

Parks and Recreation Goals and Objectives

- Build a wetland park with trails.
- Existing sidewalks need to be kept clean and passable.

Goals and objectives

In consideration of local capacity, existing facilities, and community vision/preferences, the following goals and objectives are adopted.

- Goal 1. Provide sidewalks and trails in support of the Comp. Plan vision of easy pedestrian access to all downtown amenities.
 - Objective 1.1. Provide pedestrian access from major neighborhoods to the downtown core.
 - Objective 1.2. Provide pedestrian access to major public facilities such as schools, churches, and libraries.
 - Objective 1.3. Provide pedestrian access to the rodeo grounds and new ball fields.
- Goal 2. Provide neighborhood parks consistent with the overall City vision of convenient pedestrian access.
 - Objective 2.1. Provide a neighborhood park in the Garfield Street subdivision.
 - Objective 2.1. Ensure that adequate land for neighborhood parks is acquired through developer dedication when processing major new subdivisions.
- Goal 3. When economically feasible, support the recreational needs of the Nooksack Valley community.
 - Objective 3.1. Continue to assess the need for additional community facilities to serve city residents and the surrounding area.
 - Objective 3.2. Allow access to City recreational programs and facilities by residents of the Nooksack Valley.
 - Objective 3.3. Develop a skateboard/BMX facility.
- Goal 4. When economically feasible, provide facilities and events targeted to the County and the region.
 - Objective 4.1. Continue to provide a facility for rodeo events.
 - Objective 4.2. Develop a recreational center targeted at a regional user-group, including amenities such as a rock-climbing wall, jogging track, weight room, exercise room, gymnasium, and/or pool.
- Goal 5. Provide recreational facilities and opportunities to residents of all ages.
 - Objective 5.1. Continue to provide a senior center facility and program.
 - Objective 5.2. Enhance the program currently offered at the Youth Center, to include more operating hours and structured summer classes and activities.
 - Objective 5.3. Maintain existing facilities such as the basketball and tennis courts that are used by people of all ages.

- Objective 5.4. Develop a trail system for recreational walkers.
- Goal 6. Provide facilities that are compatible with and capitalize upon Sumas's rural setting.
 - Objective 6.1. Develop trails that link downtown with planned open spaces, including wetland mitigation areas.

Project feasibility analysis

The feasibility of developing various facilities was explored by ranking each facility against a number of criteria. Four projects were omitted from further consideration based upon their poor showing in the survey: horse trails, sidewalks, civic auditorium, and conversion of the rodeo ground to an alternate use. The following matrix shows the results of the feasibility exercise.

	Soccer fields	Recreation center	Playgrounds	Recreation program	Pool	Baseball fields	Trails	Skateboard/BMX park	Fishing pond and nature trail
Ranking in survey (L, M, H)	M	H	L	H	H	M	H	H	-
Capital cost (L, M, H)	M	H	L	L	H	M	L	M	M
Operating cost (L, M, H)	M	H	L	M	H+	M	L	L	M
Staffing requirement (L, H, Zero)	L	H	0	M	H+	L	0	0	L
Grant funding likelihood (L, M, H)	M	L	L	L	L	M	H	L	H
Revenue from user fees?	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	?	Y
Risk (L, M, H)	M	H	L	L	H	M	L	M	M
Target market (City, Local, Region)	R	R	C	C	R	R	L	R	R
Competition	Sumas, Lynden, Everson	Lynden Y, Everson private gym	-	Lynden Y, Church, misc. leagues	Lynden Y, Bellingham, Abbotsford	Sumas, Lynden, Everson	-	Bellingham	Saxon