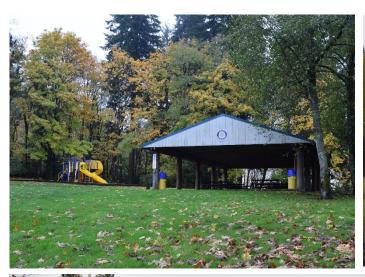
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#### **Overview**

The City of Kelso retained the firm Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc. to prepare the Kelso Park Facility Plan. The purpose of this plan is to provide the City with updated park assessments and recommendations for facility improvements. This plan will supplement the City of Kelso Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan adopted on February 18, 2014. In addition to broader park facility assessments and recommendations, this plan pays special attention to Catlin Rotary Spray Park and includes a preferred master plan with probable estimate of cost.

This Plan consists of two parts:

#### **Park Facility Improvements**

<u>Park Site Inventory Addressed in this Plan.</u> This section documents how the park sites were selected for inclusion in this Park Facility Plan.

<u>Neighborhood Playlot Gap Analysis</u>. Both the City of Kelso Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Program indicate the need for additional neighborhood playlots providing recreational opportunities for young children. This section presents opportunities to meet the demand for playlots in underserved areas in the City.

<u>Park Site Assessments and Probable Costs of Construction.</u> Comprehensive assessments, including probable costs of construction, were prepared for park sites identified in the City of Kelso Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

Recommended Priority Projects. This section presents recommendations that the City prioritize planning and improvements at four park sites: Lads & Lassies Park, a new neighborhood playlot site in north Kelso, Rotary Skate Park, and master planning for waterfront access at Mill Street Riverfront Park or Coweeman River Trail.

<u>Potential Grant Funding Opportunities.</u> The recommended priority projects may be eligible for funding under several specific grants offered by the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office.

### Catlin Rotary Spray Park Master Plan

<u>Site Analysis & Early Public Input.</u> Opportunities and constraints for the site were identified and early input was solicited from key stakeholders regarding ideas and concerns.

<u>Design Workshop and Ice Cream Social</u>. Two design options were prepared that incorporated public input which were presented for further public comment, leading to the development of a preferred master plan.

<u>Preferred Master Plan & Probable Estimate of Cost.</u> The recommended master plan and probable estimate of cost are presented in this section.

### **Park Site Inventory Addressed in this Plan**

The first task in preparing the Kelso Park Facility Plan was to identify the subset of City park facilities that warranted assessments and cost estimates. The consultant team HHPR met with City staff to establish the focus of the plan, which was determined to be Neighborhood Parks, Neighborhood Playlots, Neighborhood Open Spaces, and Trails. Therefore, Regional parks, such as Tam O'Shanter Park, and inaccessible sites such as Aldercrest Open Space or Camilla Summers Riverfront Park, were excluded at the outset. Catlin Rotary Spray Park was identified for special attention for HHPR to prepare a master plan that is presented in the second part of this plan.

To determine community priorities for parks to include in the inventory, HHPR solicited input from the public at a Neighborhood Night Out event in August 2017. HHPR also reviewed existing plans, including the 2014 City of Kelso Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan ("2014 Park Plan"); the 2013 South Kelso Revitalization Plan; and the 2014 – 2019 Kelso Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Incorporating direct feedback from the public, as well as the priorities adopted in the earlier plans mentioned above, HHPR and City staff identified the following list of parks to include in the Kelso Park Facility Plan, listed below in alphabetical order.

#### **Coweeman River Trail**

<u>Description</u>: This trail follows the Coweeman River dike from Talley Way to Tam O' Shanter Park, ending at Allen Street and Corduroy Road. The trail surface is gravel and site furnishings include park benches.

<u>Desired Improvements</u>: Participants at the August 2017 public event identified desired improvements including additional lighting, an off-leash dog area, picnic & seating areas; shelter; parking; restrooms; trees/landscaping; and trash cans. The Coweeman River Trail is addressed in the Tam O' Shanter Master Plan as follows: "Connect the park to the existing dike trail and the Coweeman River beyond using a series of new asphalt paths on the dike. This connection may also facilitate future canoe/kayak put-ins at the park."

Improvements for the Coweeman River Trail will be limited to those portions of the trail within the boundaries of the City of Kelso, excluding areas located on the dike which are also outside the City's jurisdiction.

<u>Justification</u>: Citizens ranked the Coweeman River Trail third in priority at the August 2017 public outreach event. Participants raised particular concern over public safety with transients in the area and emphasized the need for lighting. The 2014-2019 CIP addresses the trail in part, with Coweeman River Canoe Access listed as a project.

#### **Kelso Veterans Memorial Park (Kelso Commons)**

<u>Description</u>: This quarter-acre mini-park is located in the business district on the corner of S Pacific Avenue and Oak Street. The facility consists of picnic tables, park benches, trash receptacles, a media building, drinking fountain, and a memorial structure. This mini-park is intended for day use by people visiting the business district.

<u>Desired Improvements</u>: Participants at the August 2017 public event identified desired improvements to Kelso Veterans Memorial Park including lighting, trees/landscaping, and

playground equipment. City staff have suggested a comprehensive assessment of the existing site to include removal of the kiosk, utility relocation, and identification of tripping hazards. This assessment will also address opportunities to master plan the site to support the potential use of Oak Street as a festival street for outdoor events.

<u>Justification</u>: Kelso Veterans Memorial Park ranked fifth in priority of all parks at the August 2017 public outreach event, and is identified as an existing park project on the 2014-2019 CIP. Given the park's downtown location and proximity to the Cowlitz River Trail, there may be opportunities to provide visitor services that promote both the trail and downtown.

#### **Lads & Lassies Neighborhood Park**

<u>Description</u>: Located at the corner of S 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Elm Street, this 7,500 square foot neighborhood park has a playground, park benches, trash receptacles, picnic table and a bike rack.

<u>Desired Improvements</u>: Participants at the August 2017 public event identified desired improvements at Lads & Lassies Neighborhood Park, including more playground equipment, lighting, restrooms, and trashcans. An abandoned house adjacent to the property may provide an opportunity for park expansion or the co-location of a compatible use. Staff is particularly interested in evaluating improvements for the existing park site and understanding opportunities for expansion of the park site. The assessment will identify specific improvements and recommend sequencing for implementation actions.

<u>Justification</u>: Citizens ranked Lads & Lassies second in priority at the August 2017 public outreach event. Several community members noted the need to discourage criminal activity at the park. Improvements to Lads & Lassies Park are listed as a top priority for existing facilities in the 2014 – 2019 Kelso Parks CIP. The park is specifically addressed in the 2014 Kelso Park Plan in Objective 1.1: *Upgrade the play equipment at Lads and Lassies Park to comply with all current regulations*.

#### Mill Street Riverfront Park

<u>Description</u>: Mill Street River Front Park is a two-acre undeveloped park site located on the Cowlitz River, north of the intersection of Mill Street and Riverside Drive.

<u>Desired Improvements</u>: Participants in the August 2017 public outreach event identified desired improvements to the Mill Street Riverfront Park site including picnic & seating areas, lighting, trees/landscaping, trash cans, and parking. The 2014 Kelso Park Plan identifies opportunities to develop new recreational facilities at the site, including a trail as part of the regional trails system and public access to the shoreline with a boat launch. However, the future availability of the site for park uses is uncertain, resulting in a lower priority for this location in the current inventory. The assessment will be limited to a general assessment of the opportunities and constraints for this site should it become available for use as a City park.

<u>Justification</u>: Mill Street River Front Park ranked fourth in priority of all parks at the August 2017 public outreach event. The 2014 Kelso Park Plan includes Objective 3.10, to "Create canoe and kayak landings along the Cowlitz River" and the 2014 - 2019 Parks CIP includes a "Mill Street Boat Launch" as the top priority under New Park Development. The 2013 South Kelso Revitalization Plan notes in the Existing Conditions Report that "Kelso has

great potential to build a locally and regionally-recognized identity around the city's relationship with the natural environment. An identity grounded by a strong connection with the Cowlitz, Coweeman, and Columbia rivers would benefit from greenway development adjacent to the river, [and] natural riverfront restoration . . ."

#### **Rotary Skate Park**

<u>Description</u>: The Rotary Skate Park is a developed park located east of Interstate 5 between N Minor Road and Burcham Street. The current inventory focuses on the lower area of the park, which consists of skate park improvements only. The upper portion of the park includes a playground, covered picnic area, restroom facilities, and open field space. Work is currently underway to construct off-street parking and a shared use path on N Minor Road to create access for pedestrians and cyclists.

<u>Desired Improvements</u>: Participants at the August 2017 public event identified desired improvements to Rotary Skate Park including picnic & seating areas, restrooms, shelter, trees/landscaping, lighting, and playground equipment. The 2014 Park Plan identified the need to create ADA compliant access to the park. Staff has emphasized the need to identify a potential location for a restroom and tot lot, and to identify opportunities for environmental education associated with the adjacent wetland.

<u>Justification</u>: Citizens ranked Rotary Skate Park as the top priority at the August 2017 public outreach event. It is also listed as one of the top priorities for existing facilities in the 2014 – 2019 Kelso Parks CIP.

### **Scot Hollow Neighborhood Park**

<u>Description</u>: This three-quarter acre park is located at the intersection of N 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bates Road. Although largely unimproved, this park includes a picnic table, park bench, and an open field for play.

<u>Desired Improvements</u>: Participants at the August 2017 public event identified desired improvements including lighting, shelter, restrooms, ADA compliant facilities, trees/landscaping, picnic/seating areas, playground equipment, trees/landscaping, and trash cans. Given the largely undeveloped condition of the park and the deficit of Neighborhood Playlots in the City, this park may be an appropriate location for a new neighborhood playlot.

<u>Justification</u>: Scot Hollow Park ranked seventh in priority of all parks at the August 2017 public outreach event. The park is listed below Lads and Lassies Neighborhood Park in the prioritized list within the 2014-2019 CIP and above Kelso Commons. Staff view this site as one having great potential to provide a new neighborhood park in the City.

#### **Undeveloped Neighborhood Playlots**

<u>Description</u>: The City defines neighborhood playlots as serving an area of typically one-quarter mile or less to provide active recreation for preschool and lower elementary age children. Based on these parameters, the inventory defines priority service areas and identifies four specific sites for potential development as stand-alone playlots or where playlots could be developed alongside other park uses.

<u>Desired Improvements</u>: Typical playlot amenities include playground equipment, paved multi-use courts; small open areas for group games and informal play; and benches and landscaping.

<u>Justification</u>: Specific playlots were not identified as a top priority park improvement at the August 2017 public event. However, the 2014 Kelso Park Plan reports a deficiency of four (4) playlots citywide. (See Figure 8: Neighborhood Playlot Service Areas of the Park Plan, which generally illustrates ¼-mile service areas.) Objective 7.5 in the Park Plan states, "Identify areas deficient in parkland . . . and pursue acquiring land prior to losing the opportunity to develop." The 2014-2019 Parks CIP includes "Development of Playlots" under New Park Development projects. Two citizens at the August 2017 public outreach event did note a lack of neighborhood park facilities, particularly in northwest Kelso, and the 2013 South Kelso Revitalization Plan specifically identifies the "need for more/better parks with increased safety and programming" some of which could be met with neighborhood playlots.

## **Neighborhood Playlot Gap Analysis and Recommendations**

This inventory looked at playlots as a specific facility type that serves residences within a radius of about one-quarter mile. By looking at existing service areas, residential development throughout the city, and available properties, the inventory concludes that the number of households with access to a playlot could be increased considerably by upgrading the Rhododendron Garden and Scot Hollow Park properties to include these facilities.

#### **STEP ONE: INVENTORY**

Where are the existing playlots in Kelso and what areas of the City do they serve?

This review looked at playlots independently of the overall inventory of City-owned parks and recreation facilities. Many park types, such as nature parks or athletic fields, do not include playlots and were not included in the inventory. On the other hand, elementary schools typically have playlots which are accessible to the general public during non-school hours. Considering these factors, a playlot-specific inventory list was created.

#### **STEP TWO: ANALYZE**

What residential areas aren't currently served by playlots?

Distance was the primary factor considered in mapping service areas for playlots, with a one-quarter mile radius representing the range of convenient walking distance with young children. These circular coverage areas were then modified to reflect conditions on the ground – mainly barriers that would make access more difficult, such as rivers, steep topography, freeways, railroad lines, and the busiest roadways (see **Map 1: Existing Playlot Service Areas**).

Residentially-zoned areas (RSF5, RSF10, RMD, and RMF zones) outside of existing service areas were then highlighted to show where current or future unmet demand for playlots may exist.

#### STEP THREE: PRIORITIZE

In what gap areas could new playlots serve the most kids now and in the future?

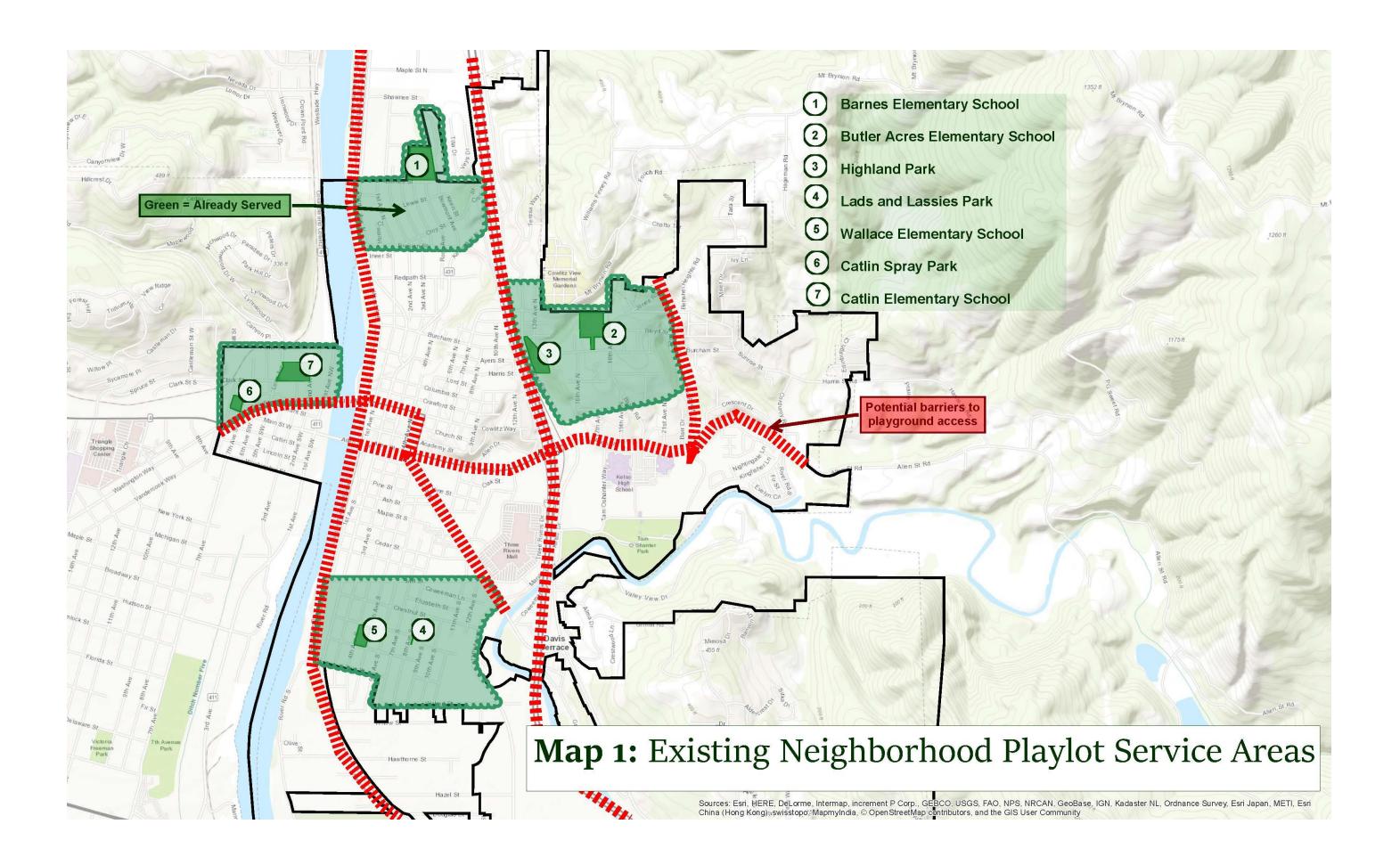
Within the unserved residential areas mapped in Step Two, higher and lower priorities were assigned based on several factors (see **Map 2: Neighborhood Playlot Service Area Gaps**). In order to maximize the number of households served, higher priority was assigned to currently unserved areas with zoning allowing multifamily development and gridded streets and/or sidewalks allow access from a wider area. More rural areas, and areas where identified barriers impede access were given lower priority.

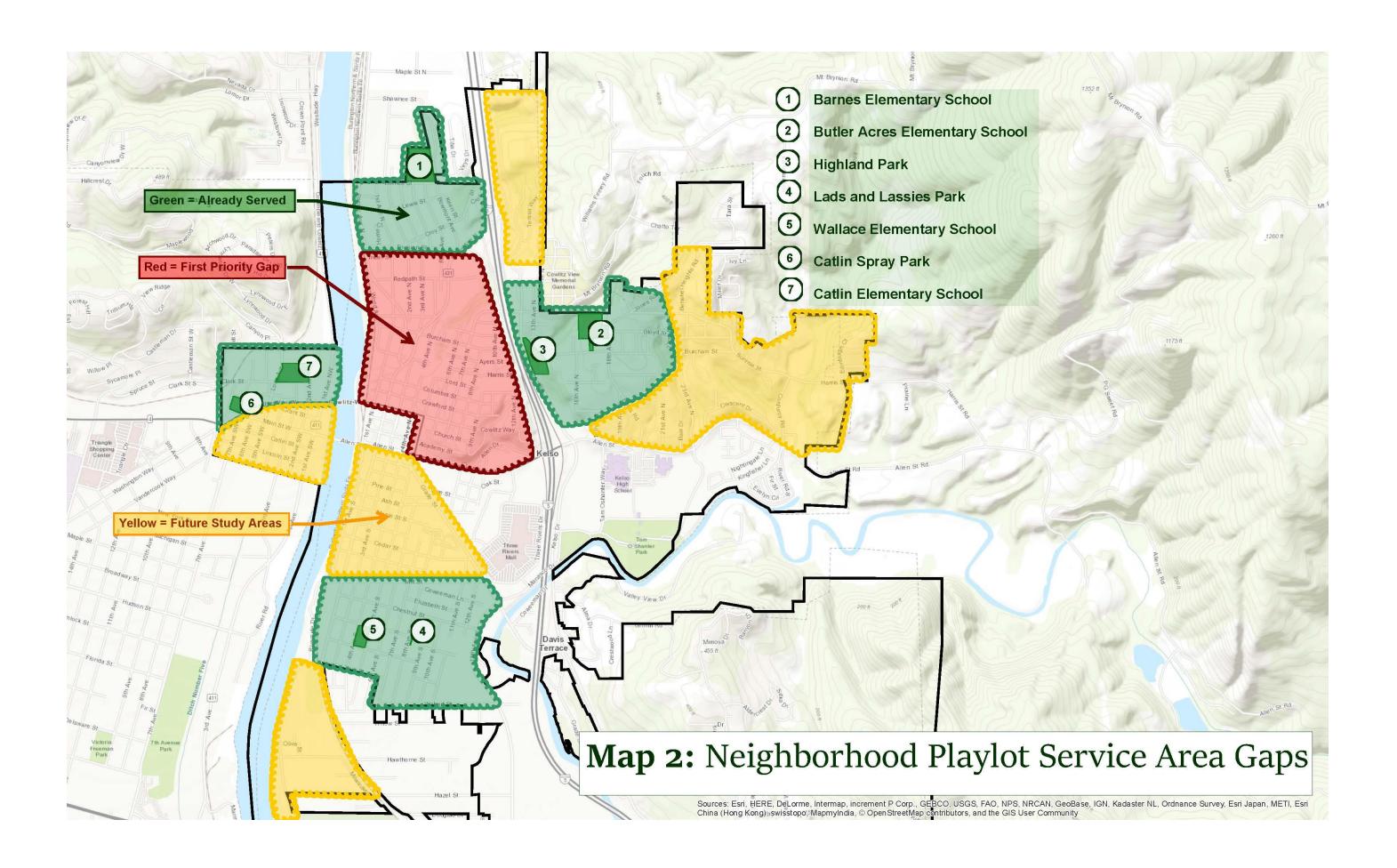
#### STEP FOUR: IDENTIFY

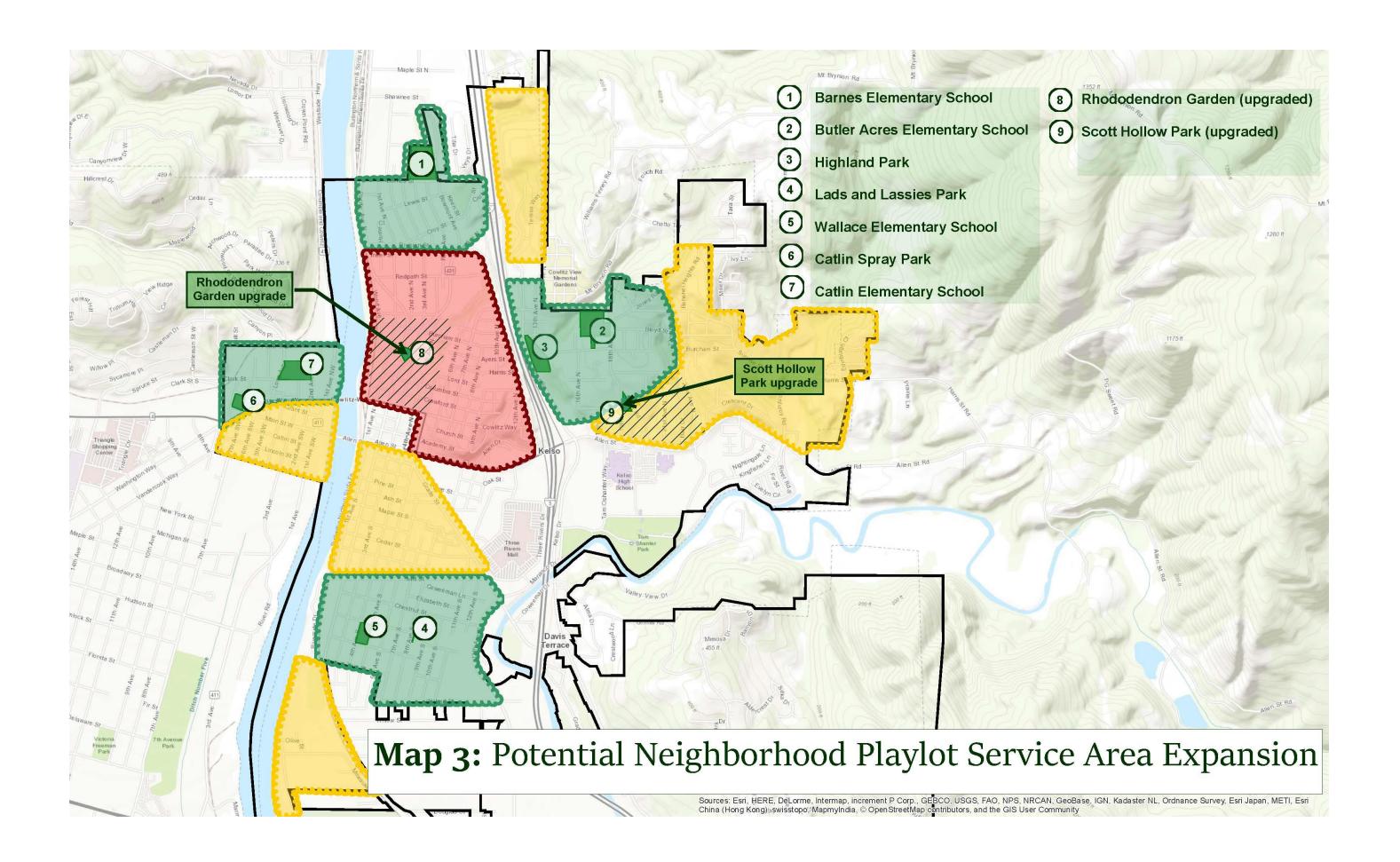
What projects could be implemented to improve playlot service coverage in the near term?

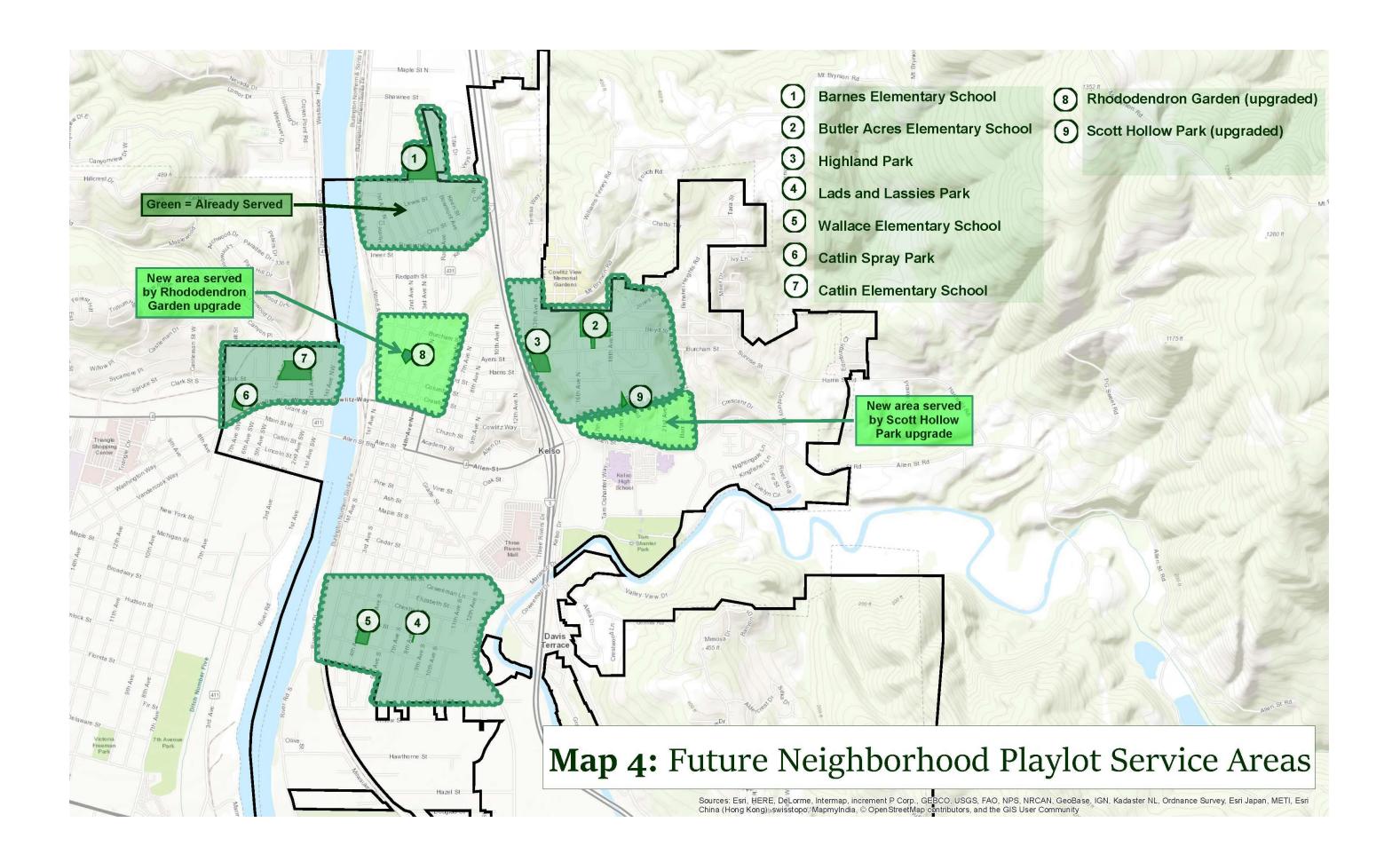
Opportunities to improve park coverage in the short term exist where City-owned park properties are located near the center of high priority existing gaps. Playlots could be added to Rhododendron Garden (located within the highest-priority service gap) and Scot Hollow Park (see Map 3: Potential Neighborhood Playlot Service Area Expansion) without lengthy

planning or land acquisition processes, and would provide playlot access to many households in the surrounding neighborhoods (see <b>Map 4: Future Neighborhood Playlot Service Areas</b> ).









# Park Facility Assessments & Probable Costs of Construction

**Inventoried Sites in Alphabetical Order** 

# Coweeman River Trail

#### Assessment Rating

- 1 enhancement discretionary
- 2 adequate as is
- 3 requires attention
- 4 hazardous
- 5 regulatory challenge

#### Level of Intervention

- D design/planning
- V volunteer labor
- S skilled labor/supervision

# Description

- Gravel path, 15 foot width, accomodates pedestrians and cyclists atop dike.
- Picturesque views of river and pastoral landscape to the east and south.
- Southern end of trail connects Talley Way at Cowlitz River, Tam O'Shanter Park and terminates at Corduroy Rd and Allen St. to

## Recommendation

- 1. Maintain character and usability of trail.
- 2. Improve access from trail to areas below at select locations around Tam O'Shanter.
- 3. Enhance viewing and rest areas along trail with bench seating and environmental graphics graphics.

# Site Conditions

- Undulating views of valley and river  ${f 1}$
- Prime wildlife habitat
- Vegetation along embankments primarily sedges and grasses, also contains invasive species
- Path surface crushed aggregate
- Informal paths across embankment from Tam O'Shanter to trail
- Well maintained, minimal litter
- Ideal viewing areas for observation of context - developed and undeveloped areas

# Challenges

- Enhancements restricted by Diking District Authority regulations
- Somewhat isolated due to grade differential
- Embankment is fairly steep (3:1, prohibits ADA access
- Portions of trail are hidden by overpass abutments
- No lighting, no park hours posted
- Random paths created by public use 3

# **Opportunities**

- Environmental education graphics "Birds/animals you may see on the trail"
- Birdwatching, wildlife observation
- Canoe access to river at Cowlitz
   River trailhead
- Riparian and flood control education "how we are connected to the river" D S
- Comprehensive park signage coordinated City-wide
   D S
- Install 'forum steps' at embankment DS
- Control invasive plant species
- Distance markers for runners
- Nesting boxes/bat boxes
- Potential ADA access at Grade St. or  $\ \mbox{\bf D}\ \mbox{\bf S}$  at mouth of Coweeman



















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#### Site: Coweeman River Trail

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#### 1. \*Design and Planning

Define current access points (formal and informal), future access to water for canoes, kayaks, paddleboards. Locations for signage and environmental graphics. Identify locations for bench seating.

5,200

Subtotal Design and Planning \$ 5,200

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	U	NIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
commended Improvements						
Site Work						
Invasive plant removal	LS	1	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000	coordinator w/ volunteer labor
Forum steps at Tam O'Shanter	LS	1	\$	20,000.00	\$ 20,000	floating? Pier footings, permitting not incl.
	Subtotal	Recomm	nende	d Site Work	\$ 23,000	
Structures and Site Amenities						
Canoe launch	LS	1	\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000	not including permitting
Bench seating	LS	5	\$	1,500.00	\$ 7,500	
Interpretive graphics	LS	3	\$	3,000.00	\$ 9,000	volunteer labor
Subtota	Recommended	Structu	res an	d Amenities	\$ 31,500	
	Direct Co	onstructi	ion Co	sts Subtotal	\$ 54,500	
	Estin	nating Co	onting	ency @ 25%	\$ 13,625	
**COWEEMAN F	RIVER TRAIL -TO	TAL CON	STRU	CTION COST	\$ 68,125	
COV	<b>VEEMAN RIVER</b>	TRAIL -T	OTAL	<b>DESIGN FEE</b>	\$ 5,200	

<sup>\*</sup> Design and planning services may affect construction scope of work.

\*\* Costs presented for budgeting purposes only.

# Kelso Veterans Memorial Park

#### Assessment Rating

- 1 enhancement discretionary
- 2 adequate as is
- 3 requires attention
- 4 hazardous

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5 - regulatory challenge

# Level of Intervention

- D design/planning
- V volunteer labor S - skilled labor/supervision

# Description

- Adjacent to City Hall, over pass, 1-3 story buildings across street. Surrounded on two sides with 3-4 story buildings.
- Located at busy T intersection
- Flat site, includes kiosk, raised planters, site furnishings, mature cherry trees, lawn and various shrubs, grasses and groundcover plantings

## Recommendation

- 1. Master plan to simplify layout of space to create a more cohesive and civic space, and consolidate site utilities.
- 2. Remove or replace kiosk.
- 3. Resolve tripping hazards at concrete
- 5. Cover exposed electrical receptacles

# Site Conditions

- · Concrete slabs settling in several places along walkway, creating tripping hazard
- · Raised planters include lawn, overgrown and random shrubs and exposed soils
- · Kiosk used as storage and minimal postings for community events
- Rock retaining wall appears unstable 2 and unsuitable for public space
- Litter includes paper, candy wrappers, plastic bottles
- · Concrete walks heavily eroded in places, retaining walls cracked
- Ambient noise includes car traffic at intersection, train, vehicles accelerating on overpass
- Electrical boxes missing covers
- Used as pedestrian short cut
- Some electrical inground boxes missing covers
- Plastic coated benches and picnic tables not easily repaired

# Challenges

- · Adjacent driveway at east perimeter detracts from usability of park and 5 adds to "cluttered" feel of space
- Almost entire space is in deep shade 2 for majority of day
- · Variety of monuments and other recognition plaques displayed throughout space
- Mailbox at west edge is prominent element of park
- · Several electrical boxes and other utilities are prominent throughout 2

# **Opportunities**

- Brick wall on adjacent south perimeter adds to urban character
- Mature cherry trees could be an asset, but need to assess longevity
- Potential mural on blank east wall DS
- Current layout does not address City DS Hall
- · Park is used as a short cut
- Redesign layout of monuments and plaques
- · Reclaim driveway at east edge
- Replace lawn DV























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#### 1. \*Design and Planning

Master plan layout to simplify layout and organize site elements to create more cohesive and civic space. Consolidate site utilities. Examine the need for klosk. Organize planting layout.

7,800

Subtotal Design and Planning \$ 7,800 Construction Documents \$ 10,400

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	u	INIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
riority Improvements						
. Site Work						
Eliminate tripping hazards at concrete walk	LS	1	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000	grind flush
		S	ubtot	al Site Work	\$ 3,000	
. Structures and Site Amenities						
Cover exposed electrical boxes	LS	1	\$	500.00	\$ 500	weatherproof electrical receptacles
	Subtotal	Structur	res an	d Amenities	\$ 500	
ecommended Improvements						
. Site Work						
Replace kiosk w/ community board	LS	1	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000	volunteer labor
Tree assessment	LS	1	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000	arborist report
Mulch planting beds	SF	135	\$	8.00	\$ 1,080	maintain 3" depth
	Subtotal	Recomn	nende	d Site Work	\$ 1,080	
. Structures and Site Amenities						
Coordinated site furnishings	LS	1	\$	12,000.00	\$ 12,000	tables, benches, litter receptacles
Subtotal Reco	mmended	Structur	res an	d Amenities	\$ 12,000	
	Direct Co	onstructi	on Co	sts Subtotal	\$ 16,580	
	Estir	nating Co	onting	ency @ 18%	\$ 2,984	
**KELSO VETERANS MEMORIAL	PARK -TO	TAL CON	STRU	CTION COST	\$ 19,564	
KELSO VETERANS N	MEMORIAL	PARK-T	OTAL	<b>DESIGN FEE</b>	\$ 18,200	

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# Lads & Lassies Park

# Description

- Fenced on 2 sides, house lot donated to city to be used as a recreation space. Previously entirely fenced and gated.
- Amenities include: play equipment, swings, bench seating, play structure (for 5-12 yrs old), trash receptacle, lawn area, off street parking
- Used as a through way between Elm Street and S 8th Avenue
- Adjacent property 704 Elm St. perceived as abandoned and constant unwanted activity
- Primary use as teenager hangout and play area for younger neighborhood children

# Recommendations

- 1. Current condition of adjacent property is nuisance and potential hazard to neighborhood. Master plan could redesignate compatible use for property and redefine layout to better meet community needs.
- 2. Replace fence at sides of park.
- 3. Install lighting within park to deter unwanted activity.
- 4. Selective pruning of cedar trees to improve views into neighboring lot.
- 5. Coordinated city-wide park signage.





### Assessment Rating

- 1 enhancement discretionary
- 2 adequate as is
- 3 requires attention
- 4 hazardous
- 5 regulatory challenge

#### Level of Intervention

- D design/planning
- V volunteer labor
- S skilled labor/supervision

## Site Conditions

- Large conifers with low overhangs
- Gravel path connects to S 8th street, standing water
- Parts of play structure and equipment in disrepair or vandalized
- Perimeter fence in disrepair
- No curb cut for ADA access at parking lot
- Litter includes clothing, bottles, broken glass, needles
- Lawn area is weedy and bare in spots 2

## Challenges

- Chronic tresspassing of adjacent lot (dubbed the 'Murder House' by neighborhood children), unwanted activity
- Use as a teenager hangout for smoking and conflicts with children using playground
- · No lighting within park
- Park hours and regulations not posted
- Park used as a cut through for motor bikes
- Police respond to calls at 704 Elm St. regularly (2x's per week)

## **Opportunities**

- Picnic tables or covered seating D
- Acquire and improve adjacent property
- Update play structure **D V**
- Integrate pedestrian access through p v park
- Comprehensive park signage **D**
- Limit access through park to pedestrians

  D V
- Install barriers to prevent motor bikes from cutting through park





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#### 1. \*Design and Planning

Master plan to create more defensible space and repurposing of adjacent property at 704 Elm St. for community use. Develop space to provide play for all ages.

\$ 7,800

Subtotal Design and Planning \$ 7,800 Construction Documents \$ 9,100

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	u	INIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
riority Improvements						
. Site Work						
Selective tree pruning	LS	1	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,500	low branching conifers, volunteer labor
		S	ubtot	al Site Work	\$ 1,500	
. Structures and Site Amenities						
Install lighting	LS	1	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000	
Replace fence at east and west sides	LF	240	\$	40.00	\$ 9,600	
Barrier for motorbikes	LS	1	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000	wood chicane
	Subtotal	l Structui	res an	d Amenities	\$ 9,600	
ecommended improvements						
. Site Work						
Renovate pedestrian path	SF	270	\$	5.00	\$ 1,350	regrade, resurface, volunteer labor
Regrade, aerate and reseed lawn	SF	2000	\$	3.00	\$ 6,000	volunteer labor
	Subtotal	Recomn	nende	ed Site Work	\$ 7,350	
. Structures and Site Amenities						
Replace play structure, 5-12 yrs old	EA	1	\$	12,000.00	\$ 12,000	volunteer labor
Add play structure, 3-5 yrs old	EA	1	\$	10,000.00	\$ 10,000	volunteer labor
Picnic tables	EA	2	\$	2,800.00	\$ 5,600	aggregate pad
Bench seating	EA	2	\$	1,800.00	\$ 3,600	aggregate pad
Park signage	LS	1	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000	coordinate graphics City-wide
Subtotal R	ecommended	Structu	res an	d Amenities	\$ 34,200	
	Direct Co	onstructi	on Co	sts Subtotal	\$ 52,650	
	Estin	nating Co	onting	ency @ 18%	\$ 9,477	
**LADS & LASS	SIES PARK -TO	TAL CON	STRU	CTION COST	\$ 62,127	
L	ADS & LASSIES	PARK -T	OTAL	DESIGN FEE	\$ 16,900	

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# Mill Street Riverfront Park

# Description

- 2-acre undeveloped park land bounded on east by railroad and Cowlitz River on west, at intersection of Riverside Dr and Mill St
- Partially barricaded to prevent vehicular access
- Adjacent to asphalt pedestrian dike path
- Informal dirt path and several areas of steep slope access to sandy beach at water's edge
- Large stands of black cottonwood

# Recommendation

- 1. Master plan would layout pedestrian paths throughout site, areas for picnic and seating, and designated river access.
- 2. Provide trash receptacles.
- 3. Determine level of access to river edge.
- 4. Replace jersey barriers with other type of barricades and add signage at Mill St
- 5. Armor steep slopes or control access to mitigate erosion

# Site Conditions

- Relatively flat and secluded parcel 2
- Asphalt and dirt paths extend through site
- Black cottonwoods provide habitat and cover
- Steep slopes along river bank limit access, exposed to constant erosion
- Pockets of hidden areas created by steep slopes may encourage unwanted activity
- Evidence of vehicles driving onto parcel outside of barricades
- Litter includes beer cans, paper, bottles, clothing and bedding
- Open areas provide views to river and expand scenic qualities of site

# Assessment Rating

- 1 enhancement discretionary
- 2 adequate as is
- 3 requires attention
- 4 hazardous
- 5 regulatory challenge

# Challenges

- Potential site for City water pump ing station
- Steep slopes subject to erosion by pedestrians accessing river edge and 3 beach
- Railroad limits access connection to dike path
- Beach areas hidden from view
- River has potential for strong currents and flooding

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D - design/planning V - volunteer labor

Level of Intervention

S - skilled labor/supervision

**Opportunities** 

- Provision of access to river edge with floating dock or boat landing
- Site furnishings designate areas of passive recreation and view points
- Area lighting to increase visibility and security  $\mbox{\bf D}$   $\mbox{\bf S}$   $\mbox{\bf V}$
- Signage coordinated with City-wide graphics, and posting of park regulations
   D S V
- Environmental education graphics
   D V
- Designated path system linking site to dike path
- Picnic areas and bench seating along path

























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Site: Mill Street Riverfront Park

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#### 1. \*Design and Planning

Master plan layout of pedestrian paths, picnic and seating areas, litter receptacles and access to river for canoe/kayak launch. Provide designated areas for beach access. Develop strategy for mitigating erosion at steep slopes. Constraints will include potential pumping station layout.

15,600

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	ι	INIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
Priority Improvements						
2. Site Work						
Armor steep banks and shore line	LS	1	\$	12,000.00	\$ 12,000	Rip rap, plantings, woody debris for eddies
		S	ubtot	al Site Work	\$ 12,000	
3. Structures and Site Amenities						
Park signage	LS	1	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000	coordinate graphics City-wide
Litter receptacle	EA	1	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,500	
	Subtotal	Structu	res an	d Amenities	\$ 1,500	
Recommended Improvements						
4. Site Work	1000000	and the same of		13413-000000	 990900000	I was una soul a service to pro-ress
Aggregate foot path	SF	2400	\$	5.00	\$ 12,000	volunteer labor
	Subtotal	Recom	nende	ed Site Work	\$ 12,000	
5. Structures and Site Amenities						
Canopy/shelter	EA	1	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000	
Bench seating	EA	2	\$	1,800.00	\$ 3,600	aggregate pad
Picnic tables	EA	2	\$	2,800.00	\$ 5,600	aggregate pad
Subtotal	Recommended	Structu	res an	d Amenities	\$ 14,200	
	Direct Co	onstructi	ion Co	sts Subtotal	\$ 39,700	
	Estin	nating Co	onting	ency @ 30%	\$ 11,910	
**MILL STREET RIVERFR	ONT PARK -TO	TAL CON	ISTRU	CTION COST	\$ 51,610	
MILL STREE	T RIVERFRONT	PARK -T	OTAL	<b>DESIGN FEE</b>	\$ 15.600	

Subtotal Design and Planning \$

<sup>\*</sup> Design and planning services may affect construction scope of work.

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# Rhododendron Garden Park

#### Assessment Rating

- 1 enhancement discretionary
- 2 adequate as is
- 3 requires attention
- 4 hazardous

#### Level of Intervention

- D design/planning
- V volunteer labor

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S - skilled labor/supervision

# Description

- Passive recreation space at intersection of Harris Street and North Pacific Avenue
- Triangular lot with approximately a dozen rhododendrons, and variety of mature conifers and deciduous trees
- South end of site is busy intersection, with residential lots bordering the north perimeter

## Recommendations

- 1. Master plan to layout location for play lot and other site amenities.
- 2. Assess inventory of plant material and remove declining material as necessary.
- 3. Replace degraded edging material at bermed planting bed.

## Site Conditions

- Sheltered lot with mature canopy trees and significant conifers
- Primarily lawn area, deep shade
- No formal paths except for sidewalks 2 along east and west perimeter
- Striped crosswalk at intersection
- Bermed planting bed overgrown with grass and weeds
- Random placement of boulders throughout site

# Challenges

- Significant topographical changes within a small space
- Coverage by mature plant material limits placement of play structure
- Lack of visibility into site

# **Opportunities**

• Park signage at intersection • Play structure for 3-5 years old D V • Seating and picnic tables DV • Redesign of boulder layout to DV enhance play opportunities • Enhance buffer from streets D V

D S

• Selective pruning of plant material D V to enhance visibility into space

• Discreet landscape lighting









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#### Site: Rhododendron Garden Park

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#### 1. \*Design and Planning

Master plan layout to include play structure, surfacing, edging, walkways, buffers, seating, picnic tables. 6,500

> Subtotal Design and Planning \$ 6,500 Construction Documents \$ 7,800

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	U	INIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
ecommended Improvements						
. Site Work						
Play surfacing	SF	1500	\$	9.00	\$ 13,500	safety surface, volunteer labor
,	Subtotal	Recomn	nende	ed Site Work	\$ 13,500	
. Structures and Site Amenities						
Play structure	EA	1	\$	14,000.00	\$ 14,000	2-5 yrs old, volunteer labor
Bench seating	EA	2	\$	1,800.00	\$ 3,600	aggregate pad
Picnic tables	EA	1	\$	2,800.00	\$ 2,800	aggregate pad
Subtot	al Recommended	Structur	es an	d Amenities	\$ 20,400	
	Direct Co	onstructi	on Co	sts Subtotal	\$ 33,900	
	Estin	nating Co	nting	ency @ 18%	\$ 6,102	
**RHODODEN	DRON PARK -TO	TAL CON	STRU	CTION COST	\$ 40,002	
R	HODODENDRON	PARK-T	OTAL	DESIGN FEE	\$ 14,300	

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# Rotary Park/Rotary Skate Park

Site Conditions

• Clear views of utilities

• Restrooms in isolated area

evidence of moles in lawn

playground

English Ivy

bottles, clothing

corners of shelter

· No paths connecting shelter to

• Non-vegetated swale at new parking

• Ground semi-soft, heavy leaf drop,

• Sloped parking lot 5%, 3% into park, 3

• Wetland ferns, Himalayan blackberry, 3

• Play area & shelter not accessible. 3

• Electrical outlets missing covers

· Litter, dog poop, beer cans,

• Standing water and cracking @

· No lights at shelter or park

· Sidewalk cracked and crumbling

ground at play area and shelter very

#### Assessment Rating

- 1 enhancement discretionary
- 2 adequate as is
- 3 requires attention
- 4 hazardous

#### Level of Intervention

- D design/planning
- V volunteer labor
- S skilled labor/supervision

# Description

- Main activity occurs during spring, summer and fall months
- Amenities include: skate park, reservable covered picnic area, play structure (for 5-12 yrs old)
- Minor Road shared-use path (recently completed) and parking lot adjacent to skate park

# Recommendations

- 1. Master plan would help to prioritize need for pedestrian paths throughout site, shelter or canopy location at skate park, options for restroom location, overall drainage issues, and access to wetland area.
- 2. Address drainage issues at shelter. Install edging at parking lot to avoid larger repairs in future.
- 3. Make repairs at shelter and play area edging using volunteer labor.











# Challenges

- High noise level from adjacent I-5 corridor
- Used as a "park-n-poop" (drivers pull into lot, let dogs out to poop, then let them back in and drive off)
- Unable to mow until June (saturated ground)
- Wetland area hidden from view, trash 1
- Electric meter fastened to flimsy plywood board
- No lighting, no park hours posted
- No direct connection from new parking lot to existing path and skate park

# Opportunities |

• Cano	py at skate park for shade	D	s
• Drin park	king fountain closer to skate	S	
• Relo	cate restrooms	D	s
• Play	structure for 3-5 years old	D	v
• Envi	ronmental education graphics	D	
	gnated path system linking all ents of the park	D	S
• Visu	al screening from I-5 corridor	D	v
• Skyl	ights installed at shelter	s	D
• Scre	en views of utilities and I-5	D	
• Fenc	ed off-leash dog park	٧	



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Site: Rotary Park/Rotary Skate Park

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#### 1. \*Design and Planning

Master plan layout of pedestrian paths, shelter/canopy locations for skate park, options for new restroom location, overall drainage issues, dog park, site lighting, and access to wetland area

9,100

Subtotal Design and Planning \$ 9,100 Construction Documents \$

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	- 1	JNIT COST		TOTAL	NOTES
iority Improvements							
Site Work							
Drainage improvements - shelter	LS	1	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500	downspout extensions, positive drainage
Drainage improvements - skate park	LS	1	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000	unclog storm grates/catch basins
Parking lot edging	LF	150	\$	120.00	\$	18,000	concrete curb edging, slope stabilization
Shelter repairs	LS	1	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000	weatherproof electrical receptacles
		S	ubto	tal Site Work	\$	23,500	
ecommended Improvements							
Site Work							
Drainage improvements - lawn	SF	135	\$	8.00	\$	1,080	dethatch, aerate, amend, overseed
Remove invasive plants	LS	1	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000	volunteer labor
Play equipment edging	LF	180	\$	9.00	\$	1,620	replace existing railroad ties with cedar
Screen views of I-5 and utilities	SF	3435	\$	3.00	\$	10,305	planting, light fence structure
Structures and Site Amenities				ed Site Work		16,005	
Drinking fountain	EA	1	Ś	3.000.00	ć	3,000	
Canopy/shelter	EA	1	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000	tensile shade structure or wood
New restroom	LS	1	5	175,000.00	5	175,000	2 units, prefabricated, incl. utilities
Picnic tables	EA	2	\$		Ś	5,600	concrete pad, volunteer labor
Bench seating	EA	2	5	1,800.00	\$	3,600	concrete pad
Play structure, 3-5 year old	LS	1	\$	10,000.00	5	10,000	volunteer labor
Site lighting	LS	1	Ś	10.000.00	Ś	10,000	Totaliteer labor
Park signage	LS	1	Ś		Ś	3,000	coordinate graphics City-wide
	ecommended	_	-		-	222,200	Brahmes and mas
	Direct Co	onstructi	on C	osts Subtotal	\$	261,705	
	Estin	nating Co	ontin	gency @ 18%	\$	47,107	
**ROTA	RY PARK -TO	TAL CON	STRL	ICTION COST	\$	308,812	
	DOTADY	DADK T		DESIGN FEE	4	24,700	

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# Scot Hollow Park

#### Assessment Rating

- 1 enhancement discretionary
- 2 adequate as is
- 3 requires attention
- 4 hazardous
- 5 regulatory challenge

#### Level of Intervention

- D design/planning
- V volunteer labor
- S skilled labor/supervision

# Description

- $\bullet$  Triangular site, 3/4 ac, at intersection of Bates Road and N 19th Avenue
- Amenities include: picnic table, bench
- Park signage on site donated 17 years ago
- Random placement of site elements

# Recommendation

- 1. Master plan would help to organize site elements, examine possibilities for parking, and improve pedestrian access.
- 2. Provide on-street parking to encourage park usage.
- 3. Address sink holes and leftover stump.

## Site Conditions

• Open lot sloped	2
<ul> <li>No pedestrian paths connecting to picnic table area</li> </ul>	2
• Non-vegetated swale at new parking lot	2
• Ground semi-soft	1

- Minimal trash
- Sidewalk on east perimeter of lot, r esidential lot to south. No sidewalk 3 on west perimeter
- Random placement of site elements
- Views of valley below and foothills 1 beyond

# Challenges

- Sink hole(s) in lawn area
  Lack of shoulder on adjacent streets limits on street parking
  Remains of stump in lawn area
  1
- surrounding park space
  Park signage in middle of park space

• No marked pedestrian crossings

# Opportunities

- Enhance perimeters of park with planting for seasonal interest  ${\bf D} {\bf V}$
- Legible signage at north end of park, coordinated with city-wide grapics
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- Pedestrian paths to seating areas, circulation around park.
- Parking agreement with church at southwest corner of park
- Orient seating to maximize views  $\phantom{0}$  D  $\rm V$
- New play lot to address deficiency in service area coverage





















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Site: Scot Hollow Park

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#### 1. \*Design and Planning

Master plan layout to organize site elements, including pedestrian paths, play area, signage and site furnishings. Examine potential for perimeter parking. 6,500

Subtotal Design and Planning \$
Construction Documents \$ 6,500

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	U	NIT COST		TOTAL	NOTES
ority Improvements							
Site Work							
Fill sink hole	LS	1	\$	300.00	\$	300	volunteer labor
Grind stumps	LS	1	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000	2 stumps
		s	ubtot	al Site Work	\$	1,300	
commended Improvements							
Site Work							
On-street parking	SF	880	\$	9.00	\$	7,920	public works permit
Striped pedestrian crossings	LS	1	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000	public works permit
	Subtotal	Recomn	nende	d Site Work	\$	10,920	
Structures and Site Amenities							
Structures and Site Amenities Canopy/shelter	EA	1	\$	9,000.00	\$	9,000	wood structure, volunteer labor
	EA EA	2	\$	9,000.00 3,000.00	\$	9,000 6,000	wood structure, volunteer labor concrete pad
Canopy/shelter							The same of the sa
Canopy/shelter Picnic table and seating	EA	2	\$	3,000.00	\$	6,000	The same of the sa
Canopy/shelter Picnic table and seating Litter receptacle	EA EA	2 1	\$	3,000.00 1,500.00	\$	6,000 1,500	concrete pad
Canopy/shelter Picnic table and seating Litter receptacle Pedestrian paths	EA EA LS	2 1 1	\$	3,000.00 1,500.00 10,600.00	\$ \$	6,000 1,500 10,600	concrete pad  crushed rock w/ edging, volunteer labor
Canopy/shelter Picnic table and seating Litter receptacle Pedestrian paths Park signage Play structure, 3-5 year old	EA EA LS LS	2 1 1 1	\$ \$ \$ \$	3,000.00 1,500.00 10,600.00 3,000.00 25,000.00	\$ \$ \$	6,000 1,500 10,600 3,000	concrete pad  crushed rock w/ edging, volunteer labor coordinate graphics City-wide
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# **Recommended Priority Projects**

## **Recommended Priority Projects**

#### 1. Lads & Lassies Park: Maintenance and Master Plan

This park was chosen as the highest priority for improvements within the Kelso Park Inventory for safety reasons. All park users should feel safe in any park, regardless of size, activity, or location. Perceived safety influences whether or not a space is used or avoided, and ultimately determines primary users of the park. The current condition of the adjacent abandoned house and lot at 704 Elm Street invites activity that is inconsistent with a neighborhood play lot. A property at this level of neglect will continue to decline, regardless of police presence, unless a fundamental change is made. During one particular site visit, the consultant team observed police entering the adjacent house and arresting individuals who had trespassed into the building.

Successful improvements to this park are dependent on stemming the criminal activity of the adjacent lot at 704 Elm Street in order to ensure the security of the park. Although the windows and doors have been boarded, the vacant house is consistently breached, supporting a range of undesirable activity. This presents a potential danger to the park and park users. Acquiring the property would allow the City to redevelop the site for an alternate use that is compatible with the neighborhood and the park. Options include expanding the park, creating a community center for neighborhood youth activities, or providing a community garden. A master plan that includes both the park and the adjacent property would allow for a wider variety of recreational opportunities, areas designed for different age groups, and updating play equipment. Access through the park would also be designed to prohibit motor vehicles.



Master plan estimate: \$7,800

Immediate actions:

Selective tree pruning: \$1,500 Renovate ped path: \$1,350 Renovate lawn: \$6,000 Barrier for motor vehicles: \$3,000

#### 2. Rhododendron Garden: New Neighborhood Playlot

The Rhododendron Garden park site presents an opportunity to significantly impact a neighborhood playlot service area gap in North Kelso. By providing a playlot on this existing park property, the City would better meet the recreation needs of preschool and lower elementary age children in a neighborhood unserved by this park facility type.. The existing street grid and sidewalk system in the surrounding neighborhood enhances the potential of this park site to serve existing and future residents.

The improvement at the Rhododendron Garden would include a playlot installation at the north end of the space. This relatively level area of the site is situated away from the busy intersection of N. Pacific Avenue and N. Kelso Avenue. It is also buffered from the street by mature plantings and a change in elevation. A minimal design effort could define the area, locate additional amenities such as seating or picnic tables, as well as improvements to the existing berms, plantings and paths. Documents could then be developed to detail the improvements, quantify materials, and provide a basis for construction.



Design estimate: \$6,500 Site work: \$13,500

Play structure: \$14,000 (allowance)
Bench seating: \$3,600 (allowance)
Picnic table: \$2,800 (allowance)

#### 3. Rotary Skate Park: Maintenance and Master Plan

The immediate concerns for Rotary Park involve implementing preventative measures to preempt potentially hazardous future conditions. The main priority would be addressing the deteriorating edges of asphalt paving at the parking lot. Constant saturation of the adjacent slope will continue to undermine the paved area and could result in more costly repairs or damage to private property. Although there are wheel stops installed in several areas, a catastrophic failure of the edge condition would render them useless.

The park shelter requires attention to drainage issues around the concrete pad. Downspouts require extensions to take roof runoff further away from the pad. Clay soils at the corners of the concrete pad require excavation, subsurface drains to relieve collected surface water, and aggregate paving to reduce ponding and prevent further deterioration of the concrete. Exposed electrical receptacles should be replaced with covered weatherproof boxes. Area drains at the skate park are also clogged and should be cleared for positive drainage.

A master plan would help to prioritize the various elements of the park, including improved siting of rest room facilities, a tot lot, pedestrian connections, and canopy coverage at the skate park.









Drainage improvements at shelter:
Drainage improvements at skate park:
Parking lot edging:

\$2,000 (or volunteer labor) \$1,500 (or volunteer labor) \$18,000

Electrical repairs: \$2,000 Master plan: \$9,100

# 4. Mill Street Riverfront Park or Coweeman River Trailhead: Master Plan for River Access and amenities

The City of Kelso is distinguished by its relationship to the Cowlitz River and Coweeman River. The City has an opportunity to capitalize on this setting by providing access that gives residents unique recreational options. The opportunity to recreate alongside as well as in a clean river is an uncommon amenity that can transform a community.

The Mill Street Riverfront site has existing beach frontage along the Cowlitz River. However, steep embankments make access difficult. The habits of current users accessing the river is contributing to the erosion of the embankment. The width of the river provides long stretches of uninterrupted views, but also has potential for strong currents that could be challenging or even prohibitive for beginning paddlers. Further study and planning is required to develop safe access and opportunities along the Cowlitz River. If part of the property includes a future pumping station, this would further constrain recreational opportunities at the site.





The existing parking lot and trailhead at the confluence of the Coweeman River and Cowlitz River at Talley Way provides an ideal location for water access with the addition of a canoe/kayak launch. The scale of the Coweeman River is ideal for beginning level paddlers, and the current provides a leisurely pace to appreciate the surrounding landscapes and observe wildlife habitat while making minimal impact on the environment. This particular trailhead also provides Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the Coweeman River trail.

A master plan study would investigate the possibilities at both of these sites, other potential sites, ideal configurations for river access, as well as the constraints that would limit development.

Master plan estimate: \$15,600

# Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Opportunities for Priority Recommendations

# Lads & Lassies Park, Rhododendron Garden, and Rotary Park

Grant Name	Eligible Project Types	Grant Limit	Match	Next Application Due Date	Notes
RCO Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Land acquisition  Development  Renovation	\$500,000	50%	May 1, 2018  Available in even-numbered years	Up to \$3 million total available each biennium; most versatile type of RCO funding available for Kelso high-priority projects
RCO Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) – Local Parks Category	Land acquisition Development Renovation	Development: \$500,000 Acquisition: \$1 million Combination: \$1 million, up to \$500,000 for development costs	20%	May 1, 2018  Available in even-numbered years	Program is for neighborhood, community, and regional parks At least 50% of funding in this grant category is dedicated to acquisition projects Reduced match requirement under WWRP Match Reduction program

# Mill Street Riverfront Park and Coweeman River Trailhead

Grant Name	Eligible Project Types	Grant Limit	Match	Next Application Due Date	Notes
RCO Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Land acquisition  Development  Renovation	\$500,000	50%	May 1, 2018  Available in even-numbered years	Up to \$3 million total available each biennium; unlike other grants available for Mill Street Riverfront Park and Coweeman River Trailhead, nonwaterfront projects are also eligible
RCO Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)	Acquisition of land or easements  Development  Renovation	Acquisition: \$1 million Restoration or improvement: \$500,000 Development: \$500,000 Combination: \$1 million, up to \$500,000 for development costs	50%	May 1, 2018  Available in even- numbered years	Provides funds to buy, protect, and restore aquatic lands habitat and to provide public access to the waterfront  Projects must be associated with navigable waters of the state
RCO Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) – Water Access Category	Land acquisition Development Renovation	\$500,000 - \$1 million	20%	May 1, 2018  Available in even-numbered years	75% of funding in this category is dedicated to acquisition projects Reduced match requirement under WWRP Match Reduction program

# **Catlin Rotary Spray Park Master Plan**

# Site Analysis & Early Public Involvement Input

HHPR undertook a site visit of Catlin Rotary Spray Park with City staff and subsequent visits to assess the potential for park improvements. A site analysis was prepared and used in presentations to solicit early input from the public regarding ideas and concerns for a master plan before beginning to design the site.

On May 11, 2017, HHPR and the City conducted three early outreach meetings with the Kelso Senior Center Board, Kelso Rotary Club, and City of Kelso Park Board to solicit input on improvements to Catlin Rotary Spray Park.

The primary purpose of this outreach was to gain a better understanding of key ideas, concerns, and desired improvements to inform the preparation of two draft master plans responsive to community concerns. Following is a summary of the input received from the three groups and additional information submitted separately by the community group "Catlin Rotary Water Park Fence Improvements and More." Key findings among all groups are summarized below, followed by results reported by group.

#### **KEY FINDINGS**

# Best things about Catlin Rotary Spray Park

- Convenient, accessible location
- Family-oriented

#### Main concerns:

- Safety/security concerns
- Presence of homeless/transients

# Most desired active amenities:

- Playground for children ages 2-5
- Playground for children ages 6-12
- Half-court basketball

# Most desired passive amenities:

- Shelter from sun/rain
- Picnic/BBQ facilities
- Seating areas

### Most desired site improvements

- Fencing
- More lighting
- On-site parking (esp. ADA)
- On-site bike parking

#### **KELSO SENIOR CENTER -- BOARD MEETING**

Comments provided verbally at the 5/11/17 Board meeting:

- Bathrooms need to be renovated and maintained. Porta-potties have been helpful in peak season.
- Parking is needed, especially ADA accessible. Existing access to building from onstreet ADA space is difficult. Some parking is available for the Senior Center at Joanne Fabrics across the street. Is there the possibility of shared parking agreements with nearby churches?
- Add more picnic tables, beautiful round tables with umbrellas, shelters, and a movable/storable BBQ like at Lake Sacajawea Park – encourage families to come.
- Keep the existing trees and add more trees to the park.
- Fence around the entire park not supported by all. Clarification that proposal is for fencing around the spray pad and concession area only.
- Senior Center would like to host more events up to 50 people in size. Would like to offer meeting rooms to rent. "Evidence Room" for police on the SW corner of the building is taking up space the Senior Center would like to use for other purposes. (Is there a stipulation that the Senior Center building must remain in community center use, otherwise it reverts back to the Catlin family?)
- Issues with homeless at the park include garbage generation, needles discarded in the grass, showering in the spray park, and vandalism and sleeping in the bathrooms after hours. A sharps collection container is needed acknowledge the problem and offer a proper way to dispose of needles. They congregate in the grassy area east of the building. "Asphalt it" to prevent camping here.
- Daily walk-through by police officers is desired.
- Provide something anything in the 75' x 75' southwest corner of the site.
- Playground equipment for younger children desired.
- No handicapped playground in Kelso could one go here?
- Need to provide activities for teens, too. A basketball court in the 75' x 75' SW corner would be acceptable.
- Backside of the building should open up more to the park interest in more of a relationship between the building and the park. (Note: Frosted windows don't allow views into the park were not installed for that purpose, but were reused from another location. Some visibility is desired; however, there is concern about criminal elements being able to see into the senior center.)
- Snack bar provides revenue for local groups (50%) 7 days/week 1-5pm
- More picnic tables needed under the trees

Comments submitted per the written survey:

#### Best things about the park and vicinity

- Location/Convenience (2)
- Urban area serving families and seniors with programs

#### Main concerns

Homeless/Transients (3)

- Safety/security (2)
- Drug use (2)
- Dog waste in NE corner
- Lack of seating, shelter, and lighting

#### New amenities/activities wanted

- Active amenities
  - ✓ Playground for ages 5 and under (6)
  - ✓ Playground for children ages 6-12 (6)
  - ✓ Half –court basketball (3)
  - √ Horseshoe pit (2)
  - ✓ Shuffleboard

#### Passive Amenities

- ✓ Shelter from sun/rain (7)
- ✓ Picnic/BBQ facilities (6)
- ✓ Seating areas (5)
- ✓ More landscaping (3)
- ✓ Community garden (2)
- ✓ More trees

# Site Improvements

- ✓ On-site vehicle parking (esp. ADA) (6)
- ✓ On-site bike parking (5)
- ✓ More lighting (3)
- ✓ Video surveillance
- √ Fencing

### What role could the Senior Center play?

- Help with snack bar (3)
- Promote exercise, yoga
- Promote group play
- Video surveillance monitoring
- Community programs
- End of summer picnic

#### If only one improvement could be made, what would it be?

- More trees
- Improve restrooms
- More picnic tables under shelter for all season use (covered area could be rented out)
- Shelter
- More parking

# Other comments submitted per the October 2016 Board meeting

- Re-establish snack bar window by remodeling concessions room or relocating to a small, separate room. Provide better access to the room from the west side of the building.
- Add a video surveillance system with feeds accessible by Kelso Police and KSCA staff.
- Add ADA parking spaces, perhaps in front of or side of the building.

#### KELSO ROTARY CLUB -LUNCH MEETING/PRESENTATION

A brief presentation was given and surveys were distributed to attendees. Fifteen (15) surveys were filled out and returned.

Comments per the survey:

# Best things about the park and vicinity

- Location/Convenience (8)
- Accessible by bus, bike, or walking
- Visible
- Family centered (2)
- Great, free addition to the children of our community
- "I love driving by and seeing all the kids having fun"
- Free recreation
- Parking permitted at mall (?)
- Open layout
- Water play (2)

#### Main concerns

- Safety/security (5)
- Transients (3)
- Drug use at night
- Neighborhood appearance (2)
- Maintenance (now and future) (3)
- Lack of parking (3)
- Not as "beautiful" as it could be
- Traffic

#### New amenities/activities wanted

#### Active amenities

- ✓ Playground for ages 5 and under (6)
- ✓ Playground for children ages 6-12 (6)
- ✓ Half –court basketball (2)
- ✓ Exercise stations (2)
- ✓ Pickleball (2)
- ✓ Horseshoe pit
- ✓ Bocce Ball court
- ✓ More water attractions

#### Passive Amenities

- ✓ Shelter from sun/rain (6)
- ✓ Seating areas (5)
- ✓ Picnic/BBQ facilities (3)
- ✓ More landscaping (3)
- ✓ Walking path for seniors

# Site Improvements

√ Fencing (5)

- ✓ On-site bike parking (5)
- ✓ More lighting (2)
- ✓ On-site vehicle parking

## What role could the Senior Center play?

- More adult interaction with children that might not have grandparents (2)
- Supervision
- Offer snacks and drinks as a fundraiser (snackbar) (3)
- Integration pickleball workout stuff
- Children's activities year round; arts & crafts, etc.

## If only one improvement could be made, what would it be?

- Fence (3)
- Lighting/Motion lighting (2)
- Shelter (2)
- More color
- Playground
- Seating and shade
- Bike racks
- Clean it up

#### **KELSO PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Board Chair Scott DeRosier and Board Member Daniel Graves attended the meeting and provided the following verbal input following the design team presentation.

- Fencing is important not only to keep undesirable activity out but to keep kids "corralled" so that parents can keep them safely contained.
- Important to get the word out to people about the proposed park improvements so they can participate.
- Coordinate with efforts already begun by Rotary architect and Facebook group.
- The park provides open space for multifamily housing in the neighborhood.
- Picnic areas and playground equipment are needed
- Sacajawea Park in Longview is a good model of providing a diversity of park uses.

#### Public Comments

- Waterparks are a destination for families. Think about the amenities families need when visiting the park, i.e. restrooms, water, picnic tables. Fencing is also good for keeping children safe from running out of the park.
- A possible them for Catlin Rotary Spray Park is a fish and clean water theme with education component. (Other comment noted Elks Memorial Park has a pirate theme.)
- A gated safety fence (3' in height) around the water play area is a better option than a big fence around it or the park.
- Ensure ADA access to the spray park and bus drop-off for the Senior Center.
- Consider a surveillance camera and security system able to be monitored by the police.
- Additional park amenities suggested:
  - ✓ Water feature for older kids
  - ✓ Shade

- ✓ Water fountain
- ✓ Games in the cement outside of the water play area
- ✓ Playground

<u>Note:</u> Design Workshop date of Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> is in conflict with Kelso High School graduation. Project team will reschedule to another date.

# CATLIN ROTARY WATER PARK FENCE IMPROVEMENTS AND MORE FACEBOOK GROUP INPUT

# Summary of input:

- Fence the spray park, restroom and snack bar area (not the entire park)
- Replace grass in spray area with a hardscaped surface
- Add benches or amphitheater seating with permanent shade in the spray park area
- Update the bathroom
- Provide permanent seating and garbage facilities by the snack bar
- Add playground equipment, benches, and tables in the grassy area north of the spray park
- Add a large covered picnic area in southwest corner of site that could accommodate groups
- Add permanent trash receptacles, pet waste bag dispensers (if dogs allowed), and determine whether sharps containers are appropriate.
- Use the tall east side of the senior center for showing family movies during the summer
- Add interactive stations throughout the park showing how litter affect rivers.

# **SITE ANALYSIS**





# Catlin Spray Park Master Plan Survey - May 2017

What are your main concerns about the park and vicinity?								
	t kind of NEW park amenities or activities Id you like to see at Catlin Spray Park?	El Grant Street						
	Playground for children ages 5 and under	E Grant Street						
	Playground for children ages 6-12							
	Picnic/BBQ facilities							
	Shelter from sun/rain	3 1						
	Seating areas	Z						
	Community garden							
	Half-court basketball							
	Exercise stations	Ye Z						
	Horseshoe pit	5/ 5/						
	Bocce Ball court							
	On-site vehicle parking	i Company						
	On-site bike parking							
	Fencing							
	More landscaping							
	More lighting	W Main Street						
	Other (describe)	w Main street						
Nha oark	t role could the Senior Center play in the	If you could make only ONE improvement to the park, what would it be?_						

For questions, please contact Tammy Baraconi, City of Kelso Planning Manager, at 360-577-3321 or parkplanupdate@kelso.gov

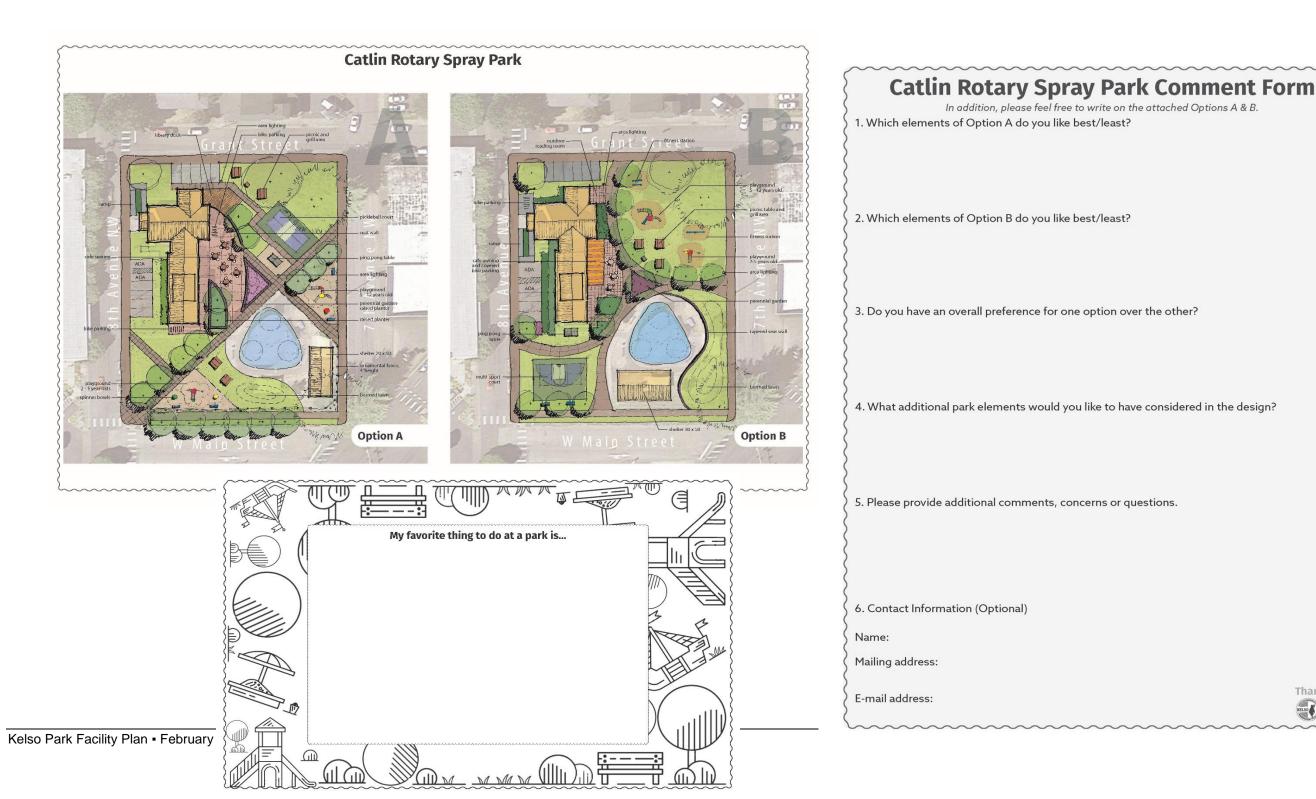
The design team will use this input to help prepare two draft master plans to present at the

Design Workshop and Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm - 3:00pm Kelso Senior Center - 106 8th Ave NW, Kelso

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**Design Workshop and Ice Cream Social.** With public input collected in May 2017 taken into consideration, HHPR prepared two designs -- Option A and Option B shown below -- which were presented to the public for feedback at a Design Workshop and Ice Cream Social on June 7, 2017. The event drew over 40 people including families with children ranging from newborns through teenagers, seniors, and community and park advocates.

Thirty comment forms were submitted at the workshop, which indicated Option A was preferred by a margin of 2:1 over Option B. Option A was favored particularly for its age-specific play areas and café seating. The most-liked elements of Option B were the multiuse sport court and fitness stations. Additional suggestions included more shade and seating areas, a chess area, and activities tailored to teenagers and those with special needs. Safety improvements such as the need for more on-sight lighting and fencing were also raised. Regarding fencing, there was no clear community preference, as input ranged from providing fencing to keeping play areas separated from the street, to fencing the water park portion of the park, to fencing the park in its entirety.



Thank you!

HHPR

#### **Preferred Master Plan.**

Based on further community input received at the Design Workshop, HHPR prepared a preferred master plan to address site opportunities and constraints, community desires, best design practices, and cost and maintenance. This plan has necessarily required balancing these considerations to develop a master plan that can best serve the community as a whole, both now and in the future.

The preferred master plan provides for the following improvements:

## Activates the park with year-round uses

- Increases diverse activities to complement the existing Spray Park and promote yearround use of the park. These activities include:
  - Playground for young children ages 2 5
  - Playground for children ages 6+
  - Multipurpose sport court suitable for basketball, Pickleball, volleyball, badminton
  - o Picnic and grill area
  - o Ping pong table, swings, community garden beds, outdoor reading room

# Increases access to the park

- Adds a path system through the park to encourage pedestrian access into and across the park
- Provides two (2) ADA-accessible parking spaces on the north side of the park with direct access to the existing ramp
- Provides bike parking in close proximity to the park activities
- Allows for potential one-way circulation around the park with angle parking on the park side of the street, to be determined at a later date

# **Addresses safety concerns**

- Incorporates new windows and doors on the back of the Senior Center to improve surveillance, access, and connection between the building and the park
- Provides fencing in key locations to improve safety for children in the park and control access

## Enhances the user experience, through:

- Shaded seating areas
- Additional benches
- Raised planters for community gardening
- Library patio for outdoor reading room
- Patio space for seating, picnics, and concession stand operations
- Additional shade trees and bermed lawns
- Picnic pavilion adjacent to Spray Park





# Legend

- A existing Catlin Senior Center
- B cafe patio seating w/ retractable awning
- C bermed lawn
- ping pong table
- E multi-sport court
- F concrete seat wall
- G double swings
- H playground, 5-12 years old
- raised bed community gardens
- J new shade trees
- K low ornamental fence
- L existing high fence
- M picnic pavilion
- N existing Catlin Rotary Spray Park
- picnic tables w/ umbrellas
- P public grill
- Q existing water meter and backflow device
- R 10' concrete walkway, reinforced for maintenance vehicle access
- s playground, 2-5 years old
- T off-street parking w/ 2 ADA spaces
- U existing ADA ramp
- v library patio
- W existing trees
- x bike racks



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# **Probable Estimate of Cost.**

The probable estimate of cost for the proposed Catlin Rotary Spray Park master plan, including construction, contingency, and design fees is \$468,875 in 2017 dollars. This estimate is without consideration of volunteer labor or goods, which may reduce costs.

CONSTRUCTION COST	\$ 348,865
20% CONTINGENCY	\$ 69,773
ADJUSTED COST	\$ 418,638
DESIGN FEE	\$ 50,237
TOTAL COST	\$ 468,875

The detailed breakdown of costs is presented on the next page.

# Catlin Park City of Kelso

# **Preliminary Landscape Costs**

July 20, 2017



#### Site Work

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	UN	IIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
EARTHWORK	CY	135	\$	22.00	\$ 2,970.00	
CONCRETE SEATWALLS	ĹF	90	\$	20.00	\$ 1,800.00	2' height
STANDARD CONCRETE PAVING	SF	6980	\$	9.00	\$ 62,820.00	
THICKENED CONCRETE PAVING	SF	3200	\$	14.00	\$ 44,800.00	6" thick, reinforced slab
ASPHALT PARKING AREA	SF	1060	\$	6.50	\$ 6,890.00	incl. striping
SEEDING	SF	7850	\$	0.10	\$ 785.00	
CANOPY TREES	EA	8	\$	175.00	\$ 1,400.00	
IRRIGATION	SF	7850	\$	1.50	\$ 11,775.00	pop up sprays, controller
			*(	SUB TOTAL	\$ 133,240	
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Structures and Site Amenities

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	u	INIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
PAVILION AT SPRAY AREA, 20 X 50	EA	1	\$	50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	timber, pre-engineered
PICNIC TABLES, BENCH SEATING	EA	3	\$	2,115.00	\$ 6,345.00	composite lumber, landscape for
TABLES AND INTEGRAL SEATING	EA	2	\$	1,120.00	\$ 2,240.00	embedded, wood slats
TABLE UMBRELLAS	EA	5	\$	1,335.00	\$ 6,675.00	
CAFÉ TABLES AND INTEGRAL SEATING	EA	4	\$	1,840.00	\$ 7,360.00	embedded
GRILL	EA	1	\$	300.00	\$ 300.00	embedded
BENCH, 6' W BACK	EA	6	\$	1,100.00	\$ 6,600.00	powdercoated steel
WROUGHT IRON FENCE, 3.5' HT	LF	215	\$	32.00	\$ 6,880.00	powdercoated steel
AWNING AT SENIOR CENTER	EA	1	\$	18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	retractable
RAISED PLANTER, COMMUNITY GRDN	EA	2	\$	880.00	\$ 1,760.00	cedar
TRASH BINS	EA	3	\$	1,060.00	\$ 3,180.00	top opening, match bench
BIKE RACK	EA	8	\$	500.00	\$ 4,000.00	
				SUB TOTAL	\$ 113,340	

**Exercise and Play Equipment** 

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	ι	INIT COST	TOTAL	NOTES
CARRIER 2-5 YRS	EA	1	\$	11,120.00	\$ 11,120.00	kompan
CREST URBAN 5+	EA	1	\$	45,750.00	\$ 45,750.00	kompan
SPINNER BOWL	EA	2	\$	880.00	\$ 1,760.00	kompan
SPICA 1	EA	1	\$	1,980.00	\$ 1,980.00	kompan
PLAYGROUND SURFACING	SF	3435	\$	3.00	\$ 10,305.00	engineered wood chips, ADA complia
CURB EDGING	LF	215	\$	12.00	\$ 2,580.00	
PING PONG TABLE, CONCRETE	EA	1	\$	7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	henge
MULTI-SPORT COURT	SF	1500	\$	12.00	\$ 18,000.00	versi court tiles
BASKETBALL GOAL	EA	1	\$	1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	
ADJUSTABLE NET	EA	1	\$	600.00	\$ 600.00	
DOUBLE SWING	EA	1	\$	1,590.00	\$ 1,590.00	kompan
	•			SUB TOTAL	\$ 102,285	

TOTAL COST	\$ 468,875
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CONSTRUCTION COST	\$ 348,865

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{*}}$  Does not include potential upgrades to existing ADA ramp.