of the Yakima River and I-90.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main ponds breached to allow for greater hydrologic continuity and provide salmon habitat. ▪ Kiwanis youth fishing pond 	
Ellensburg	1
3 Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park	1
This 117.0-acre community park is located in the southwest portion of the city between I-90 and the Yakima River off Umptanum Road and includes Carey Lakes - 2 small lakes that provide access to the Yakima River. Reecer Creek flows through the north boundary between the Park and I-90. Yakima River trail and shoreline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Day use swimming beach ▪ Day use floating docks ▪ Hand carry craft on Carey Lakes only ▪ Boat launch ramps to Yakima River ▪ Restrooms 	
Kittitas County	4
4 Naneum Pond	1
This small pond is located off Vantage Highway between Ellensburg and Kittitas open year round to kids 14-years and younger.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stocked with catchable-sized rainbow trout 	
5 Helen McCabe State Park	1
This -acre state park, soon to be transferred to Kittitas County, is located on a fresh water pond 5 miles south of Ellensburg on Thrall and Canyon Roads on the Yakima River Scenic Byway.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waterfront access to 8-acre freshwater pond stocked with rainbow trout ▪ Restroom 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed interpretive center 	
6 Gingko Boat Launch	1
This boat launch is located at the end of Recreation Road 1 mile north of Vantage on the west bank of the Columbia River.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paved boat ramp ▪ Restroom 	
7 Vantage Boat Launch	1
This boat launch ramp is located on the Columbia River at I-90 exit 126 on Boat Ramp Road in Vantage	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2-lane boat concrete boat launch ramp with float ▪ Restroom 	
Grant County PUD #2	5
8 Columbia River	5
In compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses for the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams, the PUD provides recreational facilities along the western shoreline of the Columbia River in Kittitas County including 1 and 2-lane boat launches and restrooms at:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hunitzinger ▪ Yoyo Rock ▪ Sunland ▪ Frenchman's Coulee ▪ Buckshot 	
Suncadia	1
8 Swim & Fitness Center	1
This indoor/outdoor facility is located in Suncadia off Suncadia Trail.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boathouse on pond with kayak launch and pier 	
Total existing waterfront access sites	13
Proposed waterfront access sites	
The following sites will provide access to significant freshwater access points in Kittitas County that provide fishing, beach, boating, and other waterfront access activities.	
Proposed waterfront access sites	
Kittitas County	1
9 Gladmar Park	1
This park is located south of Thorp at the end of Gladmar Park Road and adjacent to the John Wayne Trail. Kittitas County	

manages the site under a 50-year lease agreement with Central Washington University for public and student research and education.

- Extensive wetlands and open water ponds connecting with the Yakima River
- Proposed footbridges over channel onto islands
- Proposed parking area, trailhead, and restrooms

Total proposed waterfront access sites 1

Proposed campgrounds

The following sites will be improved for camping facilities that may be provided subject to appropriate feasibility studies with public and private participants.

Proposed campsites

Kittitas County 33

1 Kittitas Valley Event Center RV Park 33

Acquire and develop a 33-space RV park on Wilson Creek between University Way and the John Wayne Trail, Alder Street and the irrigation canal to support fair and rodeo participants during the annual Labor Day event, facility users the rest of the year, and the general public as space and demand allows. Provide all utilities including wifi, water, sewer, a dump station, and lodge with laundry and meeting room amenities. Restore Wilson Creek’s buffer and host the Yakama Nation campsite, salmon bake, and dance ceremonies during the Labor Day event.

Total proposed campsites 33

Picnic shelters and tables

Existing picnic shelters with tables

The following sites provide day-use picnicking facilities.

Existing picnic sites

Roslyn 1

1 Roslyn Pioneer Park 1

This -acre community park is located west of town adjacent to Coal Miners Trail.

- Gazebo and picnic tables located next to grass play area

Cle Elum 2

2 Swimming Pool Park 1

This 2.3-acre community park is located on the site of the old and now non-existent community swimming pool at the west end of town and serves as the trailhead to Progress Path - a trail between Cle Elum and Cle Elum Roslyn Community School.

- Picnic shelter with tables and in-ground barbeques

3 Sagebrook Park 1

This 0.1-acre neighborhood park is located in south Cle Elum.

- Gazebo and barbeque area

Ellensburg 11

4 Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park 1

This 117.0-acre community park is located in the southwest portion of the city between I-90 and the Yakima River off Umptanum Road. Reecer Creek flows through the north boundary between the Park and I-90. Trails connect the park under I-90 with Rotary Park.

- Picnic table pads
- Restroom

5 Kiwanis Park 1

This 4.0-acre neighborhood park is located in the northwest portion of the city on Main Street and 14th Avenue. Mercer Creek flows through the west boundary of the park.

- Picnic shelter and tables
- Interpretive display
- Restroom

6 Kleinburg Park 1

This 0.37-acre park is located in west Ellensburg across from the historic Great Northern Railroad Depot on West 3rd Avenue.

- Picnic table

7 McElroy Park 1

This 7.0-acre neighborhood park is located in northeast Ellensburg on Brooklane Street and Brick Road. The upper reaches of Wilson Creek flow through the east boundary of the park.

- Picnic tables
- Interpretive display

8 Mountain View Park	1
This 8.0-acre neighborhood park is located in southeast Ellensburg between Manitoba and Seattle Avenues.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picnic shelters and tables ▪ Restroom 	
9 North Alder Street Park	1
This 5.5-acre community park is located in north Ellensburg on North Alder Street.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picnic shelter and tables ▪ Restroom 	
10 Reed Park	1
This 4.0-acre community park is located in central Ellensburg on Craig Road adjacent to the city water tank and overlooking the Kittitas Valley Event Center fairgrounds and rodeo arena.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picnic tables and overlooks 	
11 Rotary Park	1
This 100.0-acre regional park is located in west Ellensburg on West 5th Avenue.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picnic shelter and tables ▪ Restroom 	
12 Veterans' Memorial Park	1
This 3.0-acre neighborhood park is located in east Ellensburg between East 6th and 7th Avenues adjacent to Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and the Kittitas Valley Event Center.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picnic shelters and tables ▪ Restroom 	
13 West Ellensburg Park	1
This 0.6-acre pocket park is located in west Ellensburg on North Lincoln Street.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picnic shelter and tables ▪ Restroom 	
14 Wippel Park	1
This 0.60-acre neighborhood park is located in west Ellensburg adjacent to Rotary Park on West 4th Avenue and North Railroad Street.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picnic shelter and tables 	
Kittitas County	1
15 Vantage Boat Launch	1
This boat launch ramp is located on the Columbia River at I-90 exit	

126 on Boat Ramp Road in Vantage.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 picnic tables and grills ▪ Restroom 	
Grant County PUD #2	5
16 Columbia River	5
In compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses for the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams, the PUD provides recreational facilities along the western shoreline of the Columbia River in Kittitas County including picnic areas, interpretive kiosks, trails, and restrooms at:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hunitzinger ▪ Yoyo Rock ▪ Sunland ▪ Frenchman's Coulee ▪ Buckshot 	
Suncadia	1
17 Dawson park	1
This homeowner association community park is located in Suncadia on Coal Mine Way.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gazebo and picnic tables located next to grass play area 	
Total existing picnic shelters with tables	21

4.3.1 Winter trails

A system of cross-country ski and snowmobile trails has been developed to link winter sno-parks in Kittitas County. To the extent practical and possible, winter trails will be linked or extended into US Forest Service (USFS) areas to provide connections to USFS winter trail systems.

Cross-country ski and snowmobile trails have been developed as single mode trails to USDA Forest Service winter trail standards. Winter trails will be constructed of compacted dirt or crushed rock over a roadbed base with an under-story clearance on either side of the trail.

Winter trails generally share trailhead services with other trail users when the winter trail is located within a multipurpose trail corridor.

When winter trails are provided in separate locations, trailheads will be provided with parking lots, restrooms, and other services.

Vision

As described, the winter trails vision may:

- Increase winter trail access for experienced riders to scenic areas and features for extended skiing and snowmobiling duration,
- Increase trail access to parks, open space corridors, and other areas of interest within the rural and backcountry areas,
- Serve persons with varied physical abilities and skills, and
- Expand trail corridors to provide for a mixture of recreational uses.

Existing Sno-Parks

A system of over 500 miles of cross-country ski and snowmobile trails has been developed to link winter sno-parks in Kittitas County, one of which is owned and managed by Kittitas County.

Existing Sno-Parks

Kittitas County	1
1 Evergreen Sno-Park	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This Sno-Park is located at the end of Woods & Steele Road at NF-4510 south of Cle Elum. ▪ -- parking spaces ▪ 29.9 miles of trail 	

Existing Kittitas County Sno-Parks **1**

Existing cross-country ski trails

Cross-country ski trail miles

Roslyn	1.0
1 The Roslyn Urban Forest	
The Roslyn Urban Forest includes a number of trails open to hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing including a number that use original mining and railroad corridors in and around town and Cedar Gulch and Crystal Creek named:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alaska Alley, Ewok, and #3 Poer Line Cut ▪ Crooked Tree and Browitt's ▪ Arizona/#8 Loop, Reroute, and the Boneyard ▪ #8 Grade Service Road, Slickrock, #8 Rail Grade, Rocky's/Happy 	

Jack, #6 Canyon, and Upper Pan Tree

▪ Coal Mines Trail	
Cle Elum	6.0
2 Coal Mines Trail	6.0

Coal Mines Trail is a 6-mile (1-mile located in Cle Elum city limits) constructed from an abandoned mining rail car siding connecting Cle Elum and Roslyn and used year-round by hikers, bikers, snowmobiles, snowshoe, equestrian users, and nature walkers.

Existing trail miles **7.0**

Existing snowmobiling trails

Snowmobiling trail miles

Cle Elum/Roslyn	6.0
1 Coal Mines Trail	6.0

Coal Mines Trail is a 6-mile (1-mile located in Cle Elum city limits) constructed from an abandoned mining rail car siding connecting Cle Elum and Roslyn and used year-round by hikers, bikers, snowmobiles, snowshoe, equestrian users, and nature walkers.

Existing trail miles **6.0**

4.3.2 Water trails

A water access system will be developed to provide day-use and overnight kayak, canoe, floats, and other hand-carry watercraft trail excursions on the Yakima River. Where possible, water trailheads will be located to coincide with and use other trail corridors and park services including parking lots, restrooms, and utilities. When provided on separate sites, water trailheads may be improved with launch ramps or landings, tent sites, picnic tables, shelters, restrooms, and other services.

Water trail development projects will use a cooperative, joint venture approach to formally designate and improve launch sites and trailheads and/or to develop new launch sites, rest stops, and other water trail services.

Vision

As described, the water trail vision may:

- Increase and promote public access to the Yakima River’s significant freshwater resources - particularly for hand-carry boating enthusiasts,
- To scenic natural areas and features of interest that can not be accessed from other trail systems,
- For boating enthusiasts of all skill levels,
- For extended boating duration including overnight trips.

Water trailheads

Upper Yakima River Water Trail - Cle Elum to Thorp **5**

1 Iron Horse Trail **Put-in**

This Washington State Parks trailhead for the Iron Horse/John Wayne Trail is located just west of I-90 exit 80 three miles west of Cle Elum.

- Primitive boat ramp often used as a takeout for rafters and boaters because there can be dangerous logjams below this point.

2 Memorial/Fireman’s Park, Cle Elum **Put-in**

This park is located just south of I-90 exit 84 off South Cle Elum Way.

- Primitive boat ramp
- Restroom

3 Teanaway Junction Campground **Put-in, take-out**

This Forest Service campground is located on Taneum Road #3300, 20 miles south of Cle Elum used for take-out to avoid a low-head dam downstream before the next public access.

- Primitive boat ramp
- Restrooms and services

4 Thorp Property **Take-out**

This Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife fishing access site is located 9 miles northwest of Ellensburg on SR-10.

- Primitive boat ramp

5 Old Highway 10 Fishing Access **Take-out**

This Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife property is located on Highway 10 across the Yakima River from Thorp.

- Primitive boat access

Lower Yakima River Water Trail - Thrall to Roza **3**

6 Thrall/Ringer Loop Boat Launch **Put-in**

This Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife Thrall Access is located on Ringer Road near the entrance to the Yakima Canyon.

Motorized boats are not allowed on this part of the River.

- Paved boat launch
- 2 vault toilets

8 Big Horn Campground **Put-in, take-out**

This campground is located on SR-821 in the Yakima River Canyon 2.5 miles south of the mouth of the canyon.

- Boat launch
- Restroom and services

9 Roza Campground **Take-out**

This Bureau of Land Management (BLM) campground is located at milepost 7 on Canyon Road in the Yakima River Canyon.

Concrete boat ramp,
4 vault toilets,
5 campsites, 7 picnic sites, a dumpster and a kiosk bulletin board

Total existing trailheads **8**

4.3.3 Horse parks

A system of horse parks and trails will be developed to link major environmental assets, park, and recreational facilities throughout Kittitas County. Within the developed area, horse trails will parallel or coincide with other multipurpose trail corridors or be within separate routes using utility, firebreak roads, and other alignments of interest to the horse riding population.

Horse trails will be constructed to USDA Forest Service standards of sand or compacted dirt base with an additional under-story clearance on either side of the trail. When provided within a multipurpose trail corridor, the horse trail will be separated as much as possible from other hiking and biking activities. Riders will be required to dismount at all bridges and other elevated crossings where horse trails coincide with other trail activities.

Horse trails will generally share trailhead services with other trail users when the horse trail is located within a multipurpose trail corridor. When horse trails are provided in separate locations, trailheads will be provided with parking lots, hitching racks, restrooms, and other services.

Some of the horse trails proposed within this plan have already been developed on an informal basis by horse riding organizations working in conjunction with public and private landowners. Future public horse trail development projects will use the same cooperative, joint venture approach to formally designate and improve existing trails and trailheads.

Vision

As described, the horse parks and trails vision will:

- Provide or formally designate equestrian access to scenic areas and other features of interest,
- For riders of all capability levels,
- For extended ride duration, and
- Within close proximity to the extent possible, to horse riding populations.

Existing horse parks

A system of horse parks has been partially developed in Kittitas County linking with established horse trails into the National Forest and Washington State lands as well as with the John Wayne Trail.

		Horse parks
Cle Elum		1
1 Washington State Horse Park		1
Washington State Horse Park is located on 106.0 acres between Cle Elum and Roslyn on land owned by Cle Elum and developed by a nonprofit organization that has been partially funded by Washington State. The facility is designed to be a premiere equestrian facility drawing competitors, showman, and tourists from the Pacific Northwest and Canada.		
The Park’s adopted master plan includes a 200 x 300 foot covered arena, 175 x 300 foot open arena, seating for 1,000 spectators, polo field, cross county competition course, 400 horse stalls located in 8 barns, and other supporting improvements.		
Kittitas County		1
2 Kittitas Valley Event Center		1
The Kittitas Valley Event Center is located on 21.0 acres in		

Ellensburg on the historic site of the original Yakama Nation summer gathering place and horse racing track and adjacent to the John Wayne Trail. The Center hosts the annual Labor Day Kittitas County Fair and Ellensburg Rodeo and equestrian events year-round. A number of the buildings, including the horse stables and barns, were constructed in the 1920-1930’s and are listed on the historic register.

Bloom Pavilion is 120 feet by 240 feet or 28,800 square feet with a riding area 90 feet by 190 feet enclosed with metal panels with a cattle or horse lane on the west side and portable bleacher seating on the east side. The 4,250 square foot Light Horse Barn and 9,500 square foot Draft Horse Barn are located adjacent to the Pavilion.

The Rodeo arena is 328 feet by 179 feet or 58,712 square feet, not including the outside track, and able to be split into 164 foot x 179 foot sections. The grandstands are 80,000 square feet and rated for 9,800-seat capacity. The Rodeo Association owns the 8,000 square foot two Directors Tie Stall Barns located adjacent to Wilson Creek and 8,000 square foot two Posse Barns located adjacent to the arena.

The recently adopted master plan for the facility will renovate Bloom Pavilion and the Rodeo arena grandstands, reconfigure the fair horse barns for increased stalling flexibility, develop more multipurpose stalling barns adjacent to Bloom Pavilion and the Rodeo arena, and eventually construct an indoor multipurpose arena that can be used for year-round equestrian events.

Total horse parks **2**

4.4.4 Off-road mountain biking trails

A system of off-road mountain bike trails will be developed to link major environmental assets, park, and recreational facilities within Kittitas County. To the extent practical and possible, off-road mountain bike trails will be linked or extended into local urban areas to provide convenient, safe access for younger age riders. Mountain bike trail facilities will also be developed to provide contained trails within major parks and/or on public or utility

rights-of-way that are safe and practical for younger, less experienced riders.

Mountain bike trails will be developed as single mode trails to USDA Forest Service mountain bike trail standards. Shared trail corridors, however, may be simply designated for joint equestrian, hiking, and mountain bike trail use.

Within developed areas, mountain bike trails will parallel or coincide with other multipurpose trail corridors or within separate routes using utility, firebreak roads, and other alignments of interest to the mountain bike riding population. In some instances, mountain bike trails will be developed as improvements within the right-of-way of established vehicular or other transportation corridors - particularly where these segments provide trail access to parks or riding areas that are not accessible otherwise.

Mountain bike trails will be constructed to a USDA standard of a compacted dirt or crushed rock base with an additional under-story clearance on either side of the trail. When provided within a multipurpose trail corridor, the mountain bike trail will be an integral part of other hiking and biking activities.

Mountain bike trails will generally share trailhead services with other trail users when the mountain bike trail is located within a multipurpose trail corridor. When mountain bike trails are provided in separate locations, trailheads will be provided with parking lots, restrooms, and other services.

Mountain biking enthusiasts working in conjunction with cycling interest groups have proposed some of the trails in this plan. Future public mountain biking trail projects will use the same cooperative, joint venture approach to formally designate and improve existing trails and trailheads and/or develop new off-road trails, rest stops, and other trail services.

Vision

As described, the mountain bike trails vision may:

- Increase off-road mountain bike trail access for experienced riders to scenic areas and features for extended ride duration,

- Increase trail access to parks, open space corridors, and other areas of interest within the urban areas,
- Serve persons with varied physical abilities and skills, and
- Expand trail corridors to provide for a mixture of recreational uses.

Existing off-road mountain bike trails

A system of backcountry off-road mountain bike trails has been developed and in some instances, designated on an informal basis, across public and some private lands (subject to property owner permission).

	Existing biking trail miles
Roslyn	unk
1 The Roslyn Urban Forest	unk
The Roslyn Urban Forest includes a number of trails open to hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing including a number that use original mining and railroad corridors in and around town and Cedar Gulch and Crystal Creek named:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alaska Alley, Ewok, and #3 Power Line Cut ▪ Crooked Tree and Browitt's ▪ Arizona/#8 Loop, Reroute, and the Boneyard ▪ #8 Grade Service Road, Slickrock, #8 Rail Grade, Rocky's/Happy Jack, #6 Canyon, and Upper Pan Tree ▪ Coal Mines Trail 	
Cle Elum	6.0
2 Coal Mines Trail	6.0
Coal Mines Trail is a 6-mile (1-mile located in Cle Elum city limits) constructed from an abandoned mining rail car siding connecting Cle Elum and Roslyn and used year-round by hikers, bikers, snowmobiles, snowshoe, equestrian users, and nature walkers.	
Total existing biking miles	

4.4.5 Walking and hiking trails

Walking and hiking trails will be developed to link major environmental assets, park and recreational facilities, community centers, and historical features throughout Kittitas County and the surrounding area.

Walking and hiking trails will be developed to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) or US Forest Service (USFS) walking trail standards with a crushed rock, bark or compacted dirt base. Most trail segments will be handicap accessible and usable by all age and skill groups. In the most urban or park sites, walking and hiking trails will be developed with an asphalt or concrete surface, handicap accessible, and usable by all age and skill groups.

Walking and hiking trail corridors will be located to coincide with other park and recreational improvements or public facilities to access rest stops, parking lots, restrooms, and other services. Walking and hiking trail corridors may be independent properties or include portions of other sites provided for resource activities, athletic facilities, and other park and recreational or public facility properties.

Vision

The walking and hiking trails vision will be realized by providing recreational trail opportunities in Kittitas County and the surrounding area that:

- Access natural features that may not be available otherwise,
- Link open spaces and other conservation areas into a greenway system,
- Serve persons with varied physical abilities and skills,
- Establish high visibility and volume pedestrian routes through the most developed urban areas and park sites,
- Expand the park system to connect with public properties, and
- Expand roadway corridors to provide recreational and commuter trail opportunities.

Existing park trails

The following park trails have been developed within major park sites in the county.

Existing park trail miles

Roslyn

1 The Roslyn Urban Forest

The Roslyn Urban Forest includes a number of trails open to hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing including a number that use original mining and railroad corridors in and around town and Cedar Gulch and Crystal Creek named:

- Alaska Alley, Ewok, and #3 Power Line Cut
- Crooked Tree and Browitt’s
- Arizona/#8 Loop, Reroute, and the Boneyard
- #8 Grade Service Road, Slickrock, #8 Rail Grade, Rocky’s/Happy Jack, #6 Canyon, and Upper Pan Tree
- Coal Mines Trail

Cle Elum 8.0

2 Coal Mines Trail 6.0

Coal Mines Trail is a 6-mile (1-mile located in Cle Elum city limits) constructed from an abandoned mining rail car siding connecting Cle Elum and Roslyn and used year-round by hikers, bikers, snowmobiles, snowshoe, equestrian users, and nature walkers.

3 Hanson Ponds Trail 1.0

Hanson Ponds Trail is an un-maintained dirt trail located on the south side of town between I-90 and the Yakima River that follows the banks of the Yakima and Hanson Ponds.

4 Progress Path Trail 1.0

Progress Path Trail is a multipurpose ADA path located on the west end of town used as walking access from Cle Elum to the Cle Elum Roslyn School Campus.

Ellensburg 1.0

5 Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park 1.0

This 117.0-acre community park is located in the southwest portion of the city between I-90 and the Yakima River off Umptanum Road. Reecer Creek flows through the north boundary between the Park and I-90. Trails connect the park under I-90 with Rotary Park.

- Walking trail around the complete Carey Lake shoreline and across the lake on wooden bridge to the west side
- Walking trail from the pond south through woods and Reecer Creek wetlands along the Yakima River shoreline

6 Kiwanis Park

This 4.0-acre neighborhood park is located in the northwest portion of the city on Main Street and 14th Avenue. Mercer Creek flows through the west boundary of the park.

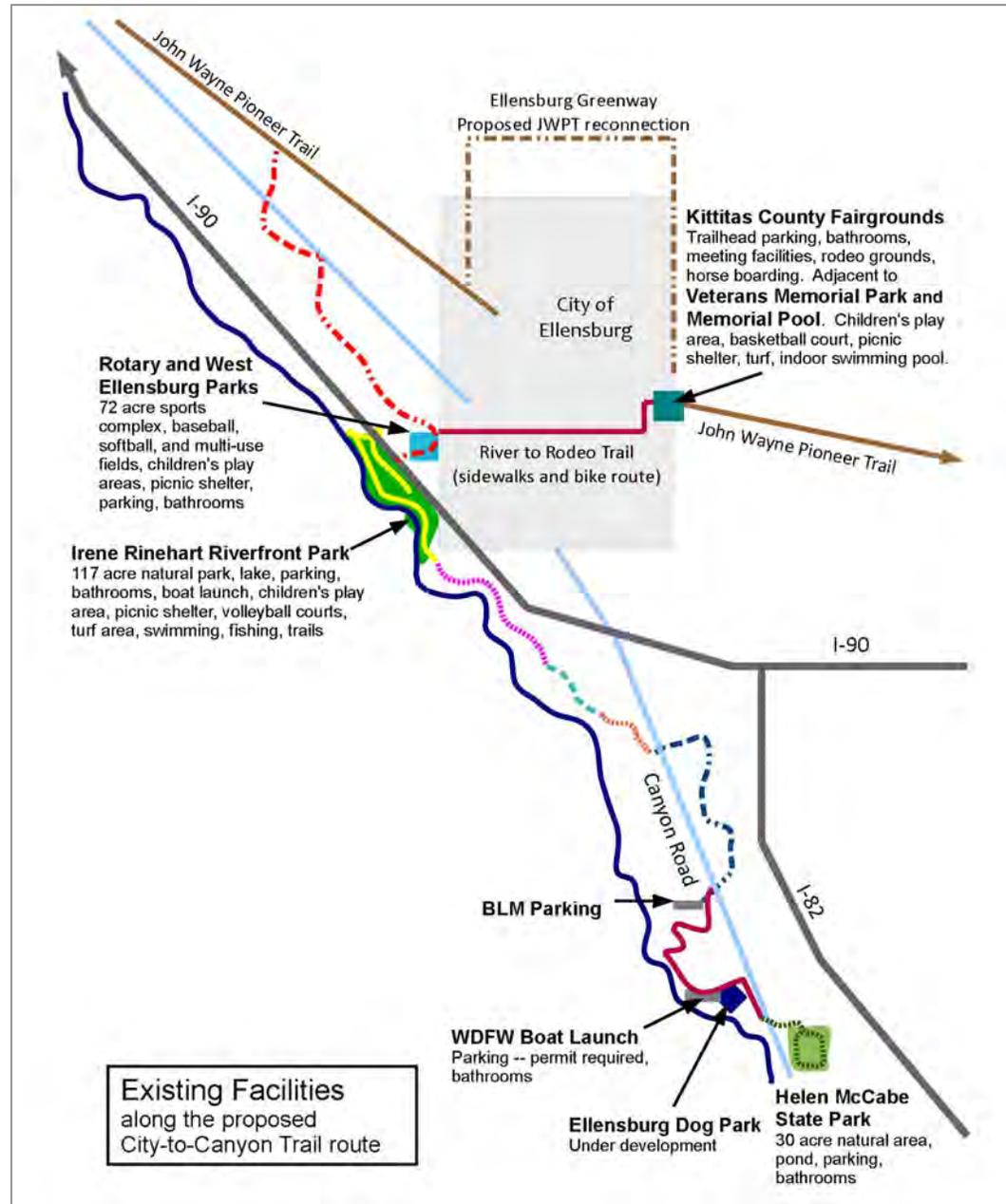
- Walking path and sidewalk connection to adjacent roadways

7 McElroy Park 0.2

This 7.0-acre neighborhood park is located in northeast Ellensburg on Brick Road. The upper reaches of Wilson Creek flow through the

east boundary of the park.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Circular walking path ▪ Dirt paths along wetlands and shoreline of Wilson Creek 	
8	North Alder Street Park
This 5.5-acre community park is located in north Ellensburg on North Alder Street.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Circular park trail 	
9	Paul Rogers Wildlife Park 20.0
This 20.0-acre community park is located in east Ellensburg on Ronald Road with a series of wetlands, minor streams, and open field habitat.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Circular dirt trails with wooden foot bridges over minor streams and wetlands 	
10	Reed Park 20.0
This 4.0-acre community park is located in central Ellensburg on Craig Road adjacent to the city water tank and overlooking the Kittitas Valley Event Center fairgrounds and rodeo arena.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trails through the improver park areas with overlook parking lot ▪ Extensive dirt trails extending from the park and around the water tank to the bottom of the bluff and into the fairgrounds and accessing the John Wayne Trail 	
11	Rotary Park 0.7
This 100.0-acre regional park is located in west Ellensburg on West 5th Avenue.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perimeter trail between athletic fields and Reecer Creek 	
12	Ellensburg Greenway John Wayne Trail Reconnection 0.23
This trail segment connects to the John Wayne Trail in west Ellensburg and extends to Reecer Creek to provide a future trail link with Rotary Park.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extended trail between John Wayne Trail and Reecer Creek buffer 	
13	Dolarway Loop Trail 2.7
This trail segment extends from Dolarway Road south alongside Reecer Creek than back on the dike between Reecer Creek and Rotary Park in west Ellensburg.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Loop trail around Reecer Creek floodplain 	

14	Howards Way Trail	1.0
This trail segment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 		
15	Sagebrush Trail/Craig's Hill Connection	0.13
This trailhead and hillclimb staircase connects Reed Park on Craig's Hill with Kittitas Valley Event Center and Veterans Memorial Park using North Poplar Street and 4th Avenue rights-of-way.		
16	River to Rodeo Trail	2.25
A partial on-road trail of sidewalks and bike routes from the downtown district east link with Veterans Memorial Park and the Kittitas Valley Event Center's fairgrounds and rodeo.		
17	West Ellensburg Trail	0.7
This trail segment extends from West Ellensburg to Wippel Park in west Ellensburg.		
18	Lower Reecer Creek Trail	1.0
This trail segment is located on the levee extending from Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park under I-90 towards Rotary Park.		
19	Paul Rogers Park Trail	0.7
This 20.0-acre community park is located in east Ellensburg on Ronald Road with a series of wetlands, minor streams, and open field habitat.		
Total existing park trail miles		3.2
Proposed park trails		
		Proposed park trail miles
Kittitas County with others		tbd
20	Gladmar Park	tbd
This park is located south of Thorp at the end of Gladmar Park Road and adjacent to the John Wayne Trail. Kittitas County manages the site under a 50-year lease agreement with Central Washington University for public and student research and education.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed footbridges over channel onto islands ▪ Proposed parking area, trailhead, and restrooms 		
Total proposed park trail miles		tbd



4.4.6 Multipurpose trails

Multipurpose trails will be developed to link major environmental assets, park and recreational facilities, community centers, and historical features in Kittitas County. Generally, multipurpose trails will be developed to provide for several modes of recreational and commuters use when appropriate.

Multipurpose trails will be developed within corridors separate from vehicular or other motorized forms of transportation. For example, multipurpose trails may be located on utility easements or in separate property alignments. In some instances, the trail may be developed as improvements within the right-of-way of established vehicular or other transportation corridors.

Multipurpose trails will be developed to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) trail standards. The trails will be concrete, asphalt or very fine crushed rock base, handicap accessible and usable by all age and skill groups.

Trail corridors will be improved with trailhead services including rest stops, parking lots, restrooms, water, and air utilities. Where the trail is located in association with another park and recreational improvement or public facility, the trailhead will be improved with active picnic, playgrounds, and play areas.

Multipurpose trail corridors will be independent properties or include portions of other sites provided for resource conservancies, resource activities, athletic facilities, and other park and recreational or public facility properties.

Vision

As described, the multipurpose trails vision may be realized by providing recreational trail opportunities that:

- Conserve natural features,
- Define urban identities,

- Link community facilities,
- Serve persons with varied physical abilities and skills, and
- Promote commuter and other more functional transportation methods.

Existing multipurpose trails

The following multipurpose trail systems have been developed to provide combined hike and bike trail opportunities across Kittitas County and with Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg.

	Multipurpose trail miles
Roslyn	unk
1 The Roslyn Urban Forest	unk
The Roslyn Urban Forest includes a number of trails open to hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing including a number that use original mining and railroad corridors in and around town and Cedar Gulch and Crystal Creek named:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alaska Alley, Ewok, and #3 Power Line Cut ▪ Crooked Tree and Browitt's ▪ Arizona/#8 Loop, Reroute, and the Boneyard ▪ #8 Grade Service Road, Slickrock, #8 Rail Grade, Rocky's/Happy Jack, #6 Canyon, and Upper Pan Tree ▪ Coal Mines Trail 	
Cle Elum	8.0
2 Coal Mines Trail	6.0
Coal Mines Trail is a 6-mile (1-mile located in Cle Elum city limits) constructed from an abandoned mining rail car siding connecting Cle Elum and Roslyn and used year-round by hikers, bikers, snowmobiles, snowshoe, equestrian users, and nature walkers.	
3 Hanson Ponds Trail	1.0
Hanson Ponds Trail is an un-maintained dirt trail located on the south side of town between I-90 and the Yakima River that follows the banks of the Yakima and Hanson Ponds.	
4 Progress Path Trail	1.0
Progress Path Trail is a multipurpose ADA path located on the west end of town used as walking access from Cle Elum to the Cle Elum Roslyn School Campus.	
Washington State	100.0
5 Iron Horse State Park	100.0
Iron Horse State Park (John Wayne Pioneer Trail) is a 1,612-care	

park rails-to-trails conversion of the Chicago-Milwaukee-St Paul-Pacific (CMSPP) Railroad corridor through Washington State and beyond. The current trail conversion extends from King County across Snoqualmie Pass on elevated trestles and through tunnels to Ellensburg, then continues east from the Kittitas Valley Event Center to the Columbia River. The non-motorized trail provides bike, hike, horseback, dog sled, and cross-country skiing opportunities as well as wildlife viewing and fishing.

Total existing multipurpose miles

Proposed multipurpose trails

The following multipurpose trail system will be developed to provide combined hike and bike trail opportunities subject to feasibility studies with appropriate public and private participants. The trails generally follow utility roads and public road corridors, but may be relocated onto public and/or private property where owners approve.

Multipurpose trail miles

Cle Elum

6 Skyline Trail	tbd
Develop a multipurpose trail linking the Coal Mines Trail, Hanson Ponds Trail, and Progress Path as well as the John Wayne Trail, Cle Elum “Wye”, and Mountains to Sound Greenway into a looping trail system connecting the south side, north side, and the historic downtown district.	

Ellensburg 29.2

7 Ellensburg Greenway John Wayne Trail Reconnection	6.0
Develop a multipurpose trail loop around the north city limits using portions of rights-of-way of Reecer Creek Road, Bender Road, Sanders Road, and Brick Road to continue the John Wayne Trail around the city.	

8 River to Rodeo Trail 12.0

Complete development of an on-road trail of sidewalks and bike routes from Rotary and West Ellensburg Parks east through the downtown district to link with Veterans Memorial Park and the Kittitas Valley Event Center’s fairgrounds and rodeo.

9 McCabe Ringer Loop 0.8

Develop a multipurpose trail along the north shoreline of the

Yakima River linking the Ellensburg Dog Prk to Helen McCabe State Park.

10 Reecer Creek Trail 3.5

Extend a multipurpose trail from the existing trail link with John Wayne Trail west of Ellensburg along Reecer Creek to join with Rotary and West Ellensburg Parks, and then under I-90 to Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park.

11 City Parks Trail 1.2

Develop a multipurpose trail from the Reecer Creek Trail at the I-90 underpass south along the north bank of the Yakima River through Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park.

12 BOR Trail 1.3

Develop a multipurpose trail from Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park south along the north bank of the Yakima River to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Parking Lot.

13 Spray Fields Trail 0.4

Develop a multipurpose trail from the BOR parking lot south along the north shoreline of the Yakima River to Hanson Pits.

14 Hanson Pits Trail 0.95

Develop a multipurpose trail from Hanson Pits south along the north shoreline of the Yakima River and then east and across Canyon Road/SR-8211 to Thrall Road and then south on Tozer Road to the Wetlands Trail.

15 Wetlands Trail 1.4

Develop a multipurpose trail from Thrall Road south on Tozer Road through extensive wetlands and under I-82/SR-97 to Canyon Road/SR-821.

16 River Walk Trail 1.6

Develop a multipurpose trail along Canyon Road/SR-821 south across the Yakima River to the Umtanum Creek Recreation Area/Helen McCabe State Park.

17 Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway Trails 0.5

Develop a multipurpose trail in and around the Umtanum Creek Recreation Area/Helen McCabe State Park.

Washington State tbd

18 Pacific Crest to John Wayne Trail Scenic Byway Trails tbd

Develop a multipurpose trail connection from the Pacific Crest Trail at Snoqualmie Pass summit to connect to the Iron Horse State

Park/John Wayne Trail located in the former train tunnels under the summit.

Total proposed trail miles

4.3.7 On-road bicycle routes

County-wide bicycle touring and commuter routes will be developed to access major environmental assets, park and recreational facilities, historical features, scenic corridors and vistas, and other features of interest to experienced bicycle touring enthusiasts throughout Kittitas County.

Bicycle routes will be extended into neighborhoods to create an integrated on-road bicycling system. The local on-road bicycling system will provide access to local parks and recreational facilities, schools and public facilities, community centers and business districts, places of employment, and transit transfer centers for adult and youth bike riders from local areas.

Bicycling touring routes will be developed to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) or American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards with expanded, designated or marked road shoulders and lanes. In the less congested areas, bicycle-touring routes will be simply designated for joint roadway vehicular/bicycle use.

Bicycling enthusiasts working in conjunction with Kittitas County, WSDOT, and other public and private cycling interest groups have designated most of the bicycle touring routes proposed within this plan. Future public bicycle route development projects will use the same cooperative, joint venture approach to designate and improve routes and trailheads and/or to develop new on-road routes, rest stops, and other bicycle touring or commuting services.

Proposed on-road bicycle touring routes

The following roadways and linking routes will be designated or developed for on-road bicycle touring using shoulder expansions, lanes, markings, or other signage designations subject to feasibility studies with appropriate public and private participants.

Proposed on-road biking trail miles

Kittitas County

1 U-Fish Road

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on U-Fish Road/NF-4823 from the interchange with I-90 at Cain Creek Sno-Park then east past Twin Ponds Cabin and U-Fish Camp to the Iron Horse Trail access then across Lake Easton and Easton Lake Beach through Lake Easton State Park and Sunrise Resorts onto Old US Highway 10/Iron Horse Trail onto Railroad Street and past the Northwest Heritage interpretive exhibit into downtown Easton.

- Cabin Creek Sno-Park trailhead
- U-Fish Camp trailhead and services
- Lake Easton State Park trailhead and services
- Sunrise Resorts trailhead and services
- Northwest Heritage railroad car interpretation

2 Kachess Dam Road/NF-4818

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Kachess Dam Road from Iron Horse Trail at Lake Easton State Park north under I-90 on West Sparks Road to Kachess Dam Road/NF-4818 then north around the east shoreline of Lake Kachess past East Kachess Group Site to the end of the road.

- Lake Easton State Park trailhead and services

3 NF-4828/Kachess Lake Road

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on NR-4828/West Lake Kachess Road from Iron Horse Trail at Lake Easton State Park north under I-90 on West Sparks Road then north on NF-4828 to Kachess Lake Road at Lodge Creek to Kachess Campground.

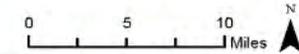
- Lake Easton State Park trailhead and services
- Kachess Campground trailhead and services

4 Nelson Siding Road

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Nelson Siding Road at the I-90 interchange then east across Little Creek onto West Side Drive to the Chicago, Milwaukee, St Paul & Pacific (CMSPP) Railroad switching yard and the Iron Horse State Park/John Wayne Trail in South Cle Elum.

- CMSPP Railroad switching yard and John Wayne Trail trailhead

Proposed On-Road Bike Trails



#	Route	#	Route
1	U-Fish Road	12	Reecer Creek Road
2	Kachess Dam Road/NF 4818	13	SR-10 Cle Elum- Ellensburg
3	NF 4828/Kachess Lake Road	14	Bender/Sanders/Alder
4	Nelson Siding Road	15	Brick/Brick Mill Road
5	Bullfrog Road/Salmon La Sac	16	Kittitas Highway
6	Cle Elum Valley Road/NF-4330	17	Vantage Highway
7	Upper Peoh Point Road/Thorp Hwy	18	Wilson Creek/Number 6 Road
8	Thorp Highway	19	Thrall Road/Sr-821
9	Thorp Cemetery Road	20	Boylston Road
10	Cove Road	21	US-97 Ellensburg to Swauk Creek
11	Canyon Road/SR-821	22	SR-970/US-97 Cle Elum-Leavenworth

Places on Bike Routes

- Other
- Campground
- Museum
- Park
- Trailhead

Proposed On-Road Bike Trails

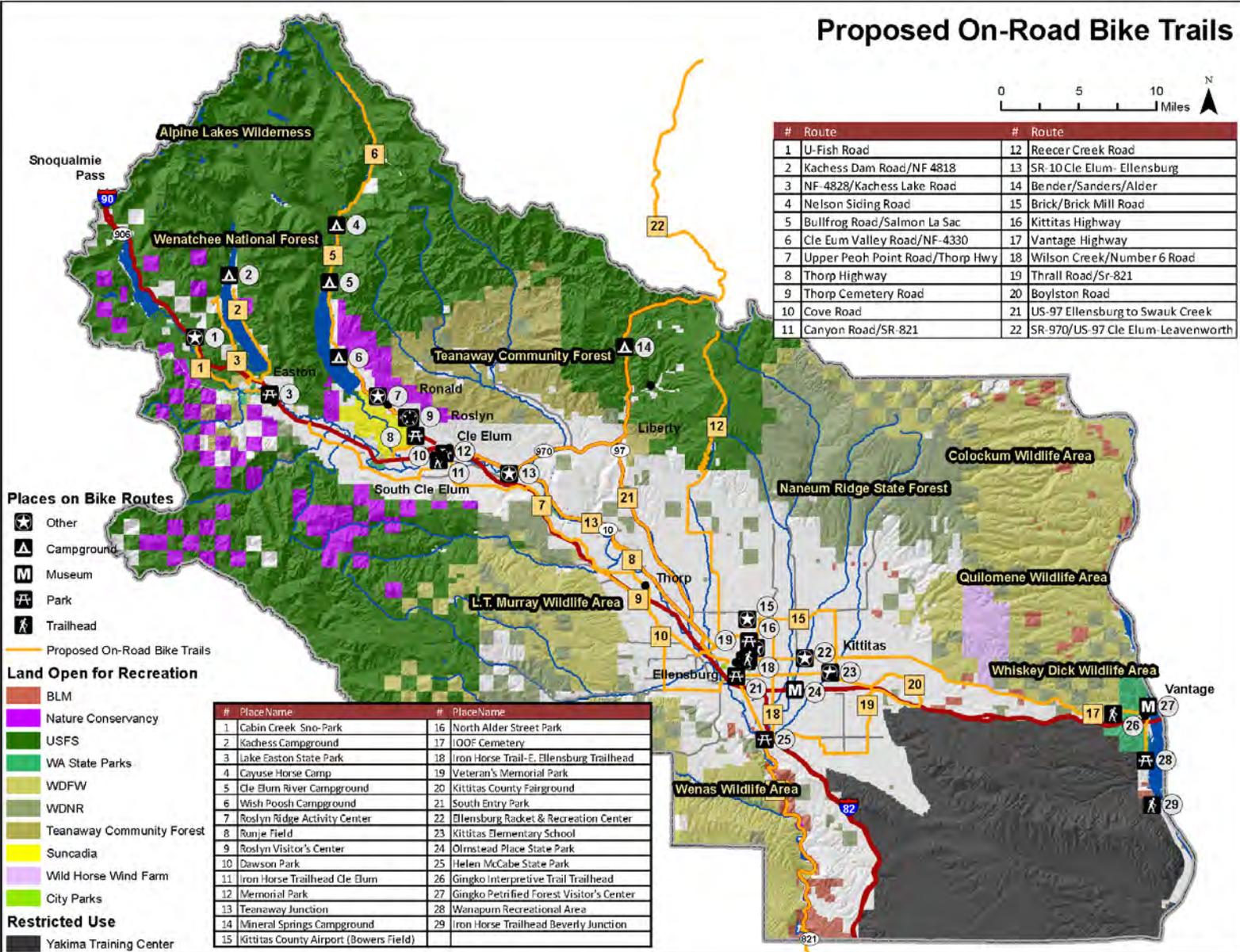
Land Open for Recreation

- BLM
- Nature Conservancy
- USFS
- WA State Parks
- WDFW
- WDNR
- Teanaway Community Forest
- Suncadia
- Wild Horse Wind Farm
- City Parks

Restricted Use

- Yakima Training Center

#	PlaceName	#	PlaceName
1	Cabin Creek Sno-Park	16	North Alder Street Park
2	Kachess Campground	17	IOOF Cemetery
3	Lake Easton State Park	18	Iron Horse Trail-E. Ellensburg Trailhead
4	Cayuse Horse Camp	19	Veteran's Memorial Park
5	Cle Elum River Campground	20	Kittitas County Fairground
6	Wish Poosh Campground	21	South Entry Park
7	Roslyn Ridge Activity Center	22	Ellensburg Racket & Recreation Center
8	Runje Field	23	Kittitas Elementary School
9	Roslyn Visitor's Center	24	Olmstead Place State Park
10	Dawson Park	25	Helen McCabe State Park
11	Iron Horse Trailhead Cle Elum	26	Ginkgo Interpretive Trail Trailhead
12	Memorial Park	27	Ginkgo Petrified Forest Visitor's Center
13	Teanaway Junction	28	Wanapum Recreational Area
14	Mineral Springs Campground	29	Iron Horse Trailhead Beverly Junction
15	Kittitas County Airport (Bowers Field)		



5 Bull Frog Road/Salmon La Sac Trailhead

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Bull Frog Road from the I-90 interchange north on Bull Frog Road to Fire House Road and Dawson Park, then north through the roundabout onto SR-903/South 1st Street into Roslyn to the Coal Mines Trail and Roslyn Pioneer Park, then north on SR-903/2nd Avenue into Ronald to the Roslyn Ridge Activity Center then north on SR-903/Salmon La Sac Road along the east shoreline of Cle Elum Lake to Davis Creek Boat Launch then north past Morgan Creek Campground, Dry Creek Campground, Cle Elum River Campground, Cayuse Campground, and Salmon La Sac Campground to the end of the road at Salmon La Sac Trailhead.

- Dawson Park trailhead and services
- Roslyn Pioneer Park trailhead and services
- Downtown Roslyn services
- Roslyn Ridge Activity Center services
- Davis Creek Boat Launch trailhead
- Morgan Creek Campground
- Dry Creek Campground
- Cle Elum River Campground
- Cayuse Campground
- Salmon La Sac Campground

6 Cle Elum Valley Road/NF-4330

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Cle Elum Valley Road/NF-4330 at Salmon La Sac Road north along the east shoreline of Cle Elum River past China Point mining tails, Tucquala Lake, Fish Lake Campground, and Tucquala Meadow Campground to Tucquala Meadows Trailhead.

- Fish Lake Campground
- Tucquala Meadows Campground

7 Upper Peoh Point Road/Thorp Highway

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on South Cle Elum Way at Fireman's Park then southeast on South Cle Elum Way/Upper Peoh Point Road then east across the Main Canal and under I-90 to join Thorp Prairie Road on the north side of I-90 to join East Taneum Road then east to Thorp Highway and east to the Thorp Mill Museum & Mill Town.

- Fireman's Park trailhead and services
- Thorp Mill Museum & Mill Town interpretive exhibits, trailhead,

and services

8 Thorp Highway

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Thorp Highway at the intersection with SR-10 then east on Thorp Highway past Thorp Mill Museum & Mill Town and Thorp School then south past Thorp Fruit & Antique Mall and under I-90 and east to the I-90/US-97 interchange at west Ellensburg and the KOA Campground.

- Thorp Mill Museum & Mill Town interpretive exhibits, trailhead, and services
- Thorp School trailhead
- Thorp Fruit & Antique Mall services
- KOA Campground services

9 Thorp Cemetery Road

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Thorp Cemetery Road at the juncture of Thorp Prairie Road and East Taneum Road then east on Thorp Cemetery Road across Taneum Creek and historic Thorp Cemetery to Thorp Highway South.

- Thorp Cemetery trailhead

10 Cove Road

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Cove Road at Thorp Highway South then south on Cove Road to Manastash Road then east to Umptaneum Road then north to Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park.

- Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park trailhead and services

11 Canyon Road/SR-821

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Canyon Road/SR-821 beginning at South Entry Park at Mountain View Avenue then south on Canyon Road/SR-821 past Helen McCabe State Park and Umtanum Creek Recreation Area, Luma Creek Campground, Mile Post 10 Boat Launch, Yakima River Canyon Campground, Big Pines Campground, Mile Post 8 Boat Launch, Roza Campground to Harrison Road in Selah, Yakima County.

- South Entry Park trailhead
- Helen McCabe State Park trailhead and services
- Umtanum Creek Recreation Area trailhead
- Luma Creek Campground trailhead
- Yakima River Campground

- Big Pines Campground
- Roz Campground

12 Reecer Creek Road

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Thorp Highway South at KOA Campground then through the I-90//US-97 interchange on West University Way to Reecer Creek Road then north across North Branch Canal and Jones Creek to Pleasant Lane then west on Reecer Creek Road/FS-3500 to Table Mountain Road/NF-35 then north into the National Forest.

- KOA Campground trailhead and services

13 SR-10 Cle Elum-Ellensburg

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes beginning at Fireman’s Park then north on South Cle Elum Way to West First Street/SR-903 in Cle Elum historic downtown district then east through Teanaway and the juncture of SR-970/SR-10 then east on SR-10 across Teanaway River and the Upper Yakima/Beer Float Entry Point then east along the north bank of the Yakima River and across the John Wayne Trail and Dry Creek to US-97 then on Old Highway 10 to Reecer Creek Road and University Way and into west Ellensburg.

- Fireman’s Park trailhead and services
- Upper Yakima/Beer Float Entry Point trailhead

14 Bender/Sanders Roads/Alder Street

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Bender Road beginning at Reecer Creek Road then east on Bender Road to Airport Road and Sanders Road then south on Alder Street past North Alder Street Park and University Fields and across Wilson Creek to University Way and into the Kittitas Valley Event Center across the John Wayne Trail to Veterans Memorial Park.

- North Alder Street Park trailhead and services
- Kittitas Valley Event Center John Wayne Trail trailhead
- Veterans Memorial Park trailhead and services

15 Brick/Brick Mill Road

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Brick Road beginning at the John Wayne Trail in Kittitas Valley Event Center then north across University Way and on Brick Road past IOOF Cemetery to Sanders Road to Look Road then north past Bowers Field Airport to Brick Mill Road then east to Number 81 Road then south to Kittitas Highway and Kittitas Elementary School.

- Kittitas Valley Event Center John Wayne Trail trailhead
- IOOF Cemetery trailhead
- Bowers Field
- Kittitas Elementary School trailhead

16 Kittitas Highway

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes beginning at South Entry Park on Canyon Road/Mountain View/Kittitas Highway then east on Kittitas Highway across Town Canal and Coleman Creek past Olmstead State Park and across John Wayne Trail past Kittitas High and Elementary Schools across Cooke Creek to Main Street in Kittitas and Number 81 Road.

- South Entry Park trailhead
- Olmstead State Park trailhead and services
- Kittitas High and Elementary Schools trailheads

17 Vantage Highway

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes beginning at Veterans Memorial Park and the John Wayne Trail in Kittitas Valley Event Center then east on University Way/Vantage Highway across Naneum Creek past Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center across Coleman Creek across Highline Canal past Ginkgo Petrified Forest and Interpretive Center through Vantage and south on Huntzinger Road into the Wanapum Recreation Area to the Ginkgo Petrified Forest/Wanapum Campground and Boat Launch.

- South Entry Park trailhead
- Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center trailhead and services
- Ginkgo Petrified Forest Interpretive Center trailhead and services
- Ginkgo Petrified Forest/Wanapum Campground trailhead and services

18 Wilson Creek/Number 6 Road

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Wilson Creek Road beginning at Brick Mill Road then south on Wilson Creek/Number 6 Road across Vantage Highway, John Wayne Trail, Town Canal, Kittitas Highway, I-90, Naneum Creek, Coleman Creek to Thrall Road/SR-821 then west to Helen McCabe State Park.

- Helen McCabe State Park trailhead and services

19 Thrall Road/SR-821

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike

lanes on Thrall Road/SR-821 beginning at Helen McCabe State Park then east on Thrall Road/SR-821 to Denmark Road then south to 4th Parallel Road then east to Badger Pocket Road then north on Hamilton Road to Sorenson Road then east and north on Prater Road across Iron Horse Trail to Parke Creek Road then west into Kittitas to Kittitas Elementary School.

- Helen McCabe State Park trailhead and services
- Kittitas Elementary School trailhead

20 Boylston Road

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on Boylston Road beginning at Prater Road then east parallel to I-90 across John Wayne Trail to Stevens Road then north and west to Parke Creek Road then west to into Kittitas to Kittitas Elementary School.

- John Wayne Trail trailhead and services
- Kittitas Elementary School trailhead

21 US-97 Ellensburg to Swauk Creek

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on University Way beginning at KOA Campground then north on US-97 to juncture with SR-10 then west to US-97 cutoff then north across John Wayne Trail and Dry Creek past the wind turbines and across North Branch Canal to the ridge and across Swauk Creek into Teanaway Community Forest and the junction with SR-970.

- KOA Campground trailhead and services

22 SR-970/US-97 Cle Elum to Leavenworth

Install signage and markings to designate in-lane and shoulder bike lanes on SR-970 from Fireman’s Park north on South Cle Elum Way then east on 1st Street/SR-903 through the downtown historic district across the Teanaway River to the junction with US-97 then north on US-97 and across Swauk Creek in the Teanaway Community Forest and into the Wenatchee National Forest to Liberty Road and Liberty Campground and Liberty historic townsite, then north on US-97 past past Mineral Springs Campground and Swauk Campground and Sno-Park, Pipe Creek Sno-Park to Swauk Forest Discovery Trail trailhead at the Blewett Pass summit then north past Tronsen Campground, and Bonanza Campground to US-2 at Peshastin.

- Fireman’s Park trailhead and services
- Liberty Campground trailhead and services

- Mineral Springs Campground
- Swauk Campground
- Tronsen Campground
- Bonanza Campground

Proposed on-road biking miles

4.4.8 On and off-leash dog trails and areas

A system of off-leash dog trails, areas, and park enclosures will be developed to provide access to select and appropriate environmental assets, park, and recreational facilities in Kittitas County.

In some locations, off-leash dog trails will parallel or coincide with other multipurpose trail corridors or within separate routes and other alignments of interest to the dog owner population.

Future public off-leash development projects may use cooperative, joint venture approaches with other partners to formally designate and improve off-leash dog areas or trails.

Vision

As described, the dog areas vision may provide:

- For designated on and off-leash access to scenic areas and other features of interest,
- For off-leash dog areas for social and exercise activities.
- For dogs of all size and training levels, and
- For extended use duration.

Proposed off-leash dog areas/parks

The following may be designated for off-leash dog use subject to potential limitations on volume and time of use.

Proposed off-leash dog areas

Ellensburg	2
1 Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park	1
This 117.0-acre community park is located in the southwest portion of the city between I-90 and the Yakima River. Reecer Creek flows through the north boundary between the Park and I-90. Trails connect the park under I-90 with Rotary Park.	

▪ Off-leash dog exercise area	
2 Rotary Park	1
This 100.0-acre regional park is located in west Ellensburg on West 5th Avenue.	
▪ Off-leash dog area	
Proposed off-leash dog areas	2

4.4.9 Scenic byways, corridors, and viewpoints

A system of scenic roads or byways will be designated to access major environmental assets, park and recreational facilities, historical features, scenic corridors and vistas, and other features of interest to sightseeing motorists throughout Kittitas County.

Where appropriate and to the extent practical, the scenic roads or byways will be extended into and through local communities to create an integrated touring experience. The local component of the scenic roads or byway tours will provide access to local park and recreational facilities, public facilities, historical landmarks, waterfront and business districts, of interest to local residents during day-trips and out-of-area tourists on extended road trips.

To the extent possible, the system of scenic roads or byway touring routes will be developed to Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) or American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) scenic byway standards with designated map routings, logos, and roadway signage.

The scenic roads or byway tours proposed in this plan have been identified by recreation and tourism enthusiasts working in conjunction with public agencies and other private interest groups. Future public scenic road touring development projects will use the same cooperative, joint venture approach to designate and improve routes and trailheads and/or to develop new on-road routes, rest stops, and other touring designations or services.

To the extent practical, some scenic vistas or viewpoints will be acquired to provide interpretive rest stops, trails, and exhibits that protect the views and increase public awareness and appreciation

for significant and visually interesting environmental, wildlife, forest, and farm scenic features. Some supporting services will also be developed at scenic viewpoint sites including limited trailheads, parking lots, and restrooms.

Vision

As described, the scenic roads or byways touring route vision will:

- **Increase scenic touring opportunities** - for local day-tripping residents and out-of-area tourists;
- **Service persons with varied physical abilities and skills** - particularly if augmented by touring buses or charters;
- **Increase access and visibility** - of significant environmental features, park facilities, historical features, and scenic corridors and vistas;
- **Protect scenic assets along roadway corridors within the county** - as part of the extended open space conservancy; and
- **Acquire title to sites** - that provide vistas or viewpoints framing significant visual landscapes that would otherwise be developed for other rural or urban land uses.

Existing scenic roads, byway touring routes, and viewpoints

The following roadways in the county have been designated or developed as scenic roads or byway touring routes using map routings, logos, and roadway signage designations.

	Existing scenic byway miles
Kittitas County	22.0
1 Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway (YRCSB)	22.0
The scenic byway extends from Helen McCabe State Park (being transferred to Kittitas County) at Thrall Road then south on Canyon Road/SR-821 along the east shoreline of the Yakima River to Harrison Road/SR-823 and I-82/SR-97 in Selah, Yakima County.	
▪ Proposed interpretive center in Helen McCabe State Park by the Kittitas Environmental Network (KEEN)	
Existing scenic byway miles	22.0

Proposed county scenic road touring routes

The following roadways in the county will be designated or developed as scenic road or byways using map routes, logos, and roadway signage designations.

Proposed scenic corridors

Kittitas County

2 Cle Elum to Ellensburg on SR-10

This scenic corridor extends from the junction with SR-903/SR-9707 at Teanaway south on the east bank of the Yakima River to SR-97 in west Ellensburg.

- Teanaway Junction Campground and picnic site

3 Vantage Highway

- This scenic corridor extends from East University Way at Central Washington University and the Kittitas Valley Event Center east on Vantage Highway over Naneum Creek, Cooke Creek, Caribou Creek, Park Creek, and Highline Canal to Vantage on the Columbia River and the Vantage Bridge.
- Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center
- Wild Horse Wind & Solar Facility
- Ginkgo Petrified Forest

Proposed scenic corridor miles

4.5 Athletic parks

Playgrounds, recreational courts, and grassy field facilities will be developed on a local basis to provide pickup games, youth sports, and leagues of interest to neighborhood children and families.

These local park improvements will be combined with picnic shelters and tables, trail systems, natural areas, local schools, and other facilities to create an accessible neighborhood service system in Kittitas County.

More competitive athletic court and field facilities will be developed on a regional or citywide basis to provide for the highest quality competitive playing standards and requirements. The competitive regional recreational area complexes will provide field activities that satisfy the largest number of organized and older age

recreational league participants - including soccer, football, softball, and baseball.

Regional recreational areas will be developed for older youth and adult league tournaments and other peak competition days, events, and schedules - thereby freeing fields located at elementary schools, neighborhood parks, and other local sites for younger age clinics, practices, neighborhood pickup play, and some youth league participant games.

Local or neighborhood recreational areas will be sited as independent properties or portions of other sites that include trail corridors, resource parks, multi-use indoor centers or other public facilities. Where practical, local or neighborhood playgrounds will be co-located with elementary and intermediate schools, and competitive athletic facilities with middle and high schools. Where feasible and appropriate, both types of facilities will also be sited on lands that are owned and operated for other public purposes.

Local or neighborhood playgrounds will be located at sites serviced by trails and local bicycling routes that are convenient to younger age neighborhood youth and families. Competitive regional athletic facilities will be located at sites serviced by arterial roads that are convenient to older age youth and adult league organizations. Regional recreational areas will also be located on sites that can accommodate relatively high traffic volumes, evening lighted field use, noise, and other activities without adversely impacting adjoining land uses.

Local or neighborhood recreational sites will be developed to provide flexible play capabilities - typically providing 1 to 2 small or full-sized fields at a location. Some sites will be designed to provide high capacity, flexible configurations on large grass or dirt areas with portable goal and backstop stanchions to allow for varied age groups and activities.

Regional competitive recreational areas will be developed to provide sustained, high capacity play capabilities - typically providing at least 3 to 5 full-size competition fields at a location. Most sites will be designed to provide high capacity, fixed field

configurations including turf or all-weather fields with permanent goals and backstops, perimeter fencing, spectator seating, and night-lighting systems.

Both types of sites will be improved with restrooms, concessions, and parking lots including grass overflow parking areas to accommodate peak events or schedules. Depending on the location, some sites will also be improved with tennis, basketball, volleyball courts, and other recreational facilities. Where appropriate, some regionally competitive recreational sites will also be furnished with group picnic shelters and possibly even recreational vehicle overnight campsite services to support tournament events.

When practical and feasible, regional recreational areas will also be defined to include school stadiums, particularly where the stadiums are located with other competition fields or when the stadium can be used for recreational league tournaments or special events.

Vision

Local or neighborhood recreational areas with playgrounds, courts, and fields will:

- Provide flexible, informal playgrounds and areas,
- Suited to younger age and local neighborhood game activities,
- In sites convenient to neighborhood youth and families,
- At sites that co-locate with elementary schools and facilities.

Regional recreational areas will:

- Provide the highest quality competitive play athletic facilities,
- Of the highest capacity playing improvement designs,
- Within convenient proximity to organized adult and older age recreational league playing populations,
- At sites that do not disrupt adjacent land uses, and
- At sites that co-locate with schools and/or utilize other major public facilities.

The regional strategy will alleviate overcrowding on smaller, more local park and elementary school fields so local sites can be used for younger age league participant games, practice sessions, and neighborhood pickup games.

Playgrounds

Existing playgrounds/play areas

The following covered and uncovered playground facilities and play areas have been developed in the city to support local neighborhood recreational activities.

Existing playground/play facilities

Roslyn		1
1	Roslyn Pioneer Park	1
This 7.3-acre community park is located west of town adjacent to Coal Miners Trail.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large open lawn play area ▪ Playground 		
Cle Elum		4
2	Centennial Park	1
This 7.3-acre community park is located north of Third Street against a wooded hillside.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large open lawn play area 		
2	Swimming Pool Park	1
This 2.3-acre community park is located on the site of the old and now non-existent community swimming pool at the west end of town and serves as the trailhead to Progress Path - a trail between Cle Elum and Cle Elum Roslyn Community School.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Playground equipment ▪ Horseshoe games ▪ Large open lawn area 		
4	Fireman's Park/Memorial Ball Field	1
These 12.3-acre adjoining community parks are located in south Cle Elum near I-90.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large open lawn area 		
5	Sagebrook Park	1
This 0.1-acre neighborhood park is located in south Cle Elum.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child's play area 		
Ellensburg		10
6	Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park	1
This community park is located in the southwest portion of the city between I-90 and the Yakima River off Umptanum Road. Reecer		

Creek flows through the north boundary between the Park and I-90. Trails connect the park under I-90 with Rotary Park.

- Play plaza
- Large grass play area
- Restroom

7 Kiwanis Park 1

This 4.0-acre neighborhood park is located in the northwest portion of the city on Main Street and 14th Avenue. Mercer Creek flows through the west boundary of the park.

- Playground
- Restroom

8 Kleinburg Park 1

This 0.37-acre park is located in west Ellensburg across from the historic Great Northern Railroad Depot on West 3rd Avenue.

- Grass play area

9 McElroy Park 1

This 7.0-acre neighborhood park is located in northeast Ellensburg on Brick Road. The upper reaches of Wilson Creek flow through the east boundary of the park.

- Playground

10 Mountain View Park 1

This 8.0-acre neighborhood park is located in southeast Ellensburg between Manitoba and Seattle Avenues.

- Playground

11 North Alder Street Park 1

This 5.5-acre community park is located in north Ellensburg on North Alder Street.

- Playground
- Large open grass play area
- Restroom

12 Rotary Park 1

This 100.0-acre regional park is located in west Ellensburg on West 5th Avenue.

- Playground
- Restroom

13 Veterans' Memorial Park 1

This 3.0-acre neighborhood park is located in east Ellensburg between East 6th and 7th Avenues adjacent to Kittitas Valley

Memorial Pool and the Kittitas Valley Event Center.

- Playground
- Restroom

14 West Ellensburg Park 1

This 6.0-acre neighborhood park is located in west Ellensburg adjacent to Rotary Park on North Lincoln Street.

- Playground
- Restroom

15 Wippel Park 1

This 0.60-acre neighborhood park is located in west Ellensburg adjacent to Rotary Park on West 4th Avenue and North Railroad Street.

- Grass play area

Ellensburg School District 6

16 Lincoln Elementary School 2

This elementary school is located on Capitol Avenue and Samson Street across from Morgan Middle School.

- 2 playgrounds

17 Valley View Elementary School 2

This elementary school is located between 3rd Avenue and Capitol Avenue in east Ellensburg adjacent to Ellensburg High School.

- Multiple playground structures and hard surface play areas

18 Mt Stewart Elementary School 2

This elementary school is located on 15th Avenue and Cora Street in northwest Ellensburg adjacent to Ellensburg BMX Park.

- 2 playgrounds and hard surface play area

Cle Elum-Roslyn School District 1

19 Cle-Elum-Roslyn School 1

This elementary/middle/high school campus is located north of town on SR-903.

- Playground

Kittitas School District 2

20 Kittitas Elementary School 2

This elementary school is located on Patrick Avenue and Pierce Street in central Kittitas.

- 2 playgrounds and hard surface play area

Damman School District	2
21 Damman Elementary School	2
This elementary school grade K-5 is located on Umptanum and Manastash Roads southwest of Ellensburg.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 playgrounds and large grass play area 	
Thorp School District	2
22 Thorp School	2
This school is located on North Thorp Highway.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 playgrounds 	
Suncadia	2
23 Dawson Park	1
This homeowner association community park is located in Suncadia on Coal Mine Way.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Playground 	
24 Swim & Fitness Center	1
This homeowner association facility park is located in Suncadia on Suncadia Trail.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Playground with terraced grass seating arena surround 	
Total existing playgrounds	30

Skateboard/BMX facilities

Existing skateboard/BMX courts

The following skateboard court and BMX facilities have been developed to support recreational activities.

	Existing skateboard/BMX court
Cle Elum	1
1 Swimming Pool Park	1
This 2.3-acre community park is located on the site of the old and now non-existent community swimming pool at the west end of town and serves as the trailhead to Progress Path - a trail between Cle Elum and Cle Elum Roslyn Community School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State-of-the-art skate board facility 	
Ellensburg	2
2 Skate Park	1
This 0.66-acre community park in located in downtown business district on 2nd Avenue and North Pearl Street across from the Police Station.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concrete surface with 7 skate equipment mounts including 8-foot half-pipe, quarter pipe, metal coping, street course with slider rail and bank, launch ramp 	
3 BMX Park	1
This 1.0-acre park in located on 15th Avenue and Cora Street in the northwest portion of the city adjacent to Mt Stewart Elementary School's parking lot.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Circular trail with some obstacles and an inner loop 	
Total existing skateboard/BMX	3

Proposed courts

The following courts will be developed in the city to support local neighborhood recreational activities subject to consultation with public and private users.

	Proposed skateboard/BMX courts
Ellensburg	2
4 Kiwanis Park	1
This 4.0-acre neighborhood park is located in the northwest portion of the city on Main Street and 14th Avenue. Mercer Creek flows through the west boundary of the park.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed skate park 	
5 Rotary Park	1
This 100.0-acre regional park is located in west Ellensburg on West 5th Avenue.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed 2-acre mountain bike course 	
Total proposed skateboard/BMX	2

Courts - basketball, volleyball, tennis

Existing basketball courts

The following basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts have been developed in the city to support local neighborhood recreational activities.

	Existing courts
Roslyn	2
1 Roslyn Pioneer Park	2
This community park is located west of town adjacent to Coal Miners Trail.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 outdoor tennis courts 	

Ellensburg	11.5
2 Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park	2
This community park is located in the southwest portion of the city between I-90 and the Yakima River off Umptanum Road. Reecer Creek flows through the north boundary between the Park and I-90. Trails connect the park under I-90 with Rotary Park.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sand volleyball court 42 x 80 foot ▪ Grass volleyball court 42 x 80 foot ▪ Disc golf and shelters 	
3 Kiwanis Park	1
This 4.0-acre neighborhood park is located in the northwest portion of the city on Main Street and 14th Avenue. Mercer Creek flows through the west boundary of the park.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outdoor basketball court 	
4 North Alder Street Park	1
This 5.5-acre community park is located in north Ellensburg on North Alder Street.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outdoor basketball court ▪ Restroom 	
5 Rotary Park	1
This 100.0-acre regional park is located in west Ellensburg on West 5th Avenue.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outdoor basketball court ▪ Restroom 	
6 Veterans' Memorial Park	0.5
This 3.0-acre neighborhood park is located in east Ellensburg between East 6th and 7th Avenues adjacent to Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and the Kittitas Valley Event Center. The park is currently used for the carnival during the Labor Day Fair.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outdoor half-court basketball 	
7 West Ellensburg Park	1
This 6.0-acre neighborhood park is located in west Ellensburg adjacent to Rotary Park on North Lincoln Street.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outdoor tennis court ▪ Restroom 	
8 Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center (ERRC)	5
This 0.6-acre facility site is located in east Ellensburg on Vantage Highway.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 indoor heated tennis courts 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 indoor heated racquetball courts ▪ Batting cage 	
Cle Elum-Roslyn School District	6
9 Cle Elum-Roslyn High School	6
This elementary/middle/high school campus is located north of town on SR-903.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 outdoor tennis courts ▪ 4 outdoor half-court basketball courts 	
Ellensburg School District	10.5
10 Lincoln Elementary School	0.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This elementary school is located on Capitol Avenue and Samson Street across from Morgan Middle School. ▪ Half-court basketball 	
11 Morgan Middle School	4
This middle school facility is located between 1st Avenue and Capitol Avenue, and Ruby Street in central Ellensburg across from Lincoln Elementary School and the Ellensburg Youth Center.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 outdoor tennis courts 	
12 Ellensburg High School	6
This high school facility is located between 3rd Avenue and Capitol Avenue in east Ellensburg adjacent to Valley View Elementary School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6 outdoor tennis courts 	
Kittitas School District	1
13 Kittitas Elementary School	1
This elementary school is located on Patrick Avenue and Pierce Street in central Kittitas.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basketball court 	
Thorp School District	1
14 Thorp School	1
This school is located on North Thorp Highway.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 basketball court 	
Central Washington University	8
15 Central Washington University (CWU)	8
Established in 1891, the historic 380.0-acre, 94-buildings campus is located in north Ellensburg on University Way and includes the following facilities used primarily by students though some facilities are available to the public. CWU also uses some Ellensburg parks and recreational facilities.	

- 8 outdoor tennis courts
- CWU climbing wall - 50 foot wall with 3 types of climbing challenges
- Recreation Field Challenge Course - low-rope elements, state-of-the-art high rope elements for individual and group team-building activities

Suncadia 3

16 Dawson Park 1

This homeowner association community park is located in Suncadia on Coal Mine Way.

- 2 outdoor tennis courts
- 1 outdoor basketball court
- 2 horseshoe pits

Total existing courts 43

Proposed courts

The following courts will be developed in the city to support local neighborhood recreational activities subject to consultation with public and private users.

Proposed courts

Ellensburg 2

2 Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park na

This community park is located in the southwest portion of the city between I-90 and the Yakima River off Umptanum Road. Reecer Creek flows through the north boundary between the Park and I-90. Trails connect the park under I-90 with Rotary Park.

- Disc golf course

17 Mountain View Park 2

This 8.0-acre neighborhood park is located in southeast Ellensburg between Manitoba and Seattle Avenues.

- 2 tennis courts - outdoor lighted

Total proposed courts 2

Fields - football, soccer, baseball, and softball

Existing soccer, baseball, and softball fields

The following fields have been developed to support local pickup games, youth clinics, and youth and adult leagues.

Existing fields

Roslyn 1

1 Roslyn Pioneer Park 1

This community park is located west of town adjacent to Coal Miners Trail.

- Baseball/softball field - grass with dirt infield

Cle Elum 8

2 Centennial Park 2

This 7.3-acre community park is located north of Third Street against a wooded hillside.

- Football field grass with goal posts
- Multipurpose grass soccer, baseball/softball field

3 Fireman's Park/Memorial Ball Field 6

These 12.3-acre adjoining community parks are located in south Cle Elum near I-90.

- Four-plex youth fields containing 2 competition youth baseball fields - grass with dirt infield, and 2 baseball fields - grass with dirt base paths with a concession stand, restrooms, dugouts, and bleachers
- 2 adult baseball fields - grass with dirt infield, dugouts, and bleachers

Ellensburg 24

4 Kiwanis Park 1

This 4.0-acre neighborhood park is located in the northwest portion of the city on Main Street and 14th Avenue. Mercer Creek flows through the west boundary of the park.

- Multipurpose grass field with baseball backstop, dugout, and bleachers and soccer field
- Restroom

5 Mountain View Park 3

This 8.0-acre neighborhood park is located in southeast Ellensburg between Manitoba and Seattle Avenues.

- Youth baseball field - grass with backstop and bleachers
- 2 regulation soccer fields - 210 x 330 foot grass with standards
- Restroom

6 Rotary Park 18

This 100.0-acre regional park is located in west Ellensburg on West 5th Avenue.

- 4-plex youth baseball fields -grass with dirt infields, dugouts,

	bleachers, concession stand, and restroom	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 adult baseball field - 90 foot grass with dirt base paths, dugouts, bleachers 2 adult softball fields - 90 foot grass with dirt infields, dugouts, bleachers 1 grass practice baseball field with backstop Up to 10 soccer fields - U8-U10 on a 600 x 830 foot grass multipurpose field with moveable standards Batting cage Restroom 	
7	West Ellensburg Park	1
	This 6.0-acre neighborhood park is located in west Ellensburg adjacent to Rotary Park on North Lincoln Street.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Little League baseball field - 65 foot grass with dirt base paths, dugouts, bleachers Restroom 	
8	Racquet & Recreation Center (ERRC)	1
	This 0.6-acre facility site is located in east Ellensburg on Vantage Highway.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 synthetic turf heated indoor soccer field Batting cage 	
	Cle Elum-Roslyn School District	6
9	Cle Elum-Roslyn High School	6
	This elementary/middle/high school campus is located north of town on SR-903.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 football field - grass turf, rubber-surface field track, and spectator grandstands 1 baseball field - 90 foot, grass with dirt base paths 2 softball fields - grass with dirt infield 1 soccer field - grass with standards 1 multipurpose soccer and baseball field - grass and dirt 	
	Ellensburg School District	7
10	Valley View Elementary School	2
	This elementary school is located between 3rd Avenue and Capitol Avenue in east Ellensburg adjacent to Ellensburg High School.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 regulation soccer fields - grass with standards 	

11	Mt Stewart Elementary School	1
	This elementary school is located in northwest Ellensburg on 15th Avenue and Cora Street adjacent to the Ellensburg BMX Park.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soccer field on multipurpose grass area 	
12	Morgan Middle School	na
	This middle school facility is located between 1st Avenue and Capitol Avenue, and Ruby Street in central Ellensburg across from Lincoln Elementary School and the Ellensburg Youth Center.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubber-surfaced field track with center grass area 	
13	Ellensburg High School	4
	This high school facility is located between 3rd Avenue and Capitol Avenue in east Ellensburg adjacent to Valley View Elementary School.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 football field with bleachers and rubber-surfaced field track 1 regulation soccer field 1 baseball field - 90 foot grass with dirt base paths 1 softball field - grass with dirt base paths 	
	Kittitas School District	1
14	Kittitas Elementary School	3
	This elementary school is located on Patrick Avenue and Pierce Street in central Kittitas.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 baseball fields - grass with backstops, dugouts, bleacher Multipurpose soccer field shared with baseball 	
15	Kittitas High School	6
	This high school is located on Kittitas Highway in central Kittitas.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-plex baseball fields - 2 baseball grass with dirt base paths, dugouts, bleachers, and outfield fences, 2 softball/youth baseball grass with dugouts, dirt infields, and outfield fences 1 soccer field with standards 1 football field with 8-lane rubberized field track and stadium 	
16	Damman Elementary School	2
	This elementary school grade K-5 is located on Umptanum and Manastash Roads southwest of Ellensburg.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 baseball field with backstop 1 multipurpose/soccer field shared with baseball 	
	Thorp School District	3
17	Thorp School	3
	This school is located on North Thorp Highway.	

- 1 grass football field with cinder field track
- 1 softball field - grass with dirt infield
- 1 baseball field - grass with dirt base paths, dugouts, and fence

Central Washington University 14

18 Central Washington University (CWU) 14

Established in 1891, the historic 380.0-acre, 94-buildings campus is located in north Ellensburg on University Way and includes the following facilities used primarily by students though some facilities are available to the public. CWU also uses some Ellensburg parks and recreational facilities.

- Tomlinson Field - football field - grass with 6-lane rubberized field track and 4,000 seat stadium
- Gary & Bobbi Frederick Softball Field - grass with dirt infield and 200-215 foot outfield fence
- CWU Baseball Field - grass with cinder infield surface, 90 foot with 324-412 foot outfield fence, dugouts, 500 seat bleachers
- 3 soccer/multipurpose field - grass with standards
- 1 Little League field - grass with dirt base paths, dugout, fence, bleachers
- 1 baseball field - grass with dirt base paths, fence, dugout, bleachers
- University or Alder Street Recreation Fields - multipurpose grass area with up to 6 regulation soccer fields

Suncadia 3

19 Dawson Park 3

This homeowner association community park is located in Suncadia on Coal Mine Way.

- Multipurpose grass field with 1 baseball backstop and 2 soccer fields with standards

Total existing fields 67

Existing soccer, baseball, and softball fields

The following fields will be developed to support local pickup games, youth clinics, and youth and adult leagues.

Proposed fields

Cle Elum 2

20 Four Seasons Aquatic Center 2

Four Seasons Recreation Board proposes constructing a

community recreation center behind the Cle Elum-Roslyn School District campus to include baseball and soccer fields.

Total proposed fields 2

4.6 Community facilities or centers

Community centers may be developed to provide indoor activities on a year-round basis throughout and/or centrally accessible to Kittitas County residents for day and evening use. The facilities may be developed within a market oriented service concept that protects the specialized investments that have already been made in these facilities by the cities, school districts, and private organizations.

Community centers may not be developed where the using population will not be of sufficient size to realistically support an independent facility. In these circumstances, an existing center may be expanded within the next closest or supportable service area to provide facility requirements and programs.

Indoor community or recreation facilities may provide space for swimming pools (including outdoor facilities), gymnasiums, physical conditioning, arts and crafts, class and instruction rooms, meeting facilities, kitchens and dining, daycare and latch key, teen and senior center, and special population resource activities.

Community centers may also incorporate historic museums, interpretive nature exhibits, and other buildings or constructions.

To the extent practical, community or recreation centers may utilize and/or be developed in conjunction with local school facilities. Where practical, school facilities may be utilized for after school programs that provide swimming pools, indoor gymnasiums, class and instruction space, meeting facilities, kitchen and dining either as loaned or leased space.

New buildings or additions may be built on or in conjunction with school sites as a shared resource when existing school building spaces are not available or of sufficient size to accommodate local needs. As a last resort, independent community centers may be

developed to provide suitable space only where schools are not able to share space and sites.

Independent community center buildings and sites may also be developed to provide space and services for teen, adult, or senior center activities that occur during or conflict with school activities and sites. Generally, these facilities may provide space and services that are not suitably provided at school sites or that may not be duplicated by school facilities and programs.

When community and recreation centers are developed independent of school facilities, the buildings may be independent properties or portions of other sites that include trail corridors, resource activities, athletic facilities or other public facilities such as civic centers and libraries.

Vision

As described, the community and recreation center vision may:

- Provide a variety of indoor activities,
- Within a convenient and serviceable proximity to using populations,
- Within a facility and services concept that recognizes and supports the investments that have already made in existing city and school facilities and programs, and
- In cooperative ventures with other interested and participating public and private agencies.

Swimming facilities

Existing swimming pool facilities

The following pool facility has been developed within the city to provide recreation aquatic activities for youth and adults.

Existing swim pools

Ellensburg

1 Memorial Pool & Fitness Center 1

The 0.08-acre pool and fitness center site is located on East 6th Avenue adjacent to Ellensburg’s Veterans Memorial Park and Kittitas Valley Event Center fairgrounds.

- 6-lane regulation lap pool

- 1-meter diving board
- Sauna and hot tub
- Training pool

2 Central Washington University (CWU) 1

Established in 1891, the historic 380.0-acre, 94-buildings campus is located in north Ellensburg on University Way and includes the following facilities used primarily by students though some facilities are available to the public. CWU also uses some Ellensburg parks and recreational facilities.

- CWU Aquatic Facility - regulation 10-lane lap pool with starting blocks, 3-meter spring board, 1-meter spring board

Suncadia 1

3 Swim & Fitness Center 1

This homeowner association facility is located in Suncadia on Suncadia Trail.

- Indoor pool with lap pool, leisure elements, and indoor/outdoor tube slides
- Outdoor children’s wading pool
- Outdoor swimming pool with Jacuzzi, large deck, and extensive outdoor sunning area on green grass surround

Total existing pools 3

Proposed swimming pool facilities

The following pool facility will be developed to provide instruction, recreation, and competition aquatic activities for youth and adults subject to consultations with appropriate public and private participants.

Proposed swim pools

Cle Elum 1

4 Four Seasons Aquatic Center 1

Four Seasons Recreation Board proposes constructing a community recreation center behind the Cle Elum-Roslyn School District campus to include a large indoor multiuse pool.

Total proposed pools 1

Physical conditioning facilities

Existing physical conditioning facilities

The following physical conditioning facility have been developed to provide instruction, aerobics, condition training, and individual conditioning activities for youth and adults.

Existing physical conditioning facilities	
Ellensburg	2
1 Memorial Pool & Fitness Center	1
The 0.08-acre pool and fitness center site is located on East 6th Avenue adjacent to Ellensburg’s Veterans Memorial Park and Kittitas Valley Event Center fairgrounds.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 treadmills, 2 elliptical, 2 recumbent bikes, 3 rowing machines, stair stepper, weight machine 	
2 Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center (ERRC)	1
This 0.6-acre facility site is located in east Ellensburg on Vantage Highway.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fitness room with Nautilus and free weights 	
Central Washington University	2
3 Central Washington University (CWU)	2
Established in 1891, the historic 380.0-acre, 94-buildings campus is located in north Ellensburg on University Way and includes the following facilities used primarily by students though some facilities are available to the public. CWU also uses some Ellensburg parks and recreational facilities.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nicholson Pavilion Area - weight and cardio equipment in 100,000 square foot facility ▪ Recreation Field Challenge Course - low-rope elements, state-of-the-art high rope elements for individual and group team-building activities 	
Total existing conditioning facilities	4

Proposed physical conditioning facilities

The following physical conditioning facility will be developed to provide instruction, aerobics, condition training, and individual conditioning activities for youth and adults.

Proposed physical conditioning facilities

Ellensburg	1
4 Community Center	1
The proposed 45,000 square foot community center will be located in southeast Ellensburg in Mountain View Park between East Manitoba and Seattle Avenues.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physical condition and aerobics room 	
Total proposed conditioning facilities	1

Gymnasiums

Existing gymnasiums

The following gymnasiums have been developed within the city to provide multipurpose space that includes instruction, recreation, and competition volleyball and basketball activities for youth.

Existing gymnasiums	
Ellensburg	1
1 Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center (ERRC)	1
This 0.6-acre facility site is located in east Ellensburg on Vantage Highway.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indoor racquetball courts ▪ 2 indoor heated tennis courts 	
Ellensburg School District	5
2 Mt Stewart Elementary School	1
This elementary school is located in northwest Ellensburg on 15th Avenue and Cora Street adjacent to the Ellensburg BMX Park.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gymnasium with basketball court 	
3 Lincoln Elementary School	1
This elementary school is located on Capitol Avenue and Samson Street across from Morgan Middle School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gymnasium with basketball court 	
4 Valley View Elementary School	1
This elementary school is located between 3rd Avenue and Capitol Avenue in east Ellensburg adjacent to Ellensburg High School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gymnasium with basketball court 	
5 Morgan Middle School	1
This middle school facility is located between 1st Avenue and	

Capitol Avenue, and Ruby Street in central Ellensburg across from Lincoln Elementary School and the Ellensburg Youth Center.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gymnasium with basketball court ▪ Annex gymnasium 	
6	1
Ellensburg High School	
This high school facility is located between 3rd Avenue and Capitol Avenue in east Ellensburg adjacent to Valley View Elementary School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gymnasium with basketball court and bleachers ▪ Field house 	
Kittitas School District	
	2
7	1
Kittitas Elementary School	
This elementary school is located on Patrick Avenue and Pierce Street in central Kittitas.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small gymnasium with basketball court 	
8	1
Kittitas High School	
This high school is located on Kittitas Highway in central Kittitas.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gymnasium with basketball court 	
Central Washington University	
	1
9	1
Central Washington University (CWU)	
Established in 1891, the historic 380.0-acre, 94-buildings campus is located in north Ellensburg on University Way and includes the following facilities used primarily by students though some facilities are available to the public. CWU also uses some Ellensburg parks and recreational facilities.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nicholson Pavilion Area - 2 gymnasiums, weight and cardio equipment in 100,000 square foot facility 	
Total existing gymnasiums	
	9
Proposed gymnasiums	
The following gymnasiums will be developed within the city to provide multipurpose space that includes instruction, recreation, and competition volleyball and basketball activities.	
Proposed gymnasiums	
Ellensburg	1
10	1
Community Center	
The proposed 45,000 square foot community center will be located in southeast Ellensburg in Mountain View Park between East	

Manitoba and Seattle Avenues.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physical condition and aerobics room 	
Total proposed gymnasiums	
	1
Meeting rooms	
Existing classroom, meeting, and small training rooms	
The following meeting facilities have been developed within the city that can support multipurpose space for nutrition and health programs, recreational and social activities, and other supporting services for youth, teen, seniors, adults, and other community members.	
Existing meeting room	
Kittitas County	
	7
1	7
Kittitas Valley Event Center	
Kittitas Valley Event Center is located in central Ellensburg and houses the facilities that support the Kittitas County Fair and Ellensburg Rodeo including:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armory - with a central meeting and assembly space and 3 perimeter meeting/classrooms 5,000 square feet ▪ Teanaway Hall Fine Arts Building - 3,458 square feet with central commercial kitchen ▪ Umtanum Hall Home Arts Building - 8,400 square feet sharing commercial kitchen with Teanaway Hall ▪ Manastah, Heritage, Naneum, and Tanecum Rooms under the south grandstands - 5,000 square feet ▪ South Grandstands Beer Hall - 1,034 square feet ▪ Gold Buckle - 5,525 square feet ▪ Western Village saloon/meeting facility - 600 square feet 	
Ellensburg	
	1
2	1
Hal Holmes Center	
The Ellensburg Public Library and Hal Holmes Center are located in central Ellensburg on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Ruby Street.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multipurpose conference room with stage 	
Total existing meeting rooms	
	8

Proposed meeting rooms

The following multipurpose classrooms will be developed within the city to provide multipurpose space to support nutrition and health programs, recreational and social activities, and other supporting services for youth, teen, seniors, adults, and other community members as well as parties, weddings, and other special events.

	Proposed meeting rooms	
Kittitas County		4
3 Kittitas Valley Event Center		4
Kittitas Valley Event Center’s recently adopted master plan will add:		
▪ Festival Hall (Bowling Alley) - 7,800 square feet		
▪ Exhibition Center - 30,000 square feet		
▪ Gateway including ground floor retail and tickets and upper floor office and meeting area- 24,000 square feet		
▪ Interim Indoor Arena - 37,500 square feet		
Ellensburg		2
4 Community Center		2
The proposed 45,000 square foot community center will be located in southeast Ellensburg in Mountain View Park between East Manitoba and Seattle Avenues.		
▪ Meeting rooms, classrooms, and studios		
▪ Banquet room		
▪ Catering kitchen		
Total proposed meeting rooms		6

Auditoriums

Existing auditoriums

The following auditorium facilities have been developed within the city that can support lectures, presentations, music, and drama productions.

	Existing meeting room seats
Central Washington University	1,350
1 Central Washington University (CWU)	
Established in 1891, the historic 380.0-acre, 94-buildings campus is located in north Ellensburg on University Way and includes the	

following facilities used primarily by students though some facilities are available to the public. CWU also uses some Ellensburg parks and recreational facilities.

- McIntyre Music Building - 600-seat concert hall, 150-seat recital/lecture hall, classrooms, rehearsal spaces for orchestra/band, choral and jazz, recording studio, performance library, instrument storage, composition labs, faculty teaching studios, and practice rooms
- McConnell Auditorium - 750-seat proscenium theatre for large scale productions, studios, rehearsal and classroom spaces, small black box studio, Sound and Light Lab, vocal and acting studios, Allegro dance flooring

Total existing auditorium seats **1,350**

Community centers - youth, teen, senior

Existing youth, teen, and senior centers

The following facilities have been developed within the city to support youth, teen, and senior programs.

	Existing centers
Ellensburg	2
1 Adult Activity Center	1
This 0.1-acre facility site is located in west Ellensburg on South Pine Street.	
▪ Senior center	
2 Stan Bassett Youth Center	1
This 0.4-acre facility site is located in central Ellensburg on East Capital Avenue across from Morgan Middle School.	
▪ Activities from grades 3-8	
▪ Club events from grades 3-12 including after school drop-in	
Existing centers	2

Proposed youth, teen, and senior centers

The following facilities will be developed within the city to support youth, teen, and senior programs.

	Proposed centers	
Ellensburg		1
3 Community Center		1
The proposed 45,000 square foot community center will be located in southeast Ellensburg in Mountain View Park between East Manitoba and Seattle Avenues.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior center ▪ Youth center 		
Proposed centers		1

4.7 Special use facilities

Facilities may be acquired or developed to provide special activities for the general population on a limited or special event occasion and/or for special interest populations at appropriate sites throughout Kittitas County. Special use facilities may include plazas and streetscapes, arts centers, and similar special interest services.

Special use facilities may be independent properties or portions of other sites that include trail corridors, resource park activities, recreational areas or facilities, community facilities or centers or other public facilities.

Special use facilities may be sited on other publicly owned lands or under lease agreements with private landowners or organizations or on purchased properties.

Vision

As described, the special use facilities vision may:

- Provide specialized facilities for the general population for a special event or activity,
- For specialized user group interests that are able and willing to pay user fees and charges or donate labor and services,
- In a manner that is cost effective, and
- Equitable in regards to those activities that accommodate the general population.

Public plazas and streetscapes

Some of Kittitas County's street rights-of-way have been improved with landscaping, street trees, artworks, and other improvements that enhance the public space.

Existing streetscapes

The following streetscapes sites have been developed.

	Existing streetscapes
Cle Elum	1
1 Flag Pole Park	1
This 7.7-acre Flag Pole Park is located on the west end of the downtown district serving as a gateway to the city from I-90. The park has been improved with a large American flag and an open lawn area used for active and passive activities.	
Ellensburg	4
2 Kleinburg Park	1
This 0.37-acre park is located in west Ellensburg across from the historic Great Northern Railroad Depot on West 3rd Avenue.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wooded lot contains a caboose 	
3 Rotary Pavilion	1
This 0.06-acre plaza is located in the historic downtown business district on North Pearl Street.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performing stage - temporary, moveable ▪ Sculpture - Richard Beyer Bull ▪ Restroom 	
4 South Entry Park	1
This 0.46-acre pocket park is located in south Ellensburg on Canyon Road and West Mountain View Avenue.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gateway welcome sign ▪ Grass and landscaping ▪ Sculpture - horse ▪ Parking area 	
5 Downtown Gardens	1
38 hexagonal ground plots, pavestone sidewalk design, and group plantings maintained by individuals, businesses, schools, service clubs, and churches throughout the historic downtown district.	
Total existing streetscapes	5

Proposed streetscapes

The following streetscapes sites will be developed.

	Proposed streetscapes
Ellensburg	1
6 CWU to Downtown Ellensburg	1
This proposed streetscape will extend from Central Washington University into historic downtown Ellensburg to provide residents and university visitors an enhanced corridor between the two destinations.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kiosks and directories▪ Artworks	
Total proposed streetscapes	1

Chapter 5: Implementation

Following is a summary description of the major tasks determined to be necessary to effectively implement the Kittitas County Park, Recreation, & Open Space (PROS) Plan. The tasks represent the general priorities established by workshops, public open house participants, the survey of adult and youth residents, and registered voters.

As shown, a number of parties may be responsible for the lead and management, participation, and supporting aspects of each action - as described in the following summaries. The tasks are grouped according to subject matter and not priority.

5.1 Adopt plan

1 Adopt Kittitas County PROS Plan as GMA element

The Kittitas Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will by resolution adopt the Kittitas County PROS Plan as a stand-alone planning document for compliance with the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) and as a complementary document of Kittitas County's Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Growth Management Act (GMA) provisions.

- **Participants** - Kittitas County Board of Commissioners with the assistance of the Kittitas County Planning Commission, Planning & Community Developments, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, citizens, and other stakeholders.

Action

- **Make Kittitas County PROS Plan available on Kittitas County website** - and distribute copies to appropriate public agencies and interested public and private parties in accordance with GMA adoption provisions including a SEPA Checklist for a non-project action.
- **Kittitas County Planning Commission reviews Kittitas County PROS Plan** - as necessary as part of Kittitas County comprehensive plan update, and provides for public hearing in conformance with GMA.

- **Kittitas County adopts the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) integrating the PROS Plan** - as an element of the Kittitas County comprehensive plan, thereby implementing the CIP in accordance with GMA provisions.

5.2 Adopt project financing strategies

2 Allocate capital facility funds as specified in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Kittitas Board of County Commissioners will allocate an appropriate amount of the monies received from dedicated park, recreation, open space, and trails-oriented revenue programs to provide funds for PROS Plan acquisition and development projects that reflect the objectives of these programs.

The revenue programs to be coordinated may include Kittitas County property and sales tax fund proceeds, Kittitas County Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET), Lodging Tax proceeds, and grants from the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO), among others.

Action

- **Allocate from existing park, recreation, open space, and trail-oriented revenue programs to fund the acquisition of PROS Plan projects** - designating monies from Kittitas County property tax levy, sales tax proceeds, Kittitas County Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET), Lodging Tax proceeds, and RCO grants.

5.3 Initiate PROS projects

3 Acquire open space and conservancies

Kittitas County will help acquire fee or use agreements and conserve significant wildlife, forestland, and open spaces indicated within this PROS Plan. Where appropriate, monies will be allocated to and/or combined with monies provided by the cities, state agencies, and non-profit organizations for significant projects.

Depending on schedules and availabilities, initial acquisitions of development rights or fee title may include shorelines, on and off-road trails, dog parks, playgrounds, picnic sites and tables, group picnic shelters and parks, soccer fields, recreation/community centers, and others indicated in this PROS Plan.

- **Participants** - Kittitas Board of County Commissioners, Kittitas County Planning & Community Development Department, and the participation of other public and non-profit organizations.

Action

- **Initiate the acquisition of fee title or use agreements and conservancy of significant open space and conservancy sites** - allocating revenues for significant properties in accordance with this Kittitas County PROS Plan regardless of agency sponsor.

4 Acquire/develop parks

Kittitas County will help acquire, develop, maintain, and operate parks indicated within this plan. Where appropriate, monies will be allocated and/or combined with monies provided by the school districts, county, state agencies, and non-profit organizations.

Depending on schedules and availability, initial acquisitions and developments may include waterfront access, community gardens, off-road trails, dog parks, playgrounds, picnic tables and shelters, athletic field improvements, and aquatic and recreation/community centers to be distributed across the city, among others.

- **Participants** - Kittitas Board of County Commissioners, Kittitas County Planning & Community Development Department, and the participation of other public and non-profit organizations.

Action

- **Initiate the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of parks** - allocating revenues in accordance with this Kittitas County PROS Plan regardless of agency sponsor.

5 Acquire/develop trail systems

Kittitas County will help acquire, develop, maintain, and operate the significant on and off-road trail systems indicated within this Kittitas County PROS Plan.

Where appropriate, monies will be allocated to and/or combined with monies provided by the cities, state agencies, and non-profit organizations for significant projects. Generally, Kittitas County Public Works Department will develop and maintain non-motorized trail connections within public road rights-of-way.

Depending on schedules and availability, initial acquisitions and developments may include off-road hiking, biking, and multipurpose trails extending within and between environmental areas, parks, schools, community facilities, and neighborhoods across the city.

- **Participants** - Kittitas Board of County Commissioners, Kittitas County Planning & Community Development and Public Works Departments, other public and non-profit organizations, and property owners.

Action

- **Initiate the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of significant corridors and on and off-road trail systems** - allocating revenues for significant projects in accordance with this PROS Plan regardless of agency sponsor.

6 Conserve/designate historic and cultural resources in parks

Kittitas County will help designate and conserve significant historic and cultural resources indicated within this PROS Plan. Where appropriate, wayfinder and historic signage, artworks, and streetscape development monies will be allocated to and/or combined with monies provided by city and state agencies as well as private developers for significant projects.

Depending on schedules and availabilities, initial designations may include the Roslyn, Cle Elum, and Ellensburg downtown districts, streetscapes, and gateways, among others.

- **Participants** - Kittitas Board of County Commissioners with the assistance of Kittitas County Planning & Community Development and Public Works Departments, and the participation of the Kittitas County Historic Commission.

Action

- **Initiate the designation, management, acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of significant historic and cultural resources** - allocating revenues for significant projects in accordance with this plan regardless of agency sponsor.

7 Acquire and develop a recreation/community/special event centers

Kittitas County will help acquire and develop multi-generational recreation/community/special event centers in Kittitas County. Where appropriate, acquisition, development, and/or lease-to-own monies will be allocated to and/or combined with monies provided by other public, private, and non-profit organizations for significant projects.

Depending on schedules and availabilities, initial lease-to-own acquisition and development may include fairgrounds, rodeos, aquatic pools and lockers, physical conditioning rooms, gymnasiums, meeting and classrooms, and arts and crafts rooms for youth, teen, adult, senior, and special population activities.

- **Participants** - Kittitas Board of County Commissioners, the Kittitas Valley Events Center, and other public agencies as well as private and non-profit organizations.

Action

- **Initiate the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of multi-generational recreation/community/special event center facilities** - allocating revenues for lease-to-own or purchase and development projects in accordance with this Kittitas County PROS Plan regardless of agency sponsor.

5.4 Follow-up

8 Conduct progress assessments

Kittitas County and other public agencies will conduct progress assessments reviewing action on the projects and programs identified above and improve methods, assign responsibilities, or take other measures necessary to ensure effective implementation.

- **Participants** - Kittitas Board of County Commissioners, Kittitas County Planning Commission, Kittitas Valley Event Center, Kittitas County Planning & Community Development and Public Works Departments, Roslyn-Cle Elum, Ellensburg, Thorp, Drumm, and Kittitas School Districts, Washington State, public and non-profit organizations, private vendors, and citizens at large.

Action

- **Adjust parks, recreation, and open space vision, strategies, and implementing measures** - based on the results of the follow-up assessments.