

City of Camas – Sports Fields Assessment

Strategic Assessment and Recommendations

Planning Framework for Future Athletic Facility Investments

Project Background

- Responds to PROS Plan priorities of maintaining what we have, improve existing parks, field capacity, equitable access, and multi-use adaptability
- Aligns with City strategic goals of Stewardship of City Assets and Vibrant Community Amenities

Why this study?

- Growing demand for youth and adult sports
- Wet seasons reduce natural-grass availability
- Need for a clear, defensible framework to guide reinvestment
- Develop strategies to optimize current facilities and add new capacity where needed
- Identify priority investments with equity, accessibility, and partnership in mind



Planning Process Structure

- Establish a clear understanding of existing facility conditions and operational constraints
- Document community use patterns, satisfaction, and unmet needs
- Incorporate input from organized user groups and regional partners
- Apply consistent evaluation criteria to prioritize reinvestment opportunities
- Align recommendations with City goals related to equity, accessibility, and long-term sustainability
- ***This is a planning and prioritization effort, not a construction proposal.***



Facilities Included in the Assessment

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 Forest Home Park
- 2 Crown Park
- 3 Prune Hill Sports Park
- 4 Dorothy Fox Park
- 5 Fallen Leaf Park
- 6 Louis Bloch Park
- 7 Goot Park
- 8 Grass Valley Park
- 9 Oak Park



Methodology

- Data collection & Technical Analysis
 - Site visits and condition assessment
 - Review of existing plans and operations
 - Utilization and demand context
- Community Online Survey (385 respondents)
- Stakeholder and Agency Engagement
- Understand Operational & Maintenance Considerations
- Field and Court Limitations & Considerations
- Establish Criteria for Priority Ranking Matrix
- Develop Site-Specific Recommendations
- Identify Phasing and Implementation Strategy



Public Engagement

- Community online survey (May-June 2024)
- Stakeholder interviews (leagues, agencies, partners)
- Maintenance and Operations input

Community / Stakeholder Input

- Reliability and drainage are major concerns
- Limited lighting compresses schedules
- Accessibility barriers
- Strong interest in:
 - Synthetic turf (selectively)
 - ADA and safety Improvements
 - Equitable access across the system



System-wide Challenges

- Reliability
- Weather-related closures
- Turf wear and drainage limitations
- Aging infrastructure
- Accessibility and ADA gaps
- Parking limitations
- Maintenance capacity stretched thin



Fallen Leaf Softball Field - Drainage



Louis Block Park - ADA

What Improves the System Most

- Synthetic Turf = more playable hours
- Drainage Improvements
- Permanent LED lighting extends usable hours
- ADA & equity improvements enhance inclusion
- Increase flexibility through multi-use design



Accessible Dugouts



Synthetic Turf



LED Lighting

Why Reliability Matters

- Assumptions (youth prime-time, spring season):
 - Weekday evening use constrained by school schedules
 - Baseline (natural grass, no lights): ~1 usable evening slot/night
 - Improved (synthetic turf + lights): ~2 usable evening slots/night
 - Weather-related cancellations reduced with turf

Result:

- Illustrates an order-of-magnitude increase in reliable youth prime-time field availability
- Provided for planning-level consideration only, not a commitment or guarantee



How Priorities Were Determined

Priority Ranking Matrix

- Evaluate and compare potential athletic field and court improvements across the park system
 - Provide consistent framework for evaluating investments
 - Incorporate technical, social, operational, and equity considerations
 - Inform phasing and funding strategies over time
- Planning tool rather than a rigid scoring system
- Final implementation decisions may also consider grant timing, partnerships, and site readiness



Projects are evaluated across multiple balanced criteria, not a single scoring factor.

Priority Matrix

Priority Ranking Matrix (Scores 1-3 per category)

Site Name	Ac.	Park Type	Park Site Average	Park Site Total Score	Sports Field Criteria											Sports Court Criteria										
					1. Field Multi-User Accessibility	2. Sport Type Versatility	3. Revenue Potential	4. Existing Condition of Amenities	5. Drainage and Turf Condition	6. Equity and Underserved Access	7. ADA Compliance & Safety	8. Partnership Opportunity	9. Level of Community Support	10. Event and Tournament Readiness	11. Overall Cost of Improvements	1. Court Surface Conditions	2. Court Type Versatility	3. Lighting & Hours of Use	4. Fencing & Containment	5. ADA Compliance & Safety	6. Ancillary Amenities	7. Programming & Utilization	8. Revenue & Partnership Opportunity	9. Equity and Underserved Access	10. Maintenance Efficiency	11. Community Support & Visibility
PARKS																										
Forest Home Park	5.3	Neighborhood Park	1.85	21	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
Crown Park	7.1	Neighborhood Park	2	10				2	2	1	2				3			2		2	1	2				3
Prune Hill Sports Park		School Park	2.13	29	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	3	2
Dorothy Fox Park	2.8	Neighborhood Park	1.45	16	1	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1
Fallen Leaf Park		Neighborhood Park	1.95	21	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	2
Louis Bloch Park	4.9	Neighborhood Park	1.76	23	1	1	3	3	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	3	2
Goot Park		Neighborhood Park	1.86	23	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	2
Grass Valley Park	24.9	Neighborhood Park	1.67	19	2	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2
Oak Park	2.5	Neighborhood Park	1.75	5					2	1	2								2	1	2					

Priority Ranking Matrix Scoring Example

The following criteria are used to assess and prioritize improvement needs for sports field across the City of Camas. Each criterion is scored on a scale from 1 to 3.



Criteria	Description	Scoring Guidance
1. Field Multi-User Accessibility	How accessible is the site to a wide range of users (e.g., youth leagues, casual users, organized clubs)?	1 = Limited access or seasonal use; 2 = Moderate access with shared use; 3 = Highly accessible with ADA features and broad community access

Phasing Approach

Short-Term vs. Long-Term

- Short-term:
 - High-priority and implementation-ready
 - May include higher-cost improvements
- Long-term:
 - Lower-priority sites
 - Future planning or re-programming



Address
urgent needs



Align with
funding cycles



Balance short
& long-term goals



Stay flexible as
needs change

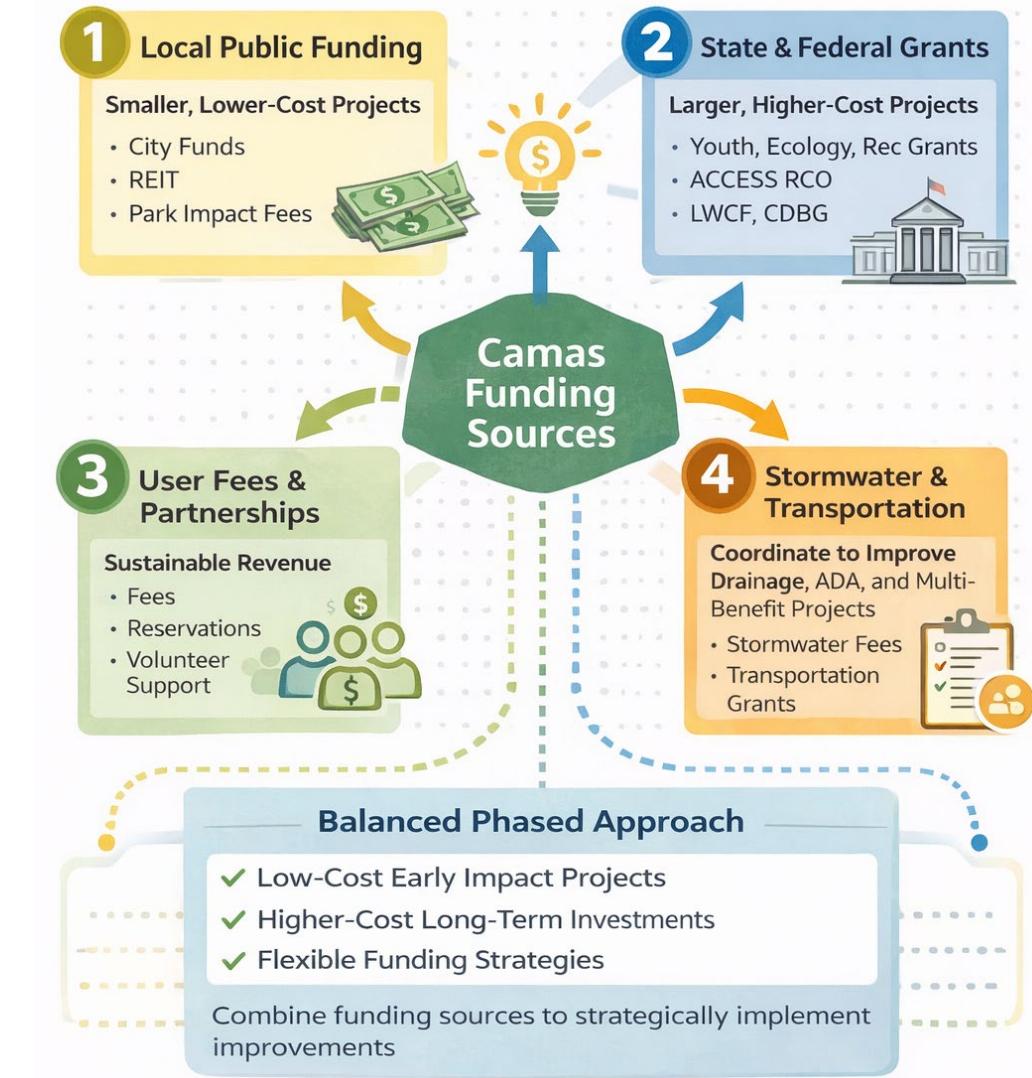
Adaptive & Flexible Approach

Funding Considerations

How Improvements Could Be Funded Over Time

- Existing local funding tools
- State and federal grants
- Partnerships and shared investment
- Long-term options noted, not assumed

Adoption does not commit the City to specific projects or costs



What is Council Being Asked?

Next Steps

- Receive and acknowledge the assessment
- Use it as a guiding framework for:
 - Capital planning
 - Grant applications
 - Policy discussions
- No project approvals or funding decisions tonight



Questions & Discussion