

Outdoor Recreation Fund

City of Sandpoint Grant Application
"SHOVEL-READY" project at Travers Park



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Outdoor Recreation Fund

APPLICATION

Contact Information

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	City	State	Zip Code
Supports:	Camping <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Cost	\$470,000
Project Location	Sandpoint, ID		

Briefly describe the overall project concept:

Common Name of Project:	Travers Park Pump Track
Description:	The City of Sandpoint's 2020 Parks Master Plan included in its capital improvement plan a concept for and all-wheeled asphalt pump track on the west side of Sandpoint's 17-acre Travers Park Sports Complex. In 2023 and 2024 the City, through a private donation, built a 40,000 square foot indoor sports center within the Park, a project that produced several thousand cubic yards of reusable fill dirt during excavation for the building. That dirt has stored in the location of the proposed pump track and will provide the needed fill to build the track with. The proposed project is the complete design and buildout of the pump track as envisioned in the Parks Master Plan. Preliminary conceptual designs are already finished, and after a request for bids in fall 2024 we anticipate the project to be completed between spring and fall of 2025. This is a shovel-ready project in need of funding, and we believe it to be aligned extremely well with the goals of the Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council

Priority Merit and Scope Questions

1. Describe how this project:
 - a. Improves under-utilized outdoor recreation resources. (15 points)
 - b. Enhances recreation access. (15 points)
 - c. Increases revenue and potential revenue estimates. (15 points)
 - d. Improves long-term outdoor recreation sustainability. (15 points)
2. Describe the current outdoor recreation access deficiencies and how they may be corrected with the development of this project. Explain why this project is needed. (8 points)
3. Project Urgency. Describe the urgency of this project due to potential resource damage or other impacts that may cause an opportunity to be lost if no action is taken. If this project is not funded, what effects will it have? (8 points)
4. Justify the need and demand for the project. Describe the current use in the area and the potential use expected with this project. (8 points)
5. Describe the provisions for ongoing maintenance and operation of the project (who will be responsible for the maintenance and operation and what is the estimated annual budget to do so)? (8 points)
6. Describe planning, construction methods and schedule. The scope of work description should line up with budget items in project spreadsheet. (8 points)

Project Elements

1. Please provide a location map (where does this project reside within Idaho), site map, and a general description of the area.
2. Is there (or will there be) a use fee at this location? If yes, justify the need to charge and specify the amount. How will the fee be collected?
3. If applicable, describe how you announced this project to the public in a way to collect public comment. Attach proof that the public had a reasonable public comment period.
4. Does this project require any necessary environmental permits or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation? If yes, describe:
5. Ownership. Describe the land ownership of the property where the project is located.
6. If available, provide a concept design plan.

Funding Note:

1. The money is appropriated with IDPR under its Capital Development program budget for FY 2024.
2. The winning state agency(s) must demonstrate how they will have sufficient appropriation to spend the funds. There is no mechanism available to IDPR to "transfer" our appropriation. It will be up to the winning agency(s) to address their budget.
3. If reimbursement, prior written approval to transfer funds from capital outlay to the T&B classification is required.
4. If funds are advanced by the Director of IDPR, applicant must submit an invoice or a quote not to exceed the amount of the award, and, for the services to be provided as outlined in the grant.

BUDGET

Project Name: Travers Park Pump Track

		Source of Funding		
Project Components	Total Cost	MATCH	GRANT	Amount Approved
Project design	\$15,000		\$15,000	
Contractor mobilization,	\$285,000		\$285,000	
equipment, and labor				
Landscaping	\$50,000		\$50,000	
Fill dirt (located on site)	\$100,000	\$100,000		
Staff labor (400 hours)	\$20,000	\$20,000		
TOTALS				
% of TOTAL	100%	25.5%	74.5% —	%

Disclaimer and signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

It is hereby mutually agreed and understood that the use of these funds will be for the purposes stated in this document only and are subject to the terms of the Grant Agreement for this project, as signed by the authorized individuals.

Signature:

Jason Welker

Date:

09/24/2024

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Outdoor Recreation Fund

ORFAC Grant Application:

Priority Merit and Scope Questions

1. Describe how this project:

a. Improves under-utilized outdoor recreation resources. (15 points)

Sandpoint's 140+ acres of public park space serve our community of almost 10,000 residents very well in some regards, but fails to serve certain segments of the community in others. While we provide ample space for ball fields, a large swimming beach on Lake Pend Oreille, tennis courts, playgrounds, and, by winter 2024, an indoor sports center optimized for racquet sports, many of the outdoor recreational activities enjoyed by Sandpoint residents are underrepresented within City Parks. Bicycle, scooter, wheelchair, skateboard, and other wheeled sport athletes currently have a concrete skatepark (in the east of Travers Park) and, for the fat-tired biking crowd, a youth bicycle skills course (also within Travers Park). Beyond those two amenities, the City provides no additional space on which to play or develop skills on wheeled devices.

An asphalt all-wheeled pump track as envisioned in our Parks Master Plan will harness an under-utilized corner of Travers Park to vastly enrich opportunities for outdoor recreation. While upwards of 90% of Sandpoint's park space is optimized for traditional sports and play opportunities, which are great for the older kids and adults, or the youngest children in the community, what is missing is opportunities like those an asphalt pump track would provide, which will be of huge importance to the older youth (upper elementary school through high school) for whom traditional field and court sports may not be as appealing.

b. Enhances recreation access. (15 points)

Travers Park is the largest public park within Sandpoint city limits. It is surrounded by a mix of single-family neighborhoods, mixed use development (several private and public schools, churches, professional offices) and multifamily developments, including several low-income apartment complexes. Accessed within minutes on foot or wheels from five local schools, Travers Park is already the hub of outdoor sports and recreation for hundreds of local families and their children.

The inclusion of an asphalt pump track within the 17-acre park will provide a whole new category of outdoor recreational access that is not currently available.

c. Increases revenue and potential revenue estimates. (15 points)

As a public recreational facility, the primary purpose of Travers Park and the various amenities it contains is not on revenue generation for the City. That said, the facilities within the park are used by both local schools and several sports clubs for practice, game play, and even large regional sports tournaments, all for which the City charges fees. The inclusion of an asphalt pump track within the under-utilized southwest corner of the park will not detract from the revenue generating opportunities of the park but will activate a seldom visited corner of the park for wheeled athletes of all ages and abilities, providing new opportunities for free outdoor recreation and play. As with other amenities within City parks (turf fields, skate park, sports courts, etc.) the pump track will be available for private groups to rent for competitions, events, and private use, creating a new revenue stream for the City of Sandpoint's Parks department.

d. Improves long-term outdoor recreation sustainability. (15 points)

Asphalt pump tracks are highly durable and require less maintenance compared to dirt tracks and even other highly utilized parks facilities like ball fields and sports courts. This reduces long-term operational costs and

ensures the facility remains accessible and enjoyable for years to come. Additionally, an asphalt surface allows for year-round use, including during rainy seasons, which maximizes the track's utility and benefits for the community, providing a consistent recreational option.

Pump tracks attract riders of all ages and skill levels, promoting lifelong physical activity and fostering a culture of outdoor recreation in the community. The pump track will provide a hub for wheeled-sports enthusiasts, encouraging social interaction and active living. It can also host events and competitions, fostering local pride and drawing visitors, which supports community vitality. By encouraging more outdoor, human-powered recreation, the track will promote sustainable living and lessen the community's reliance on more resource-intensive forms of recreation. Finally, the pump track may attract regional visitors, boosting local businesses and contributing to the overall sustainability of Sandpoint's recreational offerings.

2. Describe the current outdoor recreation access deficiencies and how they may be corrected with the development of this project. Explain why this project is needed. (8 points)

Sandpoint's recreational facilities, though diverse, have limited offerings specifically designed for cyclists and other wheeled-sport enthusiasts. A pump track promotes skill development in a safe environment, improving access to local youth and adult users to a sport that can be enjoyed beyond city limits, within the various area trail networks, from youth through old age.

Many outdoor recreation facilities are highly seasonal, with usage significantly limited during wet or winter months. Dirt trails, in particular, become less accessible in these conditions, leaving a gap in year-round outdoor activity options.

There is a lack of intermediate and beginner-friendly facilities that allow wheeled riders (bikers, skaters, scooters) to progress safely. Many area trails are either too basic or too challenging, discouraging new riders from participating.

The addition of an asphalt pump track to Travers Park will correct these deficiencies by providing a durable, weather-resistant venue for year-round enjoyment by wheeled sport users, while providing a progressive and safe environment where riders of all ages and abilities can hone their cycling abilities, correcting the deficiencies of seasonal limitations and a lack of appropriate skill-level facilities.

By providing a well-designed, central location for biking and other wheeled sports, this project will increase access to outdoor recreation for a broader segment of the community, including families, youth, and new riders. The pump track will create a vibrant space for community gathering and cycling events, fostering a sense of community while supporting active lifestyles.

3. Project Urgency. Describe the urgency of this project due to potential resource damage or other impacts that may cause an opportunity to be lost if no action is taken. If this project is not funded, what effects will it have? (8 points)

Providing more outdoor recreation options is vital for promoting physical and mental well-being. The pump track will encourage more residents to engage in active, healthy lifestyles. It will fill a critical need for youth-oriented recreational facilities, giving children and teens a safe and fun place to develop skills and enjoy outdoor recreation, which can reduce screen time and promote social interaction.

By enhancing outdoor recreation infrastructure, Sandpoint will become more attractive to visitors, potentially boosting local tourism and the economy. The pump track will serve as both a community asset and a recreational destination.

4. Justify the need and demand for the project. Describe the current use in the area and the potential use expected with this project. (8 points)

The area surrounding the location of the proposed pump track is an amenity-filled park that includes indoor and outdoor sports and recreational opportunities. Immediately to the east are two softball fields. To the north are two baseball fields, and further east is the new James E. Russell Sports Center (a 40,000 square foot racquet sports facility built with a \$7.5 million donation from the late Mr. Russell). In the far east of the park is a recently expanded concrete skatepark, at which over two dozen skate boarders, scooters, and bikers can be found at any given time on a sunny day. In the northeast of the park is a recently improved youth bicycle skills course, rebuilt in 2023 by the local cycling club using around \$70,000 of donated materials, grants, donations, and volunteer labor.

The site where the pump track will actually be built, however, is currently an un-utilized acre of land in the southwest of the park that, from October 2023 through the present, has been used as a location to store several thousand cubic yards of fill dirt excavated during construction of the James E. Russell Center. That fill material forms the perfect sub-base for the proposed pump track, and its presence in the location will reduce the final cost of the project by approximately \$200,000 compared to what it would cost had all that dirt needed to be purchased and transported in to the park.

The demand for wheeled-sport facilities is clear: the youth bicycle skills course and the concrete skatepark in the east of Travers Park have seen constant use by hundreds of wheeled sport enthusiasts since their opening in 2024. Just one mile west of Travers Park, just beyond City limits, lies the Syringa Trail System, which, starting in 2020, saw the addition of around 12 miles of new natural surface trails. With the opening expansion of this trail network the local mountain biking community has grown exponentially. Sandpoint is now home to a regional National Interscholastic Cycling Association mountain bike race team, which has over 50 middle and high school aged competitors. Meanwhile, Pend Oreille Pedalers, the local cycling club, has been offering youth mountain biking programs in the Syringa System during spring, summer, and fall, which annually serve over 200 local youth, who gain skills and confidence on their bike under the instruction of professional mountain bike coaches.

There is no question that an asphalt pump track within Travers Park will see the same level of demand from local riders as all the local trails and other wheeled-sport amenities nearby have, meaning it will likely be used by dozens if not hundreds of people per day in the warmer months of the year, while remaining available for year-round use due to its durable, asphalt, surface.

5. Describe the provisions for ongoing maintenance and operation of the project (who will be responsible for the maintenance and operation and what is the estimated annual budget to do so)? (8 points)

Sandpoint City Parks crews will maintain the Travers Pump Track, as they do all the other recreational facilities within the 17 acre park. The beauty of asphalt pump tracks is that they require little to no ongoing maintenance besides that of the surrounding landscaping. When asphalt does crack or fracture, repairs will be completed by our accomplished parks crews or by local licensed asphalt contractors. The City of Sandpoint's annual parks maintenance budget is around \$300,000. With the addition of the asphalt pump track to our park catalogue, we anticipate budgeting around \$5,000 per year towards the track's maintenance, just to be sure we can do those infrequent repairs and keep the surrounding landscaping in top notch condition to assure accessibility and enjoyment by the community.

6. Describe planning, construction methods and schedule. The scope of work description should line up with budget items in project spreadsheet. (8 points)

The original concept for the pump track was developed back in 2020 during the update to the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Additional conceptual rendering were commissioned in 2024, with a proposed landscaping plan and track alignment at the proposed location, using the fill dirt that has since been located there.

With preliminary conceptual designs completed, we would like to put this project out to bid for a design-build contract in fall of 2024. With a contractor on board before the end of the year, final design would take place over


the winter of 2024/2025, with contractor mobilization taking place in spring 2025. After initial site excavation, grading, and shaping of the track using the fill dirt already on site, approximately 400 cubic yards of road mix will be brought in and applied atop the dirt, providing the sub-base needed for the asphalt track. At approximately 10,000 of hardscaped surface, around \$70,000 of asphalt will ultimately be laid down over the road mix, shaped and sculpted into a smooth surface by the professional builders.

All told the project should take approximately three months to complete start to finish, taking place between May and July of 2025. Final landscaping around the pumptrack will likely be undertaken by Sandpoint Parks crews to keep costs lower, but we anticipate that by late summer or fall of 2025 the project could be completed and the pump track ready to open to the public.

Project Elements

- 1. Please provide a location map (where does this project reside within Idaho), site map, and a general description of the area.

Travers Park is a 17-acre sports complex in west Sandpoint north of Pine Street. Travers is part of a larger, 27-acre network of parks that includes Centennial and Great Norther Parks, which provide an additional 10 acres of sports fields for community use. Travers Park includes four ball fields (little league, softball, travel baseball), four outdoor tennis courts, the soon to open James E. Russell Indoor Sports Center (which includes four tennis courts, 14 pickleball courts, and a 50 person community room), a 13,000 square foot concrete skate park, and a youth mountain bike skills course.

		
Sandpoint, Idaho	Travers Park	Project location at west of Travers Park

- 2. Is there (or will there be) a use fee at this location? If yes, justify the need to charge and specify the amount. How will the fee be collected?

There will not be a use fee at this location.

- 3. If applicable, describe how you announced this project to the public in a way to collect public comment. Attach proof that the public had a reasonable public comment period.

The project emerged through the development of Sandpoint’s Parks Master Plan in 2019 and 2020. The 18-month development effort included multiple community engagement efforts through which interest for a pump track within a city park was passionately voiced by the community.

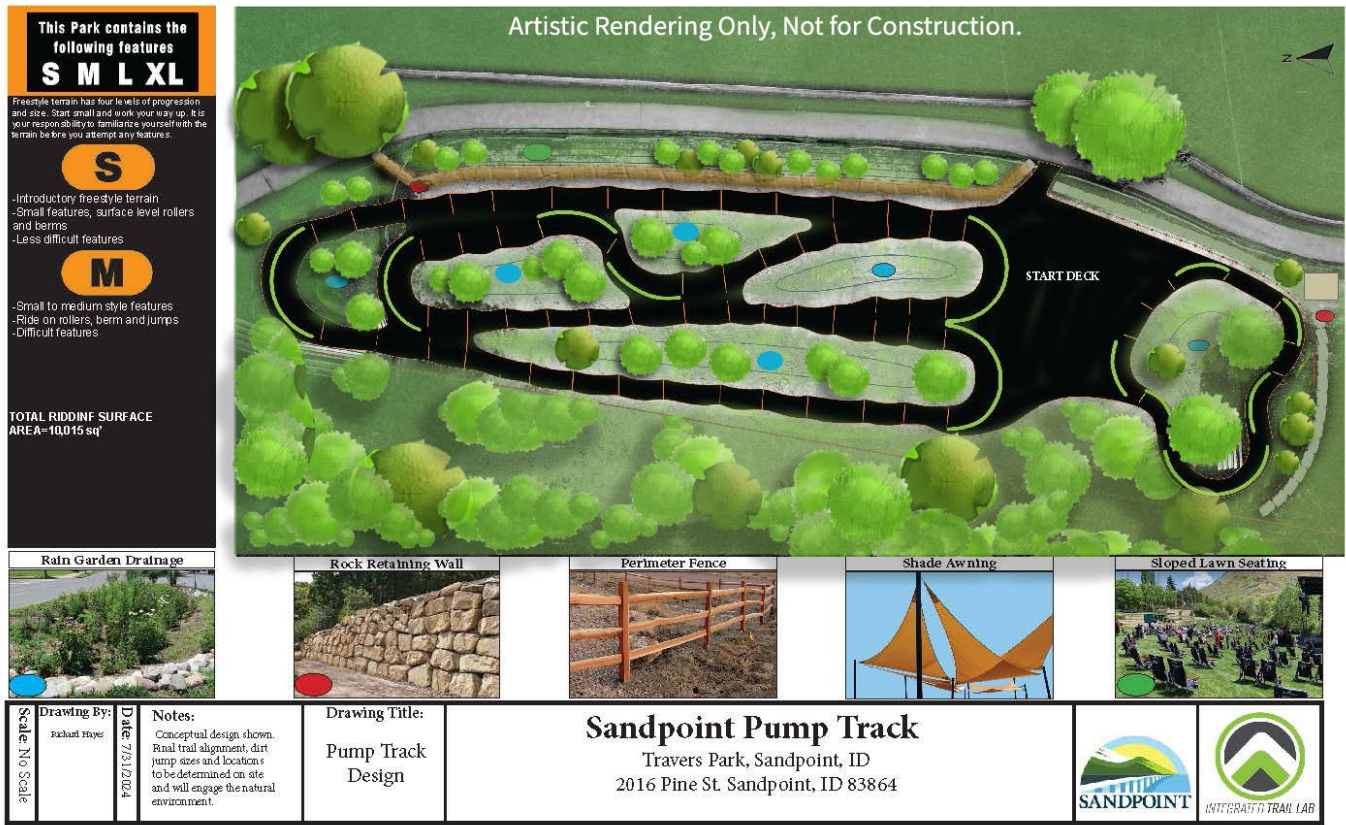
4. Does this project require any necessary environmental permits or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation? If yes, describe:

No

5. Ownership. Describe the land ownership of the property where the project is located.

The land is owned by the City of Sandpoint

6. If available, provide a concept design plan.

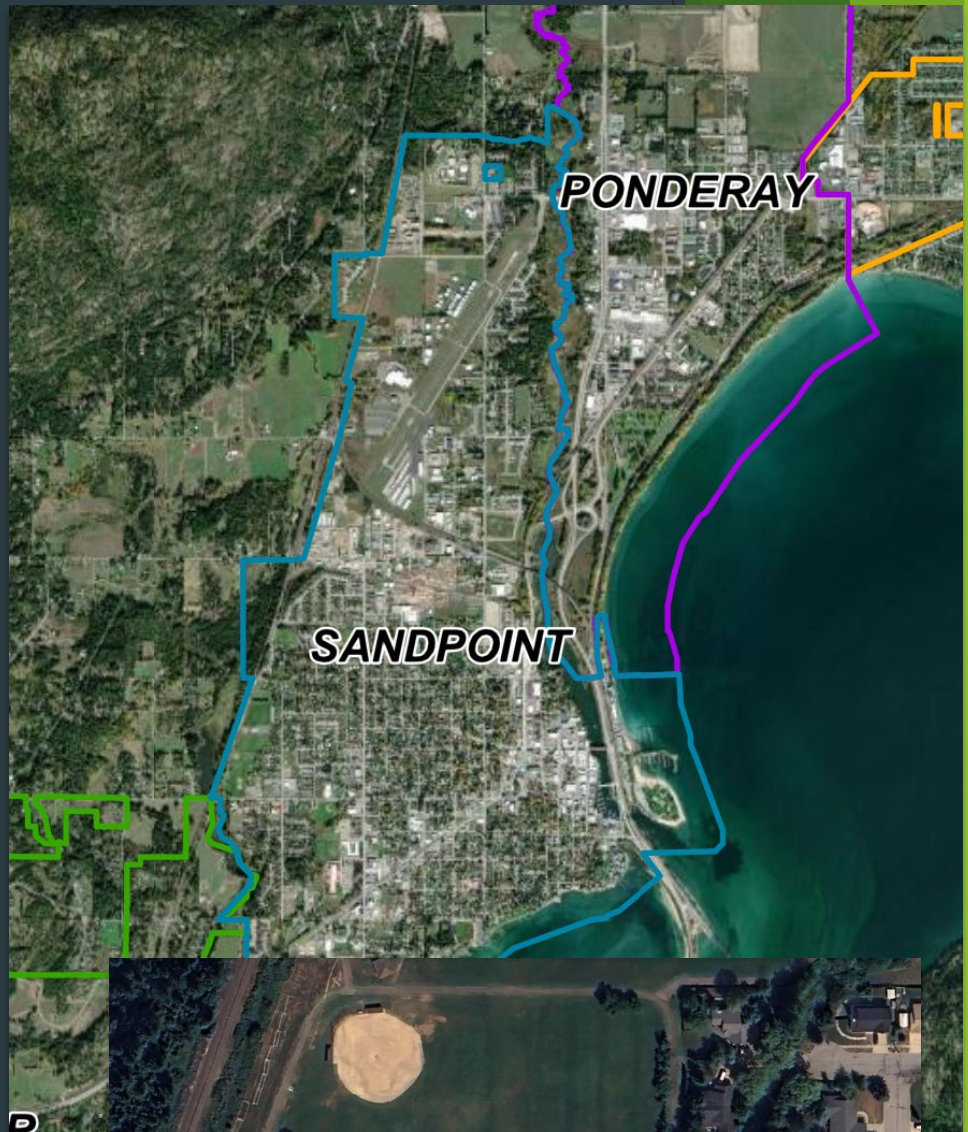


Project Location

Sandpoint's Travers Park:

17 acres, includes:

- 4 ball fields
- 40,000 sq foot indoor sports center
- 4 outdoor tennis courts
- Concrete Lake skate park
- Tiny Wood youth bicycle skills course
- ~1-mile paved pathway
- Parking lot



Future pump track location



Master Plan and Existing Conditions



2020 Parks Master Plan identified future “Young Adult BMX Track”
in location of proposed pump track



Construction of James E. Russell Sports Center in 2023/2024 resulted in location of
6,000 cubic yards of fill dirt in location of proposed pump track, providing \$100,000 of
material for the project

Pump Track Precedents



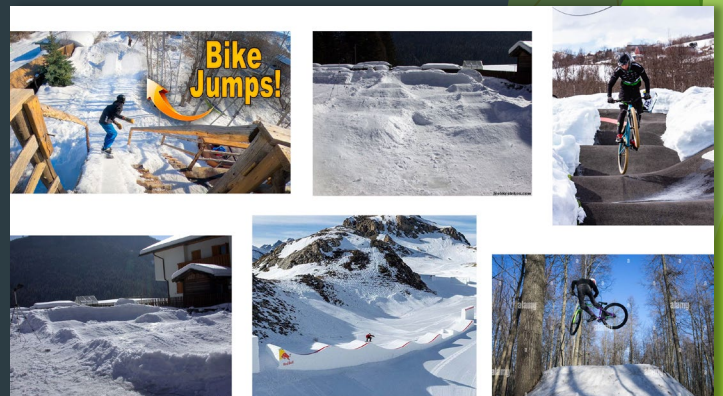
Travers Park
Bike Park & Pump Track

SUMMER USE PRECEDENTS



Asphalt pump tracks have become regular installations in City Parks around the world

The low maintenance surface allows for 3 or 4 season functionality



Travers Park
Bike Park & Pump Track

WINTER USE PRECEDENTS



Site-specific Concept for Travers Pump Track

This Park contains the following features
S M L XL

Freestyle terrain has four levels of progression and size. Start small and work your way up. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the terrain before you attempt any features.

S

-Introductory freestyle terrain
-Small features, surface level rollers and berms
-Less difficult features

M

-Small to medium style features
-Ride on rollers, berm and jumps
-Difficult features

TOTAL RIDDING SURFACE
AREA=10,015 sq'



Drawing By:
Richard Hays

Scale: No Scale

Date: 7/31/2014

Notes:
Conceptual design shown.
Final trail alignment, dirt
jump sizes and locations
to be determined on site
and will engage the natural
environment.

Drawing Title:
Pump Track
Design

Sandpoint Pump Track

Travers Park, Sandpoint, ID
2016 Pine St. Sandpoint, ID 83864



Preliminary Pump Track Concept highlights:

- Progressive terrain catering to users of various ages and ability levels
- Durable, low-maintenance asphalt surface optimized for three or four-season use
- Natural integration including rain garden drainage system, rock retaining walls, tree plantings and ample landscaping
- Accessible ramp and perimeter fence for safety
- Shading and seating, including shade awnings and sloped lawn seating for spectators to enjoy field sports from



AGENDA REPORT

City Council Meeting

TODAY'S DATE: 9/11/2024

MEETING DATE: 9/18/2024

TO: Sandpoint City Council and Mayor Grimm

FROM: Jason Welker, Community Planning & Development Director

SUBJECT: Request for approval for Outdoor Recreation Fund Grant application

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

This report seeks City Council approval to submit a grant application to the Outdoor Recreation Fund, administered by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, to secure funding for the final design and construction of an asphalt pump track at Travers Park.

Travers Park serves as a hub for outdoor recreation. The park is utilized by a diverse cross-section of the community, including families, youth, and local sports teams. The proposed asphalt pump track will be located in an under-utilized corner of the park, transforming it into a year-round recreation facility for wheeled sports enthusiasts. The pump track will fill a significant gap in recreation infrastructure, especially for youth who are not drawn to traditional ball fields and courts. The durable asphalt surface will provide a weather-resistant venue that encourages lifelong physical activity, supports local tourism, and promotes outdoor recreation sustainability.

The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$350,000, which will be funded by the Outdoor Recreation Fund if the grant application is successful. According to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's website, "The Idaho Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council was created by Gov. Brad Little and the Idaho Legislature to recommend projects to expand outdoor recreation or access to it in Idaho. Examples could include expansion of recreational facilities (parks, trails, boating, etc.) or agreements to gain entry to new areas for public recreation. The Legislature in early 2023 provided \$5 million in initial funding for the council's work. In the 2024 session, the Legislature provided a second, \$5 million installment for distribution."

The project will leverage existing resources, including the fill material from recent construction at the James E. Russell Sports Center, which will reduce overall costs by approximately \$100,000. The City of Sandpoint will provide ongoing maintenance and operations as part of our broader maintenance work at Travers Park.

The grant will cover the final design and construction phases of the project, with anticipated work to begin in spring 2025. The project will likely be completed by late summer or fall of 2025, with the pump track ready for public use.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Sandpoint City Council approve the submission of the Outdoor Recreation Fund grant application to fund the construction of the Travers Park asphalt pump track.

ACTION: Approve staff's request to apply for the Outdoor Recreation Fund Grant by September 30th, 2024.

WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT? NO HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED? YES

ATTACHMENTS:

- ORF grant application narrative answers

No: 24-069
Date: September 18, 2024

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE OUTDOOR RECREATION FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, TO SECURE FUNDING FOR THE FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ASPHALT PUMP TRACK AT TRAVERS PARK

WHEREAS: Travers Park serves as a hub for outdoor recreation, utilized by a diverse cross-section of the community, including families, youth, and local sports teams;

WHEREAS: A proposed asphalt pump track is planned for the park, which would transform an under-utilized corner of the park into a year-round recreation facility for wheeled sports enthusiasts and fill a significant gap in recreation infrastructure, especially for youth who are not drawn to traditional ball fields and courts, with the durable asphalt surface providing a weather-resistant venue that encourages lifelong physical activity, supports local tourism, and promotes outdoor recreation sustainability;

WHEREAS: The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$350,000, with City staff recommending an application to the Outdoor Recreation Fund, seeking grant funding to cover this cost;

WHEREAS: The Idaho Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council was created by Governor Brad Little and the Idaho Legislature to recommend projects to expand outdoor recreation or access to outdoor recreation in Idaho, with examples including expansion of recreational facilities (parks, trails, boating, etc.) or agreements to gain entry to new areas for public recreation, with the Legislature, in early 2023, providing \$5 million in initial funding for the Council's work and, during the 2024 session, providing a second, \$5 million installment for distribution;

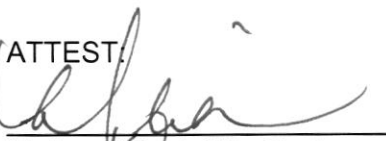
WHEREAS: The City will leverage existing resources for this project, including the use of fill material from recent construction at the James E. Russell Sports Center, reducing overall costs by approximately \$100,000, and providing ongoing maintenance and operations as part of the City's broader maintenance work at Travers Park; and

WHEREAS: This grant funding if awarded, will cover the final design and construction phases of the project, with anticipated work to begin in spring 2025 and completion by late summer or fall of 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: City staff is hereby authorized to submit an Idaho Outdoor Recreation Fund grant application for up to \$350,000 to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for the final design and construction of an asphalt pump track at Travers Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to apply for this funding.

ATTEST:


Melissa Ward, City Clerk


Jeremy Grimm, Mayor



Pend Oreille Pedalers

EST. 2004, Sandpoint, ID

P.O. Box 2451 Sandpoint, ID 83864

"Building community through trails"



Build



Ride



Maintain

pendoreillepedalers.org

Dear Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council,

My name is Emily Strizich and I am the Executive Director of Pend Oreille Pedalers (POP). I am also a mom and pediatric occupational therapist with over a decade of experience in the field in Sandpoint, Idaho.

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed pump track project that the city of Sandpoint is seeking funding for. As the executive director of POP, I see first hand the excitement and confidence young riders feel as they participate in our riding programs. They make friends, they get exercise, they challenge their perceived limits, and they learn a lifelong sport. I see this same light shine in my own children when I take them riding and it gives me hope as a mom. The proposed pump track gives riders of all abilities the opportunity to practice a healthy, lifelong skill in a safe and contained space. It gives our youth a space to exist with peers that are also engaged in healthy outlets, that are also trying new things, and that are challenging their perceived limitations.

As an occupational therapist in this community, I watched as my patients struggled to find community spaces to recreate in. It was a challenge to bridge the divide between what happens in the clinic and how to spread one's wings from that space to community based outlets. Many of the youth I worked with in this capacity struggle to participate in team sports. They may need additional time and support to learn new skills and to independently participate in them. Over the years, I developed adaptive skiing and strength training programs in this community that have been wildly successful. Having a pump track would allow people of all abilities a space to belong without the requirements of a ski resort or gym. They could feel like any of the other people waiting their turn to drop in and feel the joy and freedom of biking.

I hope you will strongly consider the proposed pump track in Sandpoint, Idaho. This would be an amazing resource for our whole community and especially those people that could benefit from it the most!

Thank you,

Emily Strizich

emily@pendoreillepedalers.org



September 26, 2024

ORFAC

% Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

P.O. Box 83720

Boise, ID 83720-0065

RE: Support for the Pump Track Project at Traver's Park

To Whom It May Concern,

Kaniksu Land Trust is excited to express our strong support for the City of Sandpoint's initiative to construct an asphalt Pump Track at Travers Park. This project represents a significant investment in outdoor recreation, promoting healthy activities for residents of all ages.

At Kaniksu Land Trust, we are dedicated to connecting people with the land and fostering a love for the outdoors. The Pump Track will provide a vital resource for physical activity and community interaction, especially for families and youth. We believe that such initiatives are crucial for creating vibrant, healthy communities where residents can thrive.

We strongly urge the Outdoor Recreation Fund Advisory Council to support this important project, as it aligns perfectly with our mission to get people outside and connected to nature. Together, we can enrich our community's recreational offerings and create a space that encourages lifelong engagement with the outdoors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Katie Egland Cox

Executive Director

Kaniksu Land Trust



Sandpoint High School

410 S. Division St. · Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

thomas.clary@lposd.org

208.263.3034, ext. 4031

TJ Clary- Athletic Director

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Sandpoint to express our enthusiastic support for the application for a Outdoor Recreation Fund grant to complete the Travers Park 2024 project. This project holds significant importance for our community, as it will provide a year-round sports and recreation venue for both athletes and non-athletes at Sandpoint High School and the broader community.

As the Athletic Director of Sandpoint High School, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that well-maintained and accessible sports facilities can have on our students and residents. The City of Sandpoint has been an outstanding partner in supporting our athletic programs, and their commitment to enhancing recreational opportunities is commendable. However, to fully realize the vision for Travers Park, additional financial support is needed.

The grant will help complete the final four projects essential to the park's transformation. The construction of an asphalt all-wheeled pump track on the west side of the park will provide a safe and exciting space for cyclists, skateboarders, and scooter riders of all ages to practice and enjoy their sports. This track will utilize the area where dirt from the James E. Russell building's foundation is currently stored.

Fully landscaping the area around the pump track will beautify the park, create a welcoming environment, and contribute to the overall enjoyment of visitors.

The completion of these projects will not only provide exceptional sports and recreational facilities but also foster a sense of community pride and cohesion. The park's upgrades will support the health and well-being of our residents, encourage outdoor activities, and serve as a gathering place for people of all ages.

We kindly request your support in granting the necessary funds to bring this vision to fruition. Your investment in Travers Park will leave a lasting legacy for future generations, providing them with opportunities to engage in sports and recreation in a safe and inspiring environment.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to the possibility of working together to enhance the recreational offerings in our community.

Sincerely,

TJ Clary,
Athletic Director
Sandpoint High School



Lake Pend Oreille School District #84

365 North Triangle Drive. Ponderay, Idaho 83852

Main: (208) 263-2184. Fax: (208) 263-6732

Website: www.lposd.org

September 27th,
2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Outdoor Recreation Fund grant for Travers Park being submitted by the City of Sandpoint.

I am the Safe Routes to School Coordinator for LPOSD#84 in Sandpoint, Idaho. The purpose of the Safe Routes to School program is to make it safer for students to walk and bike to school and encourage walking and biking where safety is not a barrier.

I am writing to express our support for the Travers Park improvements, which will enhance recreational access and opportunities for the community. There are four schools in our district with over 2000 students in close proximity to Travers Park, a lot of these students and their families utilize the park's facilities regularly. In addition we have a Kindergarten learn to ride biking class at two of our elementary schools' and a ride for focus biking class at our Middle School (which is close enough to come to this park for some of their riding lessons). Having a safe park with a new bicycle pump track and improved pathways to practice their skills will help them build confidence and become better riders. By improving and repaving the pathways it will enhance connectivity and ensure the facilities are safe, modern and accessible to all, including people with disabilities. This is especially important as we have a life skills class that has students with disabilities that visit this park annually in April for a biking day where they ride their bikes (some of which are adaptive bikes) on these pathways.

We would greatly appreciate the consideration of the City of Sandpoint's application for Land Water Conservation Funds.


Erin Billings

Safe Routes to School Coordinator

Jason Welker

From: Aiden McCahill <aiden@goldcreeklodge.com>
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Subject: Pump track in travers park

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I am in full support of building a pump track at travers park, it would be a great place for bikers to improve their skills and gives kids a great place to hang out and build community and skills.

-Aiden
[goldcreeklodge.com](mailto:aiden@goldcreeklodge.com)
208-818-5670
IG [@pow.der.ranger](#)

Jason Welker

From: Arnie Wolff <arnie.wolff@gmail.com>
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To: Sandpoint City Clerk's Office
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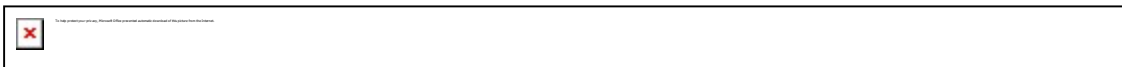
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I would love to see an asphalt pump track in Sandpoint!
Arnie Wolff

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pend Oreille Pedalers <director@pendoreillepedalers.org>
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Reply-To: Pend Oreille Pedalers <director@pendoreillepedalers.org>

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Come show your support for an asphalt pump track.

Tonight at 5:30 at City Hall in Sandpoint there will be a meeting to discuss the grant request to build an asphalt pump track at Travers Park. We would love to have as many folks as we can there to voice their support for this project! If you can't make it in person to voice your support, you can email the city clerk at: cityclerk@sandpointidaho.gov before the meeting with your support.

When we drove across the country this summer, there was an asphalt pump track SO cool that we stayed over in Sioux City, Iowa of all places so we could ride again in the morning. Its probably the reason our three year old can pedal bike. It was magical and the coolest part was the scene of kids that were hanging out there; cheering for each other and having a safe, healthy place to recreate.

This won't cost the city anything and it will compliment the Tiny Woods skill park beautifully! Why asphalt you ask? Because it is the more durable, industry standard in municipal pump track designs that requires much less upkeep. Lets do this, Sandpoint!!



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Jason Welker

From: George Rickert <grickert32@gmail.com>
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Please let the council know that I support the Asphalt Pump Track on tonight's agenda.

Thank You!

George Rickert
315 S. Boyer
Sandpoint, ID 83864
208-610-2106

Jason Welker

From: joan bradley <jbradley3203@yahoo.com>
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If it will be paid for by grants then I support anything for the kids.
Joan Bradley

Jason Welker

From: Joe Cruz <jc99301@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 10:25 AM
To: Sandpoint City Clerk's Office
Subject: Pump Track at Travers Park

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I'm a frequent visitor to Sandpoint and plan to retire there in the relatively near future. The wealth of recreational opportunities is a huge asset to the city. The hiking and biking opportunities are stellar and the addition of the skills development park was a huge win for the region. The pump track builds on this capability and provides another affordable amenity for residents and visitors to engage with the outdoors. I also am a member of PoP and appreciate their leadership here.

Joe Cruz

Jason Welker

From: Johnny Schulte <line1race@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 8:58 AM
To: Sandpoint City Clerk's Office
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Dear Councilmembers:

I am a 58 year-old woman, a Sandpoint resident, and an avid mountain biker.

I write today to lend support to the efforts of fellow sports and exercise enthusiasts to create a paved pump track at Travers Park.

From young children on wheelies to skateboarders to BMX and mountain bikers of all ages, this new facility would provide untold numbers of hours of clean fun and fresh air for kids and adults seeking healthy pursuits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alexandra Shepard Schulte

170 Flatwater Lane

Jason Welker

From: Karen Price <idahokaren54@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 10:03 AM
To: Sandpoint City Clerk's Office
Subject: Pump track

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My husband Len Krause and myself, Karen Price are in full support of putting in a pump track at travers Park.

Sent from my iPhone

Jason Welker

From: Kirsten Hollan <kirstenhollan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 11:51 AM
To: Sandpoint City Clerk's Office
Subject: Support for pump track

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Hi there, I wanted to express my support for the possible asphalt pump track at Travers Park. As a biker myself and a parent to bikers, I feel this pump track would be a great addition to our biking community.
Thank you for your consideration, Kirsten Hollan
17 year Sandpoint resident

Jason Welker

From: Kyle D <kyled83@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Sandpoint City Clerk's Office
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Hi,

I am a sandpoint resident and I fully support the construction of a pump track in our town. I have purposely driven long distances with my kids to ride one of these and the thought of having one in our town is amazing!

Thanks

Jason Welker

From: William Hollan <william.hollan@lposd.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 8:49 AM
To: Sandpoint City Clerk's Office
Subject: Pump Track

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Hi,
Just wanted to write in and say I am whole heartedly behind the idea of a pump track and bike skills area at Travers. What a great way to get kids and adults out and feeling confident, so they can utilize all the other amazing resources POP and KLT have built for us! If you build it, they will shred!

Onward!

Mac Hollan

Grade 5

Farmin Stidwell Elementary School

265-2417 ext 2375

Jason Welker

From: nando ateho <nandoateho@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 11:04 AM
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Dear City Clerk,

We hope this message finds you well. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the dedication and care you show toward our cherished community. As a family that loves being a part of Sandpoint, we are truly excited to express our support for the construction of an asphalt pump track.

We believe this family-friendly facility would bring immense value to riders of all ages, especially by creating a fun and welcoming space for BMX enthusiasts. **It also offers an affordable entry point into the world of cycling, which is especially important for families.** Unlike mountain bikes, which can be quite costly to purchase and maintain, BMX bikes provide a more accessible and budget-friendly option. This could mean more children and adults riding and enjoying the benefits of cycling.

Beyond the fun and affordability, a pump track plays a critical role in teaching essential bicycle skills and safety, whether for BMX or mountain biking. It's a wonderful opportunity to nurture both healthy habits and strong community connections.

Thank you for considering this addition to our wonderful town!

Warm regards,

The Ateho Family
165 Madera Dr. Sandpoint ID 838364

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Nando Ateho

Jason Welker

From: Taylor Prather <taylorhcook47@gmail.com>
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As a Sandpoint resident and Sandpoint ped/bike committee member, I fully support the creation of an asphalt pump track at Travers Park.

Sandpoint continues to grow as a bike-friendly community and the pump track will further enhance accessibility for local youth.

Thanks for your consideration!

Taylor Prather

Jason Welker

From: Tonya Lyons <trlyons20@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 9:42 AM
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Subject: I support the Travers Pump Track

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Subject: Support for Grant Request to Build Asphalt Pump Track in [Park Name]

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the grant request to build an asphalt pump track in Travers Park. This project presents a wonderful opportunity for our community, especially since it requires no financial contribution from the city.

The pump track would not only offer a fun and healthy outdoor space for families and riders of all ages, but it could also benefit local programs, such as the Sandpoint Middle School's bike program. Students in the program would have access to a safe and engaging environment to develop their lifelong skills, promoting physical activity and outdoor recreation.

I would like your support in making this project a reality.

Sincerely,
Tonya Sparks

Jason Welker

From: Travis Smith <travis@selkirkinsuranceservices.com>
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Hello,

I hope this finds you well. I'm writing this to express my support for the pump track at Travers. I have a 2.5 year old son who loves nothing more than riding his bike and he would absolutely love this! We are hopeful you decide in favor of building it!

Thank you for your consideration!



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