

REFLECTING YOUR VISION PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Draft Vancouver-Clark Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan.

THE PLAN

What is the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Plan?

The Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan is a document that will guide the Department's efforts to acquire and develop parks and open spaces, and enhance and expand recreation programs throughout Clark County. The Plan focuses on parks, trails, sports fields, recreation facilities, conservation and greenway systems, and wildlife habitat. The Plan reflects the community's vision and lays out a six year roadmap to meet the park and recreation needs of the community.

How are the community's needs and vision reflected?

Community input is reflected in all parts of the Plan, from its overarching vision and goals to the types of projects included. This input was gathered in a variety of ways, including telephone surveys, interviews, questionnaires, focus groups, and public meetings.

What does this mean for my family?

The Draft Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan envisions a variety of projects throughout the City of Vancouver and Clark County, including:

- New Neighborhood & Community Parks
- More Walking, Biking, and Hiking Trails
- More Natural Areas and Places to Experience the Outdoors
- New Regional Parks
- Additional Sports Fields, Skate Parks, and other Recreation Facilities
- Improvements and Renovations to Existing Parks

Action plans for each park district are also available, so you can see what is envisioned for your neighborhood.

More Opportunities to Play. Learn. Exercise. Relax. Connect. Experience.

What's next?

The Draft Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan is currently available for public review. A Final Draft Plan will be submitted for review and adoption to the Vancouver and Clark County Planning Commissions in September and the Vancouver City Council and Board of County Commissioners in November. Members of the community are welcome to provide feedback throughout the review process.

Can I still provide input?

Sure! The back of this flyer lists ways you can provide your comments, ideas, and suggestions.



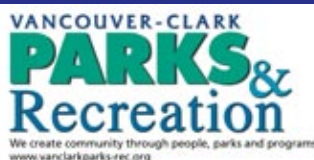
Need more information? Want to tell us what you think?

The Draft Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan should reflect the community's goals, values, and needs. Here are ways you can provide your comments, ideas, and suggestions.

Explore & Comment Online.

The Draft Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan as well as information on all of our parks, trails, recreation centers, and programs are available online at:

<http://www.vanclarkparks-rec.org>



Or, you can contact:
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Drop by a Local Park.

Parks & Recreation Staff will be available to discuss the plan at the following locations:

Saturday, August 26th:	Capt. William Clark Park	10 - 11 ³⁰ a.m.
	Lewisville Park	12 ³⁰ - 2 ³⁰ p.m.
	Daybreak Park	3 - 4 p.m.
	Salmon Creek Park	4 ³⁰ - 6 p.m.

Head out to the East Town Fest.

Sunday, August 27th:
Noon to 5 p.m.

Visit VCPD's booth at the East Town Fest!
Firstenburg Community Center, 700 N.E. 136th Ave

Visit a Community Open House.

Thursday, September 7th:
5³⁰ - 8 p.m.

Gaiser Middle School
3000 NE 99th St.

Wednesday, September 13th:
6³⁰ - 8³⁰ p.m.

Firstenburg Community Center
700 N.E. 136th Ave

Thursday, September 14th:
5³⁰ to 8 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Middle School
14320 NE 50th Avenue

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation will help build a healthy community, protect the natural environment, and support a high quality of life for all residents, by providing an interconnected system of parks, trails, recreation facilities, and natural areas that support diverse recreational programs and opportunities and environmental stewardship.

Recreational Opportunities

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department (VCPRD) will provide high quality parks, open space, and recreation facilities and will strive to make all parks, facilities, and programs geographically, physically, socially, and economically accessible. The VCPRD will work to hire exceptional staff, exceed standards, and serve as a leader in parks and recreation on local, state, and national levels.

Green Infrastructure

The VCPRD will build and maintain an environmentally sustainable parks, recreation, and open space infrastructure. With an eye to the future, the Department will foster community stewardship, implement environmentally sensitive design, construction, and maintenance practices, and create a system of parks and open space that will enrich the community for years to come.

Community Health

The VCPRD will help build a livable community that includes diverse opportunities for improving health and wellness. The Department will support active lifestyles by providing safe, accessible parks, facilities, and programs that foster physical activity, mental challenges, and social engagement.

Economic Development

The Department recognizes the potential of parks, trails, recreation services, and open space to improve the community's attractiveness as a place to live and work. VCPRD will continue to work with the City of Vancouver and Clark County to utilize parks and recreation as a component of creating a vibrant and economically sustainable community.

Connectivity

The VCPRD will continue to develop an interconnected system of parks and open space, acquiring missing links and contiguous parcels to provide maximum wild-life, recreation, and transportation benefits.

GOALS

- 1 Provide a balanced, comprehensive, and interconnected park, trail, & open space system.**
The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department (VCPRD) will strive to create a network of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces connected via trails, bikeways, streets, bus routes, and wildlife corridors. This network will create one diverse and integrated system, and provide a wider variety of recreation opportunities to all Clark County residents.
- 2 Provide diverse recreational opportunities for all residents.**
The VCPRD will provide a variety of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces that engage residents of all ages, abilities, economic and cultural backgrounds. The Department will strive to make all parks, facilities, and open spaces geographically, physically, socially, and economically accessible to all members of the community.
- 3 Be effective stewards of the land.**
The Department will promote an ethic of preservation, conservation, and sustainability through outdoor recreation opportunities, environmental education, tree canopy restoration, planning, acquisition, design, and maintenance.
- 4 Preserve our historic and cultural heritage.**
Vancouver has a significant historical legacy and a wealth of cultural and historical resources. The VCPRD will provide opportunities to enhance appreciation of this heritage, promote community stewardship and historical preservation, and provide high-quality cultural and historical experiences.
- 5 Maintain and enhance existing parks and recreation facilities.**
The VCPRD will maintain and revitalize parks and facilities to support recreation activities, protect existing investments, maximize maintenance efficiencies, and improve user safety and accessibility.
- 6 Create a dynamic and effective organization.**
The VCPRD aims to respond efficiently and effectively to the community's evolving priorities and needs. The Department will be accessible and responsive to the community, creating policies and procedures in response to changing needs.
- 7 Acquire adequate funding to meet community needs.**
The VCPRD will use a variety of long- and short-term funding strategies to provide dependable funding for parks, facilities, and open space acquisition, development, and maintenance.
- 8 Build strong partnerships.**
Strong community collaboration brings additional resources to parks and recreation and enhances community ownership of parks, facilities, and programs. The VCPRD will cultivate strong, positive partnerships to unite community efforts to acquire, develop, and maintain parks, recreation facilities, and open space.
- 9 Reflect the community we serve.**
By involving community members in planning, designing, and implementing park and recreation opportunities, the VCPRD can be more responsive, accountable, and creative in meeting community needs, thereby reflecting the desires of residents and sharing community priorities.

