



Staff Report

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Citywide Sports Fields Assessment Report

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BACKGROUND: In a survey conducted through the development of the City's 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, 97% of community members responded that parks and recreation opportunities are important or essential to the quality of life in Camas. The survey also identified the core priorities of:

- Maintain what we have
- Develop and improve existing parks

Given these priorities, a key recommendation from the PROS Plan included sports field improvements.

With a collection of grass fields that serve youth and adult sports, residents are experiencing negative impacts due to wet spring seasons and heavy use, resulting in damaged fields, drainage issues, and unreliable playing conditions. To properly assess these negative impacts and develop a strategic approach to mitigation, the City entered into a Professional Services Agreement with MacKay Sposito to conduct a Citywide Sports Fields Assessment Report.

SUMMARY: The Citywide Sports Fields Assessment Report assessed fields across nine Camas parks and involved engagement with users across a variety of sports. Key conditions which were analyzed included:

- Drainage Limitations and Turf Wear
- Field Dimensions and Quality
- Lighting and Supporting Amenities
- Accessibility and ADA Compliance

Consistent, citywide issues were noted, as well as individual park concerns and recommendations. Maps were provided to identify specific locations for suggested improvements and a Priority Ranking Matrix was established to assist in prioritizing implementation. Primary topics covered through the report include:

- Planning Process & Community Engagement
- Existing Conditions & Field Inventory
- Priority Ranking Matrix & Methodology
- Site-Specific Improvement Recommendations

- Phasing & Implementation Strategy
- Funding Considerations
- Conclusions & Next Steps

Results from online and in-person community engagement were provided, as well as high level cost estimates for full implementation at each park.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: This report provides recommendations to better utilize the City's existing sports fields, enhance user experience, increase accessibility, and offset operational costs through potential revenue. It aligns with several City-adopted plans:

Camas 2035 Comprehensive Plan

Section 5.7.2 Parks & Recreation Goal and Policies:

- Preserve and enhance the quality of life in Camas through the provision of parks, recreational facilities, trails, and open spaces.

2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan

Welcoming For All:

Goal: Increase capacity for sports field users:

- Action: Implement creative design options, such as multi-use fields, upgrade field turf surfacing, and/or stall lights.

STRATEGIC PLAN: This report aligns with the strategic goals of Vibrant Community Amenities and Stewardship of City Assets. It highlights specific pieces of City Parks infrastructure that need improvement to enhance playability and quality of life for citizens and sports field users.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES: There are no identified challenges to completing this assessment and report. However, prioritizing and funding improvements will be complex due to high user demand, competing priorities, and limited resources.

BUDGET IMPACT: The Professional Services Agreement of \$144,965 with MacKay Sposito for development of this report was previously approved by City Council and funded through the biennial budget. Though funding of recommended improvements will eventually need to be sourced, no additional funding is requested through this report update.

RECOMMENDATION: The is for Council's information only.