

CHAPTER 10 – PARKS & RECREATION

10.1 INTRODUCTION

The City of Millwood has prepared this Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Element to plan for the future of Millwood’s parks and recreation facilities. The City of Millwood has not previously adopted a comprehensive parks plan and has elected to include a parks and recreation element in this Comprehensive Plan update, in conformance with the guidelines of the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). For recreation and conservation grant programs administered by RCO, applicants must complete a long-range comprehensive parks and recreation plan along with documentation of the public outreach used to develop the plan, to be eligible to apply for several of the grant programs. Plans developed in compliance with RCO requirements are eligible for six years from the date of adoption to meet the applicable grant planning requirements and subsequently must be updated every six years to retain eligibility for a variety of grant and other funding opportunities; however, the City of Millwood has elected to combine parks, recreation, and/or open space planning into this required periodic updates to the City’s Comprehensive Plan under the Growth Management Act and plans to request extended eligibility beyond six years. This will allow Millwood to maintain RCO planning eligibility until the next required periodic update (currently required every 10 years).

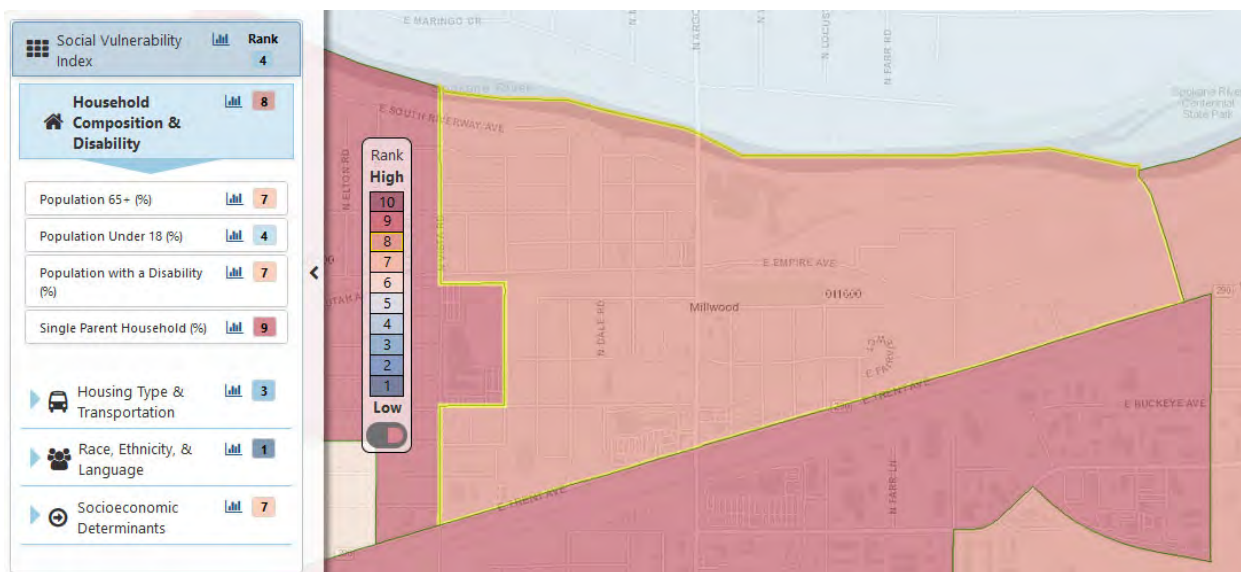
This Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Element is designed to meet or exceed the RCO Manual 2 Planning Guidelines and has been developed utilizing the results of the 2024 Millwood Periodic Update Community Survey, along with stakeholder interviews, and other public outreach/planning efforts including the “Imagine Millwood” activity. This parks and recreation element (Chapter 10) is contained within the City of Millwood Comprehensive Plan and therefore will reference multiple Chapters / Sections for parks, recreation, and/or open space planning:

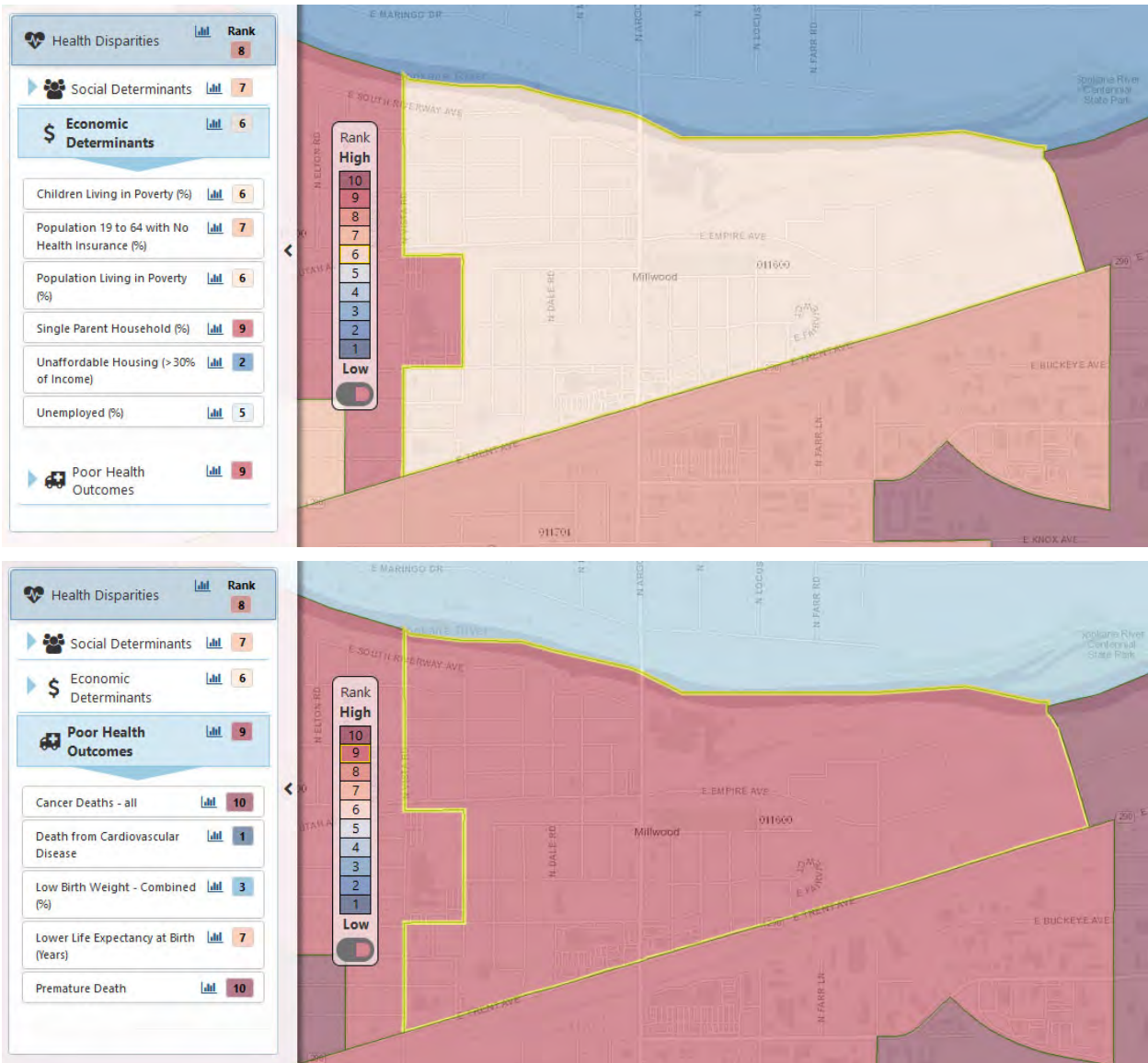
- Section 10.1 as well as Chapter 1 (Introduction) contains background information on the City of Millwood along with Chapter 4 (Planning Area, Demographics, and Projections), and Chapter 5 (Land Use), Chapter 6 (Housing);
- Section 10.2 and Chapter 3 (Community Vision) establishes the goals, objectives, and actions framework for Millwood’s parks and recreation system;
- Section 10.3 contains Millwood’s parks, recreation, open space, and trails inventory and conditions assessment which is also supplemented by the habitat and open space corridor information in Chapter 5 (Land Use), and the sidewalks and trails information contained in Chapter 8 (Transportation);
- Section 10.4 and Chapter 2 (Purpose of the Comprehensive Plan) outlines the public participation process utilized to prepare this plan with the adopted Public Participation Plan and Millwood Community Survey results contained in the Appendix;
- Section 10.5 contains a demand and needs analysis for Millwood’s parks and recreation system;
- Section 10.6 summarizes the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Millwood’s priority parks, recreation, open space, and trails projects from the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) contained in Chapter 11 (Capital Facilities and Utilities); and
- The Appendix contains the 2026 Periodic Update Public Participation Plan and the Millwood Community Survey Results.

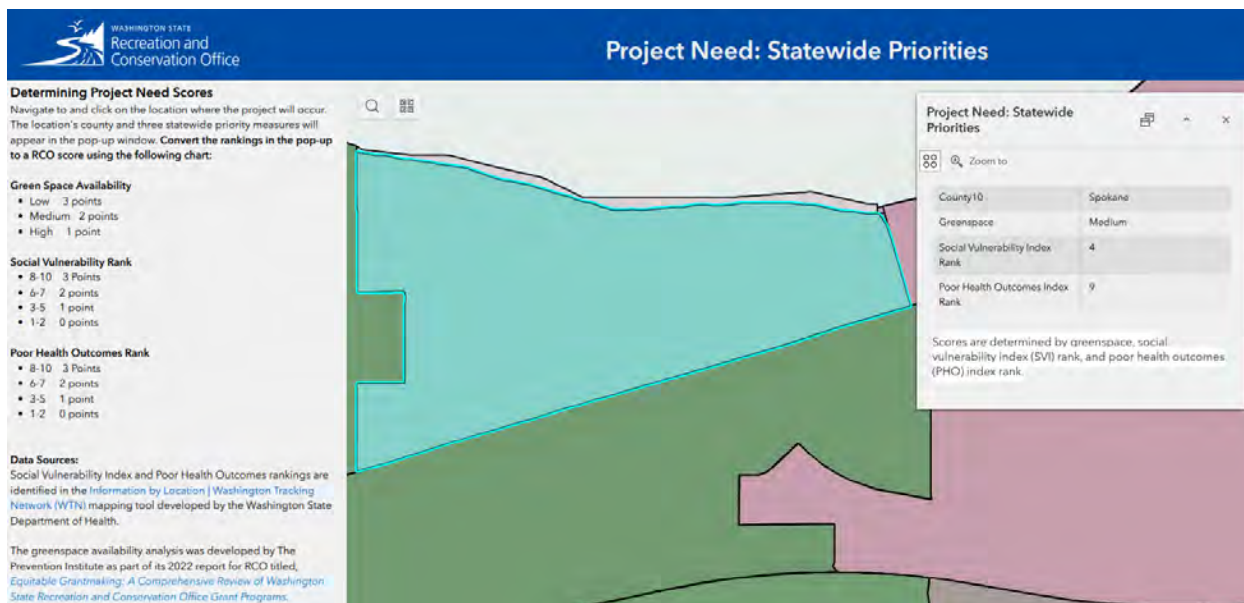
Project Need - Statewide Priorities

In December 2023, the WA State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board adopted updates to four grant evaluation criteria used commonly in six recreation and conservation focused grant programs with a goal to close gaps in access to greenspace, address disparities in access to grant funding, align criteria consistently across programs, and simplify and provide greater direction. One of the updates was to project need. “Project Need is comprised of two parts: one scored by RCO staff, and another scored by the program’s advisory committee. The staff scored portion reflects statewide priorities as determined by the 2023 Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan and recommendations from the 2022 equity review of grant programs. The advisory committee scored portion is a narrative description of local priorities and an opportunity for applicants to discuss their project in context with local conditions.” Statewide Priorities - “points will be awarded based on social vulnerability, health outcomes, and greenspace availability. Social vulnerability and health scores are based on information from the Washington Tracking Network’s Information by Location (IBL) mapping tool. Social vulnerability scores use a combination of 16 social and economic conditions such as limited English, crowded housing, or population living in poverty. Health scores are from the IBL’s Poor Health Outcomes ranking. Greenspace availability scores are determined using spatial data analysis from RCO’s equity review of grant programs. For that review, census tracts were classified as having High (more than 8 acres per 1,000 residents), Medium (3-8 acres per 1,000 residents), and Low (less than 3 acres per 1,000 residents) greenspace per capita.”

Millwood’s census tract scored High on the Social Vulnerability index for Household Composition & Disability and Medium-High on the Socioeconomic Determinants as well as Medium-High on the Health Disparity Indexes. Millwood scores Medium on the Greenspace availability.







10.2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

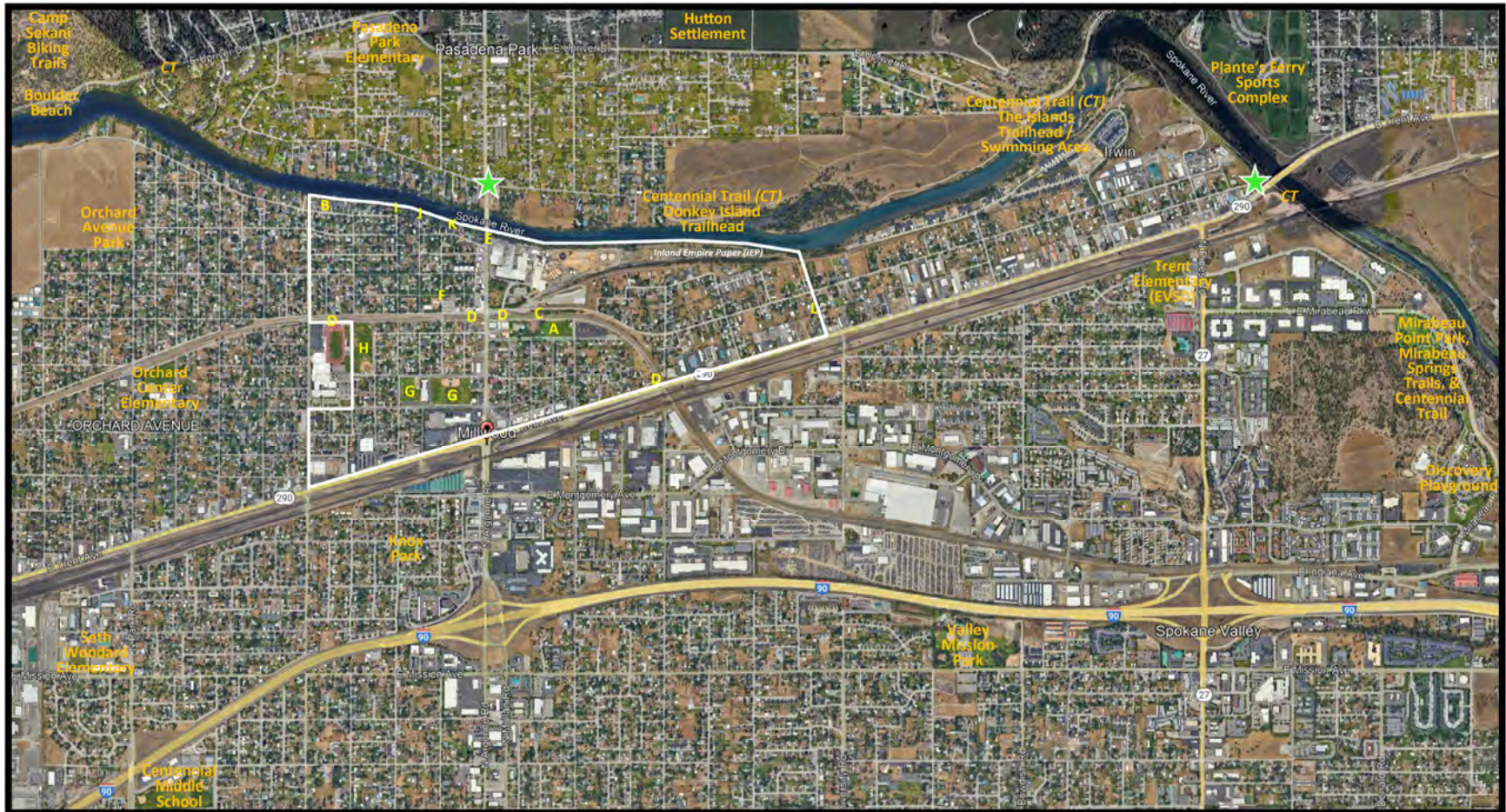
Refer to City Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 3 Community Vision – Section 3.2 Goals, Policies / Objectives, and Actions Framework. Goals, Objectives, and Actions for Parks and Recreation are labeled “PR” in the tables.

10.3 INVENTORY AND CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT

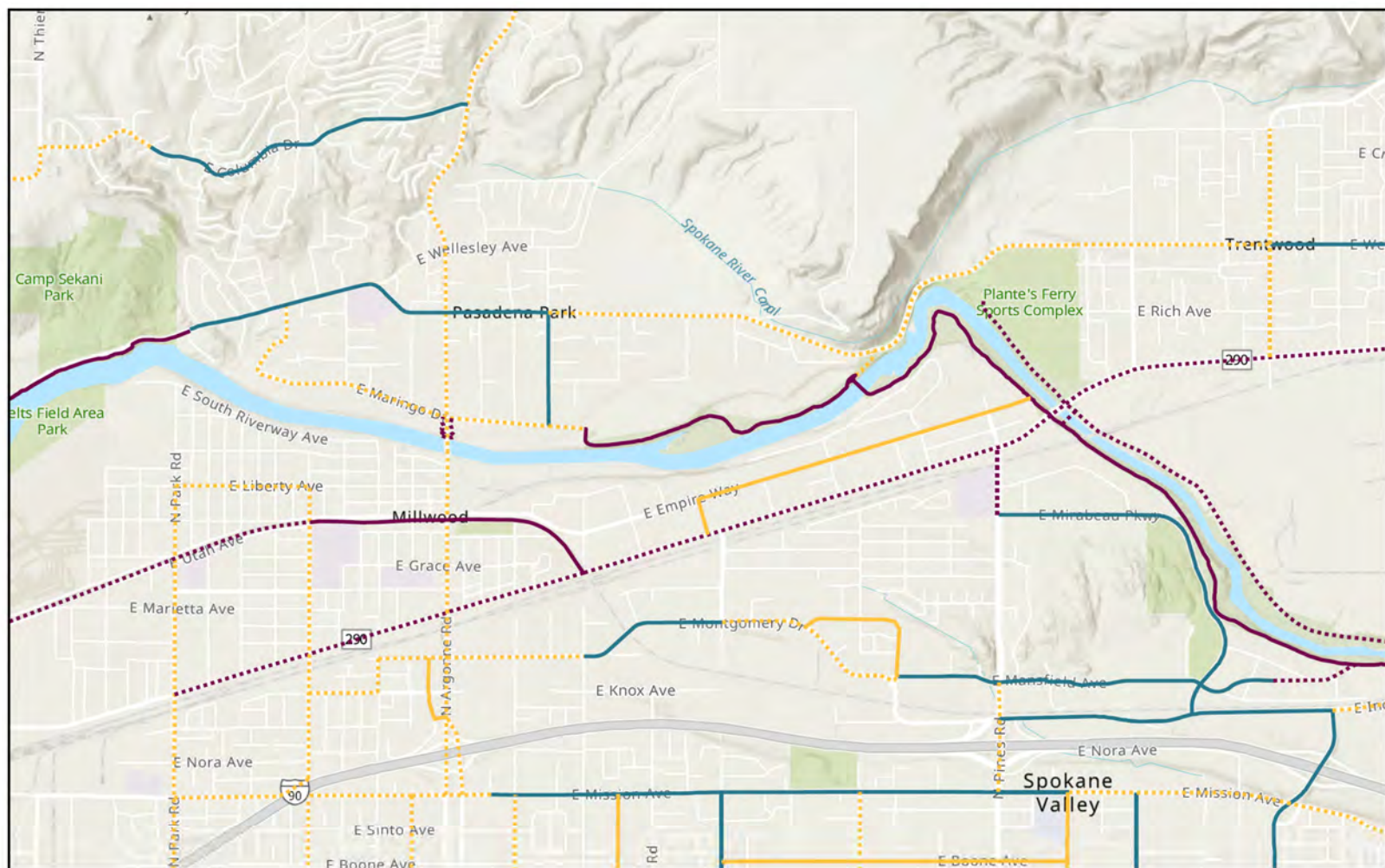
Per RCO Manual 2 requirements, this plan must include “an inventory or planning area description, which is a description of the service area facilities, lands, programs, and their conditions. It also may include local, state, federal, and private facilities, and extend beyond the applicant’s service area.”

“The purpose of an inventory is to provide the context for proposed projects and assessing the condition of the inventory is important. Sites and facility conditions will reveal weaknesses in the organization’s maintenance and operation, help identify facilities that may need renovation or replacement, and provide indicators of use levels. Organizations with habitat or natural areas will want to assess the health of the natural systems, the extent of invasive species, adjacent land uses, and other issues. Habitat conservation inventories may assess habitat types, particular species, threats, ownerships, and historical gains or losses.”

Map 10-1 identifies the Millwood Parks and Recreation Inventory and Service Area. Within the city limits, Millwood has outdoor parks and recreation facilities owned and managed by the City of Millwood and the West Valley School District (letters A-K). Adjacent to the City of Millwood is the Centennial Trail which is under WA State Parks and Recreation. Green stars represent predominant Centennial Trail access points via surrounding roads. Surrounding the City are Spokane County, City of Spokane Valley, and East Valley School District parks and recreation facilities. Map 10-1 has been extended to include most of the schools that Millwood children attend in the West Valley School District, the surrounding parks that residents can utilize, and the adjoining Centennial Trail trailheads (see Map 10-2). Additionally, the Pasadena Park area north of the City of Millwood is generally considered part of the Millwood community as well as the Hutton Settlement whose youth residents and staff utilize Millwood Park and trails, and participate in Millwood events and activities. Millwood Park also has a wading pool that draws summer users from surrounding areas.



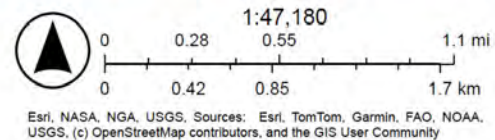
Map 10-1 - Millwood Parks and Recreation Inventory & Service Area Map



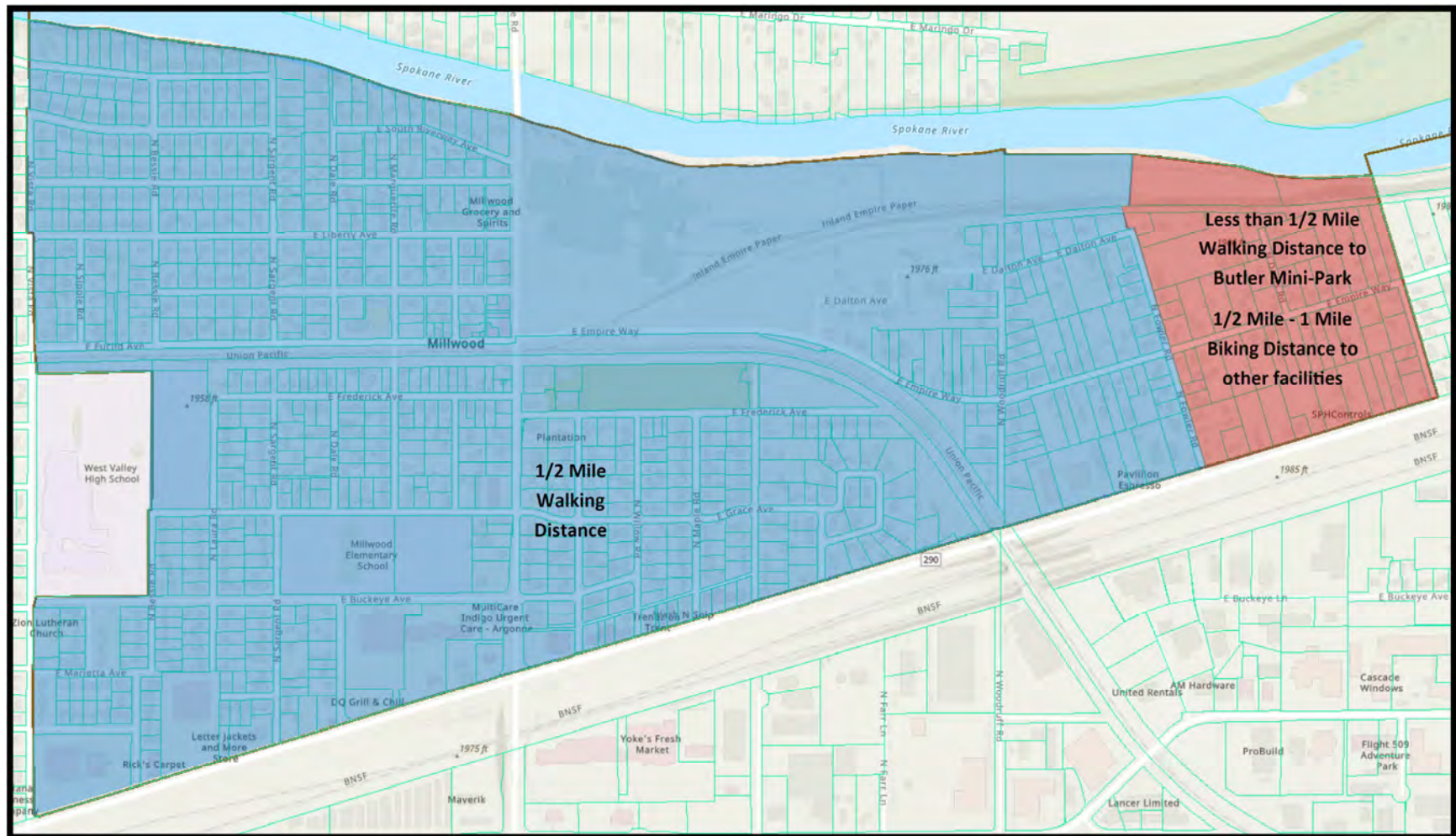
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Bicycle Regional Priority Network

Bike Lane (existing)	Shared or Other Facility
Multi-Use Path (existing)	Shared Route
Multi-Use Path (proposed)	



Map 10-2 – Bicycle Regional Priority Network Map, Millwood Area (Spokane Regional Transportation Council, SRTC)



Map 10-3 – City of Millwood Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Facility Distances

Millwood Facilities




The following inventory and conditions assessment comprises Millwood's publicly owned parks, recreation, open space, and trails facilities that are located within the City of Millwood's 0.70 square miles, as shown in letters A-L on Map 10-1. Millwood's citizens west of Fowler Rd. have facilities within a ½ mile walking distance with intermittent sidewalk and trail connectivity and citizens east of Fowler Rd. have facilities within a ½ mile to 1 mile biking distance with the exception of Butler Mini-Park that is within ½ mile walking distance; however, there is currently no sidewalk or trail connectivity east of Fowler (see Map 10-3). **The City of Millwood has approximately 3.25 total miles of sidewalks. A complete sidewalk inventory has been included in the Chapter 8 (Transportation Element).**








The City of Millwood does not utilize facility reservations or collect fees, use is on a first come-first serve basis with the exception of events for 30+ people which requires a special event permit for use of facilities and/or right-of-way. Annually, the City of Millwood issues a few special event permits for events such as the Farmer's Market at Millwood Park, Millwood Daze in the Historic Dalton Median area, Winterfest in the Dalton Avenue area of downtown, and previously for events such as Oktoberfest and Hot Wheels in Millwood (car show).

The West Valley School District does reserve elementary and middle school facilities (indoor such as gyms with a fee and outdoor fields). Teams that have West Valley students have first priority for rental.





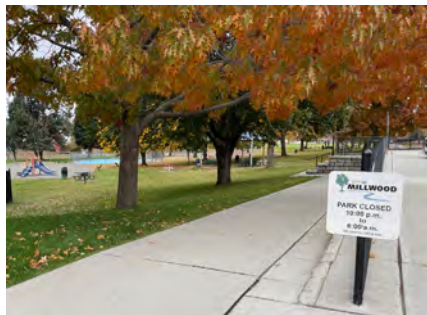
Map 10-1 Label	Facility	Location	Facility Type	Owner / Manager	Description / Comments	Condition
A	Millwood Park	9241 E Frederick Ave, Millwood (located in the center of the City of Millwood)	City Park	City of Millwood	Constructed in 1946+ 5.19 acres + 0.49 acres for maintenance shop Park currently has no ADA access / circulation beyond parking and park entrances First come / first serve use with the exception of Special Event Permits for 30+ people events	

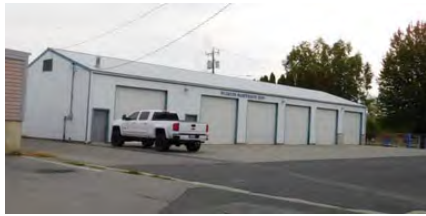


Map 10-1 Label	Facility	Location	Facility Type	Owner / Manager	Description / Comments	Condition
A-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground 				<p>Circa 1985 – 2016</p> <p>Separate preschool and older play structures plus swings and monkey bars</p> <p>Pea gravel surfacing w/ concrete edging (no ADA access)</p>	<p>Fair – Good</p> <p>(Merry Go Round removed due to poor condition – replacement anticipated)</p>
A-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wading Pool 				<p>Originally installed in 1954</p> <p>Circular wading pool up to 14" depth w/ 45' inside diameter + 5' wide walkway around it (55' total diameter) and water spray fountains along sides</p> <p>Open mid-June through Labor Day, conditions permitting w/ free admission (2024 hours were Monday-Saturday 11am – 5pm, except 2 - 2:30pm for lifeguard lunch & Sunday 1 - 5pm)</p> <p>Occasional capacity issues in summer</p> <p>Insurance liability issues and requires lifeguards</p>	<p>Fair</p> <p>Concrete surfacing is delaminating</p>
A-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Splash Pad 				<p>Circa 2005</p> <p>Approximately 30' x 44' with 2 fountains and 7 arch sprays</p> <p>Occasional capacity issues in summer (receives more use than wading pool)</p>	<p>Fair</p>

Map 10-1 Label	Facility	Location	Facility Type	Owner / Manager	Description / Comments	Condition
A-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restroom 				Remodeled in 2023 Open seasonally Men's (2 urinals & 1 toilet stall) & Women's (2 toilet stalls)	Good
A-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking 	 			68 regular + 3 handicap parking stalls (paved 90-degree) on south and east sides of the park (expanded in 2019 w/ retaining wall addition – removed sledding hill) Capacity issues in Summer w/ lacrosse and wading pool / splash pad use in August with Farmer's Market vendors, customers, and general park use (parking at capacity w/ cars parking on side streets)	Good
A-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-Use Grass Fields 	  			Circa 1956 Utilized for youth soccer practice and lacrosse (Summer – Fall) with portable nets Issues w/ lacrosse balls being hit into properties south of Frederick (no barrier currently installed) No capacity issues Baseball field w/ mound in SE corner removed in 2016 due to deteriorated back stop & lack of use	Fair (irrigation system)
A-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball Courts 				2 mini courts Approximately 22' x 42' No capacity issues	Fair (court closest to tennis court) Poor (needs re-surfacing & crack sealing)



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A-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis / Pickleball Courts 				<p>Relocated to current location in 1990's, repainted in 2021, lights added in 2022</p> <p>2 multi-use courts</p> <p>Occasional capacity issues with pickleball use and tennis players waiting (utilized 3 - 4 times per week for summer pickleball)</p>	Fair - Good
A-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gazebo / Picnic Shelter 				<p>Circa 1993</p> <p>Approximately 30' diameter octagon</p>	Good
A-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picnic Shelter 				<p>Circa 2006</p> <p>Approximately 30' x 30' square</p>	Good
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benches 				<p>2 by playground circa 2018</p> <p>2 green wood benches (circa 1993)</p>	<p>Good</p> <p>Fair - Poor</p>






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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picnic Tables 				<p>11 green w/ black frames circa 2018</p> <p>6 total red & white, blue & white, & gray in concrete circa 2002</p>	<p>Good</p> <p>Fair - Poor</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trash Cans 				14 circa 2018	Good
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBQ Pits 				5 circa 2023	Good
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drinking Fountains 				2 circa 1985 or older	Fair - Good
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees 				<p>Age varies</p> <p>Approximately 20 trees of varying types</p>	Good - Healthy Trees



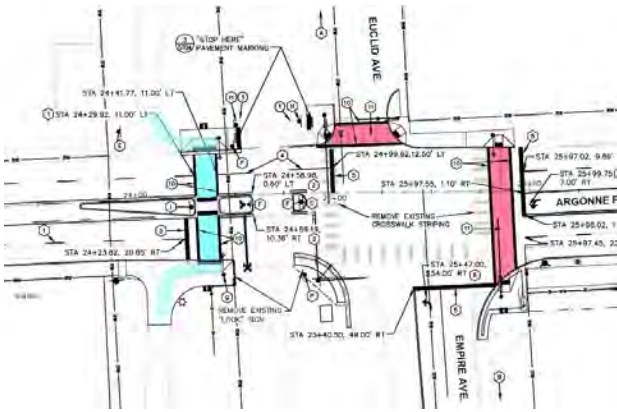


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A-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance shop 				Fleet enlargement would require more space (limited room to expand)	Good





B	Spokane River Property	North Side of E. South Riverway Ave, Millwood (Parcels 45064.0059 & 0060)	City Open Space / Habitat Area	City of Millwood	<p>0.51 acres</p> <p>Flat / gentle slope for 2/3rd of property towards river then steep slopes for 1/3rd of property adjoining the Spokane River (30%+ slope with approximately 7'-10' drop to river, dependent on water level)</p> <p>Currently fenced without public access</p> <p>Potential conservation area, neighborhood riverfront park, and/or river access</p>	Natural
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C	Jeanne Batson Arboretum	South Side of E. Empire Way, Millwood (East of Argonne Rd. w/ open space to 9700 block of Empire)	City Arboretum	City of Millwood	<p>Circa 2007</p> <p>Approx. 1.5 acres + open space</p> <p>No designated pedestrian or ADA access / circulation</p> <p>First come / first serve use</p>	<p>Good - Healthy Trees</p> <p>Poor - No ADA access</p>
						
D	Millwood Interurban Trail / Millwood Trail	South Side of E. Euclid Ave/ E. Empire Ave. from Vista Rd. to Trent Ave., south of the railroad right-of-way	Shared Use Path (Class I)	City of Millwood	<p>1 mile trail completed in 2019 and frequently used all year (plowed in winter)</p> <p>Paved, 10' wide shared use pathway with dryland grass 7'-10' along sides of trail and 4 landscaped / irrigated rest areas (2 west of Argonne and 2 east of Argonne), lighting, and historical markers (5 completed and 2 blank at east end)</p>	
						



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D - West End					West end of trail at Vista Rd. does not have an ADA ramp at end of trail (must exit off sidewalk driveway ramp to south) Adjoins West Valley High School	Good but needs trail ADA ramp at Vista
						
						
D – West Center					West side rest areas w/ bike rack at Argonne end	Good
						






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D – Center	  				Argonne Rd. crossing will be improved with a pedestrian actuated crosswalk, island, and illumination - anticipated Summer 2025 completion	Currently Poor Crossing Will be Good after 2025 improvement
D – East Center	 				Adjoins Millwood Park w/ park entrances, restrooms (no ADA access), & a rest area w/ bike rack	Good

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D - East End		 			<p>East of Millwood Park</p> <p>East side rest area</p> <p>East end of trail connects to Trent Ave. via a frontage road</p>	<p>Good</p> <p>Fair-Good (Frontage Road Access)</p>

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E	Millwood Trail Extension	East Side of Argonne Rd. from Empire Ave. to Spokane River Bridge	Planned Shared Use Path (Class IP)	City of Millwood	0.23 Mile, 10' wide, separated, shared use pathway that connects to sidewalk at Argonne Rd. bridge Anticipated Summer 2025 completion	
						

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E-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Argonne Rd. Bridge ROW Pedestrian View Corridor 	 			<p>It has been determined that there is no physical Spokane River access at the east side of the Argonne Rd. Bridge right-of-way (ROW)</p> <p>The area is steep, completely fenced, & no parking or ADA access possible</p> <p>View corridor only from walkways over bridge (both sides of the road – predominantly outside city limits)</p>	Fair (narrow walkway)
F	Historic Dalton Median	Dalton Rd. from West of Argonne to N. Sargent Rd.	Boulevard	City of Millwood	<p>0.2 intermittent miles (5 blocks)</p> <p>10.5' wide grass median w/ trees (majority are oaks) planted circa 1920's & sidewalks on both sides of Dalton Ave.</p> <p>First come / first serve use (Fall pictures, & occasional Summer enjoyment) + Special Event Permit for Millwood Daze</p>	<p>Good – Predominantly Healthy Trees</p> <p>No root issues</p> <p>Marguerite block has 1 tree that needs replacement due to fungus, trees replaced as needed</p> <p>Canopies along median and sides need thinning for tree & grass health</p>

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G	Millwood Elementary School / Kindergarten Center (Early Learning Center)	8818 E. Grace Ave., Millwood	School	West Valley School District	<p>Circa 1980</p> <p>Approximately 8.5 outdoor acres (excluding the school building)</p> <p>Reservations through West Valley School District</p>	




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G-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ballfields				Smith Field 2 Softball / Little League Ballfields w/ bleachers, dugouts, and a batting cage Porta Potty	Good
G-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Soccer Field				Soccer Field Goals Porta Potty	Good
G-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multi-Use Field				Smith Field Multi-Use Soccer Field w/ Portable Goals	Good
G-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Playground				Elementary school age play structure + 2 diggers & swings	Good
G-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parking				Approximately 127 regular (16 parallel & 111 angled / 90 degree parking stalls) + 4 handicap parking stalls (paved angled / 90 degree) w/ ADA access around facility	Good

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H	West Valley High School	8511 E. Grace Ave. (Partially inside & partially outside city limits)	School	West Valley School District	Circa 1957, remodeled in 2008 Approximately 12 outdoor acres (excluding the school buildings) Not reservable for community use	



H-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballfields 		<p>Jack Spring Stadium</p> <p>2 Baseball fields w/ pitching mounds, dugouts, & bleachers (no lights)</p> <p>ADA access for seating & 2 handicap parking stalls</p>	Fair - Good
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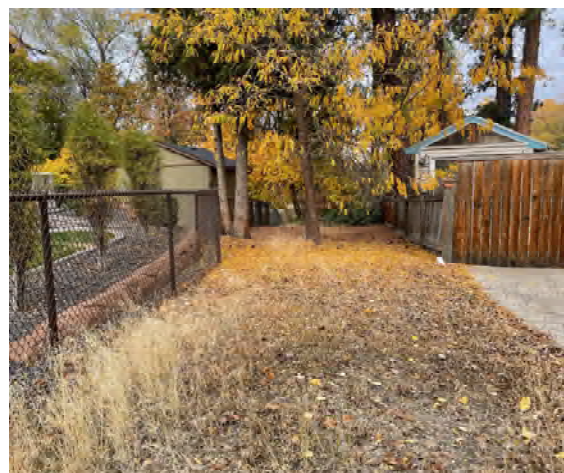
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H-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track & Field & Football 				<p>Ward Maurer Football Field</p> <p>Rubberized 8 lane track w/ field events & surrounding grass football field</p> <p>Grandstands & press box</p>	Good
H-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Courts 				<p>8 Courts w/ 2 painted for pickleball (no lights)</p>	Good
H-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym (3) 					
H-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking 				<p>Approximately 399 regular + 15 handicap parking stalls (paved 90-degree), 4 parallel regular stalls, & additional gravel parking areas for ballfields (parking also utilized for adjoining Interurban Trail)</p>	<p>Good (paved)</p> <p>Fair (gravel)</p>

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I	Sargent Rd. Spokane River Corridor (Sewer Lift Station #3)	E. South Riverway Ave. & N. Sargent Rd.	City ROW / Public Utility / Open Space	City of Millwood	Approximately 4,600 sq. ft. area (approx. 41' wide) with beach exposed late July – winter (about 2'-5' rise in river to 2 nd cinder block up from beach), beach exposure dependent on water level	Poor – access issues (grass to intermittent cinder block with dirt to river beach)
					Currently posted “use at own risk”	
					Could possibly be improved for canoe/kayak put in:	
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence vault & electrical panel • Add ADA accessible pathway from ROW through grass • Improve river access w/ stairway and landing at beach or ADA accessible winding pathway and landing at beach • Possibly add 2 (90 degree or angled) parking stalls at edge of ROW into property (make 1 ADA) • Need minimal impact to adjoining neighbors 	
					  	

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J	Sewer Lift Station #2 – Spokane River Corridor	E. South Riverway Ave. & N. Dale Rd.	City ROW / Public Utility / Open Space	City of Millwood	Approximately 2,400 sq. ft. area (approx. 20' wide) Not currently suitable for river access & has adjoining property encroachment	Poor – access issues



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K	Sewer Lift Station #1 – Spokane River Corridor	E. South Riverway Ave. (east of 8911 – former sewer treatment plant land)	City ROW / Public Utility / Open Space	City of Millwood	Approximately 2,400 sq. ft. area (approx. 14' wide) Not suitable for river access & adjoining property's dock extends into river frontage	Poor - access issues w/ electrical for utilities blocking



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L	Butler Mini-Park	3131 N. Butler Rd.	Public Utility / Open Space	City of Millwood	Approximately 4,400 sq. ft of open space A portion of the Butler well site serves as a mini park with grass	Fair



City of Millwood Operations and Maintenance

The City of Millwood employs a four (4) person year-round maintenance crew to handle public works, parks, and facilities maintenance.

- The General Parks portion of the 2025 preliminary budget is \$163,750.
- The Special Purpose Paths portion of the 2025 preliminary budget is \$64,150.
- Money is also allocated for fall leaf removal, winter snow and ice control, year-round lighting of trails, and sidewalks to maintain the useability of the Millwood trails system.

Additionally, due to the water depth, the existing wading pool at Millwood Park requires seasonal lifeguards with a 2025 preliminary budget amount of \$20,600.

Surrounding Area Facilities

The following public / non-profit facilities are located outside the City of Millwood, as identified on Map 10-1 and 10-2, with distances measured from the center of Millwood.

Map 10-1 Label / Facility	Location	Facility Type	Owner / Manager	Description / Comments	Distance from Millwood (approximate)
Centennial Trail (CT)	Along the Spokane River adjacent to Millwood in Spokane County & City of Spokane Valley	Regional Trail	WA State Parks and Recreation / Friends of Centennial Trail & Participating Municipalities	Paved approximately 12' wide shared use trail	Approximately 1 mile to closest trailhead / access point (Donkey Island)
CT Donkey Island Trailhead (Mile 13)	North on Argonne Road through Millwood, over Spokane River and turn east on Maringo Drive, proceed east to dead end to find trailhead (see inventory map)	Regional Trail Trailhead	WA State Parks and Recreation / Friends of Centennial Trail & Participating Municipalities	Trailhead	Approximately 1 mile
CT Boulder Beach (Mile 16)	North on Argonne Road through Millwood, over Spokane River and turn west on Upriver Drive, approximately 1 mile upstream from Upriver Dam (see inventory map)	Regional Trail Trailhead	WA State Parks and Recreation / Friends of Centennial Trail & Participating Municipalities	Trailhead	Approximately 2 miles
CT Islands Trailhead / Swimming Area (Mile 12)	North on Argonne Road through Millwood, over Spokane River and turn east on Upriver Drive, proceed east to Islands Trailhead, just west of Plante's Ferry Park (see inventory map)	Regional Trail Trailhead	WA State Parks and Recreation / Friends of Centennial Trail & Participating Municipalities	Trailhead	Approximately 2.5 miles
CT Mirabeau Park (Mile 10.5)	East on Trent Ave., south on Pines Rd., east on Mirabeau Pkwy, proceed 0.7 miles to Trailhead on left (see inventory map)	Regional Trail Trailhead	WA State Parks and Recreation / Friends of Centennial Trail & Participating Municipalities	Trailhead	Approximately 3.5 miles
Knox Park	8699 E. Knox Ave., Spokane Valley, WA	Neighborhood Park	Unknown	Manicured open grass field with a building and swale	Approximately 1 mile

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Orchard Center Elementary	7519 E Buckeye Ave, Spokane Valley, WA	School	West Valley School District	Playground & multi- use field Reservations through West Valley School District	Approximately 1 mile
Orchard Avenue Park	3300 N. Park Rd. Spokane Valley, WA	Open Space	Spokane County Parks	Park officially closed in 2022 due to Felts Field proximity and amenities were removed. Fenced grass field remains for dog walking, etc.	Approximately 1.3 miles
Pasadena Park Elementary School	8508 E Upriver Dr, Spokane Valley, WA	School	West Valley School District	Playground, trail, basketball courts, multi-use fields, & ballfield Reservations through West Valley School District	Approximately 1.3 miles
Seth Woodard Elementary School	7401 E Mission Ave, Spokane Valley, WA	School	West Valley School District	Playground, basketball courts, & multi-use field Reservations through West Valley School District	Approximately 1.8 miles
Hutton Settlement Children's Home	9907 E. Wellesley Ave. Spokane	Private / Non- Profit Facility <i>(school groups allowed to visit for field trips)</i>	Hutton Settlement Children's Home	319 acres of pristine natural settings with opportunities for learning and recreation (tennis courts, basketball courts, a swimming pool, a 2-mile hiking trail, a baseball field, playground equipment, an art studio, a music room, and a gym)	Approximately 1.9 miles

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Camp Sekani & Beacon Hill Trail System	6722 E Upriver Dr, Spokane, WA	Conservation Area	City of Spokane Evergreen East Mountain Bike Alliance	Wooded park providing dog- friendly trails for mountain biking & hiking, plus a frisbee golf course. Over 30 mountain biking trails winding through 1,000 acres of public and private land	Approximately 2 miles
Valley Mission Park & Pool	11123 E Mission Ave, Spokane Valley, WA	Community Park	City of Spokane Valley	24 acres and 115 parking spaces with overed picnic shelter, picnic table, restrooms, play equipment, swimming pool and zero depth entry pool, pool shade structure and furniture, ball field, basketball, and tennis courts	Approximately 2.2 miles
Centennial Middle School	915 N Ella Rd, Spokane Valley, WA	School	West Valley School District	Tennis courts, ballfields, & multi- use fields Reservations through West Valley School District	Approximately 2.3 miles
Park Road Pool	906 N Park Road Spokane Valley, WA (abutting Centennial Middle School)	Aquatic Facility (seasonal)	City of Spokane Valley	2 acres, 101 parking spaces, swimming pool with slide, pool shade structure and furniture, picnic tables and restrooms	Approximately 2.3 miles
Trent Elementary School	3303 N Pines Rd, Spokane Valley, WA	School	East Valley School District	Playground & multi-use fields	Approximately 2.5 miles

Map 10-1 Label / Facility	Location	Facility Type	Owner / Manager	Description / Comments	Distance from Millwood (approximate)
Plante's Ferry Sports Complex	12320 E Upriver Drive Spokane Valley, WA	Regional Park / Sports Complex	Spokane County / Spokane County, Spokane Rapids Soccer, & Spokane Indians Youth Baseball	95-acre regional park / multi-sport stadium along the Spokane River with 5 baseball / softball fields, 13 soccer fields, playgrounds, walking trails, green space, bbq areas, picnic shelters, meeting rooms, concessions stand, multiple restrooms, over 650 parking spots, and 20 handicap parking spots. Plante's Ferry was the original site of Antoine Plante's ferry, which was the first established "dry" river crossing on the Spokane River.	Approximately 3.2 miles
Mirabeau Point Park, Mirabeau Springs Trails, & Discovery Playground	13500 Mirabeau Parkway, Spokane Valley, WA	Regional Park	City of Spokane Valley	55.51-acres of meadows, forest & springs with a discovery playground, trails, shelters & a horse arena.	Approximately 3.5 miles

Millwood Activities

Activities are provided through the West Valley School District and Millwood Community Organizations with additional activities provided by the local churches. The following is a summary of typical Millwood activities.

Activity	Description	Provider	Age Group	Timeframe / Location
West Valley School District Athletics	School sports including boys baseball, boys football, girls softball, girls volleyball, and boys/girls soccer, wrestling, basketball, tennis, cross country, track & field	WVSD (elementary ages in cooperation w/ HoopTown USA & YMCA)	Youth (Grades K-12)	School Year at Schools and Off-Site Locations

Activity	Description	Provider	Age Group	Timeframe / Location
West Valley School District Clubs	Before school Chess Club, Communities in Schools, etc.	WVSD	Youth (Grades K – 5)	School Year at Schools
West Valley School District Events	School skate nights, movie nights, elementary conference camps at West Valley Learning Center, May Block Party, etc.	WVSD Schools & School PTO	Youth (Grades K-12)	School Year at Schools and Off-Site Locations
Star Club	STAR Club is an after-school program designed to invest in the relationships of 3rd-5th grade students from Orchard Center & Ness Elementary Schools,	Millwood Impact	Youth (Grades 3 – 5)	Monday - Thursday 3:30-5:30pm when school is in session
Argonne Library	Educational programming for all ages and stages of life as well as Millwood historic display	Spokane County Library District - Argonne Library	All Ages	Year-round Historic display is for one month every year
Friday at the Lodge	Community activities, demonstrations, and education	Masonic Lodge	All Ages	Monthly in Winter & Weekly in Summer
Millwood Daze	Community celebration	Millwood Community Association	All Ages	Saturday before Labor Day weekend in August Historic Dalton Median, Millwood Community Presbyterian Church, & Downtown Millwood
Millwood Farmer's Market	Farmer's market, music, themed activities, etc.	Millwood Community Association	All Ages	Wednesdays, 3-7pm from May – October in Millwood Park, 9241 E Frederick Ave, Millwood
Millwood Impact	Millwood Impact addresses unmet essential needs for the health and well-being of kids and families in the Millwood & West Valley Community (Millwood Community Meals, Summer Camp, etc.)	Millwood Impact	All Ages	Year-round Various Locations including Millwood Community Center (Millwood Presbyterian Church), 8863 E. Euclid Ave, Millwood, WA
Millwood Walking Tours	Historical walking tours of Millwood	Varies	All Ages	Spring - Fall in Downtown Millwood

Activity	Description	Provider	Age Group	Timeframe / Location
Millwood Community Garden	Community garden	Millwood Impact	All Ages	Spring - Fall 9108 East Maringo Drive, Spokane, WA
West Valley Outdoor Learning Center	Providing opportunities for young people to investigate and learn about the natural world around them.	West Valley School District	All Ages	Year-round West Valley Outdoor Learning Center (next to Pasadena Park Elementary), 8508 E Upriver Dr Bldg B, Spokane, WA
Winterfest / Tree Lighting	Community celebration with Tree Lighting at Inland Empire Paper (IEP), Christmas Market on Dalton, and special events through the business community.	Millwood Community Association & Inland Empire Paper (IEP)	All Ages	1st Friday of December Downtown Millwood
Downtown Millwood Business Community Activities	Various activities at local businesses,	Downtown Millwood Businesses	Varies	Varies

10.4 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The GMA requires early and continual citizen participation in the development and updates of comprehensive plans and development regulations. A specific goal of the GMA is to encourage the involvement of citizens in the planning process. The City of Millwood provided several opportunities for the public to participate, provide comments, and learn about the Periodic Update. Specifically for the Parks and Recreation Element, the 2024 Millwood Periodic Update Community Survey, along with stakeholder interviews, and other public outreach/planning efforts including the “Imagine Millwood” activity, informed this element. While traditional methods (meetings, workshops, presentations, etc.) remained an important role in public engagement, the City also used alternative participation tools to make it easier for the public to participate.

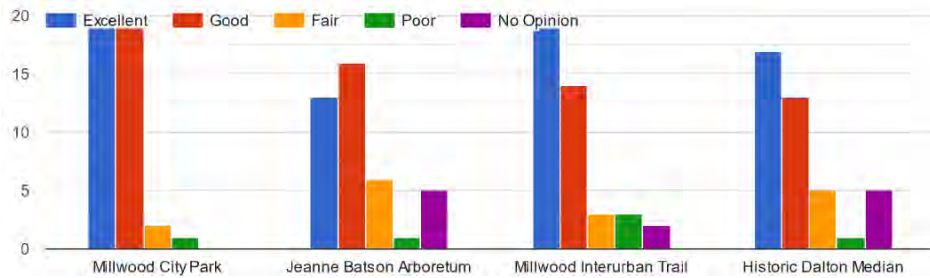
Millwood Community Survey

From mid-September to mid-October 2024, a community survey was conducted for the periodic update and the responses have been disbursed throughout this Comprehensive Plan based on the element topic. Questions that were specifically related to parks, recreation, open space, and trails have been included below. The survey responses were statistically representative of Millwood.

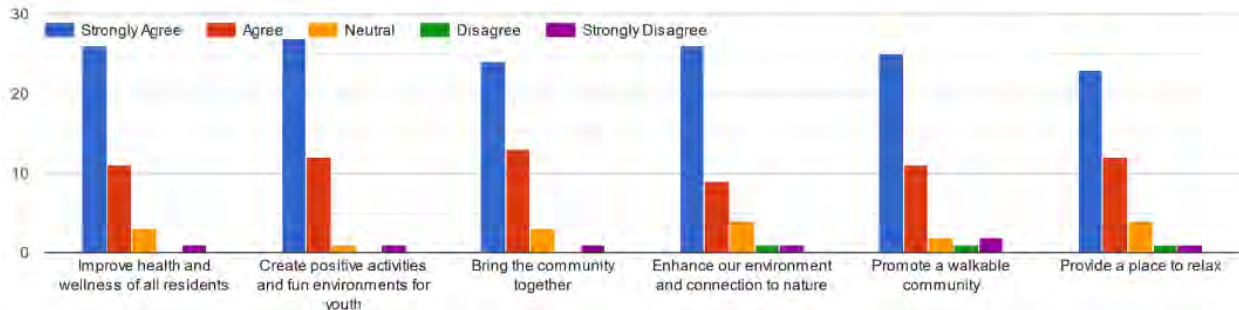
Overall, citizens and user groups feel the City’s parks, open space, and trails facilities are well maintained, they provide multiple benefits, access is very important, pedestrian and bicycle paths as well as overall walkability is good but sidewalks could be improved, and the City needs to work on having adequate Spokane river access.

Within project and funding prioritization responses, sidewalks, multi-use pathways, and park features ranked highly overall (charts will be included in the Capital Facilities element).

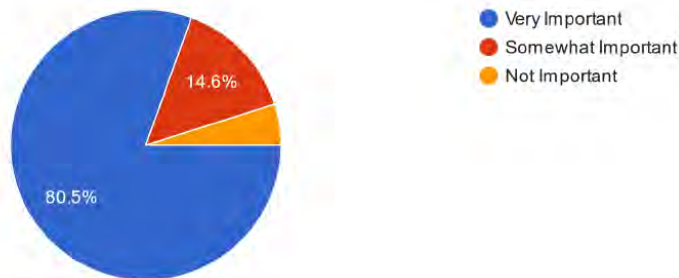
How would you rate the overall quality and maintenance of City of Millwood parks, open space, and trails?



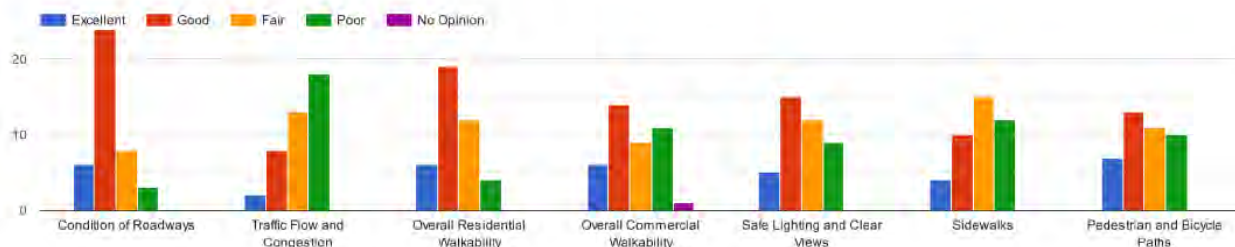
What are the most important things Millwood parks, recreation, open space, and trails can do for our community?



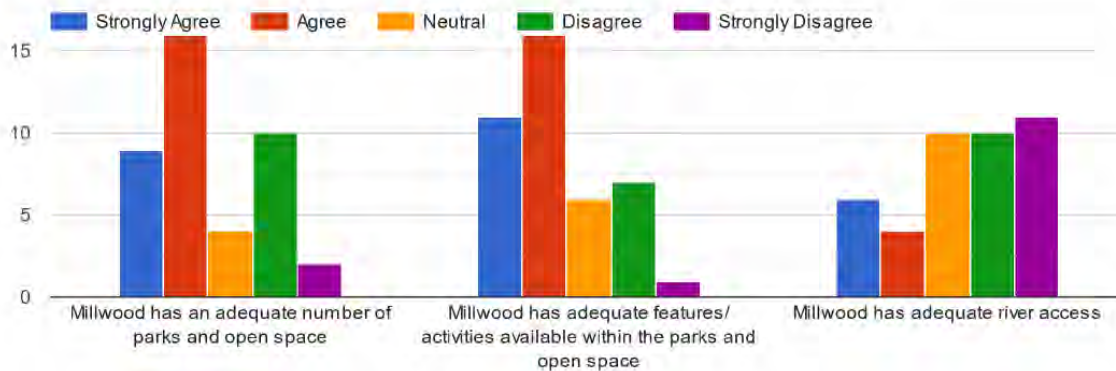
How important is access to parks, recreation, open space, and trails within the City of Millwood?
41 responses



How would you rate the quality of the following transportation conditions?



How do you feel about the following statements about how well Millwood's parks and open space meet community needs?



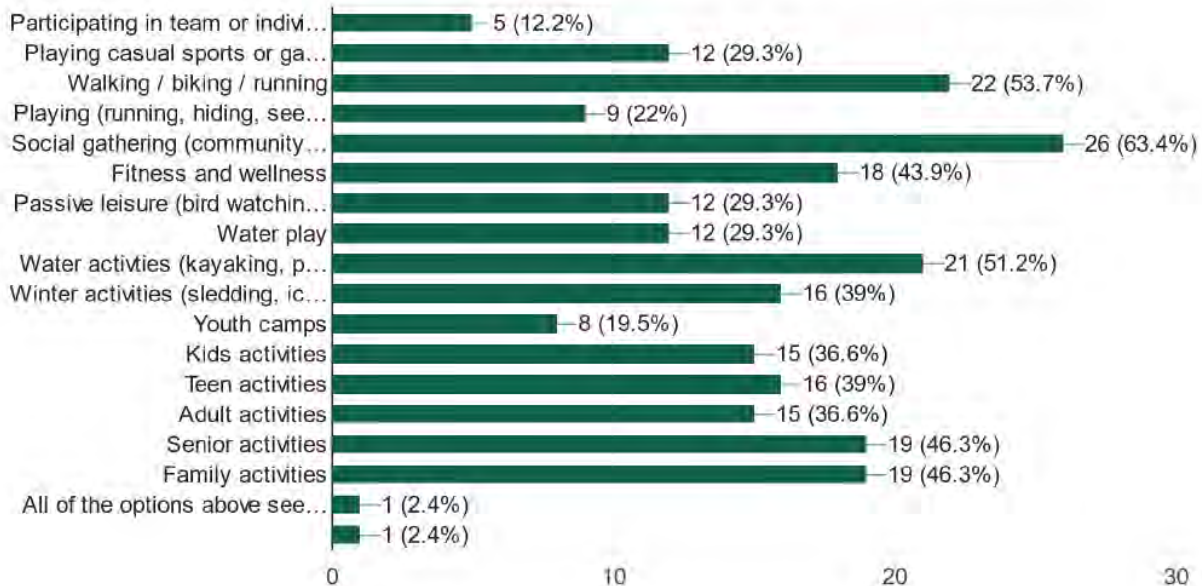
Respondents were asked to expand upon their answers to the community needs question and the following is a summary of the responses by topic and majority opinion:

- There is only one park and playing at the school playgrounds isn't a good daytime option unless it is summer. The park is nice but it has limited parking and no handicap accessibility. Parts of the park could be updated and used for more activities / amenities (i.e. pickleball courts, space for food trucks at events, space for performances, adding power outlets, etc.). The current City Park has gotten smaller over the years for construction of the city shop building, the fire station, etc. that have all taken land without adding replacement park land.
- The river is an important Millwood feature yet there is no direct public access and very minimal visual access to the river for anyone that does not own a house on the river, we need clean and safe river access for Millwood residents. We are a City bordered by the Spokane River and the city owns property on the river. Residents should have access to small walk-to neighborhood river parks to launch kayaks, paddle boards, and small canoes, and enjoy the river views.

There were also individual responses about selling the city's lots on the Spokane River / not creating river access, not adding more walkability, having the city work on maintaining / beautifying trail connections between residences, issues with residents / animal control near parks, needing a way to cross Argonne on the Centennial Trail, and the need for sidewalks and streetlights throughout the whole community (especially the east side of Millwood), as well as other element topics such as traffic and transit.

What activities would you like to see more of in Millwood? Check all that apply.

41 responses

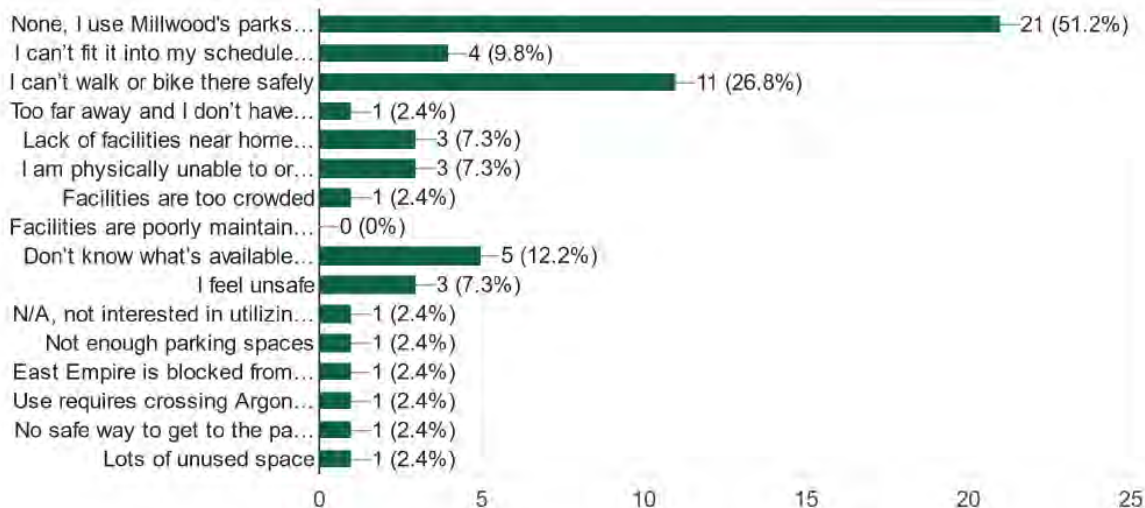


Concerning Millwood activities, the top five activities that respondents would like to see more of in Millwood are social gatherings / community events, walking/biking/running opportunities, water activities (kayaking, paddle boarding, etc.), senior activities, and family activities.

The majority of respondents do not face barriers to visiting parks and open spaces or participating in activities; however some do experience barriers such as not being able to walk or bike there safely and 34.1% do encounter barriers to individuals with disabilities accessing Millwood's parks, recreation, open space, or trails.

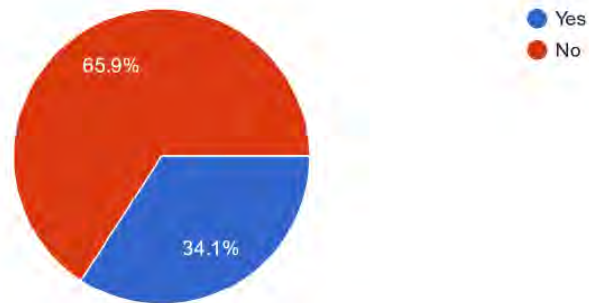
What barriers do you face when trying to visit parks and open spaces or participate in activities, or why would you choose not to use Millwood's parks, recreation, open space, or trails?

41 responses



Do you encounter any barriers to individuals with disabilities accessing Millwood's parks, recreation, open space, or trails ?

41 responses



Developing river access is the most important thing the city can do followed by upgrading facilities/amenities at existing sites like Millwood Park. Although walking / biking / running received the second highest response to “what activities would you like to see more of in Millwood,” adding more trails / better trail connectivity tied for fourth place on most important improvement.

What is the most important thing the City could do to improve Millwood's parks, recreation, open space, and trails?

41 responses



Imagine Millwood

Imagine Millwood was conducted beginning in August 2024 at Millwood Daze through the start of the school year in September. Kids of all ages participated with almost every response of “what could make Millwood better” and every “Imagine Millwood” drawing was pertaining to something parks, recreation, open space, or trails related.

Millwood Daze 2024 "Imagine Millwood" activity for kids of all ages!

What makes Millwood great?

- All the great people
- I feel comfortable with how it's handled
- Neighbors, local businesses, trees
- Caring staff and lovely events
- Events and trees
- I love the splashpad
- The playground

What could make Millwood better?

- Add more rainbows
- To have carnival rides
- Hot air balloons
- Fishing pond
- More trees
- Boulevard down Argonne
- Less squatters



Imagine Millwood 20 years from now and draw how it would look, something you want Millwood to have, etc.



Stakeholder Interviews

Stakeholder interviews were conducted to gain additional insight from various segments of Millwood's population as well as community associations, service providers, and topic experts for elements such as Transportation and Parks and Recreation. The following are summaries of interviews concerning parks and recreation including pedestrian / bike connectivity:

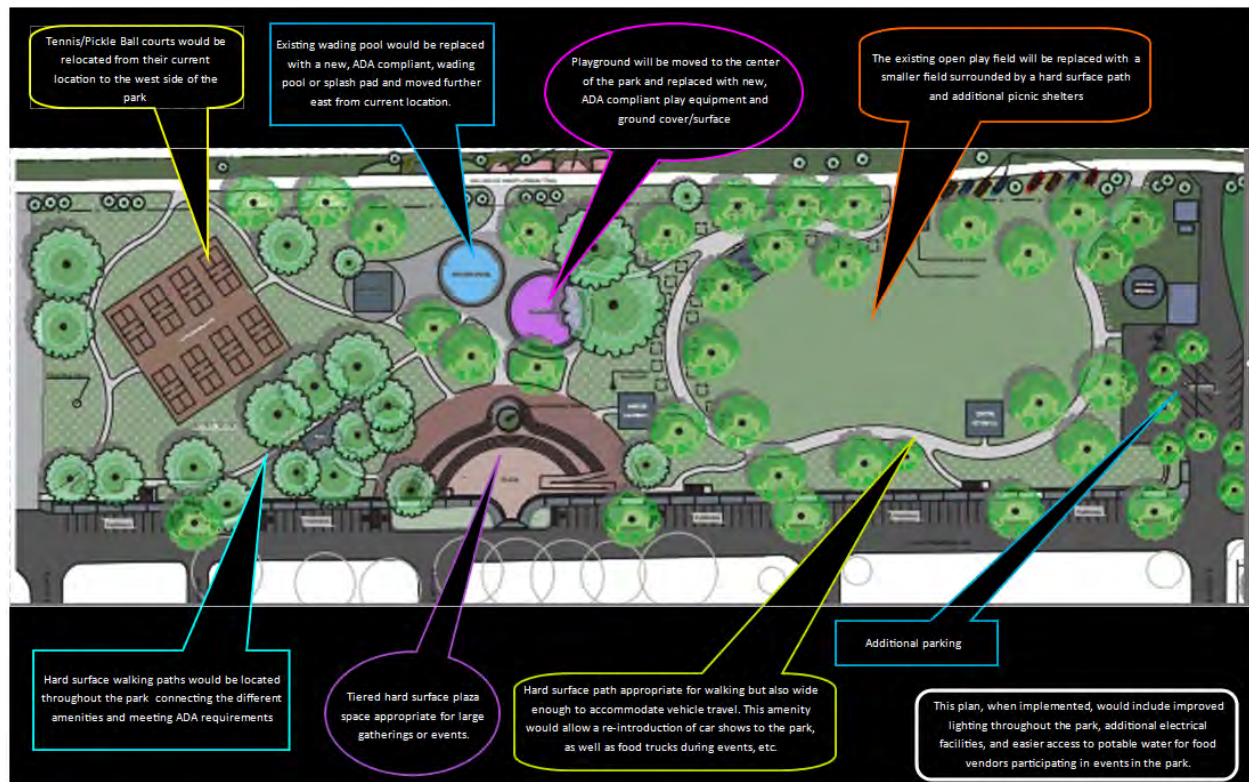
- WA State Dept. of Ecology (DOE) - Encourage safe public river access at small scale, Spokane River (South Riverway property) could have a small canoe/kayak put in but it would be costly and preservation is encouraged, Centennial Trail pedestrian connection via Argonne and Maringo Drive to the east would be best current Centennial Trail connection with a pedestrian bridge over the Spokane River being a future possibility (may require Shoreline Master Program (SMP) amendment).
- Spokane County Conservation District (SCCD) - Areas surrounding the City of Millwood within 2-2.5 miles have large scale Spokane River access and Millwood has a centrally located park within 1 mile of residents, SCCD worked on Islands Trailhead project NE of Millwood with put-in, any Millwood Spokane River access project needs to consider overall cost with maintenance, access issues, traffic in residential area, the need for bathrooms, etc. (projects similar to Glover site downtown - just past Spokane Club and Peaceful Valley informal put-in change neighborhoods), maintain a healthy streambank from erosion through land preservation, try to maintain integrity of south side of river, already have wakeboat issues from Argonne bridge to the west, explore Spokane County Conservation Futures for potential funding for protecting Spokane River habitat area(s) by preserving micro eco-systems and SCCD would look at partnership for Spokane River Property land preservation (South Riverway property), could establish hours for school tours with an outdoor learning shelter, etc. to learn more about our natural environment and possibly coordinate with West Valley Outdoor Learning Center, SCCD recommends preservation of Spokane River property (South Riverway property) and providing a small scale canoe/kayak improvement project at Sargent Rd.
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) - west side of Felts Field will have south side river trail that terminates at Felts Field, SRTC shows a multi-use trail should connect west from Interurban through City of Spokane Valley (not an immediate project for Spokane Valley but SRTC would advocate and support), Interurban eastern connection feasibility should also be considered for future, a Centennial Trail connection directly from Millwood (i.e. pedestrian bridge over the Spokane River) may not be identified as a high need at the regional level, explore safe routes to school grants through WSDOT for sidewalk connections in SW portion of Millwood, non-motorized SRTC grants via call for projects utilize Federal funds (i.e. STBG - Surface Transportation Block Grant) are usually regional projects, Spokane County is studying Argonne/Upriver intersection and Centennial Trail connection (across Argonne) using updated 2025 SRTC travel demand model, SRTC is also interested in a Centennial Trail Connection via Argonne crossing, TIB funding can assist with sidewalk gaps (sidewalk infill project) but need a City of Millwood complete streets ordinance, SRTC will coordinate with Millwood on 2025 metropolitan transportation plan update (Horizon 2050 anticipated to be adopted in November 2025).
- West Valley School District (WVSD) - Shared use is allowed, elementary and middle school fields and gyms can be reserved (high school facilities cannot), WVSD has communities in schools on-site that is similar to Star Club, Hooptown USA and YMCA program for elementary age basketball in the winter and an elementary age before school chess club, safe routes to school

would be supported for the SW portion of Millwood to get kids to West Valley High School (kids ride a school bus in other areas due to railroad tracks and Argonne Rd. / Trent Rd. crossing and Orchard Center Elementary is only a ¼ mile walking radius which wouldn't extend past Vista Rd.), existing sidewalks on Buckeye are great for the open high school campus. Millwood Kindergarten Center will transition to early learning center in 2025/2026 school year with kindergarteners returning to elementary schools, great communication between Millwood Community Association and WVSD for events with flyers in packets, etc.

- Spokane County Library District / Argonne Library (SCLD) - SCLD provides educational programming for all ages and stages of life at the Argonne Library, meeting facilities are also reservable during library hours large meeting room and conference rooms get a lot of use), SCLD is working on a Library Facilities Master Plan that likely will be completed in 2026, current level of service is national average but will re-assess with master plan (sq. footage per capita), Argonne Library has capacity for growth and maintains an approximately 3 mile service area radius (serves Millwood and beyond).
- Millwood Community Association - Consider infrastructure for events and the Farmer's Market during improvements to Millwood Park (i.e. vegetables need to be washed for cooking demonstrations and samples during Farmer's Market and they currently have to be hauled back and forth for washing at the church community center), a food truck/trailer could be utilized for sinks if park design provides way to get truck/trailer down into park (rinse, wash, sanitize, handwash, separate vegetable prep sink w/ indirect drain, and mop sink), consider adding a mop sink like Mirabeau Meadows picnic shelter has (this would still be needed with food truck/trailer sinks), having food trucks bring people to events, park design should incorporate a way to easily utilize a screen for movies in the park, like Millwood Park Reimagined master plan and could add exercise stations to circulation trail, switching from wading pool to larger splash pad would benefit all ages (incorporate wading pool historic fountain), include a plaza that is large enough to accommodate a band and electrical outlets for events, add more trees and wider path would accommodate food trucks, 4 acre per 1,000 population LOS is enough with school parks and Millwood Park has the right amenities (balance pickleball and tennis), Millwood Park is easy to walk to via Interurban Trail (adding complete streets could improve neighbors walking to downtown), desire to expand events to include Halloween and West Valley Foundation wants to add a summer cornhole tournament, add more art downtown (like Chelan murals - go find the apple), could event add art to chain link fence, identity symbols for Millwood are trees, arches, brick, and trains which led to gateway signs (based on Millwood Business Association exploration - now Millwood Community Association 501c3), wayfinding signage for shared parking downtown and public parking on appropriate side streets that works w/ neighbors (i.e. Pearl St. parking map in Portland, OR) for Millwood Park and downtown, connect Interurban Trail east on Trent to access Centennial Trail from north side of Trent.

Millwood Park Reimagined 2022 - 2023

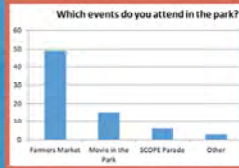
A master planning project for Millwood Park was conducted in 2022 - 2023 entitled Millwood Park Re-Imagined. Park project priorities were established via a public outreach effort that included booths at the Millwood Farmer's Market throughout the summer of 2022, a sticker feedback exercise, public meetings, and additional public comment solicitation.



Based on the public input, the following master plan was prepared for Millwood City Park.



MILLWOOD PARK *REIMAGINED*



- FEATURES**
- SPLASH PAD
 - RAILROAD-THEMED PLAYGROUND
 - PLAZA & GATHERING SPACES FOR FARMER'S MARKET
 - BASKETBALL & PICKLEBALL COURTS
 - TRAIL CONNECTIONS
 - PICNIC SHELTER



A question was included in the Millwood Community Survey discussed above that asked respondents to rank the priority of the proposed Millwood Park amenities / features. New Playground (ADA Compliant) and Wading Pool / Splash Pad (ADA Compliant) were clearly the highest priorities while the remaining were closely ranked. The results derived were as follows:

1. New Playground (ADA Compliant)
2. Wading Pool / Splash Pad (ADA Compliant)
 - Tiered Hard Surface Plaza for Gatherings, Events, etc.
 - Additional Parking
 - New Tennis / Pickleball Courts
 - Picnic Shelters
 - Wider Multi-Use Paths (ADA Compliant)
 - Walking Paths (ADA Compliant)
 - New Basketball Court / Sport Court
 - Additional Bathroom

10.5 DEMAND AND NEED ANALYSIS

General population and other demographic information were explored in Chapter 4 and Section 10.1, public involvement and a survey results snapshot were included in Section 10.4 and Chapter 2 with the full community survey results contained in the Appendix, and an inventory and condition assessment were examined in Section 10.3. This chapter balances the public demand and the capacity of the City of Millwood that is discussed in Section 10.6 and Chapter 11, to provide for the identified needs, while meeting the established goals and objectives for Millwood's parks and recreation referenced in Section 10.2 and established in Chapter 3.

Regardless of the metrics that are used, the NRPA recognizes that every community is unique and has specific circumstances, so it encourages local jurisdictions to use park planning metrics that are tailored to local needs. While noting that the "acres of parkland per 1,000 population" metric – also known as a community's level of service (LOS) – is the most common technique for determining whether a community has enough parkland, the NRPA cautions that LOS can vary widely due to a community's history, culture, demographics, density, development patterns, and other factors. The public engagement activities that have been conducted for this element and the responses received, address the community's thoughts about Millwood's level of service. We have been able to gain user perspectives on the existing facilities, what improvements are needed, where and what should be developed for new facilities, and Millwood's true opinion of the level of service provided with the optional RCO Level of Service Tool utilized to supplement.

The City has the flexibility and freedom to establish a LOS standard for parks that reflects the expressed need and desire of the community. The City also has the obligation to ensure that the operation and maintenance needs of existing parks are met. The City of Millwood's established LOS for parks is 4 acres per 1,000 population. As described in Section 10.3 Inventory above, there is approximately 28.76 acres total of parks and open space (including Millwood Park, school facilities, the Historic Dalton median, and open space with some currently unavailable for use), 3.25 miles of sidewalks, and 1.23 miles of trails within the City of Millwood. With a 2023 City population of 1,925 and a projected 2046 population of 1,974, the City of Millwood is exceeding the established LOS for parks by about 20 acres (just under 8 acres is needed), excluding sidewalks and trails.

RCO Level of Service Tool

The WA State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has included a Level of Service (LOS) tool in their RCO (January 2024) *Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines* which is recommended as a planning tool for grant recipients. The RCO LOS tool provides one set of indicators for federal and state agencies and another for local agencies. It also provides a set of standards for measuring strengths and weaknesses of outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities, suggesting where additional resources may be needed. While the City's current adopted Parks LOS of 4 acres per 1,000 population serves as the primary LOS standard for the City of Millwood, the RCO LOS tool analysis has been provided as a comparison tool for evaluating services. RCO's current LOS tool provides specific criteria for local agencies to assess three primary areas: quantity, quality, and distribution/access. Each of these areas are measured to meet specific criteria. The LOS tool uses an A to E grading system with "A" being the highest possible score and "E" being the lowest possible score. A lower score indicates the need for more investment to achieve a target level of service. Whether to include school facilities is a community choice.

- **Quantity Criteria** (number of facilities). It could be helpful to present results of the quantity criteria to support a request for a new ball field or splash pad.

Level of Service Summary: Local Agencies

Indicators and Criteria	A	B	C	D	E
Quantity Criteria					
Number of Parks and Recreation Facilities Percent difference (the gap) between existing quantity of parks and recreation facilities and the desired quantity (e.g., eight out of ten would be a Level B: 20 percent gap) (also may use per capita average)	<10%	11-20%	21-30%	31-40%	>41%
Facilities that Support Active Recreation Opportunities Percentage of facilities that support or encourage active (muscle-powered) recreation opportunities (e.g., eight out of ten would be Level A: more than 60 percent)	>60%	51-60%	41-50%	31-40%	<30%
Facility Capacity Percentage of demand met by existing facilities (e.g., 65 percent of reservation requests at a facility can be met would be Level B)	>75%	61-75%	46-60%	30-45%	<30%

RCO Level of Service (LOS) Millwood Assessment - Quantity

Number of Parks and Recreation Facilities:

The City of Millwood currently scores an “A” for exceeding the established LOS of 4 acres / 1000 population based on a total of 28.76 acres of parks and open space plus 1.5 acres of trails. If you remove school facilities and utilize only City owned land, the City has 8.26 total acres of just parks and open space land which still exceeds the established LOS.

Facilities that Support Active Recreation Opportunities:

The City of Millwood currently scores an “A” for facilities that support active recreation opportunities. Millwood Park’s 5.19 acres and the Interurban Trail plus Millwood Trail Extension at approximately 1.5 acres total are the only City owned active recreation facilities. When you include the school facilities, the total active recreation is 27.19 acres. Approximately 90% (27.19 acres) of the City’s 30.26 total acres of parks, open space, and trails is active and 10% (3.07 acres) is passive. If you remove school facilities and utilize only City owned land, the City has 9.76 total acres of parks, open space, and trails land of which 6.69 acres or 69% is active and 3.07 acres or 31% is passive, which still scores an “A”.

Facility Capacity:

Since the City of Millwood does not utilize facility reservations nor schedules programming, it is impossible to calculate precisely if the facilities are meeting demand in a quantitative form. In a qualitative comparison, the City heard that river access is needed. Since land is available for river access, improvements would need to be made. Additionally, the City heard about some capacity issues at Millwood Park with the splash pad, wading pool, and parking in the summer as well as the tennis / pickleball courts. These capacity issues could be remedied through improvements to Millwood Park. Based on the qualitative results, it is estimated that the City of Millwood currently scores a “B” or a “C” for facility capacity which can be remedied through facility improvement projects.

- **Quality Criteria** (public satisfaction and facility function). This is useful for building a budget request for additional maintenance resources or facility improvements.

Level of Service Summary: Local Agencies

Indicators and Criteria	A	B	C	D	E
Quality Criteria					
Agency-based Assessment Percentage of facilities that are fully functional for their specific design and safety guidelines (staff assessment)	> 80%	61-80%	41-60%	20-40%	<20%
Public Satisfaction Percentage of population satisfied with the condition, quantity, or distribution of existing active park and recreation facilities (public feedback assessment)	> 65%	51-65%	36-50%	25-35%	<25%

RCO Level of Service (LOS) Millwood Assessment - Quality

Agency-Based Assessment:

The City of Millwood currently scores a “C” for percentage of facilities that are fully functional for their specific design and safety guidelines since only 58% of the Millwood facilities rate Good for inventory condition.

Public Satisfaction:

Based on community feedback, it is estimated that the City of Millwood currently scores a “B” or a “C” for percentage of population satisfied with the condition, quantity, or distribution of existing active park and recreation facilities. Based on the community survey, respondents overwhelmingly ranked parks and recreation as a City strength, the overall quality and maintenance rank of the predominant facilities was good to excellent, and the majority of respondents agreed that Millwood has an adequate number of parks and open space as well as adequate features/activities available. However, river access ranked very poorly, people do identify barriers to accessing Millwood’s parks, recreation, open space, and trails facilities, and upgrades to existing facilities as well as trail extensions are needed.

- **Distribution and Access Criteria** (population served and accessibility). The distribution and access criteria could help justify providing new parks or trails.

Level of Service Summary: Local Agencies

Indicators and Criteria	A	B	C	D	E
Distribution and Access Criteria					
Population within Service Areas Percentage of population within the following services areas (considering barriers to access): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Half-mile of a neighborhood park or trail• Five miles of a community park or trail• Twenty-five miles of a regional park or trail	>75%	61-75%	46-60%	30-45%	<30%
Access Percentage of parks and recreation facilities that may be accessed safely via foot, bicycle, or public transportation	>80%	61-80%	41-60%	20-40%	<20%

RCO Level of Service (LOS) Millwood Assessment - Distribution & Access

Population within Service Areas:

As shown on Map 10-3, the City of Millwood currently scores an “A” for percentage of population within the following services areas (considering barriers to access): 0.5 mile of a neighborhood park/trail, 5 miles of a community park/trail, and 25 miles of a regional park/trail.; however, walkability may be limited based on a lack of sidewalk and trail connectivity. As described in the “Surrounding Area Facilities” inventory and shown on Maps 10-1 and 10-2, there are community

and regional parks / trails that are located less than 5 miles from the City of Millwood, which exceeds the requirement.

Access:

The key to the access criteria is whether facilities can be accessed “safely” via foot, bicycle, or public transportation. As shown on Map 10-3 and discussed above, all areas of the City of Millwood are located within ½ mile of parks, open space, and /or trails facilities; however, due to a lack of sidewalk and trail connectivity, walkability may be limited. The easternmost portion of the City (east of the Interurban trail) does not have sidewalks within the neighborhoods (sidewalks are only on the majority of the north side of Trent) nor any public transportation available. The north side of the Trent Avenue bridge is currently only a shared roadway/narrow walkway for bicycles to access the Interurban Trail via the frontage access road connecting to Trent. The central portion of the City lacks sidewalks as well but does have five total (5) access points to the Interurban Trail. Crossing Argonne Road is also difficult in the central portion of the city due to traffic volume. The western portion of the City has four (4) official and multiple unofficial access points to the Interurban Trail, shared roadways for bicycles, and intermittent sidewalks for connectivity. Community feedback shows a strong need for improvements to the City’s non-motorized transportation network; therefore, with only half of the facilities being safely accessible (predominantly via the Interurban Trail), the City of Millwood currently scores a “C” for percentage of parks and recreation facilities that may be accessed safely via foot, bicycle, or public transportation. The City has a fantastic amenity in the Interurban Trail, but it needs the non-motorized connectivity to help fully utilize it.

City of Millwood Priorities

The following chart lists project priorities for the City of Millwood and identifies the multi-faceted approach of how the need was determined.

Projects will be prioritized based on funding availability and timing / coordination with other projects.

City of Millwood Projects	Demographic Need (Chapter 4 & Section 10.1)	Public Need (Section 10.4, Chapter 2, & Appendix)	Facility Need (Section 10.3)	G & O (Section 10.2 and Chapter 3)	RCO Level of Service Tool
Spokane River Access	Under Project Need - Statewide Priorities, Millwood’s census tract scored High on the Social Vulnerability index for Household Composition & Disability and Medium-High on the Socioeconomic Determinants as well as Medium-High on the Health Disparity Indexes. Millwood scores Medium on the	Community survey rankings & comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing river access is the most important thing the city can do The river is an important Millwood feature yet there is no direct public access and very minimal visual access to the river for anyone that does not own a house on the river, 	Currently no safe river access is available in the City of Millwood	G.02, G.09, & G.12 w/ associated policies/objectives & actions, including P.45	Quantity Criteria - Facility Capacity Scored a B/C Quality Criteria - Agency Based Assessment Scored a C Quality Criteria - Public Satisfaction

City of Millwood Projects	Demographic Need (Chapter 4 & Section 10.1)	Public Need (Section 10.4, Chapter 2, & Appendix)	Facility Need (Section 10.3)	G & O (Section 10.2 and Chapter 3)	RCO Level of Service Tool
	<p>Greenspace availability</p> <p>Figure 4-7 - almost 40% of Millwood's total households fall into the extremely low, very low, and low-income categories. Figure 4-8 - the majority of Millwood's households of color fall into the extremely low-income category or low-income category.</p>	<p>we need clean and safe river access for Millwood residents</p> <p>Stakeholder interviews -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage safe public river access at small/neighborhood scale SCCD recommends preservation of Spokane River property (South Riverway property) and providing a small scale canoe/kayak improvement project at Sargent Rd. 			Scored a B/C
Millwood Park	<p>Under Project Need - Statewide Priorities, Millwood's census tract scored High on the Social Vulnerability index for Household Composition & Disability and Medium-High on the Socioeconomic Determinants as well as Medium-High on the Health Disparity Indexes. Millwood scores Medium on the Greenspace availability</p> <p>Figure 4-7 - almost 40% of Millwood's total households fall into the extremely low, very low, and low-</p>	<p>Community survey rankings & comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2nd most important thing the City can do is upgrading facilities/amenities at existing sites like Millwood Park (river access is #1) There is only one park and playing at the school playgrounds isn't a good daytime option unless it is summer. The park is nice but it has limited parking and no handicap accessibility. Parts of the park could be updated and used for more activities / amenities (i.e. pickleball courts, 	<p>Millwood Park is heavily utilized since it is the only City park facility and several amenities are in Poor or Fair Condition and/or at capacity for use</p>	<p>G.02, G.05, & G.12 w/ associated policies/objectives & actions, including P.43</p>	<p>Quantity Criteria - Facility Capacity Scored a B/C</p> <p>Quality Criteria - Agency Based Assessment Scored a C</p> <p>Quality Criteria - Public Satisfaction Scored a B/C</p>

City of Millwood Projects	Demographic Need (Chapter 4 & Section 10.1)	Public Need (Section 10.4, Chapter 2, & Appendix)	Facility Need (Section 10.3)	G & O (Section 10.2 and Chapter 3)	RCO Level of Service Tool
	income categories. Figure 4-8 - the majority of Millwood's households of color fall into the extremely low-income category or low-income category.	<p>space for food trucks at events, space for performances, adding power outlets, etc.).</p> <p>Stakeholder interviews -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like Millwood Park Re-Imagined Master Plan • Consider infrastructure for events and the Farmer's Market during improvements to Millwood Park, incorporate a way to easily utilize a screen for movies in the park, could add exercise stations to circulation trail, switching from wading pool to larger splash pad would benefit all ages (incorporate wading pool historic fountain), include a plaza that is large enough to accommodate a band and electrical outlets for events, add more trees and wider path would accommodate food trucks <p>Millwood Park Re-Imagined Master Plan & amenities/ features rankings</p>			

Refer to Chapter 8 - Transportation Element and Chapter 11 - Capital Facilities & Utilities for City sidewalks / non-motorized transportation project prioritization.

Centennial Trail Connectivity

As identified in Chapter 3 (Community Vision), a link to the Centennial Trail has been a City of Millwood goal for 30 years. Due to this, Maps 10-5 and 10-6 have been prepared to identify the only area within the city limits that has the Centennial Trail adjoining the Spokane River, adjacent to the boundary of the City of Millwood. While this has been included for reference, availability of land and project cost prevents a link in the foreseeable future. More feasible connections through surrounding jurisdictions via improvement to Argonne Rd / east on Maringo Dr. and/or eastern extension of the Interurban Trail (shown as green stars on the inventory map below) should be considered first. Additionally, an unofficial connection to the Centennial Trail exists from E. Empire Way, heading north on N. Lockwood Rd., and east on E. Coyote Rock Dr. via unimproved pathways (shown in red hatched oval) on Map 10-4.



Map 10-4 – Unofficial Centennial Trail Connection Location

A Centennial Trail link from within the City of Millwood (as shown on Maps 10-5 & 10-6 below), at a minimum, would require:

- Approval / funding to utilize the currently unused railroad right-of-way that connects from Empire Way and intersects the extended right-of-way at N. Woodruff Rd for a pedestrian and bicycle access trail.
- Approval from Inland Empire Paper / land acquisition and funding for a pedestrian and bicycle access trail and construction of the southern portion of a pedestrian / bicycle bridge to cross the Spokane River.
- Approval from WA State Parks and Recreation and funding to construct the northern portion of a pedestrian / bicycle bridge to cross the Spokane River along with construction of a connecting trail to the Centennial Trail.
- Shoreline development permit review and requirements.



Map 10-5 – Potential Centennial Trail Connection Location



Map 10-6 – Potential Centennial Trail Connection Detail

10.6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

Section 10.6 provides a list of potential funding options for parks, recreation, open space, and trails and summarizes the Capital Facility Plan (CFP) that is included in Chapter 11 (Capital Facilities and Utilities).

Funding Options

The following are funding sources that may be utilized for parks, recreation, open space, and trail projects, maintenance, and planning. Although there are other methods of funding specific projects, the possibilities listed below represent common sources of funding. Funding options include all levels and types of funding sources except those that do not appear to apply to facilities that might be found or located in Millwood. Of course, these opportunities are pending continued funding by the applicable government or other funding agency/source. Multiple funding sources can be explored and utilized as matches for other grants, etc., if allowed by the various grant programs.

- **WA State Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO)** - <https://rco.wa.gov/>

RCO is a WA State agency that manages grant programs to create outdoor recreation opportunities, protect the best of the state's wildlife habitat, etc. with revenue from multiple funding sources including the WA State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. RCO grant programs are being developed and modified frequently so check the RCO website for the most up to date information.

The following are RCO grants listed in 2024/2025 that the City of Millwood may qualify to apply for:

- **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)** - ALEA funding may be used for the acquisition, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes. They also may be used to provide or improve public access to the waterfront. Aquatic lands are all tidelands, shore lands, harbor areas, and the beds of navigable waters. The current (2024) grant limit is \$1 million and there is a 50% match requirement.
<https://rco.wa.gov/grant/aquatic-lands-enhancement-account/>
- **Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities (COAF)** - COAF is a new program that will provide grants to build, expand, or renovate outdoor athletic facilities. The program is uniquely focused on helping support meaningful athletic experiences in communities that lack recreational opportunities, have underserved populations, and possess limited financial capacity. The current (2024) grant limit is \$1.2 million and there is currently no match requirement.
<https://rco.wa.gov/grant/community-outdoor-athletic-facilities/>
- **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** - LWCF provides funding to preserve and develop outdoor recreation resources, including parks, trails, and wildlife lands. Congress created the fund in 1965 with the passage of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, which authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to states for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas. All communities may compete for funding in this program. Applications can be made in the Spring of even numbered years (2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, etc.). The current (2024) grant limit is \$2 million and there is a 50% match requirement. <https://rco.wa.gov/grant/land-and-water-conservation-fund/>
- **Local Parks Maintenance Grants (LPM)** - The Washington State Legislature provided one-time funding in the operating budget to help local parks departments maintain their working facilities to meet the needs of their residents. This program will focus on helping communities in need address maintenance backlogs for key local parks facilities and capital improvements. Accessed through a simple application process, grants may be used for general maintenance of things such as trails, restrooms, picnic sites, playgrounds, signs, and kiosks. The program was last

funded in 2023 and was not available in 2024. Future availability is unknown. The 2023 grant limit was \$100,000 and there was no match requirement.

<https://rco.wa.gov/grant/local-parks-maintenance-grants/>

- **No Child Left Inside (NCLI)** - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission's No Child Left Inside (NCLI) grant program provides quality opportunities for underserved, underrepresented, and historically excluded youth to learn, play, and experience the outdoors. The Washington State Legislature established the program in 2007 with two primary goals: to improve the overall academic performance, self-esteem, health, community involvement, and connection to nature for youth; and to empower local communities to engage youth in outdoor education and recreation experiences. Research has shown that spending time outdoors produces powerful benefits for youth, including reduced depression and anxiety, improved focus, better social connections, and enhanced learning and creativity. NCLI supports essential youth outdoor programs across the state and helps to remove barriers for youth to access the outdoors. NCLI provides grants for a wide range of outdoor education and recreation activities including environmental education, leadership development, outdoor recreation and adventure, stewardship activities, and camp programs. Applications can usually be made in the Fall of even numbered years (2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, etc.). The current (2024) grant limit is \$150,000 and there is a 25% match requirement. <https://rco.wa.gov/grant/no-child-left-inside/>
- **Outdoor Learning Grants (OLG)** - The Washington State Legislature funded the Outdoor Learning Grants program, administered by the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the goal to develop and support outdoor educational experiences for students in Washington public schools. RCO manages the portion of the fund that is available for organizations that partner with public schools. Public schools seeking funding should visit the outdoor education for all webpage. All children deserve access to outdoor spaces where they can learn, play, and grow, but access to outdoor educational opportunities is inequitable. From reducing stress, to improving mental and physical health, outdoor-based learning helps kids thrive. Research shows that kids who participate in outdoor educational activities are more likely to graduate, are better behaved in school, and have more relationships with peers, higher academic achievement, more critical thinking skills, and more direct experience of scientific concepts in the field. They also have better leadership and collaboration skills and a deeper engagement with learning, place, and community. The program was last funded in 2023 and was not available in 2024. Future availability is unknown. The 2023 grant limit was \$300,000 and there was no match requirement. <https://rco.wa.gov/grant/outdoor-learning-grants/>
- **Planning for Recreation Access (PRA)** - The Washington State Legislature created the one-time Planning for Recreation Access program to fund planning projects in communities that lack adequate access to outdoor recreation opportunities. This program specifically focuses on diverse urban neighborhoods, small rural communities, and those that are less experienced with RCO's grant process. Grants are used to support planning, community engagement, and collaboration between local governments, community-based organizations, and residents to define outdoor recreation needs, prioritize investments to address those needs, and prepare on-the-ground projects for RCO and other funding opportunities. The program was last funded in 2022 and was not available in 2024. Future availability is unknown. The 2022 grant limit was \$250,000 and there was no match requirement. <https://rco.wa.gov/grant/plan-rec-access/>
- **Habitat Conservation Projects-Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP Habitat)** - WWRP Habitat provides funding for a broad range of land conservation efforts, from conserving natural areas near big cities to protecting the most pristine and unique collections of plants in

the state, including some of last remaining plant species in the world. The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program was envisioned as a way for the state to accomplish two goals: acquire valuable recreation and habitat lands before they were lost to other uses and develop recreation areas for a growing population. This landmark legislation passed in 1990 and the grant program's continued funding have come about through the support of governors, the Legislature, and groups such as the many organizations comprising the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition](#). Applications can usually be made in the Spring of even numbered years (2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, etc.). The current (2024) grant limit varies and there is a 50% match requirement. <https://rco.wa.gov/grant/washington-wildlife-and-recreation-program-habitat/>

- **Recreation Projects - Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP Recreation) -** WWRP Recreation provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation, including local and state parks, trails, water access, and the conservation and restoration of state land. WWRP was envisioned as a way for the state to accomplish two goals: acquire valuable recreation and habitat lands before they were lost to other uses and develop recreation areas for a growing population. This landmark legislation passed in 1990 and the grant program's continued funding have come about through the support of governors, the Legislature, and groups such as the many organizations comprising the [Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition](#). Applications can usually be made in the Spring of even numbered years (2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, etc.). The current (2024) grant limit is \$1 million and there is a varied match requirement with Millwood currently being eligible for a reduced match under the [Communities in Need](#) criteria and the required minimum match is 30 percent. Millwood is also eligible for a reduced match under the [Underserved Populations](#) criteria and the lowest match between the two criteria will be minimum match for projects (based on Match Reduction Mapping Tool). <https://rco.wa.gov/grant/washington-wildlife-and-recreation-program-recreation/>

- **Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) -** The Youth Athletic Facilities program provides grants to buy land and develop or renovate outdoor athletic facilities such as ball fields, courts, swimming pools, mountain bike tracks, and skate parks that serve youth through the age of eighteen. While the program focuses on youth, RCO strongly encourages grant recipients to design facilities to serve all ages and multiple activities. An athletic facility is an outdoor facility used for playing sports or participating in competitive athletics and excludes playgrounds, tot lots, vacant lots, open or undeveloped fields, and level open space used for non-athletic play. Applications can be made in the Spring of even numbered years (2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, etc.). The current (2024) grant limit for the Small Grants Category which the City of Millwood would be eligible under is up to \$350,000 (total project cost including match must be no greater than \$700,000) and there is a varied match requirement with Millwood currently being eligible for a reduced match under the [Communities in Need](#) criteria and the required minimum match is 30 percent. Millwood is also eligible for a reduced match under the [Underserved Populations](#) criteria and the lowest match between the two criteria will be minimum match for projects (based on Match Reduction Mapping Tool). <https://rco.wa.gov/grant/youth-athletic-facilities/>

- **Washington State Dept. of Commerce (DOC) -** <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/>

- **Youth Recreational Facilities -** <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/buildinginfrastructure/capital-facilities/youth-recreational-facilities/>. Capital facilities matching grants to defray up to 25 percent of eligible capital costs for the acquisition, construction and/or major renovation of nonresidential youth recreational

facilities. There is a maximum grant award amount of \$1,200,000 and applications can usually be made in the Spring of even numbered years (2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, etc.).

- **Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT)**

- **Pedestrian & Bicycle Program -**

- <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/support-localprograms/funding-programs/pedestrian-bicycle-program>. The Pedestrian and Bicycle program objective is to improve the transportation system to enhance safety and mobility for people who choose to walk or bike.

- **Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) -**

- <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/supportlocalprograms/funding-programs/safe-routes-school-program>. The purpose of the Safe Routes to Schools Program (SRTS) is to improve safety and mobility for children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. Funding from this program is for projects within two-miles of primary, middle and high schools (K-12).

- **Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program -**

- <https://wsdot.wa.gov/businesswsdot/support-local-programs/funding-programs/sandy-williams-connecting-communitiesprogram>. The Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program (SWCCP) was established to improve active transportation connectivity for people walking, biking, and rolling along and across current and former state highways. The program focuses on communities with high equity needs, which are those most affected by barriers to opportunity and environmental health disparities. The SWCCP can fund any project phase from planning through construction. Projects such as active transportation planning studies, sidewalks, shared use paths, crossings and neighborhood greenways. The program name honors Sandy Williams, a community activist who worked to reconnect her African American neighborhood after the construction of Interstate 90 through Spokane split it in half.

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) -**

- <https://wsdot.wa.gov/businesswsdot/support-local-programs/funding-programs/surface-transportation-block-grant>. The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) continues to be the most flexible of all the highway programs and provides the most financial support to local agencies. WSDOT allocates STBG funds to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) and County Lead Agencies for prioritizing and selecting projects that align with their regional priorities involving all entities eligible to participate in a public process. In addition, WSDOT sets annual delivery targets for each MPO and county lead agency. Eligible projects include bicycle, pedestrian and recreational trails.

- **Transportation Alternative (TA) -**

- <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/supportlocalprograms/funding-programs/transportation-alternatives>. Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects and activities encompass smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, historic preservation, safe routes to school and other transportation-related activities. Since 1991, the Federal Transportation Acts have provided funding for transportation alternatives/enhancement activities, through a set-aside from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program.

- **Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) -** <http://www.tib.wa.gov/>. The TIB provides funding for small jurisdictions like the City of Millwood through the Small City Programs that can complement trail projects. The Small City Active Transportation Program (ATP) provides funding to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, enhance pedestrian and cyclist mobility and connectivity, or improve the condition of existing facilities and the Small City Preservation Program (SCPP) provides funding

for sidewalk maintenance. Additionally, the Complete Streets Program (CSP) is a funding opportunity for cities and counties that have an adopted complete streets ordinance. Grant awards are evaluated on constructability and for showing the practice of planning and building streets to accommodate all users, including pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities.

- **Transportation Benefit District (TBD) -**
<https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/finance/revenues/transportation-benefit-districts>. The City of Millwood could potentially establish a TBD and impose a sales tax up to 0.3% to fund TBD projects. Up to 0.1% may generally be approved by legislative body; beyond that requires voter approval. Another common TBD funding source is a vehicle license fee. TBDs may impose councilmanic vehicle license fees up to \$50 without voter approval, subject to conditions, or may impose fees up to \$100 with voter approval. A TBD sales tax may only be imposed for a maximum of 10 years, although it may be renewed for subsequent 10-year periods; however, a TBD sales tax may exceed 10 years if it is used for the repayment of debt. The revenues may be used for eligible “transportation improvements” listed in a local, regional, or state transportation plan in accordance with RCW 36.73. Improvements can include sidewalks and trails. Construction, maintenance, and operation costs are eligible.
- **Spokane County Conservation Futures Program -**
<https://www.spokanecounty.org/1592/Conservation-Futures>. The Spokane County Conservation Futures Program was conceived in 1994 with the voters approval of an advisory ballot measure authorizing a property tax levy of (up-to) 6.25-cents per \$1,000 assessed property value, in order to acquire and preserve Spokane County's open space, streams, rivers, and other natural resources. This equates to approximately \$2 million dollars a year. Spokane County's Conservation Futures Program was created to protect, preserve, maintain, enhance, restore, limit the future use of or otherwise conserve selected open space land, farmland, forests, wetlands, wildlife habitats, and other lands having significant recreational, environmental, social, scenic or aesthetic values within the boundaries of Spokane County. Acquired properties will not be developed as a typical park (no ball fields, playgrounds, irrigated turf, etc.), but kept in an enhanced natural state consistent with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 84.34.200. In 2016, State Law was amended to allow up to 25% of the revenue generated through the Conservation Futures Tax to be allocated for the maintenance and operations of Conservation Futures properties. This funding is used to care for and enhance these properties. The program requires a 4-step process. 1. Properties are nominated for the program, 2. a review and evaluation process is completed, 3. the Spokane County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) adopts a prioritized acquisition list, and then 4. a property may proceed to property acquisition.
- **Real Estate Excise Tax (REET 1 & REET 2) -**
<https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/finance/revenues/real-estate-excise-tax>. REET is a tax on the sale of real property. All sales of real property in the state are subject to REET unless a specific exemption is claimed. REET also applies to transfers of controlling interest (50% or more) in entities that own real property in the state. The City of Millwood (fully planning under GMA but less than 5,000 population) must spend **REET 1** revenues “for any capital purpose identified in a capital improvements plan and local capital improvements, including those listed in RCW 35.43.040” (see RCW 82.46.010(2)(a)). RCW 35.43.040 lists local improvements that can be funded through a local improvement district (LID), which includes projects such as parks, swimming pools, and gymnasiums. Local capital improvements include the acquisition of real and personal property associated with such improvements – so for instance, land acquisition for parks is a permitted expenditure. In addition, a portion of the REET 1 proceeds (up to \$100,000 or 25% of available REET 1 funds –

whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$1 million per year) may be used for the maintenance of REET 1 capital projects with additional reporting requirements. REET 1 funds may not be used for developing or updating a capital improvement plan, but they can be used for design, engineering, surveys, etc. associated with a specific qualifying project listed in a CIP. In addition to REET 1, any city or town that is fully planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) may impose an additional 0.25% real estate excise tax – known as “**REET 2**” or the “second quarter percent” ([RCW 82.46.035](#)). For jurisdictions that are *required* to fully plan under GMA (like City of Millwood), REET 2 may be imposed by the legislative body and does not require voter approval. REET 2 revenues are restricted and may only be used for financing “capital projects” specified in the capital facilities plan element of the city’s comprehensive land use plan. [RCW 82.46.035](#)(5) defines “capital project” as: (a) Planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets, roads, highways, sidewalks, street and road lighting systems, traffic signals, bridges, domestic water systems, storm and sanitary sewer systems and (b) Planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation, or improvement of parks. Note that the definition of “capital project” for REET 2 is more restrictive than it is in the REET 1 statute. REET 2 funds are more specifically directed to infrastructure and parks capital projects. (However, note that park lands “acquisition” is not an allowed use for REET 2.) REET 2 funds *may* be used for REET 1 projects, as well as REET 2 maintenance, subject to certain limitations. REET 2 funds may not be used for developing or updating a capital facilities plan (CFP) or capital improvement plan (CIP), but they can be used for design, engineering, surveys, etc. associated with a specific qualifying project listed in a CFP or CIP.

- **Parks and Recreation Districts -** <https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/parks/financing/comparison-of-recreation-districts>. The City of Millwood could potentially form a park and recreation district, park and recreation service area, or metropolitan park district. These districts may levy property taxes, issue bonds, and generate other revenues for park purposes.
- **Lodging Tax (Hotel-Motel Tax) -** <https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/finance/revenues/lodging-tax>. The City of Millwood has the authority to levy lodging taxes, also known as “hotel/motel taxes,” on all charges for furnishing lodging at hotels, motels, and short-term rentals (STR), including such activities as Airbnb / VRBO, bed and breakfasts (B&Bs), RV parks, and other housing and lodging accommodations for periods of time less than 30 days. The tax is collected as a sales tax and paid by the customer at the time of the transaction. These taxes may be imposed by the legislative body and do not require voter approval. There are two lodging tax options that total up to 4%. Revenues are restricted and must generally be used for tourism promotion, acquisition of tourism related facilities, or operation of tourism-related facilities (RCW 67.28.1815-.1816).
- **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) -** <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/servingcommunities/community-development-block-grants/>. The City of Millwood is a non-entitlement community that may be eligible for CDBG funding through the WA State CDBG program or the Spokane County CDBG / HOME Programs through a cooperative agreement. CDBG eligible projects need to principally benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Persons (LMI - 80% of median household income by family size as calculated by HUD). The following are
- **Community Economic Revitalization Board -** <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/cerb/>. Limited funding for studies that evaluate high-priority economic development projects targeting job growth and long-term economic prosperity. Work can include site-specific plans, studies, and analyses that address environmental impacts, capital facilities, land use, permitting, feasibility, marketing, project

engineering, design, site planning, and project debt and revenue impacts. The City of Millwood may be eligible to apply for funding.

- **Bonds & Levies.** The City of Millwood may issue bonds or levy property taxes to fund projects. These options typically require voter approval and often (but not always) require a 60% majority and minimum levels of voter turnout (validation).
- **Additional Funding / Land Acquisition Opportunities**
 - **Adopt-A-Park** - Encourage innovative strategies and incentives (e.g., adopt-a-park, adopt-a-trail, adopt-a-space) to enhance existing programs for park maintenance, safety, and accessibility.
 - **Concessions** - Local governments may sign concession agreements with vendors to conduct business within parks (such as selling food and beverages or renting equipment) and charge the vendors a concession fee. Concession/beverage requests for proposals (RFPs) and requests for qualifications (RFQs) and generally utilized to solicit vendors.
 - **Corporate and Foundation grants** - provide direct funding for specific projects when the project benefits them or the communities in which they do business. Foundations are established as an extension of a corporation or as independent organizations. Corporations that have provided grants include Starbucks, REI, and the Gates Foundation.
 - **Community groups**
 - **Donations (funds, labor, gift catalogs, memorials, etc. from individuals or groups)**
 - **Grants.gov** - <https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>
 - **Land Surplus / Sale** - If City owned property is determined to no longer be needed, it may be declared surplus and sold at fair market value for the common benefit. Sale of surplus properties can maintain easements for utilities.
 - **Parks/open space dedication requirement (subdivisions), fee in lieu of dedication / impact fees, and development agreements**
 - **Park foundation**
 - **Planned giving (legacy/estate gifts)**
 - **Private foundations or other funders**
 - Spokane Parks Foundation
 - **Trust for Public Land**
 - **User fees (including scholarship funds)**

Also refer to <https://www.wafunddirectory.wa.gov/recreation/> for available funding opportunities.

- **Miscellaneous Parks, Recreation, and Outdoor Athletic Facility Grant Databases.** Online resources such as Foundation Directory - <https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/>, Grant Watch - <https://washington.grantwatch.com/cat/34/sports-and-recreation-grants.html>, etc. to search for available grants with a current membership.

CIP Project List

The following table contains the priority projects that were identified in Section 10.5 - Demand & Need Analysis outlined by year with **cost estimates**. Project prioritization, may be adjusted based on funding availability and timing / coordination with other projects in order to maximize proposed funding sources and reduce project impacts on existing facilities. Project types are defined in RCO Manual 2 - Appendix A.

Project Name & Type	Proposed Funding Source*	2026**	2027**	2028**	2029**	2030**	2031**	2032**	2033**	2034**	2035** +
Spokane River Access (Development / Restoration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCO ALEA, LWCF, and/or WWRP Grants • Spokane County Conservation Futures • Land Surplus / Sale • City General Fund • Donations / In-Kind Contributions 	\$ (Sargent Rd. Spokane River Corridor)				\$	\$	\$			
Millwood Park (Development / Renovation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCO COAF, LWCF, WWRP, and/or YAF Grants • REET 2 • City General Fund • Donations / In-Kind Contributions 		\$	\$	\$						
<p>* Proposed funding source is dependent on final project scope / design</p> <p>** 2025 Construction Cost Estimate - need to adjust for inflation, add A&E, SEPA, & Cultural Resources, as needed</p> <p>RCO Grants currently includes ALEA, COAF, LWCF, WWRP, & YAF, as applicable based on the project</p>											