

**CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 185**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, UPDATING  
THE PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS PLAN**

WHEREAS, The City of Liberty Lake Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan is intended to lay the ground work for the future of the City park system, expands on information contained in the Comprehensive Plan, identifies future park and recreation needs, and outlines what currently exists and what is needed according to public input and NRPA; and

WHEREAS, The park plan is designed to supplement the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. It expands on the information contained in the Comprehensive Plan by providing significantly greater detail regarding the inventory of park and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, The City's Comprehensive Plan outlines the need for a more centralized, distinct core with clustered development while providing open space and recreational opportunities which advance the positive image and identity of the City; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the City's Comprehensive Plan, the desire for additional park, recreation, open space, and trail opportunities integrated with development and pedestrian circulation is highlighted; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 community survey and public workshop that were conducted as part of the update also emphasized that parks within walking distance are important; and

WHEREAS, The original Plan was adopted in July, 2006 and an update was needed because the City has annexed land, more public input has been obtained, more facilities have been built, population and other factors have changed, there were inconsistencies in the original inventory, and a breakdown between public vs. private facilities was desired; and

WHEREAS, an extensive public participation program was followed for the original Plan and the update, and all public notification and SEPA review requirements were met and accomplished in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the original Plan inventoried existing parks and identified future park and recreation needs, explored park rehabilitation issues, outlined parks and recreation management and operations, discussed recreation program and services issues, identified parks, recreation, and open space goals and objectives, and provided an action plan which describes existing and potential funding sources that will be needed to meet level of service standards and maintain park facilities and recreation services; and

WHEREAS, the update expands upon the original Plan by providing updated charts / tables / maps, updated pictures, new field diagrams, status of the City's Recreation Department, 2008 survey / results, comparison of NRPA guidelines to survey, updated City statistics, current level of service vs. projected, and updated Park Service Areas / map; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington does ordain as follows:

**Section 1. Contents of Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan 2009 Update.**

That the City of Liberty Lake Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan 2009 Update containing the following sections is hereby adopted:

Section I -- Introduction

Section II -- The Setting

Section III - Existing Recreation Facilities

Section IV -- Park Rehabilitation Issues

Section V -- Management and Operations

Section VI -- Recreation Services Section

Section VII -- Park and Facility Needs

Section VIII -- Goals & Objectives

Section IX -- Strategies to Address Local, State, & National Concerns

Section X -- Recommendations

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**Section 2. Severability.**

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance and the attachments hereto shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

**Section 3. Administration and Enforcement.**

- A. Administration. The Community Development Department shall be responsible for the administration of this Ordinance and projects shall be reviewed prior to the issuance of any permits or approvals to ensure the project conforms to the adopted Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan.

B. Enforcement. Projects that do not conform to the adopted Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan shall be subject to the denial of permits or approvals until the project is brought into conformance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of this Ordinance or a summary thereof in the official newspaper of the City as provided by law:

PASSED by the City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

Wendy Van Orman  
Mayor, Wendy Van Orman

**ATTEST:**

Ann Swenson  
City Clerk, Ann Swenson

**Approved As To Form:**

Sean Boutz  
City Attorney, Sean Boutz

Date of Publication: 10.14.10

Effective Date: 10.19.10

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Liberty Lake, of Spokane County, Washington, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance is a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 185 duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City, duly and regularly held at the regular meeting placed thereof on October 5, 2010 of which meeting all members of said City Council had due notice and at which a majority thereof were present; and that at said meeting said Ordinance was adopted by the following vote: 6-0, unanimous

AYES, and in favor thereof: Mayor Pro Tem Crump; Council Members: Romney, Schuler, Beckett, Kaminskis and Langford

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Council Member Owens.

ASTAINED: None.

CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

  
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CITY CLERK

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**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PASSED  
BY LIBERTY LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

The following is the title and summary of Ordinance No. 185 passed by the City of Liberty Lake City Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, 2010.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, UPDATING  
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**Section 1** outlines the adopted sections contained within the contents of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trail Plan 2009 update.

**Section 2** establishes a severability clause in the event some portion of the Ordinance is held invalid.

**Section 3** outlines administration and enforcement.

**Section 4** provides for an effective date of five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance summary.

The full text of the Ordinance is available at the City of Liberty Lake City offices as identified above. A copy will be provided upon request.



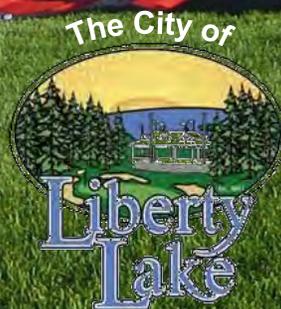
Ann Swenson

City Clerk

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# CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

## PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS PLAN



**2009-UPDATE**  
**ORDINANCE 185 EXHIBIT A**

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# SECTION I

## INTRODUCTION

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### **PURPOSE OF THE PLAN**

The City of Liberty Lake Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan is intended to lay the groundwork for the future of the City park system. The plan is designed to supplement the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space element of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. It expands on the information contained in the Comprehensive Plan by providing significantly greater detail regarding the inventory of park and recreation facilities. This plan inventories existing parks and identifies future park and recreation needs, explores park rehabilitation issues, outlines parks and recreation management and operations, discusses recreation program and services issues, and identifies parks, recreation, and open space goals and objectives. This plan also contains an action plan which describes existing and potential funding sources that will be needed to meet level of service (LOS) standards and maintain park facilities and recreation services.

This plan contains a detailed inventory of City parks, recreation facilities, open space areas, trails, and related sites. The inventory is supplemented by a description of other facilities available to City residents; specifically, sites privately owned, and sites located outside of the City that are within the Liberty Lake Community. The analysis of this inventory involves an assessment of the size, location, and age of each facility, comparing this data to National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) Guidelines. This parks plan was developed pursuant to a public involvement process and community survey that sought to actively engage citizens from the Liberty Lake Community.

### **MODEL PARK EXAMPLES**

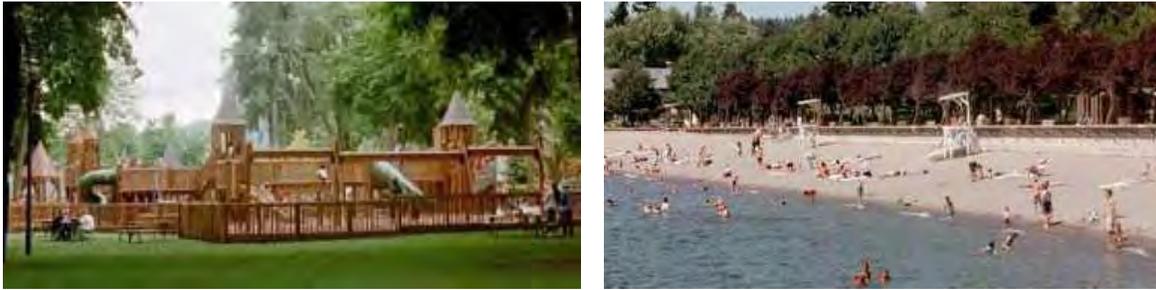
**Sullivan Road Park (Spokane Valley, WA)** - 10 acre park features large shade trees, river view and access, swingsets, shelter, and free parking.



**Liberty Park (Spokane, WA)** - 22 acre park features picnic tables, mature landscape, softball/baseball fields, swings, parking, lighted tennis court, horseshoe pit, pavilion, and two swimming pools.



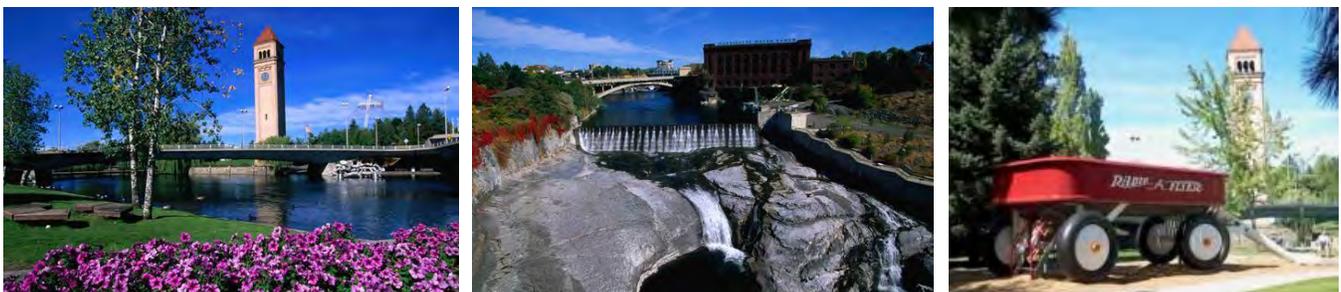
**Coeur d'Alene City Park (Coeur d'Alene, ID)** - 16.5 acre park features Summer concerts, family and group picnic facilities, volleyball and basketball courts, large shade trees, free parking, lake and beach access, playground with swingsets, and picnic benches.



**Manito Park (Spokane, WA)** - 90 acre park features large shade trees, picnic benches, playground, pond, and multiple gardens.



**Riverfront Park (Spokane, WA)** - 100 acre park features mature landscape, picnic tables, trails, playground equipment, carousel and other amusements, winter ice skating, Imax theater, pavilion, river view and scenic gondola rides over the Spokane River Fall, and year round events.



**Minnehaha Park (Minneapolis, MN)** - 193 acre park features a 53 ft. waterfall, creek, trails, picnic area, garden, bandstand, playground, and sculpture.



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### THE SETTING

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#### PLANNING AREA

The City of Liberty Lake is located 10 miles east of the City of Spokane, shares its western border with the City of Spokane Valley, is 2 miles west of the Idaho State Line, south of the Spokane River, and north of Liberty Lake. When planning for our parks and open space needs, the City will be encompassing the surrounding Liberty Lake Community in our planning area.

#### HISTORY

The culture we cherish today began long before the formation of the City of Liberty Lake. The Liberty Lake area was inhabited by Native Americans centuries before the first white settlers came to the area. In 1808, David Thompson, a fur trader, arrived in the area and was soon followed by missionaries. Native Americans still occupied Liberty Lake and surrounding areas as the white settlers began to arrive. According to the book entitled *Memories of Liberty Lake* by Mildred Brereton and Evelyn Foedish, an early fur trader named Ross Cox told tales of the Indians holding horse races on the plains. These horse races were a part of an annual feed on the shores of Liberty Lake that was hosted by Andrew Seltice, Chief of the Coeur d'Alene Indians. After the dinner, everyone enjoyed the horse races and athletic events where prizes were given out. Many families stayed overnight to hear Tecomtee, a Coeur d'Alene tribe member, sing Indian songs out over the Lake. These events were the early recreation for the Liberty Lake Community. In the early 1900's, during the late fall, winter, and early spring, Valley area farmers and ranchers would take advantage of a break from ranch work and get together on Saturday night at the Spokane Bridge near the Washington/ Idaho border for dancing to hill-billy music from around 8 p.m. till dawn. Another winter activity for the locals was Saturday night 500 card parties at one of the area ranches. The basic card game involved tables of four with partners sitting across from each other and working their way up toward a top table by collecting points, with the winners of the evening prize being the partners that reach the top table or 500 points. Also during periods of heavy snow, Saturday night hay rides were available with a team of four horses, complete with sleigh bells, that pulled a bob sled holding about 20 couples sitting on a mattress of straw. The ride toured from Liberty Lake to Newman Lake and around to the Spokane Bridge where they could enjoy the dance hall. Also by the early 1900's, several resorts were being developed around Liberty Lake, and the Lake was quickly becoming a vacation destination for the residents of Spokane and other surrounding areas. Pleasure boats that toured the lake were one of the many amenities that entertained visitors. The Spokane Inland Empire Railway began running electric trains in 1903 from Spokane to Liberty Lake that took around 45 minutes one way and a round trip to and from the Lake cost around 75 cents. The Spokane Inland Empire Railroad developed the Liberty Lake Park in 1909 which became very popular for picnics and other gatherings. The years 1910 to 1915 were the peak for

the Liberty Lake Park and Liberty Lake became known as "Spokane's Inland Seashore". The natural beauty that included many different tree varieties and unusual flowers, mixed with the many attractions, made the park very popular. Visitors could rent boats from the Liberty Lake Boat Company for joy rides, enjoy the live band music and dancing at the Pavillion, stay at the hotel or one of the many resorts, rent swimming suits at the Hurtig Bath House, fish, picnic, savor the dining options, or just relax. As in the days of Tecomtee, the music from the Pavillion could be heard throughout the area. All Valley picnics and other business parties became a tradition at the Lake for many people each summer, and in the winter, people could enjoy ice skating on the Lake. The 1920's brought major changes to Liberty Lake. All Valley picnics began in 1922, and 1924 saw the biggest crowd ever for the annual 4th of July celebration. 14,000 people attended the festivities that year, with 9,000 of them arriving by train. With the onset of the automobile as the transportation mode of choice, the trains that had brought so many visitors to Liberty Lake quit running by 1926.

The beautifully maintained Liberty Lake Park was sold and re-named Silver City. It was converted to more of a carnival atmosphere with a ferris wheel, a swing ride, and an unusual carousel. Hand-carved wooden tigers, horses, frogs, cats, and dogs circled the elaborately crafted carousel built by artists and engineers of the Herschell-Spillman Company in 1913. The carousel remained at the Park until 1961 and today it is in the Henry Ford Museum at Dearborn, Michigan. The town was also beginning to develop around the Lake with more homes and supporting businesses and services being constructed. Farming continued with much of the land being covered in orchards and eventually grass fields. By 1951, there were six resorts operating on Liberty Lake and four public beaches. Liberty Lake was becoming known as a suburb of Spokane and development was limited to the Lake area, south of Sprague Avenue. The Liberty Lake Golf Course, the first of the three golf courses in Liberty Lake, was constructed on the northeast corner of Sprague Avenue and Molter Road in 1959. By the 1960's, many of the original attractions around the Lake were gone. The dance pavilion at the old Liberty Lake Park was destroyed by fire in the summer of 1962. Spokane County bought and created the almost 3000 acre Spokane County Regional Park in 1966 which became the only public beach access, however, a public boat launch was also available on the north side of the Lake. Unfortunately the water quality of Liberty Lake had begun to decline, with algae covering much of the lake. By the 1970's, more resorts had closed and the Liberty Lake Park area was converted into a housing development. In 1991, the last resort on the Lake at Sandy Beach closed. However, the 1970's brought a surge in activity north of Sprague Avenue that would eventually be encompassed within the City of Liberty Lake. The large hill on the west side of the City, formerly known as Carlson Hill, became known as Holiday Hills, a ski and snowmobile recreation destination with a lodge and restaurant. Holiday Hills gave visitors more winter activity choices than just ice skating. An RV Park with an A-Frame office also offered camping in the summer at Holiday Hills. Over the years, the Holidays Hills site was used for equestrian activities, snowmobile and motocross racing, youth sports camps, and ice skating. Unfortunately, due to financial difficulties, Holiday Hills closed by the end of the decade. Recreation opportunities increased in 1973 with the development of the Valley View Golf Course east of Liberty Lake Rd. which was, at the time, the only mid length executive course in the northwest. Housing sales boomed in Liberty Lake in the mid 1990's with the creation of Meadowwood. Meadowwood Golf Course, the third golf course in Liberty Lake, Pavillion Park, and Liberty Lake Elementary School were also completed by the time the City of Liberty Lake officially incorporated on August 31, 2001. With three golf courses in the City limits of Liberty Lake, the Liberty Lake area is now known as a premier golf course community. Cultural traditions were formed during the time when Liberty Lake was known as "Spokane's Inland Seashore". There were Fourth of July Celebrations with fireworks over the lake, live music and dancing at the Pavillion, picnics, boating, and most of all, memories were being created. Although the original buildings no longer exist, the memories and traditions still live on. Families still visit Pavillion Park for picnics, birthdays, and other celebrations. Every year, Liberty Lake draws huge crowds for the annual Fourth of July celebration with a parade by the lake, and live music and dancing at Pavillion Park, which contains a replica of the original Pavillion for the next generation to enjoy. The musical traditions from years past still exist as the music echoes throughout the area. To conclude the festivities, fireworks are still launched over the lake. In 2002, the City purchased the Valley View Golf Course, now known as Trailhead at Liberty Lake, which is located at the center of the City on the corner of Country Vista and

Liberty Lake Rd. The Liberty Lake community has also developed new annual traditions that have become a part of the Liberty Lake culture including an Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Lighting Contest, Friends of Pavillion Park Holiday Ball, Community Yard Sale Weekend, and the Pavillion Park summer festival that includes outdoor movies, concerts, and other special events. Very few historical sites and structures remain within the City area. The old Holiday Hill winter recreation area that is now being re-platted as a residential development still has the pole barn, track, and the original lodge fireplace. Unfortunately, the original lodge burned down in a fire in the early to mid 1980's.

Another residential plat that is currently under development in the northeast corner of the City, on the north side of Mission Ave., contains a homesite that dates back to the 1940's, with a well house that dates back to the early 1900's. This homesite has the oldest known existing structures within the City of Liberty Lake. The site is included as part of a future park area for the Rocky Hill PUD and should be preserved and protected in the future. The City's other pocket parks and the trail system were created as housing developments were constructed during the 1990's through 2008.

The history section above was derived from Liberty Lake's Cultural & Historical Heritage, prepared by the City of Liberty Lake Planning & Building Services (PBS).

## **CLIMATE**

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Situated between the Rocky and Cascade Mountain Ranges, Eastern Washington's weather is greatly affected by its physical environment. The region experiences an average annual rainfall of 16-22 inches and an average annual mean temperature of 48 degrees Fahrenheit. The region has a definitive four-season cycle. The winters tend to be cold with snow, the spring and fall are cool and wet, while the summers tend to be hot and dry. Liberty Lake is surrounded by hillsides and has a slightly different banana belt type climate with more wind than surrounding areas. Tables 1 & 2 below show the season differences that Liberty Lake experiences:

**Table 1 - Average Weather**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Avg.
Avg Max Temperature	32.6	40.7	51.3	57.4	68.2	73.8	90.5	83.1	77.3	60.6	43.4	36.1	59.6
Avg Min Temperature	18.1	28.1	31.2	35.0	42.0	48.5	56.5	48.8	41.5	33.2	28.9	25.4	36.4
Avg Avg Temperature	25.4	34.4	41.2	46.2	55.1	61.2	73.5	65.8	60.3	46.5	36.1	30.7	48.0

Source: <http://climate.fizber.com/washington-city-liberty-lake-climate.html>

**Table 2 – Climate**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Avg.
Avg Precipitation	4.52	3.36	2.88	0.85	1.07	1.47	0.04	0.25	0.81	2.04	2.88	6.65	26.82
Avg Snowfall	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	25.8	29.5	14.7	13.4	2.2	0.0	0.0	86.4
Avg Snow Depth	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.9	9.1	12.9	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.2

Source: <http://climate.fizber.com/washington-city-liberty-lake-climate.html>

## TERRAIN

The Liberty Lake Community is situated amongst a natural setting with surrounding foothills and with a lake and river adjacent to the City. The majority of the City is relatively flat with sloped areas along the eastern and southwestern City boundaries. The elevation of the City is generally around 2000 to 2100 feet with a small portion of Section 21, along the southern City boundary around 2500 feet.



## ECONOMY

The following table represents the local economy profile for Liberty Lake as of the April 2009 Liberty Lake Statistical Snapshot report.

NEW CONSTRUCTION *	2008 Permits	2008 Valuation	2007 Permits	2007 Valuation	2006 Permits	2006 Valuation	2005 Permits	2005 Valuation
Single Family Residential **	36	\$10,155,418	141	\$21,044,223	89	\$13,998,879	113	\$19,615,268
Specialty Housing ***	7	\$9,008,295	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Rental Apartments	26	\$22,967,266	19	\$10,565,085	0	N/A	0	N/A
Commercial / Industrial / Public ****	26	\$11,779,166	13	\$12,911,862	19	\$10,981,670	19	\$12,352,653

\* Number of building permits issued and approximate total valuation for entire year. \*\* Townhouse condos are counted as single family homes. \*\*\* Includes independent senior, assisted living, nursing home, convalescent home, & Alzheimer's facilities. \*\*\*\* Includes tenant improvements.

BUSINESSES IN LIBERTY LAKE *	April 2009		March 2008	
# of businesses in the City	296		280	
# of people employed in the City	5397		5794	
Largest employers by category & # of people employed in the City (300 or more people per category)	Manufacturing	1507	Manufacturing	1726
	Other	424	Other	1094
	Retail	1102	Retail	992
	Financial / Insurance	926	Financial / Insurance	524
	Dental / Medical	434	Dental / Medical	440
			Restaurant	324

Businesses - Number & Percentage of Total	April 2009		March 2008	
<i>Specific business categories</i>	#	%	#	%
Construction	21	7	22	8
Dental / Medical	18	6	17	6
Financial / Insurance	18	6	17	6
Government	3	1	3	1
Hotel / Motel	2	1	2	1
Manufacturing	12	4	13	4
Non-Profit	1	1	2	1
Other	21	7	15	5
Professional	2	1	2	1
Real Estate	10	3	11	4
Recreation / Fitness	2	1	6	2
Restaurant	17	6	19	7
Retail	52	18	55	20
Service	105	36	89	32

Wholesale	5	2	7	2
* Figures are approximate and were obtained by polling each business and through City business license records.				
<b>LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS</b>	<b>Businesses - April 2009</b>		<b>Businesses - March 2008</b>	
100 or more employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accra-Fab</li> <li>• Agilent Technologies</li> <li>• Albertsons</li> <li>• Altek Machining and Molds</li> <li>• Getronics USA</li> <li>• Home Depot</li> <li>• Huntwood Industries</li> <li>• Insight Enterprises</li> <li>• Itron</li> <li>• Merck-Medco</li> <li>• Safeco Insurance</li> <li>• Spokane Teacher's Credit Union (STCU)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accra-Fab</li> <li>• Agilent Technologies</li> <li>• Altek Machining and Molds</li> <li>• F5 Networks</li> <li>• Getronics USA</li> <li>• Huntwood Industries</li> <li>• Insight Enterprises</li> <li>• Isothermal Systems Research</li> <li>• Itron</li> <li>• Merck-Medco</li> <li>• Safeco Insurance</li> <li>• Spokane Teacher's Credit Union (STCU)</li> <li>• Telect</li> </ul>	
<b>LARGEST PUBLIC EMPLOYERS *</b>	<b># of Employees – April 2009</b>		<b># of Employees - March 2008</b>	
Liberty Lake Elementary (CVSD)	63		67	
City of Liberty Lake	38		27	
Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District	10		10	
* Includes permanent employees only, employed at time of poll each year. Figures obtained from each public agency.				
<b>ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	\$1,167,407,349	\$1,036,698,255	\$791,672,020	\$609,233,856
<b>REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
City Revenue Per \$1000 Assessed Value	\$1.08 \$1.51 w/library	\$1.08 \$1.58 w/library	\$1.75 \$2.25 w/ library	\$1.52 \$2.02 w/ library
Additional Taxed Items	School 356 4.10 State 1.90 Fire 1 2.82 County 1.15  + Weed, Aquifer, Conservation, & Stormwater Charge	School 356 4.10 State 1.93 Fire 1 2.88 County 1.22 LLTBD 0.06 Sewer 1 0.061  + Weed, Aquifer, Conservation, & Stormwater Charge	School 356 4.55 State 2.19 Fire 1 2.73 County 1.31 LLTBD 0.078 Sewer 1 0.004  + Weed, Aquifer, Conservation, & Stormwater Charge	School 356 5.31 State 2.63 Fire 1 2.92 County 1.37 LLTBD 0.096 Library Bond 0.05 Sewer 1 0.012  + Weed, Aquifer, Conservation, & Stormwater Charge
Total Levi Rate Per \$1000 Assessed Value (approximate)	11.53	11.83	12.61	14.4

Note: Data is for informational purposes and general comparison only and accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Source: City Planning & Building Services, City Administration

## **POPULATION**

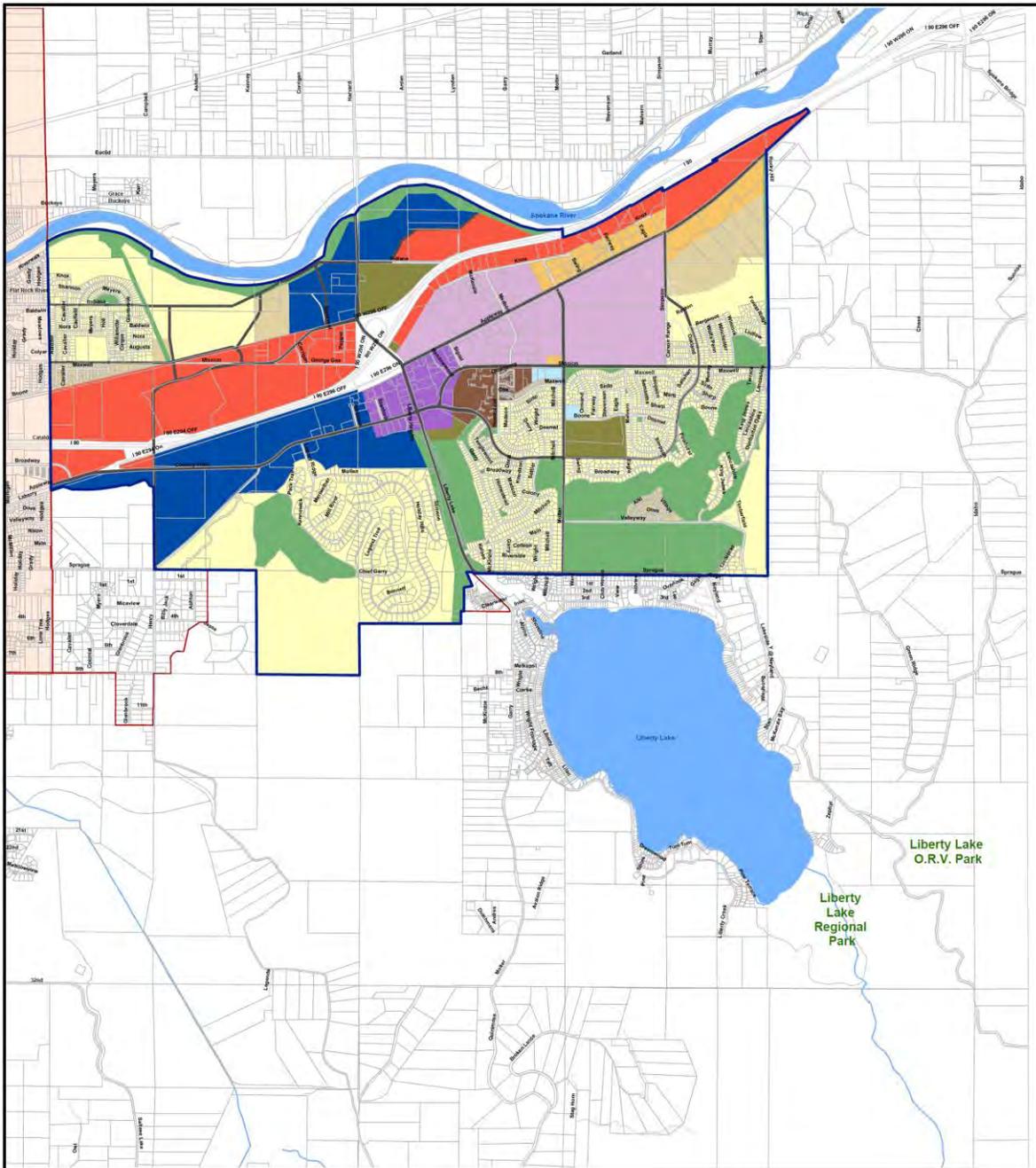
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The Liberty Lake area has been rapidly growing over the past decade. Between 1990 and 2000, the population in what is now the City limits area grew from 600 to 3265, an over 400% increase. When the City officially incorporated on August 31, 2001, the population was 3654. Since incorporation, the City's population has been re-calculated every April by the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM). The official 2009 City population is 7270. At time of adoption of this update, the City's population will likely have grown by over 100% since incorporation and a 6% average annual growth rate has been planned with an official 2022 population allocation of 15,861.

## **LAND USE**

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The following Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map, on page 14, was adopted in September 2003, updated December 2008, and divides the City into six different basic types of land uses including residential, mixed use, commercial, industrial, public/semi-public institutional, and open space/recreation.



Due to map scale, some streets may not be labeled.

This map is for informational purposes only and is not a legal document.

**Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map**

Amended Map Adopted - December 19, 2006 (Updated 12/18/07)

For information please contact  
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Community Development Department  
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**Map Legend**

City of Liberty Lake	Neighborhood Center Mixed Use
UGA Boundary	Community Center Mixed Use
City of Spokane Valley	Central Business District Mixed Use
Parcels	Community Commercial
Streets	Freeway Commercial
Water Bodies	Light Industrial
Single Family Residential	Public/ Semi-Public Institutional
Mixed Residential	Open Space/ Recreation
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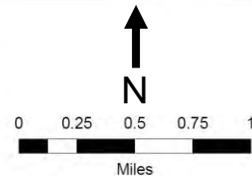
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**INTRODUCTION**

Park and recreation facilities and open spaces are essential to a community's well being. Parks and open spaces help enhance urban development, provide important ecological functions and provide recreation opportunities for citizens and visitors.

The Countywide Planning Policies for Spokane County require all jurisdictions to adopt a Level of Service (LOS) standard for parks. The City has the flexibility and freedom to establish a LOS standard for parks that reflects the expressed need and desire of the community. The City also has the obligation to ensure that the operation and maintenance needs of existing parks are met. The City's Parks and Open Space LOS is 30 acres per 1000 population which the City exceeds. The City presently boasts a Parks and Open Space LOS of 79.4 acres per 1000 (34.3 acres per 1000 not including golf courses). The standard historically used by NRPA (National Recreation and Parks Association) for open space LOS is 6.25 to 10.5 acres per 1000 population. This open space number does not include golf courses. In the current update of the NRPA standards they have moved toward an idea that communities determine their open space LOS based on the needs of the community.

Currently, the 14 acre Pavillion Park and 7 acres of the 14 acre Rocky Hill Park are the only City owned and maintained parks. The Trailhead Golf Course which is also owned by the City is maintained by the City and paid for through user fees. Other public parks in the City are Five Fingers Park, Little Bear Park, Pumphouse Park, Half Moon Park, and the Liberty Lake Elementary School facilities. The City of Liberty Lake has approximately 574.5 acres total of Parks and Open Space, including the three golf courses. Parks total 43.3 acres, other existing residential open/common space totals 204.3 acres, and the three golf courses total 326.9 acres.

The following tables and maps contain an inventory of the public parks, private parks, recreation, and major open space areas within the City of Liberty Lake. The Greenacres Landfill Reclamation Site is identified as Open Space/Recreation on the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map, but is not included within the Facilities inventory because as a reclamation site it is not useable for 50 years from the date it was designated, which is outside of the 20 year planning horizon. The site including the buffer area totals 57.8 acres and is contained within a residential plat. This site was included in the overall acres of total parks and open space because it is zoned open space.

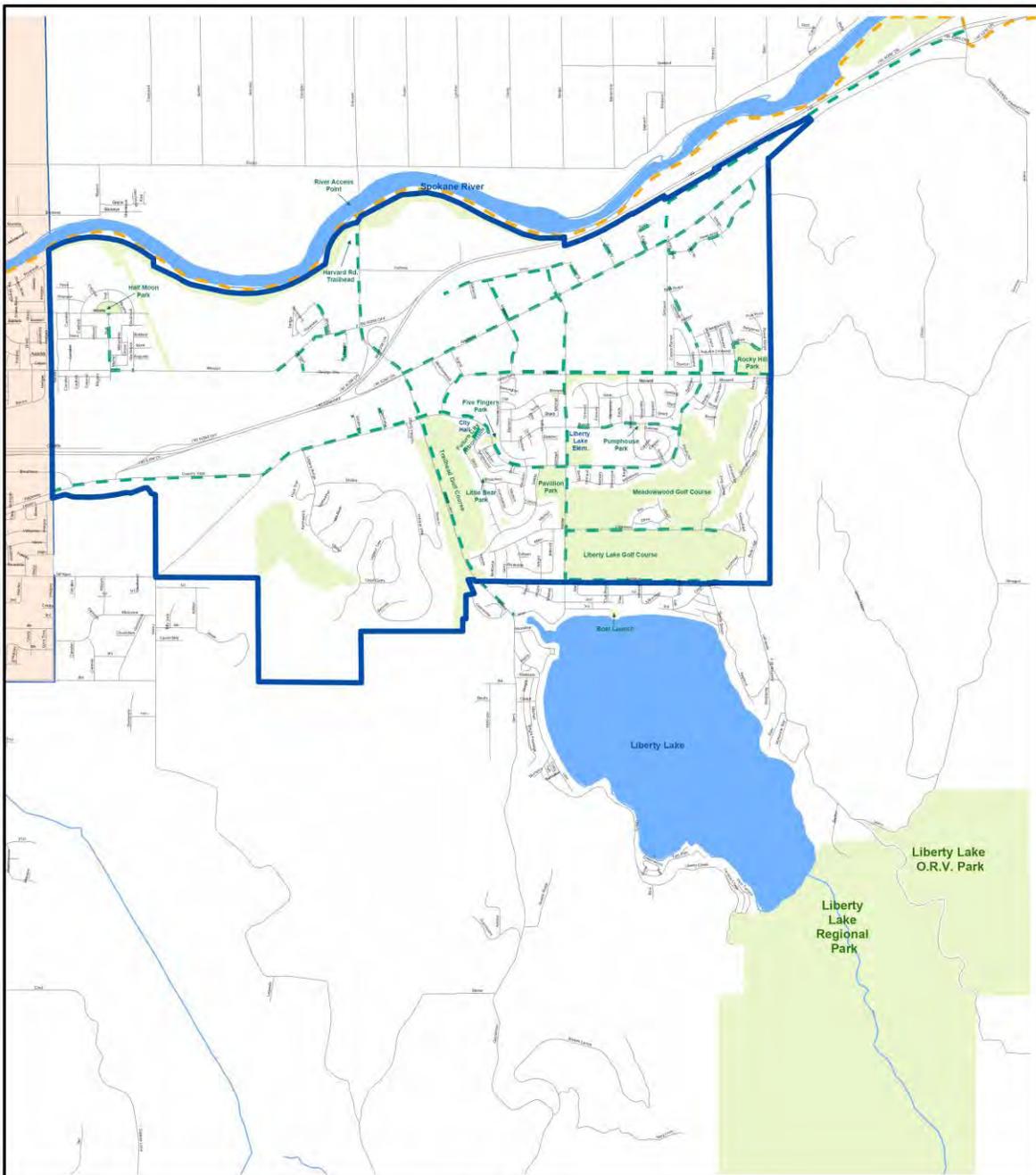
Parks & Open Space Adopted LOS = 30 Acres/1000 Population

<b>year</b>	<b>population</b>	<b>acres/1000</b>	<b>acres/1000 w/out golf course acreage</b>
2009	7229	79.4	34.3
2010	7679	74.7	32.2
2011	8158	70.4	30.4
2012	8666	66.2	28.6
2013	9206	62.4	26.9
2014	9780	58.7	25.3
2015	10389	55.3	23.8
2016	11037	52.0	22.4
2017	11724	48.9	21.1
2018	12455	46.1	19.9
2019	13231	43.4	18.7
2020	14055	40.8	17.6
2021	14931	38.4	16.6
2022	15861	36.2	15.6

**(Current LOS = Approx. 80 acres/1000 Population)**

## Existing Parks and Open Space Locations (inside City Limits)

Name	Classification	Address/Location	Acres	Facilities
Five Fingers Park	Pocket Park	Between Homestead Dr. & Country Vista Dr.	0.48	
Half Moon Park	Pocket Park	Corner of Holl Blvd. & Indiana Ave.	2.80	 
Liberty Lake Elementary	School Park	23606 E. Boone Ave.	9.90	     
Little Bear Park	Pocket Park	Corner of Garry Dr. & Broadway Ave.	0.29	 
Pavillion Park	Community Park	727 N. Molter Rd.	14.20	           
Pump House Park	Pocket Park	Corner of Boone Ave. & Simpson Rd.	0.43	 
Rocky Hill Park	Community Park	Corner of Mission Ave. & Winrock St.	14.5	  
Centennial Trail	Public Trail	Adjacent to North City Boundary	N/A	
Liberty Lake Golf Course	Open Space / Recreation	24403 E. Sprague Ave.	124.50	
Liberty Lake Trail System	Public Trails	Throughout City	29.65mi	
Meadowwood Golf Course	Open Space / Recreation	24501 E. Valleyway Ave.	147.30	
All Other Open Space	Open Space / Recreation	Throughout City	211.80	
Trailhead Golf Course	Open Space / Recreation	1102 N. Liberty Lake Rd.	55.10	



### Map Legend

- City of Liberty Lake
- Centennial Trail
- Existing Trails & Paths
- Parks, Rec., & Open Space
- Water Bodies
- City of Spokane Valley

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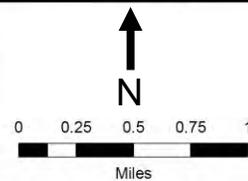
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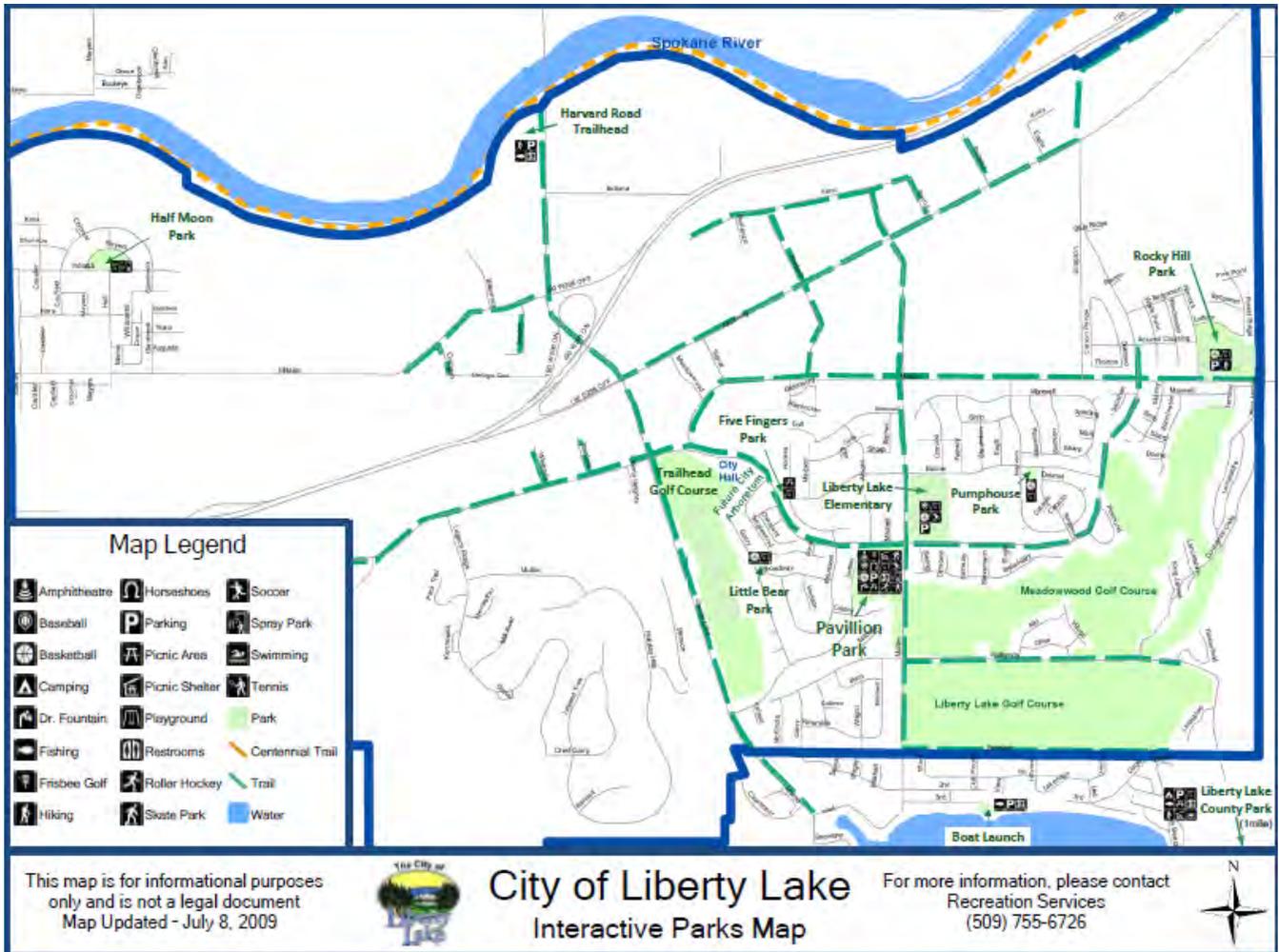
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**Liberty Lake Community Parks, Trails, & Paths Map**  
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As of December 2005, the City of Liberty Lake has required all new development to provide sidewalk / pathway connections to all uses within the City; however individual residential neighborhood sidewalks are not shown on this map.



# Liberty Lake Community Parks, Trails, & Paths





**Pavillion Park – 14.2 acre park at the Corner of Country Vista & Molter Rd.**



**Liberty Lake Elementary School - Between Country Vista & Boone, East of Molter (owned and maintained by Central Valley School District)**



**Rocky Hill Park – 14.5 Acre Park at the Corner of Mission & Winrock**



**Half Moon Park – 2.8 Acre Park at the Corner of Holl & Indiana in the River District (owned and managed by River District Homeowners Association)**



**Little Bear Park - Pocket Park at the Corner of Garry & Broadway in the Gardens Neighborhood (owned and managed by Meadowwood Homeowners Association)**



**Pump House Park - Pocket Park at the Corner of Boone & Simpson in the Liberty Landing Neighborhood (owned and managed by Meadowwood Homeowners Association)**



**Five Fingers Park - Pocket Park off Homestead & Country Vista in the Cottages Neighborhood (owned and managed by Meadowwood Homeowners Association)**



**Liberty Lake Trail System - Circulates through the community with connections to the Centennial Trail & neighborhood sidewalks and paths to provide a continuous pedestrian and bicycle transportation system**



## **CITY RECREATION AREAS & FACILITIES**

The following table outlines the existing Recreation Areas and Facilities within the City of Liberty Lake. The chart includes their location and the year the facility was constructed, and if applicable, remodeled. Some Facilities are not city owned.

<b>Liberty Lake Park Facilities</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Facility Location</b>	<b>Year Constructed / Remodeled</b>
Amphitheater (Multi-Use)	1	Pavillion Park	1999
Arboretum	1	Nature's Place at Meadowwood	Under Construction
Baseball/Softball Fields	1	Pavillion Park	1995
Baseball/Softball Fields	2	Liberty Lake Elementary	1998
Community Building (Multi-Use)	1	Liberty Lake City Hall	2004
Community Building	1	Liberty Lake Municipal Library	2009
Community Building	1	Trailhead Golf Course	2005
Disc Golf Course	1	Pavillion Park	2008
Football Field (multi-use)	1	Liberty Lake Elementary	1998
Football Field (multi-use)	1	Pavillion Park	1995
Gymnasium	1	Liberty Lake Elementary	1998
Historic Site	1	Rocky Hill Park (Future Phase)	1947
Horseshoe Court	1	Pavillion Park	1998
Maintenance Building	1	Liberty Lake City Hall	2006
Multi-Use Trails (excludes residential sidewalks)	29.65 mi	Throughout City	Varies
Outdoor Basketball Court	1	Pavillion Park	1995
Outdoor Basketball Court	1	Rocky Hill Park	2009
Outdoor Basketball Courts (multi-use)	2	Pavillion Park	1998
Outdoor Basketball Courts (1/2 court)	6	Liberty Lake Elementary	1998
Outdoor Basketball Court (1/2 court)	1	Little Bear Park	2001
Outdoor Basketball Court (1/2 court)	1	Pump House Park	2002
Parking	1	Harvard Road Trailhead	
Parking	1	Liberty Lake Elementary	1998
Parking	1	Pavillion Park	1995
Parking	1	Rocky Hill Park	2008
Picnic Shelter Area	1	Pavillion Park	1999
Playground	1	Five Fingers Park	1995
Playground	1	Half Moon Park	2008
Playground	1	Liberty Lake Elementary	1998
Playground	1	Little Bear Park	2001
Playground	1	Pavillion Park	1998
Playground	1	Pump House Park	2002
Restroom Facility	1	Harvard Road Trailhead	
Restroom Facility	1	Pavillion Park	1995
Roller Hockey Court (multi-use)	1	Pavillion Park	1998
Skate Park	1	Pavillion Park	2009
Soccer Fields (multi-use)	7	Liberty Lake Elementary	1998
Soccer Fields (multi-use)	7	Pavillion Park	1995

Soccer Fields (multi-use)	6	Rocky Hill Park	2008
Soccer Field (competition)	1	Liberty Lake Elementary	1998
Spray Park	1	Half Moon Park	2008
Spray Park	1	Pavillion Park	1998
Tennis Court	1	Pavillion Park	1998

The following table outlines the existing private areas and facilities within the City of Liberty Lake. It states their location(s) and the year the facility was constructed, and if applicable, remodeled.

Private Facilities Within Liberty Lake	Quantity	Facility Location	Year Constructed/ Remodeled
Community Building	1	HUB	2001
Gymnasium	5	HUB	2001
Gymnasium	1	Liberty Lake Athletic Club	1997
Playgrounds*	2	Legacy Ridge	2007
Swimming Pool (Indoor)	1	Best Western Peppertree Inn	2001
Swimming Pool (Indoor)	1	Cedars Inn	2001
Swimming Pool (Indoor)	1	Liberty Lake Athletic Club	1997
Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	1	Big Trout Lodge Apartments	1999
Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	1	Bitterroot Lodge Apartments	2008
Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	1	Country Vista Apartments	2005

\*Playgrounds within multi-family apartment complexes are not included in inventory.

The following table outlines the existing public areas and facilities within the Liberty Lake Community which sit outside the city limits. It states their location(s) and the year the facility was constructed, and if applicable, remodeled. These facilities are not city owned.

Public Facilities Within Community (Outside City Limits)	Quantity	Facility Location	Year Constructed/ Remodeled
Amphitheater	1	Liberty Lake County Park	
Campground	1	Liberty Lake County Park	
Dog Park	1	Stateline Dog Park	2007
Fishing Facility/Access	1	Harvard Road Trailhead	
Fishing Facility/Access	1	Liberty Lake Boat Launch	2000
Fishing Facility/Access	1	Liberty Lake County Park	1969
Historic Site	1	Horse Slaughter(Horsekill) Monument (Centennial Trail Mile 2)	
Historic Site	1	Liberty Lake County Park	1969
Multi-Use Trails	5.1mi	Throughout Community	Varies
ORV Park	1	Liberty Lake County Park	
Parking	1	Liberty Lake Boat Launch	2000
Parking	1	Liberty Lake County Park	1969
Parking	1	Stateline Dog Park	2007
Picnic Shelter	1	Liberty Lake County Park	
Playground	1	Liberty Lake County Park	
Ponds/Rivers/Wetlands	N/A	Outside City (Liberty Lake, Spokane River)	N/A
Restroom Facility	1	Liberty Lake Boat Launch	2000
Restroom Facility	2	Liberty Lake County Park	1969
Restroom Facility	1	Stateline Dog Park	2007
Volleyball Court	1	Liberty Lake County Park	

The City of Liberty Lake is currently the home to three public golf courses within the City limits. The three courses offer golfers a variety of choices in course design and playing conditions, all immaculately maintained and priced competitively with other courses in the Spokane area. The scenic hillsides, uncrowded surroundings, easy access, and availability of tee-times, even on short notice, make Liberty Lake a premier golfing locale. Approximately 80,000 rounds of golf are played each year in the City of Liberty Lake. With three golf courses in the City limits, the Liberty Lake area is now known as a premier golf course community.

Liberty Lake Golf Course, owned and operated by Spokane County, is a Par 70 course that is 124.50 acres in size (6,398 yards) with 18 holes, a driving range, and a clubhouse. Liberty Lake is the oldest course and is particularly popular with golfers in the midhandicap range due to the open, forgiving layout of the rough, but with a course rating of 68.7 and a slope score of 118, it is challenging enough for the more avid golfer as well. It is easy and pleasurable to walk the course, which is relatively flat, but also contains newly rebuilt greens that are significantly larger than those of other courses. This course has a mixture of open and treed holes, and some holes with a water feature. Playing conditions are very good, and the full service clubhouse offers all the extras golfers in Liberty Lake have come to expect. Currently, the Liberty Lake Golf Course is undergoing an extensive remodel and additional information about changes to the course will be available in future updates.

Trailhead Golf Course, owned and operated by the City of Liberty Lake, is a Par 32 course that is 55.10 acres in size (2083 yards) with an executive 9 holes, a driving range with heated tee boxes, and a clubhouse. Trailhead (formerly known as ValleyView), is an executive nine-hole course with the quality and amenities that discerning golfers expect of such a course. Built in 1973 and the clubhouse remodeled in 2003 with course renovations ongoing, it was the only mid-length executive course in the Northwest, however it does offer two sets of tees, giving golfers the option of playing 18 different holes. Trailhead is designed with regular length par 3's and shorter par 4 holes. The beautiful blue spruce trees that line the fairways, a small pond in the middle of the course, and the relatively early afternoon shade makes it a pleasant course to play, even in the middle of summer. The City purchased the course in 2002 and is diligently working to restore it to its original pristine condition. The relatively flat course appeals to beginners, advanced beginners, and golfers who don't have the time to play a full round of 18 holes. It also offers a grass driving range for golfers who want to hone their skills in a realistic setting.

Meadowwood Golf Course, owned and operated by Spokane County, is a Par 72 course that is 147.30 acres in size (6,846 yards) with 18 holes, a driving range, and a clubhouse. Meadowwood is the newest of the three courses located within the City, and due to the numerous tournaments that are held there each year, it is likely the most well known. At a 71.4 course rating and a slope score of 130, it is designed to be challenging even to the experienced golfer, but accommodates less accomplished golfers with multiple tees and fairway yardage displays. The Scottish Links style course wraps gracefully around the City's pleasant, well maintained neighborhoods, yet its large number of lakes and sand traps make it comparable in appearance and difficulty to many "country club" courses. A driving range and friendly, full service proshop and restaurant complete the "country club" experience.

<b>Golf Course Facilities (Within City Limits)</b>	<b>Holes</b>	<b>Facility Location</b>	<b>Year Constructed/ Remodeled</b>
Trailhead Golf Course	9	SE corner of Country Vista Dr. & Liberty	1973/2003
Meadowwood Golf Course	18	NE Corner of Molter Rd. & Valleyway Ave	1987
Liberty Lake Golf Course	18	NE Corner of Molter Rd. & Sprague Ave	1959/2009

## Liberty Lake Park Facilities

		
<p>Amphitheater Pavillion Park</p>	<p>Baseball/Softball Field (Practice) Pavillion Park</p>	<p>Baseball/Softball Fields (2) (Practice) Liberty Lake Elementary</p>
		
<p>Community Building City Hall</p>	<p>Community Building Liberty Lake Municipal Library</p>	<p>Community Building Trailhead Golf Course</p>
		
<p>Football Field (multi-use) Liberty Lake Elementary</p>	<p>Football Field (multi-use) Pavillion Park</p>	<p>Gymnasium Liberty Lake Elementary</p>
		
<p>Disc Golf Course Pavillion Park</p>	<p>Historic Site Rocky Hill Park</p>	<p>Horseshoe Court Pavillion Park</p>
		
<p>Maintenance Building City Hall</p>	<p>Multi-Use Trails Throughout City</p>	<p>Outdoor Basketball Court Pavillion Park</p>
		
<p>Outdoor Basketball Court Rocky Hill Park</p>	<p>Outdoor Basketball Courts (multi-use) Pavillion Park</p>	<p>Outdoor Basketball Courts (6) (1/2ct) Liberty Lake Elementary</p>
		
<p>Outdoor Basketball Court (1/2ct) Little Bear Park</p>	<p>Outdoor Basketball Court (1/2ct) Pump House Park</p>	<p>Parking Harvard Road Trailhead</p>

 <p>Parking Liberty Lake Elementary</p>	 <p>Parking Pavillion Park</p>	 <p>Parking Rocky Hill Park</p>
 <p>Playground Half Moon Park</p>	 <p>Picnic Shelter Pavillion Park</p>	 <p>Playground Five Fingers Park</p>
 <p>Playground Liberty Lake Elementary</p>	 <p>Playground Little Bear Park</p>	 <p>Playground Pavillion Park</p>
 <p>Playground Pump House Park</p>	 <p>Restroom Facility Harvard Road Trailhead</p>	 <p>Restroom Facility Pavillion Park</p>
 <p>Roller Hockey Court (multi-use) Pavillion Park</p>	 <p>Skate Park Pavillion Park</p>	 <p>Soccer Fields (7) (multi-use) Liberty Lake Elementary</p>
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 <p>Spray Park Half Moon Park</p>	 <p>Spray Park Pavillion Park</p>	 <p>Tennis Court Pavillion Park</p>

**Private Facilities Within Liberty Lake**

 <p>Community Building HUB Sports Complex</p>	 <p>Gymnasium (5) HUB Sports Complex</p>	 <p>Gymnasium Liberty Lake Athletic Club</p>
 <p>Playground Legacy Ridge</p>	 <p>Playground Legacy Ridge</p>	 <p>Swimming Pool (Indoor) Best Western Peppertree Inn</p>
 <p>Swimming Pool (Indoor) Cedars Inn</p>	 <p>Swimming Pool (Indoor) Liberty Lake Athletic Club</p>	 <p>Swimming Pool (Outdoor) Big Trout Lodge</p>
 <p>Swimming Pool (Outdoor) Bitterroot Apartments</p>	 <p>Swimming Pool (Outdoor) Country Vista Apartments</p>	

**Public Facilities Within Community (Outside City Limits)**

 <p>Amphitheater Liberty Lake County Park</p>	 <p>Campground Liberty Lake County Park</p>	 <p>Dog Park Stateline Dog Park</p>
 <p>Fishing Facility/Access Liberty Lake Boat Launch</p>	 <p>Fishing Facility/Access Liberty Lake County Park</p>	 <p>Fishing Facility/Access Harvard Road Trailhead</p>

 <p>Historic Site – Horse Slaughter (Horsekill) Monument Centennial Trail (Mile 2)</p>	 <p>Historic Site Liberty Lake County Park</p>	 <p>Multi-Use Trails Throughout Community</p>
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 <p>Ponds/Rivers/Wetlands Various Locations</p>	 <p>Restroom Facility Liberty Lake Boat Launch</p>	 <p>Restroom Facility (2) Liberty Lake County Park</p>
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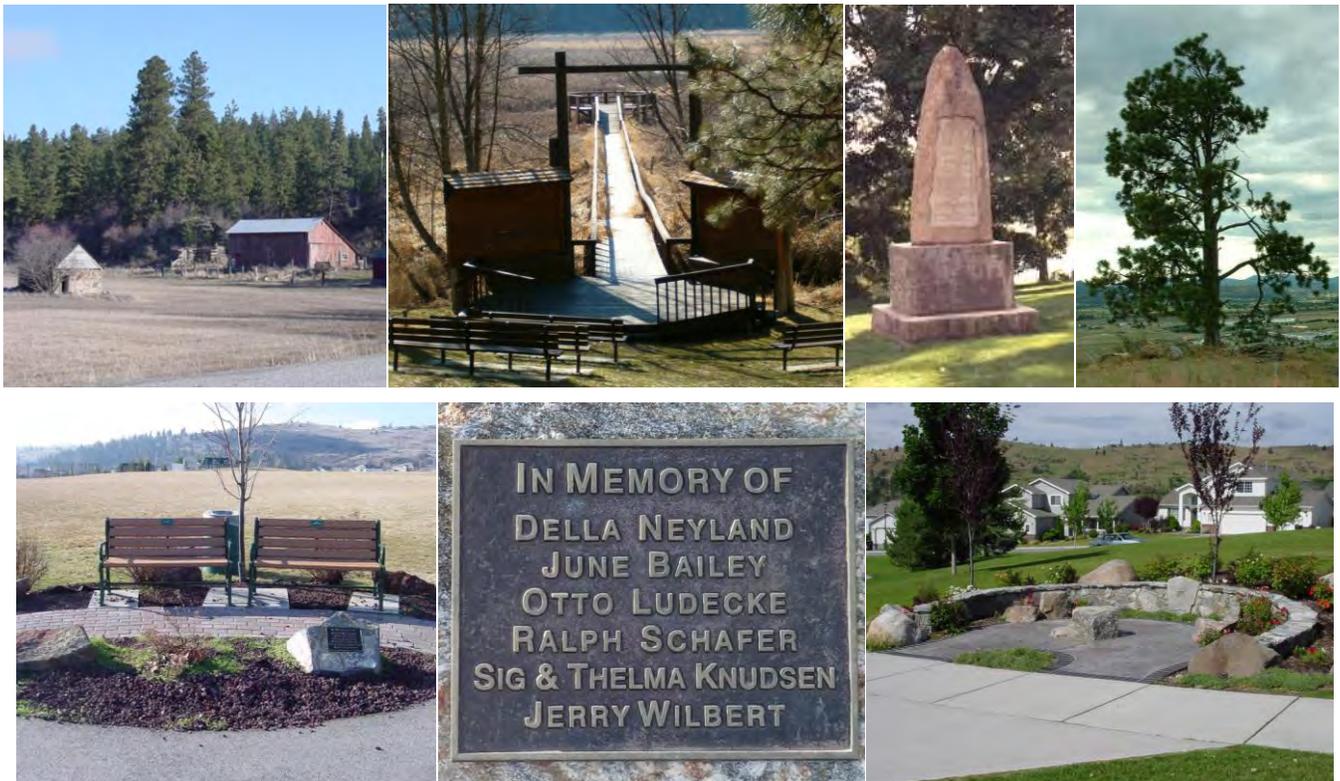
**Golf Course Facilities**

 <p>Trailhead Golf Course</p>	 <p>Meadowwood Golf Course</p>	 <p>Liberty Lake Golf Course</p>
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## **AREAS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

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The Liberty Lake community has an extensive history from Native American inhabitants, to settlers, to the residents and activities of today. Liberty Lake, in the early 20th century became known as "Spokane's Inland Seashore" with several resorts operating around the lake, along with the creation of the Liberty Lake Park with the original dance pavilion. Within the Liberty Lake Community there are three remaining historic sites within park or natural areas. The new Rocky Hill Park site contains the oldest structures within the City of Liberty Lake, a homesite with a barn that dates back to the 1940's and a well house that dates back to the early 1900's. The barn and well house will be preserved and incorporated into the design of Rocky Hill Park. Outside the City, Liberty Lake County Park contains a marker identifying the creation and history of the lake, and the Horse Slaughter (Horsekill) Monument on the Centennial Trail (at mile marker 2 west of Stateline), documents the Horse Slaughter Camp event of 1858. In addition, Pavillion Park contains two memorials dedicated to families that helped establish the Liberty Lake area and the "Legend Tree" located within the Legacy Ridge PUD has been preserved as a landmark heritage tree at over 100 years old. The Pavilion Structure itself, the centerpiece of Pavillion Park, also serves to document the history of the community as a replica of the original dance pavilion that was located in the Liberty Lake Park in the early 20th century. For more information on Liberty Lake history, refer to Chapter 10 of the City of Liberty Lake Comprehensive Plan.



## **SUMMARY OF PHYSICAL ISSUES**

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During the initial public participation process for the creating this plan, four workshops were held from January 2005 to April 2005. Surveys were also available during this time to help the City gather input on existing and future parks, recreation, open space, and trail needs. In the summer of 2008, another survey was conducted through Survey Monkey, an online tool, by the Liberty Lake Parks Planning Committee (see appendix for more information). The following is a brief summary of the 2008 survey responses concerning physical issues.

**List any other facility or attributes in the parks and open space that you think is important for the City to enhance and how important it is to you:**

- Shade trees and swings are very important.
- More bathrooms are very important.
- City center: common space for community to gather, recreate and see one another is very important.
- Library is very important
- Swimming pool. We frequently have to travel to CDA or the Valley for a public pool or waterslide in the summer.
- Having safe play equipment is very important.
- Youth and teen center and strong recreation program.
- Handicap accessibility.
- Baseball/Softball Fields (competition) are very important.
- Need free public access to Liberty Lake.
- Golf Course and golf practice areas.
- Definitely need big parks like Pavilion Park. My family would love a big outdoor/indoor community pool and more tennis courts. My son would love a skateboard park. I like outdoor events.
- We are looking forward to a skate park.
- Permanent concession stands.
- Flat grass spaces and trees to shade.
- Walkable neighborhood parks are extremely important. A recreation complex in the River District would be a severe detriment to the neighborhood. This area was designed as a walkable neighborhood.
- A play feature that is more for ages 6mo – 3yrs. The smaller children get overtaken on the big toy at Pavilion Park. Swings would be good. Community Pool would be nice.
- Park Department needs to do a better job maintaining the grass areas. Lots of wasted water, leaking sprinklers, and soaking wet poorly drained areas. Water early for longer duration and let the lawn length be short in spring and fall and longer in summer. Better seating during events if our rears aren't soaked! More eco friendly and cost effective, better appearance. Everyone wins!
- More tennis courts and perhaps lighting for night-time play.
- Bocce Courts
- Trees along both sides of the freeway throughout the city limits of Liberty Lake. Show that we care about our city.
- With all the little league teams in Liberty Lake, it needs a four-plex baseball field to open up potential tournaments in the area which it would generate revenue for the city.
- Rehabilitate "wild" areas for enjoyment and future preservation.
- Pavillion Park could use more shaded areas near the play equipment.
- There's not enough activities geared toward the teenagers around our area.
- We need to light the trails and parks to keep them safe for after dark use especially when the days get shorter and dusk is before 5:00.
- Golf, and more public beach access, more hiking, more winter activities such as an outdoor ice skating/hockey rink.
- Exercise along Molter (sit-up area, pull-up bar, signs for jumping jacks, and tires for tire drill).
- A whitewater park on the river.
- Maintaining public open space and public access along the Spokane River. Maintaining the general character of the river shorelines.
- Beach area at the lake for jet skiers.
- I love the idea of a dog park. There is a lot of apartment living in Liberty Lake and no place for dogs to just run. Very big city idea, love it.
- Anything to promote youth in the outdoors.
- Boat launch is very important.

- Swings for children and sculptures are very important.
- Green spaces are supposed to be areas that accommodate wildlife and native plant species. These attributes are missing from the majority of smaller in-town parks and would be nice to incorporate in the future. It is difficult to design parks property that will actually work for wildlife, so please consult a wildlife agency prior to designing. Plenty of native plants exist that will create great wildlife habitat. Most non-native species are worthless to wildlife (and require a lot of water).
- Grow the trail system around the lake and in the River District.
- Pond and a formal garden are important.
- Community Dodge ball (or other activities) are important and more adult activities are very important.
- River District parks very important.
- Half Moon Park needs a shower or something the kids can rinse off with w/ water after playing in the wet sand. Also needs a garbage can.
- The available parks have been great for our young family. We think that constant improvement is always a good thing.
- Would like basketball tourneys in Liberty Lake, and need more fields.
- We all need to do our part to protect these vital resources. Less urban development.
- Stop spending our money.
- There is no need for a public swimming pool. The lake is just a short drive from the majority of the residents out here. Or do you plan on building an indoor aquatic facility? In this region, that would obviously make more sense.
- If the golf courses were not counted, the City of Liberty Lake would be very short of open space. Please preserve the natural beauty that has drawn us all to this area.
- Communication between residents and our elected officials is very important.
- Need to provide garbage cans and dog do-do stations.
- Disc golf and sculptures are very important.
- Water fountains; clean, well-maintained bathrooms; maintain the park on a regular basis.
- Privatize for better quality and accountability.
- Wading pool is important and a better location for the open market is very important.

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**INTRODUCTION**

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Park rehabilitation involves restoring a park or recreation facility when it has become old and worn, and in need of repair. As the City's park and recreation facilities age, renovation may need to be done to keep them in proper working order and maintain the community aesthetics, level of service, and possibly the historical character. Currently, due to the young age of the existing facilities, rehabilitation is not needed; however this section has been included and will be added to in future plan revisions when rehabilitation needs arise.

**VALUE OF REHABILITATION OVER REPLACEMENT**

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**IMPORTANCE OF REHABILITATION**

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**GENERAL REHABILITATION NEEDS**

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**NEIGHBORHOOD REHABILITATION**

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**PARK AND FACILITY EVALUATION**

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**CITY ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

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The City of Liberty Lake operates as a Code City with a strong mayor/council form of government. The Community Development Director oversees City operations and specifically the maintenance and operations of City-owned facilities. Currently the Trailhead Golf Course staff maintains the City owned Trailhead Golf Course and park maintenance staff maintains Pavillion Park, Rocky Hill Park, and the landscaping along a portion of the City right-of-ways/trails. Daily operation tasks are handled by Recreation Services, which currently handles all the scheduling for Friends of Pavillion Park public events and numerous private reservations. The maintenance of the remaining parks and recreation facilities is conducted by homeowner's associations or landowners, including the Central Valley School District and Spokane County.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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The City of Liberty Lake has recently formed a Parks and Recreation Section (Recreation Services). The Recreation Services section of the City handles all Picnic Shelter & Soccer Field reservations at Pavillion Park, and organizes and establishes all recreation programs and events offered through the City. More information on the Recreation Services section, as well as recreation programs and events can be found in Section VI of this plan.

Maintenance of City owned facilities is handled by the parks maintenance staff and non-City owned facilities are maintained by homeowner's associations or landowners, including the Central Valley School District and Spokane County.

**CITY BUDGET PROCESS**

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The City Budget is a key management tool designed to provide essential structure for the financial planning, control, and evaluation for revenues and expenditures. The Mayor and Council's goals and directives set the tone for budget development. Annually, the Mayor and Council hold a late summer retreat to identify priorities, issues, and capital project expenditures. In addition, the Mayor and Council identify key policy issues that provide the direction and framework of the budget. At the most basic level, the budget is a legal document that gives City Officials the authority to collect designated revenues and incur obligation expenses. Lastly, the budget allocates resources and authorized expenditures among departments, reflecting the legislative priorities and policies.

## **PARKS SYSTEM BUDGETING**

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Parks system budgeting consists of three basic elements:

- Land costs
- Site improvement costs, and
- Ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

### **Land Costs:**

Land costs are typically the single most costly component of park system development. Fortunately, since the majority of housing within the City of Liberty Lake is platted as Planned Unit Developments (PUDs), developers donated land for parks and open space as a part of the platting process. The City may have to purchase land for parks or open space. If additional land is required, the following criteria can be used as points to consider when looking at different parcels of land:

- Is the site located appropriately for its intended use? – (i.e. centrally for community wide parks)
- Are there safety concerns with the site? – (i.e. traffic, crime, etc.)
- Is the site topography proper for the proposed facility?
- Does the site have the necessary infrastructure available?
- Does the site have access to the Spokane River?
- Does the site have access to Liberty Lake?
- Does the site contain environmentally sensitive areas? If yes, please identify:
- If facilities on the site will be lit, will the lighting be a nuisance to nearby residents?
- Will the sounds from activities proposed at the site be a nuisance to nearby residents?
- Does the site topography allow naturally for the separation of activities?
- Will extensive site landscaping be needed?
- Is there existing off-site parking near the site?
- Is it desirable to have the site strategically located? (i.e. near the Central Business District, library, etc.)?
- Will existing traffic egress and ingress to the site be changed by higher intensity use?
- Is the site historically or culturally significant?

### **Site Improvement, Operation, & Maintenance Costs:**

Once land has been acquired for parks and recreation uses, it is incumbent upon the City to improve that land with facilities that are in demand from the citizens. The types and quantities of facilities are discussed in this Plan. Cost for construction and improvements of park facilities should be determined prior to construction. Long term maintenance expenses of the facilities must also be considered. Maintenance costs of various facilities will vary depending on facility type, location, or other factors and therefore should be calculated on a case-by-case basis as part of the planning process. Refer to the Funding Sources within the Action Plan of this document for site improvement, operation, and maintenance funding.

## **PARKS SYSTEM AND RECREATION FACILITY EXAMPLES**

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- **Baseball/Softball Fields**

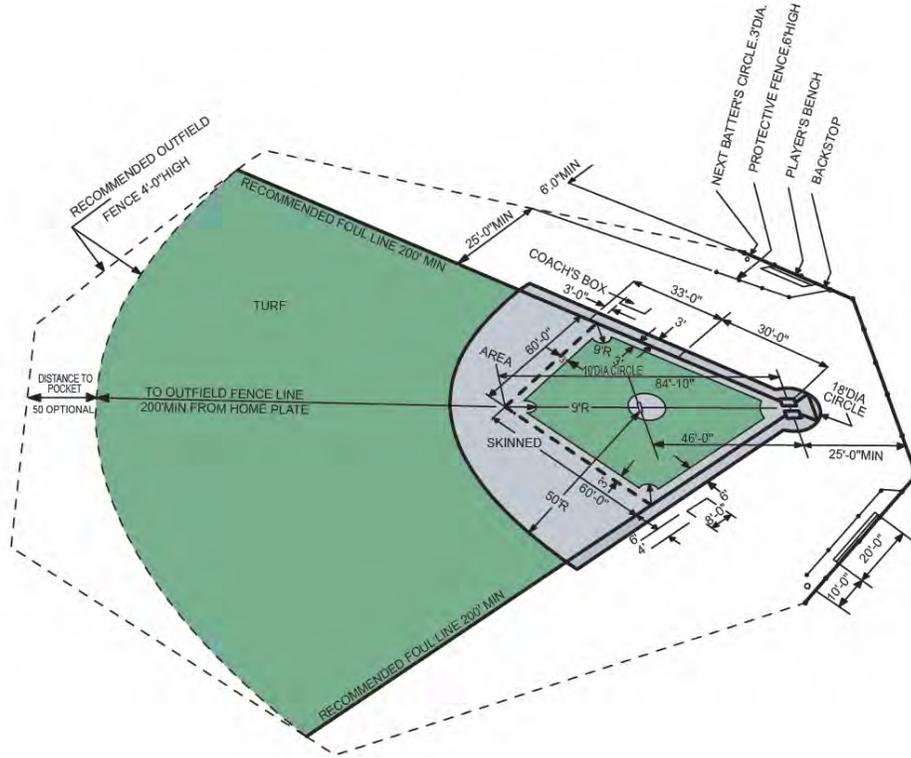
- Orientation Location: Home plate to second base North - South
- Field Area Coverage: 160,000 sq. ft. or 3.7 acres

Little League Baseball Field/Adult Softball Field: These fields generally possess elements making them serviceable for longer periods of time including higher quality turf, comprehensive low maintenance irrigation systems, improved infield materials (fast drying clays and soils), higher quality seating for spectators and teams, efficient drainage systems, and extensive removable fencing for securing and separating the field while in use. These fields are best suited for regulation Little League Baseball games, practices, and adult softball.

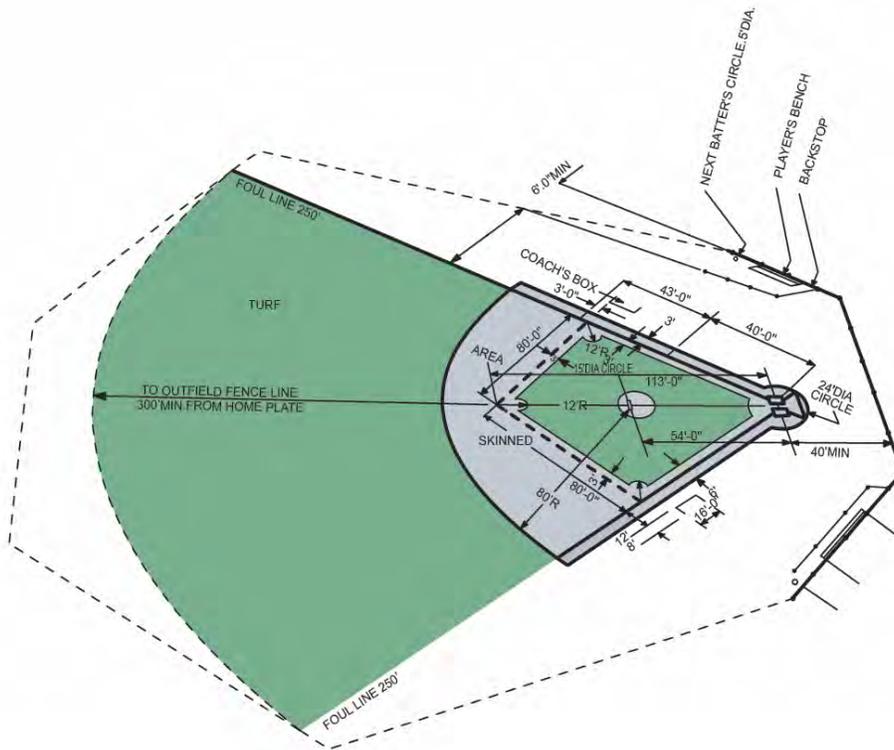
Pony League Baseball Field: These fields generally possess elements making them serviceable for longer periods of time including higher quality turf, comprehensive low maintenance irrigation systems, improved infield materials (fast drying clays and soils), higher quality seating for spectators and teams, efficient drainage systems, and extensive removable fencing for securing and separating the field while in use. These fields are best suited for regulation Pony Baseball games and practices.

Practice Baseball Field: These fields are serviceable playing surfaces with less sophisticated drainage systems (typically perimeter drainage only), utilization of soils existing on site, limited fencing for safety purposes only, minimal but adequate irrigation systems, throw-down bases, and generally lower capacity, seating for teams and spectators such as portable bleachers. These fields generally require only minimal (generally raw water) infrastructure improvements. These type of fields are best suited for practice play only, and not intended for league play, or adult regulation baseball or softball.

## Little League Baseball Field/Adult Softball Field



## Pony League Baseball Field

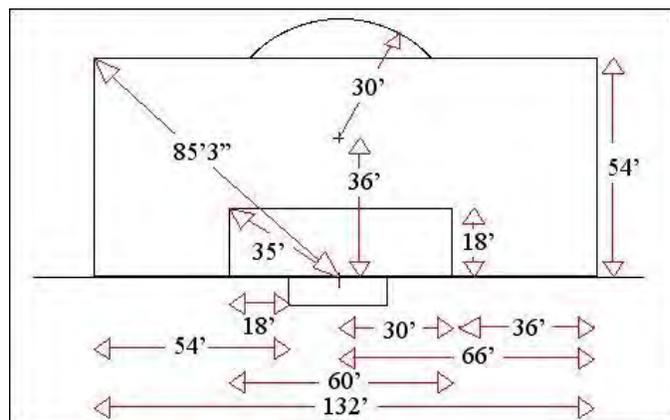
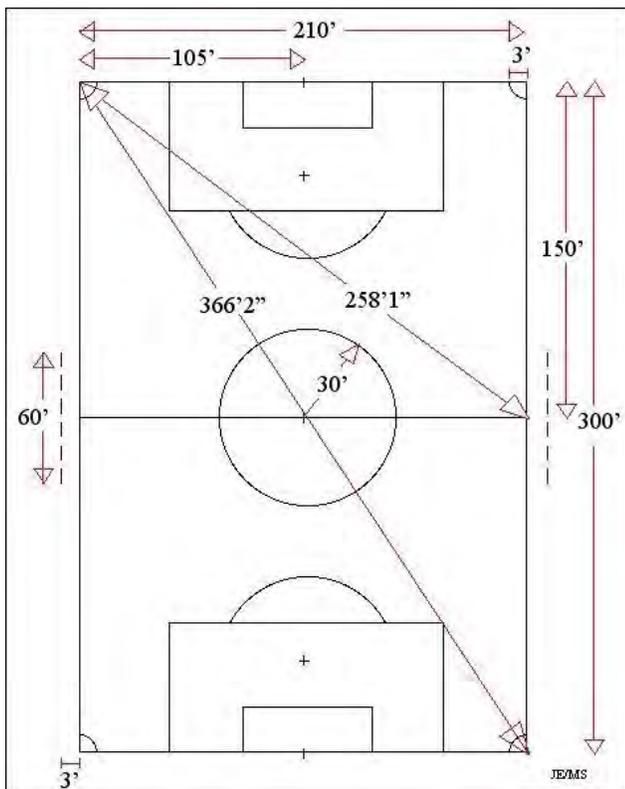


- **Soccer/Football Fields**

- Orientation Location: Length of the field from North to South if possible
- Field Area Coverage: Regulation–300ft x 210ft; Practice–150ft x 90ft
- Specifications: Regulation–soccer/football fields with basic drainage and irrigation, appropriate turf, portable scoreboard, and combination all weather soccer/football goals.

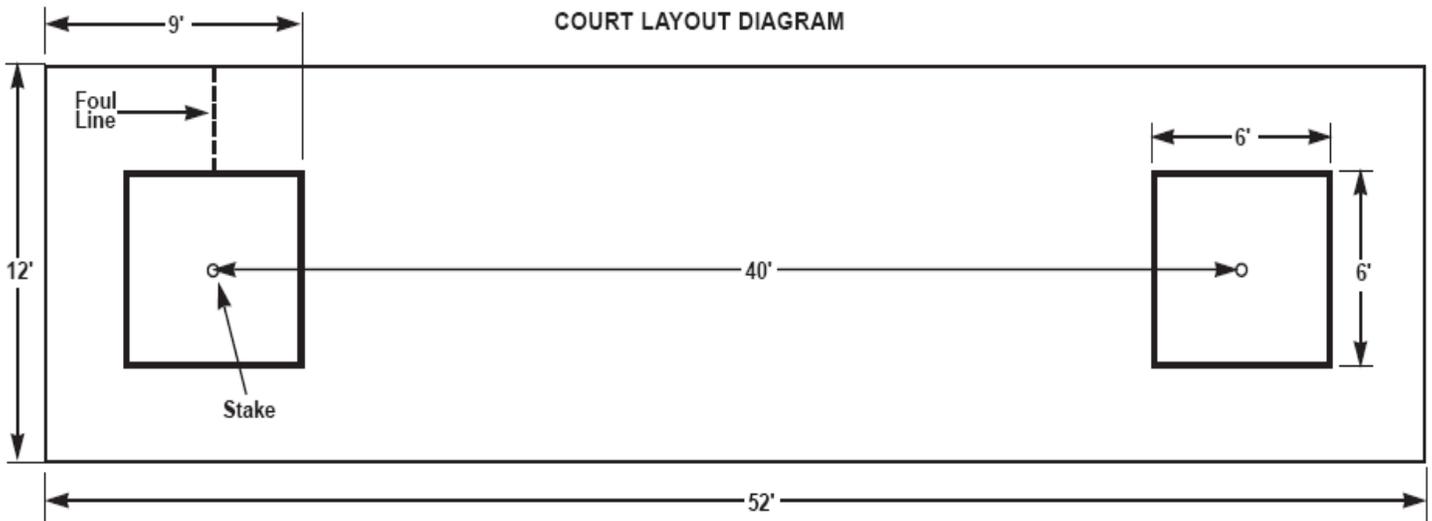
Soccer/football fields are less expensive to develop than baseball/softball fields primarily because the only requirements are generally a large level playing surface covered with adequate turf. The fields are interchangeable as lines can be painted on the fields and a full size football field will fit inside a full size soccer field. Combination (football/soccer) goals are advised for dual purpose fields. To minimize maintenance, comprehensive irrigation systems are recommended, even though these systems do add considerably to the overall cost. Because soccer/football fields do not have particularly specialized playing surfaces they can be overlapped with baseball outfields maximizing usable space and flexibility but compromising the ability to have two sports played simultaneously.

**Soccer Field (Regulation)**



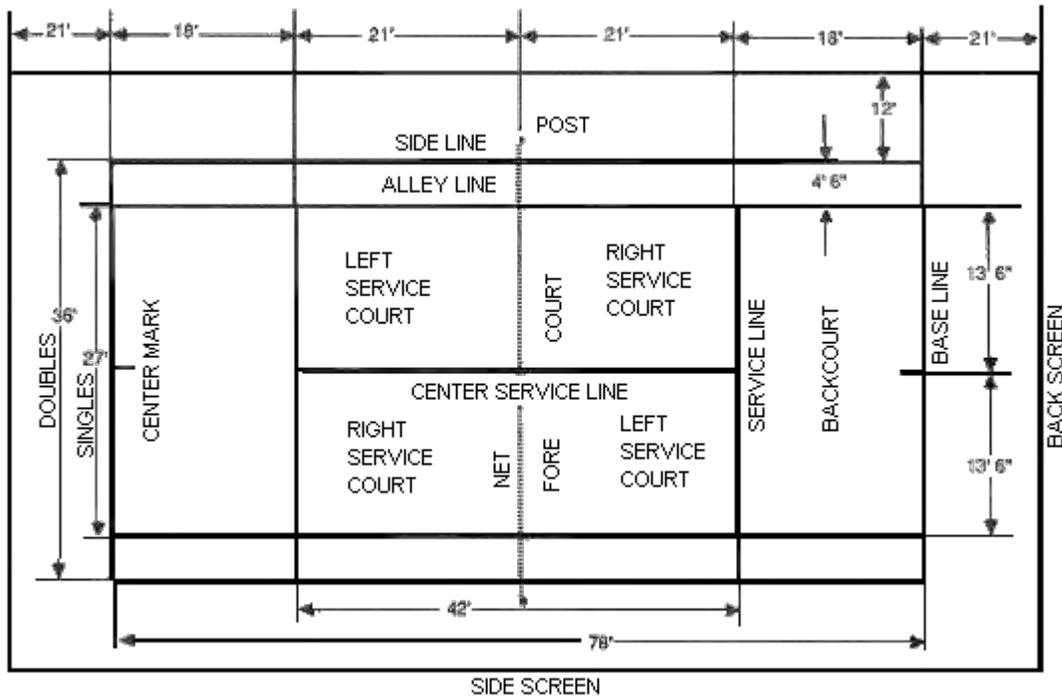
- **Horseshoe Courts**

- Orientation Location: North to South
- Court Area Coverage: 300 Sq. Ft.
- Total Facility Area Needs: 300 Sq. Ft.
- Specifications Summary: Regulation horseshoe court with 2 sand or clay filled pits, pitching platform (standing area), 2 stakes, and 2 backboards.



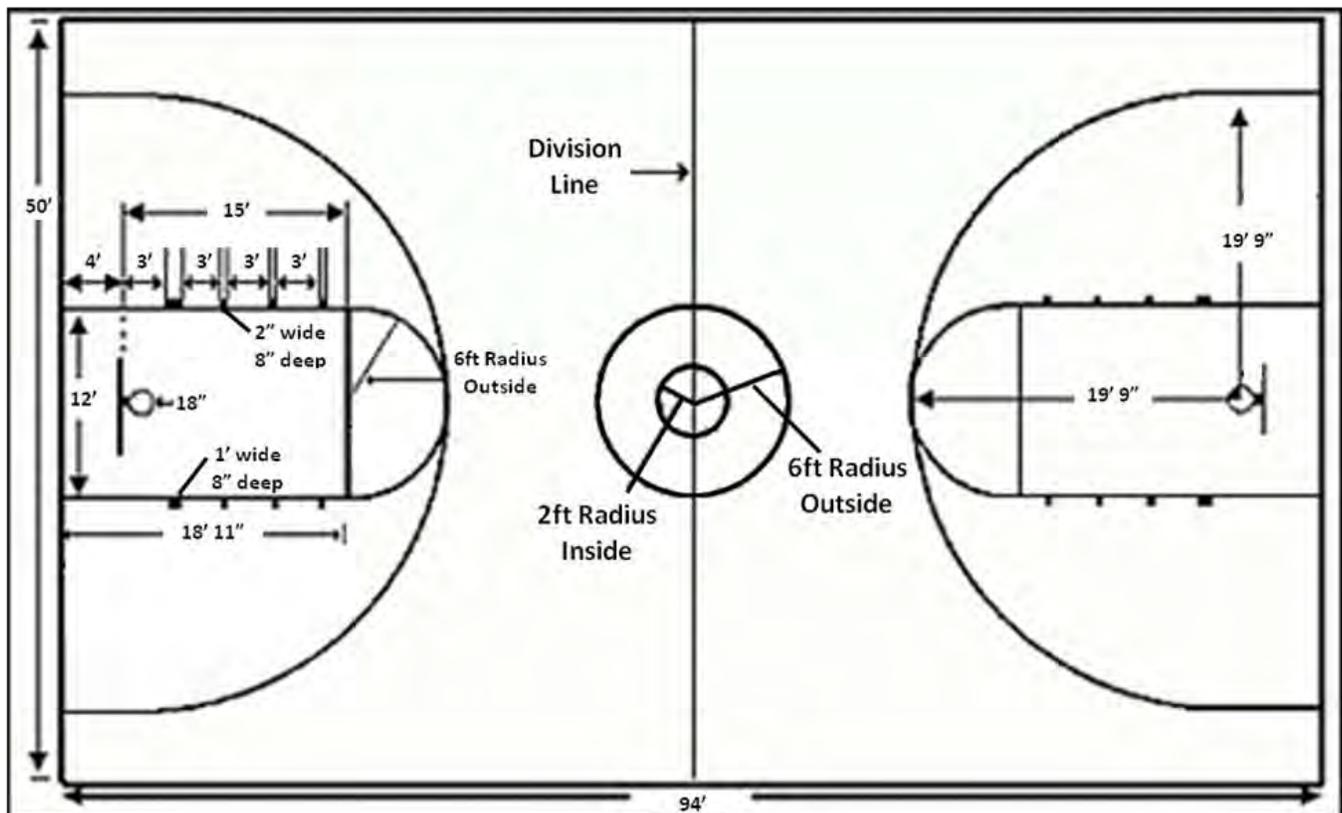
- **Tennis Courts**

- Orientation Location: North to South.
- Court Area Coverage: 2808 Sq. Ft.
- Total Facility Area Needs: 7200 Sq. Ft.
- Specifications Summary: Regulation tennis court with 10 ft. fencing, netting, and drainage, court cushioning, and possible full lighting for night play.



- **Basketball Courts**

- Orientation Location: Baskets at the North and South ends of court
- Court Area Coverage: 3700 Sq. Ft.
- Total Facility Area Needs: 6600 Sq. Ft.
- Specifications Summary: High School Regulation sized basketball court, concrete with painted lines and 10 foot fencing with lighting optional.



- **Skateboard Park**

- Orientation Location: N/A
- Facility Area Coverage: 7 – 17,000 Sq. Ft.
- Specifications: Approximately 7 - 10,000 Sq. Ft. of facilities. Either with flat concrete pad and a modest variety of concrete ramps, jumps, and steel rails, or concrete bowl design.

- **Playground**

- Orientation Location: Away from roadways and separated by age groups
- Facility Area Coverage: 3200 Sq. Ft.
- Total Facility Area Needs: 4900 Sq. Ft. or .1 acres
- Specifications: Modular play system with swings with a single light, and drinking fountain.

- **Trails (paved)**
  - Orientation Location: N/A
  - Specifications: 6' wide concrete sidewalk or 10' wide asphalt pathway.
  
- **Trails (dirt)**
  - Orientation Location: N/A
  - Specifications: 2-3' wide trail for hiking (no equestrian) use
  
- **Swimming Pool**
  - Orientation Location: N/A
  - Facility Area Coverage: 3600 Sq. Ft. (pool only)
  - Total Facility Area Needs: 12,400 or .14 acres
  - Specifications: for approximately a 60 x 60 pool with twice as much surrounding decking as pool area. Would also possibly include shower/changing facilities, mechanical equipment.

General guidelines for swimming pool construction suggest:

- That 60-70% of the pool be 1-4 feet deep
- 20-30% be 5-6 feet deep
- 10-15 percent diving area
- deck area at least twice as much as the surface area of the pool
- Pool should have full security fencing and controlled access points

- **General Park**
  - Orientation Location: N/A
  - Facility Area Coverage minimum: 43,560 Sq. Ft. or 1 acre
  - Specifications: Open, actively landscaped (planter boxes, decorative trees and shrubs) parkland (1 acre) with irrigation system, single light, with 3 trash cans, 5 park benches, 10 picnic tables, stationary barbecue units, bike rack, restroom, and drinking fountain.

Other Information and Tips:

- Generally 1 garbage can should be placed within 150 feet of every 4 picnic tables and should be emptied regularly with additional pickup during scheduled park events.
- It is best to place picnic tables within 400 feet of a parking lot; at least 1 picnic table shall be handicap accessible.
- Picnic table spacing should be at least 40 feet apart
- If a drinking fountain will be located on site it should be within 150 feet of the picnic tables and shall be handicap accessible.
- Irrigate parkland with raw water

**SECTION VI**  
**RECREATION SERVICES SECTION**

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**SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

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Recreation Programs:

Many recreation programs are offered year-round through Recreation Services. In 2008, over 850 people were registered in various recreation programs and events offered through the City. Programs offered included Lego classes, Kite Making Workshop, Capture the Flag, Ice Cream Socials, Guitar Hero Tournament, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Senior Prom, Adults Night Out, British Soccer Camp, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the popular Summer Day Camp CHILL. The goal set in the beginning of 2009, before the update of this plan, was to increase the number of registrations by 500 people and to continue to offer more programs to the Liberty Lake community. Most programs are offered through contracted 3<sup>rd</sup> party service providers to minimize registration cost, and expenses.

City Events:

Large City events such as the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Pet Day in the Park, Kite Fest, and many others were also organized and planned by Recreation Services during 2008. It is estimated that the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony drew a record crowd of over 300 people, doubling the old record of about 150 set in 2007. The Ice Cream Socials also had about 200 people per event attend.

Other Recreational Opportunities:

Golf recreation programs are offered through the Trailhead Golf Course and Spokane County's Meadowwood and Liberty Lake Golf Courses. Other recreation programs are offered by the privately owned recreation clubs, within or adjacent to the City, several independent clubs and teams, and the Friends of Pavillion Park. Youth baseball is offered through various community leagues.

Community Events:

In addition to large City events such as the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony put on by the City, there are many other community events held in the Liberty Lake Community. Some of the events are the annual Fireworks Display and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Community Yard Sale, Farmers Market, summer movies in the parks, and many more. These community events are coordinated by the City of Liberty Lake, the Friends of Pavillion Park, and other specific event committees.

## Recreation Program & Event Facilities:

The City of Liberty Lake offers its recreation programs and City events at the various facilities in the Liberty Lake Community. Most recreation programs are currently offered at Pavillion Park and the Trailhead Golf Course. Other programs and events are held at the HUB Sports Complex, City Hall, the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, Rocky Hill Park, and other various facilities and locations throughout the City.

## Current Status:

As of early June 2009, Recreation Services offered many new and exciting programs such as River Rafting, Chi Kung, Tai Chi, Summer Theatre Camp, Karate Classes, tickets to baseball games, Dance Classes, and Financial Seminars. The City's Summer Day Camp CHILL was also Sold-out for the entire summer in mid-May for the first time. Over 65 children will have had the opportunity enjoy the various camp activities and field trips offered throughout the summer.

## Future Considerations:

The Liberty Lake Community has a large population of active people and youth. While coordinating with the private sector for recreation programs and services as well as adding new programs through City staff and volunteer basis is currently working for the Liberty Lake Community, the City, in the future, may have to increase staff to keep up with the demand for more recreation programs. As the community grows and needs change, additional programs and services may need to be provided.

## **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS**

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Currently, the City of Liberty Lake coordinates most recreation program planning with the private sector; however, many new recreation programs are being offered by staff and through volunteer basis. Several teams and committees exist within the community that organize various sports leagues, classes, and leisure activities. Additionally, the Friends of Pavillion Park sponsors various recreational activities for the community. The City of Liberty Lake manages the golf programs at Trailhead Golf Course and Spokane County coordinates golf programs at their Meadowwood and Liberty Lake Golf Courses.

## **DEFICIENCIES IN EXISTING RECREATION PROGRAMS**

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During the initial public participation process used for the creation of this plan, four workshops were held from January 2005 to April 2005. Surveys were also conducted during this time to help the City gather input on existing and future parks, recreation, open space, and trail needs. The following is a brief summary of survey responses concerning recreation programs and events from 2005.

### As you think about Liberty Lake Parks, Trails and Open Space, what issues or concerns would you list?

- Involve homeowner associations, Friends of Pavillion Park, & other groups w/ the City to work together.
- More concerts, less movies – could have a membership ticket to offset expenses like the Sandpoint Festival
- Movies that are “R” rated should not be shown on the park movie nights – no way to monitor ages.
- Senior Center. Activities similar to the Corbin Art Center. A meeting place and activities (art classes, yoga, dance, seminars) for the Seniors. It would be easier and less driving for seniors to attend functions closer to home rather than driving into the valley or downtown.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Facility Standards developed for this plan are based on the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) guidelines. Utilizing standards allows the planning process to set a benchmark of desired facilities for a specific population. The Facility Standards Table below shows standards in terms of current quantities of specific facilities or amenities in relation to the current population. The table also shows the amount of recommended facilities needed to serve the current population based on NRPA guidelines.

The NRPA guidelines will be used as a tool to assist in determining current and future community-wide recreation needs. Actual facility needs shall be determined through community input, such as the 2008 survey.

#### SUMMARY OF FACILITY NEEDS

The following table represents a comparison of existing facilities to the NRPA guidelines based on the build out population for 2022 of 15,861. As of April 1, 2008, the official City population was 6,980. With hundreds of acres of park, recreation, and open space land (excluding the 3 golf courses within the City), plus the extensive community trail system, the City's existing Level of Service (LOS) of 34.3 acres per 1000 people exceeds the NRPA standard of 5.4 per 1000. The City's minimum LOS of 30 acres per 1000 will continue to exceed the NRPA standard overall. The survey ranking information was compiled from the 2008 parks and recreation survey. The ranking was calculated from a combination of the survey comments and responses to questions that show what features and elements were most important to the survey responders. Final facility determinations shall be made at the time of individual park design through public participation.

Facility Standards Table	Public Facilities <sup>1</sup>	Community Wide Facilities <sup>2</sup>	Existing Total	NRPA Standard Guidelines	Amount Needed If City Owned <sup>3</sup>	Amount Needed Community Wide <sup>4</sup>	Survey Rank <sup>5</sup>
Amphitheater	1	1	2	1 per 5,000	2	1	4
Baseball/Softball Fields (multi-use) <sup>6</sup>	3	0	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	6
Baseball/Softball Fields (competition)	0	0	0	1 per 5,000	3	3	10
Campground	0	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Community Garden	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Community Building	3	1	4	1 per 10,000	0	0	N/A
Disc Golf Course	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dog Park	0	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	12

Fishing Access	0	3	3	1 per 20,000	0	0	N/A
Football Fields (multi-use) 6	2	0	2	1 per 5,000	1	1	6
Gymnasium	1	6	7	1 per 10,000	0	0	N/A
Historic Sites	1	2	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Horseshoe Courts	1	0	1	1 per 5,000	2	2	N/A
Maintenance Building	1	0	1	1 per 10,000	0	0	N/A
Multi-Use Trails	29.65mi	5.1mi	33.8mi	-	-	-	1
ORV Park	0	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Outdoor Basketball Courts (full)	4	0	4	1 per 5,000	0	0	9
Outdoor Basketball Courts (half)	8	0	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Parking	4	3	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Picnic Shelter Area	1	1	2	1 per 2,000	6	5	3
Playground	6	3	9	1 per 2,000	1	0	2
Pond/River/Wetland	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Restroom Facility	2	4	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roller Hockey Court (multi-use) 6	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Skate Park	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Soccer Fields (practice/multi-use) 6	20	0	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	6
Soccer Fields (competition)	1	0	1	1 per 4,000	2	2	10
Spray Park	2	0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
Swimming Pool (indoor)	0	3	3	1 per 20,000	0	0	7
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	0	3	3	1 per 10,000	1	0	7
Tennis Courts	1	0	1	1 per 2,000	6	6	8
Volleyball Courts	0	1	1	1 per 5,000	3	2	N/A

1. Includes city owned facilities, other publicly owned facilities inside the city, and privately owned facilities that are zoned open space/rec.
2. Community Wide Facilities include privately owned facilities such as clubs, hotels, apartment complexes, as well as facilities located outside the city limits in the Liberty Lake Community. Also includes 2 Pocket Parks in Legacy Ridge not zoned open space.
3. Amount needed if City owned, represents the number needed of each facility to satisfy the needs of the people within the City Limits based on NRPA Guidelines.
4. Amount needed Community Wide, represents the number needed of each facility, based on NRPA Guidelines, taking into account the City of Liberty Lake, surrounding area, and privately owned facilities.
5. Represents ranking from the 2008 Liberty Lake Community Park Planning Survey on the importance of enhancing these facilities in parks and open space (using a scale, 1 being the most important).
6. These are multi-use sports fields or courts that serve more than one purpose (for practice and general play use).

## CITY PARK LAND NEEDS

Currently, inside city limits, the needs lie in the areas of a competition baseball/softball field, three picnic shelters, competition soccer field, three tennis courts, and a volleyball court according to the standards set by NRPA. These standards are simply a guideline to use and not a determination of the community's wants. The community wants have been addressed within the 2008 survey which is reflected in other charts in this section. The current facility needs, based on only those public facilities located inside City Limits can be seen in the second column of the table on page 45. The items are organized by population:

<b>Current – 9,999</b>	<b>10,000 – 14,999</b>	<b>15,000- 19,999</b>	<b>20,000 -24,999</b>
Baseball/Softball Field (Competition)	+ Amphitheater	+ Amphitheater	+ Amphitheater
Picnic Shelter (3)	+ Baseball/Softball Field (Competition)	+ Baseball/Softball Field (Competition)	+ Baseball/Softball Field (Competition)
Soccer Field	+ Horseshoe Court	+ Football Field	+ Fishing Access
Tennis Court (3)	+ Picnic Shelter (3)	+ Horseshoe Court	+ Football Field
Volleyball Court	+ Playground	+ Picnic Shelter (2)	+ Gymnasium
	+ Soccer Field	+ Playground (2)	+ Horseshoe Court
	+ Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	+ Soccer Field	+ Maintenance Building
	+ Tennis Court (3)	+ Tennis Court (2)	+ Picnic Shelter (3)
	+ Volleyball Court	+ Volleyball Court	+ Playground (3)
			+ Soccer Field (2)
			+ Swimming Pool (Indoor)
			+ Swimming Pool (Outdoor)
			+ Tennis Court (3)
			+ Volleyball Court

\*Based on NRPA Standards

## COMMUNITY PARK LAND NEEDS

Currently, community wide, the needs lie in the areas of a competition baseball/softball field, two picnic shelters, a competition soccer field, and three tennis courts according to the standards set by NRPA. These standards are simply a guideline to use and not a determination of the communities wants. The community wants have been addressed with 2008 survey which is reflected in other charts in this section. The current facility needs based on all public and privately owned facilities located inside the City of Liberty Lake, and within the Liberty Lake Community can be seen in the third column of the table on page 45. The items are organized by population:

<b>Current – 9,999</b>	<b>10,000 – 14,999</b>	<b>15,000- 19,999</b>	<b>20,000 -24,999</b>
Baseball/Softball Field (Competition)	+ Baseball/Softball Field (Competition)	+ Amphitheater	+ Amphitheater
Picnic Shelter (2)	+ Horseshoe Court	+ Baseball/Softball Field (Competition)	+ Baseball/Softball Field (Competition)
Soccer Field	+ Picnic Shelter (3)	+ Football	+ Football
Tennis Courts (3)	+ Soccer Field	+ Horseshoe Court	+ Horseshoe Court
	+ Tennis Courts (3)	+ Picnic Shelter (2)	+ Maintenance Building
	+ Volleyball Court	+ Soccer Field	+ Picnic Shelter (3)
		+ Tennis Courts (2)	+ Playground (3)
		+ Volleyball Court	+ Soccer Field (2)
			+ Tennis Courts (3)
			+ Volleyball Court

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**SECTION VIII**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

The City of Liberty Lake Comprehensive Plan outlines an overall vision for Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and contains goals and objectives to achieve the vision. The following is the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element Vision Statements:

1. Additional parks, possibly one by the Spokane River
2. Additional trees and preserved natural beauty
3. Expansion of the current pedestrian friendly trail system
4. Inclusion of golf courses and other recreational opportunities within the City
5. City community center
6. Additional community access to Liberty Lake

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The following are the Goals and Objectives established for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space in the City's Comprehensive Plan:

**General Goals and Policies**

The residents of the City of Liberty Lake and surrounding communities value the long-term benefits of parks and recreation. It is important to retain the connection with the outdoors, provide for passive and active recreational activities, and avoid the visual monotony of crowded and undifferentiated structures. These general goals will be fulfilled by encouraging the development of, maintaining, and/or preserving a network of parks, trails, and open space.

**Goal**

**P.1: Ensure the availability of a variety of parks, recreation facilities and services, and open space to benefit a wide range of age, social, economic, and special group interests and abilities.**

**Policies**

P.1.1: Develop, maintain, and utilize a detailed Liberty Lake Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. The plan should be updated at least every 5 years or sooner if conditions alter the effectiveness of the existing plan and shall:

1. Identify existing parks, trails, open space, and recreational facilities;
2. Identify the need for future parks, trails, open space, and recreational facilities and where they may be located;
3. Identify and prioritize strategies to meet level of service standards identified in the Comprehensive Plan;
4. Identify funding sources necessary to meet the level of service standard and maintain public parks, trails, open space, and recreational facilities and services;

5. Ascertain the economic feasibility of all new public parks, trails, open space, and recreational facilities.

P.1.2: Development of new parks, recreation, and open space facilities, whether public or private, shall be consistent with the City of Liberty Lake's Comprehensive Plan and the Parks Plan or other plans as adopted.

P.1.3: Park and recreation facilities should serve the widest possible cross-section of citizen needs and interests, including handicap accessibility where possible.

P.1.4: Parks, recreation, and open space facilities should be located where they will provide for a variety of activities, as well as where they will best preserve, enhance, and protect important habitat areas, corridors and linkages, natural amenities (e.g., wetlands and shorelines), unique landscape features (e.g., cliffs and bluffs), or other outstanding natural features.

P.1.5: Allocate parks, recreation, and open space facilities throughout the City in a manner that provides an equitable geographic distribution based on population density.

P.1.6: Respond to the diversity of public needs by offering a range of recreational opportunities from passive to active, and from unstructured activity to organized recreation.

P.1.7: Involve the public and other agencies with expertise in the decision making process regarding parks, recreation, and open space facilities and programs.

P.1.8: Ensure the public has access to any lake, stream, or river that may fall within the City, within the carrying-capacity limits of the water resources and adjacent natural systems.

## **Goal**

**P.2: Develop, or encourage the development of, parks and recreation facilities to meet the needs of the public.**

### **Policies**

P.2.1: Coordinate and cooperate with both public and private sector interests to further park and recreational opportunities.

P.2.2: Work with nonprofit and for-profit recreation providers to enhance the quality and quantity of available recreation facilities at the lowest possible expense to the taxpayer.

## **Level of Service for Parks, Trails, Open Space, and Recreational Facilities**

**Purpose:** The residents of the City of Liberty Lake and surrounding communities desire to preserve the variety and convenience of the recreational opportunities, as well as the uncluttered and aesthetically pleasing atmosphere of their communities made possible by the variety and abundance of open space, trails, and the parks, both public and private, within the City of Liberty Lake. In order to ensure that future residents enjoy the same benefits of abundant parks, recreation, and open space, a minimum level of service should be maintained.

## **Goal**

**P.3: Set a minimum level of service for parks, trails, and open space of 30 acres per 1000 population, inclusive of golf courses, natural areas, school play areas, and other outdoor recreational areas.**

### **Policies**

P.3.1: Offer neighborhoods within the City the ability to increase park and recreation opportunities through privately owned neighborhood parks.

P.3.2: New development shall mitigate all of its direct impacts of development on public parks, recreation, and open space facilities by dedicating land in the form of parks, trails, or other open space, inclusive of golf courses, natural areas, school play areas, and other outdoor recreational areas.

P.3.3: Parks, trails, and other open spaces designed to mitigate development impacts shall be within maximum specified distances from all locations within the development.

P.3.4: City owned recreation facilities should be designed and operated to recover operating costs. Any adopted fee structure policies should be based on the cost of providing service.

P.3.5: Encourage innovative strategies and incentives (e.g., adopt-a-park, adopt-a-trail, adopt-a-space) to enhance existing programs for park maintenance, safety, and accessibility.

### **Park Maintenance and Design**

**Purpose:** It is important that the City maintain existing parks, recreation, and open space to ensure safety, security, and cleanliness. Well-designed parks and connecting trails will contribute to the aesthetic qualities of the City as well as the welfare, safety, and security of its citizens.

### **Goal**

**P.4: Continue to provide a parks and trail system that is well maintained and effectively managed to meet both current and future needs.**

#### **Policies**

P.4.1: Maintenance of existing parks, recreation, and open space facilities shall take precedence over acquisition of new facilities.

P.4.2: Design standards for parks, recreation, and open space should ensure safety, security, cleanliness, accessibility and ease of maintenance.

P.4.3: Best management practices should be utilized in the design of city parks, recreation, and open space facilities.

P.4.4: Parks, recreation, and open space should be designed and located to provide ease of access for pedestrians, handicapped persons, bicycles, autos, and public transit.

P.4.5: To the greatest extent possible, retain the natural features of proposed parks and recreation areas. Encourage designs that incorporate the use of native plants and grasses.

P.4.6: Ensure safe trails and/or bike lanes are developed along new arterials.

### **Open Space Goals and Policies**

Open space contributes directly and indirectly to the economic value of nearby property and to the economic value of the community by enhancing its attractiveness to existing and prospective individual and commercial residents. Open space includes trails, meadows, golf courses, public and non-public parks (zoned open space), and recreational playing fields associated with schools. The purpose of this section is to provide a policy framework to preserve the open space areas that function as a system of corridors so that opportunities for recreation, trails, wildlife habitat, and connection of critical areas are maintained.

#### **Purpose**

To preserve and create viable natural habitat and trail corridors integrated with and whenever possible, connected to, a well-distributed system of neighborhood, community and regional parks designed to enhance the quality of life by providing recreational opportunity, preserving open space, and protecting important elements of Liberty Lake's great natural heritage for future generations.

#### **Goal**

**P.5: Preserve and protect existing and designated open space areas and corridors throughout the City to maintain a physical and functional system of open space corridors which protect environmental resources, enhance visual aesthetics, provide circulation linkages, and ensure adequate separation and buffers between various land uses.**

## **Policies**

P.5.1: Monitor change in open space quantity and quality to evaluate the cumulative impacts on the existing system of open space over time, and take the necessary steps to ensure open space is protected.

P.5.2: Encourage private efforts to acquire property and/or secure easements or development rights for open space, wildlife habitat, and recreation.

P.5.3: Develop revenue sources for the funding of open space. Funding sources may include, but are not limited to, impact fees.

P.5.4: Where appropriate, conserve existing public lands in a natural state through careful planning and cooperative agreements between government agencies and public and private groups.

P.5.5: Through planning, open space corridors shall be established as appropriate to serve as greenbelt buffers, trails, wildlife habitat, and recreation areas between and among developments.

P.5.6: Identify and designate open space areas and corridors throughout the City. These open spaces shall include lands useful for recreation, wildlife habitat, trails, and connection of critical areas.

P.5.7: The open space designations must be based on community needs and values over time, as population increases.

P.5.8: Public Open Space designations must be accompanied with funding, planning, and acquisition techniques that reasonably ensure the land will be available for open space methods of retention, such as the following:

1. Conservation Futures Tax
2. Conservation Easements
3. Land Trust
4. Transfer of Development Rights
5. Public Acquisition of property
6. Private acquisition
7. Donation
8. Planned Development/ Clustering
9. Dedication
10. Impact Fees
11. Golf Course Admissions Tax

P.5.9: Establish a public process consistent with the City of Liberty Lake's Parks Plan or other plans as adopted, for prioritizing future park and open space land acquisitions. The acquisition policy should be flexible enough to permit the capture of an unanticipated opportunity.

P.5.10: Solicit involvement by the general public, agencies, and individuals with expertise in open space land acquisition decisions.

P.5.11: Encourage the preservation of open space by nonprofit organizations and private individuals.

P.5.12: Encourage the retention of all publicly owned open space areas.

P.5.13: Respect private property rights while preserving open space corridors through regulatory means.

P.5.14: Implement the open space designation through zoning and other regulatory techniques such as residential clustering, critical area buffers, and wildlife management plans to provide an open space system and to preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas.

P.5.15: Promote the inclusion of maintained open space within planned unit developments for residential, commercial, and industrial development.

P.5.16: Established view corridors throughout the City shall be maintained and, whenever possible, enhanced.

### **Trails Goals and Policies**

**Purpose:** The City of Liberty Lake's trail system is utilized for both recreational and transportation purposes. While the trail system is a significant component of the City's parks, recreational, and open space facilities, it is the backbone of the City's pedestrian and non-motorized vehicle traffic plan and as such is fully addressed in the Transportation Element of this plan. To the extent that the trail system contributes to the recreational opportunities found in the City, it is addressed in this element as well.

### **Goals**

**P.6a: Create a system of multipurpose trails that meet present and projected recreational needs and connects with the regional system of such trails at multiple, convenient locations.**

**P.6b: Make the enhancement of the existing trail system plan a priority project.**

### **Policies**

P.6.1: Ensure trails are handicap accessible.

P.6.2: Prepare and maintain a recreational enhancements program for the trails plan. The trails plan should link population centers, community facilities, workplaces, neighborhoods, schools, recreation areas, open space, and cultural/ historical areas. Coordinate with other agencies and trails committee(s) to ensure a comprehensive approach to trail system planning.

P.6.3: Separate recreational trails from motorized vehicle traffic where feasible.

P.6.4: Inventory and examine existing rights-of-way (including abandoned rail and utility easements) for possible use as multipurpose non-motorized vehicle trails.

## **SECTION IX**

### **STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS LOCAL, STATE, & NATIONAL CONCERNS**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

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The City of Liberty Lake can address concerns from the local, state, and national levels through coordinated public participation efforts and a thorough plan.

##### **Local Level**

- Seek involvement from residents and businesses in the creation and update of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan.
- Conduct workshops to receive citizen feedback and enhance design ideas for specific parks, recreation, trails, and open space projects.
- Provide project updates and notices to citizens via the City newsletter and website, as well as the local newspaper, as applicable.
- Educate park users about adopted rules and regulations concerning alcohol use in the parks, animals within the parks, tobacco use in the parks, etc. through posting of park rules on site and on the City Website.

##### **State Level**

- Coordinate with the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development in the creation and update of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan.

##### **National Level**

- Design parks, recreation, open space, and trails to conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the guidelines established through the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board).

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#### INTRODUCTION

In 2003, the City's Comprehensive Plan established a vision, goals, and objectives for parks, recreation, trails, and open space planning. The Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan will implement the Comprehensive Plan for parks planning and enhance our community vision. Public participation has been sought throughout the creation of this plan and continued public participation will be encouraged as the plan is amended and projects are developed.

Section VII outlines the City's Park and Facility Needs. The following are the immediate parks, recreation, open space, and trails needs based on NRPA guidelines and community input (also see the table under Park Land Needs on page 45 for further needs based on City population, and the 2008 community survey located in the Appendix).

#### NRPA Guidelines

- Baseball/Softball Field (Competition)
- Picnic Shelter Areas (3)
- Soccer Field
- Tennis Court (3)
- Volleyball Court

#### 2008 Community Survey (Top 5)

- Multi-Use Trails
- Playground
- Picnic Shelter Area
- Amphitheatre
- Spray Park

Additionally, the map and planning summary below contains recommendations for facility locations, needs, etc. formulated from the community input during the public participation process for this plan.

- Item A of the Planning Summary, on page 60, contains a background with Types of Park and Recreation Areas based on national guidelines.
- Items B-H of the Planning Summary, on pages 63 - 66, contain recommendations for Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks, River & Trails, Open Spaces, and Sports Facilities.
- Additionally, the recommendations below address Park Rehabilitation, Park Management, Programs & Services, and Miscellaneous Recommendations for a Town Square, Open Space & Viewscape Protection, Spokane County Regional Park Passes & Recreation Program Discounts, Park Equipment & Design, and Winter Recreation.

## **NEW PARK, RECREATION, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT**

Four public workshops were held from January 2005 to April 2005 to help expand the vision for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space that was established by the City Comprehensive Plan. The planning area was divided into four quadrants (see Appendix for Quadrant Map):

### **NW Quad**

This area of the City is largely undeveloped and contains direct access to the Spokane River and Centennial Trail. A pedestrian overpass spanning I-90 greatly enhances the use of the area.

### **NE Quad**

This area of the City is largely undeveloped and adjacent to Liberty Lake's industrial use area. Unique land forms and historic structures are present.

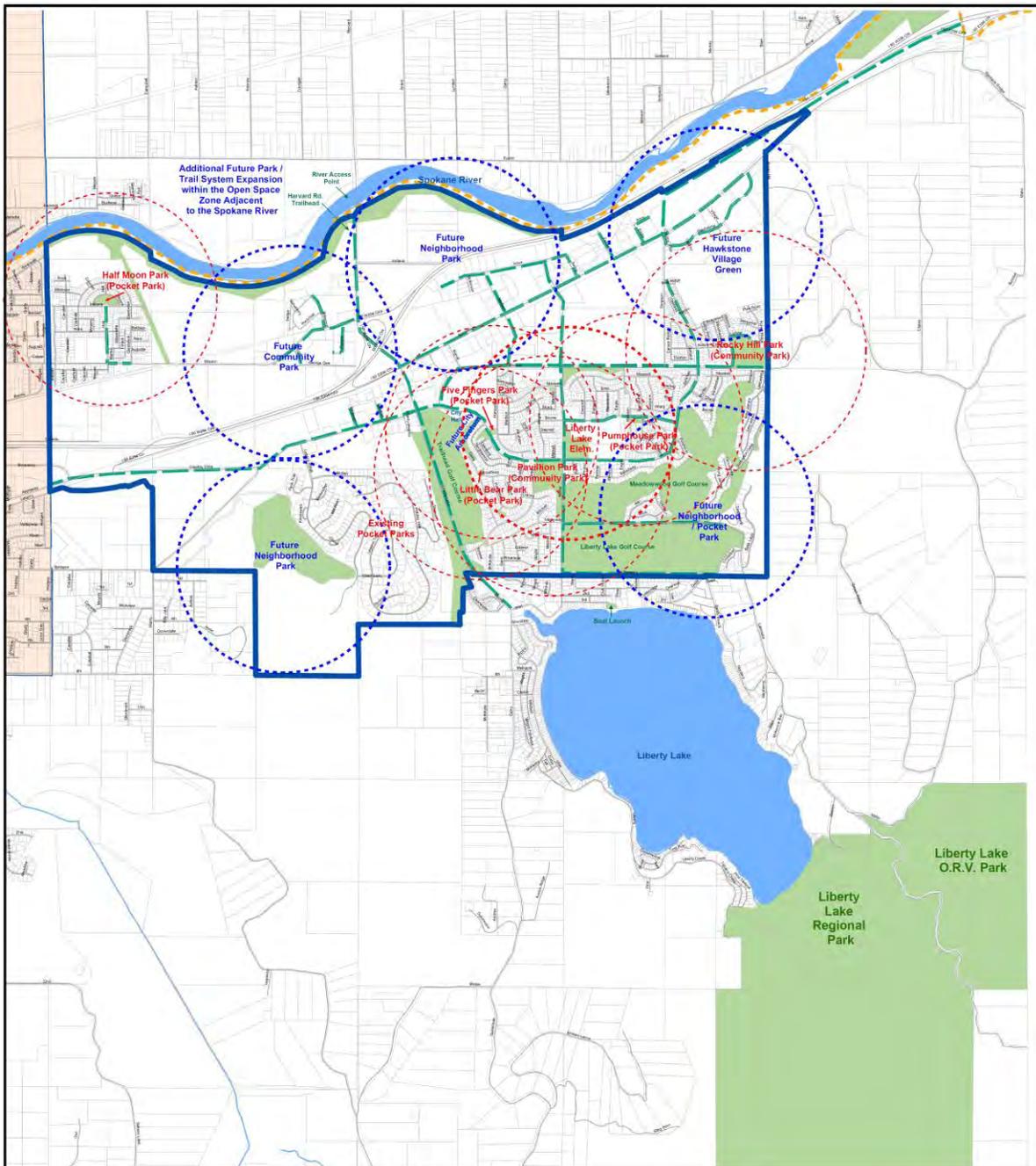
### **SW Quad**

This area contains the primary entrances and commercial core of the City. Residential land use in this section is mostly made up of a developing, private community.

### **SE Quad**

This area is largely built-out, but also generated the most public planning interest due to its proximity to the lake and Liberty Lake Regional Park; both of which are located outside the City boundary.

Although initially the planning area was divided into quadrants in 2005, it was determined that the ideas developed during the workshops could be utilized throughout the community. Results from the 2005 workshops matched the NRPA standards and the Comprehensive Plan very closely. The following maps depict existing and potential sites for new park development. Based on the 2008 community survey, parks within walking distance are important. The sites proposed are based on the areas that have little or no parks opportunities within ½ mile radiuses of the existing parks shown on the map on page 57. The City Comprehensive Plan incorporates the Ahwahnee principles under the Urban Design and Community Character section. Principle number four states: "The Central Business District, Community Centers, and Neighborhood Centers will be designed so that housing, jobs, daily needs, and other activities are within easy walking or biking distance of each other." Principle number five states: "As many activities as possible should be located within easy walking distance of transit stops." According to walkable.org the maximum walkable distance should be no more than ½ mile. The goal is to have all residential and mixed use areas within ½ mile of a park within the City. The map depicts Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Pocket Parks, School Parks, and existing trails.



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**Liberty Lake 1/2 Mile Parks Service Area Analysis Map**

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**Map Legend**

- ⊘ Existing Parks 1/2 Mile Service Area
- ⊘ Future Parks 1/2 Mile Service Area  
(Future Community & Neighborhood Park Sizes Based on Facility Needs)
- Centennial Trail
- Existing Trails & Paths
- Open Space / Recreation Zone
- Water Bodies
- City of Liberty Lake
- City of Spokane Valley

**Map Location**

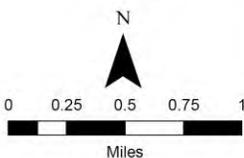


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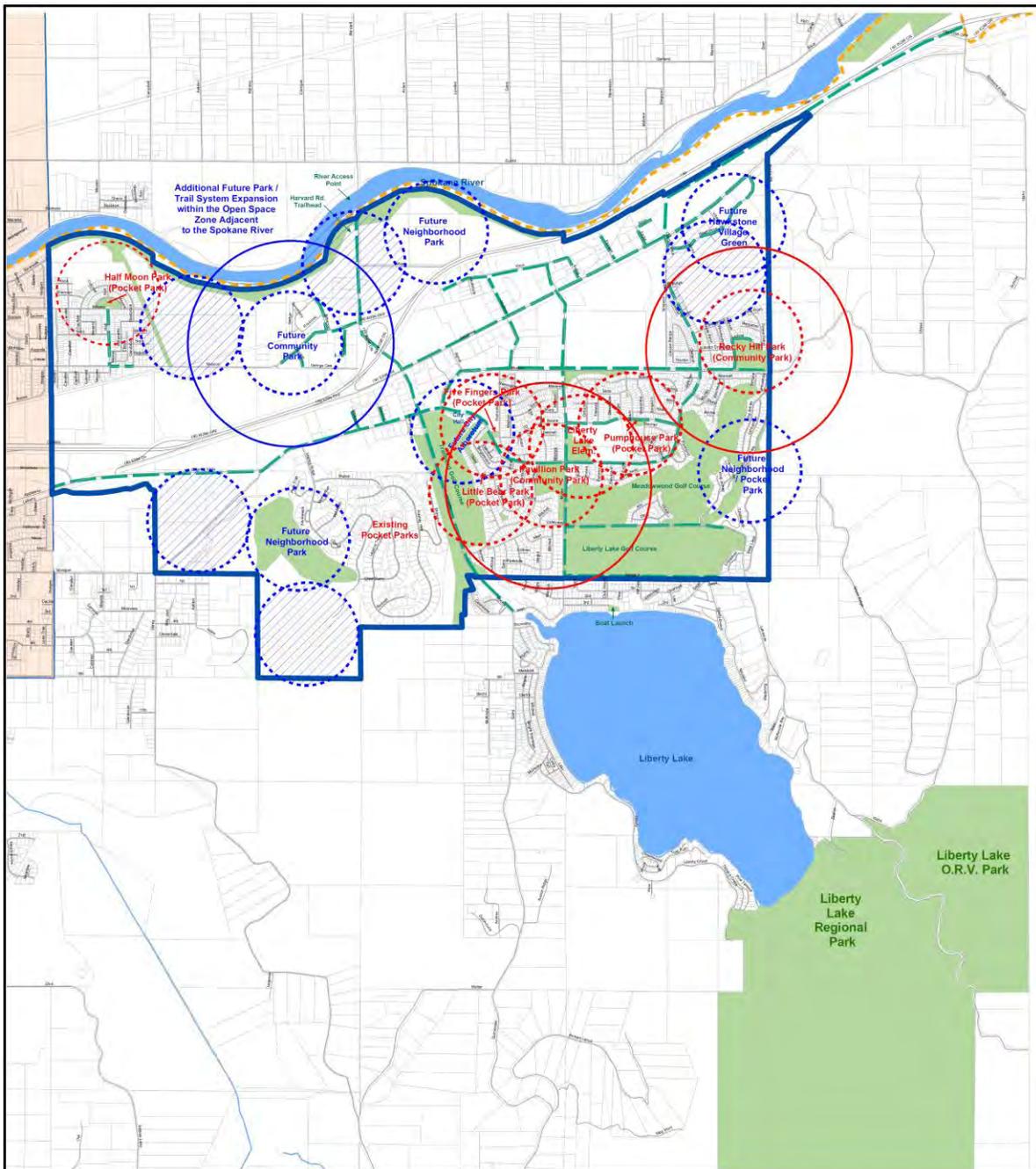
As of December 2005, the City of Liberty Lake has required all new development to provide sidewalk / pathway connections to all uses within the City; however individual residential neighborhood sidewalks are not shown on this map.



**Liberty Lake 1/2 Mile Parks Service Area Analysis**



The 2008 community survey emphasized that parks within walking distance are important. On June 10, 2009, the City Planning Commission held a Public Workshop on the 2009 Parks, Recreation, Open space, and Trails Plan Update. At the Public Workshop, a discussion on walkability was held and the importance of parks within walking distances was re-emphasized. Based on public comments received at the Public Workshop, the following map has been included which includes a ¼ mile service area walkability analysis. The sites proposed on the following map are based on the areas that have little or no parks opportunities within ¼ mile radiuses of the existing or proposed parks shown on the map on page 59. Additionally, every effort has been made to consider pedestrian and bicycle access to the parks which is not limited by natural or other boundaries. By NRPA definitions below, the location criteria for a neighborhood park includes being centrally located within a service area of ¼ to ½ mile that is uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers. A community parks' location is determined by the quality and suitability of the site and they usually serve two or more neighborhoods within .5 – 3 miles. A ½ mile radius has also been included around existing and proposed community parks for comparison. The additional parks identified could be any type and size of park identified in the Types of Park and Recreation Areas below based on the facility needs.



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**Liberty Lake 1/4 Mile Parks Service Area Analysis Map**  
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**Map Legend**

- Existing Parks 1/4 Mile Service Area
- Future Parks 1/4 Mile Service Area
- Centennial Trail
- Existing Trails & Paths
- Open Space / Recreation Zone
- Water Bodies
- City of Liberty Lake
- City of Spokane Valley
- Additional Park Needed Based on 1/4 Mile Service Area (Unplatted Land)
- 1/2 Mile Community Park Service Area Comparison (Future Community & Neighborhood Park Sizes Based on Facility Needs)

**Map Location**

Map area is contained within T 25 N, R 45 E, W.M.

As of December 2005, the City of Liberty Lake has required all new development to provide sidewalk / pathway connections to all uses within the City; however individual residential neighborhood sidewalks are not shown on this map.

# Liberty Lake 1/4 Mile Parks Service Area Analysis

## Planning Summary

### A. Types of Park and Recreation Areas (definition source: Mertes, James D, Ph.D. and James R. Hall, CLP. Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines. Nat'l Recreation and Park Assn, 1996).

#### 1. Community Park: 10-50 Acres

- a. Community parks serve a more broad purpose than a neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based, active and passive recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.
- b. A community parks' location is determined by the quality and suitability of the site. It usually serves two or more neighborhoods within .5 – 3 miles. The City of Liberty Lake has utilized a ¼ mile to ½ mile minimum radius on all parks. Park sizes are based on facility needs.

#### c. Potential recreation facilities in a community park include:

##### Active – distribution determined on a site-by-site basis

- large play structures and/or creative play attractions
- game courts
- non-programmed, or “informal” playfield or open space
- some programmed activity is compatible and acceptable
- tennis courts
- volleyball courts
- shuffleboard courts
- horseshoe areas
- wading pools
- swimming pools
- swimming beaches
- disc golf areas

##### Passive

- extensive internal trails
- individual and group picnic/sitting areas
- general open space and unique landscape features
- Nature study areas
- Ornamental gardens

#### d. Cultural Activities

- Plays
- Concerts
- Movies

#### 2. Neighborhood Park: 5-10 Acres

- a. The neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.
- b. The location criteria for a neighborhood park includes being centrally located within a service area of ¼ to ½ mile that is uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers. The City of Liberty Lake has utilized a ¼ mile to ½ mile minimum radius on all parks. Park sizes are based on facility needs.
- c. Potential recreation facilities in a neighborhood park include:

Active – 50% of park acreage

- play structures
- court games
- non-programmed, or “informal” playfield or open space
- tennis courts
- volleyball courts
- shuffleboard courts
- horseshoe area
- wading pool

Passive

- internal trails
- picnic/sitting areas
- general open space
- “people watching” areas

3. Pocket Park: 0-5 Acres

- a. Pocket Parks also serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood and provide greenery, a place to sit outdoors, and sometimes a children's playground. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation. Most pocket parks are owned and maintained by local homeowners associations, while open for public use.
- b. Pocket Parks are typically located in an area best fit to meet the neighborhood park needs for Liberty Lake to ensure that everyone is located within a ½ mile of a park area. The City of Liberty Lake has utilized a ¼ mile to ½ mile minimum radius on all parks. Park sizes are based on facility needs.
- c. Potential recreation facilities in a community park include:

Active – distribution determined on a site-by-site basis

- game courts
- non-programmed, or “informal” playfield or open space
- horseshoe areas
- playground
- spray park

Passive

- internal trails
- individual and group picnic/sitting areas
- general open space and unique landscape features
- Nature study areas
- Ornamental gardens

d. Cultural Activities

- Plays
- Concerts
- Movies

4. School Park: Size is dependent on intended use.

- a. Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use.

- b. Location is determined by site of school district property.

Note: The Central Valley School District has expressed an interest in exploring how development of the 20+ acres of undeveloped public property adjacent to Liberty Lake Elementary School, which is anticipated to be a future middle school, might contribute to the City's parks and recreation goals.

Typical school facilities such as baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, etc. could be available for public use through the school district during times when the school is not utilizing them.

## 5. Sports Complex

- a. A sports complex consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields at larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.
- b. Sports complexes should be strategically-located, community-wide facilities with reasonable and equal driving distances from the population served. It is recommended that the location be adjacent to non-residential land use.
- c. Potential facilities include:
  - ballfields
  - soccer fields
  - football fields
  - tennis courts
  - plays structures
  - hardcourts
  - volleyball courts

## 6. Natural Resource Areas – availability and opportunity determine size

- a. Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.
- b. The primary factors for preserving a natural resource area are availability and opportunity.
- c. Potential uses of natural resource areas

### Passive

- Nature viewing and study
- Greenway - Tracts of land that effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.

## 7. Trails

- a. Park Trail - Park trails are multipurpose trails located within greenways, parks, and natural resource areas. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with the natural environment.

### Type I

- Separate/single-purpose, hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and in-line skaters.

### Type II

- Multipurpose, hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and in-line skaters.

### Type III

- Nature trails for pedestrians. May be hard or soft surfaced.

- b. Connector Trail - Multipurpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians around the community. Focus is as much on transportation as it is on recreation.

Type I

- Separate/single-purpose, hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and in-line skaters located in independent r.o.w. (e.g., old railroad r.o.w.).

Type II

- Separate/single-purpose, hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and in-line skaters. Typically located within road r.o.w.

## **B. Liberty Lake Community Parks**

1. Rocky Hill Park is a partially developed Community Park for the NE portion of the City. The park borders the eastern edge of town and is surrounded by residential property. Opportunity exists for preservation of unique landforms and historic structures.
2. Pavillion Park is a developed Community Park, located in the SE portion of the City. The park is centrally located and serves most of the City's current population. Internal trail connections to the comprehensive trail system exist and opportunities include updating the facility to better serve the growing population.
3. A future Community Park was identified for the River District.
4. Refer to the Park Service Area Analysis Maps on pages 57 & 59 for additional community park opportunities.
5. Community input was received regarding future Community Park development needs in 2008. The top 10 recommendations in alphabetical order include:
  - ADA Access
  - Baseball/Softball fields
  - More parks
  - More amenities north of the freeway
  - Pool
  - Preservation of natural areas
  - River/Lake access
  - Sports Complex
  - Tennis Courts
  - Trail System

## **C. Liberty Lake Neighborhood Parks**

1. A Neighborhood Park was identified for the NE portion of the City. Surrounded by residential property, a smaller park fits location parameters perfectly.
2. A Neighborhood Park was identified for future consideration in the SW portion of the City due to the area being largely occupied by the private, Legacy Ridge development with private mini-parks.
3. A Neighborhood Park was identified for the SE portion of the City. Surrounded by residential property, a smaller park fits location parameters perfectly.
4. Refer to the Park Service Area Analysis Maps on pages 57 & 59 for additional neighborhood park opportunities.

#### **D. Liberty Lake Pocket Parks**

1. Pocket Parks like Pump House Park and Little Bear Park were also identified as filling the neighborhood park niche in the SE portion of the City. Surrounded by residential property, these smaller parks fit location parameters perfectly. Opportunities for a new neighborhood park or pocket park in this area have become available.
2. Half Moon Park is a developed Pocket Park located in the NW portion of the City. Opportunity exists for internal trail connections to the Centennial Trail.
3. Pocket Parks, smaller than 5 acres, may be used to meet the Neighborhood Park needs for Liberty Lake to ensure that everyone is located within at least a ½ mile of a park area. The existing public Pocket Parks (Little Bear, Five Fingers, Pumphouse, and Half Moon) were constructed as part of residential developments and are currently maintained by homeowner's associations. Future Pocket Parks should also have public access easements to guarantee continued public park access in close proximity to development, as well as maintenance agreements.
4. In the SW portion of the City the private community of Legacy Ridge has developed and maintained its own two Pocket Parks. Opportunity exists for internal trail connections to the comprehensive Liberty Lake trail system.
5. Refer to the Park Service Area Analysis Maps on pages 57 & 59 for additional pocket park opportunities.

#### **E. Liberty Lake School Parks**

1. Liberty Lake Elementary School is a developed School Park located in the central portion of the City. Trail connections to the comprehensive trail system exist and opportunities include updating the play fields to better serve the growing population.
2. The property adjacent to the Liberty Lake Elementary School is another location where future play fields could be built to better serve the growing population.
3. Refer to the Park Service Area Analysis Maps on pages 57 & 59 for additional school park opportunities based on any future school construction.

#### **F. Liberty Lake Sports Facilities**

1. The city currently does not contain any outdoor regulation baseball/softball, soccer, or football fields.
2. Privately owned indoor sports facilities are located in the NW portion of the city at the HUB, in the central portion of the city at the Liberty Lake Athletic Club, and at the elementary school owned by Central Valley School District.
3. The area in the SE portion of the City contains undeveloped school district property. Considering its central location, the site offers an excellent opportunity to form a School Park cooperative agreement along with the development of a future school.
4. Refer to the Park Service Area Analysis Maps on pages 57 & 59 for additional park opportunities that can accommodate sports facilities. Additionally, as noted in the definitions above, a sports complex could be accommodated in a non residential area outside the ¼ mile to ½ mile service area of other parks.
5. Community input was received regarding the need for the following sports facilities in 2008. The top recommendations in alphabetical order include:
  - Tennis
  - Baseball/Softball
  - Pool
  - Sports Complex

## **G. Liberty Lake Open Space**

1. The area in the NW portion of the City is largely undeveloped and offers adjacency to the Spokane River. Opportunity and availability of open space for preservation exist throughout.
2. The area in the NE portion of the City is also largely undeveloped and offers adjacency to the Spokane River. Opportunity and availability of open space for preservation exist throughout.
3. The area in the SW portion of the City contains linear tracts of open space along roadways, an abandoned gravel pit area, and areas that are planned for private residential and commercial use. Opportunity and availability of open space for conservation are limited, but important to the overall trail system.
4. The area in the SE portion of the City contains very little undeveloped open space. Proximity to the natural resource areas of the lake and Liberty Lake County Park makes this area a high priority in open space considerations. A future City Arboretum is also designated for this area.
5. Refer to the Park Service Area Analysis Maps on pages 57 & 59 for additional open space opportunities.

## **H. River & Liberty Lake Trails**

1. The Spokane River and Centennial Trail are adjacent to the NW portion of the City. Opportunity exists to leverage their recreational value to the community.
  - Identification markers, placed along the Centennial Trail / Spokane River, could identify historical areas and city, county, and state lines for trail and river users.
2. The Spokane River and Centennial Trail are also adjacent to the NE portion of the City. Access is available to Stateline Trail, which provides an indirect route, both east and west, to the river and regional trail system.
3. Additional trails were not identified for the SW portion of the City due to the area being largely occupied by the private, Legacy Ridge development with a private trail system.
4. Refer to the Park Service Area Analysis Maps on pages 57 & 59 for additional trail opportunities, including land zoned for Open Space/Recreation.
5. Liberty Lake County Park is in close proximity to the SE portion of the City. Opportunity exists here to enhance the connectivity of the overall system.
  - The following trails were proposed in the Liberty Lake Trail System Plan dated February 2000, and have not yet been constructed (refer to the Liberty Lake Trails Plan, Appendix A, for more information). Some trails are outside City limits.
    - Sprague Ave. (Liberty Lake Rd. to Molter Rd.)
    - Inlet Drive (Liberty Lake Rd. to Molter Rd.)
    - West Side of Lake (Liberty Lake Rd to Liberty Creek Rd.)
    - Lakeside Trail (East side of lake)
    - Marsh Dike Walkway (elevated walkway over marsh with gravel path over hillside on west side, connecting Spokane County Park to Liberty Creek Rd.)
6. New trail construction should be coordinated with adjacent jurisdictions to provide a fully connected non-motorized transportation system. Regional plans such as the Spokane County Regional Trails Plan and the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) Bicycle Plan should be consulted to ensure trail connectivity.

## **PARK REHABILITATION**

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Currently, due to the young age of the existing facilities, rehabilitation is not needed; however, this section has been included and will be added to in future plan revisions when rehabilitation needs arise.

## **MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City maintenance crews superbly maintain our existing facilities, however, as additional facilities are added and as the City expands the recreation programs offered, additional staff will be necessary to meet the changing needs. Creation of Parks and Recreation Manager position, as a subsidiary of the Community Development Department may help to maintain and possibly enhance the current maintenance and operations of our park facilities.

## **PROGRAM AND SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City currently relies on the private sector for most recreational programming, however, as the community grows and community needs change, additional programs and services may need to be provided. Construction of a future city community center (youth, teen, senior center) may necessitate the City providing additional programs.

## **MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **Town Square**

A major focus of the Comprehensive Plan, that was also supported by members of the public that participated in the creation of this plan, was to create a town square which incorporated community history and public art. The creation of a pedestrian friendly town square would enhance the Liberty Lake Community with additional opportunities for year-round public gatherings and events, as well as aiding in the preservation of the distinctive history of the community through design elements and educational displays. A town square would likely be located within the Central Business District (CBD).

### **Open Space & Viewscape Protection**

Encourage landowners to participate in the Spokane County Conservation Futures Program or other land trust programs to ensure distinctive open space and viewscape protection. Additionally, parcels of land zoned for Open Space/Recreation are limited to uses allowed in that zone including community recreation facilities and associated uses or at the discretion of the property owner, can be maintained in natural open space. Trail connections within the Open Space/Recreation Zones are encouraged. Work with local garden clubs and school children to offer educational opportunities within the future City Arboretum (Natures Place at Meadowood). The Arboretum will also provide a community garden location close to the farmers market and highlight native and non-native plants.

### **Spokane County Regional Park Passes & Recreation Program Discounts**

The City of Liberty Lake may want to explore the possibility of providing free or reduced cost passes to the Liberty Lake County Park, to offer lake access to all members of the community. Additionally, the City may want to offer financial assistance to low-income residents for recreation program participation.

### **Park Equipment & Design**

Picnic benches with overhead shelters, sturdy park benches, and paved access for the disabled to utilize picnic tables, benches, etc., should be provided within City parks. Park designs should include areas for games such as bocci ball, croquet, badminton, etc., and grassy rolling hills for children. Additionally providing areas for disc golf and a dog exercise park should be explored.

### **Winter Recreation**

With minor modifications, economically feasible winter activities such as ice skating and ice hockey, could be available on the Trailhead pond or by creating rinks on existing courts, etc. Winter ice skating could also be incorporated into an outdoor pool complex design. Designated cross country skiing areas or trails and sledding hills should also be identified. Cross country skiing and snowshoe events could be conducted on designated portions of the City trail system.

## SECTION XI

### ACTION PLAN

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### FUNDING SOURCES

Park and recreation facilities and open spaces are essential to a community's well being. Parks and open spaces help enhance urban development, provide important ecological functions and provide recreation opportunities for citizens and visitors. This Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Plan addresses the City's future parks, recreation, trails, and open space needs and the findings of this report will be used in subsequent amendment to the Capital Facilities Plan.

Funding sources for land acquisition, facility construction, and maintenance may include:

- City General Fund
- TIF/LIFT for projects in the established TIF and LIFT Boundaries
- Land Dedication / Reservation
- Adoption of Developer Paid Impact Fees
- Grants (cash awards) given for a specific purpose which does not have to be repaid. Recipients of a grant are often required to match a portion of the grant – anywhere from 10% to 50%.

- RCFB Grants

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) is a State funding body managed by the Recreation and Conservation Office. This agency administers and oversees several grant programs for active and passive recreation, trail development, habitat conservation purposes such as stream & stream bank protection & restoration, wetland & wetland buffer protection & enhancement, etc. Depending on the program, eligible project applicants can include municipal subdivisions of the state (cities, towns, and counties, or ports, utilities, parks and recreation, and school districts), Native American tribes, state agencies, and in some cases, federal agencies and non-profit organizations. To be considered for funding assistance, most grant programs require that the proposed project will be operated and maintained in perpetuity for the purposes for which funding is sought. Most grant programs also require that sponsors complete a systematic planning process (such as this Plan) prior to seeking RCFB funding. Grants are awarded by the Committee based on a public, competitive process, which weighs the merits of proposed projects against established program criteria. There are many categories including land purchases, parkland improvements, facility development, trail construction, etc. Many of the grant categories require a 50% match; however, grants from other programs may be used as a match.

- Spokane County Conservation Futures Grants

In 1971 the Washington State Legislature enacted RCW 84.34.200 "Conservation Futures Enabling Legislation" recognizing haphazard growth and urban development

was encroaching upon the state's open areas and spaces. Productive lands, like agricultural and forestry areas were being altered, or even eliminated by continued urban expansion. Scenic, recreational, and aesthetic lands were also at risk. In 1994, Spokane County Commissioners adopted the Conservation Futures Program for 3 years to protect threatened areas of open space, timberlands, wetland, wildlife habitat, agricultural and farm lands, streams and water supplies within the county boundaries. In 1997, citizens voted to support the continuation of the program for an additional 5 years. When the Conservation Futures program was on the ballot in 2002, Spokane County voters again supported a second 5-year extension of the program implemented by the Board of County Commissioners. Most recently, in November 2007, the Conservation Futures program was put on an advisory ballot and this time for renewal with no sunset date. Spokane County voters again supported extending the program with a super-majority of nearly 63% of voters supporting the measure.

The 1994 adoption of the Spokane County Conservation Futures program began with a property tax assessed for each home in the county. This (up-to) 6-cent tax is levied per \$1000 of property value, subject to the levy-lid of 1% per year; a home assessed at \$100,000 would generate a tax of \$6.00 at this levy rate. This tax money is earmarked solely for the acquisition of property and development rights. These funds acquire lands or future development rights on lands for public use and enjoyment. In 2005, state legislation recognized the need to allow monies for maintenance and operations of the Conservation Futures properties. Fifteen percent of the Conservation Futures money is used toward maintaining, protecting and enhancing the property over the long-term. The Conservation Areas, the term used in Spokane County, defines areas of generally undeveloped land primarily left in or restored to its natural condition. These areas may be used for passive recreational purposes, to create secluded areas, or as buffers in urban areas. As of 2009, the Conservation Futures Program has acquired 4,525 acres through 22 acquisitions. Spokane County Parks and Recreation manages 12 different properties as Conservation Areas. The City of Spokane Parks Department manages an additional 10 properties within city limits. These conserved lands include wetlands, wildlife habitats and corridors, farmlands, steep hillsides, river corridors, viewpoints and other open space areas.

- Washington State Transportation Improvement Board distributes grant funding, which comes from the revenue generated by three cents of the statewide gas tax, to cities and counties for funding transportation projects.
- Washington State Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED) has a number of grant and loan programs for capital projects.
- Corporate and Foundation grants provide direct funding for specific projects when the project benefits them or the communities in which they do business. Foundations are established as an extension of a corporation or as independent organizations. Locally, trail, park, open space and transportation projects have been the recipients of corporate philanthropic grants by Starbucks, REI, Group Health, and the Gates Foundation.
- Federal SAFETEA-LU -- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users: The most significant funding source for bicycle and pedestrian facilities is the Transportation Equity Act, enacted in 1992 and most recently reauthorized in 2005 as "SAFETEA-LU". For most programs, funds are available through state agencies: state trail administrators for the National Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds and transportation departments for Transportation Enhancements (TE), Highway Safety Program (HSP), and the new Safe Routes to Schools (SRS). The State has open competitive calls for projects; TE a similar process. The act designates money for specific program areas. For example, state transportation departments are required to set aside 10-percent of its annual Surface Transportation Program funds for

Transportation Enhancement (TE) activities, which has had profound trail benefits for communities across the country. Eligible TE funding categories include bike/ped facilities, bike/ped safety and education activities, and conversion of abandoned and rail-banked corridors for trails. Different funds are appropriate for various segments of a non-motorized regional trail system, for example RTP or TE as surfacing and slopes vary for both, but the segments are expected to be linked. SAFETEA-LU also supports a number of other programs that support trail development including:

- Bridge Replacement Program which provides funding for historic bridges that can be used to renovate a historic bridges for trail uses;
- Federal Transit Administration oversees the new “Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands” Program. This includes state, local, and municipal parks. The funding is 100% (no match is required). Trails are popular as feeders and alternatives to cars for park access, so trails that link to an alternative transportation system (bike, pedestrian, horse, watercraft, etc) are eligible;
- Youth Corps: the act supports youth corps trail crews by requiring the USDOT to encourage the States to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with qualified youth conservation and service corps to perform construction and maintenance of recreational trails (National Association of Service and Conservation Corps [NASCC]); and
- National Highway System (NHS) funds support bike/ped facilities on land adjacent to a highway that is part of the NHS.
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council has a role in the distribution of several federal transportation funds that have supported trail projects in the region: the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation programs. Trail projects must support non-motorized transportation and demonstrate tangible air quality benefits 3-year call for projects.
- Other state and federal grant programs including Safe Routes to School and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) state and federal grant programs for pedestrian sidewalk and trail connectivity, and Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) grant programs. Washington's Safe Routes to School program provides technical assistance and resources to cities, counties, schools, school districts and state agencies for improvements that get more children walking and bicycling to school safely, reduce congestion around schools, and improve air quality.
- A valuable source of information for all federal grant programs is the “Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance,” a compendium of federal programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance or benefits to the American public. The catalogue is organized by agency, function, subject, and applicant eligibility. The catalog is available at most libraries or at <http://www.grants.gov>.
- The ‘Trails and Greenways Clearinghouse’, jointly sponsored by the ‘Rails-to-Trails Conservancy’ and ‘The Conservation Fund’, provides technical assistance and information about creating trails and greenways ([www.trailsandgreenways.org](http://www.trailsandgreenways.org)).
- Charitable contributions to the parks system, such as donations from local philanthropic groups like Kiwanis, Rotary, etc., or memorial donations from private citizens.
- Encourage innovative strategies and incentives (e.g., adopt-a-park, adopt-a-trail, adopt-a-space) to enhance existing programs for park maintenance, safety, and accessibility.
- Adoption of a park, recreation, etc. facility rental / use fee schedule, similar to other local jurisdictions, that would contribute to park and other City facility maintenance costs.

- The Real Estate Excise Tax (or REET) fund accounts for the receipt and disbursement of the 0.25% real estate excise tax that is dedicated for capital purposes including public buildings and facilities, parks, and debt service associated with capital projects in these areas. The City has opted to collect an additional 0.25% as authorized by GMA. The first quarter of these funds are restricted to financing capital projects that are specified in the City's Capital Facilities Plan. Use of the second quarter percent of REET is not permitted for the acquisition of land for parks.
- Voter Approved Funding. Any measure taken before the voters would need to be specific and well described, so the voters would know exactly on what they were voting.
  - A Levy Lid Lift to allow the property tax levy amount to be adjusted more than the 1% statutory lid as long as the levy rate stays under the \$1.60/ \$1,000.
  - Self-taxing district for large scale improvements and facilities, such as construction of an outdoor swimming pool complex, conceivably in combination with grants, charitable contributions, etc.
  - Formation of a local metropolitan park district that could be created for the management, control, improvement, maintenance, and acquisition of parks, parkways, boulevards, and recreational facilities. Participation in a regional metropolitan park district could also be possible if it is in the best interest of the citizens of Liberty Lake.

## **CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN**

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The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires that communities plan for capital facilities to ensure an adequate level of facilities and services are in place to support development at time of occupancy or use. Public facilities are those physical improvements that are constructed primarily by the City and provide the basic urban services of the municipality. Although the City of Liberty Lake currently provides limited urban services; it has the responsibility to ensure all services are planned for accordingly. Parks and trails / non-motorized transportation are two of the services that the City must plan for.

A Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) is a long range financial plan that allows the City to prioritize public projects and identify funding sources. The CFP serves as a guide to the City's financial obligation in providing those facilities desired by the community. The City's Capital Facilities Plan provides supplemental information that complements the text, goals, and policies of the Capital Facilities Element in the Comprehensive Plan and provides an overview of the City's financial resources and funding opportunities or that of the service provider. If the probable funding for capital facilities at any time is insufficient to meet existing needs, the land use element must be reassessed. Since the City's revenue is limited, the City prioritizes projects and chooses a portion of those projects based on need and finances available. Those projects chosen are adopted into the Capital Facilities Plan.

The Growth Management Act's stated goals for public facilities and services, in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Section 36.70A.020(12), emphasize the need for adequate urban support systems as a prerequisite for urban growth: "Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards;" and "Encourage the retention of open space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks."

An important distinction between the City Budget and the CFP is that the one-year budget may become part of the legally adopted annual operating budget, whereas the 6 Year CFP doesn't commit the City to a particular expenditure for a particular year. Thus, the CFP allows the City some flexibility in scheduling projects based on need or funding opportunities and doesn't lock the City into projects that may not be needed at time of funding.

At the time of this update, within the City's Draft 2008 - 2014 Capital Facilities Plan, the following park related items have been identified, please refer to the City of Liberty Lake Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) for more information on these projects and the proposed scheduling.

- Skate Park
- Rocky Hill Park Phase 2
- Trailhead Golf Course Irrigation System Automation Update
- Nature's Place at Meadowwood (City Arboretum)
- Hawkstone Village Green
- River District Community Park
- Rocky Hill Park Phase 3
- River District Neighborhood Park
- Municipal Library / Community Center
- Numerous pedestrian path and sidewalk improvements, associated with street improvements
- Various trail resurfacings

### **GAINING SUPPORT FOR THE PLAN**

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By supplying the public with a thorough and current Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan that they helped to create and keeping them involved in the design and apprised of the construction of projects developed through the plan, public support will be gained and maintained for the City's Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan.

### **ON-GOING CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

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The City of Liberty Lake will seek involvement from residents and businesses in the update of this plan, conduct workshops to receive citizen feedback and enhance design ideas for specific parks, recreation, open space, and trail projects, and provide project updates and notices to citizens via the City newsletter and website, as well as the local newspaper, as applicable, to ensure that the public remains involved in parks, recreation, open space, and trails planning. On-going public involvement is key in retaining support for this plan. Final facility determinations shall be made at the time of individual park design through public participation.



## **ANNUAL EVALUATION AND UPDATE**

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The City's Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan should be re-evaluated on an annual basis during the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and City Budget cycles. By coordinating this plan with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the City's Capital Facilities Plan, the plan will remain current and useable. As the opportunity for additional projects becomes available or as funding sources change, this Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan must be updated. An evaluation process needs to incorporate public workshops, surveys, etc. to offer the best chances to gather additional public input and involvement.

# APPENDIX

Liberty Lake Trails Plan

Outline of Public Workshop Input Process & Workshop Results (2005)

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Quadrant Map (2005)

NE Comments (2005)

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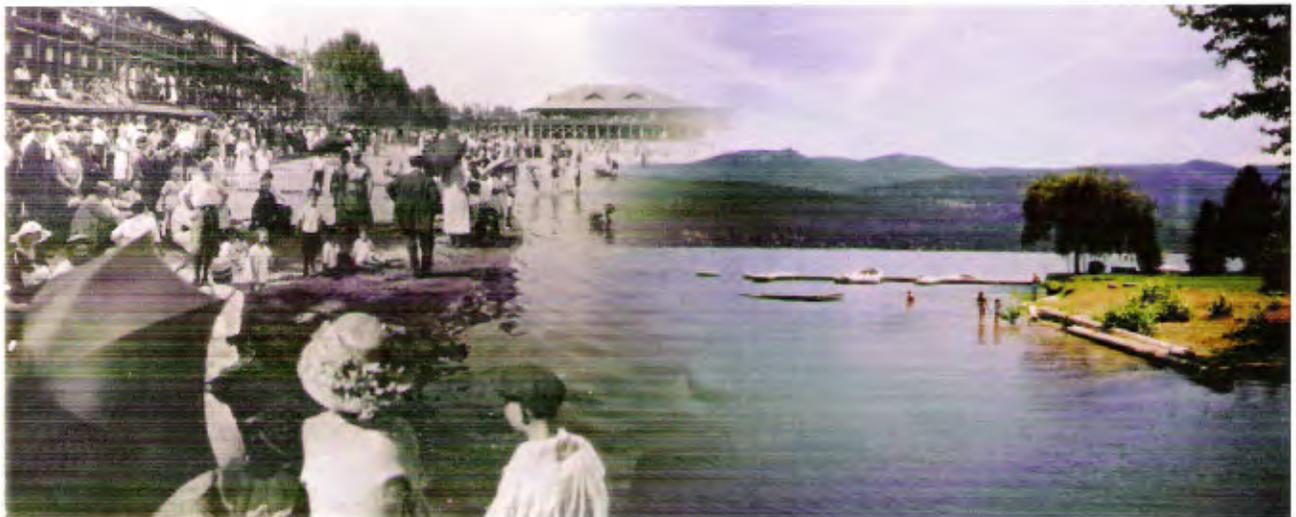
Public Survey Results (2005)

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Site Development Checklist

# ***LIBERTY LAKE TRAIL SYSTEM***



***Connecting the past and future***



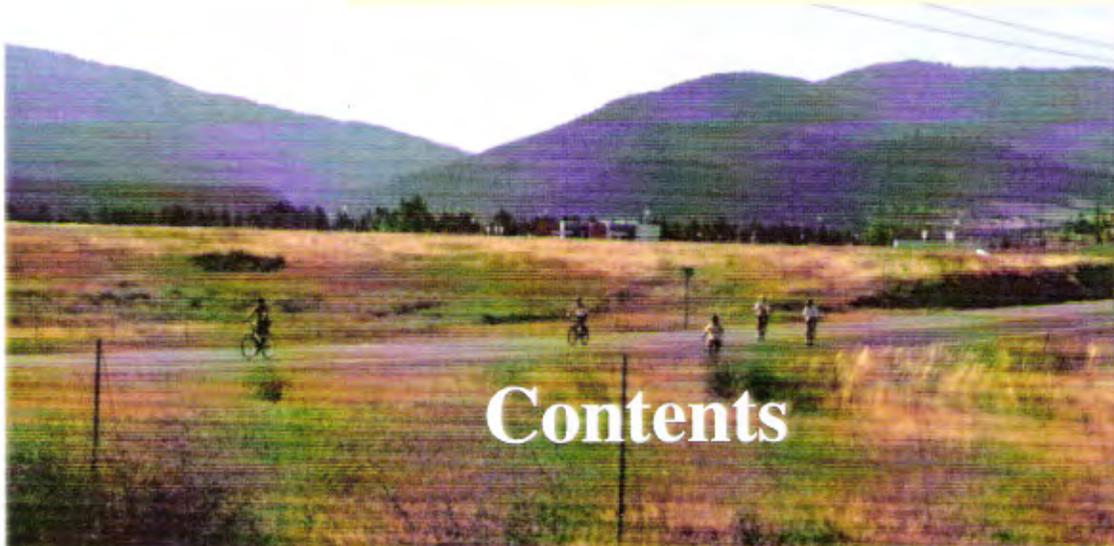
*by Tom Specht, Chair  
Liberty Lake Trails Committee*

**T**rails enhance the quality of life in a community. They reduce commuter congestion, promote fitness, and even make school kids healthier and more self-sufficient. Trails link the community.

Liberty Lake is a community that uses trails. A lone jogger or groups of walkers are a frequent sight along the roads in the early mornings. Commuters are walking or riding their bikes to work and children dot the sidewalks on their way to school. The people working in the industrial area walk, jog, run, or ride during their lunch hour. The recreational walkers, joggers, and families are out during the evenings and weekends. Year around, Liberty Lake is a "walkable" community.

Expansion of the bicycle and pedestrian trail system has long been a goal of the Liberty Lake community. Founded on a rich history as a community recreation center and area of natural beauty, the Liberty Lake community has valued the opportunities for walking and biking within the area.

This report documents the public process and presents a plan to expand and provide trails within the Liberty Lake area, including an extension of the community trail system to the Centennial Trail. This report will introduce the Liberty Lake Community, the Liberty Lake Trails Committee, the process to fulfill the mission and goals, the trail plan, and its proposed implementation.



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## History and Nature of Area

*Natural*  
*Cultural*  
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### Natural

Liberty Lake was created during the ice age 12,800 to 15,000 years ago when ice dams one half mile high blocking the Clark Fork River would give way. Catastrophic floods would thunder through the Spokane River Valley down the Columbia River to the ocean. The floods washed up a sand wall creating the north end of the lake and trapping the water of the lake behind it. The floods deposited gravel and boulders, which created the aquifer system that runs through the Spokane Valley. The Liberty Lake outlet channel, which exits at the north end of the lake, is a seasonal stream that provides an outlet for Liberty Lake during high water periods. This channel drains into the aquifer.

The Liberty Lake community is located in a valley with a lake framed by mountains on the east and south, opening to the Spokane River on the north. Interstate 90 cuts through the area just south of the Spokane River. The mountains on the east are covered with Ponderosa Pines and other evergreens while the mountains to the west give way to natural grasses, balsam root, wild syringa bushes, and other wildflowers. The mountains are home to white tail deer, mule deer, elk, bobcats, cougars, coyotes, black bears, and many other types of wildlife. The area attracts sixty to seventy bird species. The lake and river attracts bald eagles, osprey, mallards, Canadian geese, and occasionally trumpeter swans. The wetlands and creek attract many songbirds, the red ring black birds, coots, and the shy sora. The meadowlands attract the meadowlark, quail, partridges, pheasants, magpies,

sparrow hawks, and red tail hawks. The lake has trout, bass and is stocked with walleyes.

The lake itself is an important natural resource. It provides habitat for numerous species of fish, birds and mammals. The lake is very shallow and is susceptible to algae growth from excess nutrient levels. The marsh at the south end of the lake is a critical wetland and is nutrient rich. The lake is separated from the marsh by a man-made dike which was established to prevent the nutrients from the marsh from flowing into the lake and disrupting its fragile nutrient balance.

## Cultural

An ancient Indian trail came from the south and went north over a shallow ford on the Spokane River near the port of entry to Washington from Idaho. This trail crossed the Mullan Trail that followed the Spokane River at this point. Indians were a common sight when the first settlers arrived.

In 1858 Col. George Wright was sent from Walla Walla with seven hundred soldiers to suppress an Indian outbreak. After two terrific battles they defeated the Indians, capturing eight hundred horses. To prevent the Indians from waging further warfare, Col. Wright had the animals killed on the banks of the Spokane River about two miles from Liberty Lake.

The Mullan Trail was completed in 1863 and Steve Liberty carried the mail over that trail. He homesteaded the west side of the lake in 1871, one year before Spokane's first settlers arrived. Another white man, Joe Peavy, came to Liberty Lake with Steve, homesteading a piece of ground on the northeast side of the lake. A Mr. Schrum bought Steve's homestead in 1889 and sold a portion of it to a young Scotchman named Roderick MacKenzie. There was an old Indian house on the MacKenzie place that was the birth place of an Indian Chief named Quinny Moses (pronounced Quinamosa.)

About 1890 cycling was quite the fad and bicyclists would come out from Spokane. Mrs. MacKenzie would feed the tired and hungry cyclist without charge. With growing popularity, the MacKenzie's soon opened a restaurant, then a hotel, which later burned down. Soon a roadhouse known as Zepher Inn became a popular night spot. Resorts on the lake and a dance pavilion were developed at this time. Development included a bathhouse, swimming beach, boat rentals, and camping and picnic areas. In 1907 rail service was extended to Liberty Lake and a five car train would run every half hour on Sundays and holidays. Part of the proposed bike trail will take the same path as the historic railroad right of way running along the scenic Liberty Lake outlet channel.

Today the people in Spokane and North Idaho use the lake, a 3,000 acre county park with beach access, the public boat launch, three area golf courses, and Pavillion Park. This trail system will offer a means to access these areas and the exceptional views surrounding them.



*Liberty Lake was named after the French Canadian Steve Liberty. He homesteaded the West Side of the lake in 1871, just one-year before Spokane's first settlers arrived.*

## Community

Liberty Lake is a non-incorporated area in Spokane County located 17 miles east of downtown Spokane, two miles from the Idaho border. Currently over 4,500 residents live in Liberty Lake. The area has been designated as an "urban growth area" under the Growth management Act and will expand to 11,000 residents over the next seven to 10 years.

With a jobs to population ratio which exceeds one-to-one, Liberty Lake has more the feel of a self-sufficient small town than it does a "bedroom community" to Spokane. Because of this and the fact that the community is geographically separated from the Spokane Valley, the Liberty Lake area has developed a very strong sense of "neighborhood" and "community".

Attractive homes in a broad range of prices and styles, numerous recreational facilities, including three golf courses and two County parks, are found in the Liberty Lake community. Many residents work near where they live. A

large number of people bike or walk to work. The parks and other recreational facilities are important pedestrian destinations in the community. Also many people use the Centennial Trail for recreation or to bike to work from the Spokane Valley, Spokane, and Post Falls.



*The trails plan was well represented at the annual 4th of July community parade.*

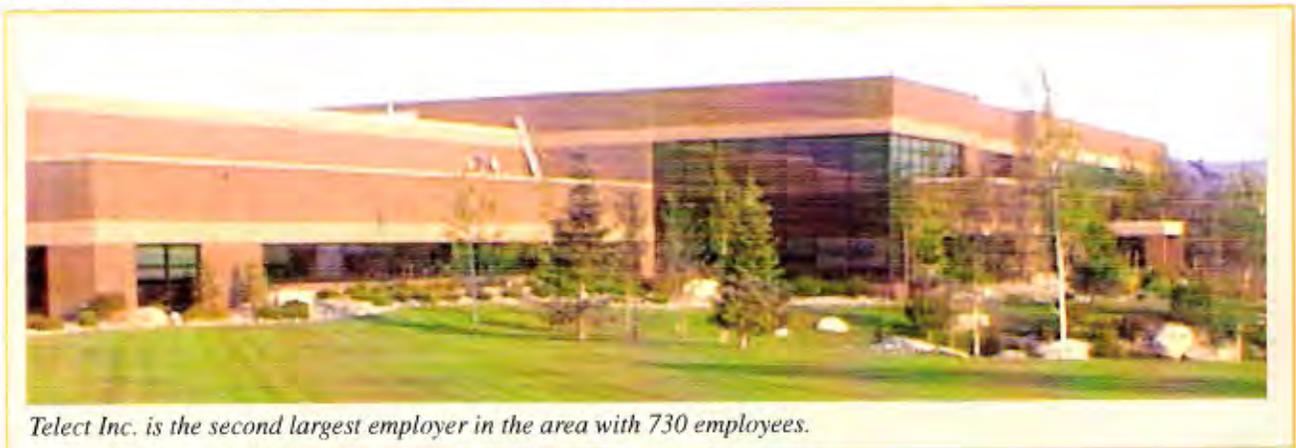
## Liberty Lake Businesses

Liberty Lake has experienced significant commercial and industrial growth over the past 15 years. The light industrial park close to Interstate 90 houses several high tech businesses including:

- Hewlett Packard Spokane Division's RF wireless test instrumentation - 950 employees.
- Telect Inc. corporate headquarters, a telecom equipment provider - 730 employees.
- Software Spectrum, a business to business software provider - 580 employees.
- Wang, a banking software and equipment provider.

Retail commercial development has also been rapid over the past five years, as the residential community has grown. An Albertson's Grocery store is the anchor tenant of a shopping center, located near the Harvard Road and I-90 interchange, that includes restaurants and other services. Commercial development near the interchange will continue to grow.

Currently over 5000 people are employed in the Liberty Lake commercial and industrial developments. The number of jobs and businesses in the area has been expanding rapidly and is estimated to expand to 10,000 jobs over the next several years.



*Telect Inc. is the second largest employer in the area with 730 employees.*

## Recreation

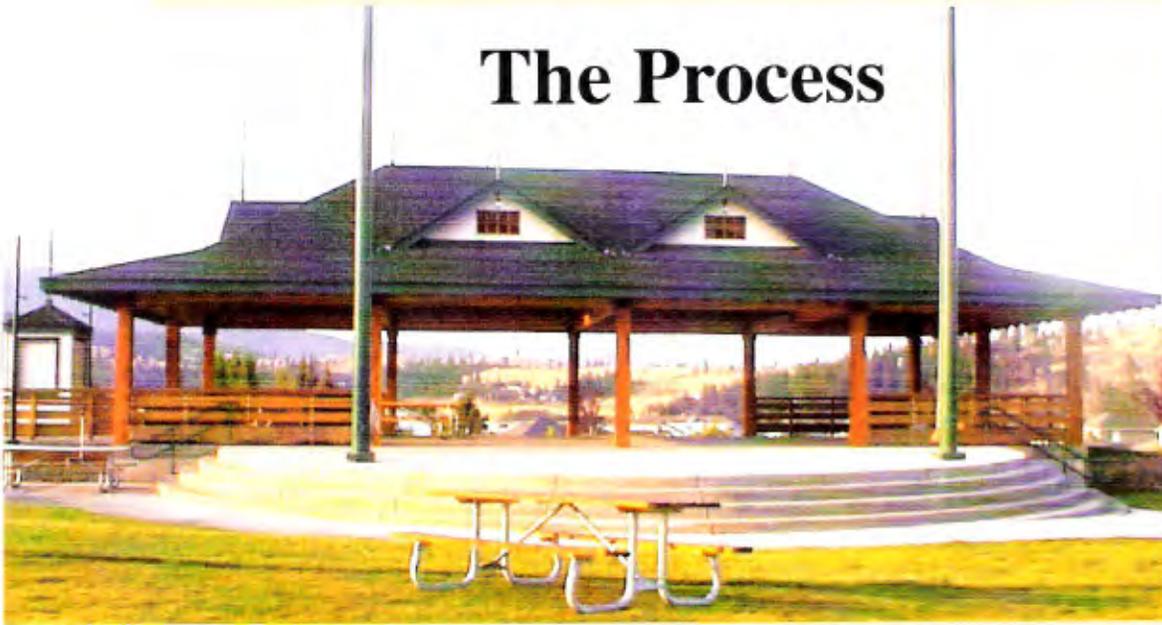
Liberty Lake has a long and rich history as a recreation area dating back to the late 1800's. While the lake itself is the heart, the community has wide-ranging recreational facilities:

- The Centennial Trail parallels the Spokane River as an existing off road trail. It is a continuous trail between Spokane and Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. It is accessible to the Liberty Lake area from either the Harvard Road or Stateline trailheads.
- Pavillion Park is a county owned community park and a focal point of the neighborhood. It provides recreational opportunities and an outdoor amphitheater for concerts and plays.
- Liberty Lake covers approximately 640 acres. Over the past 20 years several commercial resorts have closed, reducing the public access to one north side public boat launch and the County Park at the south end. Today there are no commercial resorts on the lake.
- The 3,000 acre Liberty Lake County Park is located on the south side of the lake. Within the park are horse, ORV, mountain bike, and hiking trails. The park also provides camping, swimming, picnicking and access to the outdoors.
- Three beautiful, economical and challenging golf courses entice golfers to the Liberty Lake area. They offer a variety of terrain and elevations.
- Private softball fields and a private indoor skating rink are located just off the north side of I-90.
- A 24-hour fitness center and health club is centrally located and within walking distance of both commercial and residential areas.



*Meadowwood Golf Course is one of three courses in the area offering fabulous views and challenging golf.*

# The Process



## **Friends of Pavillion Park Trails Committee**

*Missions & Goals*

### **Charette**

### **Survey**

### **Public Support**

## **Friends of Pavillion Park**

The Friends of Pavillion Park have guided the design, funding and development of Pavillion Park. The Friends of Pavillion Park is a nonprofit community based corporation and has been approved as a 501 (3) (c) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Pavillion Park is being built on land donated in September of 1992. Pavillion Park is assessed at about \$1.5 million with most of the funding coming from local fund-raising and Washington State grants obtained in cooperation with Spokane County Parks Department.

The park is networked with trails on all sides. It is the community's vision that the trails system will be an extension of the park. The Pavillion Park will serve as the hub for the trail system. The park provides a scenic rest stop and trailhead with restrooms and parking.

## **Liberty Lake Trails Committee**

The Liberty Lake Trails Committee is a committee of local residents, which was formed under the auspices of the Friends of Pavilion Park. The committee was created when a survey of the com-

munity identified trails as a leading concern and valued amenity. The Trails Committee has worked to raise important awareness of bike and pedestrian routes and has worked successfully with Spokane County government to improve local facilities. The Trails Committee has been the focal point for the trail planning efforts, which have occurred over the past four years.

The Liberty Lake Trails Committee started with the involvement of fifty community members in 1995. The Committee began initial trail design workshops and this first effort resulted in an application, in 1996, for a grant from the National Recreation Trails Fund Act administered by Washington State. While the grant application was not successful, the community involvement, thought, and planning for this grant helped focus the community trail planning efforts. The Trail Committee became committed to developing an overall community trail and pedestrian plan.

The Liberty Lake Trail Committee has been keeping the community informed through meetings, workshops and community newsletters.

## Charette

In October of 1998 The Liberty Lake Trails Committee received an award of a technical assistance grant from the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program of the National Park Service to assist in planning a local path and trail system. RTCA staff helped plan and organize a special 3-day design brainstorming event (called a charette) involving community residents and multi-disciplinary professionals to develop a conceptual plan for our trail system. The charette was held April 16-18, 1999. The charette generated information and ideas used to prepare this document. The Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (WASLA) was a partner in the charette. No idea was discarded due to impracticality or disputable details. These decisions will be for the community to make later.

The Liberty Lake Trails Committee along with RTCA, and WASLA sponsored the charette. This charette was only the second to ever occur in the state of Washington and the only one this year. It is being used as a model to develop others across the nation. Landscape Architects from around the state donated a weekend of their time and experience to the design charette. The community had the opportunity to work with several teams of design professionals in the preparation of a conceptual path and trail plan for Liberty Lake. The productivity and success of the event depended on broad involvement from the community. Members of the community participated in the design process and two community meetings were held in conjunction with the charette.

## Mission

*The mission of the Trails Committee is*

- to develop attractive multiuse paths linking the community
- to provide connection to the Centennial Trail
- to increase bike and pedestrian safety
- to promote accessible outdoor recreation
- to encourage alternative means of transportation
- to reinforce community unity
- to enhance the natural and cultural features of the community

## Goals

*The goals of the Trails Committee is to complete the drafting and development of the overall community trails and pedestrian plan for submittal and adoption by Spokane County as part of their comprehensive land use and transportation plan. Upon adoption by Spokane County, it is the goal of the Committee to work for the phased implementation of the plan. This will require building a shared vision of the community landscape and community support for the various elements of the plan and funding alternatives.*

## Survey

A survey was prepared prior to the charette that served as a building block for the design effort. One hundred and fifteen responded to the survey sent to every home in Liberty Lake. The survey confirmed that the Centennial Trail, the Liberty Lake County Park, and Pavillion Park were important trail destinations and favorite outdoor places for the community. The survey also confirmed that the plan for an off-road trail along Liberty Lake Drive was a top priority.

## Public Participation and Support

The Trails Committee and the Friends of Pavillion Park are committed to ensuring community involvement in the trails program.

The Friends of Pavilion Park has been successful in planning for Pavilion Park and obtaining support, time, and funds from the community, county and state. The Friends of Pavilion Park board strongly supports its Trails Committee's effort and has agreed to commit its resources to the trails plan. The community trail plan has received tremendous support from both the private and public sectors. The trail plan is the result of a two-year effort by over 50 community volunteers. Hundreds of community residents participated in community workshops and information meetings regarding the trail plan.

Many segments of the community have contributed to the implementation of the plan. Terris Design, a local landscape architecture firm, has provided "pro-bono" design services. The Greenstone Corporation has offered to donate the land for the Outlet Channel Trail. The Friends of Pavilion Park has worked with the Friends of the Centennial Trail and the Spokane County Parks Department to ensure that the trail plan provided important links to existing recreational areas.

Hewlett Packard, the Liberty Lake Sewer District and the Liberty Lake Property Owners Association have provided the Trails Committee with support for the trail system and have provided written commitments to jointly maintain the proposed trails.



*Design team volunteers working on presentation materials at the weekend charette.*



*Landscape architects and community members working shoulder to shoulder at the design charette in April 1999.*



## Overview

*Function, Form & Character*

### Existing Trail System

*Country Vista, Molter, Mission, Appleway*

### Proposed Trail Plan

*Centennial Trail Connections*

*Central Corridors*

*Around the Lake*

## Overview

The focus of the trail plan is to develop a system of interconnected pathways designed to meet the recreational, commuting, conservation, and cultural needs of the Liberty Lake community. As such the trail plan will provide both a physical link and the backbone of a broader social connection within the Liberty Lake community. The setting for the trail plan roughly coincides with the boundary of the Liberty Lake Sewer District (LLSD.)

The basic ingredients of the trail plan are its design components- the function, form and character it manifests as it passes through the landscape of the community. To be successful, any path must flow from place to place in a continuous manner. It must connect places with each other. These characteristics, continuity and connection are fundamental to the trail plan developed for Liberty Lake. The function, form and character of the path are the physical means by which these intrinsic requirements are met.

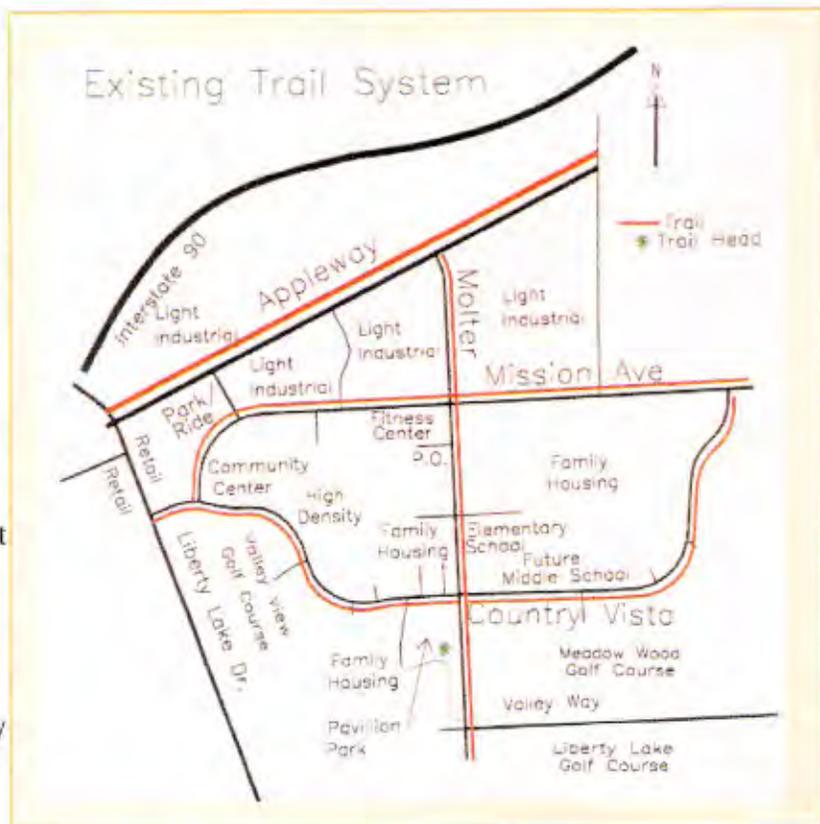
<b>Function</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Character</b>
<p><i>The trail components within the plan must have a variety of functions. They should be used as transportation routes for commuters and recreation paths for residents. The trails should also provide access to open spaces and vistas while at the same time buffering and protecting natural environments. The trail should not only connect places, but people, by providing opportunities for socializing, historical interpretation and education to further understanding the natural and cultural resources of the community.</i></p>	<p><i>The trail components within the plan will take on a variety of forms depending upon its function, its location relative to natural and man-made features and development costs. In some cases the path may be a wide paved and separated trail, while in other locations it may be a gravel path or merely striping along a roadway.</i></p>	<p><i>The trail components within the plan will have a character that changes from place to place but in ways that typify the landscape. The pathway should capture the ambience of that part of the community in which it is located, in ways that are interesting, educational and satisfying to all who use the path.</i></p>

## Existing Trail System

As part of the development of the Meadowwood master planned community, a core trail system has been developed. The following is a detailed description of each trail segment describing its character, function, form and unique opportunities.

### Country Vista Drive

This area is developed urban cityscape. From the west developed retail center it transitions through high density residential development to lower density single family homes to the east. Along the way it passes the STA Park and Ride, the LLSD "Community Center," Five Fingers Park, Pavillion Park, Liberty Lake Elementary School and the Meadowwood Golf Course.



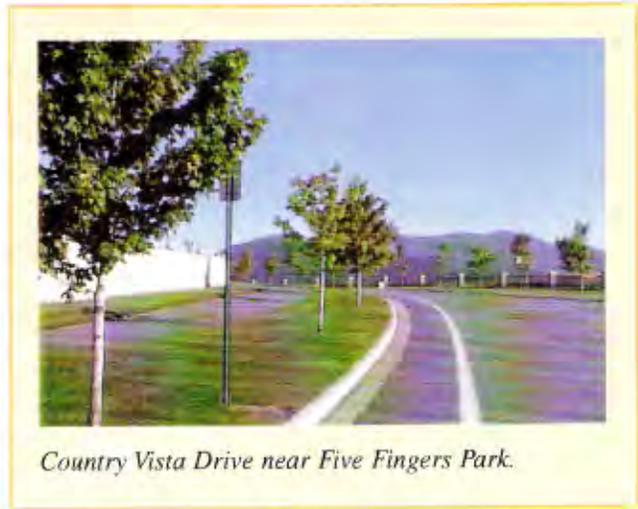
**Existing amenities:** The STA Park and Ride provides connections to downtown Spokane. The LLSD “Community Center” serves public meetings and gatherings and has parking and restrooms. Five Fingers Park has benches and playground equipment. Pavillion Park has numerous amenities including parking and restrooms and is an important trail system destination. The Liberty Lake Elementary School has playground equipment and ball fields. The roadway and trail interface with the Meadowwood Golf Course with views of the mountains to the east.

**Function:** This section of the trail is both an important commuting route and recreational corridor.

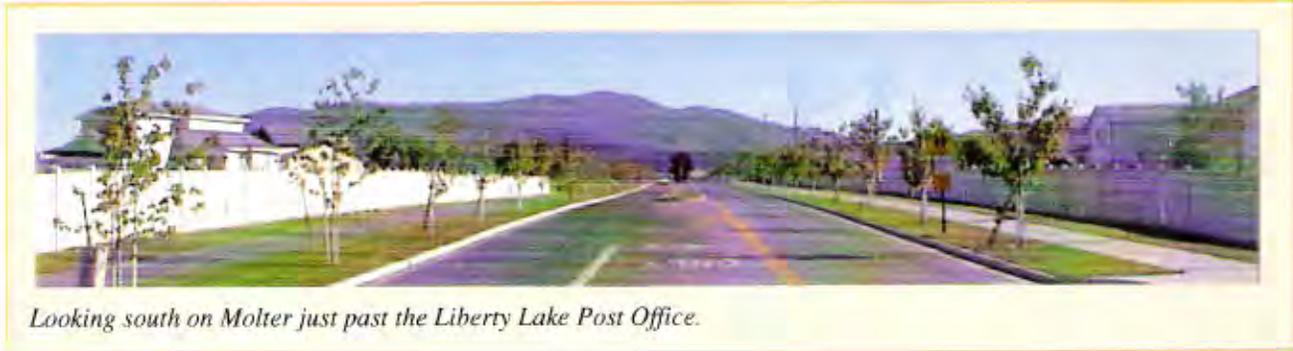
**Form:** This segment includes a dedicated bike lane on the roadway as well as a paved 10-12 foot pathway separated from the roadway with a tree-lined landscape strip.

**Concepts & Opportunities:**

- Farmers Market: Intersection of Country Vista and Mission could be used for a market.
- Outdoor classroom/Xeroscape garden: Learning environment behind community center.
- Gateway feature: Signs introducing trail system, parks and historical features.
- Focal Point: Ideal for interpretive signage, community bulletins and gathering sights.
- Scenic Vista: Views above Meadowwood Golf Course.
- Connection to School: Direct connections to school ball fields.



*Country Vista Drive near Five Fingers Park.*



*Looking south on Molter just past the Liberty Lake Post Office.*

## ***Molter To Valleyway***

This area is developed urban cityscape. It begins at the north from the developed light industrial center and passes through lower density single family residential areas in Meadowwood to older residential areas surrounding the north end of the lake. Molter terminates at the lake near Inlet. Along the way it passes the community health and fitness club, post office, Pavillion Park, Liberty Lake Elementary School, Meadowwood and Liberty Lake golf Courses.

**Existing amenities:** The fitness center is a membership facility and includes parking, a basketball court and swimming pool. Pavillion Park and the elementary school have numerous amenities listed above. The existing trail terminates at Valley Way but the roadway continues south to interface

with the Meadowwood and Liberty Lake Golf Course. Molter ends with views of the lake and mountains at Inlet Drive.

**Function:** Both a community route and recreational corridor.

**Form:** Dedicated and signed roadway bike lane as well as a paved 10-12 foot pathway separated from the road with a tree lined landscape strip.

**Concepts & Opportunities:**

- Outdoor Classroom/Natural Areas: Native Plant area developed as part of Pavillion Park.
- Stewardship Opportunities: Native plant enthusiasts could enhance and maintain sections.
- Gateway Feature: Signs introducing trail system, parks and historical features.

## ***Mission Avenue***

This area is developed urban cityscape. It begins at the west from the developed retail center and passes through commercial and high density residential areas to Molter. From Molter east to Country Vista, Mission is a transition from the light industrial uses on the north, to the single family residential uses on the south. Along the way it passes the LLSD "Community Center", the STA Park and Ride, the community health and fitness club and numerous large employers.

**Existing amenities:** The STA Park and Ride has transit access and parking. The LLSD building has parking. The fitness center has parking, a basketball court and swimming pool.

**Function:** This section is an important commuting route and limited recreational corridor.

**Form:** Dedicated bike lane as well as a six foot concrete sidewalk on both sides of the roadway separated with a landscape strip. East of Molter a 10 foot paved pathway will be constructed on the south side of the road.

**Concepts & Opportunities:**

- Separate Paths: Planned as part of the Meadowwood Development, Molter and Country Vista trail segments will be looped east of Molter, enhancing recreational aspects.
- Ribbon of Green: Tree planting in the strip separating the path from the roadway will improve safety and aesthetics.

## ***Appleway***

This area is developed urban cityscape. It begins at the west from the developed retail center and passes through light industrial uses to agricultural and undeveloped lands, terminating at Idaho Road near the state line. Along the way it passes numerous large employers.

**Existing amenities:** Retail center at west.

**Function:** Important commuting route.

**Form:** Dedicated bike lane on the roadway as well as a six foot concrete sidewalk on both sides. The sidewalk is not separated from the roadway with landscaped strip. The sidewalk is not yet constructed east of Molter.

**Concepts & Opportunities:**

- Separate Paths: A separation between the roadway and the sidewalk and/or pathway would be desired and could be incorporated into future roadway construction or redevelopment.
- Ribbon of Green: Tree planting along the roadway will enhance safety and aesthetics.

# Proposed Trail Plan

The Liberty Lake community changes in character and landscape as you travel from the I-90 corridor south and then around the lake. The surrounding landscape creates unique opportunities for trail development, recreation, transportation, conservation and interpretation. The Trails Committee divided the community into three separate areas for the purpose of developing the trail plan, incorporating in each the uniqueness of the landscape, opportunities and constraints. The defined planning areas are:

**1. Centennial Trail Connections:** This incorporates the area north of Appleway from Liberty Lake Drive east to the state line. This portion of the plan defines how connections can be made to the Centennial Trail from the Liberty Lake community for both commuters and recreational trail users.

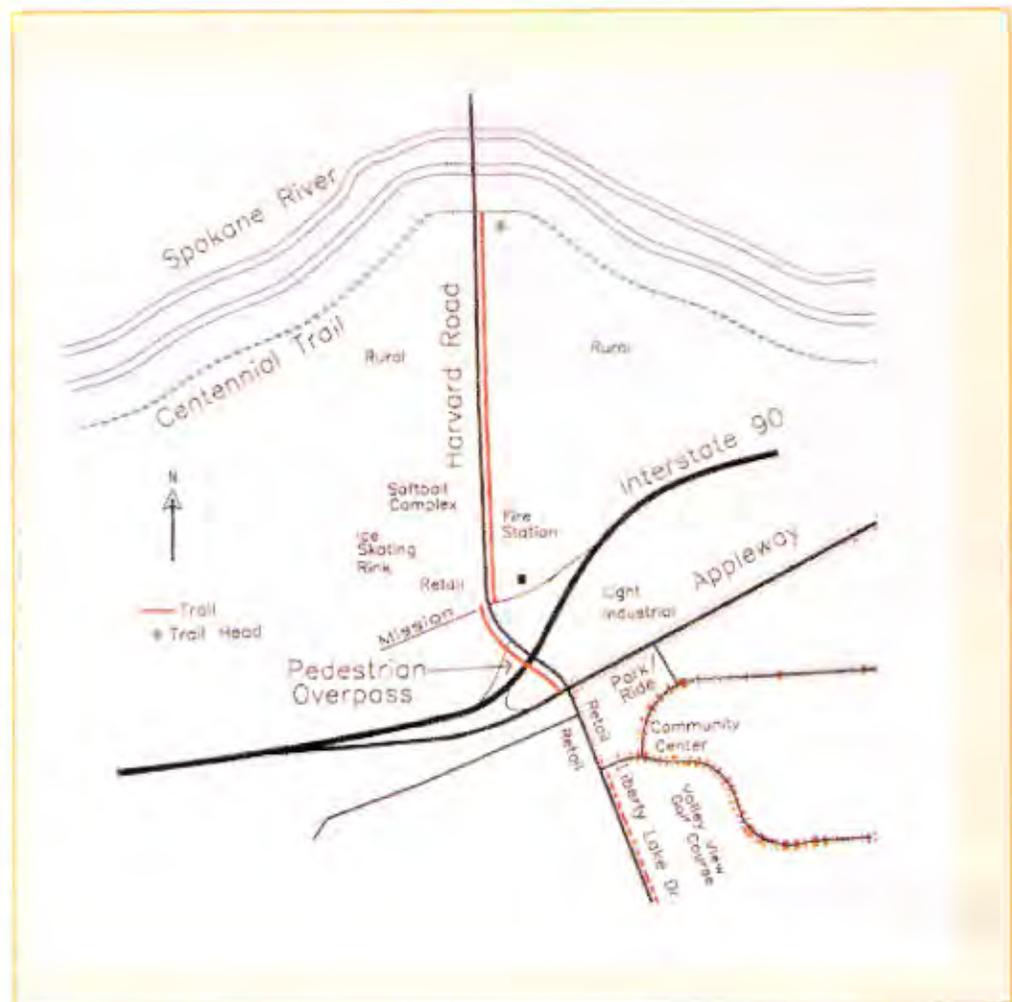
**2. Central Corridors:** This area includes most of the developed urban core of the community and runs from Appleway on the north to Sprague Avenue on the south. This area is primarily urban in character and incorporates most of the residential population and nearly all of the commercial and industrial development in the community.

**3. Around the Lake:** This includes the area south of Sprague and the areas around the lake. Urban development at the north end of the lake transitions to rural and undeveloped forest lands as you move south.

## Centennial Trail Connections

### *Harvard Road Centennial Trail Connection*

This area is developed commercial, rural and natural open space. It begins at the intersection of Appleway and Liberty Lake Rd. and continues north over I-90 along Harvard Road to the Spokane River. The route crosses the freeway on an existing two lane bridge. Harvard Road is very narrow from I-90 to the river





*Top & Middle: The route over I-90 is challenging for cyclists due to the narrow lanes and merging traffic. Bottom: Centennial Trailhead at Harvard Road is a favorite trail connection with ample parking.*

**Existing Amenities:** The route passes a retail commercial area at Harvard and Mission and a softball and ice skating sports complex. A developed trailhead, including parking for the Centennial Trail, exists at Harvard Road and the Spokane River. The Centennial Trail follows the Spokane River with frequent viewpoints in this area.

**Function:** This section of trail is both an important recreational corridor and commuter route.

**Form:** This segment of trail should include a 10-12 foot separated path. An expanded roadway pavement to accommodate an "on the road" bike lane should be provided when Harvard Road is improved. A separate pedestrian and bicycle path and structure to be located immediately adjacent to the Harvard Road structure on the west side of I-90 overpass. This new facility should consider the ultimate alignment and profile of the future west-bound entrance ramp.

**Concepts and Opportunities:**

- Pathway connections: A primary connection to the Centennial Trail and the existing Harvard Road trailhead for recreational users and commuters.

- Gateway feature: This segment could provide the northern gateway to the community trail system. Signs could provide orientation introducing and describing the community trail system, parks and historical features.

- Pedestrian Overpass: The bond for the Transportation Benefit District could help fund the overpass. The Washington State Department of Engineering and the Spokane County value engineering team have recommended providing the structure.

**Constraints:**

- Additional right of way may be necessary east of Harvard Road for a separated trail.
- The location of the fire station impedes trail alignment.
- Right of way and/or access easement necessary for a separate pedestrian bridge over I-90.

**Partners:**

- Spokane County
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Fire District No. 1
- Liberty Lake Sewer District

## ***State Line Centennial Trail Connection***

This area is developed industrial, rural and natural open space. It begins at the intersection of Appleway and Molter and continues south to Idaho Road at State Line. This route parallels Appleway to Simpson road then follows the abandoned Milwaukee Road right-of-way to Idaho road and the Centennial Trail. Most of the route is rural in character.

***Existing amenities:*** The route is relatively flat and contains stands of native Ponderosa Pine.

***Function:*** This section is both a recreational corridor and commuter route.

***Form:*** This segment of trail should include a 10-12 foot separated path for recreational users. An expanded roadway pavement to accommodate an "on the road" bike lane for commuters already exists on Appleway.

### ***Concepts & Opportunities:***

- Pathway Connections: Allows for primary connection to Centennial Trail and the existing State Line trailhead for recreational users. Commuters may continue to use Appleway.

- Gateway feature: Eastern gateway to the community trail system. Signs could provide orientation introducing and describing the trail, parks and historical features.

***Constraints:*** Additional right of way may be necessary south of Appleway along the Hewlett Packard campus in order to construct a separated trail.

### ***Potential Partners:***

- Spokane County
- Hewlett Packard

## ***Central Corridors***

This area includes most of the developed urban core of the community and runs from Appleway on the north to Sprague Avenue on the south. This area is primarily urban in character and incorporates most of the residential population and nearly all of the commercial and industrial development in the community.

## ***Molter Road***

This area is developed urban cityscape. Molter is a main arterial through high density residential areas to lower density along the golf courses.

***Existing amenities:*** The existing trail terminates at Valley Way but the roadway continues south to interface with the Meadowood and Liberty Lake gold courses, ending with views of the mountain and lake at Inlet.

***Function:*** Both an important commuting route and recreational corridor.

***Form:*** This trail should include a 10-12 foot separated path on the east side of the roadway and "share the road" signage.

### ***Concepts and Opportunities:***

- Pathway connections: this trail will allow connections east on both Valley Way and Sprague to the golf courses and residential neighborhoods.

- Ribbon of Green: a planting strip and street trees will extend the Molter Road streetscape to the south connecting it visually to the lake.

***Constraints:*** The grade at the Sprague intersection is a barrier to an effective connection east on Sprague. Right of way acquisition from the Liberty Lake Golf Course would enhance the intersection function.

### ***Potential Partners:***

- Adjacent property owners
- Spokane County

## ***Valley Way and Sprague (east of Molter)***

This area is developed urban cityscape. It begins at Molter and continues east, adjacent to the golf courses, transitions to acreage tracts and undeveloped forest land.

**Existing amenities:** The existing trail on Molter ends at Valley Way. Both Valley Way and Sprague provide views of the golf courses and mountains.

**Function:** Important recreational corridor.

**Form:** This section should include a 10-12 foot separated path on the north side of both roadways.

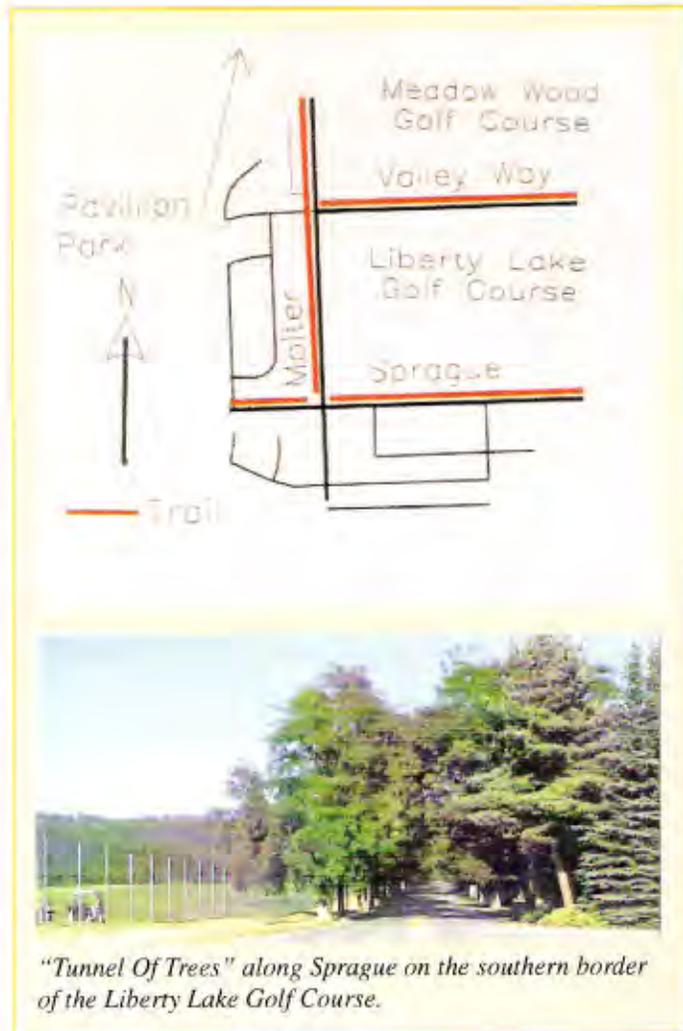
### ***Concepts and Opportunities:***

•**Pathway Connections:** This segment will make connections to the golf courses and residential neighborhoods.

**Constraints:** Adequate right-of-way exists on both Valley Way and Sprague, however, some trees may have to be relocated to make way for a path. Some golf course property may be required.

### ***Potential Partners:***

Adjacent property owners  
Spokane County



## ***Sprague (west of Molter)***

This area is developed urban cityscape. It begins at Molter at the Liberty Lake Golf Course and continues west. The landscape is residential, transitions to wetlands at the intersection with Liberty Lake Road.

**Existing amenities:** The trail will cross the outlet channel from the lake and the adjacent wetlands. The wetland area provides natural habitat for wildlife.

**Function:** Important recreational corridor and limited commuting route.

**Form:** This segment should include a 10-12 foot separated path on one side of the roadway and signage for commuters.

### ***Concepts and opportunities:***

•**Pathway Connections:** Provides an important trail loop allowing east-west connections between Liberty Lake Road and Molter.

•**Outdoor Classroom:** The wetlands and outlet channel provide an opportunity for an outdoor learning environment focusing on wetland function, hydrology, water quality and wildlife habitat.

•**Pocket Park:** Land is available through Greenstone Corporation for a small park and/or trail head parking area north of the roadway near the outlet channel.

**Constraints:** Right of way acquisition or relocation of the roadway centerline may be necessary to create adequate space for a separated trail.

**Potential Partners:**

- Adjacent property owners
- Spokane County
- Greenstone Corporation
- Liberty Lake Village Property Owners Assoc.

## **Liberty Lake Road**

This area is developed residential and natural open space. It begins at the retail center and travels south along the Valley View Golf Course, wetlands and natural open space, terminating at Inlet Drive. The lake outlet channel is a 75 foot corridor between the roadway and the golf course.

**Existing amenities:** The lake outlet channel corridor encompasses wetlands and natural wildlife habitat. The channel itself provides a seasonal outlet for the lake and most years will contain flowing water during the spring runoff. In the early 1900's the outlet channel was used to draw water off the lake to irrigate orchards in the Spokane Valley. Between 1900 and 1930 rail service was used to access the lake along this same corridor.

**Function:** This section is both an important recreational corridor and commuter route.

**Form:** This segment should include a 10-12 foot separated path for recreational users and an expanded roadway pavement to accommodate an "on the road" bike lane for commuters.

**Concepts and opportunities:**

- Pathway connections: This trail will allow connections north-south between Country Vista and Inlet, providing an important trail loop.

- Outdoor classroom: The outlet channel, surrounding wetlands and wildlife provide the opportunity for an outdoor learning environment focusing on flora, hydrology, wetlands and water quality.

- Gateway feature: This segment could provide the gateway to the community trail system. Signs could provide orientation introducing and describing the community trail system, parks and historical features.

- Focal point: This segment of the trail, and particularly the outlet channel, is ideal for interpretive and orientation signage, and community gathering opportunities.

- Land acquisition and easements: This outlet channel corridor is available for trail development from the Greenstone Corporation. In conjunction with the Liberty Lake Sewer District, opportunities exist for outlet channel restoration and trail construction.

**Constraints:** Right of way acquisition or relocation of the roadway centerline may be necessary to create adequate space for an "on the road" bike lane. Wetland configuration and channel alignment may require one or more bridges to cross the channel. Interface with the golf course may require special screening or fencing. Additional right of way may be necessary south of Sprague in order to construct a separated trail.

**Potential Partners:**

- Spokane County
- Liberty Lake Sewer District
- Greenstone Corporation
- Friends of Pavillion Park



## ***Inlet Drive***

This area is developed residential and natural open space. It begins at Sprague and passes residential, wetlands and natural open space terminating at the intersection with Liberty Lake Road.

**Existing amenities:** The wetland area provides natural habitat for area wildlife. The route passes close to the lake with views over the lake to the mountains. The route is popular with walkers and affords the best views of the lake from the north end.

**Function:** This section of the trail is both an important recreational and commuting corridor.

**Form:** This segment of trail should include a 10-12 foot separated path on one side of the roadway.

### ***Concepts and Opportunities:***

•**Pathway connections:** This segment will allow connections east-west between Liberty Lake Road and Molter, providing an important loop.

•**View Points:** There are opportunities for maintaining views of the lake along this route.

**Constraints:** Right of way acquisition or relocation of the roadway centerline may be necessary to create adequate space for a separated trail. Private ownership between the lake and the trail may eventually block lake view corridors.

### ***Potential Partners:***

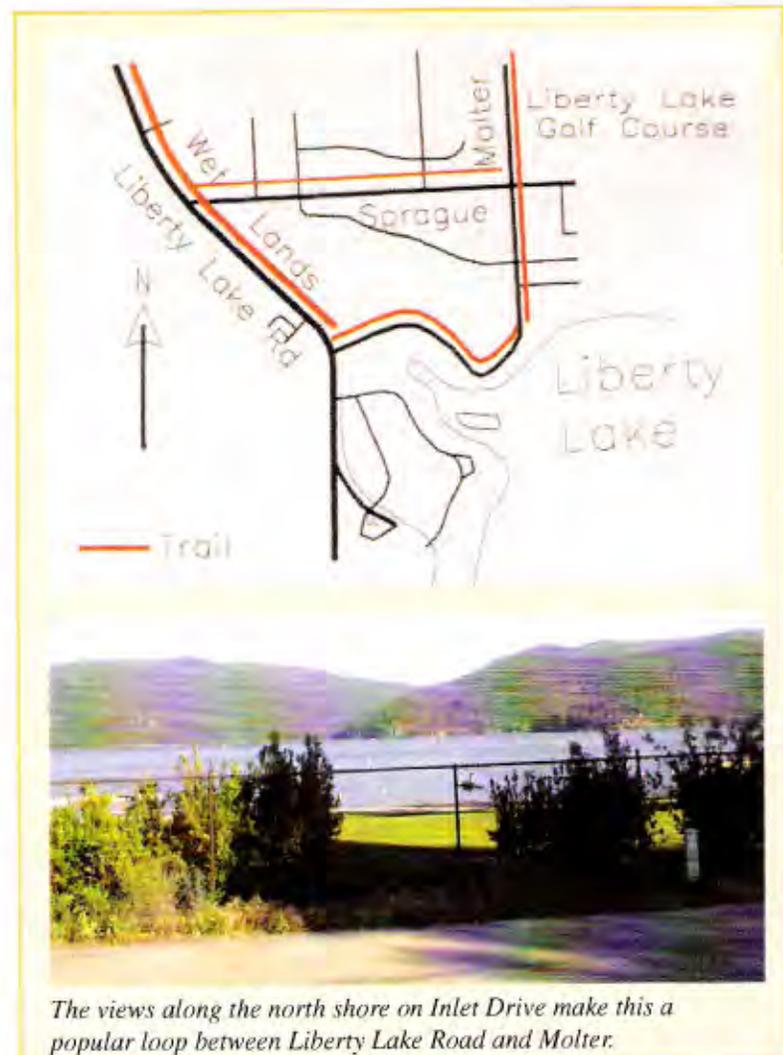
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- Spokane County
- Liberty Lake Sewer District
- Liberty Lake Village Property Owners Association

## ***Around the Lake:***

This includes the area south of Sprague and the areas around the lake. Urban development at the north end of the lake transitions to rural and undeveloped forest lands as you move south.

## ***West Side of Lake (Liberty Lake Road to Liberty Creek Road)***

This area is developed low density residential and natural open space. It begins at the Alpine Shores neighborhood and terminates at the south end of the lake at the end of Liberty Creek Road.



This route passes through developed residential neighborhoods until Lilac Lane. South of Lilac Lane the road separates the lakeside homes from the steep forested foothills of Mica Peak.

**Existing amenities:** The lake itself is the most important and dramatic amenity along this corridor. At several locations the road runs adjacent to the steep banks that lead down to the lake.

Scenic vistas and viewpoints are available at several locations, however there is no public access on the west side of the lake. The forested hillsides above the road provide significant native flora and fauna and allow an easy connection to natural open spaces for the residents on this side of the lake. The west side of the lake is rich in the history of the lake. It is here that Indians first settled the shores of the lake in the 1800's and it is here that Steve Liberty built his home. Later the dance pavillion and numerous resorts were built in this area.



**Function:** This section is both an important commuting and recreational corridor.

**Form:** Constraints prevent the development of a separate trail or pathway. Pedestrians, bicycles and motorists must share the existing roadway. The route should be signed as a "share the road" facility.

**Concepts & Opportunities:**

- Pathway connections: This trail segment will provide the opportunity for an "around the lake" loop.

- View Points: There are numerous opportunities for maintaining views vistas across the lake and to the mountains and Idaho Peak along this route. These scenic overlooks would be separated from the roadway and provide interpretive signs.

- Outdoor Classroom: The west side route and the natural environment provides opportunities to create an outdoor learning environment focusing on native plants, wildlife, and lake hydrology.

- Focal Point: This segment of the trail is ideal for interpretive signage, which focuses on the rich history of the lake.

- Land acquisition and easements: There are opportunities for acquisition of the native open spaces on the west side of the lake. Acquisition would allow these areas to remain permanently in open space.

**Constraints:** Private land ownership, difficult topography and development patterns that placed the homes around the lake closeto the roadway make the development of separated pedestrian facilities uneconomic at this time.

**Potential Partners:**

- Spokane County
- Liberty Lake Sewer District
- Adjacent property owners
- Liberty Lake Property Owners Association

## ***Lakeside Trail (East side of lake)***

This area is developed low density residential and natural open space. It begins at the Meadowwood Golf Course and terminates at the south end of the lake at the Liberty Lake Regional Park. This route passes through large lot and acreage home sites and the roadway generally separates the waterfront homes from the steep hillsides above the road.

**Existing amenities:** The lake itself is an important amenity along this corridor. There are fewer scenic vistas and viewpoints on the east side of the lake as the road runs further from the shoreline and the area is dominated by native ponderosa forest. Public access to the lake is available at the County regional park and the Fish and Wildlife boat launch. The forested hillsides above the road provide significant native flora and fauna and allow an easy connection to natural open spaces for the residents on this side of the lake.

**Function:** This section of the trail is both an important recreational and commuter corridor.

**Form :** The trail segment from the end of Valley Way at the Meadowwood golf course to the Liberty Lake County Park would be a paved 10-12 foot separated trail constructed on the uphill side of Lakeside.

### ***Concepts & Opportunities:***

- Pathway Connections: This trail segment will provide the opportunity for an "around the lake" loop and would provide an important connection to the regional park.
- View Points: There are limited opportunities for maintaining views.
- Outdoor Classroom: The west side route and the natural environment provides opportunities to create an outdoor learning environment focusing on native plants, wildlife, and lake hydrology.
- Land acquisition and easements: There are opportunities for acquisition of the native open spaces areas on the west side of the lake. Acquisition would allow these areas to remain permanently in open space. Land acquisition or easements will be necessary for the construction of most of this trail segment.

**Constraints:** Private land ownership and difficult topography will make construction of this trail segment difficult and expensive.

### ***Potential Partners:***

- Spokane County
- Liberty Lake Sewer District
- Adjacent property owners
- Liberty Lake Property Owners Association

## ***Marsh Dike Walkway***

This area is located entirely within the Liberty Lake County Park boundary. A dike separates the marsh from the end of the lake itself and was constructed to prevent nutrients from flowing into the lake. This entire area is natural except for the developed portions of the park. The trails that interface the lake should not only provide views but should focus on the environmental aspects of the lake, interpretation and education, as well as providing the community as a whole with the opportunity to assume responsibility for the lake environment.

**Existing amenities:** The lake itself is an important aspect of this corridor and the views from the dike would be dramatic. Public access to the lake is available at the County Park, as are opportunities for picnicking, hiking and camping.

**Function:** The importance of this section is recreational as well as providing a west side link.

**Form:** The trail over the dike would be an elevated wooded walkway. On the west side a gravel based pathway would traverse the hillside to Liberty Creek Road.

***Concepts & Opportunities:***

•**Pathway connections:** This trail segment would provide the opportunity for an “around the lake” loop and would provide an important connection to the County Park from the west side of the lake.

•**View Points:** There are wonderful opportunities for view overlooks from the dike across the lake looking north and south toward the mountains and Mica Peak. The walkway could also provide the opportunity for fishing.

•**Outdoor Classroom:** The marsh and the natural environment provides opportunities to create an outdoor learning environment focusing on native plants, wetlands and lake hydrology.

•**Conservation/Stewardship:** the construction of the walkway could be done in a manner that stabilizes the dike and allows the dike to function more effectively. Raising the awareness of lake hydrology and water quality issues will help build a constituency for effective management.

**Constraints:** Wetlands mitigation, permitting issues and costs will make this trail segment difficult to implement. But perhaps even most important, there is a growing opposition from a large number of residents around this portion of the plan. Public concerns and opinions should be considered and plans changed accordingly.

***Potential Partners:***

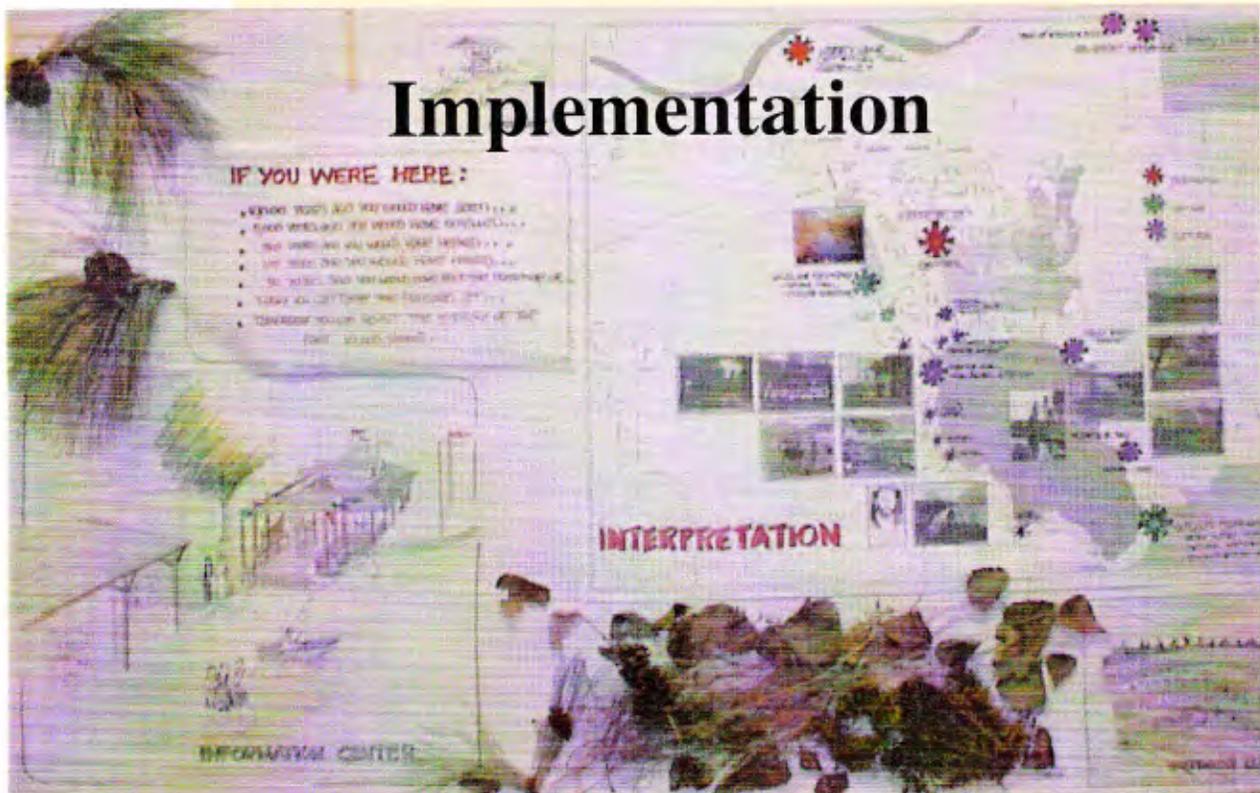
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*The marsh at the south end of the lake offers wonderful opportunities for spectacular views, outdoor classrooms and education on the environmental issues surrounding the lake.*



## **Permanent Trails Committee Integration Into Existing Plans Building Partnerships Identify Funding Partnerships**

This trail plan represents only one step in the process of making a community wide trail system a reality in the Liberty Lake community. A great deal of work and initiative will be required in order to move this plan from idea to reality. The following steps have been identified to start this process:

### **Permanent Trails Committee**

The Trail Committee should be made a permanent committee to coordinate all further action on the Liberty Lake community trail plan. Membership should be expanded to include representation from potential partners. The Trails Committee should broaden the public participation in the planning and design of the overall trail plan and individual trail segments. The success of the plan will depend on the breadth and depth of community support.

## Integration into Existing Plans

This plan should be presented to Spokane County and the plan should be integrated into their comprehensive land use and transportation plans. The trail plan should also be integrated into Washington State Department of Transportation plans for I-90. In addition the County should enact performance standards to ensure that elements of this plan are included in future public and private projects developed in the plan area.

## Building Partnerships

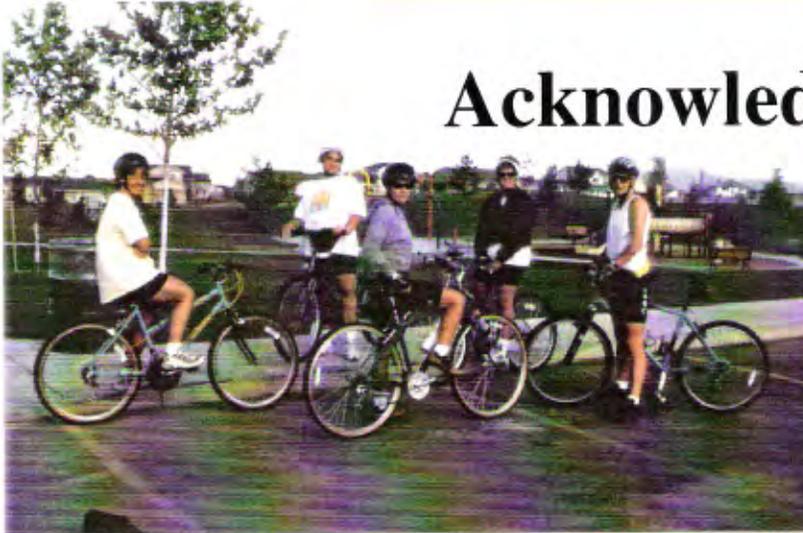
The Trails Committee recognizes the strength of partnerships that have allowed this plan to move forward. The National Park Service and Spokane County have been instrumental in getting this plan developed. The Liberty Lake Sewer District has offered its support. Many businesses and individuals continue to exhibit civic commitment to making the trail plan a reality. The Liberty Lake tradition of working together to reach a common goal is the key to implementing this plan. The community and the Trails Committee must continue to cultivate both ongoing and new partnerships. Opportunities for new alliances must be identified.

## Identify Funding Partnerships

The Committee must identify and cultivate potential local business and corporate support. As well the Committee should pursue and apply for potential grants, both public and private.

The formation of a Transportation Benefit District is an opportunity for the entire community to have ownership in the trail plan and development. State law allows the formation of a special Transportation Benefit District by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. The district boundary would encompass the area that would be benefited by development of the trail plan. After the District has been formed a small property tax assessment can be authorized by public vote with the funds used to assist in trail development and construction.

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## **I. Where We've Been**

### **a. Community Workshop #1 (15 attendees)**

#### **i. Parks Inventory Presentation**

1. The consultant team and staff presented the current state of Liberty Lake Parks, Trails, and Open Space opportunities. Local tennis players made their concerns for more tennis courts known.

#### **ii. Survey**

1. Our survey explored people's issues and concerns on the current parks, trails and open space system of Liberty Lake. We looked into how people are using the facilities and the improvements they feel are important to the future of the overall system.
  - a. There were a wide range of age groups, family status, ideas and opinions within the twenty-nine respondents to our survey. Additionally, there were those who made their overall concerns and ideas known by email or letter.

### **b. Community Workshop#2 (21 attendees)**

#### **i. Focus Groups**

1. We categorized the comments we had received on the survey and randomly split the workshop attendees into groups to explore the opportunities and challenges within each category – Parks, Trails, Open Space, and Sports Facilities. The groups then reconvened and presented their findings both written and visually (on maps of the city).
  - a. The meeting resulted in all present having the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the various ideas and issues present within each category. Individual comments by category were encouraged and added to the focus group findings.

### **c. Community Workshop#3 (10 attendees)**

#### **i. Quad Map and Ranking Sheets**

1. A map was created, splitting the city into four distinct quadrants with existing and proposed trails and proposed park service areas. Within each quadrant, attendees ranked categories and subcategories that were generated by the previous two workshops.
  - a. The workshop resulted in a thoughtful examination of what was important to implement where. The overall subcategory ranking and relative weight of the category and subcategory rank (by number of votes garnered) were distilled into a prioritized list of broad concepts. Comments were also compiled by quadrant subcategory.

#### **ii. Broad Concepts**

1. **Community Park Development** – Future community parks should be developed to provide amenities, activities and recreational opportunities that do not duplicate the those at Pavillion Park.
  2. **Neighborhood Park Development** – Future neighborhood parks should serve an area within ¼ - ½ mile and provide playgrounds with swings (traditional and tot), play structures that are accessible to all and tennis court(s).
  3. **Trails** - Connective trails suitable for pedestrians, bicycling and rollerblading with independent ROWs – priority given to a trail connection around the southern portion of Liberty Lake to Liberty Lake Regional Park.
  4. **Open Space** - A pedestrian-friendly town square connected to a cohesive trail and greenway system.
  5. **Aesthetics** - Character and aesthetic enhancements to City of Liberty Lake entries.
  6. **Sports and Aquatics**
    - a. A public swimming pool/wading pool in a community park.
    - b. Cooperate w/ Central Valley School District to coordinate development of sport/game fields/courts at school sites.
  7. **Maintenance** - Uphold proper maintenance levels throughout parks and trail system
- iii. Subcategory Ranking by City Quadrants (Top 3 subcategories)
1. **NW Quad**
    - a. Community Parks
      - i. Aquatics
      - ii. Preservation
      - iii. Interpretive
    - b. Neighborhood Parks
      - i. Cultural Events
      - ii. Maintenance
      - iii. Level of Service
    - c. River & Trails
      - i. Kayak/Rafting/Tubing
      - ii. Bicycle/Rollerblade
      - iii. Connective
    - d. Open Space
      - i. Spokane River Banks
      - ii. Town Square
      - iii. Trails in Independent ROW
    - e. Sports Facilities
      - i. Sports World
      - ii. Sports USA
      - iii. School/Park Cooperative

## **2. NE Quad**

- a. Community Parks
  - i. Site Furnishings
  - ii. Cultural Events
  - iii. Sports/Games (i.e., tennis)
- b. Neighborhood Parks
  - i. Maintenance
  - ii. Sports/Games (i.e., tennis)
  - iii. Playground Equipment
- c. River & Trails
  - i. Bicycle/Rollerblade
  - ii. Connective
  - iii. Trails in Independent ROW
- d. Open Space
  - i. Spokane River Banks
  - ii. Connectivity
  - iii. Interpretive

## **3. SW Quad**

- a. Community Parks
  - i. Playground Equipment
  - ii. Level of Service
  - iii. Cultural Events
- b. Open Space
  - i. Town Square
  - ii. Aesthetic Enhancements
  - iii. Connectivity

## **4. SE Quad**

- a. Community Parks
  - i. Aquatics
  - ii. Preservation
  - iii. Interpretive
- b. Neighborhood Parks
  - i. Cultural Events
  - ii. Maintenance
  - iii. Level of Service
- c. River & Trails
  - i. Around Liberty Lake
  - ii. Connective
  - iii. Walking/Jogging
- d. Open Space
  - i. McKenzie Bay
  - ii. County Park
  - iii. Connectivity
- e. Sports Facilities
  - i. School/Park Cooperative
  - ii. Sports USA

d. **Community Workshop#4 (9 attendees)**

i. Public Participation Process Presentation and an Additional Survey of Quadrant-based Planning Priorities with Commentary

1. A presentation was given on the public participation process and our findings. Attendees offered their comments on the process and were asked to rank their priorities by city quadrant and provide additional comment, if desired.

a. The workshop resulted in a deeper understanding on the planning priorities the public has for different areas of Liberty Lake.

## Community Workshop #2

City of Liberty Lake

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan

Focus Group findings and Public Comment (where applicable) by Category:

### 1. Trails and Trail Systems

#### a. Focus Group Findings – Opportunities and Challenges

##### i. Trails Loops/Connections

1. Unify existing trail systems by adding a trail section from Molter to L.L. Rd. along Sprague.
  - a. Challenge: ROW concerns
2. Public trail looping around lake
  - a. Challenge: private property between trail system and County Park trails
  - b. Challenge: Improvements needed along roadway to make connection along east side of lake – poor visibility in places
3. Include Legacy Ridge trail loop – great views
  - a. Challenge: private property
4. Approach to I-90 pedestrian bridge
  - a. Challenge: Crosswalks over on-ramp and off-ramp
    - i. Tunnel under on-ramp instead of crosswalk?

ii. Better signage, i.e., trail system maps, etc.

iii. Addition of trees, benches, and garbage cans throughout system.

iv. Country Vista makes better entry statement than does Appleway – works with town square concept (on L.L. Rd, between Safeway and Albertson's).

#### b. Individual Public Comment

i. I love the trails and really want to see them completed.

ii. Trail proposal for hikers, bicycling, and equestrian linking S. Molter to L.L. County Park. Possible trailhead parking on Molter at the 2000 block.

iii. Continue trail past Inlet, up Garry, to Molter. Existing trail off Molter crosses Pete Shank's property, continues through various properties, and into county park trails.

iv. Pete Shank (Trailmarkers Horse Club member) has given permission to use trail; links west side of lake to County Park.

**2. Parks (Neighborhood, Public/Community, and Regional)**

## a. Focus Group Findings – Opportunities and Challenges

## i. Future community parks

## 1. Rocky Hill

- a. Natural amphitheater
- b. Plays
- c. Tennis

## i. Challenge: location

## 2. McKenzie Bay as public lake access

- a. Challenge: Private property
- b. Challenge: conflict with beach at County Park

## 3. Programming unique uses to compliment Pavillion Park

- a. Community build, i.e., Fort Sherman in Cd'A

## 4. Develop Historic/interpretive information

## 5. Tennis courts

## 6. Public Swimming Pool/Wading Pool (Aquatic Center)

- a. challenge: cost of ongoing maintenance
- b. challenge: liability
- c. challenge:

## 7. Public swimming beach

- a. challenge: location that doesn't directly compete w/ County Park beach
- b. challenge: private property

## 8. Swing sets

- a. challenge: liability

## 9. Adjacent to river

- a. Connect to Centennial Trail

## i. challenge: private property

## ii. Work with neighboring jurisdictions

## iii. New school cooperative agreement

## 1. Shared tennis courts/soccer field

- a. challenge: negotiations with school district

## iv. Pavillion Park

## 1. Improve entry

## 2. Upgrade restrooms

## 3. Replace sand volleyball

- a. Challenge: does it still have community interest?

## i. FOPP wants to run a tournament this summer to test

## 4. Replace horse pit with storage

- a. Challenge: provision of horseshoe pit elsewhere?

## 5. Historical information kiosk

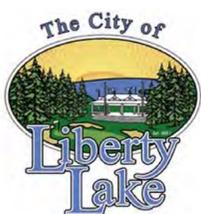
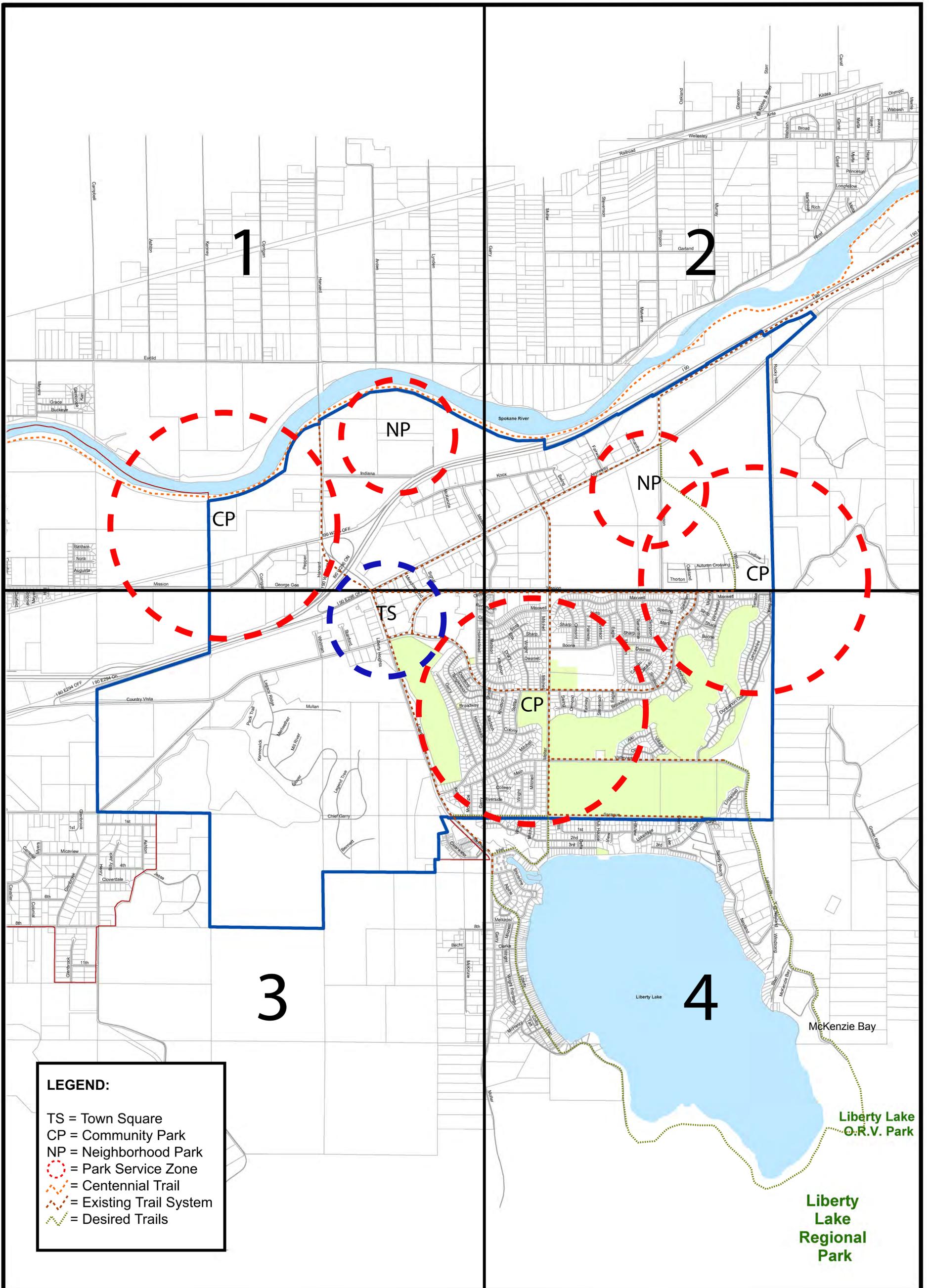
- 6. Dog-free areas
- v. Programming community parks
  - 1. Something unique to complement rather than compete with each other.
- vi. Dog Park
- vii. Sledding
  - 1. Trailhead golf course
  - 2. small hill adjacent to Pavillion Park
- viii. Botanical/Gardens Park
  - 1. Challenge: maintenance
- ix. Walkable parks
  - 1. within ¼ mile
- x. Convert one of the county golf courses to park land
  - 1. challenge: economic viability

### 3. Sports Facilities

- a. Focus Group Findings – Opportunities and Challenges
  - i. L.L. fitness club
    - 1. challenge: limited hours, not family-friendly
    - 2. challenge: pool not kid-friendly
  - ii. Active sports complex
    - 1. Multi-jurisdictional, Indoor/outdoor
      - a. Challenge: location
        - i. Sports USA
          - 1. Challenge: not central to city
        - ii. Sports World
          - 1. Challenge: private property
          - 2. Challenge: bank lease (100 yr.)
      - b. Challenge: long-term maintenance
  - iii. Skate park
    - 1. Matching funds was available
    - 2. Land adjacent to Five Fingers was offered
    - 3. Challenge: noise
  - iv. Tennis Facility
    - 1. Challenge: population vs. value
    - 2. Challenge: location
    - 3. Possibly covered without enclosure
- b. Individual Public Comment
  - i. Groom cross-country ski trails when there is enough snow in winter.
  - ii. Public ice skating would be nice

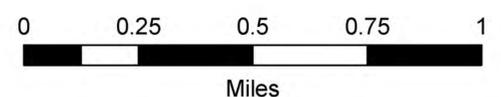
#### 4. Open Space

- a. Focus Group Findings – Opportunities and Challenges
  - i. Area along outlet channel trail
    - 1. historic/interpretive
  - ii. Adjacent to Spokane River
    - 1. challenge: outside city
    - 2. Challenge: watershed protection vs. development
  - iii. City purchase admissions to County Park
  - iv. Conversion of one county golf course to open space
    - 1. challenge: economic viability
  - v. Preserve eastern/southern views/wildlife habitat
    - 1. Conservation futures, annex, purchase agreements
      - a. Challenge: scenic/watershed protection vs. development
  - vi. Lake and river access
    - 1. Challenge: private property and development
    - 2. Boat Launch
      - a. Challenge: limited access (timeframe)
  - vii. Non-motorized lake
- b. Individual Public Comment
  - i. City to look into more open space preservation techniques for outside city
    - 1. open space fund
    - 2. purchase conservation land, lake access, river access
  - ii. reimbursement for county park passes
  - iii. The burden of providing public parks and open space should not fall on individual property owners
  - iv. Preservation is important, but we have to realize where there it's already disturbed along existing trails and do some "re-naturalizing".



# City of Liberty Lake

## Parks and Recreation Planning



## **COMMUNITY PARKS (10-50 ACRES)**

### **RECREATION**

- **AQUATICS**
  - Swimming Pool, Wading Pool
  - Need lake access
- **SPORTS/GAMES**
  - Tennis

### **CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION**

- **CONSERVATION**
  - Does wild mean weeds?
- **PRESERVATION**
  - Need to leave some wild areas for deer and birds

## **COMMUNITY PARKS (10-50 ACRES)**

### **RECREATION**

- **AQUATICS**
  - Perfect location for a swimming center (indoor/outdoor)

### **CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION**

- **PRESERVATION**
  - Need to leave some wild areas for birds

### **OPEN SPACE**

### **GREENWAYS & URBAN OPEN SPACE**

- **TOWN SQUARE**
  - This is a MUST DO!

### **RIVER & TRAILS**

### **RIVER ACTIVITIES**

- **KAYAK/RAFTING/TUBING**
  - Would be a very nice addition to existing recreation options

## **COMMUNITY PARKS (10-50 ACRES)**

### **RECREATION**

- **ANIMALS**
  - People are not cleaning up after their dogs
  - Concerned about potential danger from loose dogs and increase in dog waste
- **AQUATICS**
  - We need lake access within walking distance of Pavillion Park
  - Need lake access

### **SOCIAL**

- **INTERPRETIVE**
  - Geology information also!
- **MAINTAINENCE**
  - People should be held responsible to clean up after themselves
- **PUBLIC ART**
  - Would be a nice addition if funds allow it after more important things (i.e., playgrounds are paid for)

### **CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION**

- **PRESERVATION**
  - Need to leave some wild areas for birds

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS (5-10 ACRES)**

### **RECREATION**

- **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**
  - The safety of the existing facilities is top priority!

### **OPEN SPACE**

### **GREENWAYS & URBAN OPEN SPACE**

- **TOWN SQUARE**
  - This idea tops almost anything else in the room!
  - Great idea!
- **AESTHETIC ENHANCEMENTS**
  - Get rid of parking lots on Liberty Lake – break them up
  - Definitely needs help. Make entry look more appealing
  - I would like to see the area between the Trailhead GC and LL Road be returned to native plants

- **CONNECTIVITY**
  - Need to maintain trail edge – noxious weeds are everywhere
- **INTERPRETIVE**
  - Interpretive signs to explain the history and geology could be placed along golf course bike trail
  - Information on arterial location would be easy to find by out-of-towners
- **PUBLIC ART**
  - Would be a great addition to town square
  - YES!

## **RIVER & TRAILS**

### **PARK TRAILS**

- **AROUND LIBERTY LAKE**
  - Key in on the nature trail possibilities. These must connect for a full round!
  - “natural areas” we need to take care of invasive weeds – replant natural areas w/ natives.
  - Multi-purpose, soft-surface around the lake

### **CONNECTOR TRAILS**

- **INDEPENDENT RIGHT-OF-WAY**
  - S. Molter area to LL County Park – soft trail for mtn bike, hikers, and equestrian

### **TRAIL ACTIVITIES**

- **ADD EQUESTRIAN**

## **SPORTS FACILITIES**

### **POSSIBLE FACILITY LOCATIONS**

- **AREA ADJACENT TO FIVE FINGERS**
  - This must NOT happen
  - No!! Too much concrete and noise. Should not be in the middle of residential area.

## **COMMUNITY PARKS (10-50 ACRES)**

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## PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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RE: Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Community Workshop #1

The following is a brief summary of responses to the questions discussed at the workshop and on the survey form with approximate number of responses.

### **What kinds of activities bring you (or your family) to Liberty Lake Parks?**

- See Spreadsheet

### **As you think about Liberty Lake Parks, Trails and Open Space, what issues or concerns would you list?**

- Different parks that have different themes / uses
- Too much development, not enough parks, trails, etc.
- Involve homeowner associations, Friends of Pavillion Park, & other groups w/ the City to work together
- Access to river
- Increased public art
- Facilities need to adequately accommodate the growing population as the community grows
- Need more tennis courts
- Need at least one more tennis court
- Need more tennis facilities, improved tennis courts
- Crowding
- Maintenance
- Types of facilities
- Swings
- Adding of swings
- Need trails to extend down Molter toward the lake and along Inlet Drive (narrow roads, bike lanes)
- More play equipment for kids, too crowded during daycare usage
- Could swings be added?
- Improved watering / tree replacement
- Possibly change volleyball court area into a tennis court area
- Sand volleyball area could be eliminated for better use (tennis court, playground, or whatever is needed)
- Lake access along N. side of lake, walkable from City
- Increased soccer opportunities (larger than Pavillion Park, 5 or 6 fields for games)
- Neighborhood pool
- Parks north of I-90
- Tennis Facility
- Need more tennis courts
- Swing Sets
- In-ground pool

- I'd like to see a swing set at any park
- I'd like to see a wading pool anywhere
- Build the City of Liberty Lake Park on the lake in MacKenzie Bayon land purchased from the Hauteus.
- Linking a trail from S. Molter to L.L. County Park
- Lake access! Walking distance from Pavillion Park
- Tennis courts – need more
- Would like a min. of one more tennis court
- Would hate to see a paved trail around the south end of the lake. [It] would encourage more traffic, crime, and less wildlife enjoyment.
- More concerts, less movies – could have a membership ticket to offset expenses like [the] Sandpoint Festival
- Maintenance
- Safety
- Access
- A wading pool (i.e., Millwood – 12” deep?)
- Movies that are “R” rated should not be shown on the park movie nights – no way to monitor ages.
- We would like to have swings for older kids as well as safety ones for babies
- Finishing/connecting trails
- Invasive/noxious weed removal/re-landscape native plants
- Creating pedestrian-friendly town center
- Continue trail system; especially to include “loop” around golf courses (Neyland and Lakeside). Many people walk this route on a daily basis, and it is very dangerous as there is no trail, sidewalk, or shoulder on this road.
- Community garden in a park setting. Similar to the Manito/rose gardens where people can picnic, have weddings, etc. Suggestions: a Liberty Lake Garden Club could be established and assist in the planning, planting, and maintenance of the garden. School kids could have a “plot” to grow vegetables as part of a science project, vegetables grown can then be donated to the food bank.
- Senior Center. Activities similar to the Corbin Art Center. A meeting place and activities (art classes, yoga, dance, seminars) for the Seniors. It would be easier and less driving for seniors to attend functions closer to home rather than driving into the valley or downtown.
- I believe a goal for any park system is to not burden the limited tax dollar and the parks should be designed with that goal in mind – there are ways to reduce the burden by using ‘LEED’ or ‘Build Green’ concepts. These alone cannot fill the gap, but together with revenue generation goals can greatly reduce the cost of operating a park or park system.
- Loss of open space for birds, serenity
- Pollution run off into the lake and river
- Capacity for future size of neighborhood
- Bathroom facilities need improvement
- Most tennis clubs in Auckland, New Zealand, for example, have 3 or 4 courts and a small “clubhouse”. I am wondering about having a “tennis club” at Rocky Hill Park... the park is really too small for soccer fields or other playfields. The tennis courts could be located in the SE corner, near the little rental house. The house could become the “clubhouse” for the tennis club.
- I am advocating more BIKE TRAILS ... both on the west and east sides of the lake, the main roads (Garry turning into Molter and East Valleyway Ave) are very narrow and dangerous; they are barely wide enough for two cars. Access by foot and bike (bike lane) would be greatly improved by widening and possibly adding sidewalks.

**Which park and recreation facility do you visit the most? How many times?**

- Pavillion Park
- Pavillion Park
- Pavillion Park
- Pavillion Park, a few times a week
- Pavillion Park, weekly during warm weather
- Pavillion Park, hundreds of times
- Pavillion Park, 4 times a year
- Pavillion Park, seasonal, more in summer
- Pavillion Park, movies & concerts in summer
- Concerts / movies
- Garden tour
- Playground, several times a week
- Liberty Lake Fitness, 4+ times a week
- Trails
- Trails, daily during warm weather
- Trail system, almost daily
- Lake, 2 to 3 times a week during summer
- Little Bear
- Golf Course
- I walk over 4 miles every day, summer and winter, on trails
- Pavillion Park, L.L. Beach
- Pavillion Park – 3 to 4 times each month in summer, occasionally in winter
- Pavillion Park – morning
- Park/playground – 1 to 2 times/week
- Pavillion with grandson and for tennis, Cedars and waterfall for peaceful hikes
- Pavillion Park – tennis court
- Pavillion Park – movies, concerts
- Trails – every day

**How would you rate the quality of parks grounds maintenance?**

- Very well maintained
- Excellent
- Great
- Great
- Great
- Very good
- Good, except along trail by Trailhead, lots of knapweed between trail & Liberty Lake Rd.
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good
- 6 out of 10
- Much better w/ new staff
- Better w/ new staff
- Clean parks
- Problem w/ sprinklers hitting tennis courts at 6:30am
- Good

- Great!
- Very good
- OK
- Excellent
- Very good
- Wonderful 10
- Well – 8
- Good. Sometimes Pavillion Park is overwatered – soggy spots on the northeast end
- Fair – too much water used on grass

**How would you rate facility cleanliness?**

- Great
- Great
- Great
- Great
- Very good
- Good (bathroom facility needs improvement, in the summer season, more cleaning & supplies daily)
- 7 out of 10
- Good
- Good
- 8
- 10
- Very good
- Excellent
- Good
- Very good
- Great! – bathrooms at Pavillion Park can get very dirty during concerts/movies
- Good to excellent

**What facilities would you like to see developed in the future?**

- Sports Courts - additional tennis courts at Pavillion Park, tennis courts, covered if possible, Handball, tennis, racquetball(2), ice skating
- Additional Trails - at McKenzie Bay, natural area, a trail around the lake or a park on the lake that most people could bike or walk to along the lake, extending onto existing roads like S. Molter
- Additional Picnic Facilities - more tables
- Natural Area and Open Space Preservation - trails w/ native signs & descriptions
- Other -
  - Town square w/ art & greenspace at entrance to Liberty Lake (City center, middle of Albertson's / Safeway parking areas)
  - Signs at entrance to Pavillion Park w/ photos and historical info about Liberty Lake (like rest areas)

- Liberty Lake history
- Teen / youth center
- Soccer fields
- Richer & bigger public library
- A themed garden where people can get to through the trail system (peaceful, beautiful place to sit & relax, have a picnic, take a walk, etc., could be next to an open field for festivals)
- Garden w/ trail connections (Manito type renaissance festival)
- Camps for children other than traditional sport camps
- Parks & rec kids clubs / camps
- A tennis facility (a spot for events)
- Tennis club
- Enclosed tennis, basketball, etc. facility
- Swimming pool (indoor / outdoor)
- Play area (like community play land in Tri-Cities, see [www.leatherassociates.com](http://www.leatherassociates.com))
- Swings at playgrounds
- Another Pavillion Park type facility
- Enclosed amphitheater
- More festivals (like art in park, music, jazz heritage, food court, year round activities, Boise hot air balloon riverfest, sand sculpture festival)
- Linear park along weedy area between Trailhead & Liberty Lake Rd.
- Access to trails, etc. in Legacy Ridge
- Additional parking for Pavillion Park
- Storage building at Pavillion Park on site of present horseshoe pit
- Liberty Lake needs a dog park... and river access and more tennis courts
- Horseshoe facility
- Can the horseshoe pit be moved to a different location? Proximity to play area with kids taking horseshoes and disrupting play keep me from playing.
- BBQ grills
- More tennis courts
- All would be great for families
- Wading pool
- Demographics need to be projected in addition to growth projections for facilities, programs, and events planning. How will the aging of the current population affect park and recreation planning?
- A downtown area with fountains and open space... Parks and sculpture break up the harsh lines of city center.
- Large parks have swimming pools as well as ball fields, play equipment, picnic areas, and arboreal settings.
- The promised and planned additions to Pavillion Park need to be completed: An attractive, inviting entrance (maybe a second at Country Vista), a flagpole and flag, a storage building south of the restrooms, flower beds, shrubs, sculpture, casual sitting areas, and an interpretive display of Liberty Lake history.
- Pavillion Park enhancements: one or two more tennis courts, second children's play area, and a summer recreation program with attended equipment check-out.
- All developers should be required to build small parks in neighborhoods and provide open space.
- A separate park should be constructed for active sports

- A riverfront park with grass, trees, foliage, picnic areas and possibly a swimming beach.
  - Trail system should connect all park facilities
  - Plan for safety and security at all locations
  - Japanese Garden close to center of town. A secluded, serene area in the middle of everything. These gardens meet the needs of people of all ages; from playing in a babbling brook, to taking a lunch break away from the everyday reality.
  - Town Square idea has merit. It would be ideal for a garden market, small, lunchtime performances, art displays, etc; it should contain an informal, large-scale fountain.
- See Spreadsheet



## PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

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### Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan Update 2008 Public Survey Participation Process

The Community Parks Planning Committee consisted of the following:

- Meadowwood Homeowner's Association
- River District Homeowner's Association
- Friends of Pavillion Park
- Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association

The following groups participated in the creation and review of the survey:

- Meadowwood Homeowner's Association
- Vistas Homeowner's Association
- River District Homeowner's Association
- Friends of Pavillion Park
- Liberty Lake Community Tennis Association
- City of Liberty Lake Planning & Building Services
- Eastside Little League
- Liberty Lake Community Softball League, and others

The public survey was available at the following locations in the Summer / Fall of 2008:

- Liberty Lake Athletic Club
- Liberty Lake Municipal Library
- Garden Gate Florist
- Albertsons
- Block Buster
- Liberty Lake Post Office
- Greenacres Post Office
- The Liberty Lake Farmers Market
- Two Movies at Pavillion Park (Kiwanis provided free beverages for survey participants)
- One Movie at Half Moon Park (Kiwanis provided free beverages for survey participants)
- War Concert at Pavillion Park (Kiwanis provided free beverages for survey participants)
- The survey was also available online at [www.libertylakeparks.org](http://www.libertylakeparks.org).

Two full page advertisements of the survey availability locations and the website address were published in the Liberty Lake Splash newspaper.

## Liberty Lake Community Park Planning Survey

### Question #1

In what zip code do you live?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
99019	69.0%	334
99016	18.8%	91
Other	12.2%	59
<i>answered question</i>		<b>484</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>

### Question #2

Do you live in the City of Liberty Lake?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
yes	71.2%	344
no	28.8%	139
<i>answered question</i>		<b>483</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>

### Question #3

Please check the ages of ADULTS in your household:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
31-40	46.8%	224
41-50	30.1%	144
18-30	20.9%	100
51-65	19.4%	93
66	4.0%	19
<i>answered question</i>		<b>479</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>6</b>

#### Question #4

Please check the ages of CHILDREN in your household:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0 to 5	56.0%	196
6 to 10	50.3%	176
11 to 17	35.1%	123
<i>answered question</i>		<b>350</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>135</b>

#### Question #5

Do you (including your family members) use the parks in Liberty Lake?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	97.3%	467
No	2.7%	13
<i>answered question</i>		<b>480</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>5</b>

#### Question #6

Was the location and availability of parks, open spaces and trails an important factor in where you chose to live?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	82.3%	395
No	17.7%	85
<i>answered question</i>		<b>480</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>5</b>

### Question #7

How do you typically get to your favorite park?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walk	65.1%	311
Bike	42.3%	202
Car	47.1%	225
Bus	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>478</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>7</b>

### Question #8

Do parks and recreation programs improve the quality of life in a community?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	98.1%	472
No	1.9%	9
<i>answered question</i>		<b>481</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>4</b>

### Question #9

Do you feel Liberty Lake is still in a state of growth and development?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	99.2%	478
No	0.8%	4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>482</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>

### Question #10

<b>What local parks, trails and recreational areas do you visit most frequently?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Pavillion Park	91.2%	437
Centennial Trail	56.4%	270
Liberty Lake County Park	45.1%	216
Harvard Road Trailhead	21.7%	104
Half Moon Park	21.1%	101
Liberty Lake Boat Launch	17.3%	83
Plante's Ferry Park	16.1%	77
Stateline Trail	14.8%	71
Pump House Park	13.6%	65
Five Fingers Park	12.3%	59
Little Bear Park	10.4%	50
Stateline Dog Park	9.2%	44
Valley Mission Park	6.5%	31
<i>answered question</i>		<b>479</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>6</b>

### Question #11

<b>How far do you typically travel to visit local parks or trails?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Less than 1 miles	34.7%	166
1-2 miles	31.9%	153
3-5 miles	19.0%	91
5-10 miles	9.0%	43
More than 10 miles	5.4%	26
<i>answered question</i>		<b>479</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>6</b>

### Question #12

<b>When you visit local recreation areas, it is usually:</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
With family members	77.1%	361
With friends	10.0%	47
As an individual	8.3%	39
As part of a sports team	4.5%	21
Other		71
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>468</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>17</b>

### Question #13

<b>If you use parks and open spaces in Liberty Lake, for what purpose do you use it?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Family recreation	73.0%	352
Walking or biking	71.6%	345
Attend an event	67.2%	324
Relaxation	52.5%	253
Playground	50.8%	245
Picnic	44.0%	212
Open play areas	34.2%	165
Team sports	33.4%	161
Walk a dog	31.7%	153
Tennis Courts	18.5%	89
Basketball courts	18.3%	88
Fishing	9.8%	47
Skateboard/Inline skating	6.2%	30
I do not use Liberty Lake parks and open spaces	1.2%	6
Other		33
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>482</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>3</b>

### Question #14

How often do you use Liberty Lake parks, open spaces or trails?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Frequently...over 20 times per year	65.0%	314
Occasionally...between 10 and 20 times per year	22.2%	107
Infrequently...fewer than 10 times per year	11.6%	56
Never	1.2%	6
<i>answered question</i>		<b>483</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>

### Question #15

If you use the Community Trails, for what purpose do you use it?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Recreational walking	65.9%	313
Bicycling	65.5%	311
Running/Jogging	33.1%	157
Dog walking	29.7%	141
Commuting	10.9%	52
roller blading	8.6%	41
I do not use the Community Trails	8.2%	39
Other		9
<i>answered question</i>		<b>475</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>10</b>

### Question #16

Using the scale below, please indicate how important the following activities are to you, according to your typical use of parks, trails, and open spaces:						
Answer Options	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important	Rating Average	Response Count
Community Events - Cinema	250	162	41	17	1.62766	470
Community Events - Concerts	273	98	66	34	1.704883	471
Social gathering and picnics	219	166	62	20	1.749465	467
Recreation - tennis, basketball, multi-use playfields	214	170	74	20	1.790795	478
Playgrounds and young child activities	173	178	93	17	1.900217	461
Aerobic exercise - walking, jogging, biking, etc.	180	162	96	28	1.939914	466
Organized sports - baseball, softball, soccer	205	125	82	48	1.941304	460
Water play facilities	166	171	107	32	2.010504	476
Gentle exercise - strolling, dog walking, tai chi, etc.	180	117	108	61	2.107296	466
Swimming	167	133	101	64	2.133333	465
Reading, relaxation, or contemplation	129	159	109	68	2.249462	465
Community gardening	42	83	171	161	2.986871	457
<i>answered question</i>						<b>483</b>
<i>skipped question</i>						<b>2</b>

### Question #17

**Using the scale below, please indicate how important it is to you for the City to enhance the following facilities or attributes in its parks and open spaces:**

Answer Options	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important	Rating Average	Response Count
Community trails	273	135	42	15	1.567742	465
Children's play equipment	234	156	67	16	1.714588	473
Covered areas for picnics, family gatherings, and Amphitheater for community events	213	186	61	12	1.728814	472
Tables and Benches	199	174	69	27	1.837953	469
Interactive water sprays or features	156	227	77	13	1.887949	473
Multi-use sports fields (for practice and general play)	189	155	97	30	1.932059	471
Spaces for relaxation and rest	172	167	94	39	2	472
Swimming Pool	153	194	89	35	2.012739	471
Tennis courts	190	120	99	62	2.070064	471
Basketball	95	165	158	51	2.351812	469
Competition Baseball	83	163	150	69	2.44086	465
Competition Softball	105	114	142	109	2.542553	470
Competition Soccer	99	108	153	106	2.570816	466
Community gardens	79	136	147	107	2.601279	469
Public artwork	73	121	169	102	2.645161	465
Skateboard or Rollerblade features	60	120	192	97	2.695096	469
Off-leash recreation areas (dog parks)	48	122	155	141	2.834764	466
	72	82	153	159	2.856223	466
<b>answered question</b>						<b>481</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>4</b>

### Question #18

**Please use the space below to list any other facilities or attributes in parks and open spaces that you think is important for the City to enhance and how important it is to you.**

Answer Options	Response Count
	177
<b>answered question</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>308</b>

### Question #19

<b>Using the scale below, please indicate how important it is to you to enhance or develop each of the following City priorities:</b>						
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Less Important</b>	<b>Not Important</b>	<b>Rating Average</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Cleaning an routine maintenance of parks and open	328	127	15	4	1.35654	474
Protect natural open spaces	239	160	56	18	1.689218	473
Providing opportunities for increased public feedback	217	179	57	10	1.697624	463
Walkable parks in your neighborhood	223	164	53	24	1.737069	464
Enhancing and protecting Spokane River shoreline	224	156	72	16	1.74359	468
Expanding the Community Trail System	197	165	89	18	1.846482	469
Encouraging open space as part of public/private	180	178	82	24	1.892241	464
Providing more parks	170	185	93	22	1.929787	470
Providing places for outdoor music and cultural	170	168	105	26	1.972281	469
Providing more playgrounds	134	205	101	24	2.032328	464
Increasing the City's tree canopy	149	173	121	23	2.038627	466
Increasing security in parks and open spaces	130	198	117	23	2.070513	468
Increasing park access for people with disabilities	119	217	102	27	2.07957	465
Provide a community swimming pool	193	109	110	61	2.082453	473
Providing better access to the Spokane River	145	159	137	31	2.114407	472
Providing more non-programmed green space (i.e.	103	207	130	29	2.181237	469
Provide a Sports Complex with competition level	136	101	123	112	2.447034	472
Providing more tennis courts	92	106	185	88	2.571125	471
Add public art	64	114	182	111	2.721868	471
Community Gardens	57	122	172	111	2.729437	462
<b><i>answered question</i></b>						<b>480</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>5</b>

### Question #20

What prevents you from visiting local parks more often?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Not enough shade	44.0%	124
Need different amenities in the park	41.8%	118
Too crowded	27.0%	76
Too far away	18.1%	51
Other		128
<i>answered question</i>		<b>282</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>203</b>

### Question #21

Comments:	
Answer Options	Response Count
SEE COMMENTS BELOW	225
<i>answered question</i>	
<b>225</b>	
<i>skipped question</i>	
<b>260</b>	

### Question #22

If you would like to be contacted please provide the following information:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Name:	92.4%	109
Email Address:	83.9%	99
Phone Number:	70.3%	83
<i>answered question</i>		<b>118</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>367</b>

Please use the space below to list any other facilities or attributes in parks and open spaces that you think is important for the City to enhance and how important it is to you.

	Comment Text	Response Date
	1. Swimming Facility (private or public) - very important	Mon, 8/25/08 4:14 PM
	2. More bathrooms - very important	Mon, 8/25/08 3:58 PM
	3. Shade trees - very important, swings - very important	Mon, 8/25/08 3:54 PM
	4. Baseball Feilds - Very Important	Mon, 8/25/08 2:18 PM
	5. baseball feilds - very important	Mon, 8/25/08 2:13 PM
	6. Baseball/ Softball - very important	Mon, 8/25/08 1:44 PM
	7. Privatise for better quality and accountability	Mon, 8/25/08 1:40 PM
	8. Humanity Education - very important	Fri, 8/22/08 3:23 PM
	9. Establishing a strong rec program - very important	Fri, 8/22/08 3:13 PM
	10. Wading Pool Important Better location for open market Very Important	Fri, 8/22/08 12:10 PM
	11. City Center: Common space for community to gather, recreate and see one another Very Important	Fri, 8/22/08 12:03 PM
	12. We need baseball fields A community pool would be great too	Fri, 8/22/08 12:03 PM
	13. Public Swimming Pool Very Important Flow-rode park Very Important	Fri, 8/22/08 11:47 AM
	14. Library Very Important	Fri, 8/22/08 11:44 AM
	15. Clusters of trees/vegetation indigenous veg. Use what nature gave us. Very Important	Fri, 8/22/08 11:11 AM
	16. Rental for events eg. church Very Important	Mon, 8/18/08 2:22 PM
	17. Youth and teen center	Mon, 8/18/08 2:10 PM
	18. covered well above.	Mon, 8/18/08 2:03 PM
	19. Public Pool - Important	Mon, 8/18/08 1:52 PM
	20. Having safe play equipment Very Important	Mon, 8/18/08 1:29 PM
	21. Make County Park free & more people will use it. Need free public access to Liberty Lake!	Mon, 8/18/08 1:14 PM
	22. Playground Very Important	Mon, 8/18/08 1:13 PM
	23. Swimming pool. We frequently have to travel to CDA or the Valley for a public pool or water slide in the summer	Sun, 8/17/08 9:53 PM
	24. An outdoor or indoor swimming pool would be great. I grew up with one-and couldn't imagine my kids not having one for the summer.	Sun, 8/17/08 9:16 PM

-  Find 25. we need a baseball four-plex for little league and other baseball activites Sun, 8/17/08 5:18 PM
-  Find 26. We need a REAL baseball field for little league. Sat, 8/16/08 11:24 PM
-  Find 27. I have been coaching baseball for 11 years now. it is getting harder and harder to find fields for the teams to practice and play on. the city of liberty lake needs to realize that kids are having to leave the city to play and practice. there needs to be more baseball fields and more football fields. we travel to airway heights to play pop warner football and we have lots of liberty lake kids on our team. Sat, 8/16/08 7:09 PM
-  Find 28. golf course and golf practice areas Sat, 8/16/08 4:26 PM
-  Find 29. Definitely need big parks like Pavillion.. my family would love a big outdoor/indoor community pool and more tennis courts. My son would love a skateboard park. I like outdoor events Sat, 8/16/08 2:59 PM
-  Find 30. It is incredibly important that Liberty lake, (preferably pavilion park), put in a large community pool and water recreation area for children and families. My family and myself would greatly appreciate it, and would spend a great part of our summer's there, and other seasons if covered and heated. Thanks. Sat, 8/16/08 1:21 PM
-  Find 31. Please consider baseball diamonds for Eastside Little League practices. Sat, 8/16/08 12:31 PM
-  Find 32. We are looking forward to a skate park. Sat, 8/16/08 12:16 PM
-  Find 33. permanent concession stands Sat, 8/16/08 10:20 AM
-  Find 34. I think that it would be nice to have lights on a tennis court. Sat, 8/16/08 10:02 AM
-  Find 35. Water fountains; clean, well-maintained bathrooms; park is maintained on a regular basis. Fri, 8/15/08 11:36 PM
-  Find 36. Pavillion Park is great, however, the ground covering under the play structure is insufficient and has been for a few years. On another note, after several attemps, the paint that is on the water area seems to be holding up great! Fri, 8/15/08 11:35 PM
-  Find 37. Just want to emphasize that we need more tennis courts Fri, 8/15/08 3:20 PM
-  Find 38. Local Volleyball team Fri, 8/15/08 2:41 PM
-  Find 39. Flat grass spaces and trees to shade. Fri, 8/15/08 11:41 AM
-  Find 40. landscaping Fri, 8/15/08 5:26 AM
-  Find 41. Walkable neighborhood parks are extremely important. A recreational complex in the river district would be a SEVERE DETRIMENT to the neighborhood. This area was designed as a walkable neighborhood. Thu, 8/14/08 10:45 PM
-  Find 42. I would like to see the trail system "connected." The stretch along Sprague from Molter to the Liberty Lake Rd trail would really complete and enhance the trail system. I also believe that the pedestrian bridge approaches from both directions need MAJOR revision. When I ride my bike, I use bike shoes and I am "clipped in." I have to "unclip" to get onto the corner and push the button to trigger the "walk" signal. This is an annoyance that could be Thu, 8/14/08 10:32 PM

corrected by placing "button poles" closer to the corner. The north end of the pedestrian bridge is dangerous to the extreme for cyclists. You have to cross over three "islands" to get across Mission Ave. They do not line up. If you have to stop, there is no room on them. I saw a cyclist pulling a child trailer heading north struggle with the "islands." He lost his balance on his bike and almost dumped the trailer. Meanwhile other cyclists, me included, were stopped and did not know where to go. The cars were clueless as well. That situation is a mess and a bad car on bike accident just waiting to happen.

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|  Find   | 43. I think it is important to attain features such as a swimming pool and skate park before adding duplicates of features we already have.  | Thu, 8/14/08 5:48 PM  |
|  Find   | 44. Baseball/Softball fields   | Thu, 8/14/08 2:53 PM  |
|  Find   | 45. Landscaping to provide areas of shade and places for enjoying natural beauty is as important to me as playground spaces and playfields, which are important too.   | Thu, 8/14/08 1:19 PM  |
|  Find   | 46. We truly need a community center or community space where there's a pool for all Liberty Lake kids to go - enabling them to have lessons, free swim, swim team, etc. Not everyone can belong to the gym and it would be ideal for a summer activity. Also - I think adding more water features - a wading pool that can be drained and refilled everyday - is really important b/c it's so hot here.   | Thu, 8/14/08 11:51 AM |
|  Find  | 47. I play feature that is more for ages 6mo. - 3 yrs. The smaller children get overtaken on the big toy at Pavillion Park. Swings would be good. Community Pool would be nice. Ice Cream store.   | Thu, 8/14/08 10:30 AM |
|  Find | 48. What is important in Liberty Lake is how the community trail system LINKS parks, stores and residential developments.  | Thu, 8/14/08 10:00 AM |
|  Find | 49. I believe we need an area for kids to swim. We have the lake however you cant use the whole lake because everybody owns it, or has private beaches, the community park is great however the water isn't exactly warm when the kids get out of school, and parents aren't going to just go for a few hours it is more like an all day event. So many kids would be able to use the pools and it would be nice to have an area that is outside where the kids would be safe with lifeguards were they can meet there friends and have a fun hot summer day | Thu, 8/14/08 9:38 AM  |
|  Find | 50. Park Dept needs to do a better job maintaining the grass areas. Lots of wasted water, leaking sprinklers, and soaking wet poorly drained areas. Airete, water early for longer duration and let lawn length be short in spring and fall longer in summer. Better seating during events if our rears aren't soaked! More eco friendly and cost effective, better appearance. Everyone wins!   | Thu, 8/14/08 8:54 AM  |
|  Find | 51. Tennis Courts...we need more!!! Playground and water features are nice too.  | Thu, 8/14/08 7:16 AM  |
|  Find | 52. Need more fields!!!!   | Thu, 8/14/08 6:58 AM  |
|  Find | 53. more tennis courts   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:16 PM |
|  Find | 54. I really want a public pool. The play ground at Half Moon Park is disappointing.   | Wed, 8/13/08 9:55 PM  |
|  Find | 55. city pool, and soccer, baseball fields   | Wed, 8/13/08 9:09 PM  |

-  Find 56. The one thing we are missing is a pool facility Wed, 8/13/08 8:18 PM
-  Find 57. Easier handicap access. Wed, 8/13/08 8:08 PM
-  Find 58. baseball fields for Little League would be very nice and extremely convenient Wed, 8/13/08 4:41 PM
-  Find 59. As our children grow, sports fields will become more important to us. Only add more kid playground equipment if it's handicapped accessible (we have none) or for little kids like Pavilion Park. Wed, 8/13/08 4:07 PM
-  Find 60. Don't want the City involved in anything. Want the community to be the way it was before all the incorporation. It is terrible now. Might as well live in Southern California where we left to get away from what you are causing now. Wed, 8/13/08 4:05 PM
-  Find 61. With all the little league baseball teams in liberty lake, it needs a four-plex baseball field, with a field like this it opens up potential tournaments in the area which it would generate revenue for the city. Wed, 8/13/08 3:37 PM
-  Find 62. All cities have community baseball, soccer, softball fields, even small rural communities, it is embarrassing that we do not have this in a community like Liberty Lake. Wed, 8/13/08 2:26 PM
-  Find 63. trees onlong both sides of the freeway though out the city limits of liberty lake, show that we care about our city!!! Wed, 8/13/08 2:19 PM
-  Find 64. Bocce Courts Wed, 8/13/08 2:07 PM
-  Find 65. Tennis tennis tennis Wed, 8/13/08 1:54 PM
-  Find 66. More Tennis Courts, and perhaps lighting for night-time tennis play. Wed, 8/13/08 1:53 PM
-  Find 67. I don't think the trail system is that important. Many people utilize it which is great. What's amazing is how many people will jog on the street next to the trail??? Makes no sense, but for the walkers the trail is nice. Wed, 8/13/08 1:41 PM
-  Find 68. lots of trees flowers a winter playground a place for sledding Wed, 8/13/08 1:31 PM
-  Find 69. We really need a community pool. That would be so nice!! Wed, 8/13/08 1:26 PM
-  Find 70. we need sports complex's. there are so many children in the are playing sports and very few can be in liberty lake. we need baseball fields. soccer fields, basketball courts, and swimming that does not have to be accessed by a club membership. Wed, 8/13/08 1:25 PM
-  Find 71. I would absolutely love to see a public swimming pool!!!!!! I think it would be fabulous!! I would also like to see a fishing pond somewhere! Wed, 8/13/08 12:59 PM
-  Find 72. Trees are often removed when houses, roads and parking lots are built. Why? The fact that so much construction is done just because we can is a crime in my opinion. I am so bothered that the authorities of our city seem to be so insensitive to the needs of the community. Just the other day another building was constructed with a huge FOR LEASE sign. What is that???? Take a visit to Orange County. 30 years ago when I was a small girl, it was beautiful with an amazing fragrance of orange blossoms for miles in all directions. Now you will find 12 plus lanes on the 5 and the 405 fwy of grid lock traffic. A true crime to a once lovely place to grow up and visit the beach. What is Wed, 8/13/08 12:49 PM

happening to Liberty Lake in not what the majority of our community wants. You ask any passer by or any resident. They are upset with all the building of homes. The developers will build without any care or concern of who or what they destroy. Just pure greed it seems. I hope we can control this. I am a Orange County run away ( 7 years ago) and to this day it breaks my heart to go home to see family and not recognize my own home town of San Clemente, California. As I once was a surfer girl.

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|  Find   | <b>73.</b> Liberty Lake desperately needs a public swimming pool. A place where kids can grow up with the memories of swim team, diving competitions, meeting with friends for a day at the pool. This community will not be complete until it has a public pool in one of it's parks so residents and children can come and play and relax together. | Wed, 8/13/08 12:13 PM |
|  Find   | <b>74.</b> none   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:36 AM |
|  Find   | <b>75.</b> I think larger parks with multiple use areas are preferable to multiple small parks with limited space for activities. It would also be nice to have a community swimming pool to offer swimming lessons, water aerobics, scuba classes, etc....   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:33 AM |
|  Find   | <b>76.</b> rehabilitate "wild" areas for enjoyment and future preservation.   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:18 AM |
|  Find   | <b>77.</b> Bathrooms/garbage cans Very Important  | Wed, 8/13/08 11:12 AM |
|  Find   | <b>78.</b> i would love to see a community pool. more baseball/softball fields would be great as well. I like the idea of a community garden.   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:07 AM |
|  Find | <b>79.</b> Lighting Very Important Security Very Important  | Wed, 8/13/08 11:05 AM |
|  Find | <b>80.</b> More golf cart trails Very Impotant Wind control in Pavillion Very Important   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:01 AM |
|  Find | <b>81.</b> Pool at Pavillion Park Very Important *People would love it.   | Wed, 8/13/08 10:53 AM |
|  Find | <b>82.</b> Identifying location and address of various parks for newcomers. We have yet to know where all the parks are. A map of the locations to all new residents would be helpful. Why not a packet of information about the City to newcomers??  | Wed, 8/13/08 10:22 AM |
|  Find | <b>83.</b> Pavillion Park could use more shaded areas near the play equipment.  | Wed, 8/13/08 10:09 AM |
|  Find | <b>84.</b> I think this city is in strong need of a community pool. It is important to have a safe close environment for all the children of Liberty Lake to go and learn to swim and cool off on those hot summer days. Our family would be more than happy to pay an annual fee to join a community pool.   | Wed, 8/13/08 9:52 AM  |
|  Find | <b>85.</b> There's not enough activities geared toward the teenagers around our area.   | Wed, 8/13/08 9:33 AM  |
|  Find | <b>86.</b> WE NEED TO LIGHT THE TRAILS AND PARKS TO KEEP THEM SAFE FOR AFTER DARK USE ESPECIALLY WHEN THE DAYS GET SHORTER AND DUSK IS BEFORE 5:00 :)   | Wed, 8/13/08 9:17 AM  |
|  Find | <b>87.</b> A performing arts center, theatre or stage   | Wed, 8/13/08 9:14 AM  |
|  Find | <b>88.</b> We need a community swimming pool.   | Wed, 8/13/08 9:03 AM  |

-  **Find** 89. Absolutely adding water features and /or a pool somewhere in the vicinity would be the best use of my tax dollars Wed, 8/13/08 8:42 AM
-  **Find** 90. Did Greenstone create this survey? This is the most transparent survey I've ever seen. It is pretty clear that the objectives are to build small parks, more houses. The community is aware of this as well. I know this survey has been sent to people who will support your goals...how small-town mentality of you. You really must be afraid of losing your jobs. Wed, 8/13/08 8:22 AM
-  **Find** 91. We need ball fields for our children Wed, 8/13/08 8:19 AM
-  **Find** 92. A swimming pool. A swing set. Wed, 8/13/08 8:11 AM
-  **Find** 93. Ball parks take a lot of money and space for just one purpose. I like the idea of art, but so often it's just weird and too expensive. If we could get something that looks like something and at a good price, I'd be all for that. For example, I love the feathers in Coeur d Alene - pretty and meaningful. Wed, 8/13/08 7:27 AM
-  **Find** 94. Ball parks take a lot of money and space for just one purpose. I like the idea of art, but so often it's just weird and too expensive. If we could get something that looks like something and at a good price, I'd be all for that. For example, I love the feathers in Coeur d Alene - pretty and meaningful. Wed, 8/13/08 7:27 AM
-  **Find** 95. I think open space or multi use space is important as a place to go and relax from a busy day at work. Wed, 8/13/08 5:57 AM
-  **Find** 96. Add bathrooms in the smaller parks so these parks can handle larger events and facilites in the future. Tue, 8/12/08 10:41 PM
-  **Find** 97. larger areas fro groups -- tables, benches, shade trees. Tue, 8/12/08 10:36 PM
-  **Find** 98. Golf, and more public beach access, more hiking, more winter activities- maybe an outdoor ice skating/hockey rink Tue, 8/12/08 10:26 PM
-  **Find** 99. baseball diamonds - very important for local little league teams Tue, 8/12/08 9:47 PM
-  **Find** 100. Indoor community pool Very Important Community center Very Important Tue, 8/12/08 9:29 PM
-  **Find** 101. Tennis courts and off leash dog parks rank #1 in my opinion. Tue, 8/12/08 9:27 PM
-  **Find** 102. Swimming Pool - Very Important Residents could purchase family memberships or individual memberships. \$ to be used for insurance, lifeguard pay, and operating costs. Tue, 8/12/08 9:17 PM
-  **Find** 103. Exercise are along Molter (sit-up area, pull-up bar, signs for jumping jacks, tires for tire drill Less Important Tue, 8/12/08 9:10 PM
-  **Find** 104. Stop spending my money and lower the taxes! I moved here because taxes WERE lowered every year! Tue, 8/12/08 6:33 PM
-  **Find** 105. The single tennis court at Pavillion Park needs a backboard and needs to be resurfaced and repaired. More tennis courts are needed and it is important to me because it is apparently important to a greater population than the city may think. And it is a great family sport. Tue, 8/12/08 6:13 PM
-  **Find** 106. Little League and softball fields VERY IMPORTANT Tue, 8/12/08 5:29 PM
-  **Find** 107. People moved here for the school, not the parks. Now that the school is overloaded with no real solution in sight, the people probably are hoping to hold on to property values, and not see Tue, 8/12/08 4:33 PM

their investment go down.

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|  Find   | <b>108.</b> It would be great to have a community swimming pool!   | Tue, 8/12/08 4:21 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>109.</b> WE NEED BALL FIELDS FOR LITTLE LEAGUE.   | Tue, 8/12/08 4:21 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>110.</b> The parks, walking trails, and community activities is why I chose to live in Liberty Lake.  | Tue, 8/12/08 4:17 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>111.</b> Beach areas at the lake for jetskiers  | Tue, 8/12/08 3:47 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>112.</b> One improtant factor in designing a city that I have learned through my work with the City Sustainability Task Force is that having green space or parks within walking distance (0.5 miles) is important to the physical and mental health in the community. In this sense making sure people can walks to parks/ green space/ trails should be a priority over having one large field or complex. I have no feelings one way or the other regarding a complex, but we should make sure that people can get to a green space without driving. | Tue, 8/12/08 3:38 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>113.</b> I love the idea of the dog park...there are a lot of apartment living in liberty lake and no place for dogs to just run!! Very big city idea, love it!   | Tue, 8/12/08 3:30 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>114.</b> Baseball fields and community outdoor pool!  | Tue, 8/12/08 3:27 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>115.</b> I cannot think of anything.  | Tue, 8/12/08 3:14 PM  |
|  Find  | <b>116.</b> Liberty Lake desperately needs a few baseball fields and practice areas for team sports! Lights are needed for the trail along Mission Ave.  | Tue, 8/12/08 1:29 PM  |
|  Find | <b>117.</b> Having more baseball fields for kids is a key thing lacking in Liberty lake right now.   | Tue, 8/12/08 10:09 AM |
|  Find | <b>118.</b> I would like to be able to walk to a community park with basketball hoops, play equipment, tennis courts and picnic areas. I would like it to be more of a neighborhood park where mostly the people living in the area are the ones using it.   | Tue, 8/12/08 9:43 AM  |
|  Find | <b>119.</b> I wish Pavillon Park had more tennis courts.   | Tue, 8/12/08 9:35 AM  |
|  Find | <b>120.</b> I believe that if done properly, our community parks needs to provide a wide variety of recreation areas and amenities that is spread throughout the community.  | Tue, 8/12/08 9:34 AM  |
|  Find | <b>121.</b> There needs to be better baseball facilities for little league.  | Tue, 8/12/08 8:39 AM  |
|  Find | <b>122.</b> public swimming pool & sports fields/facility  | Mon, 8/11/08 8:49 PM  |
|  Find | <b>123.</b> natural open space park- what about the Main property as a conservation futures piece in the city to emphasize the history of the Coeur D'Alene indians in the area.   | Mon, 8/11/08 10:15 AM |
|  Find | <b>124.</b> A white water park on the river.   | Mon, 8/11/08 8:28 AM  |
|  Find | <b>125.</b> Need more tennis courts to allow competition & youth programs. More concerts.  | Mon, 8/11/08 7:58 AM  |
|  Find | <b>126.</b> Maintaining open public space and public access along the Spokane River. Maintaining the general character of the river shorelines.  | Sun, 8/10/08 7:39 PM  |

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|  Find   | <b>127.</b> Open green spaces with running/biking trails   | Sun, 8/10/08 5:45 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>128.</b> Anything to promote youth in the outdoors.   | Sun, 8/10/08 11:49 AM |
|  Find   | <b>129.</b> Beautification Very Important Swimming Pool Very Important Trails/Bike Paths Important   | Sun, 8/10/08 11:05 AM |
|  Find   | <b>130.</b> Skateboard area Very Important   | Sun, 8/10/08 10:55 AM |
|  Find   | <b>131.</b> Skateboard park Very Important   | Sun, 8/10/08 10:47 AM |
|  Find   | <b>132.</b> More tennis courts Very Important  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:39 AM |
|  Find   | <b>133.</b> Tennis Courts Very Important Skate Park Not Important  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:34 AM |
|  Find   | <b>134.</b> River access at state line dog park Very Important Wild lands for wild life Very Important   | Sun, 8/10/08 10:28 AM |
|  Find   | <b>135.</b> Need more tennis courts in Pavillion Park  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:13 AM |
|  Find   | <b>136.</b> Boat Launch Very Important   | Sun, 8/10/08 9:45 AM  |
|  Find   | <b>137.</b> Disc Golf Very Important Environmental Education Very Important  | Sun, 8/10/08 9:15 AM  |
|  Find   | <b>138.</b> Need public swimming pool Very Important   | Sun, 8/10/08 9:09 AM  |
|  Find  | <b>139.</b> Swings for children Very Important Sculptures Very Important   | Sun, 8/10/08 9:02 AM  |
|  Find | <b>140.</b> I would like to see a kayak park. Every kayak park I have been to has enhanced the value of the river and its surroundings. To have such a beautiful river running through the city of Liberty Lake and not use it, is a way of thinking we need to work on changing.  | Sun, 8/10/08 12:22 AM |
|  Find | <b>141.</b> Please hear the need for softball and baseball fields in Liberty Lake. There are NO game quality fields owned by the City of Liberty Lake. Over 300 families are waiting for this level of service to be provided in accordance with the Parks and Recreation Plan.  | Sat, 8/9/08 11:05 PM  |
|  Find | <b>142.</b> Green spaces are supposed to be areas that accomodate wildlife and native plant species. These attributes are missing from the majority of smaller in-town parks and would be nice to incorporate in the future. It is difficult to design a park properly that will actually "work" for wildlife, so please consult a wildlife agency prior to designing. Plenty of great native plants exist that will create great wildlife habitat. Most non-native species are worthless to wildlife (and require a lot of water!). | Sat, 8/9/08 9:22 PM   |
|  Find | <b>143.</b> Boat Access to the River   | Fri, 8/8/08 8:22 PM   |
|  Find | <b>144.</b> Bridge at Stateline is being replaced and river feature is threatened. Valuable play kayak feature for many in the Spokane area at certain water levels. No enhancement is needed, we should recognize it and not affect it with the new bridge or new development.  | Fri, 8/8/08 10:05 AM  |
|  Find | <b>145.</b> I do not feel we need a big multi-plex in Liberty Lake as we already have the HUB so close to us. I think it would be a better use of funds to help the HUB stay open and use money for  | Fri, 8/8/08 8:13 AM   |

smaller more family friendly parks.

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|    | <b>146.</b> Grow the Trail system around the lake and in the River District   | Thu, 8/7/08 11:25 PM |
|    | <b>147.</b> Efficient and well designed MULTI use areas are the most important ideas for the future. Specialty, high cost and high maintenance ideas such as a pool or a skate park should be the lowest priority. EVERY use should be centered around the philosophy of long term viability and economics. Obviously a skate park or a sports complex do not meet those goals.   | Thu, 8/7/08 3:54 PM  |
|    | <b>148.</b> Frisbee Golf Course   | Thu, 8/7/08 2:11 PM  |
|    | <b>149.</b> Adult workout stuff (like chin up bar) along jogging/walking trails...Very Important  | Thu, 8/7/08 11:37 AM |
|    | <b>150.</b> Bathrooms at the Park (add-on from question 16)   | Thu, 8/7/08 11:12 AM |
|    | <b>151.</b> Pond - Important Formal Garden - Important  | Thu, 8/7/08 11:11 AM |
|    | <b>152.</b> park on the north side of freeway sould be great for both side of liberty lake  | Thu, 8/7/08 8:40 AM  |
|    | <b>153.</b> neighborhood parks  | Wed, 8/6/08 11:24 PM |
|    | <b>154.</b> Water access for hand launch vessels  | Wed, 8/6/08 6:49 PM  |
|    | <b>155.</b> The city of Liberty Lake needs to recognize the importance of the Spokane River. It is the most polluted river in the state and it pulses through town. Though it is polluted, it is a staple for the whitewater kayaking community. We are very limited to our points of access on the Spokane River. More access equals more awareness. More awareness equals a better chance of cleaning it up. Money would be better spent creating awareness of new parks, decreasing local crime trends in local park areas, and educating the public about an important natural resource that greatly affect the area in which they live. There is no better way to respect a beautiful natural resource then to create a beautiful natural area next to it. | Wed, 8/6/08 6:42 PM  |
|  | <b>156.</b> not only installed public artworks; opportunities like designated graffitti or mural walls for public use and dialogue. Allowances for skateboarding in portions of public parks/community trails - and consideration of skatable architecture  | Wed, 8/6/08 3:17 PM  |
|  | <b>157.</b> Create easy wheel chair accessability for all functions   | Wed, 8/6/08 9:23 AM  |
|  | <b>158.</b> We desperately need a multi sports field so the sports people have a place to play other than the park  | Wed, 8/6/08 9:11 AM  |
|  | <b>159.</b> Community Dodgeball (or other activites) Important More adult activities Very Important   | Wed, 8/6/08 8:08 AM  |
|  | <b>160.</b> River District Parks Very Important   | Tue, 8/5/08 9:57 PM  |
|  | <b>161.</b> Frisbee Golf  | Tue, 8/5/08 8:40 PM  |
|  | <b>162.</b> bocce court   | Tue, 8/5/08 8:17 PM  |
|  | <b>163.</b> BOCCE, gardens to walk through and places to sit in the gardens, possibly with a water feature and public art would be the types of things that I would enjoy in the parks  | Tue, 8/5/08 6:30 PM  |

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|  Find   | <b>164.</b> Rocky Hill Park   | Tue, 8/5/08 4:59 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>165.</b> ADA Roads and Trails.   | Tue, 8/5/08 2:55 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>166.</b> Accessibility, closeness to residence, ability to walk  | Tue, 8/5/08 9:56 AM  |
|  Find   | <b>167.</b> Community gardens and dog park, particularly for the apt and condo living.  | Tue, 8/5/08 9:28 AM  |
|  Find   | <b>168.</b> The city needs to build more tennis courts.   | Tue, 8/5/08 9:23 AM  |
|  Find   | <b>169.</b> An outdoor swimming facility at least 25 meters in length with a diving board and block to start to hold competitions there.  | Tue, 8/5/08 8:42 AM  |
|  Find   | <b>170.</b> Pond - Manito/Cannon Hill type Formal Gardens - Annual/Perrenial/Rose 12'+ High Swings  | Tue, 8/5/08 8:17 AM  |
|  Find   | <b>171.</b> PLAYGROUND, WALK AND BIKE TRAILS. Growing up I never had a place to ride my bike, or a park to play. I grew up in the country and had friends who could ride their bike in their own neighborhood and visit friends. Trails safe for travel either walking or bike riding are very important. I love taking my children for a walk to the nearest playground for them to enjoy childhood close to home! | Tue, 8/5/08 8:11 AM  |
|  Find   | <b>172.</b> Frisbee Golf!   | Mon, 8/4/08 10:31 PM |
|  Find   | <b>173.</b> Trail features that promote health and wellness. Different stations that include exercises / instructions   | Mon, 8/4/08 10:11 PM |
|  Find | <b>174.</b> Small multi-use parks that are close, with variety of activities to choose from rather than a large limited use complex.  | Mon, 8/4/08 9:47 PM  |
|  Find | <b>175.</b> I think there needs to be alot more trees and flowering plants, I would like to see the Pavillion upgraded and a truebaseball field put in  | Mon, 8/4/08 6:02 PM  |
|  Find | <b>176.</b> team sports should utilize access to local school facilities or large regional/county fields.   | Mon, 8/4/08 5:47 PM  |
|  Find | <b>177.</b> Local community center Kayak/Canoe rental facility Look out on top of Legacy Ridge Trail that connects to County Park on the Lake   | Mon, 8/4/08 5:13 PM  |

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 Find	<b>1.</b> entered 8/25/08 #92	Mon, 8/25/08 4:17 PM
 Find	<b>2.</b> County Park enhance beach and the playscope and dock. Entered 8/25/08 #93	Mon, 8/25/08 4:14 PM
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|    | 5. Would love a swimming pool. Entered 8/25/08 #96  | Mon, 8/25/08 4:02 PM |
|    | 6. I would like a swimming pool that everyone can use closer to my house. In the summer there should be movies in the park on both Saturday and Sunday. Entered 8/25/08 #97 | Mon, 8/25/08 3:58 PM |
|    | 7. entered 8/25/08 # 98   | Mon, 8/25/08 3:54 PM |
|    | 8. Half Moon park needs a shower or something the kids can rinse off w/ after playing in the wet sand. Also needs a garbage can. entered 8/25/08 #100                       | Mon, 8/25/08 3:08 PM |
|    | 9. entered 8/25/08 #99  | Mon, 8/25/08 2:48 PM |
|    | 10. Great Place to live, open to improve. entered 8/25/08 #90   | Mon, 8/25/08 2:27 PM |
|    | 11. entered 8/25/08 #89   | Mon, 8/25/08 2:22 PM |
|    | 12. entered 8/25/08 #88   | Mon, 8/25/08 2:18 PM |
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|    | 14. entered 8/25/08 #86   | Mon, 8/25/08 2:09 PM |
|    | 15. entered 8/25/08 #85   | Mon, 8/25/08 2:06 PM |
|   | 16. We need a sports complex - there are enough parks playgrounds no one uses them. They prefer to play in the streets. entered 8/25/08 #84                                 | Mon, 8/25/08 2:03 PM |
|  | 17. entered 8/25/08 #83   | Mon, 8/25/08 1:58 PM |
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|  | 26. Entered 8/25/08 #129  | Mon, 8/25/08 1:07 PM |
|  | 27. The available parks have been great for our young family. We think that constant improvement is always a good thing. Entered 8/21/08 #127                               | Fri, 8/22/08 3:23 PM |
|  | 28. I love dogs, but feel they do not belong at special events such as concerts, art shows, koi shows, etc. Entered 8/21/08 #126  | Fri, 8/22/08 3:19 PM |
|  | 29. Parks help define a great community. Liberty Lake is going in the   | Fri, 8/22/08 3:13 PM |

right direction. Entered 8/21/08 #125

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|    | <b>30.</b> Entered 8/21/08 #124  | Fri, 8/22/08 3:06 PM  |
|    | <b>31.</b> Entered 8/21/08 #123  | Fri, 8/22/08 3:03 PM  |
|    | <b>32.</b> Entered 8/22 #122   | Fri, 8/22/08 12:18 PM |
|    | <b>33.</b> Entered 8/22 #121   | Fri, 8/22/08 12:16 PM |
|    | <b>34.</b> Entered 8/22 #120   | Fri, 8/22/08 12:13 PM |
|    | <b>35.</b> We love the H2O park We look forward to the outdoor movies and plan around them. Entered 8/22 #119  | Fri, 8/22/08 12:10 PM |
|    | <b>36.</b> Entered 8/22 #118   | Fri, 8/22/08 12:06 PM |
|    | <b>37.</b> Entered 8/22 #117   | Fri, 8/22/08 12:03 PM |
|    | <b>38.</b> We need playable fields - not a bunch of pocket parks that aren't big enough to hold a game like baseball or soccer. Entered 8/22 #116  | Fri, 8/22/08 12:03 PM |
|    | <b>39.</b> Entered 8/22 #115   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:50 AM |
|    | <b>40.</b> Entered 8/22 #114   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:47 AM |
|   | <b>41.</b> Entered 8/22 #113   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:44 AM |
|  | <b>42.</b> Entered 8/22 #112   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:41 AM |
|  | <b>43.</b> Entered 8/22 #111   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:38 AM |
|  | <b>44.</b> Entered 8/22 #110   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:35 AM |
|  | <b>45.</b> Entered 8/22 #109   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:33 AM |
|  | <b>46.</b> Entered 8/22 #108   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:29 AM |
|  | <b>47.</b> Entered 8/22 #107   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:27 AM |
|  | <b>48.</b> I think we have adequate facilities at Pavillion Park for concerts & cultural events etc. But we need to enhance the playground there to accomodate the many many & various ares of children who play there. A toddler park/older kid park playground separation would be helpful. And a community pool would be great. I have never seen so many kids in one community - we should really cater to that. Entered 8/22 #106 | Fri, 8/22/08 11:24 AM |
|  | <b>49.</b> Entered 8/22 #105   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:18 AM |
|  | <b>50.</b> Entered 8/22 #104   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:15 AM |
|  | <b>51.</b> Entered 8/22 #103 It bothers me that in this overly litigious society of ours that community leaders are not more proactive about leaving vegetation - even in open areas. I can only assume that the tendency to ravage an area only to plant vegetation that is not indigenous is to abate fears of being sued because a pine   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:11 AM |

cone from a larger indigenous trees falls on the head of a patron and threatens lawsuit or something equally ridiculous. Pioneer school playground is a wonderful example of how they maintained a rather small area w/natural vegetation and how their leader(s) refused to remove said trees when they city pressured them to do so. Developments don't have to look the same just because they are "planned" developments. Leaving more "natural" vegetation adds mystery to what could become an overly "planned" community if we are not careful.

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|  Find   | <b>52.</b> Thanks for conducting the survey Entered 8/22 #101   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:02 AM |
|  Find   | <b>53.</b> #7 golf cart Entered 8/22 #102   | Fri, 8/22/08 11:01 AM |
|  Find   | <b>54.</b> #7- Golf cart I love our parks! Entered 8/18/08 #77  | Mon, 8/18/08 2:22 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>55.</b> You have a wonderful community Entered 8/18/08 #76   | Mon, 8/18/08 2:15 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>56.</b> #15 - Playgrounds - Don't forget teen activities. These kids will grow up and if they don't have something productive to do they will gather and make trouble...plan carefully. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input. Entered 8/18/08 #75   | Mon, 8/18/08 2:10 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>57.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #74  | Mon, 8/18/08 2:03 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>58.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #61  | Mon, 8/18/08 2:01 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>59.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #73  | Mon, 8/18/08 1:59 PM  |
|  Find | <b>60.</b> I work at SuperCuts in Liberty Lake. I think its a great community. To have things like a movie outdoors is a great way to get the community together. I live in Post Falls and these things aren't available for me and my children. So thank you Liberty Lake. Entered 8/18/08 #72   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:56 PM  |
|  Find | <b>61.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #60  | Mon, 8/18/08 1:52 PM  |
|  Find | <b>62.</b> Thank you Greenstone for the movies. Entered 8/18/08 #71   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:50 PM  |
|  Find | <b>63.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #59  | Mon, 8/18/08 1:47 PM  |
|  Find | <b>64.</b> A pool and more parks close by would be great; swings, b-ball courts, swimming, or areas to run through water, slides, etc. Entered 8/18/08 #70  | Mon, 8/18/08 1:47 PM  |
|  Find | <b>65.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #58  | Mon, 8/18/08 1:42 PM  |
|  Find | <b>66.</b> You're doing great! Entered 8/18/08 #69  | Mon, 8/18/08 1:41 PM  |
|  Find | <b>67.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #57  | Mon, 8/18/08 1:37 PM  |
|  Find | <b>68.</b> #9 We moved to Greenacres on July 28, 2008. We want to be able to visit all these parks. We would love for parks to be accessible by bike so we like bike paths on the streets. Please put in more bike paths in the Greenacres area. We would love to bike more as a family on the country roads but are still afraid of cars. Need sidewalk or path on Saltese off Sullivan. Thanks. entered 8/18/08 #68 | Mon, 8/18/08 1:37 PM  |

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|    | <b>69.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #56   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:32 PM  |
|    | <b>70.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #67   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:29 PM  |
|    | <b>71.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #55   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:27 PM  |
|    | <b>72.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #66   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:23 PM  |
|    | <b>73.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #54   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:21 PM  |
|    | <b>74.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #65   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:20 PM  |
|    | <b>75.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #64   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:17 PM  |
|    | <b>76.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #51   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:14 PM  |
|    | <b>77.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #50   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:14 PM  |
|    | <b>78.</b> I love the parks hear Entered 8/18/08 #52   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:13 PM  |
|    | <b>79.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #63   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:13 PM  |
|    | <b>80.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #53   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:12 PM  |
|   | <b>81.</b> Entered 8/18/08 #62   | Mon, 8/18/08 1:10 PM  |
|  | <b>82.</b> There is a screaming need for youth softball/baseball fields, all levels of youth play. There are no such facilities in the East Valley for the many leagues that are trying to get something going. There is so little use of basketball courts I can't believe that there are more going in. Tennis courts are a waste of time unless there is a method to police them for play and non play use. My experience is that tennis courts need high maintenance and not monitoring them or using some sort of restricted access leads to quick decay. | Sun, 8/17/08 9:23 PM  |
|  | <b>83.</b> would like to have baseball touneys in liberty lake, need more fields   | Sun, 8/17/08 5:18 PM  |
|  | <b>84.</b> The greater Spokane area has far too few pools to meet the needs of its citizens, and none are in this area. We understood, 10 years ago, when we bought our home, that a pool was part of the ultimate plan, but it didn't work out. It would sure be nice to get one after all.   | Sat, 8/16/08 10:31 PM |
|  | <b>85.</b> Need baseball fields for young children   | Sat, 8/16/08 10:09 PM |
|  | <b>86.</b> More tennis courts and activities for pre-teens and teens. Once past 9-10 the playground equipment is to small. A community pool for kids would be great also.  | Sat, 8/16/08 5:42 PM  |
|  | <b>87.</b> I would prefer fewer parks, but bigger and with more ammenities. Parks, outdoor activities and seeing people outside utilizing them attracted me to Liberty Lake.   | Sat, 8/16/08 2:59 PM  |
|  | <b>88.</b> The parks and trails are the major reason we moved to Liberty Lake. A nice home can be purchased anywhere, but a community like this only comes about through careful planning. Thanks!   | Sat, 8/16/08 12:31 PM |

-  **Find** 89. I love living in Liberty Lake because of its family atmosphere and open spaces. This makes it a very unique community. Keep up the great work! Sat, 8/16/08 12:16 PM
-  **Find** 90. You should have asked people to rank (in importance) their priorities for enhancing or developing the no. 19 questions... Sat, 8/16/08 10:20 AM
-  **Find** 91. NA Fri, 8/15/08 11:36 PM
-  **Find** 92. A sports complex would be great for the community. It would bring Liberty Lake children back to LL rather than having to travel. ( Adults as well) Fri, 8/15/08 11:35 PM
-  **Find** 93. gardens would be nice...like Manito Fri, 8/15/08 5:26 AM
-  **Find** 94. Keep the River District a walkable neighborhood area as planned. Put your sports complex somewhere else. The river district area does not need this type of park. Put it where the people who will use it live. Thu, 8/14/08 10:45 PM
-  **Find** 95. This is a great first step to providing a forum for comments. Thanks for the opportunity to have a say. Thu, 8/14/08 10:32 PM
-  **Find** 96. The park system/trails/amphitheatrey of Liberty Lake ledinfluenced me greatly to move here in March 08. We use the parks frequently! Thu, 8/14/08 2:53 PM
-  **Find** 97. We live across from Rocky Hill Park and are delighted that it is finally undergoing completion! Although we are "elderly," we love the spaces that are provided for children and familiesto play and interact with one another and with "oldsters" like us. Thu, 8/14/08 1:19 PM
-  **Find** 98. Need more tennis courts for example in Rocky Hill park and a way to book or reserve a certain hour either through an online system or by physically going there and signing up ar hanging a personal item on a time slot board. Thu, 8/14/08 10:00 AM
-  **Find** 99. Parks are great however Liberty Lake parks are more geared toward the younger kids, pocket parks are also. We love the movies as they are geared toward families and older kids. We need to keep the teenagers active and entertained rather then just watching t.v. and hanging out. Thu, 8/14/08 9:38 AM
-  **Find** 100. Overall think a good job is being done but we should always strive to improve. Take better care of what we already have i.e. pruning trees and better quality upkeep may be more appreciated than adding more facilities and budgit requirements. Thu, 8/14/08 8:54 AM
-  **Find** 101. we would like to play tennis more often but with only one court the chances of getting on at a time when we would like is not good so we often choose not to play in Liberty Lake which would be our first choice if more courts were available Thu, 8/14/08 8:10 AM
-  **Find** 102. Please work on building a pool and then fields for sports. Thu, 8/14/08 8:03 AM
-  **Find** 103. I don't understand why the planning committee (or whomever) requested that the park bench on the corner of Country Vista and Settler to be faced toward the street. Who wants to look at an intersection when we could be watching our kids practice their sports, or enjoy the view of the park etc. It really didn't need to face the intersection just because the bench on Country Vista and Molter did...at least you can watch the kids come from school there. That was just a dumb decision. Wed, 8/13/08 11:16 PM
-  **Find** 104. Half Moon Park is playground is woefully inadequate. Wed, 8/13/08 9:55 PM

-  **Find** **105.** tennis courts always full adn we desperately need a place for baseball and softball in our own community. Wed, 8/13/08 9:38 PM
-  **Find** **106.** It is frustrating at Pavillion park when busloads of daycares come - there isn't enough room for everyone with just the one water park in the community. Wed, 8/13/08 8:18 PM
-  **Find** **107.** I am disabled. I enjoy attending the concerts and several movies each summer. I need to be able to park in Handicap Parking and use the ramps to get into the park. Once leaving the concrete walkways to sit on the grass, I have a challenging time as the grass near the "stage" has many holes in it. If I were to trip and fall, I will break several bones. We LOVE the concerts- it is the holes in the grass that cause great concern, especially when leaving in the dark. Wed, 8/13/08 8:08 PM
-  **Find** **108.** We have lots of opportunities for public feedback. I'm not sure if it is listened to or taken into consideration when making decisions. Wed, 8/13/08 4:07 PM
-  **Find** **109.** Don't even use the ones we have - really. Wed, 8/13/08 4:05 PM
-  **Find** **110.** Would enjoy a park with a public swimming pool since one is not offered in my neighborhood. Wed, 8/13/08 2:42 PM
-  **Find** **111.** We would love to see an outdoor community pool added to the city!!! Wed, 8/13/08 2:36 PM
-  **Find** **112.** If the liberty lake boat launch is part of this study, I have a few comments. I used to utilize the lake for fishing with my kids. Unfortunately, it is hard to do that now. The boat lauch has been taken over by jet-skiers, recreational boaters, and dock fisherman. The fishing dock fills up, and all those people park in the trailer spots. The new ramp is to tight to back down for the inexperienced and the ability to only launch one boat at a time congests the area. Why not add another boat launch on the lake or move the boat launch to the county park and leave the small area for shore fisherman. Everyone should enjoy access to the lake, not just the people with the cash to buy the homes on the lake. Thanks! Wed, 8/13/08 1:41 PM
-  **Find** **113.** please add sports complexes with a city of this demographic and size it would not only be of great benefit to the younger members of our community but also would bring in revenue with tournaments that could be provided for Wed, 8/13/08 1:25 PM
-  **Find** **114.** Did I mention we need a community swimming pool with organized summer swim programs and teams? Community Pool is a must. Wed, 8/13/08 12:13 PM
-  **Find** **115.** Entered 8/13/08 #49 Wed, 8/13/08 11:29 AM
-  **Find** **116.** Entered 8/13/08 #48 Wed, 8/13/08 11:26 AM
-  **Find** **117.** Entered 8/13/08 #47 Wed, 8/13/08 11:23 AM
-  **Find** **118.** Entered 8/13/08 #46 Wed, 8/13/08 11:22 AM
-  **Find** **119.** #19 - Too Crowded - Pavillion Park water feature is impossible to use most of the time due to daycare field trips/busloads, etc. Entered 8/13/08 #45 Wed, 8/13/08 11:18 AM
-  **Find** **120.** I don't feel the need to be contacted, but you're certainly welcome to. Wed, 8/13/08 11:18 AM

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|    | <b>121.</b> Entered 8/13/08 #44   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:12 AM |
|    | <b>122.</b> Entered 8/13/08 #43   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:08 AM |
|    | <b>123.</b> We all need to do our part to protect these vital resources. Less urban development. Thank you! Entered 8/13/08 #42   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:05 AM |
|    | <b>124.</b> Entered 8/13/08 #41   | Wed, 8/13/08 11:01 AM |
|    | <b>125.</b> Entered 8/13/08 #40   | Wed, 8/13/08 10:57 AM |
|    | <b>126.</b> Entered 8/13/08 #39   | Wed, 8/13/08 10:55 AM |
|    | <b>127.</b> I think the parks and trails here are very well-kept and have a lot of multi-purpose activities Entered 8/13/08 #38   | Wed, 8/13/08 10:53 AM |
|    | <b>128.</b> As you can see, answers are directed to senior citizens, rather than young families. A family will most likely answer them differently  | Wed, 8/13/08 10:22 AM |
|    | <b>129.</b> We have been waiting for Rocky Hill park for FOUR years - and have been discouraged by the slow progress. By the time it is finished, I am afraid our children will be too old to enjoy it.   | Wed, 8/13/08 10:20 AM |
|    | <b>130.</b> I think the city should give up on trying to keep Sport Complex alive. The folks who have attempted to revitalize it just don't know how to run it. The original sport complex was just plain boring. The design, the set up, everthing about it was just ridiculous. Not to mention the astronomical prices.   | Wed, 8/13/08 9:33 AM  |
|    | <b>131.</b> Keep parks for recreationand relaxations vs competitive sports. Sports complexes snarl traffic, cause parking issues and disrupt regular, recreational parks use. There are already many sports complexes in the valley. Our young kids will grow up and move on. We will benefit from having more trees and recreational park areas  | Wed, 8/13/08 9:27 AM  |
|    | <b>132.</b> i would like to see a community dog park. dogs will always be here. skateboarders will come and go with thew age of kids.   | Wed, 8/13/08 9:00 AM  |
|   | <b>133.</b> In six years of living here I'd never seen a pocket park being used. Now that you have this agenda I see concerts in the park. How funny...   | Wed, 8/13/08 8:22 AM  |
|  | <b>134.</b> In this time, we need to not be spending all we have - tough times are here and coming in more and more. This is not the time to increase taxes and build, build, build. Let's slow down and maintain well the beautiful city we have.  | Wed, 8/13/08 7:27 AM  |
|  | <b>135.</b> In this time, we need to not be spending all we have - tough times are here and coming in more and more. This is not the time to increase taxes and build, build, build. Let's slow down and maintain well the beautiful city we have.  | Wed, 8/13/08 7:27 AM  |
|  | <b>136.</b> Thank you for asking our opinon. We are new to Liberty Lake a love this community.  | Wed, 8/13/08 6:45 AM  |
|  | <b>137.</b> more playground stuff   | Tue, 8/12/08 11:12 PM |
|  | <b>138.</b> If we can ever get the 2 new schools built within the city limits, the commuity will have many more ball fields to share with the school district. Let's be patient. I was disapointed with the rejection of the community center. Parks and Recreation programs can serve so many people all year around with a good indoor facility. Programs like crafts, senior fitness, indoor | Tue, 8/12/08 10:41 PM |

playgyms for our toddlers, gardening.... and so on. Will the city the buy another building and call it our community center? Plan C.

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|    | <b>139.</b> Bring in some boulders for me to climb, Jim!! :) Community gardens would be an incredible growth. Thank you :)  | Tue, 8/12/08 10:14 PM |
|    | <b>140.</b> We love living in Liberty Lake because of the parks and trails. We commend Greenstone Corp. for making that a priority when planning their developments. Thank you so much!   | Tue, 8/12/08 9:47 PM  |
|    | <b>141.</b> Entered 8/12/08 #37   | Tue, 8/12/08 9:39 PM  |
|    | <b>142.</b> Entered 8/12/08 #36   | Tue, 8/12/08 9:35 PM  |
|    | <b>143.</b> Entered 8/12/08 #35   | Tue, 8/12/08 9:29 PM  |
|    | <b>144.</b> Entered 8/12/08 #34   | Tue, 8/12/08 9:25 PM  |
|    | <b>145.</b> Entered 8/12/08 #33   | Tue, 8/12/08 9:21 PM  |
|    | <b>146.</b> #19: Too Crowded: Pavillion Park especially in the summer. Sandbox-swings would be great. We need a large community pool w/a kiddie pool too. Entered 8/12/08 #32   | Tue, 8/12/08 9:17 PM  |
|    | <b>147.</b> The citizens need to realize that with the possibilities of 4 or 5 new parks in the River District - we have options. We need citizen input and participation. The current residents south of the freeway might be content with what they have and they might not be able to visualize additional amenities w/in the existing parks. A lot of people think the River District is in Otis Orchards or Greenacres. They don't know what new homes are there or what if any parks are planned. They don't drive that way, they don't consider parks planning (they think their community is already complete w/R. Hill plans and ground breaking and all other existing parks. We have options and the city needs our input and participation. Entered 8/12/08 #31 | Tue, 8/12/08 9:10 PM  |
|  | <b>148.</b> Additional baseball, softball, etc facilities should be purchased and provided by either private entities or schools. City funds should be utilized primarily toward our existing schools / future schools and better government management that can result in lower taxes on our citizens.   | Tue, 8/12/08 8:49 PM  |
|  | <b>149.</b> i think we need sports complexes  | Tue, 8/12/08 7:59 PM  |
|  | <b>150.</b> I love living here and like the community feel that you get as soon as you get off the freeway.   | Tue, 8/12/08 7:26 PM  |
|  | <b>151.</b> Stop spending our money   | Tue, 8/12/08 6:33 PM  |
|  | <b>152.</b> Increase the QUALITY of the parks. 50 small 2-Acre parks will give kids a place to go be on a swing for 20-minutes. But we need a BIG park, one that can bring in cultural events, Serve as a space for organized outdoor education and recreational programs for kids and young adults as well as Elderly and Disabled.  | Tue, 8/12/08 6:14 PM  |
|  | <b>153.</b> This is GREAT that you're doing this for the city!  | Tue, 8/12/08 6:13 PM  |
|  | <b>154.</b> I think it would be great for all of the kids in our area to have a swimming pool/water park. Moses Lake and Ritzville are two examples of mid to small towns that have wonderful swimming  | Tue, 8/12/08 5:03 PM  |

pools and water parks to enjoy.

-  **Find** 155. - I consider the Pavilion Park to be the "Amphitheater for community events". - I didn't see "Provide access to Liberty Lake" on the list of Very Important items. I live in the City of Liberty Lake, but I do not have access to the lake unless I pay a fee to Spokane County. Yuk! - I am not in favor of adding skateboarding to Pavilion Park. The skateboarders have destroyed the Pavilion since inception. The Police always have to ask the skateboarders to go home after dark. I would rather have a second tennis court than a skateboard court. Tue, 8/12/08 4:59 PM
-  **Find** 156. My fear is that a skateboard park will bring in just as much noise and trouble as it does fun. It should be right next to the police department as once proposed. Police station is now on the move. Other: The vast majority of our neighbors go to lakes with their boats, or out of town on weekends constantly, so do not use the parks at all. The bike/walk bridge over I-90 was complete waste of funds. I have only seen one bike exiting the bridge ramp once since built. I have never seen a walker on the bridge. Have you? Tue, 8/12/08 4:33 PM
-  **Find** 157. WE NEED MORE BALL FIELDS FOR LITTLE LEAGUE AND PLEASURE. Tue, 8/12/08 4:21 PM
-  **Find** 158. we need a dogpark; too many weirdos at the stateline park Tue, 8/12/08 3:32 PM
-  **Find** 159. I appreciate being able to provide feedback. Tue, 8/12/08 3:14 PM
-  **Find** 160. Again, a sports complex and swimming pool would really do a lot for our community so that our kids do not have to always leave Liberty Lake to participate in team sports (baseball, swimming, etc.) Tue, 8/12/08 1:29 PM
-  **Find** 161. Entered 8/12/08 #30 Tue, 8/12/08 11:13 AM
-  **Find** 162. My son is very involved in Little League but, I do not want a 20 acres sport complex in the middle of our neighborhood. That is not why we bought into this area. Please put it outside of our neighborhood so that we can have the same type of neighborhood as Liberty Lake does. Tue, 8/12/08 9:43 AM
-  **Find** 163. I would like to see intense community involvement in the development of the community parks in this area. That way it is a community for the people, by the people, of the people. Tue, 8/12/08 9:34 AM
-  **Find** 164. Would really like to see a swimming pool first and then Multi purpose fields. Tue, 8/12/08 9:25 AM
-  **Find** 165. Not being a L.L. resident. I don't use the parks, but might if I lived here. My family is more camping/boating rather than picnic park & we have no children so don't go to play areas. The parks here however are lovely and I always enjoy Pavillion Park when Im there for library activity. Entered 8/11/08 #29 Mon, 8/11/08 9:00 PM
-  **Find** 166. Thank you for providing the public with the opportunity to give park planning feedback! Mon, 8/11/08 8:49 PM
-  **Find** 167. Thanks Jay for putting out this survey!!! Mon, 8/11/08 8:49 PM
-  **Find** 168. There is no need for a public swimming pool. The lake is just a short drive from the majority of residents out here. Or do you plan on building an indoor aquatic facility? In this region, that would obviously make more sense. Mon, 8/11/08 4:59 PM

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|  Find   | <b>169.</b> if the golf courses were not counted the city of LL would be very short of open space- please preserve the natural beauty that has drawn us all to this area   | Mon, 8/11/08 10:15 AM |
|  Find   | <b>170.</b> The county park system is great, lots of hiking/biking/etc. City has done good job on P Park and smaller units, would be nice to have another tennis court.  | Mon, 8/11/08 9:04 AM  |
|  Find   | <b>171.</b> Thank you. Public input is important for proper planning.  | Sun, 8/10/08 7:39 PM  |
|  Find   | <b>172.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #28  | Sun, 8/10/08 11:09 AM |
|  Find   | <b>173.</b> #11 - all, we travel to new parks all the time We specifically chose to move to the City of Liberty Lake because fo the community, trails, park etc. Keep it up! Entered 8/10/08 #27   | Sun, 8/10/08 11:05 AM |
|  Find   | <b>174.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #26  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:59 AM |
|  Find   | <b>175.</b> #15 Skateboarding Very Important Entered 8/10/08 #25   | Sun, 8/10/08 10:55 AM |
|  Find   | <b>176.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #24  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:51 AM |
|  Find   | <b>177.</b> Can you contact me on status of the skatepark in Pavillion Entered 8/10/08 #23   | Sun, 8/10/08 10:47 AM |
|  Find   | <b>178.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #22  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:42 AM |
|  Find   | <b>179.</b> We love concerts at Pav. Park We would love to see more lake access Entered 8/10/08 #21  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:39 AM |
|  Find | <b>180.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #20  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:34 AM |
|  Find | <b>181.</b> #9 - Growing too fast #10 - I love the dog park I like lots of wildlife habitat. Entered 8/10/08 #19   | Sun, 8/10/08 10:28 AM |
|  Find | <b>182.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #18  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:21 AM |
|  Find | <b>183.</b> Need more tennis courts in Pavillion Park Entered 8/10/08 #17  | Sun, 8/10/08 10:13 AM |
|  Find | <b>184.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #16  | Sun, 8/10/08 9:45 AM  |
|  Find | <b>185.</b> Thanks for asking Entered 8/10/08 #15  | Sun, 8/10/08 9:15 AM  |
|  Find | <b>186.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #14  | Sun, 8/10/08 9:09 AM  |
|  Find | <b>187.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #13  | Sun, 8/10/08 9:02 AM  |
|  Find | <b>188.</b> Entered 8/10/08 #12  | Sun, 8/10/08 8:55 AM  |
|  Find | <b>189.</b> Kayak park would be breaking ground for the city of Liberty Lake. Most cities would be envious of such a natural resource. To have this wonderful river and not encourage people to use it needs to be questioned.   | Sun, 8/10/08 12:22 AM |
|  Find | <b>190.</b> Thank you.   | Sat, 8/9/08 11:05 PM  |
|  Find | <b>191.</b> Creating parks is far less desirable than preserving natural native habitat. Please discontinue development around Liberty Lake (especially the shoreline). Wildlife needs large expanses of contiguous habitat along the shore to be able to access the shore | Sat, 8/9/08 9:22 PM   |

for water and food. You may as well let animals die of thirst by building homes all around the perimeter of the lake and any other river or body of water. The city should plant native species, and should encourage home owners to do the same. They require far less water and provide food and shelter for wildlife. Manicured lawns are worthless to wildlife, unless you count slugs.

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|    | <b>192.</b> (11)  | Fri, 8/8/08 2:57 PM  |
|    | <b>193.</b> Need to preserve natural land not develop homes & businesses on them. City is over growing way too fast. (10)   | Fri, 8/8/08 2:40 PM  |
|    | <b>194.</b> Need more parks in close proximity to new developing areas.   | Fri, 8/8/08 12:15 PM |
|    | <b>195.</b> Development at Stateline discouraged. Kayakers are using the play wave in the spring time at a valuable recreation spot, one of the best play waves in the Northwest.   | Fri, 8/8/08 10:05 AM |
|    | <b>196.</b> There are enough parks, but if building more of them prevents building more homes and apartments then build more parks! There is too much growth in the city.   | Thu, 8/7/08 1:55 PM  |
|    | <b>197.</b> In regards to the "Encouraging open space as part of public/private development" question, as a city, I think that the use of native vegetation should be encouraged when developing open spaces. Right now, Liberty Lake probably uses millions of gallons of water to water trees and grass along its roads and in golf courses. If future development (public and private) can use more native plants for landscaping and a little bit less grass, we can cut down on our water usage, which will help ensure the water levels in the aquifer will be healthy for future generations. Also, native landscaping looks nice too, as it fits in with the surrounding mountains and hills....and you wouldn't have to rake up leaves either! | Thu, 8/7/08 12:34 PM |
|    | <b>198.</b> Thanks for the opportunity to give feedback Entered 8/7/08 #9   | Thu, 8/7/08 11:37 AM |
|    | <b>199.</b> Entered 8/7/08 #8   | Thu, 8/7/08 11:30 AM |
|    | <b>200.</b> Entered 8/7/08 #7   | Thu, 8/7/08 11:25 AM |
|    | <b>201.</b> Entered 8/7/08 #6   | Thu, 8/7/08 11:21 AM |
|   | <b>202.</b> Entered 8/7/08 #5   | Thu, 8/7/08 11:17 AM |
|  | <b>203.</b> Greenstone builds awesome parks! Entered 8/7/08 #4  | Thu, 8/7/08 11:12 AM |
|  | <b>204.</b> Entered 8/5 (3)   | Thu, 8/7/08 11:11 AM |
|  | <b>205.</b> put a park on the north side not just a playground and just a couple of benches liek halfmoon a regular park would be benfincial to both sides of liberty lake it would make the parks on south side of freeway less crowded  | Thu, 8/7/08 8:40 AM  |
|  | <b>206.</b> North side of Liberty Lake ( North of I-90) needs some neighborhood parks, NOT a sports complex. We would like a walkable neighborhood. That is what we bought into in this neighborhood.   | Wed, 8/6/08 11:24 PM |
|  | <b>207.</b> It's good to see people taking an active interest in their community.   | Wed, 8/6/08 10:38 PM |

-  **208.** if I were free to skateboard at Pavillion Park , I would very often. Wed, 8/6/08 3:17 PM
-  **209.** Liberty lake is a beautiful flower,waiting to grow in many directions. Without control of these expansions, a could deal of sprawl can be created, including un-needed traffic congestion. Wed, 8/6/08 9:23 AM
-  **210.** The parks we have now are great!! If there were more activites such as Yoga in the Park (after working hours or on the weekend), community fun-runs we would make time in our schedule to attend the activities and enjoy the parks we have. Wed, 8/6/08 8:08 AM
-  **211.** Need more parks in River District...especially with playground. Entered 8/5/08 (2) Tue, 8/5/08 9:57 PM
-  **212.** Entered 8/5/08 (1) Tue, 8/5/08 9:52 PM
-  **213.** Communication between residents and our elective officials is very important. Tue, 8/5/08 8:40 PM
-  **214.** Thank you for the opportunity to comment; we love our parks and trail system and the easy access from our home Tue, 8/5/08 8:17 PM
-  **215.** I am against a large sports facility for organized sports such as that proposed by Neil Olander. Tue, 8/5/08 6:30 PM
-  **216.** thanks for soliciting our input. Tue, 8/5/08 5:39 PM
-  **217.** thanks for the survey Tue, 8/5/08 4:59 PM
-  **218.** Need to provide garbage cans (Half Moon Park) and dog do-do stations Tue, 8/5/08 3:23 PM
-  **219.** I find that the parks that we have are adequate for the population at hand and probably up to another 15% population growth. Keeping in mind walk/bike trails for citizens to access these areas safely. Tue, 8/5/08 2:13 PM
-  **220.** Thank You Joe for all that you do! You are the best! Tue, 8/5/08 9:28 AM
-  **221.** Liberty Lake needs more tennis courts. Half moon park does not have anything to do (play equipment etc.). Tue, 8/5/08 9:23 AM
-  **222.** Concern regarding the legal liability posed by our public parks and open space leads to a limited palette of options and thus contributes to less dynamic public places. By allowing limitations on what we know is perfectly acceptable (like swings and ponds) we buy into this whole idea that people are not responsible for their own actions. In my opinion, ponds, swings, and other such "risks" are worth taking. Are you with me? Tue, 8/5/08 8:17 AM
-  **223.** I would love a park similar to Pavillion Park on our side of the freeway with many different activities. If people want a sports complex they should work on building a road to make the HUB more accessible rather than building a completelly new and expensive facillity. Mon, 8/4/08 9:47 PM
-  **224.** Thanks for your efforts! Mon, 8/4/08 5:47 PM
-  **225.** I think it is important to get some more parks that share the event load with Pavillion Park. there are so many events at this one park that is hard for outside users to book the park. Mon, 8/4/08 5:13 PM

# Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Site Development Checklist



**Proposed Facility:**

**Date Reviewed:**

YES	NO	SITE CONSIDERATIONS
		Is the site located appropriately for its intended use - i.e. centrally for community wide parks?
		Are there safety concerns with the site - i.e. traffic, crime, etc.?
		Is the site topography proper for the proposed facility?
		Does the site have the necessary infrastructure available?
		Does the site have access to the Spokane River?
		Does the site have access to Liberty Lake?
		Does the site contain environmentally sensitive areas? If yes, please identify:
		If facilities on the site will be lit, will the lighting be a nuisance to nearby residents?
		Will the sounds from activities proposed for the site be a nuisance to nearby residents?
		Does the site topography allow naturally for the separation of activities?
		Will extensive site landscaping be needed?
		Is there existing off site parking near the site?
		Is it desirable to have the site strategically located (i.e. near the Central Business District, library, etc.)?
		Will existing traffic egress and ingress to the site be changed by higher intensity use?
		Is the site historically or culturally significant? If yes, please identify:

YES	NO	PARK & FACILITY NEEDS
		Is the facility needed to meet NRPA standards identified in the City Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan?
		Is the facility needed to meet community standards identified in the City Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan?
		Does the facility meet the goals and objectives of the City Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan / City Comprehensive Plan?
		Does the facility comply with the recommendations established in the City Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan?
		Are there other standards that need to be considered? If yes, please identify:

YES	NO	BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
		Are grant opportunities available for this project? If yes, please identify:
Available Funding Sources:		
<b>APPROX. COSTS</b>		
\$	Facility construction cost	
Proposed Site Improvements:		
\$	Facility maintenance cost	
Maintenance Items:		

YES	NO	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
		Will the public be involved in the design of the facility? If yes, the approximate cost of the public participation program will be: \$
Public Participation Opportunities:		

**Additional Comments:**