

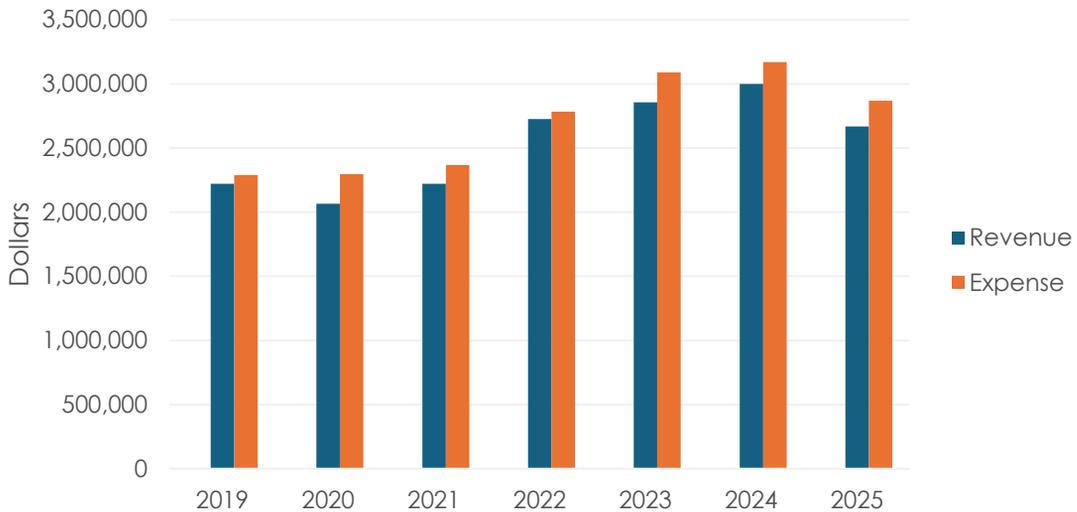
Regional Parks Funding

Urgent Need

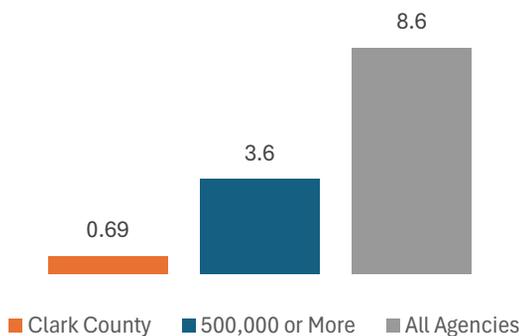


Clark County Parks and Nature has expanded to meet booming population growth over the past 20 years. But the services have been spread too thin without additional funding for park maintenance and operations. For the past 5 years, the County has had to use reserve funds just to cover the basic services at our Regional Parks.

Regional Parks Revenue and Expenditures



FTE per 10,000 residents compared to national median



With an already lean staff, there are no longer ways to cut costs. Park up-keep has suffered. Maintenance has been deferred. And if the budget issues continue, the County may have to close or sell off Park properties.



Regional Parks System Gaps

2024 data

Growth

Communities throughout our region are projected to see continued rapid population growth.

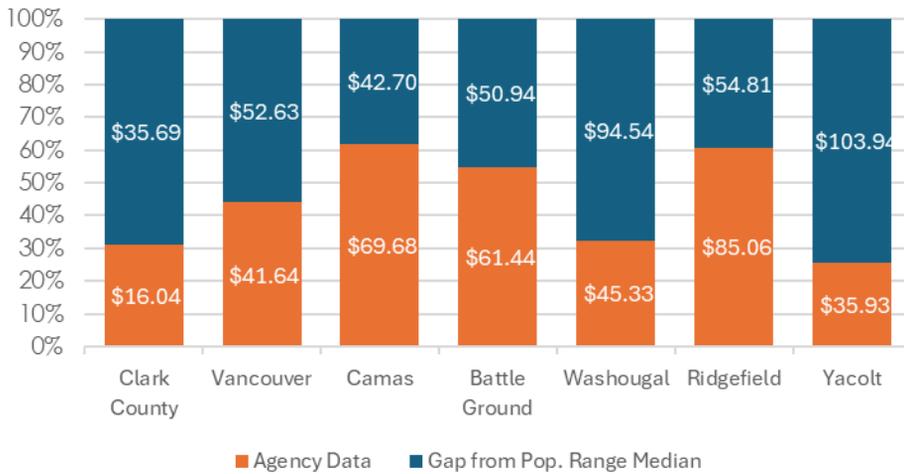
34%

Projected increase over the next 20 years

County population to be 718,154 in 2045



Parks Operating Expenditures per Capita



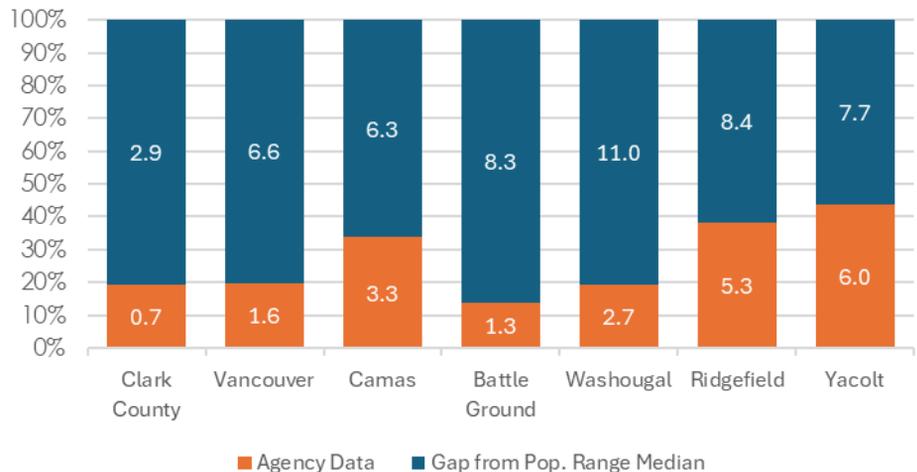
All park systems are below the national median for operating expenditures of similar populations.



All park systems are below the national median for full time employees (FTE) per 10,000.



FTE per 10,000 residents



Metropolitan Park District

The voter-approved Metropolitan Park District (MPD), established in 2005, created a property tax levy in Vancouver's unincorporated urban growth area to fund park operations and maintenance. This allowed existing capital funds to be used for building 30 new parks; without MPD funding, those capital funds could not be utilized.

This funding mechanism was successful, but doesn't fund anything outside of its boundary.

