

# PROS Plan City Council March 7, 2022

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# What is the PROS Plan?

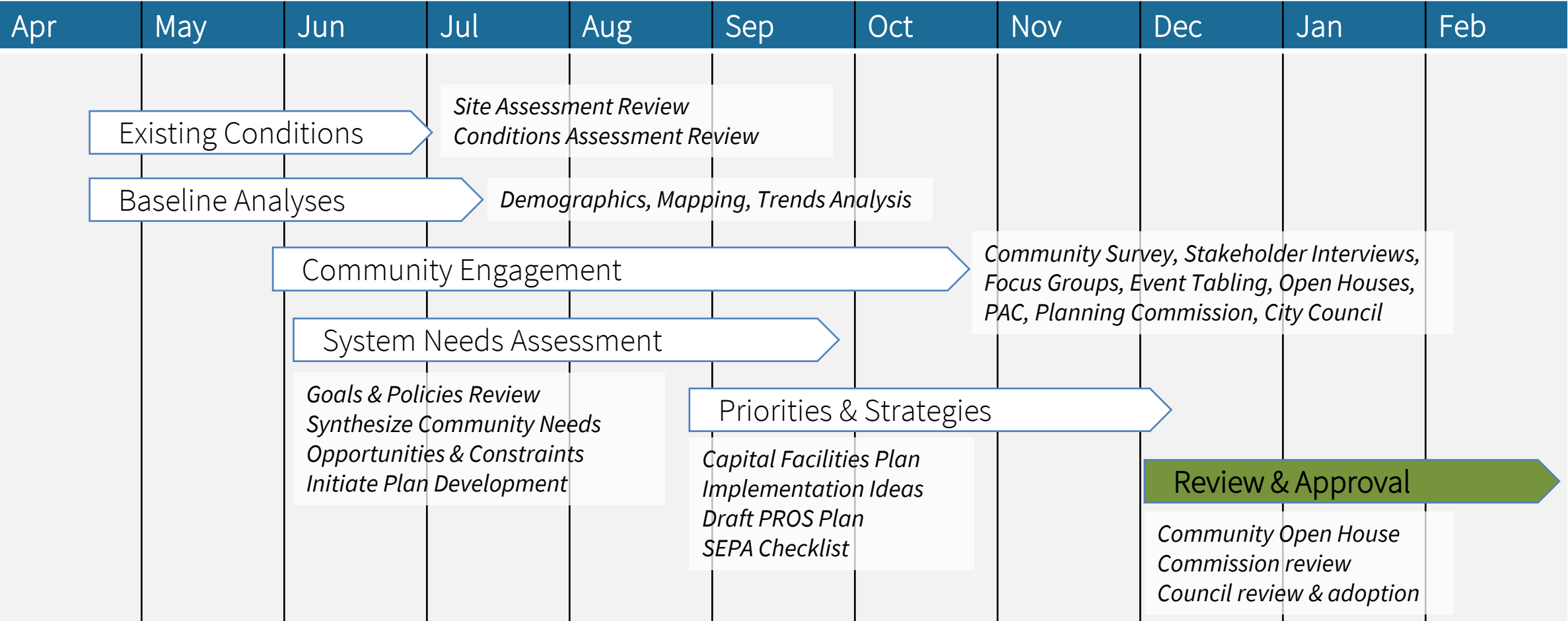
*The Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan is a 6-year guide\* and strategic plan for managing and enhancing parks, open space, trails, and recreation opportunities for the Camas community.*

- *Policy & Strategy Guide*
- *Capital Planning Tool*
- *Communications Tool*
- *Eligibility for grant funding*

\*The last plan was adopted in 2014.



# Steps to Building the Plan:





# Community Engagement

## Robust & COVID-sensitive Outreach

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- Survey (random-sample mail, plus online)
- Online open house on priorities (hard copies available at Library)
- Topic-oriented stakeholder group discussions
- Event tabling
- Engage Camas, online & social media
- Online open house on draft plan (hard copies available at Library)
- Significant P&R Commission guidance
- Joint P&R and Planning Commissions meetings
- Multiple City Council touch points



# Steps to Building the Plan:

## Presentations & Materials

<https://engagecamas.com/parks-recreation-open-space-comprehensive-plan>

- Community survey results – July 28, 2021 P&R Commission Mtg.
- Planning & P&R Joint meeting – September 21, 2021
- Draft Plan – February 22, 2022 Council Workshop

Metric	Median Value		
	All Agencies	Pop. Range 20-50,000	Camas
Residents per Park	2,281	1,963	1,629
Acres of Parkland per 1,000 population	9.9	9.6	40.8
Miles of Trails *	11	8.5	39.2
Number of Residents per Playground	3,750	3,157	1,862
Number of Residents per Recreation Center**	31,141	25,716	6,516

\* Note: Includes trails in County parks

\*\* Note: Assumes 25% of Camas population for Camas Community Center and Lacamas Lake Lodge

Figure 9. Frequency of Visitation to Parks, Trails & Open Space



# PROS Plan Structure

## Contents:

1. Introduction
2. Community Profile
3. Community Engagement
4. Inventory & Classifications
5. Parks & Trails
6. Open Space & Stewardship
7. Recreation & Events
8. Operations & Maintenance
9. Goals & Policies
10. Capital Projects & Implementation
11. Appendices





# Community Engagement

## Top Three Priorities

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- Maintain What We Have
- Fill Gaps & Improve Trail Connections
- Develop & Improve Existing Parks



# Goals



WELCOMING FOR ALL



STEWARDSHIP OF LAND,  
PARKS & PROGRAMS



PLAN FOR & FILL KNOWN  
SYSTEM GAPS



ORGANIZATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE

- 4 Themes
- 23 Goals
- 62 Actions

## POLICY

**Enhance our parks and recreation system to make it more welcoming and accessible.**

- Develop Diversity/Equity/Inclusion policy that removes accessibility barriers (socio-economic, language, physical, geographic, transportation) to programs, parks and trails, and in alignment with City vision and policies.

**Better understand funding gaps and funding alternatives.**

- Develop and implement a cost recovery policy that provides for an equitable fee structure for park facilities and recreation programs, with high-community benefit programs and event funded appropriately to ensure accessibility for all residents.
- Periodically revise the park impact fee methodology and rates to accurately reflect changes in level of service standards and/or the costs of expanding the park infrastructure to accommodate population growth.
- Review and update the adopted six-year Parks Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) every two years to remain current with local recreational interests and account for the capital needs of the parks and recreation system.
- Pursue alternative funding options and dedicated revenues, including engaging and exploring with the City of Washougal a feasibility study to assess the potential of establishing a regional financing tool for recreation service.

**Provide equitable access to parks and open space system.**

- Prioritize park and trail development in areas where service gaps exist (e.g., where households are more than ½-mile from a developed park, open space or trail) and in areas of the City facing population growth and residential and commercial development.
- Evaluate and update design and development standards for parks and recreation amenities within private development to promote and achieve equitable levels of service and provide amenities that are complementary to the city park.

**Expand recreational services.**

- Re-examine the opportunity for new recreational center with aquatics facility, taking into consideration financial feasibility and partnership opportunities.

**Coordinate collaborative discussions on policy matters.**

- Bring together Parks and Recreation Commission, City Council, and other standing City boards, such as the Planning Commission, to discuss policy matters pertaining to recreational resources, opportunities and funding.

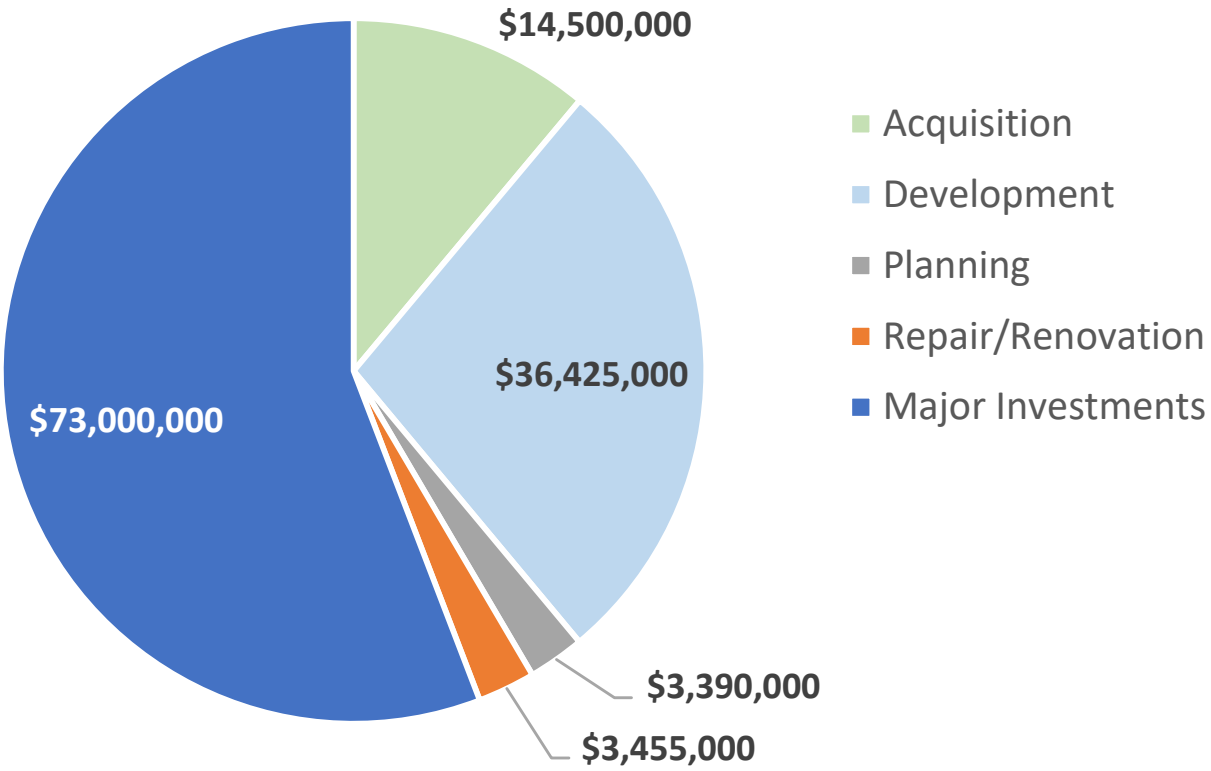


# Capital Planning & Implementation

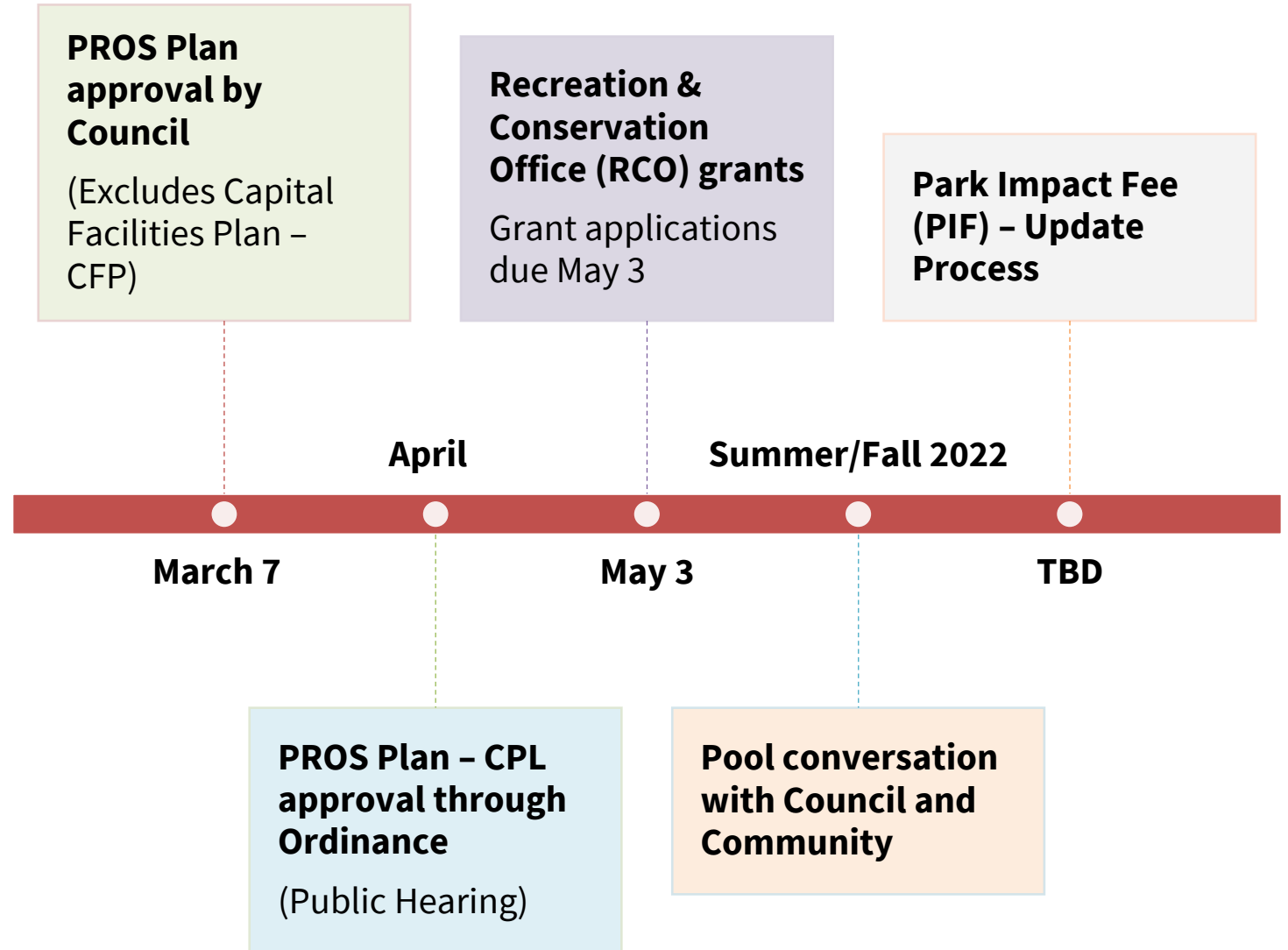
Full project list is a 20+ year list of future improvements

Parks & Recreation Commission will review the CFP every two years as part of the biennial budget process

Major investment project ideas (e.g., Rec/Aquatic Center, Sports Complex, etc.) will require additional public and policy conversations



# Other Critical Dates





# RCO Grant Applications – Proposed Projects

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## **Green Mountain acquisition**

- Land & Water Conservation Fund

## **Third Ave. (aka Lacamas Creek) Trailhead**

- Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program - Trails

## **Crown Park – Water Feature**

- Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program - Local Parks

