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MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM:  BRETT ESTES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED
ASTORIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT A16-03 TO
INCLUDE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE
MASTER PLAN

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In 2015, the Astoria City Council adopted a goal to complete a system-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The plan would provide guidance and policy direction for Astoria's parks, aquatics center, recreation center, and recreational programs. In September 2015 a planner was hired to manage the project through University of Oregon Community Service Center's Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) program, and a 12-member Citizen Advisory Committee was appointed by the Mayor to oversee the process.

The planning process included research on the current inventory and state of the Parks and Recreation Department's facilities and services, their use by the community, and priorities for the future. Over 1,200 community members participated through public meetings, surveys, and focus groups. A comparison with State of Oregon recommendations, peer parks and recreation providers, and national trends was also made to help assess facilities and services provided by the City of Astoria. The result of this research, with the guidance of the Citizen Advisory Committee, was a set of recommended actions. The recommendations were then refined through community input, and a strategy for implementation was developed that included estimated project costs, target completion dates, and necessary staff capacity.

The Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan outlines the planning process, research findings, inventory and existing conditions, level of service, needs, recommendations, and implementation strategy. Recommended actions include maintenance and planning initiatives, communications and marketing objectives, operational strategies, partnerships, and capital projects to be implemented over the next ten years. Throughout that period, the document is intended to serve as a guide to

the City of Astoria in making future decisions about parks. The document would be updated at regular intervals in the future to ensure the City continues to inspire and meet the open space and recreational needs of its community.

The Citizen Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have recommended that the City adopt the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan in the Astoria Comprehensive Plan Section CP.028.J pertaining to "Background Plans and Studies". It also recommended that the City amend Comprehensive Plan Section CP.275 pertaining to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element, with the addition of a Policy to read as follows:

"25. The City should use the Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, dated 2016, to guide future decisions for land use, public investment, and determining community needs."

At its June 28, 2016 meeting the Astoria Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended unanimously that the City Council adopt the proposed amendment. A copy of the Staff Report and Findings of Fact as adopted by the Planning Commission is attached. Also attached to this memo is the proposed ordinance. A public hearing on the Amendment has been advertised and is scheduled for the July 5, 2016 City Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council hold a public hearing and adopt the ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Citizen Advisory Committee. If the Council is in agreement with the recommendation, it would be in order for Council to hold a first reading of the Ordinance.

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ORDINANCE NO. 16-____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ASTORIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SECTION
PERTAINING TO BACKGROUND PLANS AND STUDIES, AND PARKS, RECREATION,
AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

THE CITY OF ASTORIA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Astoria Comprehensive Plan is amended by the addition of Section CP.028.J
pertaining to Background Plans and Studies to read as follows:

"J. Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan (attached), adopted by the
City Council on _____ by Ordinance _____."

Section 2. Astoria Comprehensive Plan is amended by the addition of Section CP.275.25,
Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element, Policies to read as follows:

"25. The City should use the Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan,
dated 2016, to guide future decisions for land use, public investment, and determining
community needs."

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance and its amendment will be effective 30 days
following its adoption and enactment by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Brett Estes, City Manager

ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION:

YEA

NAY

ABSENT

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Executive Summary

The 2016 Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan is the first known parks and recreation plan for the City of Astoria. The process involved substantial community input to evaluate current facilities and services, and create a vision and strategy for the future of the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department. This document is intended to be used and updated regularly, and to serve as the foundational guide for decision-making bodies, including Department staff, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Astoria City Council.

The Plan's first three sections give an overview of the planning process, profile of the community, and state of the Department. Section 1 describes the planning process, methods used, objectives, sources of input, and related planning documents. Section 2 provides an overview of the City of Astoria's population and economic demographics and trends, public health issues, zoning relative to parkland, and transportation network relative to parkland, to provide context for the Plan. Section 3, State of the Department, outlines the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department's organization, staffing, and budget relative to its inventory of programs and services, parkland, trails, indoor facilities, and other properties it manages.

The Plan's next two sections evaluate the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department's level of service and identify its needs. Section 4 measures Astoria's facilities and services against recommendations established by the State of Oregon such as parkland per capita, and provides information regarding recreation programs typically offered by municipal parks and recreation departments. Section 5 extends the comparison analysis to more specific planning issues in peer communities, as well as state and nation-wide. Community input from over 1,200 users of Astoria Parks and Recreation's facilities and services is also summarized in Section 5.

The final sections of the Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan outline recommended actions and a strategy for funding and implementation of the plan. Section 6 describes recommendations for maintenance, planning, communications and marketing, partnerships, operations, and capital projects. Each recommendation includes background and reference information that ties back to previous sections. Section 7, the Implementation Strategy, organizes the recommendations into a matrix that includes estimated costs, target completion dates, and responsible parties.

Key findings:

- Astorians rate parks and recreation facilities as extremely important to their quality of life.
- Despite a cost recovery rate of nearly double the national average, and a top-quartile standing for revenue generated per capita, the Department struggles to achieve the most basic level of maintenance and safety for its facilities, and personnel to support its programs.
- Major cuts to staffing in 2011, combined with a rapidly growing inventory of facilities and programs, high expectations from the community, and decreasing general fund tax support, have contributed to a significant maintenance deficit and high staff turnover.
- Astoria's parks system includes nearly double the amount of parkland per capita than peer communities nation-wide, yet operates with 25% fewer full time employees and spends 23% less per acre of parkland.
- The community prioritizes proper maintenance levels of the Department's existing facilities over new development.
- The highest priority recommendations of this plan, as identified by the Master Plan Citizen Advisory Committee, Parks Advisory Board, and the community, include: increasing staff capacity to meet level of service expectations, increasing revenues to meet level of service expectations, developing a system-wide maintenance plan, developing and connecting the trail system, and improving communications and marketing.
- Many recommendations outlined in the plan will not be possible to implement without additional staff capacity and reliable funding sources.

The Astoria Parks and Recreation Department looks forward to improving Astoria's parks and recreation system through the recommendations of this plan, and would like to thank the community it serves for an incredible level of engagement throughout the process, the Citizen Advisory Committee for its thoughtful guidance and attention to detail, the Parks Advisory Board for their support and input, and RARE participant Ian Sisson for facilitating the planning process and producing this document.

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1. Introduction

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1.1 Summary

The creation of a City of Astoria Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan (the “Plan”) was adopted as a City Council Goal for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The need for a system-wide parks and recreation master plan was identified as a priority by the City Council and Parks & Recreation Department (the “Department”) staff. The Department has not had a master plan in place that provides guidance and policy direction in the past.

The Plan assesses the current inventory and conditions of parkland and facilities, measures the level of service provided by the Department, identifies community needs, and establishes a set of recommendations on these analyses, providing action items for the Department to carry out. An implementation and funding strategy was developed to guide fulfillment of the recommended actions, which encompass maintenance and operations, capital projects, communications and marketing, partnerships, and further planning initiatives.

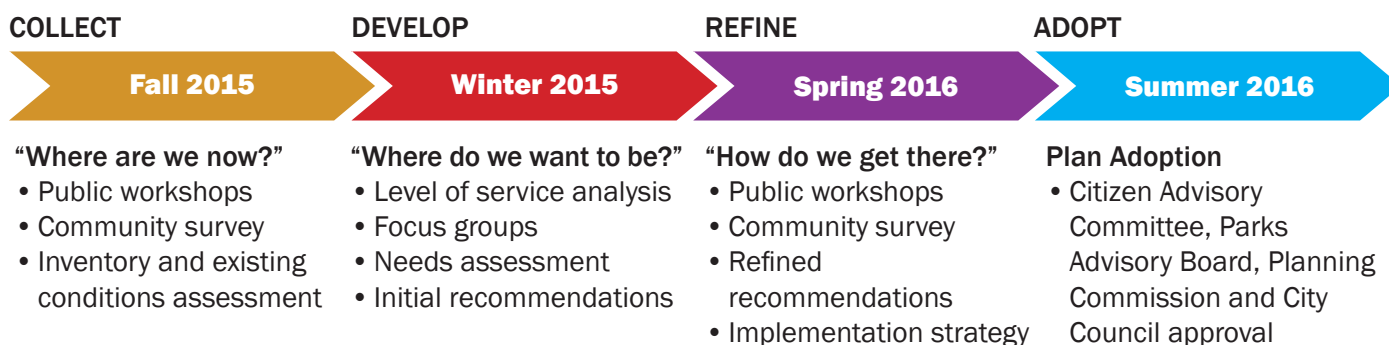
1.2 Purpose

The Plan establishes a short and long-term vision, and priorities for the Department by assessing the need for improvements, changes, and future development. The scope of the Plan includes all parks, trails, facilities and programs managed by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department, as well as maintenance and operations.

The use of, and regular updates to this Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan will allow the Department and City to make decisions based on a clear, community-shared vision for the Department, ensuring facilities and services meet the needs and interests of the community throughout time and changes in leadership. This plan will also assist in targeting funding sources for continuing to provide, and improve, Astoria’s extensive and highly valued parks and recreation system.

The recommendations of this document and its strategy for implementation provide guidance for the Department over the next 10 years. The Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan is intended to be a living, working document: a viable tool that is used and updated on a regular basis.

Project scope and timeline:



1.3 Sources of input

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

- The 12-member committee was appointed by the Mayor to oversee the planning process. The CAC met monthly to represent community interests, guide community engagement strategies, review findings, and vet recommendations.

Parks Advisory Board (PAB)

- Provided feedback during monthly project updates and two work sessions.

Planning Commission

- Provided feedback during two project updates, a work session, and a public hearing.

City Council

- Provided feedback during three project updates, a work session, and a public hearing.

Parks & Recreation Department Staff

- Provided feedback throughout the process.

Community Outreach

- 2 public meetings, Fall 2015: 96 attended
- Online survey, Fall/Winter 2015: 885 responses
- 3 public meetings, Spring 2016: 79 attended
- Online survey, Spring 2016: 63 responses
- Stakeholder focus groups: ~120 individuals
 - Aquatic Center user organizations
 - City staff
 - Downtown businesses
 - Historic & cultural preservation
 - Lower Columbia Hispanic Council
 - Parents clubs
 - Parks, Recreation & Community Foundation
 - Public health & social service
 - Senior community
 - Service organizations
 - Teens
 - Trails & natural areas
 - Youth & adult athletics

Planning process:



1.4 Related plans

The following planning documents are useful to consider, as they contain recommendations that directly impact the Astoria Parks and Recreation system, or include helpful information that can provide guidance for future planning and decision-making.

City of Astoria Plans:

- **Administrative Practices** - General rules and regulations for specific functions and the internal operations of City departments. Section 501 is “Parks Cemetery Rules and Regulations”, and Section 400 is “Property Use of Community Halls.”
- **Astoria City Code** - The regulatory code of the City. Chapter 1 includes “Cemetery Regulations” and “Parks and Recreation Board” regulations. Chapter 2 includes regulations concerning plantings in sidewalk areas, tree removal in rights-of-way, etc. Chapter 5 includes “Parks Rules and Regulations” and various nuisances and other use regulations.
- **Astor-East Urban Renewal Plan** - Plan for the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD) (generally 14th to 23rd, Marine Drive to Franklin, along with several adjacent sites) which is an area identified for redevelopment with the assistance of tax increment financing. The Plan includes proposed projects, public improvements and amenities, and proposed acquisition of land. Heritage Square, portions of River Trail, 15th Street Triangle, Tidal Rock, Marine Drive Landscaping, 18th Street Landscaping, Exchange Street Parkway Landscaping, Aquatics Center, and Fort Astoria are within the AEURD.
- **Astor-West Urban Renewal Plan** - Plan for the Astor-West Urban Renewal District (AWURD) (generally Smith Point to Columbia Avenue, Pierhead Line to Alameda Avenue) which is an area identified for redevelopment with the assistance of tax increment financing. It includes proposed projects, public improvements and amenities, and proposed acquisition of land. River Trail, Smith Point, Portal Park West, Doughboy Monument, and Maritime Memorial are within the AWURD.
- **Bicycle Master Plan** - A Plan completed in 1992 that identifies existing conditions and included recommendations for future facilities for bicycles. It includes discussions and recommendations on multi-modal transportation to encourage more use of bicycles along with the need for City bicycle facilities.
- **Buildable Lands Inventory** - An inventory completed in 2011 that identifies the amount of land available for development for both residential and employment lands. It analyzes and addresses the existing conditions and projected needs of the City for a 20 year period. It identifies goals, strategies, and actions for growth during this period. This includes issues on historic preservation, open space, recreation, impacts of tourism on the area, and the anticipated demographics of the population growth.
- **Comprehensive Plan** - The vision Plan for the City created in 1979 with regular updates comprising of plans, maps, and/or reports, relating to the future economic and physical growth and development or redevelopment of the City. Section CP.260 to CP.275, “Parks, Recreation, and Open Space” identifies the issues and problems concerning parks, recreation and open space with conclusions and goals of the City. Section CP.240 to CP.255, “Historic Preservation” identifies issues and problems concerning historic properties and preservation with conclusions and goals of the City. The Comprehensive Plan is the guiding document that all other plans are based upon. When there is a conflict between another plan, code, policy, ordinance, etc. and the Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Plan shall prevail.
- **Gateway Master Plan** - The Plan and vision for development and redevelopment of the Gateway Area (generally 16th to 29th Streets and the River to Franklin Avenue) completed in 1997. It includes ideas for design review, open space, public parks, public trails, and multi-modal transportation which includes bike trails.
- **Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities Wellness Plan** - Plan completed in

2015 that identifies how various City codes, policies, and recreational facilities help the citizens to lead healthier lives. It lists current actions that comply with the Plan and makes recommendations for future activities and various code and policy amendments.

- **Historic Preservation Plan** - A Plan completed in 2008 to identify existing historic preservation activities and addressing goals and recommendations for a five year period. The Plan includes recommendations for design review and preservation of historic properties including historic City facilities.
- **Homelessness Taskforce Report** - A taskforce was formed in 2015 to address the issue of homelessness in Astoria, in an effort to better understand its causes and effects, and develop a strategy for mitigation. The report included six recommendations. One key recommendation was to invest in public restrooms that are less prone to vandalism and located in areas that are more visible. It was noted that the City spends \$50,000-75,000 annually to repair damage to public restrooms.
- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan** - The Plan completed in 2008 is a multi-jurisdictional Plan for natural hazards mitigation. It includes existing conditions, risk assessments, and the potential impacts of natural hazards on the infrastructure. It addresses the potential impacts on historic properties, transportation, and other public facilities including schools and parks. It makes recommendations on facility upgrades to reduce risks.
- **Riverfront Vision Plan** - A Plan completed in 2009 identifying the existing conditions along the Columbia River waterfront with a vision and recommendation on how this area should develop. It includes recommendations on design review, natural

features, parks and open spaces, trails, multi-modal transportation, and other public improvements. A major feature in this Plan is the River Trail and public parks along the Riverfront.

- **Trails Master Plan** - An inventory completed in 2013 of existing trails within the City with suggestions for future maintenance, improvements, and expansions.
- **Transportation System Plan** - A Plan completed in 2013 that identifies existing and proposed conditions of the multi-modal transportation system for a 20 year period. It includes recommendations on trails and bicycle activities and facilities.

Clatsop County Plans:

- **Parks and Recreational Lands Master Plan**
- **Clatsop Vision 2030: Together**

Statewide Plans:

- **Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation (SCORP) Plan**
- **Oregon Statewide Trails Plan**

2. Community Profile

2.1 Population, Growth rate, and Projections

2.2 Economic Indicators

2.3 Race, Origin, and Language

2.4 Public Health and Related Factors

Map: City of Astoria Zoning

Map: Astoria's Transportation Network

2.1 Population, Growth Rate, and Projections

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates Astoria's population was 9,503 in 2014. The population has decreased since 1990, when it was about 10,500. Historical data shows that Astoria's population has fluctuated regularly over the decades, mostly staying around 10,000.

According to preliminary estimates for 2015, statewide population increased by 1.3 percent. From 2014 to 2015, net migration accounted for roughly 80 percent of Oregon's population growth. Estimates also show that urban areas accounted for almost two-thirds of Oregon's population increase. While Astoria is an urban area that is experiencing growth from migration and tourism, the population is not projected to change significantly within the next 15 years.

Similar to state and national trends, Astoria's retired and elderly population is growing. Services specific to the needs and interests of these groups should be considered.

The Astoria area's population can be segmented into a few general categories, as defined by ESRI's Tapestry:

“Old and Newcomers”

Transitional single renters, beginning their careers or retiring, interested in adult education and environmental causes.

“Parks and Rec”

Married couples with single family homes in well-established neighborhoods, who like to take advantage of local parks and gyms.

“The Great Outdoors”

Married couples in modest single-family homes.

Potential Population Growth	
2014	9,503
2020	10,088
2030	11,143

* 2014 estimate: American Community Survey

* 2020 and 2030 projection assumes an annual growth rate of 1%, based on statewide data provided by the Portland State University Population Research Center.

Population, Sex, and Age			
	Astoria	Clatsop County	Oregon
Total population	9,503	37,236	3,900,343
Male	50.60%	49.30%	49.50%
Female	49.40%	50.70%	50.50%
Under 5 years	5.60%	5.20%	5.90%
5 to 9 years	5.10%	6.00%	6.10%
10 to 14 years	4.70%	5.10%	6.20%
15 to 19 years	5.70%	6.10%	6.40%
20 to 24 years	5.00%	6.00%	6.70%
25 to 34 years	14.20%	12.00%	13.60%
35 to 44 years	12.20%	10.90%	13.00%
45 to 54 years	13.00%	14.10%	13.40%
55 to 59 years	8.80%	9.40%	7.00%
60 to 64 years	7.80%	7.20%	6.60%
65 to 74 years	9.60%	10.70%	8.50%
75 to 84 years	4.50%	4.90%	4.40%
85 years and over	3.90%	2.50%	2.10%
Median age (years)	42.6	43.8	38.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.2 Economic Indicators

According to 2014 estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau, the median household income for Astorians was \$45,104 - lower than the same figure for Clatsop County and the State of Oregon. However, Astoria's rate of unemployment was also lower. Nearly 20% of all Astorians lived below the poverty line, with 31.6% of all families with children under 18 living below the poverty line. These indicators are important to consider when establishing fees, and developing cost-saving opportunities for Astoria Parks and Recreation programs and services, as well as for planning free or low-cost programs.

Economic Indicators			
	Astoria	Clatsop County	Oregon
Median household income	\$45,104	\$47,337	\$50,521
Unemployed	7.80%	8.60%	10.50%
Percent below poverty level, total:	19.90%	15.80%	16.70%
Under 18	25.50%	24.20%	22.10%
18-64	21.70%	15.60%	16.80%
65+	7.40%	7.20%	8.20%
Families with children < 18	31.60%	22.70%	42.50%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.3 Race, Origin, and Language

Similar to state and national trends, Astoria's Latino population is growing steadily. People who identify as Hispanic or Latino made up 9% of Astoria's population in 2014 - a figure which is anticipated to continue increasing. Services specific to the needs and interests of these groups, including bilingual staff and communications materials, should be considered.

Race, Origin, and Language			
	Astoria	Clatsop County	Oregon
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	9.00%	7.90%	12.1
Not Hispanic or Latino	91.00%	92.10%	87.9
White alone	82.90%	86.70%	77.60%
Black or African American alone	1.40%	0.70%	1.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.40%	0.30%	1.00%
Asian alone	2.70%	1.20%	3.80%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.10%	0.10%	0.40%
Some other race alone	0.00%	0.00%	0.20%
Two or more races	3.60%	3.20%	3.20%
Speak a language other than English: Spanish or Spanish Creole	6.80%	5.70%	8.80%
Spanish speakers who speak English "very well"	60.60%	44.10%	43.20%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.4 Public Health and Related Factors

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suggests that physical inactivity and obesity have reached epidemic proportions in the U.S. The CDC states that regular, moderate exercise has proven to reduce the risk of developing several mental and physical health issues, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, obesity, and depression. Public recreation facilities and programs that encourage physical activity among adults and children, allow parks and recreation providers to help combat community health issues and their associated costs.

The CDC provides an 'at a glance' summary of how Clatsop County compares with peer counties on a primary set of health indicators. CDC compares Clatsop County with peer counties by grouping health indicators into the following categories: 'better', 'moderate', and 'worse'. Access to parks, nature, and recreation activities are known to improve physical and mental health in a number of ways. CDC health indicators for Clatsop County, relevant to planning for Astoria's Parks and Recreation system are listed below. Clatsop County ranks:

Better, for:

- Life expectancy (male and female)
- Adult overall health status
- Adult physical activity
- Access to parks

Moderate, for:

- Coronary heart disease deaths
- Diabetes deaths
- Adult obesity
- Adult depression
- Poverty
- Housing stress
- Limited access to healthy food

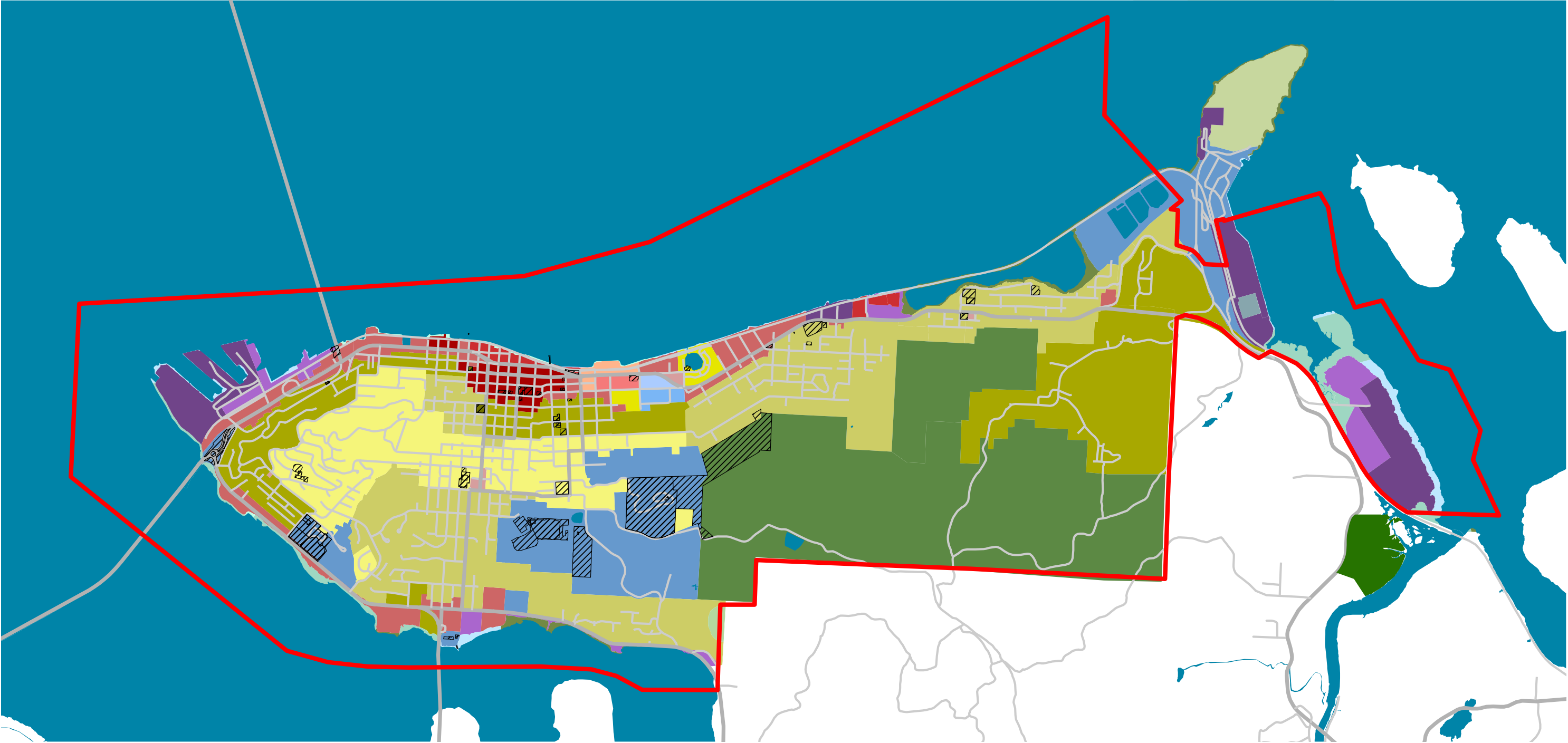
Worse, for:

- None.

Index: Zoning Abbreviations

A1 - Aquatic One Development Zone
A2 - Aquatic Two Development Zone
A2A - Aquatic Two-a Development Zone
A3 - Aquatic Conservation Zone
A4 - Aquatic Natural Zone
AH-HC - Attached Housing/Health Care
AH-MP - Attached Housing (Mill Pond)
C1 - Neighborhood Commercial Zone
C2 - Tourist Commercial Zone
C3 - General Commercial Zone
C4 - Central Commercial Zone
CA - Education/Research/Health Care Campus
DMD - Dredge Material Disposal Site
FA - Family Activities
GI - General Industrial Zone
HC - Health Care
HR - Hospitality/Recreation
IN - Institutional Zone
LR - Land Reserve Zone
LS - Local Service Zone
MH - Maritime Heritage
NC - Navigation Channel
R1 - Low Density Residential Zone
R2 - Medium Density Residential Zone
R3 - High Density Residential Zone
S1 - Marine Industrial Shorelands
S2 - General Development Shorelands Zone
S2A - Tourist-oriented Shorelands Zone
S5 - Natural Shorelands Zone
SBHO - Great Blue Heron Rookery

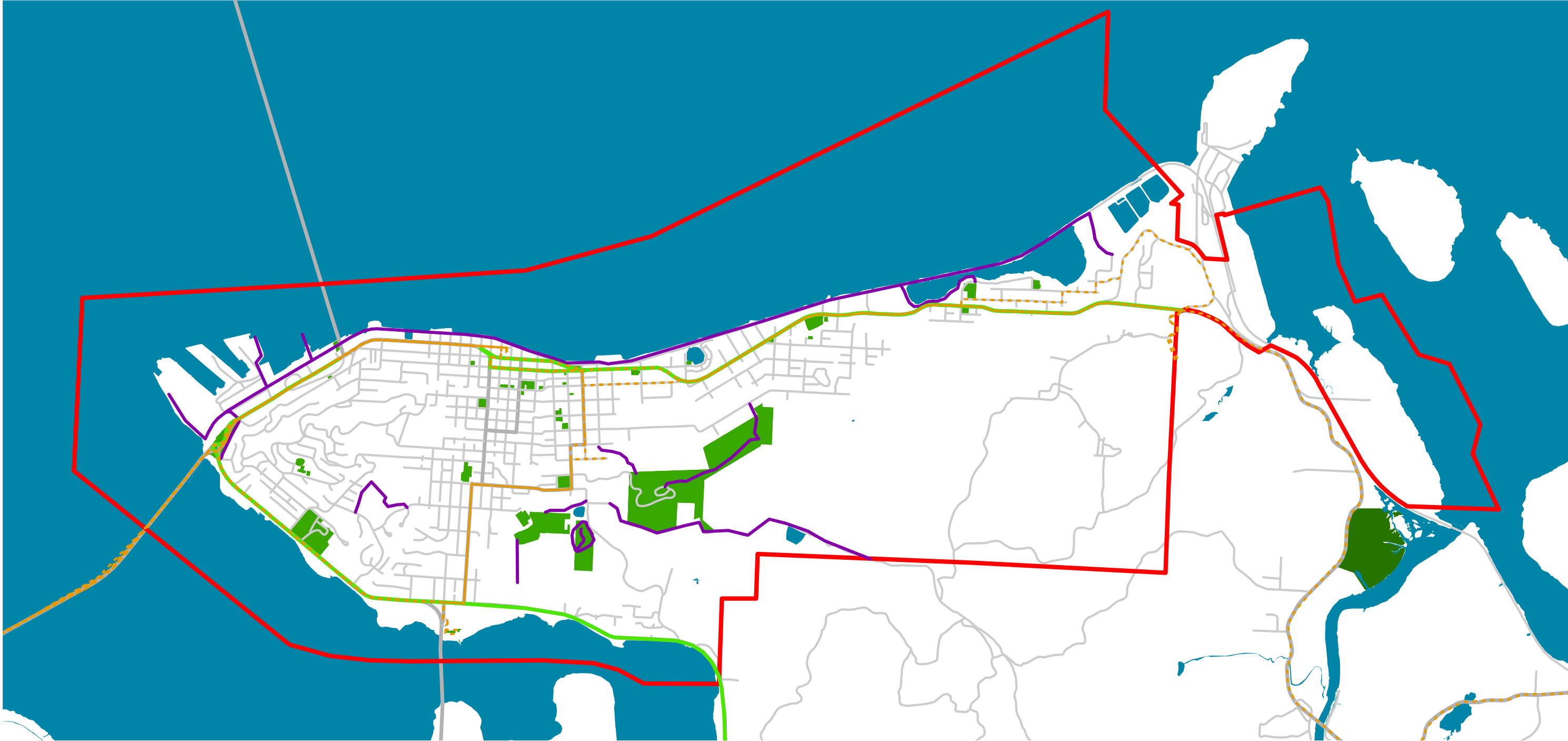
Map: City of Astoria Zoning



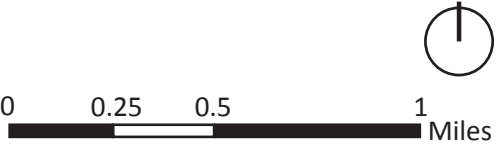
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A1	A4	C2	DMD	HR	MH	R3	S2A
A2	AH-HC	C3	FA	IN	NC	S1	S5
A2A	AH-MP	C4	GI	LR	R1	S2	SBHO
A3	C1	CA	HC	LS	R2	S2A	Parks

Map: Astoria's Transportation Network



- LEGEND**
- Streets
 - Bike lanes
 - Multi-use trails
 - - - Bus Routes



3. State of the Department

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- Map: City of Astoria Parks, Trails, and Facilities

3.1 Organization, Staffing, and Funding

Organization and Staffing

The Astoria Parks and Recreation Department is organized into five divisions: Administration, Maintenance, Aquatics, Recreation, and Childcare.

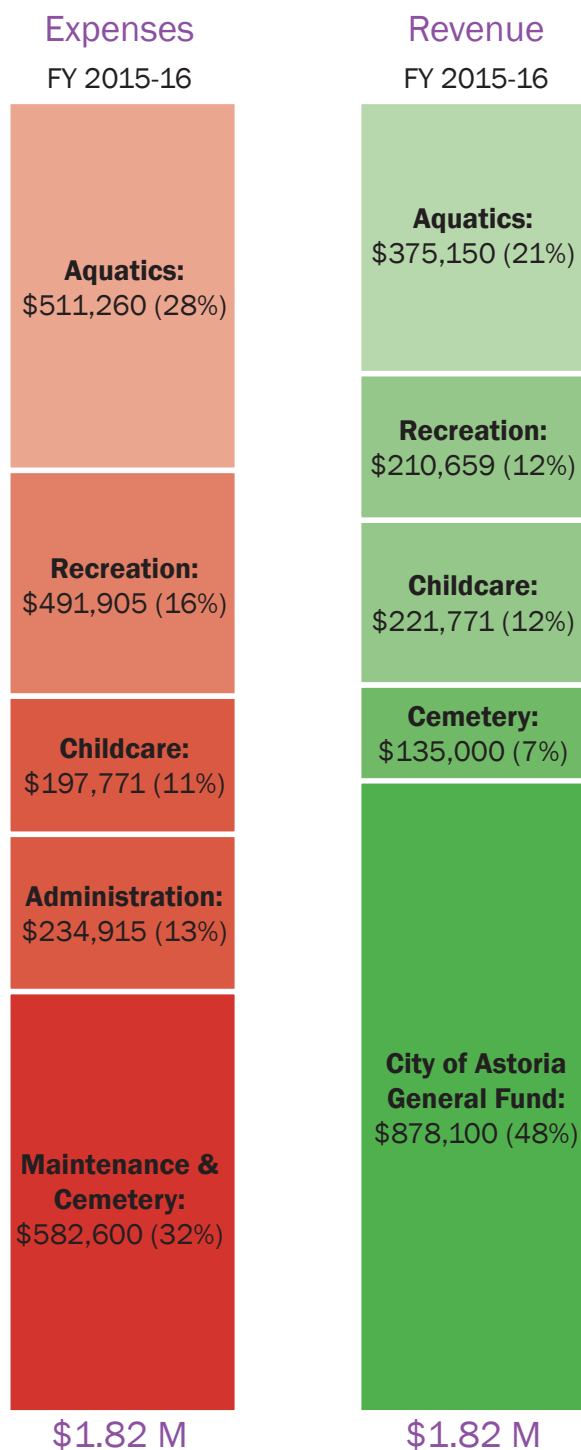
The Parks and Recreation Director leads the department by hiring and managing personnel, planning and budgeting, and coordinating with City management, the City Council, other City department heads, the Parks Advisory Board, and the community.

The Aquatics, Recreation, and Childcare divisions are led by Recreation Coordinators, who manage the Department's recreation, aquatics, and child care programs. The Maintenance division is responsible for the upkeep of about 300 acres of land, 9 miles of trails, and 12 indoor facilities, in addition to managing volunteer projects and supporting the other divisions' programs and events. The Maintenance division is led by a Maintenance Supervisor who oversees two full time positions as well as 3-6 seasonal staff.

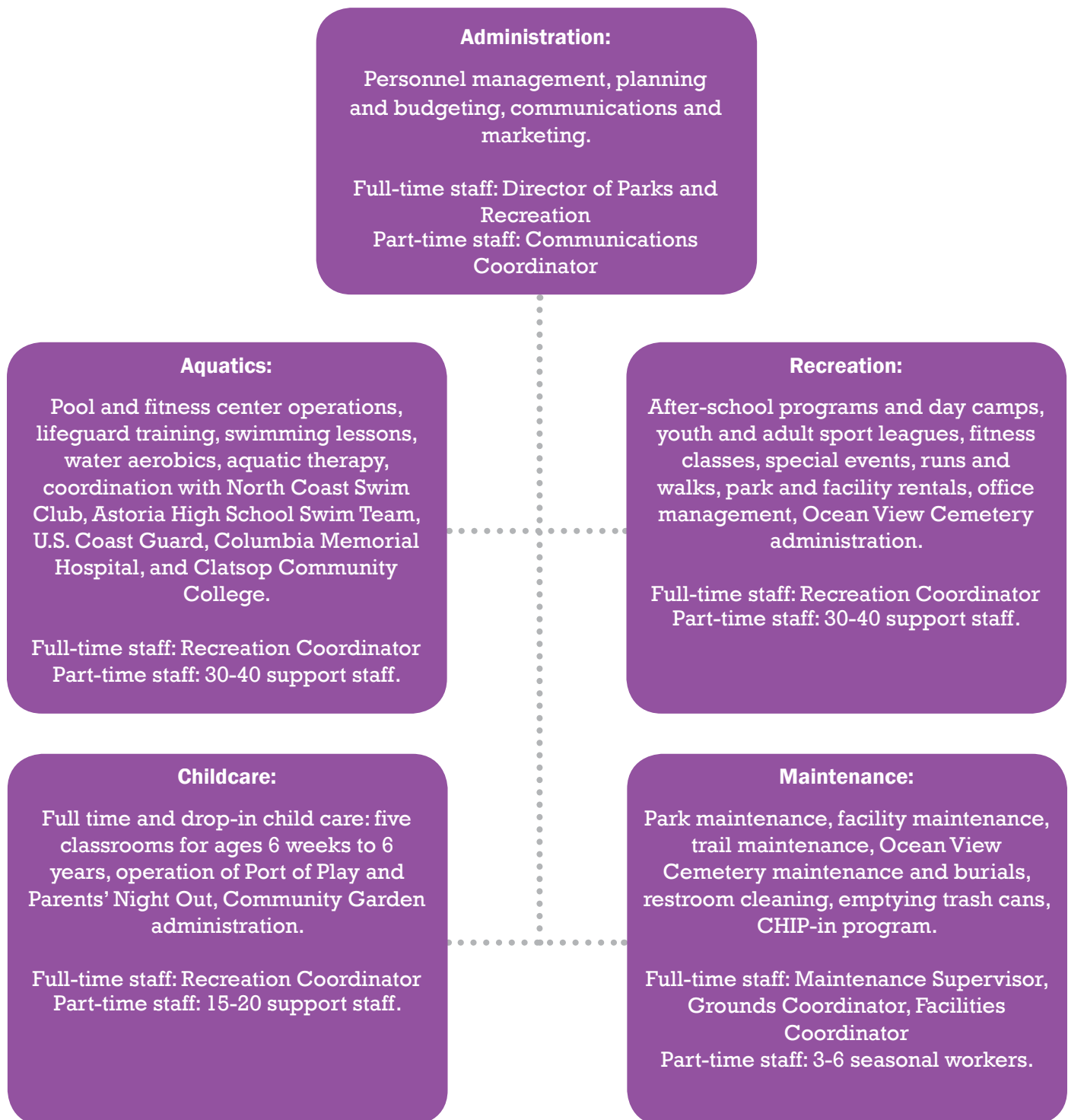
Funding

In the 2015-16 fiscal year, the operating budget for Astoria Parks and Recreation was \$1.82 million. Expenses for personnel, materials, operations, and maintenance for each division of the Department are funded in a few ways. The Aquatics, Recreation, and Childcare divisions bring in revenue through user fees. Costs that are not recovered through user fees are subsidized by the City of Astoria General Fund. In FY 2015-16, the Aquatics, Recreation, and Childcare divisions cumulatively recovered 82% of their operational costs. Administration and Maintenance generally do not bring in revenue, relying entirely on subsidies. When including expenses for administration and maintenance, the Department recovers a total of 52% of its operating budget. The nationwide median for cost recovery is 28% among parks and recreation providers serving jurisdictions with populations less than 20,000, according to the National Recreation and Parks Association's *2016 Field Report*. The upper quartile for cost recovery is 53%. The Department falls in the top of the upper quartile for revenue generation per capita.

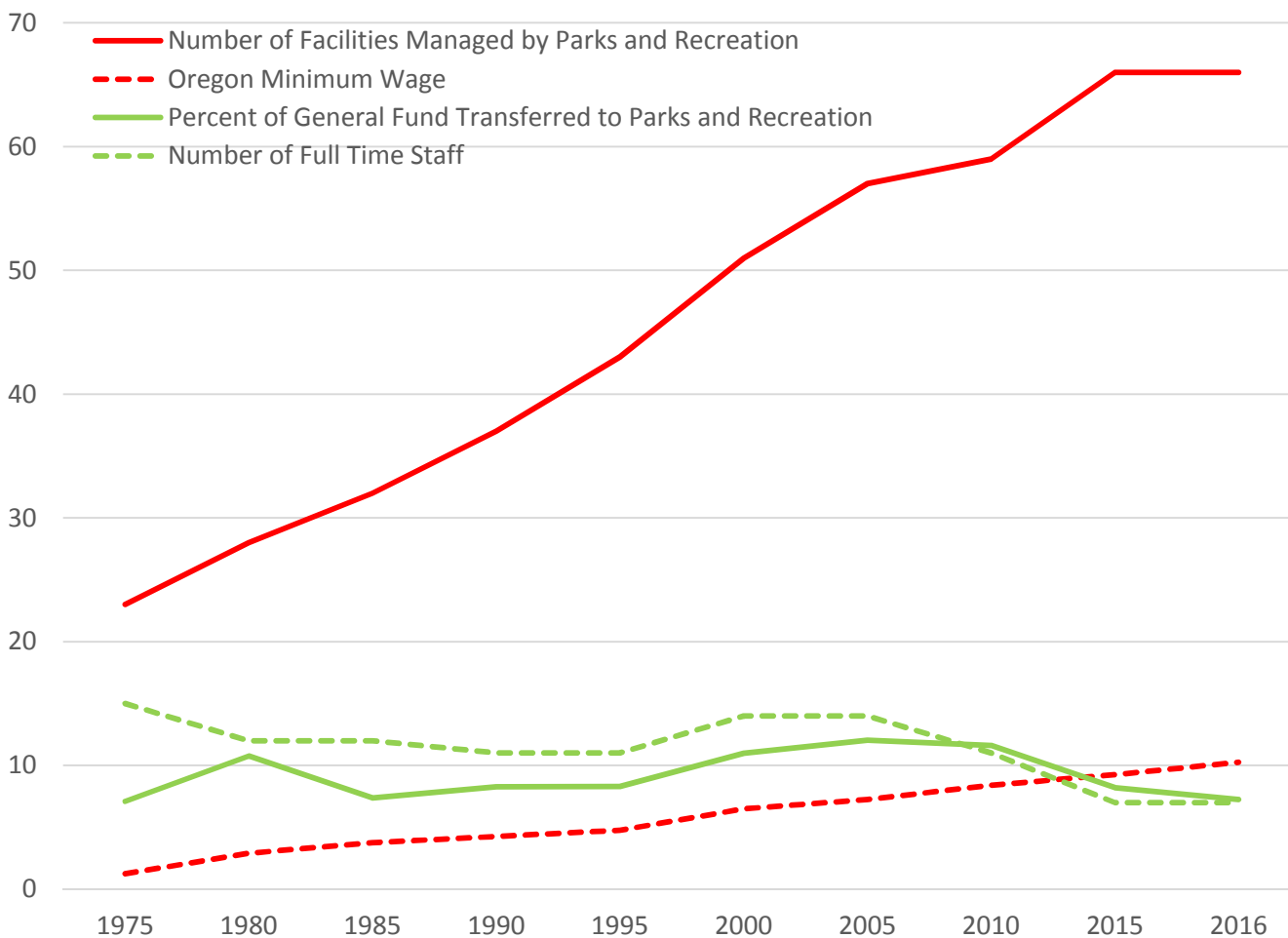
Capital projects, such as improvements to existing facilities or the development of new facilities, are typically funded by grants, donations, fundraising, and/or subsidized by the City. The City's Capital Improvement Fund and Promote Astoria Fund have funded many capital projects in the past.



Organizational chart:



Resources vs. Requirements:

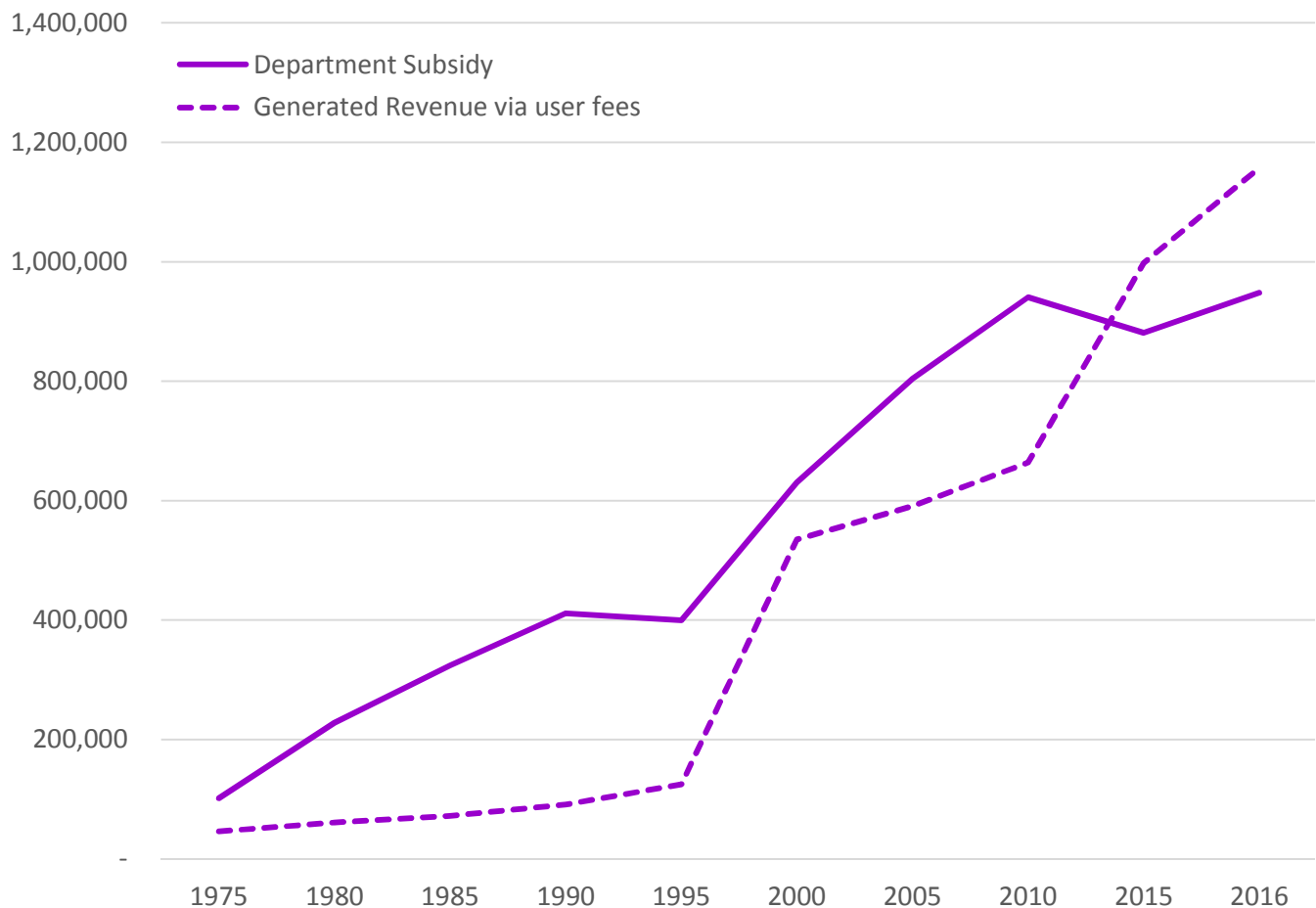


The charts above visualize the Department's requirements (labor and maintenance costs) and resources (revenues and subsidy) to depict how the cost of providing Parks and Recreation services, and resources to support them, have changed over time. The graphs show that the number of facilities and services have grown, and show how those costs have been recovered through revenues and subsidies.

What can be observed clearly is that the number of facilities managed by the Parks and Recreation Department has increased substantially since 1975. Minimum wage has also increased. These factors indicate a parks system that is increasingly more expensive and time-consuming to operate and maintain.

As the parks system has grown, staff positions across all divisions of the Department have been reduced or eliminated to compensate for rising operational costs, resulting in fewer employees responsible for a greater amount of work.

Subsidy vs. Revenue Generated:



Because administration and maintenance typically do not generate revenue, and recreation programs do not fully cover their operating costs, the Department relies on a subsidy from the City's General Fund. In FY 2015-2016, the General Fund subsidy accounted for 48% of the Department's operating budget. On average, "General Fund Tax Support" accounts for 60% of operating costs for municipal parks and recreation providers nationwide with jurisdictions serving under 20,000 residents, according to the National Recreation and Parks Association's *2016 Field Report*.

The Astoria Parks and Recreation Department instituted significant user-fee increases, of about 10-12% system-wide in late 2015 - early 2016, in an effort to compensate for increases in personnel and maintenance costs and decreases in general fund tax support.

3.2 Programs and Services Inventory

Administration

- **Department operations:**

The Parks and Recreation Director oversees department-wide planning, permitting, and budgeting, personnel management, and coordination with City leadership, commissions, other departments, and partners.

- **Communications and marketing:**

Services are carried out by a part-time Communications Coordinator, whose goal is to ensure information is distributed throughout the community effectively and efficiently. The main outlets for information are the Parks and Recreation Department's website, social media pages, and monthly newsletter.

The Parks and Recreation website contains information about the department's parks, facilities, services, staff and more. The website was revitalized in late 2015- early 2016 to improve user experience through better organization and provision of information.

Social media profiles are a key component of communications and marketing strategy, as many people now turn first to social media for information about what is happening in the community.

The Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page is a community forum featuring information on current projects, events, parks, recreation programs, photos, and more. It is updated regularly to announce updates, closures, and cancellations. A



banner photo features a new APRD park or facility monthly to keep the community informed about the wealth of opportunities for recreation in Astoria.

Twitter and LinkedIn are used for posting news-related items, such as newspaper or magazine articles. These profiles are also used to promote events.

The Astoria Parks and Recreation Instagram account is updated regularly with photos of Astoria's parks and facilities, taken by staff, the community, or visitors. The hashtag #astoriaparks, as well as other related tags, allow people from all over the world to see and share photos of Astoria's parks system.

A monthly newsletter is sent via email, announcing upcoming events, promoting facilities, and highlighting accomplishments of the maintenance division. The newsletter, packed with pictures and links to further information, is distributed to nearly 2,000 community members and has an open rate of over 38%.

Other communications and marketing strategies include updating Google Maps information for APRD facilities and trails. The implementation of recreation tracking software in 2016 will allow streamlined electronic facility access, registration, and payment for users, and result in more information available to APRD that will be helpful for developing and maintaining effective information delivery.



Aquatics

- **Pool and fitness center operations:**

Staff manage access and rentals, distribute passes and register guests for programs at the 25,000 sf Astoria Aquatic Center. The facility includes a 25-yd lap pool with six lanes, a 55,000 gallon recreation pool, a 3,500 gallon hot tub, and a 2,500 gallon infant/toddler pool. Basic services at the Aquatic Center include open swimming, lap swimming, family swimming, open use of the fitness center, and facility rentals.

- **Lifeguard and water safety training:**

Lead staff at the Aquatics Center are trained instructors in lifeguard and water safety training courses, which are offered at the facility about five times each year, with about twelve students participating in each class. Those who successfully pass are eligible to be hired as lifeguards in the facility.

- **Swimming lessons:**

Group and private lessons are offered year round. Group lessons are based on age and ability and typically see 6-10 participants per class. Private swim lessons deliver one-on-one instruction based on skill level.

- **Water aerobics:**

Two different courses are offered at the Aquatics Center, three times per week. Each class averages 7-10 participants.

- **Special events:**

The Aquatics Center is a popular location for birthday parties. There are generally about 8 party rentals per month during the summer, and 3 per month during the rest of the year.

- **Coordination with North Coast Swim Club, Astoria High School Swim Team, U.S. Coast Guard, Columbia Memorial Hospital, and Clatsop Community College:**

These groups rent space in the Aquatic Center regularly, to provide recreation, therapy, training and competition space for their programs.



Recreation

- **General operations:**

A Recreation Coordinator oversees the Astoria Recreation Center, and manage a range of services from facility access and rentals, program registration, and pass distribution. Duties of the recreation staff also include administrative work for the department, such as payment and invoice processing, as well as park, facility, and equipment rentals.

- **After-school programs and day camps:**

A daily after school program, Kids Zone, is offered to students in kindergarten through 5th grade. Students are bussed directly to the Astoria Recreation Center and picked up by their parents by 5:30 PM. A space for middle and high-school students, Teen Zone, is free to use and open on weekdays until 7:00 PM. Half and full-day themed activity camps are offered throughout the summer for kindergarten through 5th grade age-groups.

- **Youth and adult sports:**

APRD provides the only sport leagues in the area and regularly receives registrations from groups and individuals around the region. Youth sports include basketball for grades 1-6, and softball for kindergarten - 8th grade. There is also flag football for kindergarten - 3rd grade, and volleyball clinics open to grades 3-6. Gymnastics, martial arts, and tennis courses are also available. Adult sport leagues include mens, womens, and co-ed softball, womens and co-ed volleyball, and mens basketball.



- **Fitness and wellness:**

APRD participates in monthly Community Health Advocacy and Resource Team (CHART) meetings to coordinate with other agencies in promoting fitness and wellness in Clatsop County. The department hosts wellness promotion events such as walks in the parks, and offers an array of 8-10 weekly adult fitness classes.

- **Special events:**

The department hosts a number of annual special events. The Father-Daughter Valentine Dance is a 20-year tradition. Kids Day in the Park is a family fun day held each July with live music, games, and treats. Other events include the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Monster Bash, and Movies in the Park.

- **Runs and walks:**

The recreation staff organizes several annual runs and walks, including the 0 K "Instant Gratification Run", New Year's Fun Run 5K, Gobbler Gallop 5K, and Run on the River (5 K, 10 K, and half marathon).

- **Park, facility, and equipment rentals:**

Shively Hall, Alderbrook Hall, and the east end of the Astoria Recreation Center are available for rental. Recreation staff also manage equipment rentals, including event tents, a sound system, projector, stage, tables and chairs, and stand-up paddle boards.

- **Ocean View Cemetery administration:**

The recreation staff oversees record management, financial tracking, software implementation, and scheduling of burials.

Lil' Sprouts Academy / Port of Play

- **Full time and drop-in child care:**

There are five classrooms for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years old. There are over 100 children enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 50-60. Services are available on a full time, part time, and drop-in basis. Most children attend full or part time. Since 2014, there has been an extensive wait list for all age groups.

- **Port of Play operations:**

The indoor play park provides activities for children ages 1-10, depending on size and interests. Some features include a mini rock wall, tricycles, scooters, mats, and interactive play. Attendance varies depending on weather, with cold or wet weather days being the busiest.

- **Parents' Night Out:**

This program was developed to provide parents an opportunity to receive affordable childcare on date night: Saturday evenings from 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM. The program serves children age 2.5-10 years at Port of Play, where there are games, crafts, movies, and snacks. The program has grown in popularity with 20 or more children in attendance each week.

- **Special events:**

Several free events are hosted at Port of Play including Family Pumpkin Carving Night, Family Easter Egg Dyeing, and the Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration.

- **Community Garden administration:**

The community gardens, located in the Gray School complex, are managed by recreation staff in the Lil' Sprouts division. They oversee operations of the gardens, which includes registration and wait-listing for the 40 plots available.

Maintenance

- **Grounds operations:**

Encompasses all grounds maintenance activities at all APRD locations including: mowing, weed-eating, edging, hedging, garbage pick-up, irrigation, weeding, trimming, fertilizing, playground equipment maintenance, baseball/softball field maintenance and management, coordinating with contractors to provide services not available internally, etc. Work is carried out under the guidance of the Maintenance Supervisor and is managed by the Grounds Coordinator. During the mowing season (April-September), five or more temporary workers are added to the grounds workforce to provide assistance with all tasks.



- **Facilities operations:**

Includes all facilities maintenance activities at the Astoria Recreation Center, Astoria Aquatic Center, Parks Maintenance Shop, Ocean View Cemetery Chapel & Maintenance Shop, Alderbrook and Shively Halls, Downtown & Doughboy Restrooms. Facility management is shared with Astoria School District for Gray School areas used by Little Sprouts and Port of Play. Work is carried out under the guidance of the Maintenance Supervisor and is managed by the Facilities Coordinator. Areas of management include: exterior, interior, structural, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, security systems, coordinating with contractors to provide services not available internally.

- **Cemetery operations:**

The APRD maintenance division manages and provides all cemetery activities at Ocean View Cemetery. Prior to 2011, there was maintenance staff dedicated full-time to cemetery operations, but since then the Grounds and Facilities Coordinators, under the guidance of the Maintenance Supervisor, carry out all activities including: preparing full and cremation burials, disinterment services, selling graves, locating graves, caring for turf and ornamental plantings, and enforcing rules and regulations.

3.3 Parkland Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Park Name	Location	Acreage	Use	Condition
Community Parks				
Shively Park	16th & Williamsport	11.7	High	Poor
Tapiola Park	S. Denver & W. Marine	12	Very High	Fair
Destination Parks				
Astor Park	1 Coxcomb Dr	37.5	Very High	Fair
Youngs River Falls	Young's River Loop Rd	12	High	Poor
Linear Parks				
River Walk	Smith Point to Alderbrook Lagoon	36.4	Very High	Fair
Nature Parks				
6th Street River Park	6th St & River Walk	0.15	Moderate	Poor
12th Street Viewing Area	12th St & River Walk	0.05	High	Fair
14th Street River Park	14th St & River Walk	0.13	High	Poor
Alderbrook Natural Area	53rd & Alder	13.3	Low	Fair
Cathedral Tree Trail	2800 Block of Irving Avenue	47	High	Poor
Mill Pond Park	23rd & Mill Pond Ln	0.29	Low	Excellent
People's Park	16th & Marine	0.41	Low	Poor
Neighborhood Parks				
ARC Grounds	1555 W Marine Dr	3.5	Moderate	Poor
Columbia Fields*	35th & Leif Erickson	2.9	Low	Poor
Evergreen Fields	Astoria Middle School	11.7	Moderate	Poor
Fred Lindstrom Park	7th & Niagara	1.9	Very High	Fair
Pocket Parks				
9th & Astor Park	9th & Astor	0.13	Low	Poor
14th & Grand Playground	14th & Grand	0.38	Moderate	Fair
Alameda Park	Alameda & Melbourne	0.11	Low	Fair
Alameda Park Reserve	Alameda & Cumberland	0.67	Low	Good
Alderbrook Park	45th & Leif Erickson	0.62	Low	Poor
Birch Field & Park	49th & Birch	0.96	Very Low	Poor
Children's Park Playground	6th & Commercial	0.23	Low	Fair
Gray School Field*	Alameda & Chinook	0.77	Low	Poor
McClure Park	8th & Grand	0.92	Low	Poor
Violet LaPlante Park	45th & Cedar	0.69	Low	Fair
Special Use Parks				
Astoria Skate Park	S. Denver & W. Marine	0.35	Moderate	Good
Community Gardens*	Alameda & Chinook (Gray School)	0.25	Low	Good
Customs House	35th & Leif Erickson	0.5	Very Low	Fair
Fort Astoria Park	15th & Exchange	0.14	Moderate	Good
Maritime Memorial	Bay St & Marine Dr	0.24	High	Good
Ocean View Cemetery	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	100	Low	Poor
Pioneer Cemetery	15th & Niagara	2.1	Low	Fair
Post Office Park	15th & Franklin	0.11	Low	Fair
Tidal Rock Park	15th & Commercial	0.08	Very Low	Poor
Urban Plaza Parks				
Heritage Square / Garden of Surging Waves	11th & Duane	1.25	High	Fair
Total acres of parkland:		301.43		

* Site owned by the Astoria School District

3.4 Additional Land Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Site Name	Location	Acreage
13th Street City Parking Lot	13th St & Duane St	0.2
15th Street Triangle	15th St & Marine Drive	0.2
18th Street Flower Beds	Marine Drive to Exchange St	0.1
8th Street Triangle	8th St & Marine Dr	0.1
Aquatic Center Grounds	1997 W Marine Drive	2.2
Astoria Senior Center Grounds	11th St & Exchange St	0.1
Exchange Street Parkway	17th St to 20th St	0.3
Library Parking Lot	10th St & Exchange St	0.2
Marine Drive Parkway	10th St to 23rd St	1.5
Portal Park - East	33rd St & Marine Drive	0.2
Portal Park - West	Taylor St & W Marine Drive	0.4
Smith Point Traffic Circle	Hwy 101 & Hwy 202	3.2
West Bond Street Triangle	W Bond Street & Marine Drive	0.1
Total Acreage		8.8

3.5 Indoor Facilities Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

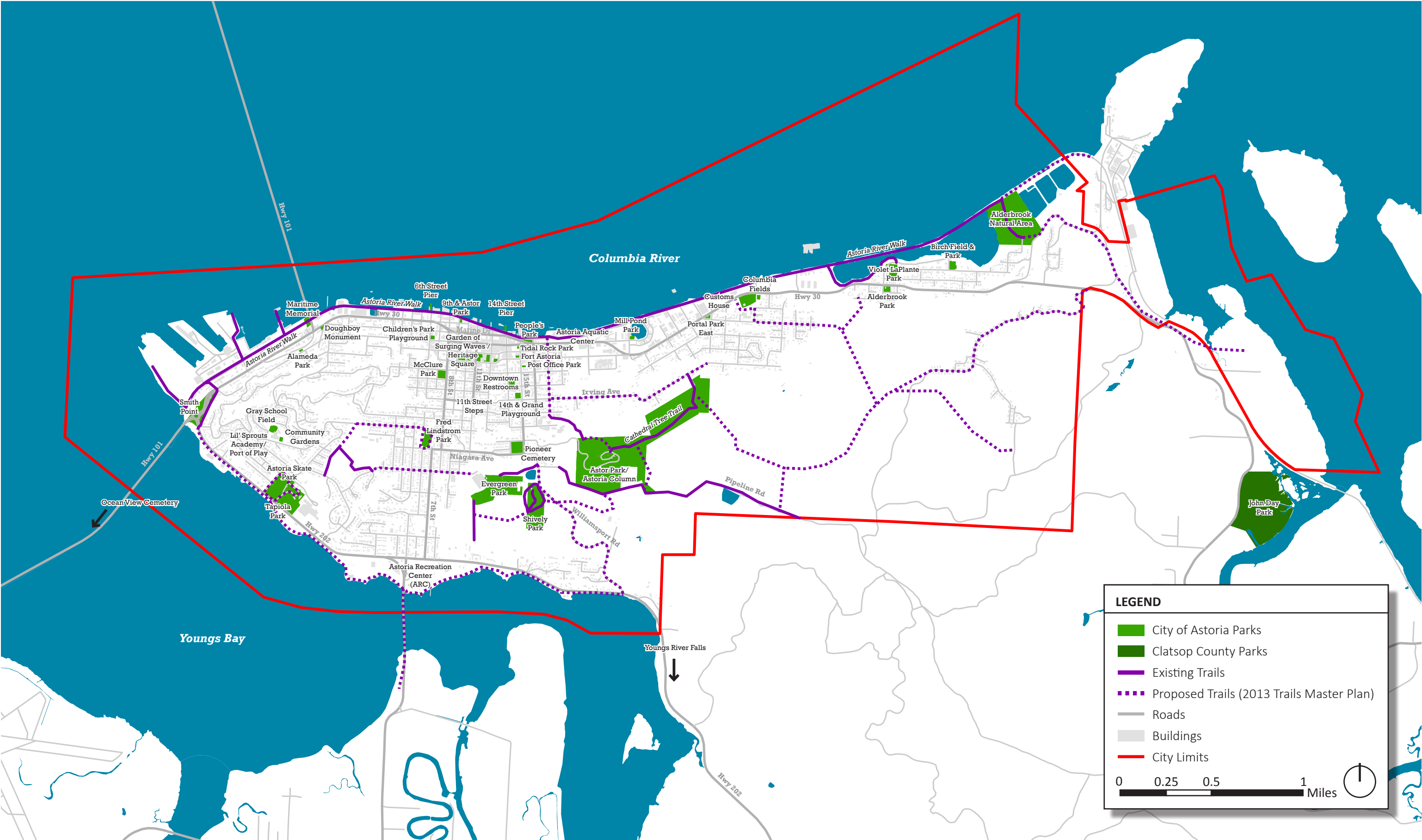
Facility Name	Location	Square Feet	Condition
Alderbrook Hall	45th & Leif Erickson Dr	1,500	Poor
Astoria Aquatic Center	1997 Marine Dr	25,000	Fair
Astoria Batting Cages	200 Tapiola Park Loop	6,000	Good
Astoria Column/Gift Shop/Caretaker House	1 Coxcomb Dr	2,000	Fair
Astoria Recreation Center	1555 W Marine Dr	14,000	Poor
Astoria Senior Center	1111 Exchange St	6,600	Excellent
Customs House	35th & Leif Erickson Dr	500	Fair
Doughboy Monument	Columbia Ave & Marine Dr	250	Poor
Downtown Restrooms	12th & Exchange	300	Fair
Lil' Sprouts Academy*	785 Alameda Ave	6,000	Fair
Ocean View Cemetery Chapel	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	800	Fair
Ocean View Cemetery Maintenance Shop	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	1,200	Poor
Parks Maintenance Shop	1555 W Marine Dr	3,500	Poor
Pioneer Cemetery Mausoleum	15th & Niagara	150	Poor
Port of Play*	785 Alameda Ave	1,500	Fair
Shively Hall	1530 Shively Park Road	2,000	Poor
Total square feet:		71,300	

3.6 Trails Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Trail Name	Length (miles)	Surface	Use	Condition
11th Street Steps	0.05	Paved	Moderate	Fair
Evergreen Park to Shively Park	0.2	Dirt	Low	Poor
Richard Fenscak Cathedral Tree Trail	1.3	Dirt	High	Poor
River Walk	6.4	Paved	Very High	Fair
Shively Park Loop	0.3	Paved	Moderate	Good
Tapiola Park Loop	0.5	Paved	Moderate	Good
Total mileage:	8.75			

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Map: City of Astoria Parks, Trails, and Facilities



4. Level of Service

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4.1 Introduction

According to the Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), *“the most effective park system to develop and manage is one made up of a variety of different types of parks, open space areas, and recreational venues, each designed to provide a specific type of recreation experience or opportunity. A park system that is classified and used properly is easier to maintain, creates fewer conflicts between user groups, and minimizes negative impacts on adjoining neighbors. A good park classification system also helps assess what facilities are available for current use and what types of parks will be needed to serve the community in the future.”*

The classification system outlined in the SCORP provides park and recreation providers with guidelines for achieving a manageable effective park system. These guidelines assist providers in evaluating the adequacy of existing parkland and facilities. Level of Service (LOS) standards are measures of the amount of public recreation parkland and facilities being provided to meet a jurisdiction's basic needs and expectations. Those needs and expectations are up to each provider to establish, through planning, visioning, and community input.

LOS standards are typically determined by comparing the existing ratio of developed park acres per 1,000 residents to the jurisdiction's desired level of parks relative to population. A gap between the two ratios identifies needed park acreage. As population grows, the objective is to provide enough acreage to maintain the jurisdiction's desired level of service. Park and

recreation facilities provided by outside agencies within the same jurisdiction are commonly factored in to LOS calculations. LOS guidelines are also critical for a jurisdiction to measure equitable access to park facilities (such as by walking, biking, or public transportation).

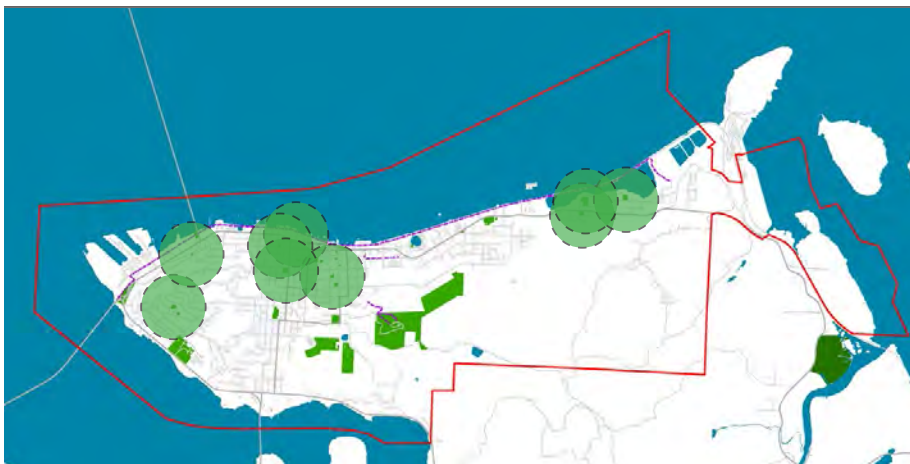
The following park classifications are defined as outlined in the SCORP. These classifications have been used to organize and evaluate service levels for Astoria's park system:

Pocket Parks

A pocket park is the smallest park classification. Pocket parks provide basic recreation opportunities on small lots, within residential areas serving an area within approximately 5-10 minutes walking time (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile). Typically less than two acres in size ($\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 acres), these parks are designed to serve residents in immediately adjacent neighborhoods. Pocket parks provide limited recreation amenities, such as playgrounds, benches, and picnic tables. Pocket parks do not normally provide off-street parking.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks provide close-to-home recreation opportunities primarily for non-supervised, non-organized recreation activities. They are located within approximately 5-10 minute walking time (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile) without crossing major thoroughfares and/or other structures and easy bicycling distance of residents. They serve up to a one-half-mile radius, and are generally 2-20 acres in size

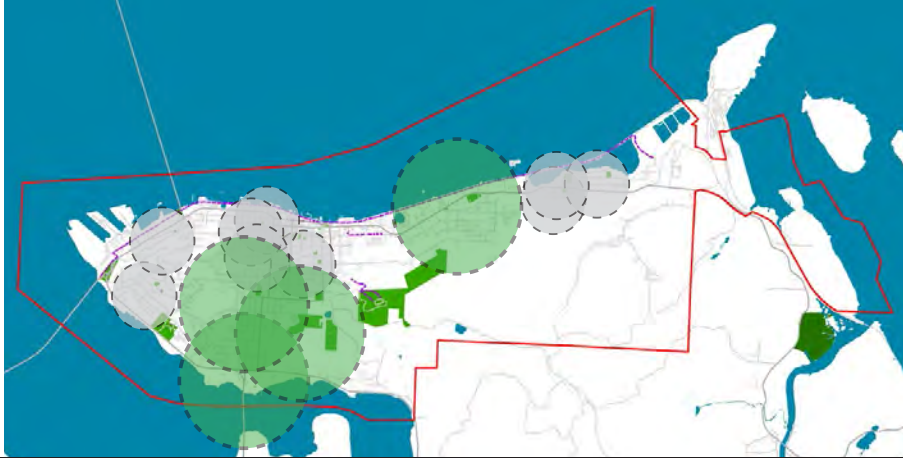


Pocket Park service areas:

The green circles represent areas within a 5-minute walk of a pocket park. See Section 3.3 for information on which parks are included in this classification.

Neighborhood Park service areas:

The green circles represent areas within a 10-minute walk of a neighborhood park. The gray circles represent areas within a 5-minute walk of pocket parks. See Section 3.3 for information on which parks are included in these classifications.



(Service area is also influenced by neighborhood configuration and various geographical and transportation barriers). Neighborhood parks typically include amenities such as playgrounds, outdoor sports courts, sports fields, picnic tables, pathways, and multi-use open grass areas. They may or may not provide off-street parking. Neighborhood parks can, when practical, be located next to elementary schools in order to provide more efficient use of public resources.

Community Parks

Community parks are typically larger in size and serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks. Their focus is on meeting the recreation needs of several neighborhoods or large sections of the community, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. Community parks are typically 15-100 acres, depending on the spatial requirements of the facilities provided and the amount of land dedicated to natural resource protection. Community parks provide both active and passive recreation opportunities that appeal to the entire community serving an area within approximately 15 minutes driving time. While a community park may be proximate to a neighborhood and can provide typical neighborhood park amenities, they are normally designed as a “drive-to sites.” Community parks typically accommodate large numbers of people, and offer a wide variety of facilities, such as group picnic areas and large shelters, sports fields and courts, children’s play areas, swimming pools and splash pads, community gardens, extensive pathway systems,

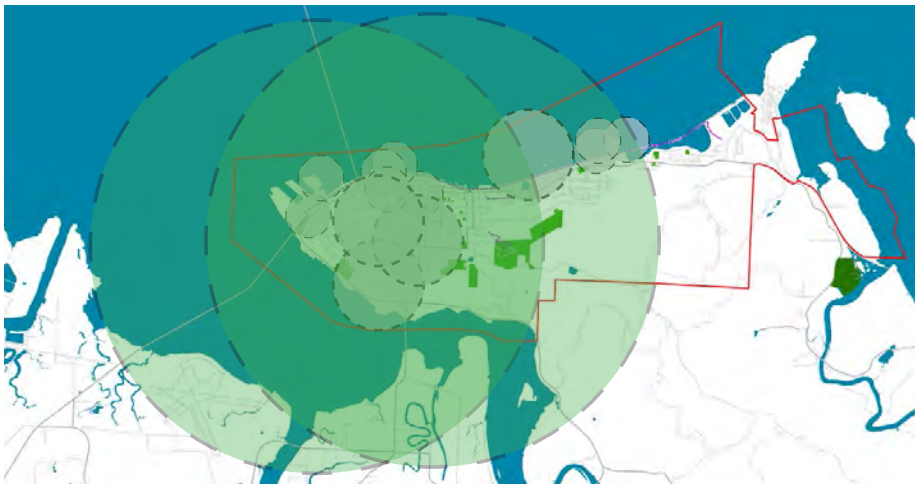
community festival or event space, and green space or natural areas. Community parks require additional support facilities, such as off-street parking and restrooms and as such can also serve as regional trailheads.

Regional Parks

Regional parks are large parks that provide access to unique natural or cultural features and regional-scale recreation facilities. Typically 100 acres or more in size, regional parks serve areas within a 45 minute driving time. These parks often include significant green space to preserve unique natural areas, riverfront corridors, wetlands, and agricultural or forested areas. Regional parks may include properties for which there are no immediate development plans and that are situated in such a way as to primarily serve the surrounding neighborhood (land banked properties). Regional parks also may accommodate large group activities and often have infrastructure to support sporting events, festivals, and other revenue-generating events to enhance the City’s economic vitality and identity. Activities available in regional parks may include picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, trail use, etc. Regional parks include supporting facilities, such as restrooms and parking.

Urban Plaza Parks

Urban plaza parks are public gathering spaces in urban spaces that foster community interaction and civic pride. They are small in size ($\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 acres) and intensely developed. Visitors will tend to be those who are already in the neighborhood for other purposes, such as



Community Park service areas:

The green circles represent areas within a 15-minute drive of a community park. The gray circles represent parks within walking distance from pocket parks and neighborhood parks. See Section 3.3 for information on which parks are included in these classifications.

shopping, work, dining and/ or those who live in or near densely developed urban areas. Urban plaza parks typically include amenities such as drinking fountains, benches, litter receptacles, trees and shrubs, paved walkways and plazas.

Nature Parks

Nature parks are lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/ buffering. They may preserve or protect environmentally sensitive areas, such as wildlife habitats, stream and creek corridors, or unique and/or endangered plant species. Nature parks may vary in size from small parcels (less than 10 acres) to large properties of more than 200 acres. Nature parks typically serve a community-wide population and include greenways, natural areas, and preserves. Public access to natural areas may be limited at these sites, which often include wetlands, steep hillsides, or other similar spaces. Some nature parks may be managed secondarily to provide passive recreation opportunities. These sites may contain trails, interpretive displays, viewpoints, and seating areas.

Special Use Parks

The Special Use classification covers a broad range of park and recreation lands that are specialized or single- purpose in nature. Parks in this category include waterfront or ocean access parks, boat ramps, memorials, historic sites, waysides, single purpose sites used

for a particular field sport, dog parks, skate parks, or protect some significant geologic or scenic feature. Special use parks that have a community or regional draw may require supporting facilities such as parking or restrooms. Park size is dependent on the special use and can vary from very small to many acres.

Linear Parks

Linear parks include natural or built corridors that connect parks and neighborhoods, provide linkages through the city, and preserve open space. Linear parks may include abandoned railroad lines, utility rights-of-way, wildlife corridors, or elongated natural areas defined by drainage features or topographical changes, such as riparian corridors. Linear parks typically support trail-oriented activities, including walking, jogging, biking, skateboarding, and roller skating, which play a major role in health and fitness. Trails, pathways, and bikeways located in other types of park settings (e.g., neighborhood, community, natural area parks) where the trail is not the primary purpose of the park or along existing streets or roadways may be connected to, but are excluded from this park category. Linear parks typically include amenities such as rest benches, picnic tables, trailhead kiosks, parking at major trailheads, and way finding markers, but may also incorporate smaller-scale neighborhood park amenities such as play areas, picnic areas, and exercise stations. Linear park size is dependent on the corridor length and opportunity.

Trails, Pathways and Bikeways

Trails, pathways, and bikeways include a number of trail types including multi-use, pedestrian, and soft surface trails to accommodate a variety of activities such as walking, running, biking, dog walking, roller-blading, skateboarding, and horseback riding. Such trails may be located within parks or along existing streets and roadways as part of the citywide transportation system. Multi-use trails are designed for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, wheelchairs, and other non-motorized vehicle users. These trails are hard surfaced to accommodate bicycles and provide accessibility for people with disabilities. Hard surfaced pedestrian trails are generally found within smaller parks and as secondary trails within larger parks. Soft surfaced trails are composed of soft-surface materials, such as soil, crushed rock, hog fuel, and wood chips. Most soft surfaces do not provide accessibility for people with disabilities but are preferable for some recreation activities, such as running and hiking. Trails, pathways, and bikeways may include amenities such as directional and control signage, gates, benches, overlooks, drinking fountains, lighting, trailhead kiosks, and interpretive signs.

Regional Sports Parks

Regional sports parks typically consolidate heavily programmed athletic facilities for activities such as soccer, football, baseball/softball into a few strategically located sites throughout the community. Regional sports

parks could also include facilities such as race tracks, shooting ranges and equestrian areas. The location of these facilities is important due to the traffic, lighting, and noise that are often associated with them. They typically require large parking areas and restroom facilities. They also may have other park amenities, such as play areas or picnic facilities that serve non-participant family members and others while events are taking place. Regional sports parks normally require a minimum of 25 acres, with 40-80 acres being optimal.

Destination Parks

Destination Parks can include the same characteristics as Regional Parks, Natural Area Parks, Special Use Parks and Linear Parks, but offer such outstanding natural, historic, scenic or recreational attractions that visitors travel more than an hour to several days, by car, to reach them. They are usually well known statewide and even nationally. They can have a wide range of acreage sizes and levels of development, but generally have a moderate to very intensive level of visitation. They can be day-use parks or can offer overnight camping or cabins. Most of the parks in the Oregon State Park system are Destination Parks. Some county and regional park systems also operate Destination Parks.

- Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2013-2017

Regional park facilities contributing to level of service:

The pink outline represents a 5-mile radius around the Astoria city limits, which includes several parks managed by other agencies that contribute to Astoria's level of service. See Section 4.5 for information on these parks and their amenities.



4.2 Parkland: Level of Service

Parkland Type	Recommended Oregon LOS (acres/1,000 population)	Oregon Median LOS (acres/1,000 population)	Acres Managed by APRD (total parks)	APRD LOS in 2016 (acres/1,000 population)	LOS Status	LOS Based on Possible 2030 Population (11,143)
Community Parks	2.0 - 6.0	2.1	23.7 (2)	2.5	Meets recommendation	2.1
Destination Parks	20.0 - 30.0	-	49.5 (2)	5.2	Meets recommendation ⁺	4.4
Linear Parks	0.5 - 1.5	0.9	36.4 (1)	3.8	Exceeds recommendation	3.3
Nature Parks	2.0 - 6.0	2.3	61.3 (10)	6.5	Exceeds recommendation	5.5
Neighborhood Parks	1.0 - 2.0	0.6	20.1 (4)	2.1	Exceeds recommendation	1.8
Pocket Parks	0.25 - 0.5	0.16	5.5 (10)	0.6	Exceeds recommendation	0.5
Regional Parks	5.0 - 10.0	9.2	0	0	Meets recommendation ⁺	0
Regional Sports Parks	5.0 - 10.0	-	0	0	Satisfactory [•]	0
Special Use Parks [*]	N/A	1.98	3.77 (8)	0.4	N/A	0.3
Urban Plaza Parks	0.1 - 0.2	0.1	0.25 (1) [^]	0.03	Need exists [^]	0.02
Total	6.25 - 15	17.3	201.5 (38)	21.2	Exceeds recommendation	18.1

"*": Does not include Ocean View Cemetery (100 acres)

"+": Facilities managed by other agencies contribute to meeting this need.

"•": There is generally a lack of sufficient land area in Astoria to accommodate "Regional Sports Parks" as defined in the Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. It was determined that the need for this type of facility is met sufficiently, between a number of private and public facilities that are offered within Astoria and its surrounding communities.

"^": Approximately 1 acre would be added, should the City of Astoria complete the development of Heritage Square, at which point the recommendation for Urban Plaza Parks would be met.

4.3 Trails: Level of Service

Trail Type	Recommended Oregon LOS (miles/1,000 population)	Total Miles Managed by APRD	LOS provided by APRD (miles/1,000 population)	Astoria LOS
Hard surface	N/A	7.25	0.76	N/A
Soft surface	N/A	1.5	0.16	N/A
Total Miles	0.5 - 1.5	8.75	0.92	Meets recommendation

4.4 Park Amenities: Level of Service

Facility Type	Recommended Oregon LOS (facilities/1,000 population)	Recommended Number of Facilities	Facilities Managed by APRD	Astoria LOS
Baseball fields	0.2	2	6	Exceeds recommendation
Softball fields	0.2	2	4	Exceeds recommendation
Basketball courts	0.2	2	5	Exceeds recommendation
Soccer fields	0.2	2	3	Exceeds recommendation
Volleyball courts	0.2	2	3	Exceeds recommendation
Tennis courts	0.35	4	4	Meets recommendation
Picnic shelters	0.3	3	8	Exceeds recommendation
Playgrounds	0.4	4	9	Exceeds recommendation
Skate parks	0.04	0-1	1	Exceeds recommendation
Off-leash dog parks	0.04	0-1	0	Meets recommendation ⁺
Boat ramp lanes	0.25	3	1	Meets recommendation ⁺
Non-motorized boat launches	0.25	3	1	Meets recommendation ⁺

"+": Facilities managed by other agencies contribute to meeting this need.

4.5 Additional Facilities Within 5 Miles of Astoria

Park Name	Acreage	Land Manager	Amenities
Fort Stevens State Park	4,700	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department	476 campsites, 11 cabins, 15 yurts, beaches, several miles of paved and natural trails, equipment rentals, restrooms and showers, interpretive programs, and special events.
Lewis and Clark National Historical Park	97	National Parks Service	Visitor center, Fort Clatsop replica, several miles of natural trails, interpretive programming, lectures and special events.
John Day County Park	54	Clatsop County	Boat launch with parking and restrooms, landscaped open space, and interpretive signage.
Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge	33,000	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Wetland reserve with hiking trails, water access, and interpretive signage.
Carruthers Park	7	City of Warrenton	Community park with open space, picnic area, playground equipment, restrooms, parking, waterfront trail access, and two large fenced-in dog park areas (one for large breeds and one for small breeds) with amenities.

4.6 Recreation Programs: Level of Service

Because there are not guidelines for recreation programs similar to the SCORP per-capita LOS recommendations for parkland, benchmarking Astoria's services to those offered by parks and recreation providers regionally and nation-wide is a method that can be used to evaluate level of service. Combined with input from the Astoria community on their interests and perceived level of service, this method helps to provide direction when determining which programs and services to offer.

NRPA Field Report

The *National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) 2016 Field Report* compiles data from parks and recreation providers nation-wide. This report is a useful tool for benchmarking Astoria's recreation programs and services.

The NRPA Field Report provides information regarding recreation programs offered by parks and recreation agencies around the country. For communities with a population of less than 20,000 people, the following programs are most common.

For comparison, programs which are provided by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department are marked with an asterisk.

Greater than two thirds of parks and recreation agencies nation-wide offer:

- *Fitness enhancement classes
- *Health and wellness education
- *Team sports

Between one and two thirds of parks and recreation agencies nation-wide offer:

- *Aquatics
- Individual sports
- *Martial arts
- Performing arts
- *Safety training
- Social recreation events
- *Themed special events
- Trips and tours
- Visual arts

Less than one third of parks and recreation agencies nation-wide offer:

- Cultural crafts
- Golf
- Natural and cultural history activities
- Racquet sports

Oregon SCORP

The *Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2013-2017)* defines the mission and duties of municipal parks and recreation providers as “To provide natural areas, high quality park and recreation facilities, services and programs that meet the needs of the diverse communities it serves... Local recreation providers tend to be more heavily involved in recreation and leisure programming to address a wider variety of public leisure needs. All municipal recreation providers, large or small, are faced with the task of providing their citizens the full range of recreational opportunities. Programs may include team sports, individual sports, outdoor recreation, summer recreation programs and camps, before and after-school programs, instructional classes, concerts, cultural exhibits, special events, and special programs for people with disabilities.”

SCORP includes the results from an extensive 2011 statewide survey of participation and preferences for outdoor recreation.

Participation rates for the following activities were highest:

- Sightseeing
- Picnicking
- Relaxing, hanging out, escaping heat, noise, etc.
- Day hiking or walking for pleasure
- General play at a park or playground
- Attending outdoor concerts, fairs, and festivals
- Visiting historic sites

Outdoor team and individual sports were noted as activities with stagnating or declining participation.

Based on these findings, as well as input collected from the Astoria community (outlined in the following chapter), Astoria's current level of service for recreation programs is adequate. Future program and service offerings should continue to be evaluated based on benchmarking and community input.

5. Needs assessment

- 5.1 Community Input
- 5.2 National, State, and Local Trends
- 5.3 Peer Community Analysis

5.1 Community Input

A high level of public engagement was established as a goal for this planning project. Effort was made to involve as many Astoria citizens and users of Astoria's Parks and Recreation system as possible, in order to strengthen the plan's findings, effectiveness, and support. There was unprecedented participation throughout the project: over 1,200 individuals were involved through various opportunities. The following is a summary of methods and findings.

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

The 12-member CAC was appointed by the Mayor to oversee the planning process. The committee was composed of community members involved with parks, recreation, stewardship, and strategic planning, and met monthly to represent community interests, guide community engagement strategies, review findings, and vet recommendations.

Parks Advisory Board (PAB)

Provided feedback during monthly project updates and two work sessions.

Planning Commission

Provided feedback during two project updates, a work session, and a public hearing.

City Council

Provided feedback during three project updates, a work session, and a public hearing.



Parks & Recreation Department Staff

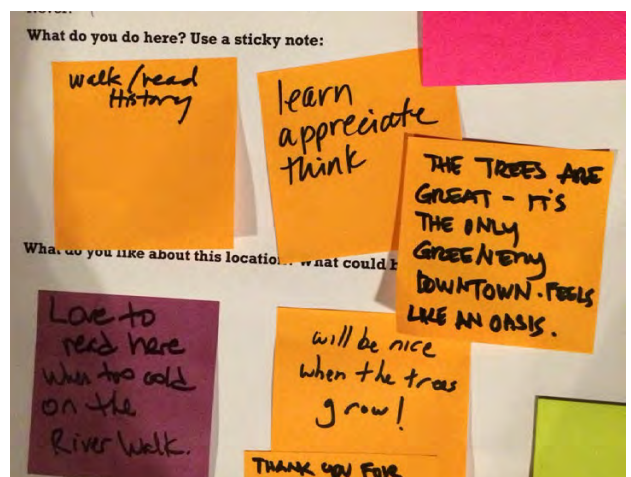
Staff provided insight throughout the process, and were interviewed at the beginning of the first project phase to discuss issues and opportunities, and identify goals and needs. The most common themes from staff interviews were:

- The community is upset about poorly maintained facilities and the department is struggling to keep up.
- Current staff are being stretched very thin, and it is increasingly difficult to hire, train, and retain support staff due to low unemployment and higher wages needed to attract qualified interest.
- It is increasingly difficult to provide quality services when demands are high and resources are low.
- There is a perceived lack of knowledge in the community about the full scope of services that are offered by the department, and the challenges the department faces in providing quality services.
- The Astoria parks and recreation system has incredible potential if the department can find a way to support it.
- Having one central recreation facility would improve community service and satisfaction, and allow the department to operate more effectively.
- The current employment classification of some positions is not sufficient in providing staff the opportunity to do their jobs effectively. The Department could reconfigure certain positions to help resolve many staffing issues and retain quality staff.
- Improved communications and marketing would increase participation, transparency, and satisfaction with services.

Fall 2015 Public Meetings

A workshop designed to collect information from the community was hosted on two occasions in November 2015. Interactive stations were set up to describe the planning process, provide an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department, and gather information about what facilities and services were most used. Additional stations asked the community to identify issues and opportunities, visions for the future of the parks system, and priorities for investment. Between the two meetings, 96 individuals participated. The most common themes from the Fall 2015 Public Meetings were:

- Improving maintenance at existing facilities is a top priority.
- Improve trail maintenance, develop trail connections, and provide directional signs.
- Collect revenue from tourism taxes to fund maintenance.
- Amenities such as lighting, water fountains, fitness equipment, and restrooms are desired along the River Walk.
- Improving safety should be a priority in areas where there is a high prevalence of loitering and illegal camping, especially along the River Walk.
- Address staffing shortages and extend the hours at the Aquatic Center.
- Provide outdoor and indoor recreation equipment for those with limited mobility.
- Designate an area or build a facility where dog owners can let dogs off-leash.
- Combine the recreation and aquatics facilities.
- New development should include more indoor recreation space for teens and adults, and adventure sports such as climbing and mountain biking.
- Top priorities for budget allocations were: the River Walk, trails, the Aquatic Center, maintenance of current facilities, a dog park, natural areas, and restrooms.



Winter 2015 Survey

A survey was developed to collect additional feedback in the early stages of the planning process. Similar to the Fall 2015 Public Meetings, the Winter 2015 Survey asked questions about program and facility use, issues and opportunities, visions for the future of the parks system, and priorities for investment. The survey was provided online for a period of 40 days, and was also made available in print at various Parks and Recreation facilities as well as other locations around the City. 881 responses were logged online, and a handful of responses were collected in print. A full summary of the Winter 2015 Survey can be found in the Appendix of this document.

- Generally, survey respondents strongly associated access to parks and recreation facilities with their quality of life, and were somewhat to mostly satisfied with opportunities in Astoria.
- Services specific to all segments of the population were rated as equally important.
- The highest-ranked existing services were fitness programs and facilities, maintenance of current facilities, playgrounds, natural and scenic viewing areas, trails, and youth programs.
- Top priorities for parkland investments were playground equipment and maintenance of current facilities.
- Proper maintenance of existing facilities should occur prior to any new development.
- Priorities for investments in trails were maintenance and improvement of existing trails, information and directional signage, and developing connections between existing trails.
- Regarding indoor facilities, the top priorities for investment were maintenance at the Aquatic Center and Recreation Center, the provision and maintenance of public restrooms, and the provision and maintenance of Port of Play.
- Providing access to indoor sport courts and combining the existing indoor recreation facilities rated favorably and were mentioned frequently in survey comments.
- When asked about priorities for investment in programs and services, respondents rated extending hours at the Aquatic Center as a top priority. Expansion of other programs and services did not garner strong support.
- Respondents were happy with the services offered but felt that many were too expensive, particularly programs and passes at the Aquatic Center and Recreation Center.
- There was a common request for improved communications and marketing. Many respondents were unaware of the facilities and services offered by the Department, when and where events were held, and how to register.

Stakeholder Focus Groups:

Department Staff, Citizen Advisory Committee, and Park Advisory Board members helped to identify specific partners, users, and interest groups to interview for collecting more targeted feedback regarding issues and opportunities to consider. Over 100 individuals attended stakeholder focus group meetings, which took place in January-February 2016, and lasted 45-60 minutes. The meetings consisted of a short presentation on the planning process and objectives, and 30 or more minutes of discussion. The following stakeholder groups were identified and interviewed. A summary of specific input collected during the meetings can be found in the Appendix of this document.

- **Aquatic Center user organizations** | Astoria High School, Clatsop Community College, Columbia Memorial Hospital, North Coast Swim Club, US Coast Guard
- **City staff** | Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Public Works
- **Downtown businesses** | Astoria Downtown Historic District Association (ADHDA)
- **Historic & cultural preservation** | Clatsop County Historical Society, Clatsop Community College, Lower Columbia Preservation Society, other independent local historians.
- **Latino Community** | Lower Columbia Hispanic Council
- **Parents clubs** | MOMS Club, Astor Parents Club, Lewis & Clark Parents Club, AMS Parents Club

- **Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation**
- **Public health & social service** | Clatsop County Public Health, Astoria Warming Center
- **Senior Community** | Members, leadership, and board members of the Astoria Senior Center
- **Service organizations** | Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Boy Scouts, Friends of the Astoria Column, Friends of the Astoria Armory, Friends of McClure Park
- **Teens** | Astoria High School Leadership Class and Student Council
- **Trails & natural areas** | National Parks Service, North Coast Watershed Council, North Coast Trail Alliance, NW Coast Trails Coalition, and other independent local horticulturists, arborists, and trail builders.
- **Youth & adult athletics** | Astoria Cal Ripken Baseball, Astoria Babe Ruth Baseball, Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association, Sunset Empire Parks & Recreation District, coaches from Astoria Parks & Recreation programs.

Spring 2016 Input Period

By Spring 2016, input from over 1,100 community members had been collected and processed. An inventory and existing conditions assessment, Level of Service analysis, and research of peer community, state, and national trends had also been completed. With the guidance of the Citizen Advisory Committee, draft recommendations were developed based on the findings of those initial project phases.

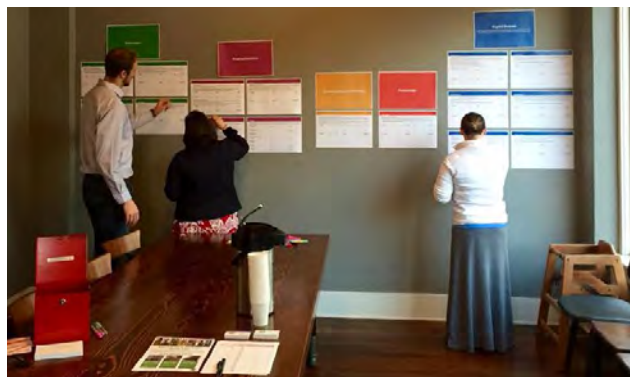
In April 2016, the findings and draft recommendations were provided to the public for review and comment. Three open house meetings



with informational and interactive exhibits were hosted at different times and venues. An online version of the information and input activities was also developed to extend the input period and collect additional feedback.

About 120 people participated in the open house meetings and online survey, which were designed to update the community on the planning process, identify findings and draft recommendations, verify that the draft recommendations were supported by the community, and ask which recommendations were top priorities. A full summary of results from the Spring 2016 Input Period can be found in the Appendix of this document.

- Draft recommendations were organized into six categories: maintenance, planning initiatives, communications and marketing, partnerships, operations, and capital projects.
- Generally, the community strongly agreed with most of the draft recommendations, and thought many should be high priorities.
- Selling underutilized parkland was the main draft recommendation that did not rate favorably. Respondents strongly preferred reducing maintenance and converting underutilized parks into natural areas, or developing underutilized parks with new amenities to satisfy unmet community needs.
- The top two priorities, by a fair margin, were increases in staffing levels and revenues to support higher quality services. Also rated highly were concentrating maintenance efforts on “priority” parks, and repairing, upgrading, and replacing playground equipment at key neighborhood parks.



5.2 National, State, and Local Trends

A useful method for assessing parks and recreation needs is research of national, state, and local trends in the industry. This provides a glimpse into what and how, facilities and services are provided by other parks and recreation agencies. This research can be used when determining Astoria's future system needs, including which types of facilities and services should be offered, level of service objectives, and how to fund and maintain the system into the future.

National Trends

The *National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) 2016 Field Report* compiles data from parks and recreation providers nation-wide. This report is a useful tool for benchmarking Astoria's recreation programs and services. The following is a comparison of Astoria Parks and Recreation Department facilities and services with nation-wide median values for agencies serving jurisdictions with populations under 20,000:

Number of park facilities:

- Nation: 1,335 residents per park
- Astoria: 271 residents per park

Acres of parkland:

- Nation: 10.6 acres per 1,000 residents
- Astoria: 21.1 acres per 1,000 residents

Full time employees:

- Nation: 9.3 per 10,000 residents
- Astoria: 7 per 10,000 residents

Operating Expenditures per Acre of Park and Non-Park Sites:

- Nation: \$7,644
- Astoria: \$5,910

Top program offerings:

- Team sports
- Fitness enhancement
- Health and wellness education

These findings demonstrate that Astoria has significantly more acres of parkland per capita, fewer full time employees, and substantially lower operating expenditures per acre of parkland

compared with jurisdictions of a similar size. This underscores community input outlined in section 5.1 regarding maintenance and staffing challenges.

Statewide Trends

The *Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2013-2017* (SCORP) identifies **"Top statewide issues to address":**

- Provide adequate funds for routine and preventative maintenance and repair of facilities.
- Fund major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities at the end of their useful life.
- Add more recreational trails and better trail connectivity between parks and communities.
- Recognize and strengthen park and recreation's role in increasing physical activity in Oregon's population.
- Recommend a standard set of sustainable park practices for outdoor recreation providers.

Key findings for Oregon's aging population:

- Oregon's recreation managers can expect substantial increases in the number of visitors with a physical or mental disability using their recreational facilities and services in the coming years as Boomers increase in age.
- Priority should be given to trails, picnic areas, sightseeing areas, and historic sites in terms of where resources should be directed for providing accessibility accommodations.

Key findings for Oregon's youth population:

- Preferred recreational activities for urban youth include outdoor sports, riding bikes, viewing nature and wildlife, dancing, and playing with dogs.
- A reported barrier to participating is that either their family doesn't go outside or nobody pushes them to go outside.
- Youth report that programs that focus on the arts, music, and social events would encourage more kids to go outside and into parks.

Key findings for Oregon's ethnic minorities:

- Recruit a more diverse staff.
- Target marketing information at ethnic groups in appropriate media and languages. Having literature and information available in multiple languages would help encourage use at outdoor recreation areas. According to participants, information should be distributed through existing ethnic organizations.
- The most important thing park managers can do to help them participate in outdoor recreation: provide clean facilities and restrooms, reduce user fees and keep services affordable, proper park and trail maintenance, access to better information, accessible facilities for disabled and limited mobility.
- Highest priorities for future investment: dirt/soft surface walking trails, public water access, nature and wildlife viewing areas, children's playground areas made of natural materials, picnic areas and shelters for small groups, off-street bicycle trails and paths, community gardens, and off-leash dog areas.
- Lowest priorities for future investment: outdoor tennis courts, basketball courts, baseball/softball fields, and multi-use sport fields.

Priorities for Community Providers:

- Community trail systems
- Children's playgrounds
- Acquisition of trail corridors
- Trails connected to public lands
- Public restroom facilities
- Picnicking / day-use facilities

The *Oregon Statewide Recreation Trails Plan: 2016-2025* identifies Repair of major trail damage as the highest trail funding priority by survey respondents. Such projects involve extensive trail repair (e.g., resurfacing of asphalt trails or complete replacement, regrading, and resurfacing of all trails) needed to bring a facility up to standards suitable for public use. The Trails Plan also identifies:

Statewide Non-Motorized Trail Funding Priorities:

- Connecting trails into larger trail systems.
- More signs/ trail wayfinding.
- Repair of major trail damage.

Statewide Non-Motorized Trail Management Issues:

- Need for trails connecting public places: trails projects that connect communities to each other; provide connections between existing trails; close a gap within an existing trail; provide links to trails outside Urban Growth Boundaries; provide access to parks and open space; and provide access to facilities such as schools, libraries, indoor recreation facilities, and businesses.
- Need for improved trail maintenance. Trail maintenance includes routine trail maintenance and trail rehabilitation/restoration. Routine maintenance includes work conducted on a frequent basis in order to keep a trail in its originally constructed serviceable standards (e.g., mowing, tree and brush pruning, leaf and debris removal, cleaning and repair of drainage structures), and repairs to signs and other amenities. Trail rehabilitation/restoration involves extensive trail repair.
- Need for trail signs. Trail users require a number of different types of signs to safely and enjoyably pursue their trail experience. Location signs that lead people to trailheads and parking areas, directional signs along the trail, destination signs to let people know they have reached end points, interpretive signs that describe the natural or cultural history of the area, and regulatory signs that explain the dos and don'ts of the area are important trail components.

Regional Non-Motorized Trail Priorities for New Development:

- Walking/hiking
- Biking, hard surface
- Running/jogging
- Walking/running, dog off-leash.

Clatsop County Trends

The *Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2013-2017 (SCORP)* identifies county-specific needs based on extensive survey data. For Clatsop County, the following priorities were identified:

- Dirt/soft surface walking trails and paths
- Public access sites to waterways
- Picnic areas and shelters for small groups
- Off-street bicycle trails and pathways
- Nature and wildlife viewing areas
- Children's playgrounds and play areas made out of natural materials
- Paved/hard surface walking trails and paths

In 2015, the *Clatsop Vision 2030 Together* plan was developed by Clatsop County. The plan identified current trends, a vision for the future, and anticipated issues that would be faced. The planning process involved research and community input, and resulted in a set of strategies to fulfill the vision for Clatsop County in 2030. Below is a selection of those strategies and goals relevant to parks and recreation facilities and services. The 2030 Vision also outlines Clatsop County's role in each strategy which are included for reference.

- **Arts as economic development:** advance arts and crafts, culture and historic preservation as key economic development strategies for the county. Potential County role: partner.
- **Arts and cultural destinations:** advance downtown Astoria, Seaside, and Cannon Beach as tourist, arts and cultural destinations. Potential County role: support.
- **River Walk and Prom enhancement:** encourage the maintenance and further enhancement of the Astoria River Walk and the Seaside Prom. Potential County role: support.
- **Health and wellness strategy:** develop a comprehensive strategy and programs to improve public health and wellness through education, lifestyle, nutrition, and access to

health care. Potential County role: lead.

- **Active living education:** promote public education on "active living" and the benefits of healthy eating and lifestyles. Potential County role: lead.
- **Affordable childcare:** expand access to affordable childcare for low-wage workers and the working poor. Potential County role: lead.
- **Services for older adults:** improve and enhance appropriate, useful programs and services for older adults and retired people. Potential County role: partner.
- **Community involvement and volunteerism:** support expanded and increased community involvement and volunteerism county-wide. Potential County role: support.
- **Latino population integration:** promote awareness and programs to better integrate County's growing Latino population into the community. Potential County role: partner.
- **Activities for youth:** partner with municipal and state entities to expand or improve recreational and educational programs and activities for youth. Potential County role: partner.
- **Natural areas, fish and wildlife habitat protection:** maintain and protect natural areas of all types for fish and wildlife habitat and corridors, as well as public access, enjoyment and recreation. Potential County role: partner.
- **Alternative modes of transportation:** support increased public education and awareness on the use of alternative modes of transportation and promote its use. Potential County role: support.
- **Parks and green spaces in new development:** incorporate green spaces, parks, natural areas, and wildlife migration corridor planning in all new development. Potential County role: partner.
- **Pedestrian and bicycle programs and amenities:** improve and enhance pedestrian and bicycle programs and amenities. Potential County role: partner.

5.3 Peer Community Analysis

Five Oregon parks and recreation providers were identified by Department staff, the Citizen Advisory Committee, and Parks Advisory Board to compare and contrast with Astoria. Each community was intended to serve as an example and point of comparison for how parks and recreation services are provided in similar jurisdictions. Communities were selected based on characteristics such as population, region, geography, jurisdiction type, and tourism.

Research on facilities and services provided, organizational structure, staffing, budgeting, and funding sources is included. This analysis can be used to inform policymakers of how other agencies go about providing parks and recreation services, and assist in planning for appropriate levels of service, new funding sources and operational methods.

Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

The Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC) is the caretaker of 785 acres of parkland and 26 miles of trails in Ashland and offers a variety recreational opportunities, as well as facility and park rentals.

- Advertising and sponsorship program for seasonal recreation guides and special events.
- A five percent food and beverage tax was established in Ashland in 1990. APRC receives \$0.01 for every \$0.05 collected, which amounted to \$520,000 in 2014-15.
- Youth and adult sport leagues are provided by the City of Medford, and advertised for in the APRC quarterly guide.
- 18 parks/properties that are designate “dog friendly”, one of which is a two-acre fenced-in area where dogs can run off leash and socialize with other dogs
- The Volunteer in Parks (VIP) program provides various volunteer opportunities to choose from, including working in parks and trails, the North Mountain Park Nature Center, special events, seasonal options and student projects.

City of Newport Parks and Recreation Department

Newport is often used as a comparison city for Astoria because of its similarity in size, population, geography, industry, and tourism. The City of Newport provides parks and recreation services to its constituents through its Parks and Recreation Department.

- Newport’s 45,000 sf recreation center is its most visited facility, with two gymnasiums, a large fitness center with cardio equipment and free weights, indoor running track, fitness and dance studios, a large multipurpose room with a kitchen, a classroom/meeting room, and indoor play equipment.
- A 22,000 sf addition to the recreation center facility will replace Newport’s existing aquatics center. The new addition will include an 8-lane 25-yd pool with 1m diving board, spectator seating, therapeutic/activity pool, hot tub, water slide, offices, storage, and locker rooms. Construction began in Fall of 2015, and the estimated cost of the addition is \$8.25 M. Newport residents passed a bond to fund the facility. Property owners will pay \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, about \$90 annually for the average household.
- The relocation of the aquatic center facility to the recreation center site will add to Newport’s civic complex, which also includes the Newport Senior Center and City Hall, and about 210 parking spaces.
- It is a goal of the City Council to update the City of Newport Parks Master Plan, which has been included in the budget FY 2016-17.
- The Community Development Department is investigating the possibility of developing a network of walking and mountain biking trails at the City’s water reservoir site.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is planning a bicycle pump track adjacent to its dog park, to be about 150’ x 150’. A tree master plan has also been proposed.

City of St. Helens Parks Department

- The St. Helens Parks Department is a division of the City's Public Works Department. A Parks & Grounds crew is responsible for maintenance of all parkland, as well as street trees and green spaces within public rights-of-way.
- St. Helens also relies on the Columbia County Community Corrections Crew for maintenance tasks, typically one day per week year-round. Tasks include mowing, trimming, weed eating, and litter pickup.
- The 2014 Parks and Trails Master Plan recommended an increase of the Parks & Grounds crew to a minimum 5.0 FTE year-round, with a total of 10.0 FTE as seasonal help in the spring and summer months.
- The City of St. Helens' location on the Columbia River permeates nearly every aspect of the small town, from tourism to economic development to transportation. As the popularity of recreation along the lower Columbia River increases, the City of St. Helens may act as a land refuge for many members of the non-motorized boating community looking for a place to rest, eat, or sleep.
- The 2014 Parks and Trails Plan proposes building 10.17 miles of additional trails to create new experiences and link the existing system.
- St. Helens, with its proximity to Portland, is projected to grow significantly by 2020, and if the park system remains the same acreage, it will fall short of the recommended level of service for nearly every park classification. The 2014 master plan recommended adding 26.3 acres of parkland in the form of a nature park and a community park.

Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District

The Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District (HRVPRD) was formed in 1988 to continue the operations of an Aquatic Center and supporting programs. The pool was originally owned and maintained by the City of Hood River.

- The district's permanent tax rate of \$0.34 per thousand dollars of property value has guaranteed the operating budget for the well-used facility.
- The District's role has expanded from operating the Hood River Aquatic Center to meeting a variety of the community parks and recreational needs. Currently, HRVPRD provides the Aquatic Center, Skate Park, disc golf course, three neighborhood parks, and the 4-mile Indian Creek Trail. Many other local parks are managed by the port, city or county of Hood River.
- HRVPRD is finalizing a continuous loop trail system that joins into county trails. A slow but steady process of sharing the trail vision with the community and obtaining the necessary easements is working well. Adjacent property owners are becoming partners in bringing the trail to life.

Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation District

The Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation District (SEPRD) was established in 1969 to fund the Sunset Pool facility. Duties have grown to encompass a variety of aquatic and dry-land recreation programs, after-school care, and special events.

- District boundaries are the same as Seaside School District #10, excluding the city limits of Gearhart and Cannon Beach.
- An elected board consists of 5 members who serve four-year terms.
- Vision: "We lead our community toward a healthy, active lifestyle and foster a sense of community thorough inclusive, sustainable, educational and recreational programs."
- Rates are structured based on residence within or outside of the District.

	Astoria Parks and Recreation Department	Ashland Parks and Recreation Department	Newport Parks and Recreation Department	St. Helens Parks Department	Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District	Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District
Service area	10.1 sq mi	6.6 sq mi	10.6 sq mi	5.5 sq mi	530 sq mi	200 sq mi
Service area population	9,503	20,366	10,117	12,883	21,202	11,627
Operations model	City department	City department	City department	Division of City Public Works Department	Regional park and recreation district	Regional park and recreation district
Park sites managed	36	35	13	12	6	3
Land managed	301 acres	728 acres	50 acres	103 acres	50 acres	6 acres
Miles of trails managed	8.8 miles	41 miles	1 mile	6.5 miles	4 miles	None
Park facilities	Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; skate park; community garden; natural areas; riverfront trail and parks; historic and cultural sites; historic cemetery.	Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; skate park; 9-hole golf course; dog friendly areas; fenced-in dog park; four community gardens; seasonal ice rink.	Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; picnic shelters; charcoal grills; a small amphitheater; skate park; 2 fenced-in dog parks; nature trails; community garden; Japanese garden.	Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; skate park; splash pad; 18-hole disc golf course; dog friendly areas; covered picnic areas with power, water, and charcoal grills; beachfront; nature trails; fitness trail with exercise stations; BMX pump track; community garden; two camping areas.	Playgrounds; sport courts; open space; 9-hole disc golf course; skate and BMX park; nature trails.	Skate park, community gardens, and synthetic turf field complex (all owned by City of Seaside, adjacent to and managed by SEPRD).
Indoor facilities	Aquatics center, recreation center, childcare center, indoor playground, two community halls, four public restroom facilities, parks maintenance facility, cemetery maintenance facility and chapel.	Aquatics center, recreation center, nature center, senior center, five community halls, public restroom facilities.	Aquatics center, recreation center, concession stand, three public restroom facilities.	Four public restroom facilities (two with showers), two concession stands.	Aquatics center, park restroom facility.	Combined aquatics and recreation center, youth and community center.
Recreation programs	Swimming lessons, aquatic and dryland fitness, runs and walks, special events, youth and adult sport leagues, early childcare, K-8 after school programs, summer day camps.	Swimming lessons, aquatic and dryland fitness, special events, senior programs, adapted programs, arts and life skills, music and dance, sustainable living and gardening, nature, culture, and history interpretation.	Swimming lessons, aquatic and dryland fitness, special events, senior programs, youth and adult sport leagues, K-8 after school programs, summer day camps.	None	Swimming lessons, aquatic fitness, parties and special events, kayak roll sessions, kayak water polo.	Swimming lessons, aquatic and dryland fitness, special events, senior programs, K-8 after school programs, arts and life skills.
Number of employees	7 full time, 75-100 part time support, 3-6 seasonal maintenance support	38 full time, 6-8 seasonal support	8 full time, 10-12 part time support	3 full time, 1 part time support, 5-6 seasonal support	4 full time, 20-30 part time support	7 full time, 14 part time support
Operating budget	\$1.82 M	\$6.3 M	\$2.3 M	\$233,250 for parkland maintenance	\$3.7 M	\$2.56 M
Subsidy received	48% from City general funds	83% from City general funds	49% from City general funds	100% from City general funds	\$0.34 per 1,000 assessed property value within District boundaries	\$0.92 per 1,000 assessed property value within District boundaries
Other funding sources	City capital improvement funds; transient room tax funds (amount varies); Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation fundraising.	Food and beverage tax (20% of total collected is transferred to Parks and Recreation); System Development Charges, City capital improvement funds.	Transient room tax, System Development Charges, City capital improvement funds.	System Development Charges, City Public Works budgets for Grounds and Water + Sewer, City capital improvement funds.	System Development Charges	City of Seaside, timber tax.
Notes	The Maintenance Division also manages an additional 13 non-park properties (about 9 acres).	The Department is overseen by a 5 - member elected City commission	Maintenance /custodial services are managed by the Public Works Department. \$563,000 for those services is included in the operating budget and subsidy above.	St. Helens is considering a utility fee or maintenance district for parks.	HRVPRD is developing a continuous loop trail system and fenced-in dog park in Hood River.	SEPRD identified nearly \$170,000 in deferred maintenance at its aquatics and recreation facility in FY 2015-16 budgets.

6. Recommendations

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6.1 Introduction

The recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan are a result of the preceding community profile, inventory of facilities and services, evaluation of existing conditions, level of service analysis, and needs assessment. They establish goals and actions to guide investments and decision-making for the next ten years. The following chapter outlines a strategy for implementing these recommendations, including cost estimates and target completion dates.

Draft recommendations were developed in coordination with Parks and Recreation Department staff, the Citizen Advisory Committee, and Parks Advisory Board. The draft recommendations were then presented to the public to measure support and evaluate prioritization. That input was presented to Staff, the Citizen Advisory Committee, and Parks Advisory Board, and used to refine the recommendations prior to work sessions with the City of Astoria Planning Commission and City Council on the draft Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.

Recommendations are divided into six categories: Maintenance, Planning, Communications and Marketing, Partnerships, Operations, and Capital Projects.



6.2 Maintenance

Develop a Parks and Facilities Maintenance Plan

Nationwide, maintaining parks facilities is a challenge, and agencies are experiencing a growing backlog of deferred maintenance. In Oregon, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) identifies providing adequate funds for routine and preventative maintenance and repair of facilities, and funding major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities at the end of their useful life, as “top statewide issues to address.”

Astorians have expressed that they are disappointed with the conditions and upkeep of the Parks and Recreation Department’s parks and facilities. Many comments collected during surveys and public meetings identified maintenance of existing parks and facilities as a top priority, and that acceptable maintenance levels should be achieved before planning for any new development.

Actions:

- Establish standards for level of care at each park, trail, and indoor facility
- Identify and prioritize the backlog of deferred maintenance tasks
- Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all built and natural historic features
- Utilize computer software to record and track parkland and facility conditions, maintenance needs, scheduling, amenities, and part numbers
- Prioritize sustainability and energy efficiency. Develop a strategy for improvement in those areas
- Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all tree and plant species
- Incorporate estimates for the maintenance costs of proposed development, such as the trails included in the 2013 Trails Master Plan, and the development of Heritage Square.
- Update the Parks & Recreation Facilities Maintenance Plan at regular intervals.



Increase Community Stewardship

The SCORP recommends parks and recreation providers identify reliable sources of financial and in-kind support. Community organizations and volunteers can provide valuable assistance in funding and completing maintenance tasks and development projects.

Astoria Parks and Recreation currently utilizes its Citizens Helping Improve Parks (CHIP-in) program and a handful of “friends” groups to mitigate low staff capacity for maintenance needs, but could improve those programs to receive more stable and robust support from the community.

Actions:

- Develop and maintain a public online database of projects which need volunteer assistance or could be completed by volunteers
- Continue to grow the CHIP-In program, focusing on methods to improve volunteer recruitment and increase retention
- Establish a formal “Friends of the Parks” program and develop a contract with guidelines and expectations.
- Establish a formal “Adopt-A-Park” program and develop a contract with guidelines and expectations.
- Ensure internal staff capacity is available to oversee projects and carry out continued maintenance required for any improvements or new development.

6.3 Planning

Capital Improvement Plan

A capital improvement plan would outline and organize the Department’s capital projects, and improve effectiveness in funding and implementation. It would also allow the Department to phase project timelines strategically and account for things like the ongoing maintenance costs of improvements and new development.

Actions:

- Develop a plan and implementation strategy
- Include long-term maintenance requirements for each project
- Prioritize projects based on community support and availability of funding

Ocean View Cemetery Master Plan

Operating a 100-acre historic cemetery located in Warrenton has proven challenging over the past five years. Prior to 2011, there were one or more full time maintenance staff located at Ocean View Cemetery and dedicated to operations, burials, and maintenance. Since staffing cuts have been made, operations and maintenance at the cemetery have suffered. The community has raised concerns about conditions at the cemetery. Perpetual care of burial sites is guaranteed as part of the cemetery deed purchase. Some community members believe maintaining the cemetery should be a high priority, while others agree but believe operations of the facility should not be a core service of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Implementation of a new online GIS portal will allow visitors to easily locate information and burial sites, saving the department time on record keeping and answering questions. Additional planning will help to develop strategies for improving cemetery operations and maintenance to a level that meets public expectations.

Actions:

- Address funding sources, operations and maintenance, and future site development
- Complete this project prior to any new development at the cemetery



Combined Recreation Center Feasibility Study

There are three primary indoor recreation facilities managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff and community members have expressed frustration with having separate facilities on opposite sides of the city, the lack of fitness studios at the Aquatics Center, and the lack of showers and locker rooms to support the fitness studios at the Recreation Center. A commonly suggested solution was to consolidate the facilities at a single, central location. This solution has the potential to improve the Department's efficiency by requiring fewer staff and improving interdepartmental communication. It would also increase customer satisfaction, especially for families, by having all recreation needs under one roof.

Actions:

- Evaluate consolidation of APRD-managed indoor recreation facilities into a single site
- Evaluate the Astoria Aquatic Center's capacity to be expanded to include the amenities currently provided at the Astoria Recreation Center and Port of Play
- Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of selling the Astoria Recreation Center, and consider the requirement to retain public access to Youngs Bay
- Assess the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating facilities, including staffing, facility maintenance, parking, and customer satisfaction
- Evaluate a range of development scenarios, with consideration given to other providers of indoor recreation facilities in Astoria

- Evaluate options for retaining or relocating parks maintenance facilities in scenarios that would include the sale of the Astoria Recreation Center facility

Site-specific Park Improvement Plans

Many park sites managed by the Department are in need of more than basic maintenance. Several facilities are under-utilized, past their useful lives, inaccessible to those with limited mobility, or in neighborhoods with changing needs. Site-specific planning will allow the Department to develop design strategies and cost estimates for improving landscape features and park amenities.

Sites:

- 9th & Astor Park
- Alderbrook Natural Area
- Alderbrook Park
- Astor Park (coordinate with Friends of the Astoria Column)
- McClure Park (coordinate with Friends of McClure Park)
- Shively Park
- Tidal Rock Park

Parks & Recreation Department Involvement in Related City of Astoria Planning Initiatives

In order to ensure that the Parks and Recreation Department's planning initiatives mesh well with other City initiatives, and that City initiatives are in stride with the Parks and Recreation Department's planning initiatives and staff capacity, communication and collaboration between departments is critical.

Actions:

- Provide guidance for any open space development proposed at Heritage Square
- Provide guidance for implementation of proposed open space in the Riverfront Vision Plan
- Provide guidance for any other planning proposals that would require APRD resources to construct, operate, or maintain

Review and Update the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan

The Plan should be reviewed and updated at regular intervals to ensure that its contents and strategies are current with the needs of the Department and community.

Actions:

- Review the Plan every 3-5 years
- Update the Plan in 5-10 years

Review and Update the City of Astoria Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element

The City of Astoria Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element, Goals and Policies, should be updated to reflect the contents of this document. The Comprehensive Plan map, c. 1978, should also be updated to reflect the current inventory, location, and boundaries of parkland. Establishing official boundaries for each park facility is important for future planning, development, and enforcement of Department policies.

Actions:

- Update policies and goals
- Update map



6.4 Communications and Marketing

Develop an Annual Communications and Marketing Plan

This plan would assess the Department's various methods of information delivery annually, to reach and maintain benchmarks for communications and marketing established by the Department and community.

Actions:

- Measure the impact that communications and marketing strategies have on attendance, program registration, customer satisfaction, and revenue. Use this information to develop a plan annually.

Visitor and Non-Resident Use Study

Visitor use studies can be used to measure the usage of public facilities and assess resulting impacts, from increased maintenance demands and strain on infrastructure, to job creation and retail sales. Astoria has many popular tourist attractions, visited annually by hundreds of thousands of people from around the world. Visits to Astoria often include strolls along the River Walk, climbs to the top of the Astoria Column, and pit-stops at the Downtown Restrooms during Sunday Market. In addition, Astoria's recreation facilities, programs, and special events are some of the only provided in a substantial vicinity, drawing regular participation from residents of northern Clatsop County and southern Pacific County in Washington.

The information collected from the study could then be used to evaluate revenue streams that would support the Department's magnitude of services to non-Astoria citizens.

Actions:

- Track, measure, and record the use of parks, trails, facilities and programs by user type (residents, non-residents, visitors).
- Assess the impact of tourism on Parks & Recreation facilities.
- Assess the value Parks & Recreation facilities and events bring to the area's economy through sales and job creation.

Increase Community Awareness of Parks and Recreation Facilities and Services

Survey and public meeting results showed a strong desire for better delivery of information from the Parks and Recreation Department about its facilities and services. These results tended to occur more frequently in late 2015. A part-time Communications Coordinator was hired around the same time, and by early 2016 there were fewer negative and more positive responses regarding information delivery, particularly the Department website and social media profiles. Progress is being made, but it will need to be sustained, and there are still many areas with room for improvement. Staff continue to express a need for more effective communication with the public, and it remains a priority.

Actions:

- Continue to develop and improve the Astoria Parks & Recreation website, social media pages, and periodicals.
- Provide materials in print at key locations such as schools, the Astoria Senior Center, Astoria Library, Chamber of Commerce, and other public facilities, community organizations, and healthcare providers.
- Provide communications and marketing materials in Spanish and coordinate with local community groups such as the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council and Lower Columbia Tourism Committee.
- Increase awareness of scholarship opportunities, discounts, giveaways and free events.
- Increase awareness of the Parks and Recreation Department's operations, amenities, and services.



6.5 Partnerships

Evaluate Partnership Agreements for Shared Facility Use and Maintenance

The Parks and Recreation Department manages a handful of properties that are used regularly by other organizations. The Department also uses facilities owned by other agencies, for its own programs. In many cases, agreements are made fully or partially on an exchange of services, such as shared maintenance.

Actions:

- Evaluate existing agreements to ensure a fair balance
- Establish new or more formal agreements where appropriate

Review and Honor Agreements with Granting Agencies

Grants for parks and recreation facilities or services typically come with stipulations regarding how funds are to be directed, and how land is to be used.

Actions:

- Ensure all existing agreements continue to be honored, especially where funds have been granted with contracts that require particular uses and/or amenities

Coordinate with Other Local Parks and Recreation Providers

Northern Clatsop County and Southern Pacific County are ripe with recreational land managers, environmental associations, public health providers, educators, historic preservation groups, and community organizations. This provides a wealth of opportunities for coordination. Communication and partnerships with outside organizations can also be an effective strategy for finding better ways to meet the community's parks and recreation needs.

6.6 Operations

Balance Staff Capacity with Quality and Level of Service Benchmarks

Community input gathered during the planning process demonstrated that parks and recreation facilities and services were a critical component to respondents' quality of life. Results also demonstrated that the community has higher expectations for quality of services and maintenance of facilities than current levels. In addition, the Department provides a larger scope of services with fewer full time staff than national averages and peer communities (see sections 5.2 and 5.3 for more information).

Actions:

- Achieve target staffing levels to meet current needs
- Provide competitive wages and benefits to improve hiring and retention
- Employ a sufficient level of part and full time staff to meet quality and level of service needs
- Contract for services that cannot reasonably be provided by Department staff
- Provide a safe and healthy work environment

Increase Revenues to Meet Quality and Level of Service Benchmarks

Community input gathered during the planning process shows that the community has higher expectations for quality of services and maintenance than current levels.

The Oregon SCORP lists, "provide adequate funds for routine and preventative maintenance and repair of facilities", "fund major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities at the end of their useful life" as "Top Statewide Issues to Address." Although the Department's cost recovery is nearly double the national median, its operating budget per acre of parkland is significantly lower than national averages and peer communities (see sections 3.1, 5.2 and 5.3 for more information).

In order to reach and sustain quality and level of service benchmarks, appropriate and reliable revenue sources will need to be in place.

Actions:

- Adjust program and user fees at regular intervals to keep up with changes in operations and maintenance costs
- Evaluate and implement new revenue sources to support operations and maintenance costs, such as utility fees, business license fees, a parks and recreation taxing district, a cemetery taxing district, increased non-resident user fees, and/or greenway fees for businesses along the River Walk
- Evaluate and implement new revenue sources to support capital projects, such as system development charges (SDCs), grants, Parks & Recreation Endowment Fund; and/or a food and beverage tax.
- Request Promote Astoria Funds for building, improving, and maintaining facilities that benefit citywide beautification and tourism.
- Leverage public/private partnerships to reduce requirements or share costs
- Leverage communications and marketing strategies to increase revenue

Prioritize Core Services

While highly valued by the community, the Department's scope of facilities and services is vast, and some components are scarcely used. In order to operate as effectively as possible, and sustain high levels of service, the Department should identify and evaluate options for underutilized facilities and services. Regarding facilities, the community has expressed that reconfiguration or alternative use is strongly preferred to sale.

Actions:

- Use the Parks and Recreation Department's mission statement, goals, Comprehensive Master Plan, and community input to determine what "core" facilities and services should encompass
- Evaluate reconfiguration or sale of underutilized facilities in areas that are currently over-served, to allow more resources to be allocated to core services. The evaluation should include which facilities would be eligible, total funds to be gained

or saved by the Department, personnel hours saved, intended use of the facility after reconfiguration or sale, and public comment.

- Evaluate the reduction or elimination of underutilized programs, or programs that are determined to be outside of the core
- Investigate alternative options for the maintenance of “non-park” land currently managed by APRD

Establish Hours of Operation that Meet Community Needs

Due to staff and funding restrictions, the hours of operation at the Astoria Aquatic Center were reduced in 2015. A common theme of community input results was that the Center should be open later in the evening on weekdays and earlier in the morning on weekends.

Actions:

- Extend the hours of operation at the Astoria Aquatics Center to better meet community needs while ensuring appropriate staff and funding capacity.

6.7 Capital Projects

Install Additional Lighting Along the River Walk

The River Walk is one of Astoria’s most-visited park facilities, used for transportation, exercise, and leisure at all hours of day and night. Irregular surfaces, changes in path direction, loitering, and



illegal camping contribute to poor conditions for safety at night in stretches of the linear park and trail system. Lighting would help improve this.

Actions:

- Determine appropriate fixtures and locations with the goal of improving safety from 17th Street to 39th Street.

Add, Remove, Replace, or Repair Playground Equipment

Playground equipment was identified as a priority for investment by Oregon’s Statewide Outdoor Comprehensive Recreation Plan 2013-17 (SCORP), and also by community input gathered during this planning process. The Department manages a handful of large playground facilities that are highly utilized. Others are smaller and highly underutilized, due to size, amenities, location or outdated equipment. Additionally, there are few facilities that sufficiently accommodate visitors with limited mobility. Evaluating the Department’s network of playground facilities would inform decisions for where equipment should be added, removed, replaced, or repaired.

Actions:

- Provide play equipment near residential neighborhoods
- Ensure equitable access to parks with safe play equipment
- Ensure play equipment meets ADA requirements for access and use

Designate an Off-Leash Dog Area(s)

Dog ownership is common in Astoria, and many of its residential neighborhoods are dense, with small or no lawn areas. This has been a factor contributing to strong support for large public spaces to run dogs off-leash, such as a marked open areas or fenced areas, possibly with additional amenities. Visitors to Astoria often travel with canine companions as well, and search for places to let them run. The Astoria Dog Park Friends formed to advocate for an off-leash dog facility. There is some opposition in the community to this proposal, which makes finding an appropriate location challenging.



Actions:

- Provide a designated off-leash dog area or areas within existing parkland, with signage and waste bags
- Design and construct a fenced-in dog area with amenities within existing parkland

Install A Permanent Restroom Facility at Fred Lindstrom Park

Fred Lindstrom Park's amenities and location make it a popular destination for families throughout the year. With sport courts, a large playground, benches and picnic tables, there is plenty to keep visitors occupied. The community has expressed that a temporary portable restroom facility placed at the park during the summer months is not sufficient, and that a permanent facility would be preferred.

Actions:

- Determine specific location and type of facility

Install Additional Restroom Facilities Along the River Walk

A growing need for public restroom facilities along the River Walk has been identified by many community members and organizations. Suggested locations were near 9th & Astor Park and People's Park.

Actions:

- Determine specific locations and type of facility

Implement the 2013 Trails Master Plan

The *Oregon SCORP* identifies "add more recreational trails and better trail connectivity between parks and communities" as one of its "Top Statewide Issues to Address." The *Oregon Statewide Recreation Trails Master Plan* lists connecting trails into larger trail systems, more signs/ trail wayfinding, and repair of major trail damage as "Statewide Non-Motorized Trail Funding Priorities."

Astorians are also very interested in a larger, more connected, better maintained, and easier-to-navigate trail system. The *City of Astoria Trails Master Plan, 2013* was developed by the Community Development Department and outlines a 20-year vision for trails and trail connections in Astoria.

Actions:

- See the 2013 Trails Master Plan Map, Goals, and Objectives

Improve Signage System-Wide

Clear, attractive, and consistent signage to better identify Parks and Recreation facilities, direct visitors to other attractions, communicate hours and regulations, and interpret natural, cultural, and historic features, would improve the experiences of locals and visitors alike.

Actions:

- Install wayfinding signage (refer to 2015 Wayfinding Concept Plan)
- Install park identification signage
- Install additional interpretive signage
- Ensure sign character and location is consistent system-wide



7. Implementation and Funding

7.1 Introduction

Table: Implementation and Funding Strategy

7.1 Introduction

The preceding chapters of the *Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, 2016* assess the current inventory and conditions of parkland and facilities, measure the level of service provided by the Department, identify community needs, and provides a set of recommendations on these analyses, including action items for the Department to carry out over the next 10 years. An implementation and funding strategy was developed to guide fulfillment of the recommended actions, which encompass maintenance and operations, capital projects, communications and marketing, partnerships, and further planning initiatives.

The scope of the Plan's recommendations includes all parks, trails, facilities and programs managed by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department, as well as maintenance and operations.

The development and regular updates, of the Implementation and Funding Strategy will allow the Department and City to make decisions based on a clear, community-shared vision for the Department, ensuring facilities and services meet the needs and interests of the community throughout time and changes in leadership. This plan will also assist in targeting resources for continuing to provide, and improve, Astoria's extensive and highly valued parks and recreation system.

The Strategy is intended to be a living, working document: a viable tool that is used, reviewed, and updated on a regular basis.

The *Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: 2013-2017* "Guide to Community Park and Recreation Planning" recommends the following items be considered when developing a strategy for plan implementation, in order to make planning documents as effective and useful as possible:

- What actions are the highest priorities to implement within the next 1-2 years?
- What small actions could make substantial progress toward larger goals?
- Which actions would allow results to be seen by the public within the first year of plan implementation?
- Which actions would benefit many segments of the community vs. niche user groups/special interests?
- Which actions could be carried out with existing funding? Which would require new funding sources?
- In order to establish accountability, the implementation strategy should have the following: specific actions that can clearly be identified as 'accomplished' or 'not accomplished', specific people or entities responsible for carrying out each action, and reasonable but specific deadlines.
- The implementation strategy can be reviewed and updated on a regular basis (many communities do this annually, concurrent with the budget cycle).

The following pages summarize the Implementation and Funding Strategy of this Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. Each page corresponds with the Recommendations categories outlined in Section 6 of this document.

Maintenance

Recommendation	Page	Timeframe	Actions	Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Develop a Parks and Facilities Maintenance Plan	50	1-2 years	Establish standards for level of care at each park, trail, and indoor facility	2018; update every 3-5 years	\$50,000 - \$75,000	Parks & Recreation Fund; Capital Improvement Fund; OPRD grants	<p><u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor*</p> <p><u>Partners:</u> Master gardeners, Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, North Coast Watershed Association, Clatsop Community College Historic Preservation, Lower Columbia Preservation Society, Clatsop County Historical Society, Tongue Point Job Corps, National Park Service.</p>
			Identify and prioritize the backlog of deferred maintenance tasks				
			Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all built and natural historic features				
			Utilize computer software to record and track parkland and facility conditions, maintenance needs, scheduling, amenities, and part numbers				
			Prioritize sustainability and energy efficiency. Develop a strategy for improvement in those areas				
			Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all tree and plant species				
			Incorporate estimates for the maintenance costs of proposed development, such as the trails included in the 2013 Trails Master Plan, and the development of Heritage Square.				
			Update the Parks & Recreation Facilities Maintenance Plan at regular intervals.				
Increase community stewardship	51	Ongoing	Develop and maintain a public online database of projects which need volunteer assistance or could be completed by volunteers	2017	Varies based on staff time	Parks & Recreation Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; OPRD grants	<p><u>Project Lead:</u> Volunteer Coordinator*</p> <p><u>Support:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor.</p>
			Continue to grow the CHIP-In program, focusing on methods to improve volunteer recruitment and increase retention	Review progress annually			
			Establish a formal "Friends of the Parks" program and develop a contract with guidelines and expectations.	2017			
			Establish a formal "Adopt-A-Park" program and develop a contract with guidelines and expectations.	2017			
			Ensure internal staff capacity is available to oversee projects and carry out continued maintenance required for any improvements or new development.	Review project by project			

"*": Additional staff capacity is needed to implement this recommendation

Planning

Recommendation	Page	Timeframe	Actions	Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Capital Improvement Plan	51	Ongoing	Develop a plan and implementation strategy	Develop by 2017, then update annually	Varies based on staff time	Parks & Recreation Fund; Capital Improvement Fund	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor*; Recreation Coordinators*
			Include long-term maintenance requirements for each project				
			Prioritize projects based on community support and availability of funding				
Ocean View Cemetery Master Plan	51	1-2 years	Address funding sources, operations and maintenance, and future site development	2017	\$50,000 - \$75,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor * <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department
			Complete this project prior to any new development				
Combined Recreation Center Feasibility Study	52	6-9 years	Evaluate consolidation of APRD-managed indoor recreation facilities into a single site	2020	\$30,000 - \$50,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department <u>Partners:</u>
			Evaluate the Astoria Aquatic Center's capacity to be expanded to include the amenities currently provided at the Astoria Recreation Center and Port of Play				
			Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of selling the Astoria Recreation Center, and consider the requirement to retain public access to Youngs Bay				
			Assess the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating facilities, including staffing, facility maintenance, parking, and customer satisfaction				
			Evaluate a range of development scenarios, with consideration given to other providers of indoor recreation facilities in Astoria				
			Evaluate options for retaining or relocating parks maintenance facilities in scenarios that would include the sale of the Astoria Recreation Center facility				
Site-specific park improvement plans	52	3-5 years	9th & Astor Park	2019	\$20,000 - \$50,000 per plan	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor*. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department
			Alderbrook Natural Area				
			Alderbrook Park				
			Astor Park (coordinate with Friends of the Astoria Column)				
			McClure Park (coordinate with Friends of McClure Park)				
			Shively Park				
			Tidal Rock Park				
Parks and Recreation Department involvement in related City of Astoria planning initiatives	52	Ongoing	Provide guidance for any open space development proposed at Heritage Square	Review on a project by project basis	Varies based on staff time	City of Astoria General Fund	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; City Council; All City Departments
			Provide guidance for implementation of proposed open space in the Riverfront Vision Plan				
			Provide guidance for any other planning proposals that would require APRD resources to construct, operate, or maintain				
Review and update the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan	53	Ongoing	Review the Plan every 3-5 years	2020	Varies based on staff time	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director.* <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department
			Update the Plan every 5-10 years	2024	\$25,000 - \$50,000		
Update the City of Astoria Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element	53	1-2 years	Update policies and goals	2018	Varies based on staff time	City of Astoria General Fund	<u>Project Lead:</u> Community Development Director <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department
			Update map				

"*": Additional staff capacity is needed to implement this recommendation

Communications and Marketing

Recommendation	Page	Timeframe	Actions	Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Develop an Annual Communications and Marketing Plan	53	Ongoing	Measure the impact that communications and marketing strategies have on attendance, program registration, customer satisfaction, and revenue. Use this information to develop a plan annually.	Develop plan by 2017, then update annually	\$5,000 - \$10,000	Parks & Recreation Fund	<u>Project Lead:</u> Communications Coordinator* <u>Support:</u> Parks & Recreation Director
Visitor and non-resident use study	53	3-5 years	Track, measure, and record the use of parks, trails, facilities and programs by user type (residents, non-residents, visitors).	2020	\$30,000 - \$50,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Communications Coordinator* <u>Support:</u> Parks & Recreation Director <u>Partners:</u>
			Assess the impact of tourism on Parks & Recreation facilities.				
			Assess the value Parks & Recreation facilities and events bring to the area's economy through sales and job creation.				
Increase community awareness of parks and recreation facilities and services	54	Ongoing	Continue to develop and improve the Astoria Parks & Recreation website, social media pages, and periodicals.	Evaluate annually, concurrent with Communications and Marketing Plan	Varies based on staff time.	Parks & Recreation Fund	<u>Project Lead:</u> Communications Coordinator* <u>Support:</u> Parks & Recreation Director. <u>Partners:</u> Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation
			Provide materials in print at key locations such as schools, the Astoria Senior Center, Astoria Library, Chamber of Commerce, and other public facilities, community organizations, and healthcare providers.				
			Provide communications and marketing materials in Spanish and coordinate with local community groups such as the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council and Lower Columbia Tourism Committee.				
			Increase awareness of scholarship opportunities, discounts, giveaways and free events.				
			Increase awareness of the Parks and Recreation Department's operations, amenities, and services.				

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Partnerships

Recommendation	Page	Timeframe	Actions	Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Evaluate agreements with existing partners for shared maintenance and/or use of facilities	54	Ongoing	Evaluate existing agreements to ensure a fair balance	First review by 2017; then evaluate annually	Varies based on staff time.	Parks & Recreation Fund	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor* <u>Support:</u> Recreation Coordinator(s); Parks Advisory Board
			Establish new or more formal agreements where appropriate				
Review and honor agreements with granting agencies	54	Ongoing	Ensure all existing agreements continue to be honored, especially where funds have been granted with contracts that require particular uses and/or amenities	Evaluate annually	N/A	N/A	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director*
Coordinate with other local recreation providers	54	Ongoing	Build and pursue new partnerships with other local parks and recreation providers	Evaluate annually	Varies based on staff time.	Parks & Recreation Fund	Recreation Coordinator(s)*; Parks & Recreation Director*
			Collaborate to meet shared goals, and reduce gaps or overlaps in services				

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Operations

Recommendation	Page	Timeframe	Actions	Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Balance staff capacity with quality and level of service benchmarks	55	1-2 years	Achieve target staffing levels to meet current needs	2017	TBD	Parks & Recreation Fund; Capital Improvement Fund	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director. <u>Support:</u> Maintenance Supervisor; Recreation Coordinators; Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager
		Ongoing	Provide competitive wages and benefits to improve hiring and retention	Review annually concurrent with budget cycle			
			Employ a sufficient level of part and full time staff to meet quality and level of service needs				
			Contract for services that cannot reasonably be provided by Department staff				
			Provide a safe and healthy work environment				
Increase revenues to meet quality and level of service benchmarks	55	Ongoing	Adjust program and user fees at regular intervals to keep up with changes in operations and maintenance costs	Annual	Staff time	Parks & Recreation Fund; TBD	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager; Community Development Department
			Evaluate and implement new revenue sources to support operations and maintenance costs, such as utility fees, business license fees, a parks and recreation taxing district, a cemetery taxing district, increased non-resident user fees, and/or greenway fees for businesses along the River Walk	2017			
			Evaluate and implement new revenue sources to support capital projects, such as system development charges (SDCs), grants, Parks & Recreation Endowment Fund; and/or a food and beverage tax.	2017			
			Request Promote Astoria Funds for building, improving, and maintaining facilities that benefit citywide beautification and tourism.	Annual			
			Leverage public/private partnerships to reduce requirements or share costs	Evaluate annually			
			Leverage communications and marketing strategies to increase revenue	Evaluate annually			
			Prioritize "core" services by reconfiguring or eliminating underutilized facilities and/or programs	55			
Evaluate reconfiguration or sale of underutilized facilities in areas that are currently over-served, to allow more resources to be allocated to core services. The evaluation should include which facilities would be eligible, total funds to be gained or saved by the Department, personnel hours saved, intended use of the facility after reconfiguration or sale, and public comment.							
Evaluate the reduction or elimination of underutilized programs, or programs that are determined to be outside of the core							
Investigate alternative options for the maintenance of "non-park" land currently managed by APRD	2017						
Establish hours of operations to meet community needs	56	1-2 years	Extend the hours of operation at the Astoria Aquatics Center to better meet community needs while ensuring appropriate staff and funding capacity.	2017	\$80 - \$100 per hour	Parks & Recreation Fund	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Recreation Coordinator

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Capital Projects

Recommendation	Page	Timeframe	Actions	Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Install additional lighting along the River Walk	56	3-5 years	Determine appropriate fixtures and locations with the goal of improving safety from 17th Street to 39th Street.	2021	\$1 M - \$1.5 M	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor* <u>Support:</u> Public Works; Engineering Department
Add, remove, replace, or repair playground equipment	56	1-2 years	Provide play equipment near residential neighborhoods	2018	\$250,000 - \$750,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor* <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board
			Ensure equitable access to parks with safe play equipment				
			Ensure play equipment meets ADA requirements for access and use				
Designate off-leash dog area(s)	56	1-2 years	Provide a designated off-leash dog area or areas within existing parkland, with signage and waste bags	2018	\$1,000 - \$5,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; City General Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor* <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; Astoria Dog Park Friends; Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation
		6-9 years	Design and construct a fenced-in dog area with amenities within existing parkland	2025	Varies based on size and amenities		
Install a permanent restroom facility at Fred Lindstrom Park	57	3-5 years	Determine specific location and type of facility	2019	\$150,000 - \$200,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; Public Works; MOMS Club; Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation
Install permanent restroom facilities along the River Walk at People's Park and 9th & Astor Park	57	3-5 years	Determine specific location and type of facility	2019	\$150,000 - \$200,000 each	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; Public Works
Implement the 2013 Trails Master Plan	57	10-15 years	See the 2013 Trails Master Plan Map, Goals, and Objectives	Review progress annually	Varies	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> TBD. <u>Support:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor; Parks Advisory Board; Public Works; Community Development Department
Improve signage system-wide	57	3-5 years	Install wayfinding signage (refer to 2015 Wayfinding Concept Plan)	2018	TBD	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; Public Works, Community Development Department <u>Partners:</u> Astoria Downtown Historic District Association
			Install park identification signage				
			Install additional interpretive signage				
			Ensure sign character and location is consistent system-wide				

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APPENDIX:

A.1 - Inventory and Existing Conditions Report: Parks, Trails, and Facilities

A.1 Parkland Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

12th Street Viewing Area

Address: 12th St & River Walk

Owner: City of Astoria

0.05 acres

Condition: Fair



Description:

Small landscaped area along the River Walk with benches, interpretive signs, and lighted bollards.

Regular Maintenance:

Maintenance is currently carried out by Baked Alaska

Needed Maintenance:

Future replacement of decking



14th & Grand Playground

Address: 14th & Grand
Owner: City of Astoria

0.38 acres
Condition: Good



Description:

Community playground with updated play structures, a basketball half-court, and a picnic area. This park is highly used by the neighbors of the park and is only three blocks from Downtown Astoria

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week, regular cleaning, inspection, and repair of playground equipment.

Needed Maintenance:

Add fence on west side of park to prevent balls rolling downhill, replace swing set, add fence on north side of park, replace playground chips



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14th Street River Park

Address: 14th St & River Walk
Owner: City of Astoria

0.13 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

Lighted boardwalk that leads to a sheltered viewing platform with seating and interpretive signage over the river, designed by Robert Murase.

Regular Maintenance:

Repairs and maintenance as required

Needed Maintenance:

Replacement of decking; maintenance and repair of pilings



6th Street River Park

Address: 6th St & River Walk
Owner: City of Astoria

0.15 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

This park has a large wooden viewing platform located directly on the waterfront, over the water. The platform is two stories high with stairs leading up to a viewing deck with panoramic views. There is also a secondary, sunken viewing platform and interpretive signs.

Regular Maintenance:

Remove vandalism/graffiti as needed, empty garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Replace decking, re-position lower viewing platform so site is more visible from Riverwalk to discourage illicit use



9th & Astor Park

Address: 9th & Astor
Owner: City of Astoria

0.13 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

Small irrigated grass area located next to the Riverwalk, 9th Street Trolley Stop, and Astoria Transit Center. The site was purchased by the City in 1998 and later converted to a park. Grant funds helped install a Robert Murase-designed concrete plaza with benches, which was later demolished and removed by the City. In 2013, the site was graded and irrigated, and planted with grass. The grant agreement stipulates use of the land as a park with specific amenities.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Poor drainage, improve turf



Alameda Park

Address: Alameda & Melbourne
Owner: City of Astoria

0.11 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

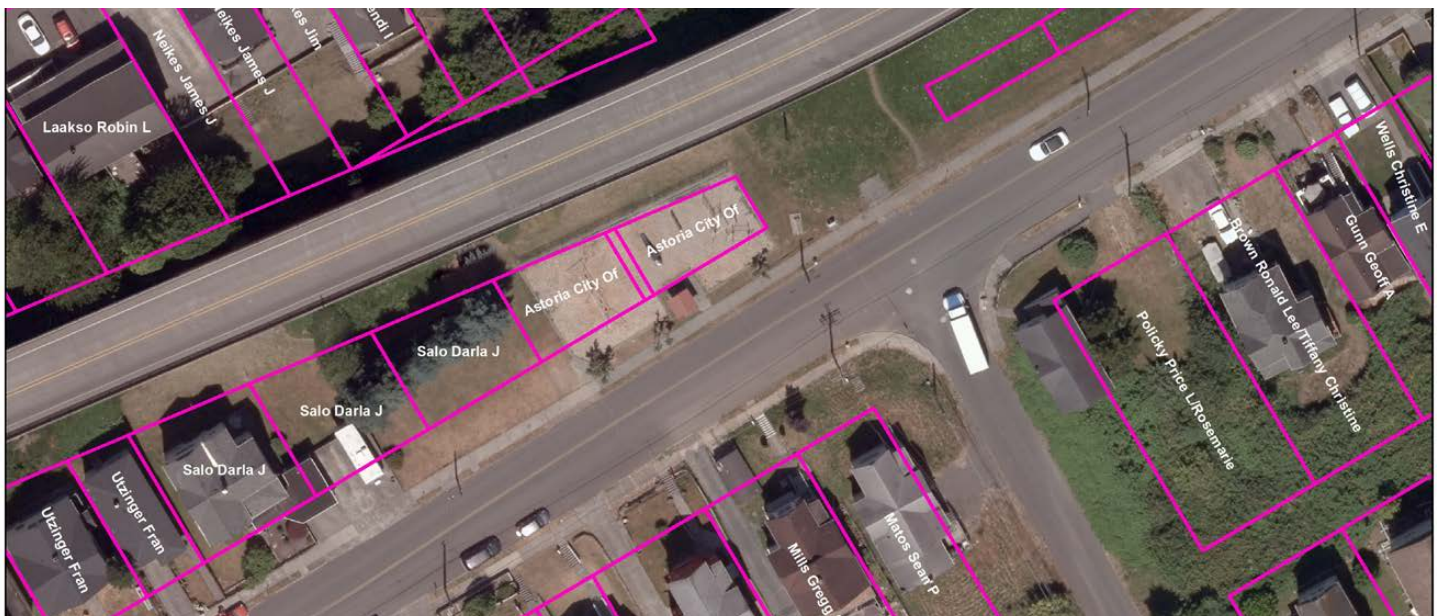
Small playground with benches and covered picnic table in a grass area overlooking the Columbia River and Megler Bridge

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week, regular cleaning, inspection, and repair of playground equipment.

Needed Maintenance:

Replace playground chips, remove over-pruned trees, update play structures



Alameda Park Reserve

Address: Alameda & Cumberland
Owner: City of Astoria

0.67 acres
Condition: Good



Description:

Open grass area reserved for use as a neighborhood pocket park, currently maintained by neighbors.

Regular Maintenance:

None

Needed Maintenance:

None



Alderbrook Natural Area

Address: 53rd & Alder
Owner: City of Astoria

13.3 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

Large natural area at the eastern terminus of the River Walk. The park can be accessed from the River Walk or a small parking lot at Alder St and Lagoon Rd. The North Coast Watershed Association, North Coast Land Conservancy, and neighbors of the park are active in invasive species removal and native replanting.

Regular Maintenance:

Mow 1x year

Needed Maintenance:

Better control of invasive/noxious plant species



Alderbrook Park

Address: 45th & Leif Erickson
Owner: City of Astoria

0.62 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

Small neighborhood pocket park with a playground, covered picnic table, basketball half-court, small grass area, and community hall available for rentals.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week, regular cleaning, inspection, and repair of playground equipment.

Needed Maintenance:

Outdated play equipment, Basketball court weeds, Repaint bball, back border of park has derelict building encroaching, replace playground chips



ARC Grounds

Address: 1555 W Marine Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

3.5 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

Waterfront property on Youngs Bay that includes the Astoria Recreation Center, Parks and Facilities Maintenance Shops, and Youngs Bay Marine Park. There is a large parking lot, two picnic shelters, and a playground area with basketball half-court installed in 2014.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, garbage 2x week, maintenance of parking lot and lights, regular cleaning, inspection, and repair of playground equipment.

Needed Maintenance:

Repair picnic shelters, organize parking lot for maximum use of space, pave parking lot, eradicate invasive weeds



Astor Park

Address: 1 Coxcomb Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

37.5 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

Home of the 125-ft tall Astoria Column, Astor Park is a destination for visitors and locals, providing parking, a gift shop, restrooms, picnic areas, trailheads, and stunning views of Astoria and its surroundings. The irrigated grounds are operated and maintained by the Friends of the Astoria Column.

Regular Maintenance:

Maintenance is currently carried out by a caretaker with the Friends of the Astoria Column.

Needed Maintenance:

None



Astoria Skate Park

Address: S. Denver & W. Marine
Owner: City of Astoria

0.35 acres
Condition: Good



Description:

Fenced-in outdoor concrete skate park with a separate area for beginners, with access to public restrooms, located adjacent to Tapiola Park.

Regular Maintenance:

Remove vandalism/graffiti as needed, mow/weed-eat 1x week, empty garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Repair of concrete, pressure washing



Birch Field & Park

Address: 49th & Birch
Owner: City of Astoria

0.96 acres
Condition: Poor



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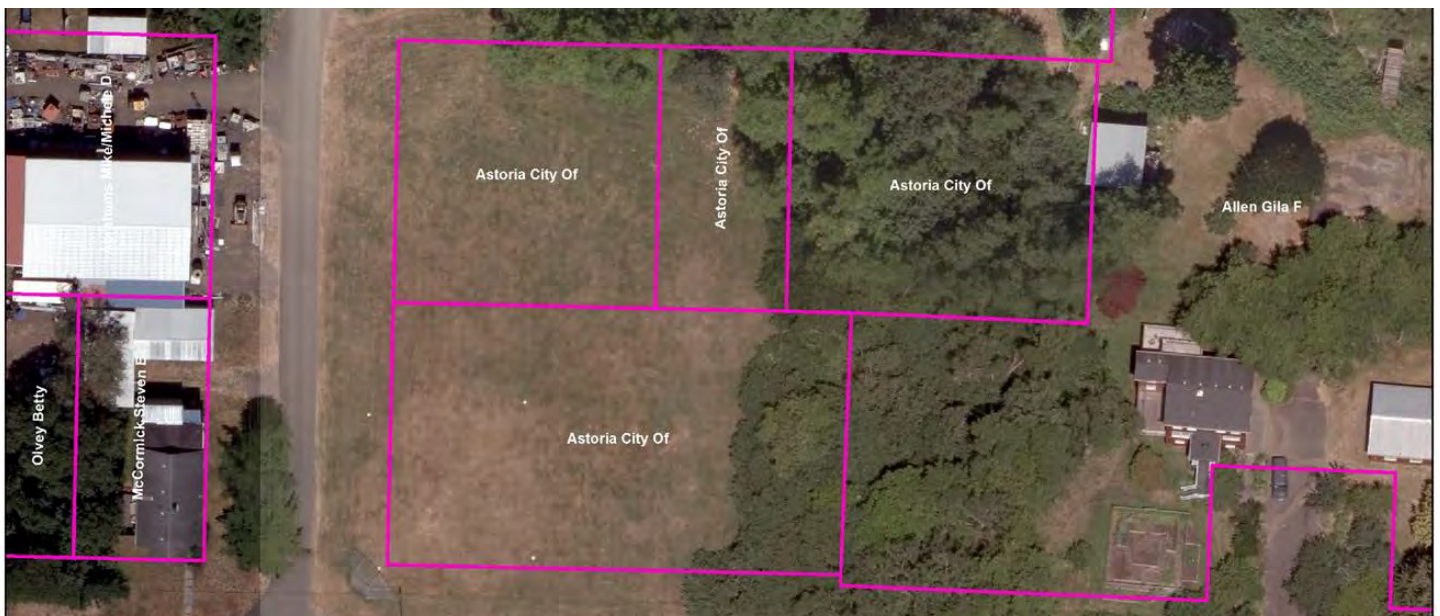
Grass ball field with bases and backstop. The park is often visited by the neighbors for general use and dog walking.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Poor drainage, bases overgrown



Children's Park Playground

Address: 6th & Commercial
Owner: City of Astoria

0.23 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

Popular downtown playground with an updated play structure, basketball half-court, swing set, picnic tables and fenced-in grass area with dog waste bags.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week, regular cleaning, inspection, and repair of playground equipment.

Needed Maintenance:

Play structure needs power washing, play structure will need to be replaced in near future, replace playground chips



Columbia Fields

Address: 35th & Leif Erickson
Owner: Astoria School District

2.9 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

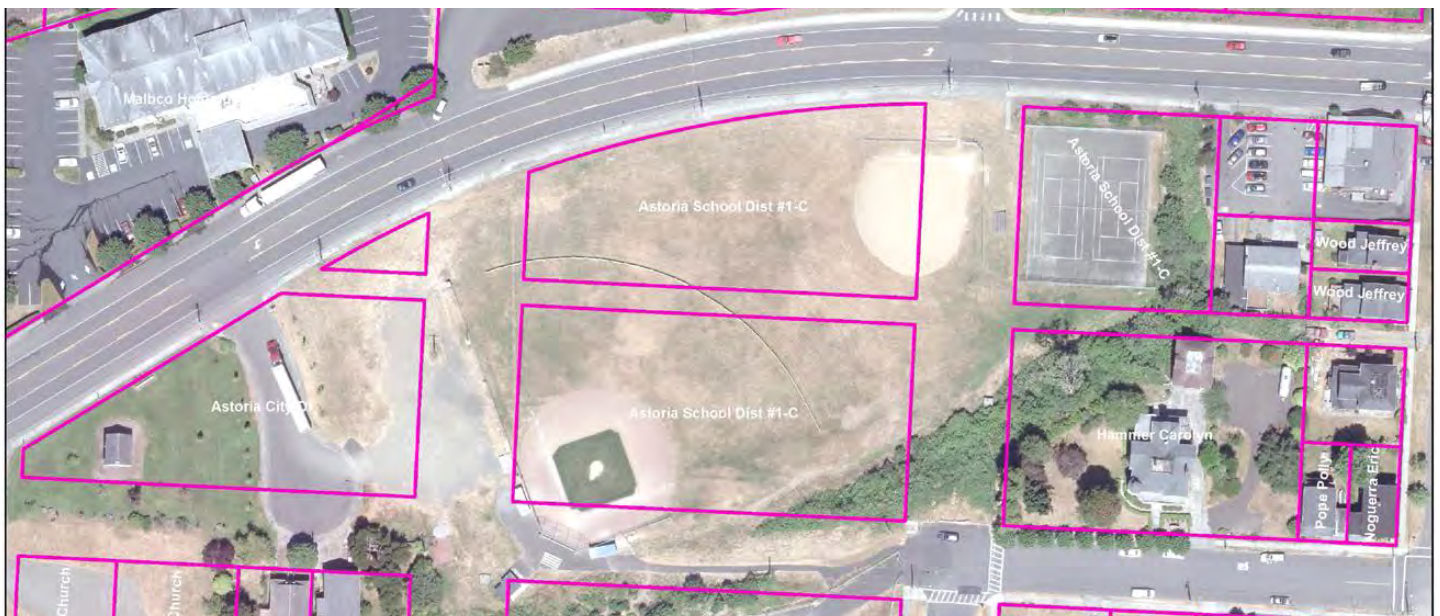
Multi-use park with two ball fields, tennis courts, and a large grass area, used by multiple area sports programs. Gravel parking lot, concession stand, dugouts, and bleachers. The facility is owned by the Astoria School District. Use by the Parks and Recreation Department is provided at no cost in exchange for maintenance and operations of the site.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, garbage 2x week, field preparation during periods of high use.

Needed Maintenance:

Improve Columbia North Field infield, replace bleachers in east field, reseal tennis court, add lights for night use, improve turf



Community Gardens

Address: Gray School
Owner: Astoria School District

0.25 acres
Condition: Good



Description:

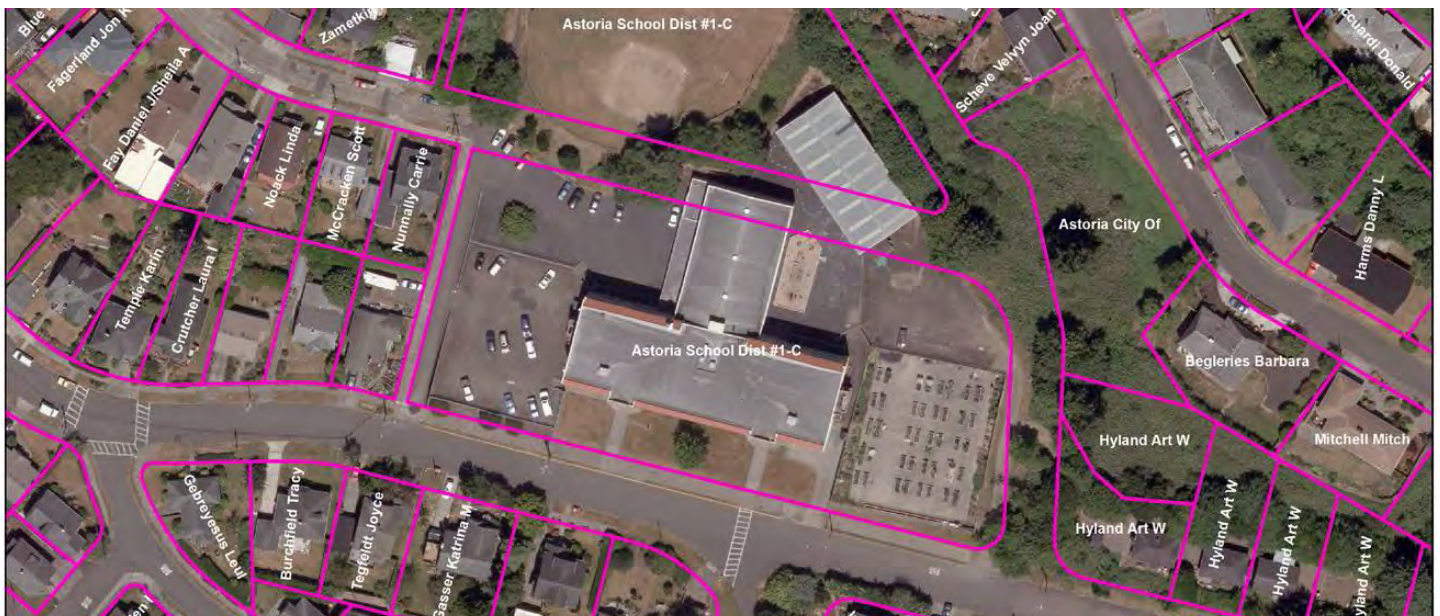
Fenced-in facility at Gray School site, with 40 raised bed gardening plots available for public rental.

Regular Maintenance:

Provide support and materials as requested

Needed Maintenance:

None



Customs House

Address: 35th & Leif Erickson
Owner: City of Astoria

0.5 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

A small irrigated landscaped area with interpretive signs surrounding a reconstruction of Astoria's first Customs House.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication; structure repairs; replacement of interpretive panels.



Doughboy Monument

Address: Columbia Ave & W Marine Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

0.05 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

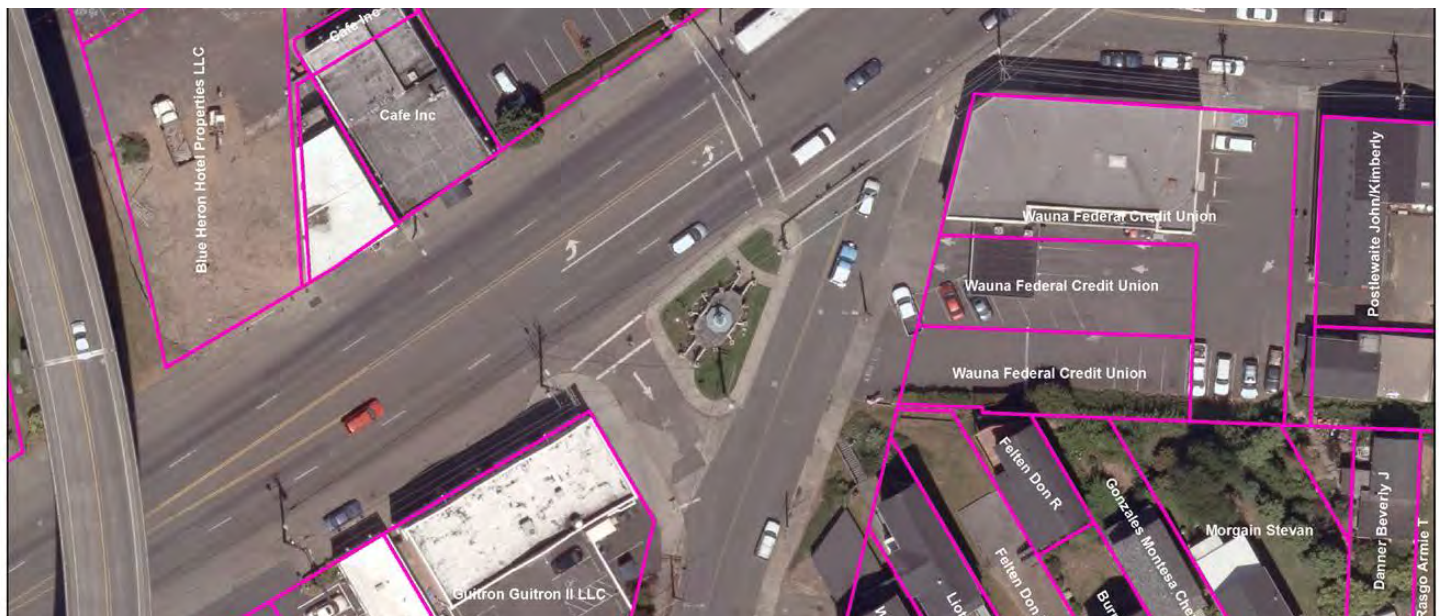
Small irrigated landscaped area with seating and a monument dedicated to soldiers who fought in World War 1. The monument houses the first National Register Historic public restrooms in the country.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication



Evergreen Fields

Address: Astoria Middle School
Owner: City of Astoria

11.7 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

Large, irrigated neighborhood park with two softball fields, a large open grass area, three sand volleyball courts, restrooms, and a concession stand. Used by Parks department youth and adult sport leagues, as well as high school athletic programs.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing and weed-eating 1x week, emptying garbage 2x week, cleaning and maintaining restrooms, field preparation during periods of high-use

Needed Maintenance:

Improve baseball field infields, poor drainage on both fields, weeds in sand volleyball area, improve turf



Fort Astoria Park

Address: 15th & Exchange
Owner: City of Astoria

0.14 acres
Condition: Good



Description:

A downtown historical site with scenic mural and replica of the original Fort Astoria, an irrigated grass area, dog waste bags, and interpretive signs.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, weeding flower beds 1x month, garbage 2x weeks

Needed Maintenance:

Weeds in flower beds



Fred Lindstrom Park

Address: 7th & Niagara
Owner: City of Astoria

1.9 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

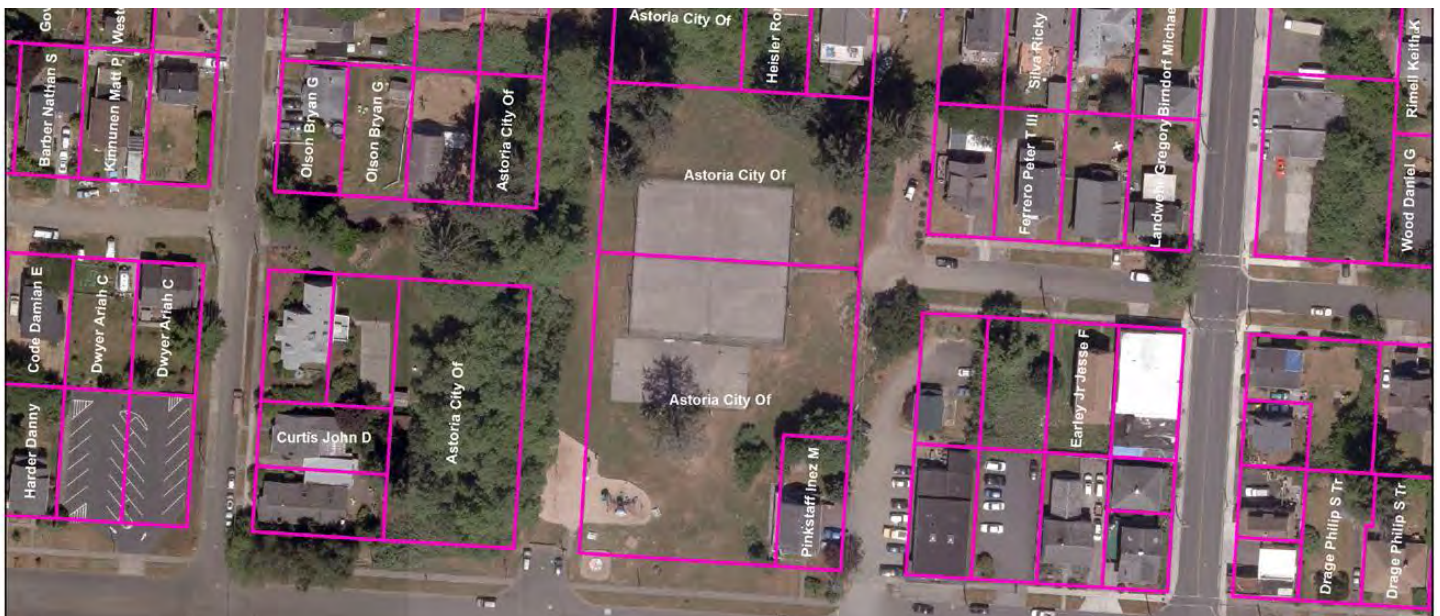
Popular neighborhood park with a large playground, two tennis courts, a basketball full-court, picnic tables, benches, and open grass areas.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Power wash play structure, update/replace play structure, replace playground chips, install picnic shelter; install permanent restroom facility



Gray School Recreation Complex

Address: Alameda & Chinook
Owner: Astoria School District

1 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

Large fenced-in grass field with fence and backstop, and semi-covered outdoor playground adjacent to Port of Play, Lil' Sprouts Academy, and the Community Gardens.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Remove invasive weeds, improve infield on baseball field, repair fence



Heritage Square / Garden of Surging Waves

Address: 11th & Duane
Owner: City of Astoria

1.25 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

An urban plaza with seating, hardscaping, irrigated landscaping, and sculptural elements commemorating the culture, challenges, and contribution of Chinese immigrants to Astoria and the Pacific Northwest.

Regular Maintenance:

Weeding 1x / two weeks, 2x checks for garbage on grounds

Needed Maintenance:

Eradicate noxious weeds, manage/prune plantings



Maritime Memorial

Address: Bay St & Marine Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

0.24 acres
Condition: Good



Description:

Riverside park with a granite memorial wall, irrigated landscaping, historic fresh water fountain, walkway and picnic area.

Regular Maintenance:

Weeding flower beds 1x month. Portions of the park are maintained by the Holiday Inn Express.

Needed Maintenance:

Eradicate invasive weeds in flower beds, simplify plantings on grounds



McClure Park

Address: 8th & Grand
Owner: City of Astoria

0.92 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

A neighborhood pocket park with a backstop, open grass area, swing set, seating, picnic tables, and dog waste bags overlooking downtown Astoria and the Columbia River. The Friends of McClure Park have adopted the site and are working on improving landscape features and adding new play equipment.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Improve turf, re-evaluate use of swings, potential site for restroom/picnic shelter, replace playground chips; stabilize and rebuild north-facing retaining wall



Mill Pond Park

Address: 23rd & Mill Pond Ln
Owner: City of Astoria

0.29 acres
Condition: Excellent



Description:

Small waterfront landscaped area with picnic tables and a gazebo.

Regular Maintenance:

Currently, maintenance is carried out by private contractor through HOA

Needed Maintenance:

None



Ocean View Cemetery

Address: 18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton
Owner: City of Astoria

100 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

Historic cemetery located in Warrenton, Oregon that includes about 16,000 burial plots, a chapel, mausoleum, maintenance facility, and scenic location.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing 1x week, emptying garbage cans 1x month, trimming of tree limbs as needed. Half of the cemetery grounds are irrigated, but the system is unused due to high costs.

Needed Maintenance:

Improve turf, maintain gravesites, remove illegal plantings/grounds additions, replace/add wayfinding signs, replace wooden fence with low-maintenance structure, improve irrigation, eradicate invasive weeds



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People's Park

Address: 16th & Marine

Owner: City of Astoria

0.41 acres

Condition: Poor



Description:

Open grass area adjacent to the River Walk with parking, dog waste bags, and views of the Columbia River. A wooden viewing deck was removed in 2016 due to poor structural conditions.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Remove platform, remove hedge along sidewalk and excessive bushes in park, improve turf



Pioneer Cemetery

Address: 15th & Niagara
Owner: City of Astoria

2.1 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

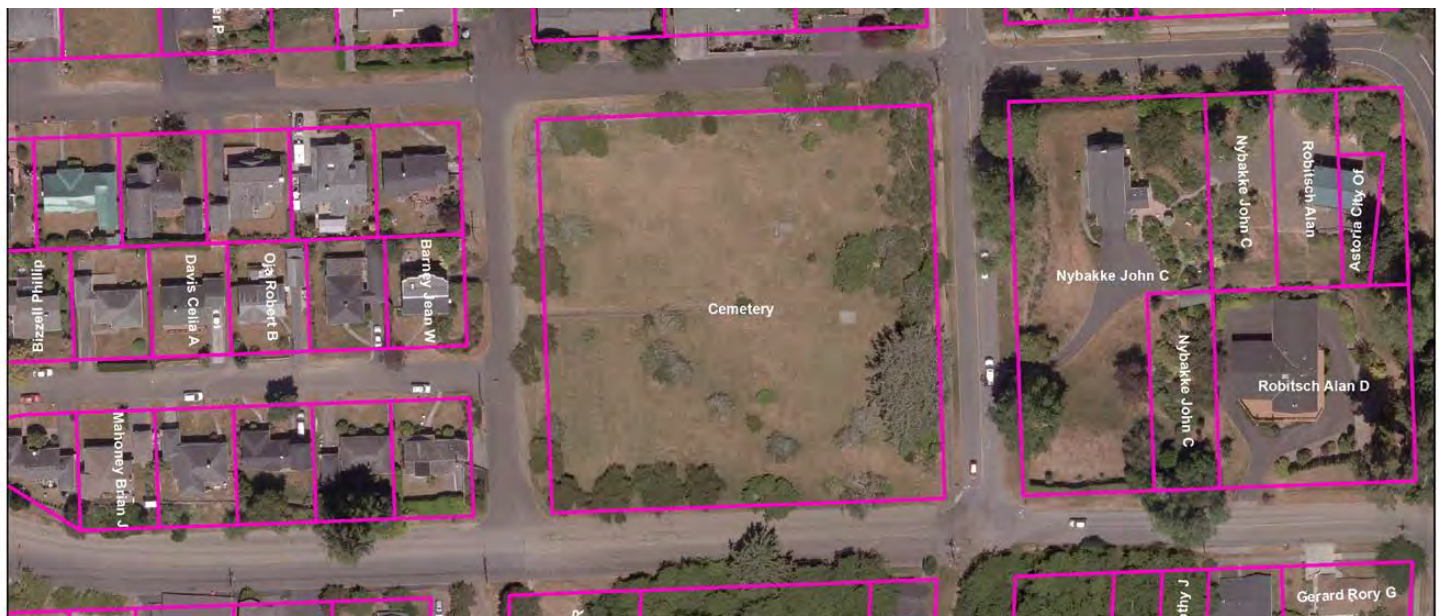
A decommissioned historic cemetery with grass areas, trees, and headstones. A wooden perimeter fence is scheduled to be removed due to poor conditions. The park is often visited by neighbors for general use and dog walking.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Replace wooden fence with lower-maintenance structure, address erosion on east side of park, stabilize headstones, clean headstones, trim/remove trees; repair crypt



Post Office Park

Address: 15th & Franklin

Owner: City of Astoria

0.11 acres

Condition: Fair



Description:

A small grass area near downtown with a river view and monument commemorating the original location of the first post office site west of the Rocky Mountains.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Add amenities to park for more positive use, clean obelisk



Richard Fenscak Cathedral Tree Trail

Address:

Owner: City of Astoria

47 acres

Condition: Poor



Description:

A forested natural area that can be accessed by trailheads at 28th and Irving and Astor Park. Park amenities include informational signs, maps, benches, and dog waste bags.

Regular Maintenance:

Repairs and maintenance as requested, empty garbage 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Improve drainage, add wayfinding signs, address user-generated trails, provide interpretive signs, replace deficient structures, re-route tread



River Walk

Address: Smith Point to Alderbrook Natural Area

Owner: City of Astoria

36.4 acres

Condition: Fair



Description:

Linear park consisting of a 50-ft rail right of way from Smith Point to Alderbrook Natural Area, including a 6-mile multi-use trail, open landscaped areas with seating and interpretive signs, and access to multiple parks and scenic viewing areas.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing and weed-eating 1x week, garbage removal 2x week, maintenance of bollards, railings, and decking as needed

Needed Maintenance:

Power wash all structures, inspect/replace trestles, eradicate invasive/noxious weeds



Shively Park

Address: 16th & Williamsport
Owner: City of Astoria

11.7 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

A historic hilltop park with a community hall, two picnic shelters, open lawn and landscaped area, small play structure, and large forested natural areas with meandering informal trails. One trail connects to Evergreen Fields and Astoria Middle School.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, garbage 2x week, regular cleaning, inspection, and repair of playground equipment.

Needed Maintenance:

Eradicate invasive weeds, reduce over-mature understory in forested area, improve picnic shelters, replace swing set, replace playground chips



Tapiola Park

Address: S. Denver & W. Marine
Owner: City of Astoria

12 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

Large community park overlooking Youngs Bay with a large playground, full basketball court, four ballfields, a skate park, two sets of public restrooms, and a picnic area with a shelter.

Regular Maintenance:

Cleaning restrooms, empty garbage 2x week, mowing and weed-eating 1x week, field preparation during periods of high-use, regular cleaning, inspection, and repair of playground equipment.

Needed Maintenance:

Improve turf and infield on Tapiola 2 field; improve infields and turf on Niemi fields; Power wash play structure, update/replace play structure, replace playground chips, reduce vandalism of facilities



Tidal Rock Park

Address: 15th & Commercial
Owner: City of Astoria

0.08 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

Downtown pocket park with a large historic rock that served as a landmark for large ships coming from the Columbia River. The site includes about 100-feet of exposed historic chair-wall and access to the Astoria underground, and is mostly overgrown and inaccessible.

Regular Maintenance:

Remove garbage and debris 1x six months

Needed Maintenance:

Remove noxious/invasive weeds, provide better access, provide better informational signage



Violet LaPlante Park

Address: 45th & Cedar
Owner: City of Astoria

0.69 acres
Condition: Fair



Description:

Small neighborhood park surrounded by a forested area near the Columbia River. Amenities include a small climbing structure, swing set, covered picnic table, dog waste bags, and direct access to the River Walk.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Outdated play equipment, replace playground chips



Youngs Bay Marine Park

Address: 1555 W Marine Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

0.9 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

Marine use area with a boat ramp, docks, picnic area, and a gravel parking lot shared with the Astoria Recreation Center.

Regular Maintenance:

Repair/replacement of dock infrastructure as needed

Needed Maintenance:

Replacement of transient dock and pilings



Youngs River Falls

Address: Young's River Loop Rd
Owner: City of Astoria

12 acres
Condition: Poor



Description:

A wooded park about 10 miles south of Astoria, with parking, interpretive signs, and a scenic 65' waterfall on the Youngs River.

Regular Maintenance:

Remove garbage and debris 1x six months. Distance from Astoria limits level of care.

Needed Maintenance:

Trail and step repair; replace interpretive signs.



A.1 Additional Land Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

13th Street City Parking Lot

Address: 13th St & Duane St

Owner: City of Astoria

0.2 acres



Description:

9 parking spaces with planter boxes

Regular Maintenance:

Weed eating and mowing at request

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication; litter removal



15th Street Triangle

Address: 15th & Marine Dr

Owner: City of Astoria

0.2 acres



Description:

Small grass area with trees, landscaping, and a "Welcome to Downtown Astoria" sign

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, weeding flower beds 1x month

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication



18th Street Flower Beds

Address: 18th Street from Marine Dr to Exchange St

Owner: City of Astoria

0.2 acres



Description:

Small area with natural plantings and flowers.

Regular Maintenance:

Weed-eating and mowing 1x month

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication; litter removal



8th Street Triangle

Address: 8th & Marine Dr

Owner: City of Astoria

0.1 acres



Description:

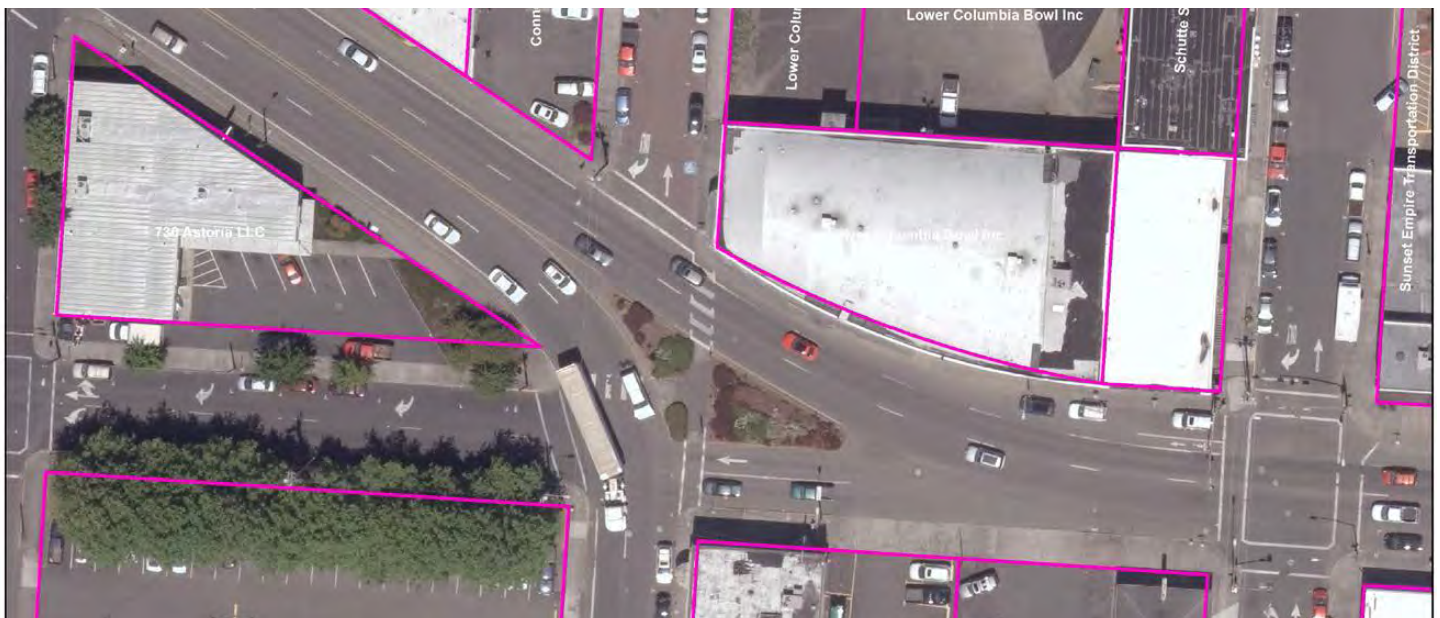
Small landscaped area along Marine Drive.

Regular Maintenance:

Weed-eating and mowing 1x month

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication; litter removal



Aquatic Center Grounds

Address: 1997 Marine Dr

Owner: City of Astoria

2.2 acres



Description:

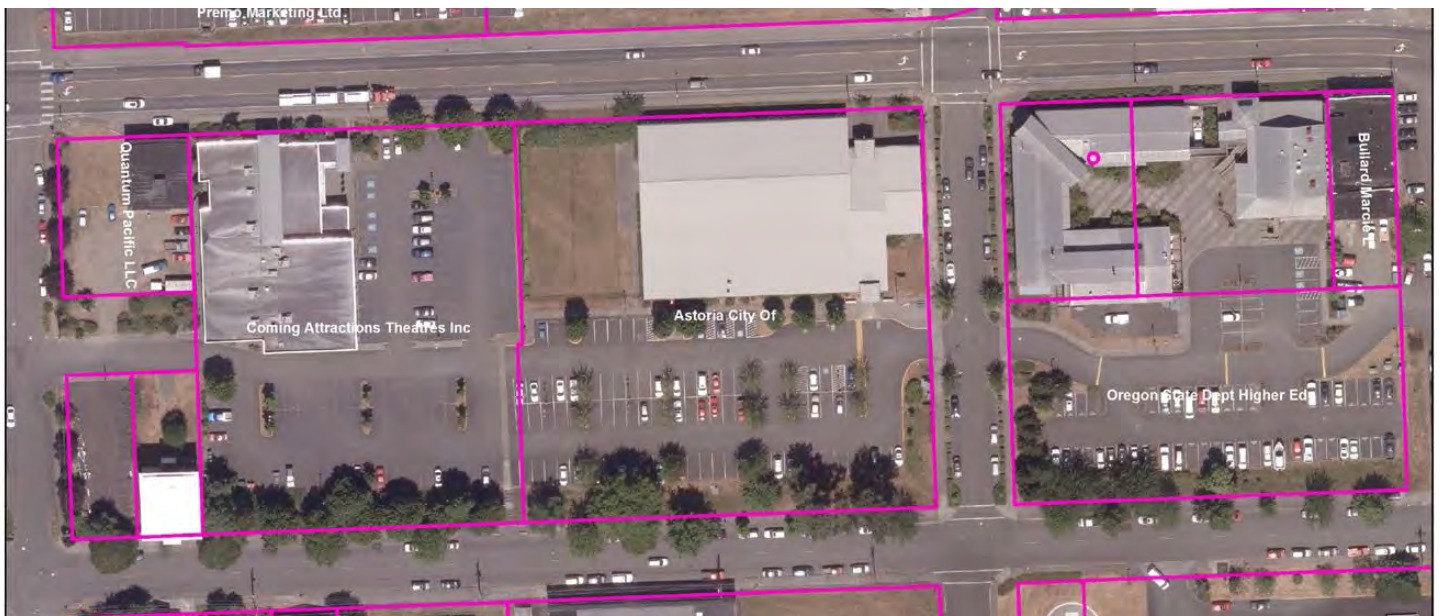
Large parking lot, open grass area, and landscaping

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Address roots damaging concrete sidewalk, excessive leaves in fall, eradicate invasive weeds



Astoria Senior Center Grounds

Address: 11th & Exchange St

Owner: City of Astoria

0.1 acres



Description:

Parking lot and grassy hillside.

Regular Maintenance:

Weed-eating bank on south side of building 2x year

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication



Exchange Street Parkway

Address: 17th St to 20th St

Owner: City of Astoria

0.3 acres



Description:

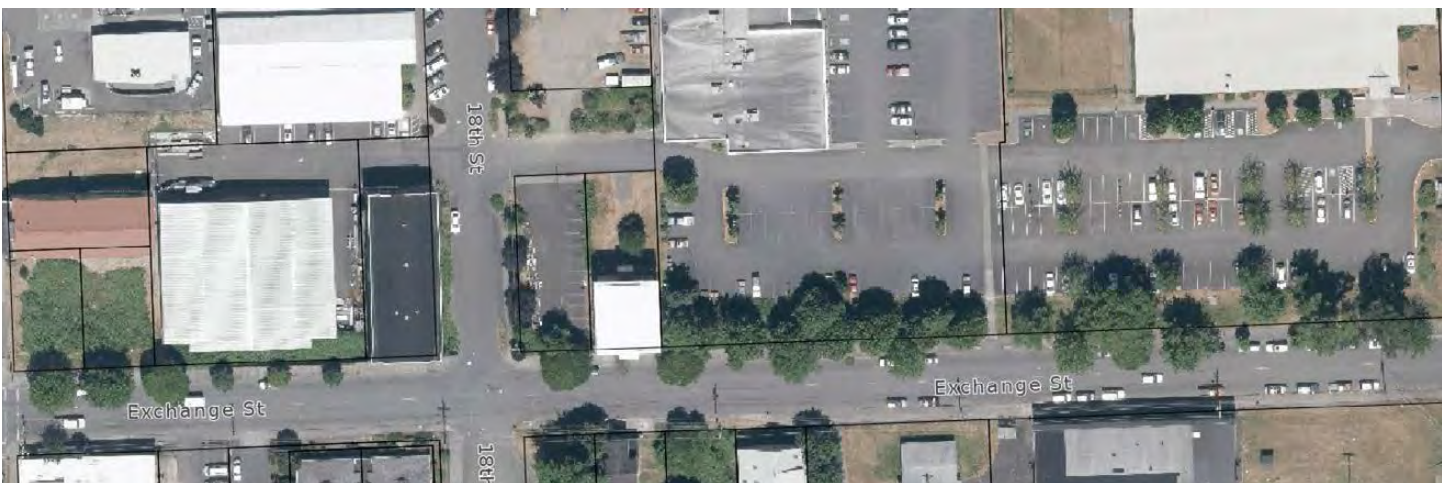
Street trees and landscape beds.

Regular Maintenance:

Tree and landscape bed maintenance as needed

Needed Maintenance:

None



Library Parking Lot

Address: 10th & Exchange

Owner: City of Astoria

0.2 acres



Description:

Half block paved parking lot with 15 spaces and landscaping.

Regular Maintenance:

Trim hedge 2x year

Needed Maintenance:

None



Marine Drive Parkway

Address: 10th St to 23rd St

Owner: City of Astoria

1.5 acres



Description:

Street trees and landscape beds.

Regular Maintenance:

Tree and landscape bed maintenance as needed

Needed Maintenance:

None



Portal Park - East

Address: 33rd & Marine Dr

Owner: City of Astoria

0.2 acres



Description:

Grass area with trees, landscaping, and gateway sign.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication; tree trimming



Portal Park - West

Address: Taylor & W Marine Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

0.4 acres



Description:

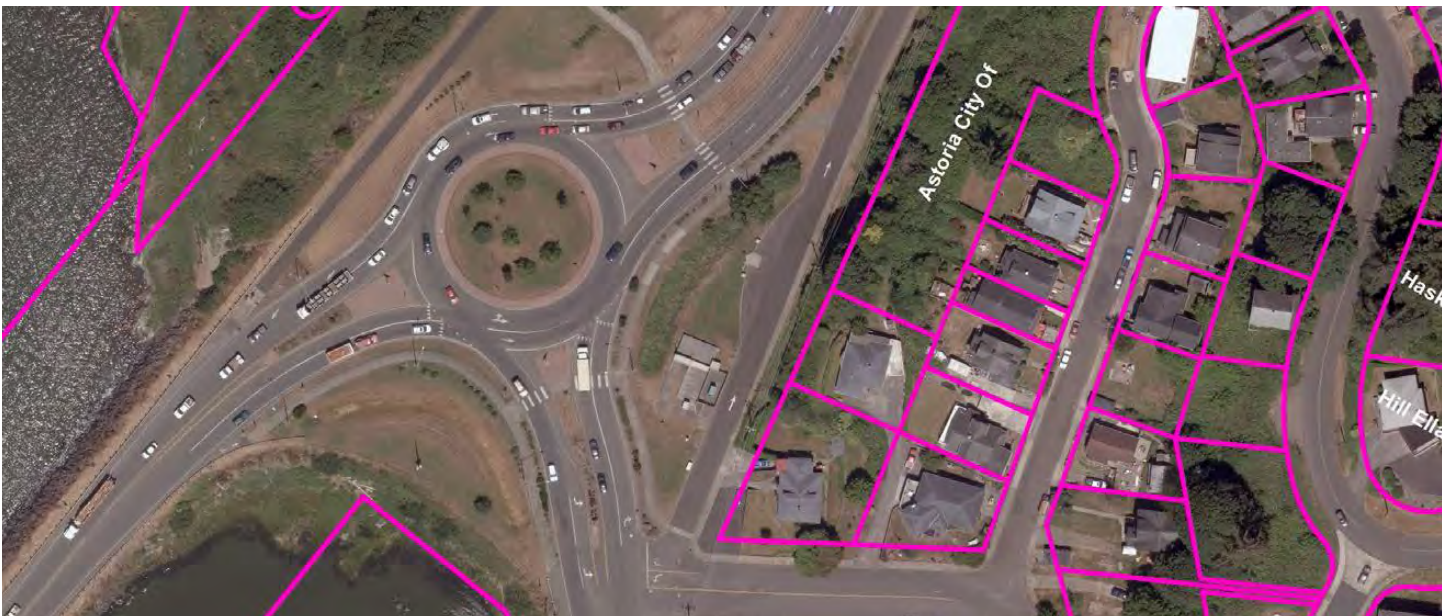
Grass area with trees, landscaping, sculpture, and gateway sign.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

None



Smith Point Traffic Circle

Address: Hwy 101 & 202

Owner: Oregon Department of Transportation

3.2 acres



Description:

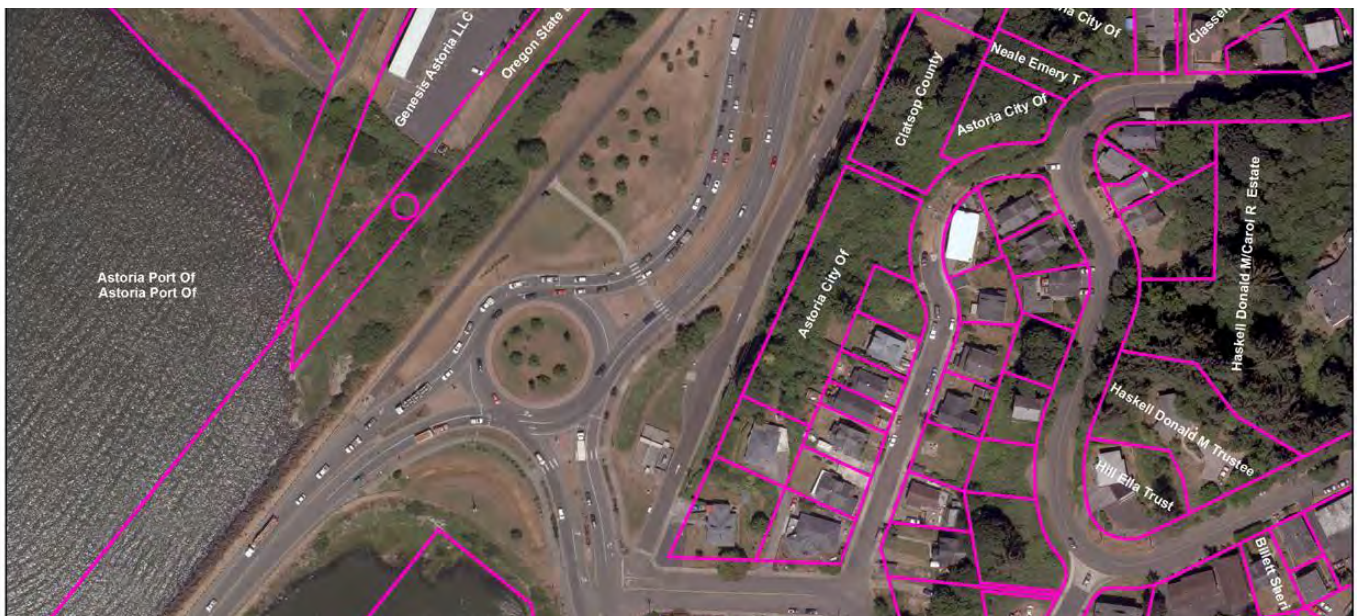
Grass areas with trees and landscaping.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Reduce number of flowerbeds, reduce number of shrubs and trees, eradicate invasive weeds



West Bond Street Triangle

Address: W Bond & Marine Dr

Owner: City of Astoria

0.1 acres



Description:

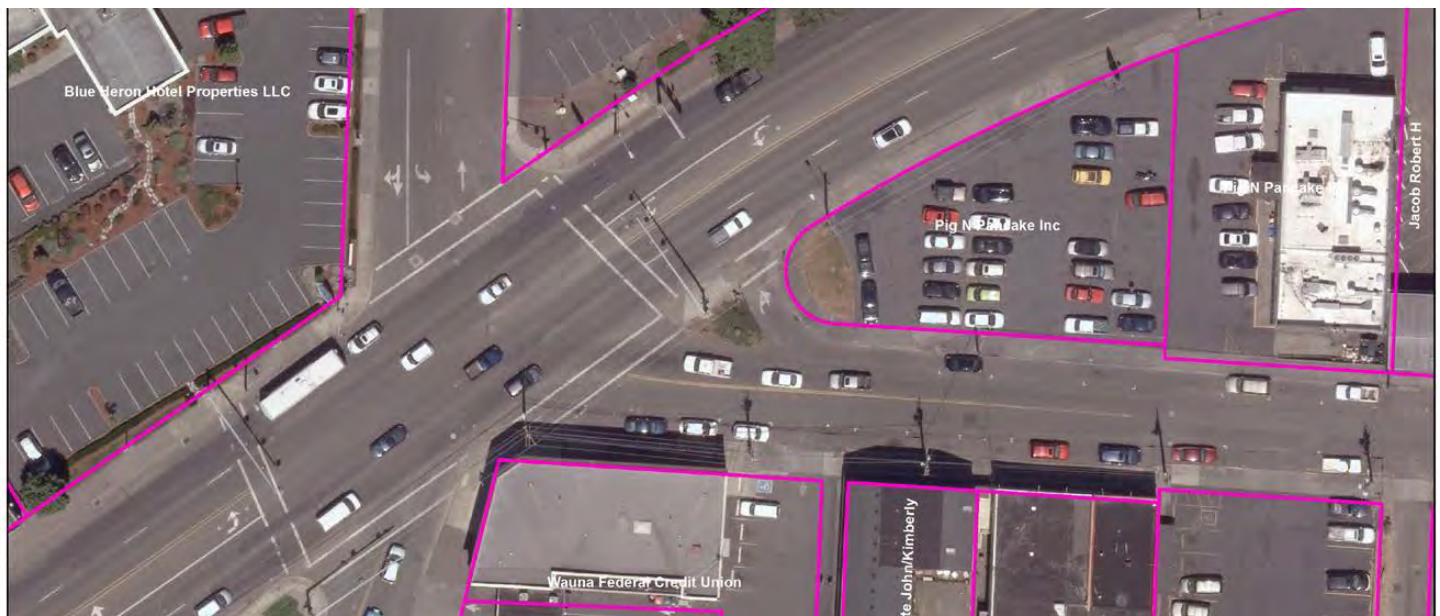
Small landscaped traffic triangle.

Regular Maintenance:

Weeding, adding bark chips 1x six months

Needed Maintenance:

None



A.1 Indoor Facilities Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Alderbrook Hall

45th & Leif Erickson Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

1,500 square feet
Condition: Poor



Description:

Small accessible community hall available for rentals in Alderbrook Park with a meeting room, kitchen, and restroom. In 2016, the Clatsop Community College Historic Preservation Program began documentation and restoration of the facility.

Regular Maintenance:

Weekly checks on facility, repairs as needed, empty garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Insulate building, replace siding, provide more energy-efficient heating/cooling, update lighting, update restrooms, paint interior, replace appliances, inspect/repair/replace roof



Astoria Aquatic Center

1997 Marine Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

25,000 square feet
Condition: Fair



Description:

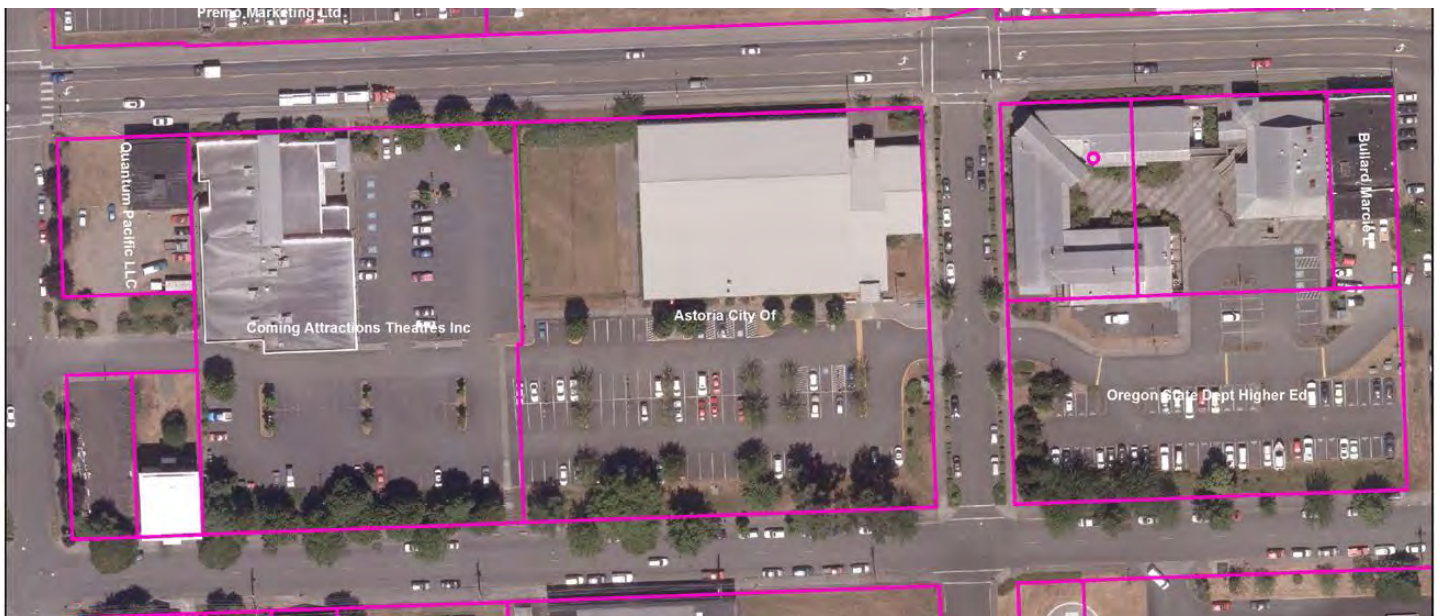
Recreation facility with locker rooms, showers, a fitness room with cardio and weight machines, and administrative offices. The aquatics space includes a 25-yd lap pool with six lanes (135,000 gal), recreation pool with water slide and lazy river (55,000 gal), infant/toddler pool (2,500 gal), and hot tub (3,500 gal).

Regular Maintenance:

Daily checks of mechanical areas, chlorinator cleaning 1x week, clean/maintain pumps 1x/week, backwashing as needed, monitoring of equipment, coordinating with contractors for specialty work (HVAC, plumbing, electrical, etc.)

Needed Maintenance:

Provide complete MSDS for facility, provide 7 day maintenance coverage, replace sand filters, obtain full mechanical inventory and replacement schedule, replace rain gutters, expand dry-land exercise area



Astoria Batting Cages

200 Tapiola Park Loop
Owner: City of Astoria

6,600 square feet
Condition: Good



Description:

The facility was constructed in 2007 at Ernie Aiken Baseball field on the east side of Tapiola Park and includes twelve feet of grounds immediately adjacent to the batting cage. The building is leased to the Astoria Baseball Association (ABA) for \$1/year. The facility is used as a baseball/softball training location, locker room, concession stand, and restroom.

Regular Maintenance:

Astoria Baseball Association is responsible for all maintenance and compliance of all laws, rules, and regulations.

Needed Maintenance:

None



Astoria Column/Gift Shop/Caretaker House

1 Coxcomb Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

2,000 square feet
Condition: Fair



Description:

125' Concrete column decorated with murals depicting Northwest history. Spiral stairs inside the column lead up to a viewing platform at the top. A small gift shop and caretaker's home are also on the site

Regular Maintenance:

Maintenance is currently carried out by a caretaker with the Friends of the Astoria Column.

Needed Maintenance:

None



Astoria Recreation Center

1555 W Marine Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

14,000 square feet
Condition: Poor



Description:

Recreation facility with main Department offices, a large fitness studio, cycling studio, Teen Center, two large community rooms available for rentals, classrooms for after-school programs and summer camps, two kitchens, and storage.

Regular Maintenance:

Maintenance of spin bikes as needed, repairs and renovations to activity spaces as requested, coordinating with contractors for plumbing/electrical/heating

Needed Maintenance:

Insulate building, replace siding, provide more energy-efficient heating/cooling, update lighting, maximize storage space, replace appliances, provide complete MSDS for facility, replace windows, provide shower facilities



Astoria Senior Center

1111 Exchange St
Owner: City of Astoria

6,600 square feet
Condition: Excellent



Description:

Renovated in 2015-16 the Astoria Senior Center facility is owned by the City of Astoria and leased to the Astoria Senior Center. It includes a gathering area, community room, multipurpose room, cafeteria, restrooms, and storage.

Regular Maintenance:

None

Needed Maintenance:

None



Customs House

35th & Leif Erickson Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

500 square feet
Condition: Fair



Description:

A 1991 replica of the original U.S. Customs building that was constructed in Astoria in 1852. The building sits in a small park with interpretive panels, adjacent to Columbia Fields and can be viewed from the exterior.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication; structure repairs



Doughboy Monument

Columbia Ave & Marine Dr

Owner: City of Astoria

250 square feet

Condition: Poor



Description:

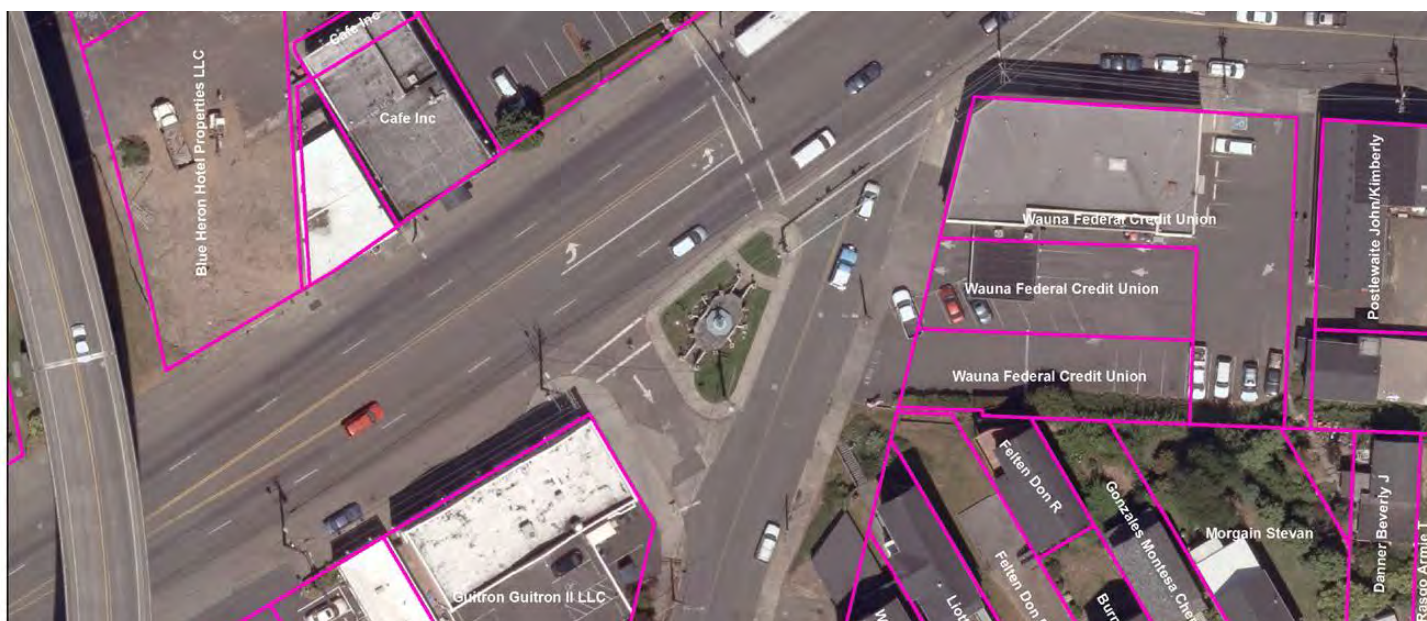
A monument to World War 1 soldiers with the first National Register historic public restrooms, surrounded with benches and landscaping.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, cleaning and maintain restroom 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Weed eradication; Update toilet and sink fixtures, make facility more resistant to vandalism, repair membrane roof; repairs to structure and paint



Downtown Restrooms

12th & Exchange
Owner: City of Astoria

300 square feet
Condition: Fair



Description:

Public restroom facility used frequently during Sunday Market.

Regular Maintenance:

Cleaning and maintain 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Make facility more resistant to vandalism



Lil' Sprouts Academy

785 Alameda Ave

Owner: Astoria School District

6,000 square feet

Condition: Fair



Description:

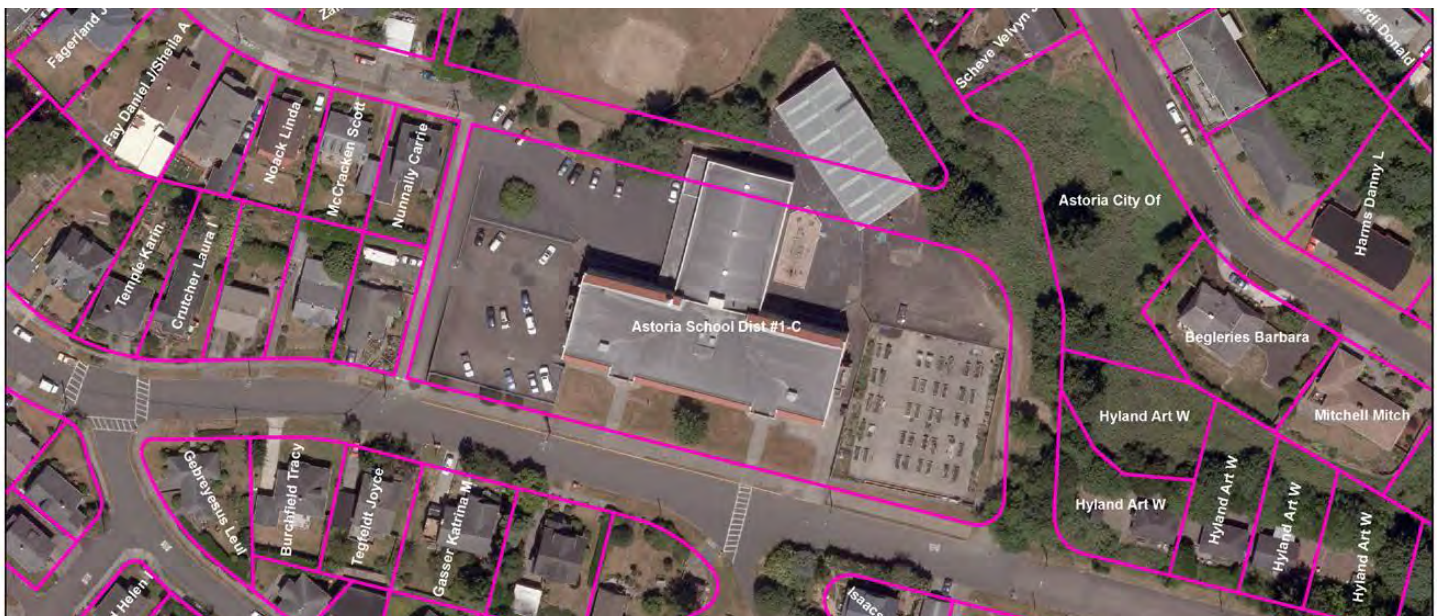
Early child care facility within the Gray School building. Lil' Sprouts houses five classrooms; one infant room, two toddler rooms, a preschool room and pre-kindergarten room, with access to Port of Play, the Gray School Recreation Complex, and the Community Gardens.

Regular Maintenance:

Repair/replacement of equipment and activity spaces as needed

Needed Maintenance:

None



Maintenance Shop

1555 W Marine Dr
Owner: City of Astoria

3,500 square feet
Condition: Fair



Description:

Storage for all maintenance equipment, trucks, trailers, tools, and administrative offices.

Regular Maintenance:

General maintenance of tools, repairs to building, organization of equipment and supplies

Needed Maintenance:

Insulate building, replace siding, update lighting, expand office area, maximize storage area, pave parking areas, expand covered storage areas, provide complete MSDS for facility, provide designated fuel storage space



Oceanview Cemetery Chapel

18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton
Owner: City of Astoria

800 square feet
Condition: Poor



Description:

Seats 40 with standing room for an additional 10.

Regular Maintenance:

Repair/replacement of facility components as needed

Needed Maintenance:

Update restrooms, repair back door; seal and winterize building



Oceanview Cemetery Maintenance Shop

18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton
Owner: City of Astoria

1,200 square feet
Condition: Poor



Description:

Stores cemetery landscaping and maintenance equipment.

Regular Maintenance:

Repair/replacement of facility components as needed

Needed Maintenance:

Update electrical and lighting systems, replace windows, increase garage space to park equipment more efficiently



Pioneer Cemetery Mausoleum

15th & Niagara
Owner: City of Astoria

150 square feet
Condition: Poor



Description:

The brick mausoleum was constructed in 1961 for the Susan Shively family in the northeast corner of the cemetery. The small structure is in poor condition and is being pried apart by vines and roots. The doors are sealed and no access is permitted.

Regular Maintenance:

None

Needed Maintenance:

Repair of cracking masonry, removal of ivy, blackberry, and locust tree growing on the building.



Port of Play

785 Alameda Ave

Owner: Astoria School District

1,500 square feet

Condition: Fair



Description:

Large gymnasium inside Gray School with an indoor playground for toddlers and elementary age children.

Regular Maintenance:

Repair/replacement of equipment and activity spaces as needed

Needed Maintenance:

None



Shively Hall

1530 Shively Park Road
Owner: City of Astoria

2,000 square feet
Condition: Poor



Description:

Located in Shively Park, the community hall is available for rentals and includes a meeting room, kitchen, and restrooms. Accommodates 55 seated guests or 85 standing.

Regular Maintenance:

Weekly checks on facility, repairs as needed, empty garbage 2x week

Needed Maintenance:

Insulate building, replace siding, provide more energy-efficient heating/cooling, update lighting, repair sagging floor joists, update restrooms, paint interior, replace appliances



A.1 Trails Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

11th Street Steps

Owner: City of Astoria

0.05 miles
Condition: Fair



Description:

Large staired walkway up a landscaped hill, connecting 11th Street from Irving to Jerome.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Remove invasive weeds, replace hedges with low maintenance item



Evergreen to Shively

Owner: City of Astoria

0.2 miles
Condition: Poor



Description:

Connector trail from Shively Park parking area to Evergreen Fields

Regular Maintenance:

None

Needed Maintenance:

Trimming of tree branches and invasive plants obscuring the path, resolve drainage in areas that collect standing water.



Richard Fenscak Cathedral Tree Trail

Owner: City of Astoria

1.3 miles
Condition: Poor



Description:

Soft surface footpath with benches through the urban forest. There are trailheads at 28th & Irving and the east end of Astor Park. Information, parking, garbage cans, and dog waste bags are provided at both trailheads. The trail is of easy to moderate difficulty with changes in elevation and sections of the trail with poor surface conditions.

Regular Maintenance:

Repairs and maintenance as requested, empty garbage 1x week

Needed Maintenance:

Improve drainage, add wayfinding signs, address user-generated trails, provide interpretive signs, replace deficient structures, re-route tread



River Walk

Owner: City of Astoria

6.4 miles
Condition: Fair



Description:

Scenic multi-use waterfront trail with benches, interpretive panels, and open space stretching from the Smith Point to Alderbrook Natural Area.

Regular Maintenance:

Mowing and weed-eating 1x week, garbage removal 2x week, maintenance of bollards, railings, and decking as needed

Needed Maintenance:

Power wash all structures, inspect/replace trestles, eradicate invasive/noxious weeds



Shively Park Loop

Owner: City of Astoria

0.3 miles
Condition: Good



Description:

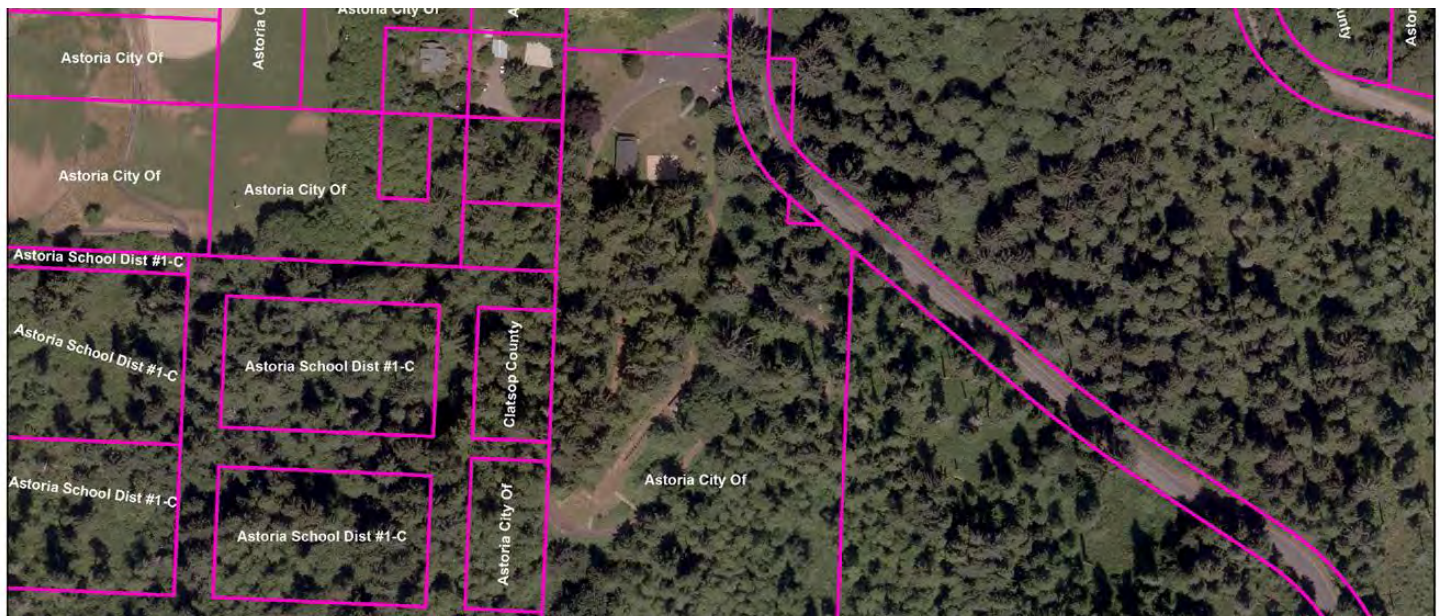
Wide paved loop path within Shively Park through forested areas, with informal soft surface trail spurs. There are garbage cans, dog waste bags, and parking spaces.

Regular Maintenance:

Clearing of brush and debris as needed

Needed Maintenance:

None



Tapiola Park Loop

Owner: City of Astoria

0.5 miles
Condition: Good



Description:

Wide paved loop path within Tapiola Park. Access to parking, public restrooms, garbage cans, and dog waste bags.

Regular Maintenance:

Clearing of brush and debris as needed

Needed Maintenance:

None



APPENDIX:

A.2 - Community Input Results

A.2 Focus Group Summary

Aquatic Center user organizations

(Astoria High School, Clatsop Community College, Columbia Memorial Hospital, North Coast Swim Club, US Coast Guard)

AHS

- The swim team would like to keep its current 3:30-5:00 PM schedule for the 3-month duration of their season.
- This has caused schedule conflicts with North Coast Swim Club, who recommended staying open until 8:00 PM during the high school swim season to accommodate everyone. However, their ultimate priority is that the City can cover its costs.
- Interested in seeing the green space on the west side of the AAC developed.
- Happy with the facility and think it indicates that Astoria is a well-rounded community.

CCC

- Concerned with high costs. More information on discounts would be helpful, particularly for seniors.
- Would like to be able to run an evening fitness class (7-8:00 PM).
- Would like to see more adult programming, eg. kayaking, scuba, water polo.

CMH

- Would like to get American Arthritis Association certification, which requires a 93 F pool. Current rec pool is set at 86 F.
- AAC should provide two sturdy wheelchairs for pool access. Existing PVC chair should be replaced.
- CMH is satisfied with the existing partnership and very happy with the update to the fitness room.

NCSC

- Happy that AAC is able to do so much with limited space and time, and that the staff and leadership demonstrate pride in the facility. Communication is key to keep things running smoothly - it has been good and NCSC is grateful for the partnership.
- Interested in seeing the consolidation of the

AAC and ARC facilities at the AAC site.

- Identified the lobby space and green space on the west side of the AAC as underutilized, and would like to see development in those areas. These are potential areas for rec center development. In the interim, providing easy access to the green space would be utilized by NCSC for gathering space during meets and dryland training.

USCG

- Happy with the staff, facility, and level of communication.
- USCG feels that it pays a premium for the time it uses, but is happy to support such a key facility in the community.
- Would like to see a 6-month or 1-year pass option.
- More depth in the pool would be ideal for USCG rescue trainings, but it is understood that this may not be feasible.

General

- The group discussed and supported the idea of building a rock climbing wall in the AAC facility
- Could be located in the north end of the lobby, on the west wall of the exterior of the building, or within the pool area (similar to Sunset Empire).
- The group discussed the possibility of widening the lap pool to accommodate 1-2 additional lanes.

City staff

(Community Development, Public Works)

- Develop a plan for Ocean View Cemetery
- Identify underutilized parks that could be repurposed or sold
- Be sure to utilize the Master Plan as a guide over the years.
- Become financially self-sustaining
- Consider restructuring fees for Astoria residents vs. non-residents
- Evaluate a special district
- Ensure sustainable maintenance and operations costs
- Regular user fee updates
- Coordinate with other City departments through cross-marketing
- Collaborate with other City departments planning processes
- Potentially: sustainability, stormwater/wastewater
- Heritage Square

Downtown businesses

(Astoria Downtown Historic District Association)

- Continue to provide public restrooms and consider adding more along the Riverwalk
- Develop signage and wayfinding, brochure/park and trail guide

Historic & cultural preservation

(Clatsop County Historical Society, Clatsop Community College, Lower Columbia Preservation Society, other independent local historians)

- For designated historical parks and buildings, identify and understand the characteristics that led to their designations, and seek to preserve those values. Understand that some sites may be best preserved as “time capsules” (Customs House) and others may be more adaptable (Shively).

- Increase awareness of historical assets through additional interpretive signage.
- Train maintenance staff on preservation, restoration, and maintenance of historic sites (Clatsop College offers courses. Staff enrollment could strengthen that partnership)
- Increase volunteerism and stewardship. Rather than having groups “adopt” parks or create “friends of” organizations, create a live document of projects that could be completed through volunteer efforts, and make the document accessible to the public online.

Lower Columbia Hispanic Council

- Provide information and marketing materials in Spanish, and coordinate with LCHC to distribute.
- Include a Spanish language option on the Parks & Recreation website.
- Improve communication regarding hours of operation and reservations.
- Increase communication on scholarship opportunities, giveaways, and free events.
- Safety and accessibility:
- Install lighting along the River Walk from the Maritime Museum to Safeway.
- Provide ADA accessible play equipment.
- Widen gate at Tapiola for large strollers to be able to pass through.
- Provide fenced areas for off-leash dogs to reduce safety concerns.
- Consider fencing the street edge at Fred Lindstrom to keep kids away from traffic.
- Provide more large outdoor party / gathering spaces.
- High-traffic parks should have a range of amenities that serve multi-generational users.
- Increase indoor recreation opportunities for all age groups.
- Restrooms
- Provide clean, permanent restroom facilities at Fred Lindstrom.
- Keep Tapiola restrooms clean.

Parents clubs

(MOMS Club, Astor Parents Club, Lewis & Clark Parents Club, AMS Parents Club)

- Identify “key” parks and maintain those at the highest level.
- Would rather have a few great parks than many unremarkable parks.
- Restrooms:
- Add a restroom at Fred Lindstrom Park.
- Keep Tapiola restrooms open, clean, and stocked.
- Provide something for parents to do at Port of Play - cardio equipment was suggested
- Find ways to control costs and make memberships more affordable. Especially for larger families (current family passes only cover up to 5 family members).
- Improve the scholarship application process for low income users, expand cost saving opportunities for low income users.
- Make it easier to navigate the website and pay online for registration, memberships, classes, etc.

Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation

- Provide more opportunities for pre-teens and teens (after-school hours: monitored open gyms / social gathering space)
- Provide an off-leash dog park area
- Provide access to indoor sport courts / open gym time.
- Consolidate and centralize the indoor recreation facilities.
- Connect the trail system.
- Expand volunteerism and stewardship through CHIP-in, community partnerships, and park adoptions / friends-of groups.
- Achieve sustainability in budget and staffing.
- Increase transparency of Department financials to the community.

Public health & social services

(Clatsop County Public Health, Astoria Warming Center)

- Improve communication on cost saving opportunities for low income and senior users, and consider expanding those opportunities.
- Build community partnerships by increasing communication and interaction with area organizations such as CHART, HEAL, Connect the Dots
- Achieve fiscal sustainability and independence by sustaining revenue, potentially implementing a regional parks and recreation district.

Senior Community

(Astoria Senior Center board members, directors, and patrons)

- Seniors in the focus group stated that they used the Aquatic Center and local trails for recreation most frequently. Preferred trails were the River Walk, Shively Park, and the Coffenbury Trail at Fort Stevens State Park in Warrenton.
- There was a concern with the current conditions and maintenance of trails and facilities.
- There was interest in finding and encouraging new uses at underutilized park facilities.
- Outdoor social gathering spaces and places to walk were noted as the highest priorities. It was noted that places for walking should also provide places to sit and rest or enjoy views. Seating should be comfortable to get in and out of (the downtown benches were disliked because they are backless, too low and uncomfortable to use).
- The Senior Center patrons would like to see the development of Heritage Square into a facility that builds off of the themes at the Garden of Surging waves. It should provide social gathering space that the seniors can use, but primarily be the “welcome center of Astoria” for visitors, and represent the history and character of the city. A partnership could be developed between the Senior Center

and Parks and Recreation to encourage use of new development at Heritage Square, such as recreational, social, and educational programs geared toward seniors. Suggestions for the design of the park included transforming the “pit” into a sunken amphitheater, and installing art/sculptures/memorials depicting the ethnic heritage of Astoria. The Garden of Surging Waves does a good job of honoring the Chinese heritage, and the rest of the park could be dedicated to the Native Americans, Scandinavians, Greeks, and others. Generally, the seniors supported improving the library, but keeping it at its current site rather than incorporating a new library into the design of Heritage Square.

- The seniors thought that they would be more likely to get involved in Parks and Recreation services if they had more information about what options were provided, especially programs specifically geared toward seniors, people in poor health, and low income users. Representatives of the Senior Center strongly encouraged improving communication between the Senior Center and Parks and Recreation Department. The Senior Center has about 500 members and sends information to its users regularly via email. There is currently little to no mention of parks and recreation opportunities. The Parks and Recreation department could send information directly to the Senior Center to include in their communications, and could also post fliers and newsletters in print at the Senior Center’s physical location.

Service organizations

(Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Boy Scouts, Friends of the Astoria Column, Friends of the Astoria Armory, Friends of McClure Park)

- Host or attend regular mixers / networking opportunities for service organizations where each group presents key projects, goals, needs, and skills they offer. See: CHART, Connect the Dots.
- Communicate to local service organizations what our priority projects are and where we could use help.
- Collaborate with the Armory to provide after-school opportunities for middle school and high school age youth.

Teens

(Astoria High School Leadership Class, Student Council)

- A presentation on the Master Plan process was given, and students were asked questions about how they recreate, indoors and outdoors, and what activities they would like to see offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Favorite indoor activities included video games and indoor sports, or flexible “open gym” activities.
- Suggestions for new indoor activities that could be implemented included a giant trampoline room, video game area, a YMCA-type facility with multiple recreation and social opportunities and programs like drop-in basketball.
- Favorite outdoor activities included camping and hiking, as well as outdoor sports.
- Suggestions for new outdoor activities that could be provided included outdoor swimming, pickle ball (could also be indoors), more / improved trails, zip-lining, and drive-in movie nights.
- It was noted that many teens were unaware of some of the parks, trails, and programs already offered. There should be better information provided for regular programs

and one-off events that are specifically geared toward teens. Coordination with the schools could be a key to getting more teens involved with Parks and Recreation programs.

Trails & natural areas

(National Parks Service, North Coast Watershed Council, North Coast Trail Alliance, NW Coast Trails Coalition, and other independent local horticulturalists, arborists, and trail builders)

- Connect the trail system, and consider walking and biking not only as a method of recreation but also transportation.
- Improve trail safety: more lighting on the Riverwalk; make wood sections of Riverwalk more bike-friendly; selective brush clearing along wooded trails; reduce hazards on Cathedral Tree Trail.
- Local trail organizations and users are willing to help map, develop, and maintain trails.
- Provide a comprehensive trail map.
- Continue to preserve and maintain natural areas that provide respite from the city.
- Utilize native plant species to keep maintenance needs to a minimum. Ensure that the maintenance staff is knowledgeable of these techniques.
- Educate the community on our native plant communities, trees, and natural landscape features through interpretive signage.

Youth & adult athletics

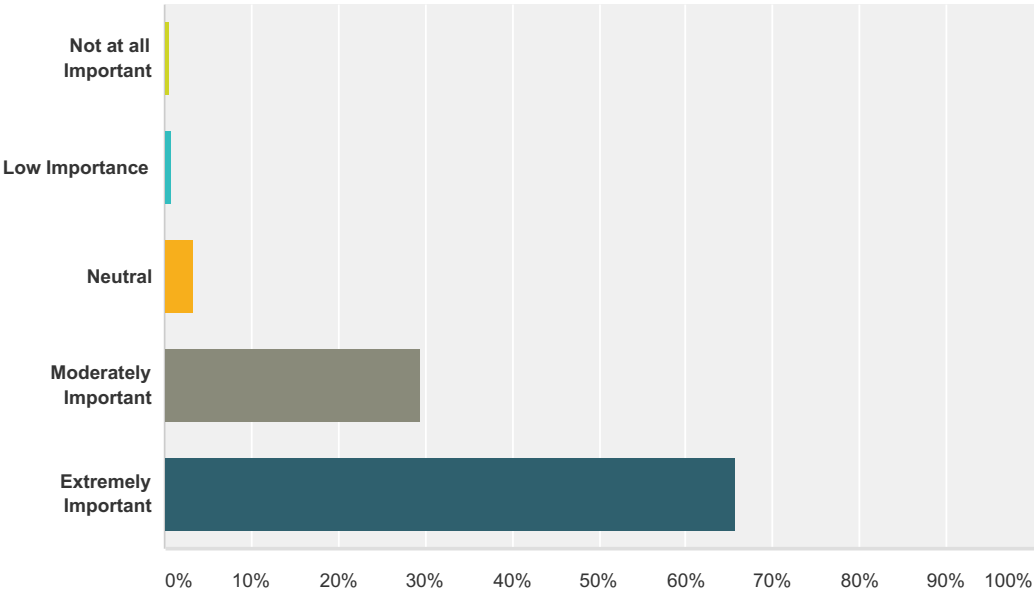
(Astoria Cal Ripken Baseball, Astoria Babe Ruth Baseball, Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association, Sunset Empire Parks & Recreation District, coaches from Astoria Parks & Recreation programs)

- Participation has been declining. Find ways to stabilize and grow participation. Start with expanding marketing and communications.
- Regional club/travel teams are a draw because they often offer a higher level of competition and quality
- It is also becoming difficult to find and retain coaches. The high school athletic programs could require service hours that could be satisfied by coaching a youth team or officiating.
- One way to retain and grow local teams would be hosting more end of season tournaments.
- Cross-promotion and increased communication between Parks and Recreation programs and programs provided by other local organizations.
- Improve coordination on areas where maintenance is shared.

A.2 Winter 2015 Survey

Q1 In your opinion, how important are parks and recreation facilities to your quality of life in Astoria?

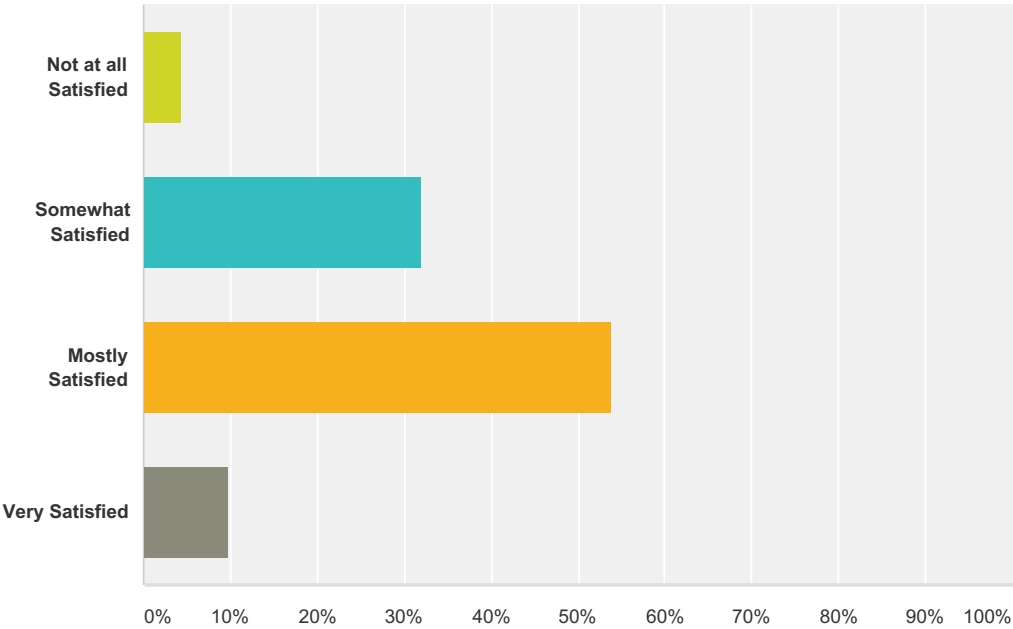
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Not at all Important	0.57%	5
Low Importance	0.91%	8
Neutral	3.29%	29
Moderately Important	29.51%	260
Extremely Important	65.72%	579
Total		881

Q2 In general, how satisfied are you with the parks and recreation opportunities in Astoria?

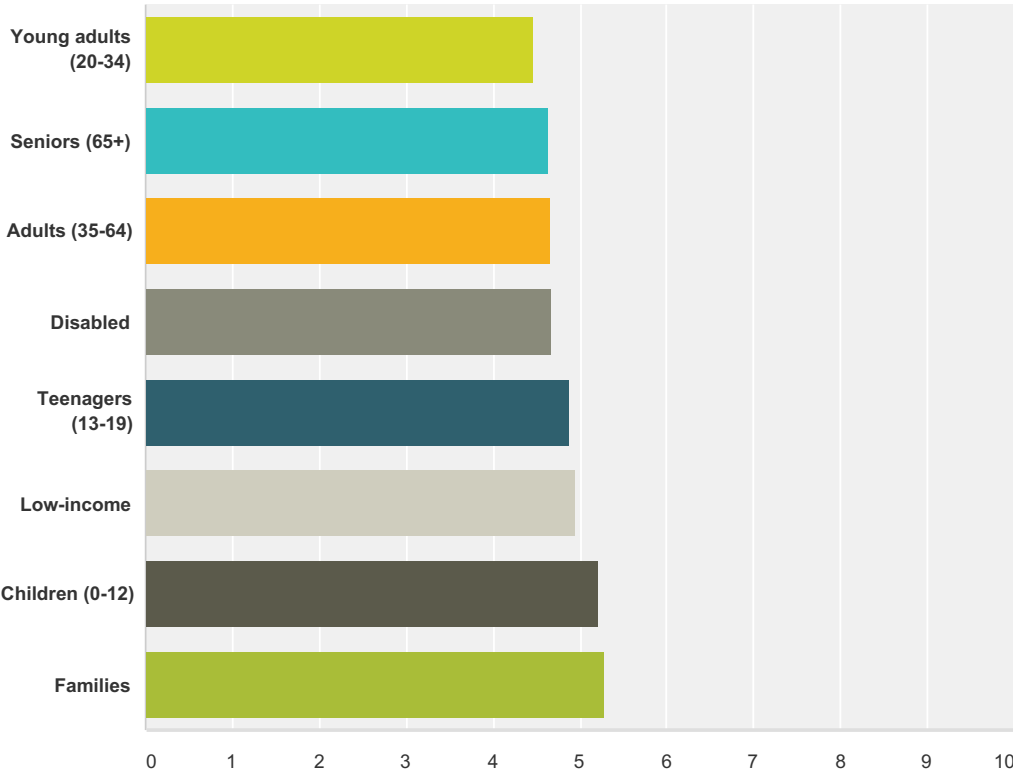
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Not at all Satisfied	4.43%	39
Somewhat Satisfied	31.90%	281
Mostly Satisfied	53.80%	474
Very Satisfied	9.88%	87
Total		881

Q3 How important to you are Parks and Recreation services specific to the following populations?

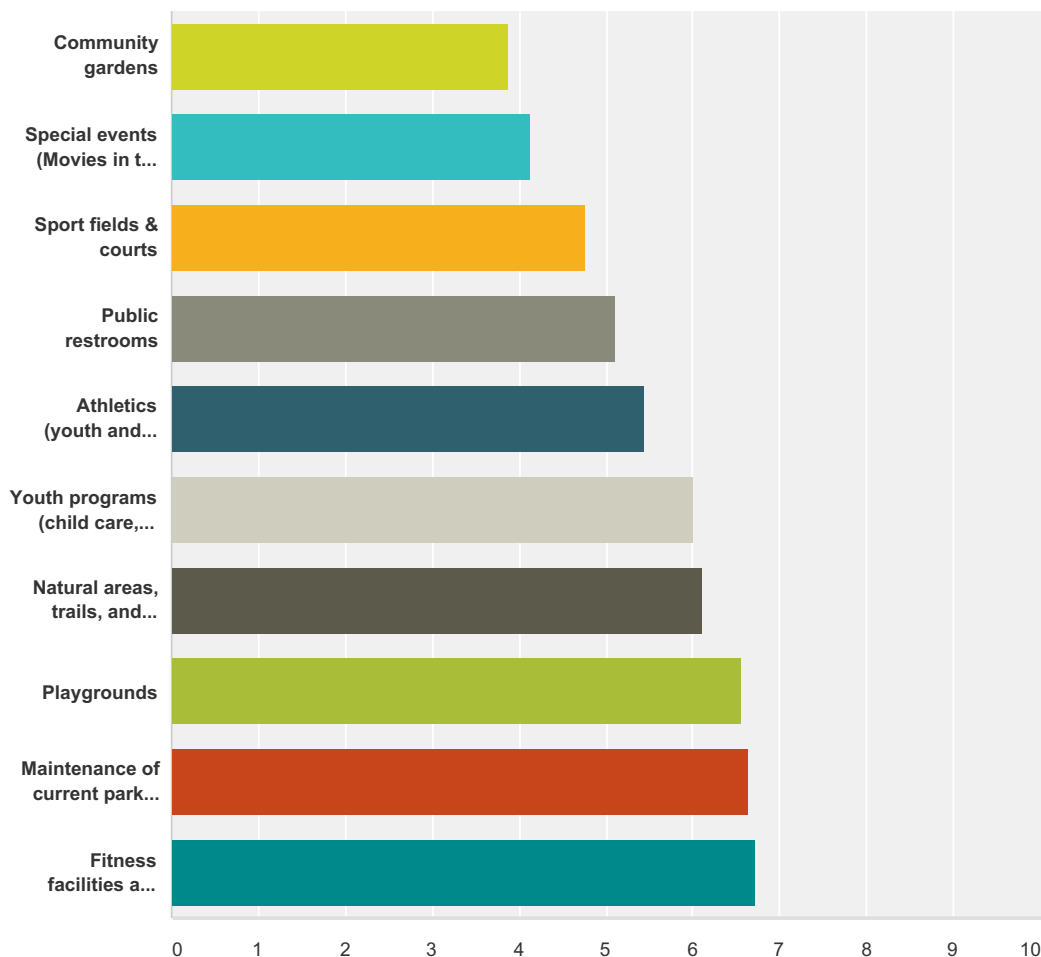
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	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Young adults (20-34)	2.24% 19	2.36% 20	3.31% 28	12.28% 104	25.03% 212	28.93% 245	25.86% 219	847	4.46
Seniors (65+)	1.75% 15	2.33% 20	3.26% 28	11.19% 96	18.07% 155	31.35% 269	32.05% 275	858	4.64
Adults (35-64)	0.81% 7	1.62% 14	4.05% 35	7.99% 69	23.96% 207	33.33% 288	28.24% 244	864	4.66
Disabled	1.79% 15	1.43% 12	3.70% 31	13.01% 109	16.35% 137	27.80% 233	35.92% 301	838	4.68
Teenagers (13-19)	1.85% 16	1.04% 9	3.58% 31	5.54% 48	15.82% 137	31.87% 276	40.30% 349	866	4.89
Low-income	1.65% 14	1.41% 12	2.71% 23	9.76% 83	10.12% 86	28.71% 244	45.65% 388	850	4.94
Children (0-12)	1.72% 15	0.92% 8	2.86% 25	2.63% 23	7.22% 63	29.90% 261	54.75% 478	873	5.21
Families	0.70% 6	0.23% 2	1.97% 17	3.02% 26	9.51% 82	30.05% 259	54.52% 470	862	5.29

Q4 For this question, please review the list of current Parks & Recreation amenities and services. If you were in charge of the Parks & Recreation Department, how would you prioritize these items? (Rank the list from 1 to 10. 1 = highest priority; 10 = lowest priority):

Answered: 874 Skipped: 7

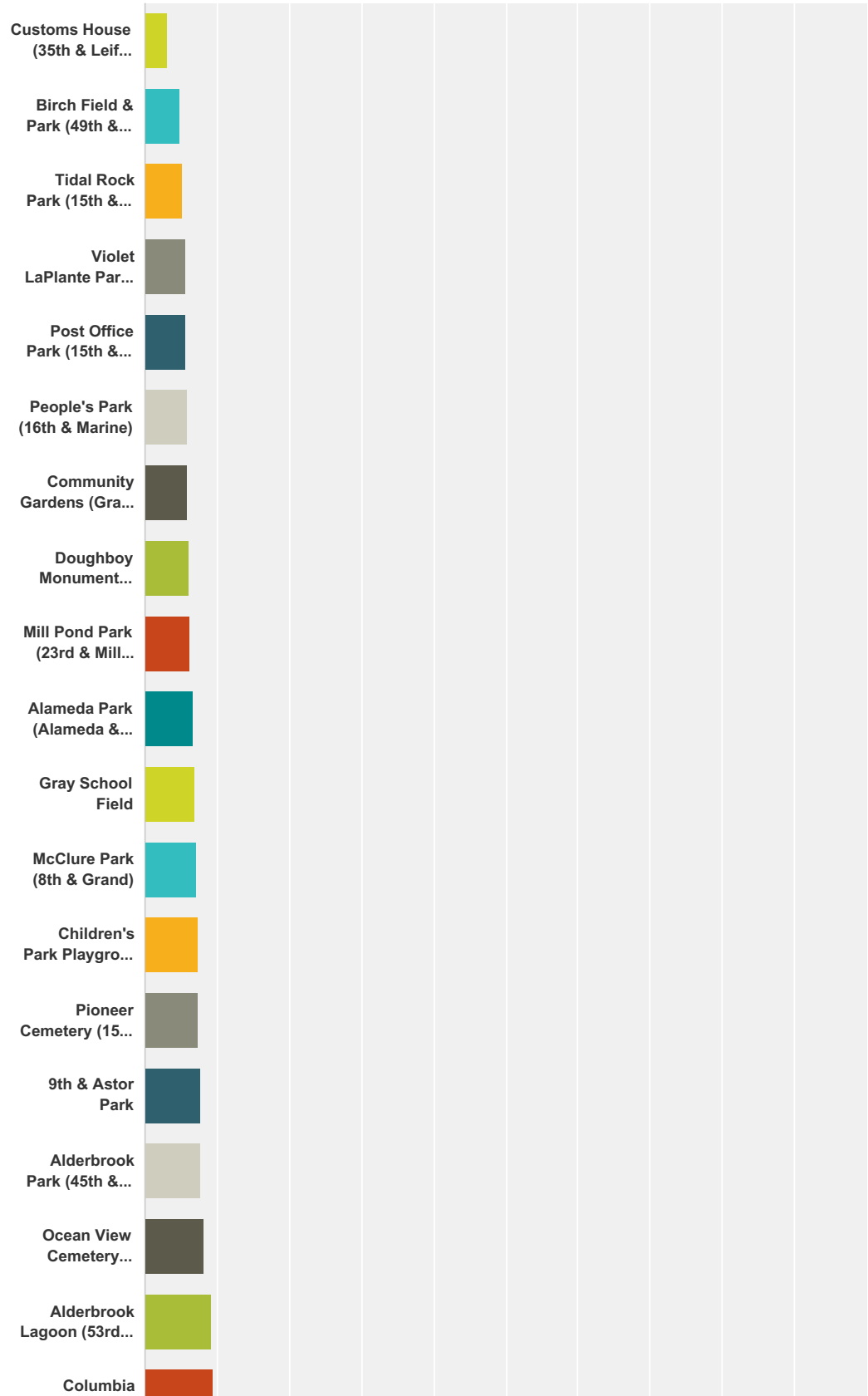


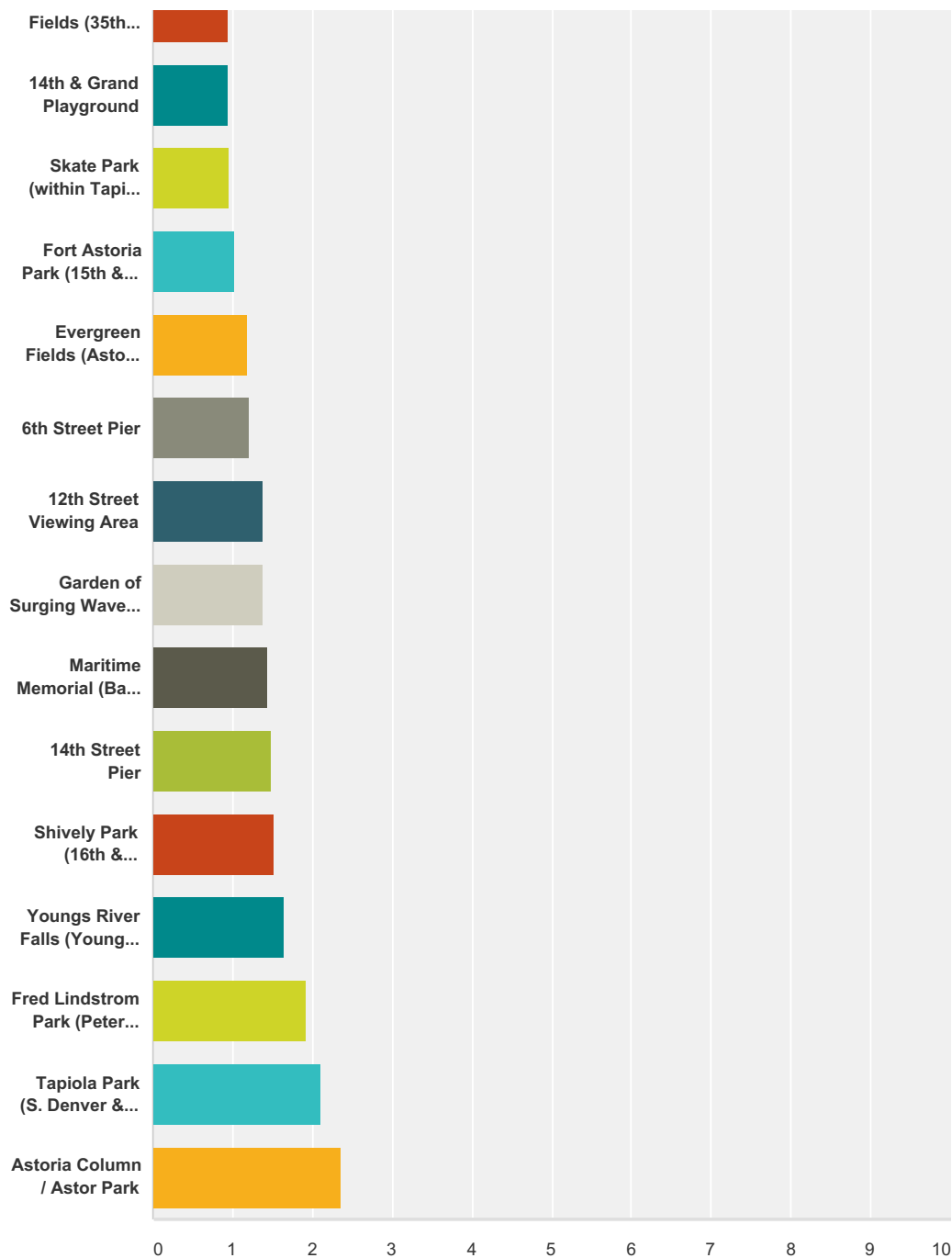
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Score
Community gardens	5.74% 43	4.94% 37	5.34% 40	4.94% 37	7.74% 58	7.74% 58	8.01% 60	10.68% 80	14.69% 110	30.17% 226	749	3.88
Special events (Movies in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt, runs / walks, etc)	3.32% 26	6.00% 47	5.49% 43	7.41% 58	8.30% 65	9.83% 77	9.07% 71	14.43% 113	16.60% 130	19.54% 153	783	4.14
Sport fields & courts	2.83% 23	4.80% 39	8.62% 70	10.96% 89	11.33% 92	11.21% 91	11.95% 97	15.64% 127	16.13% 131	6.53% 53	812	4.75
Public restrooms	5.81% 44	6.61% 50	8.59% 65	12.42% 94	12.29% 93	10.04% 76	13.34% 101	9.64% 73	10.30% 78	10.96% 83	757	5.11

Athletics (youth and adult sport leagues)	10.15% 74	10.01% 73	9.47% 69	9.05% 66	9.33% 68	10.01% 73	11.39% 83	10.29% 75	11.66% 85	8.64% 63	729	5.45
Youth programs (child care, summer camps, after-school, Teen Center)	16.88% 145	11.53% 99	9.55% 82	8.50% 73	10.13% 87	7.68% 66	10.94% 94	10.13% 87	5.59% 48	9.08% 78	859	6.02
Natural areas, trails, and scenic viewing areas	11.58% 87	14.91% 112	10.79% 81	10.39% 78	9.85% 74	12.25% 92	8.79% 66	8.79% 66	7.86% 59	4.79% 36	751	6.11
Playgrounds	9.85% 74	14.51% 109	16.25% 122	14.91% 112	13.18% 99	10.79% 81	6.92% 52	7.46% 56	3.73% 28	2.40% 18	751	6.56
Maintenance of current park land, community halls, historic sites, and picnic areas	15.55% 114	14.32% 105	12.96% 95	11.46% 84	12.01% 88	10.91% 80	9.00% 66	6.55% 48	5.05% 37	2.18% 16	733	6.63
Fitness facilities and programs (Aquatic Center, Recreation Center, fitness classes, swimming lessons)	20.70% 153	13.53% 100	14.34% 106	8.93% 66	9.47% 70	8.66% 64	8.53% 63	6.09% 45	4.33% 32	5.41% 40	739	6.73

Q5 How often do you or members of your household visit the following parks?

Answered: 810 Skipped: 71





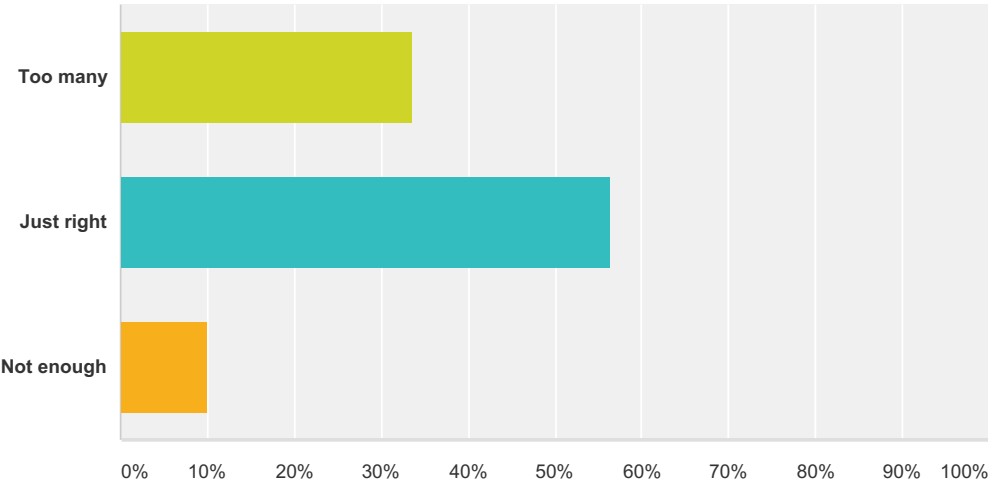
	Never	Rarely (1-3 times / year)	Occasionally (4-12 times / year)	Sometimes (2-3 times / month)	Often (1-3 times / week)	Daily (4-7 times / week)	Total	Weighted Average
Customs House (35th & Leif Erickson)	77.38% 602	16.07% 125	4.76% 37	1.29% 10	0.51% 4	0.00% 0	778	0.31
Birch Field & Park (49th & Birch)	70.39% 542	18.18% 140	6.75% 52	3.25% 25	1.04% 8	0.39% 3	770	0.48
Tidal Rock Park (15th & Commercial)	64.03% 493	23.12% 178	9.61% 74	2.21% 17	0.78% 6	0.26% 2	770	0.53
Violet LaPlante Park (45th & Cedar)	67.69% 530	18.39% 144	7.79% 61	2.94% 23	2.43% 19	0.77% 6	783	0.56

Post Office Park (15th & Franklin)	64.42% 496	21.82% 168	8.31% 64	3.77% 29	1.30% 10	0.39% 3	770	0.57
People's Park (16th & Marine)	65.03% 504	19.87% 154	9.29% 72	4.00% 31	1.29% 10	0.52% 4	775	0.58
Community Gardens (Gray School)	66.71% 523	18.11% 142	8.42% 66	3.95% 31	2.30% 18	0.51% 4	784	0.59
Doughboy Monument (Columbia & Marine)	63.41% 499	21.35% 168	9.15% 72	4.07% 32	1.65% 13	0.38% 3	787	0.60
Mill Pond Park (23rd & Mill Pond Ln)	61.70% 480	21.59% 168	11.44% 89	2.57% 20	2.31% 18	0.39% 3	778	0.63
Alameda Park (Alameda & Melbourne)	62.95% 491	19.87% 155	8.33% 65	5.13% 40	3.08% 24	0.64% 5	780	0.67
Gray School Field	59.46% 465	21.74% 170	11.89% 93	4.48% 35	2.05% 16	0.38% 3	782	0.69
McClure Park (8th & Grand)	58.23% 453	22.62% 176	11.83% 92	4.63% 36	1.67% 13	1.03% 8	778	0.72
Children's Park Playground (6th & Commercial)	57.56% 449	22.56% 176	11.67% 91	5.00% 39	2.44% 19	0.77% 6	780	0.74
Pioneer Cemetery (15th & Niagara)	55.60% 437	26.59% 209	10.81% 85	3.56% 28	2.54% 20	0.89% 7	786	0.74
9th & Astor Park	49.48% 382	30.96% 239	12.56% 97	5.57% 43	1.42% 11	0.00% 0	772	0.78
Alderbrook Park (45th & Leif Erickson)	53.89% 423	24.97% 196	12.61% 99	6.11% 48	2.17% 17	0.25% 2	785	0.78
Ocean View Cemetery (Warrenton)	54.76% 431	23.00% 181	12.71% 100	5.72% 45	2.80% 22	1.02% 8	787	0.82
Alderbrook Lagoon (53rd & Alder)	52.11% 408	22.09% 173	14.30% 112	6.13% 48	4.34% 34	1.02% 8	783	0.92
Columbia Fields (35th & Leif Erickson)	49.94% 389	23.11% 180	15.53% 121	7.57% 59	3.21% 25	0.64% 5	779	0.93
14th & Grand Playground	49.16% 380	24.71% 191	15.14% 117	5.82% 45	4.01% 31	1.16% 9	773	0.94
Skate Park (within Tapiola Park)	56.67% 442	17.05% 133	11.15% 87	7.44% 58	4.87% 38	2.82% 22	780	0.95
Fort Astoria Park (15th & Exchange)	40.72% 316	29.64% 230	19.72% 153	6.70% 52	2.58% 20	0.64% 5	776	1.03
Evergreen Fields (Astoria Middle School)	43.59% 340	20.64% 161	18.46% 144	9.74% 76	5.77% 45	1.79% 14	780	1.19
6th Street Pier	28.30% 225	36.98% 294	23.40% 186	8.05% 64	2.89% 23	0.38% 3	795	1.21
12th Street Viewing Area	24.77% 192	33.68% 261	26.45% 205	9.81% 76	4.39% 34	0.90% 7	775	1.38
Garden of Surging Waves (11th & Duane)	32.41% 256	26.58% 210	20.89% 165	12.91% 102	5.19% 41	2.03% 16	790	1.38
Maritime Memorial (Bay St & Marine Dr)	27.39% 215	28.66% 225	25.48% 200	11.21% 88	5.73% 45	1.53% 12	785	1.44
14th Street Pier	22.75% 174	30.98% 237	28.24% 216	11.37% 87	5.62% 43	1.05% 8	765	1.49

Shively Park (16th & Williamsport)	26.67% 208	28.33% 221	23.21% 181	12.31% 96	7.05% 55	2.44% 19	780	1.52
Youngs River Falls (Young's River Loop Rd)	18.89% 150	31.74% 252	26.45% 210	14.11% 112	6.80% 54	2.02% 16	794	1.64
Fred Lindstrom Park (Peter Pan)	23.63% 185	19.16% 150	21.46% 168	17.24% 135	13.54% 106	4.98% 39	783	1.93
Tapiola Park (S. Denver & W. Marine)	19.92% 157	17.89% 141	22.72% 179	17.89% 141	14.85% 117	6.73% 53	788	2.10
Astoria Column / Astor Park	2.65% 21	14.75% 117	43.88% 348	24.46% 194	10.72% 85	3.53% 28	793	2.36

Q6 What is your opinion on the number of parks operated and maintained by Astoria Parks & Recreation?

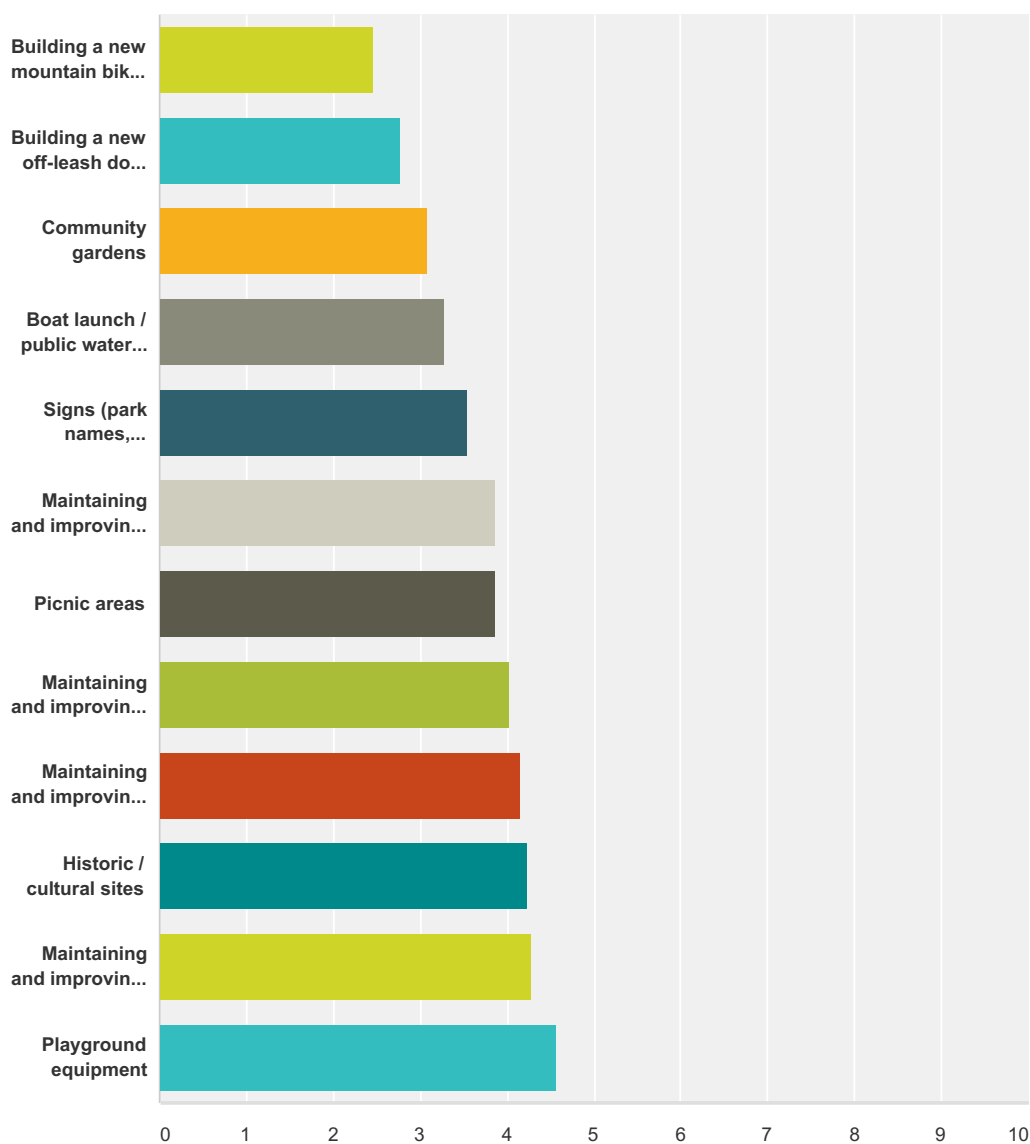
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too many	33.58%	272
Just right	56.30%	456
Not enough	10.12%	82
Total		810

Q7 Regarding parks, how important to you is investment in the following areas?

Answered: 810 Skipped: 71



	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Building a new mountain biking area ("pump track")	21.93% 177	18.09% 146	10.29% 83	17.47% 141	13.14% 106	11.52% 93	7.56% 61	807	2.47
Building a new off-leash dog park	20.82% 167	14.21% 114	9.73% 78	17.71% 142	11.60% 93	11.85% 95	14.09% 113	802	2.77
Community gardens	8.86% 71	14.36% 115	12.73% 102	17.73% 142	22.85% 183	15.23% 122	8.24% 66	801	3.10
Boat launch / public water access	9.19% 74	12.30% 99	11.18% 90	17.64% 142	19.88% 160	18.39% 148	11.43% 92	805	3.28
Signs (park names, information, wayfinding)	2.87% 23	7.86% 63	12.22% 98	22.82% 183	26.56% 213	18.20% 146	9.48% 76	802	3.55

Maintaining and improving existing landscaped areas / flower beds	1.25% 10	5.35% 43	11.33% 91	13.20% 106	34.25% 275	25.16% 202	9.46% 76	803	3.87
Picnic areas	1.25% 10	4.73% 38	10.46% 84	14.82% 119	35.12% 282	25.53% 205	8.09% 65	803	3.87
Maintaining and improving existing sport courts (basketball, tennis)	1.87% 15	3.86% 31	9.70% 78	14.93% 120	27.61% 222	27.74% 223	14.30% 115	804	4.03
Maintaining and improving existing sport fields (softball/baseball, soccer)	1.74% 14	2.74% 22	9.71% 78	13.45% 108	25.40% 204	30.39% 244	16.56% 133	803	4.15
Historic / cultural sites	1.87% 15	3.24% 26	7.72% 62	14.20% 114	22.29% 179	31.26% 251	19.43% 156	803	4.23
Maintaining and improving existing natural areas	0.63% 5	5.26% 42	9.89% 79	8.14% 65	23.15% 185	31.79% 254	21.15% 169	799	4.28
Playground equipment	0.87% 7	1.37% 11	6.09% 49	8.08% 65	21.89% 176	37.31% 300	24.38% 196	804	4.58

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Maintaining and improving existing public restrooms	1/1/2016 9:37 AM
2	More trails, paved and unpaved	12/31/2015 10:17 PM
3	We like the trails including Riverwalk, Cathedral, & Shively.	12/31/2015 8:51 PM
4	Maintenance on the river walk is extremely important to me.	12/31/2015 7:18 PM
5	Improve, cover skatepark.	12/31/2015 5:48 PM
6	cemetaries don't receive enough attention. I object to the name change at Ocean View, from the original more indigenous names that are on the DAR maps.	12/31/2015 12:56 PM
7	Improve recreation center.	12/31/2015 11:14 AM
8	clean port of play regularly, maintain toys discard unsafe stuff, broken toys, stage area: rotate, enhance discovery areas	12/31/2015 11:14 AM
9	The City should have more public fountains	12/31/2015 10:47 AM
10	We so desperately need an indoor facility for open gym, racquetball, video arcade, indoor running track and rock climbing wall. Not sure why the county hasn't work on a project as such to accommodate the community and our youth, especially during the winter.	12/30/2015 9:39 PM
11	historic trees inventory	12/30/2015 4:17 PM
12	keep law suits down and keep playground equipment safe for the little ones	12/30/2015 3:08 PM
13	Maintaining/Improving existing halls/meeting spaces-Extremely important	12/29/2015 8:54 PM
14	Disabled access	12/29/2015 5:44 PM
15	Signage for the public path system. They're hard to find and often obscured by neighbors that don't want people finding them.	12/29/2015 1:02 PM
16	cemetarys ocean view, has been neglected past years more mowing get the work crew from jail to help	12/29/2015 9:46 AM
17	REPAIR RESTROOMS AT DOUGHBOY!	12/29/2015 3:52 AM
18	we need to kep what we have clean operable.	12/29/2015 12:04 AM
19	public restrooms at Peter Pan park. children need a place to relieve themselves.	12/28/2015 10:20 PM
20	Important to me: River Walk and trails. Places to explore & play.	12/28/2015 7:19 PM
21	Indoor activities (basketball, raquetball, indoor track)	12/28/2015 3:26 PM
22	maintaining the fields and parks for children and families first.	12/28/2015 2:31 PM

23	Restrooms needed and public safety at high traffic parks such as Peter Pan. It would be nice to have a playground area off of the riverwalk so families could walk and stop and play.	12/28/2015 2:13 PM
24	More natural/nature trails in wooded areas.	12/28/2015 1:55 PM
25	More boat launch and water access is needed.	12/28/2015 12:15 PM
26	I would like to have a map of the parks. And separate the dog and kids areas. Because the dog sh..... Waist. Its a big problem.	12/27/2015 11:01 PM
27	Bathrooms for public	12/27/2015 5:50 PM
28	Improve parking. Particularly at Port of Play/Lil Sprouts	12/27/2015 9:00 AM
29	Improving lighting	12/23/2015 3:52 PM
30	Developing Heritage Square	12/23/2015 10:26 AM
31	greater education / signage for hunting season / areas where hikers / hunters may overlap, like by Dike trail behind warrenton biz park where hunters are shooting TOWARDS the trail? Or up on Pipeline?	12/23/2015 10:12 AM
32	Shifting pool hours so working people can swim	12/20/2015 11:01 AM
33	Aquatic Center should be a top priority	12/18/2015 8:05 PM
34	Maintaining River Walk	12/18/2015 10:10 AM
35	Build a cover for the skate park	12/18/2015 9:26 AM
36	Restrooms maintainance	12/18/2015 9:19 AM
37	Indoor recreation	12/18/2015 8:35 AM
38	Maintain sidewalks, and keep city clean for visitors. It looks trashy at entry and exits. First impressions important	12/18/2015 6:38 AM
39	Question six: don't like options. Not necessarily too many but need more staff, funding etc	12/17/2015 7:54 PM
40	More hiking trails	12/17/2015 7:16 PM
41	A river beach park with wading would be great for warm westher	12/17/2015 6:10 PM
42	Reservation taking at Port of Play no a good system.	12/17/2015 5:30 PM
43	Waterfront walk, especially its terminus neat Pier 1	12/17/2015 5:21 PM
44	Evening classes for Exercising/Yoga/Pilates	12/17/2015 5:19 PM
45	Raquetball court	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
46	Continue the River Walk to the main channel with bench(es) so we can sit and watch the ships go by or the sail boat races or the storms. (by the Port). Now it stops just short of the main river and even though there is a small trail to climb through, not so good for tourists and public. Several years ago before it was grown up I walked out around the point and it is an awesome river view!!	12/17/2015 1:41 PM
47	Natural areas should be kept natural (not 'improved')	12/14/2015 5:05 PM
48	Trail systems	12/12/2015 3:59 PM
49	Mountain bike trails by Astor Column. Swimming area for dogs in city limits. Please remodel skatepark (Cannon Beach and Seaside are good models). A sauna or steam room at aquatic center.	12/12/2015 2:37 PM
50	more natural areas like the catherdral trail.	12/10/2015 5:53 PM
51	Drop some small ones	12/10/2015 2:59 PM
52	In general, maintaining what we have and keeping it in good condition is most important	12/9/2015 5:30 PM
53	stronger online information for tourist.	12/9/2015 9:38 AM
54	Child care/Port of Play - Extremely Important.	12/7/2015 10:23 PM
55	non motorized boat access at various points along the Columbia River	12/7/2015 2:31 PM
56	We need a fully Ada playground	12/7/2015 1:25 PM
57	increase full time employees and summer help	12/7/2015 8:45 AM
58	Improve the Riverwalk amenities, view, maintenance	12/6/2015 4:42 PM

59	Would love to see extension of River Walk to South Slope	12/5/2015 12:21 PM
60	Heritage trees- We are concerned about them.	12/4/2015 8:42 PM
61	Mountain Bike Trails would really encourage healthy lifestyles.	12/4/2015 8:00 PM
62	My Bike trails would be great!	12/4/2015 4:29 PM
63	A trail along the water on south side would be nice.	12/4/2015 10:18 AM
64	More hiking and mountain bike trails connected to town but utilizing natural areas better	12/3/2015 9:33 PM
65	Garden of Surging Waves	12/3/2015 9:22 PM
66	Building and maintaining existing and new trails is extremely important	12/3/2015 8:20 PM
67	running trails, lighting on riverwalk	12/3/2015 7:28 PM
68	Riverwalk maintenance and enhancements	12/2/2015 8:12 PM
69	Maintain and expand trail networks	12/2/2015 5:56 PM
70	Heritage Square with the Library should be coming soon	12/2/2015 2:39 PM
71	FITNESS TRAIL	12/2/2015 1:39 PM
72	Public Restrooms	12/2/2015 1:31 PM
73	A climbing wall would be great!	12/1/2015 3:54 PM
74	improving/maintaining/building trails	12/1/2015 9:31 AM
75	public bathroom at Peter Pan Park!	11/30/2015 5:08 PM
76	Gym Access	11/30/2015 11:44 AM
77	Expanding Daycare is most important	11/25/2015 2:51 PM
78	I don't see the "Riverwalk" listed. I use it a lot and appreciate it immensely. Keeping it well maintained is important to me.	11/25/2015 10:22 AM
79	I think the ocean view cementary needs attention.	11/25/2015 10:09 AM
80	Continued trail expansion	11/24/2015 7:49 PM

Q8 Use this space to provide any additional feedback on parks:

Answered: 204 Skipped: 677

#	Responses	Date
1	In the excersise pool, there is a constant build up of scum coating the top full light blue tile. The scuppers don't work right. This scum needs to be mechanically removed. When brought to the pool mgr's attention, her response is always abrupt: "We're working on it." Then, nothing ever gets done.	1/2/2016 2:42 PM
2	need an off-leash dog park	1/1/2016 1:16 PM
3	Should probably start upkeeping the city again cause it look terrible. I've never seen the round a bout, fields, and parks look this trashy.	12/31/2015 9:03 PM
4	The only reason I say that there are too many parks is because there are several that I had no idea about, or it did not occur to me that they were parks. Also, if you look at google maps, they are not listed at all. If something is not listed in something as mainstream as that, how will people know about them, let alone go to use the areas provided for us?	12/31/2015 8:49 PM
5	I think we need to only have a couple very well maintained family playgrounds /parks vs. Many small under maintained play areas.	12/31/2015 7:56 PM
6	I use the fort Astoria park several times a day with my dog. I like the disposal bags and trash can but better lighting would be appreciated.	12/31/2015 7:44 PM
7	I would like to see the river walk area better lit between 9th and 11th. I feel there is a liability issue and people are nervous using this area at night.	12/31/2015 7:18 PM
8	You need to do something with the drunk and disorderly. Also, the homeless at Shively park, river walk. Poor lighting on 10th and other areas.	12/31/2015 6:57 PM
9	I love that Astoria has so many natural areas and trails for hiking. I spend so much time at Shively, the Cathedral tree trail, and the Riverwalk. My son loves Tapiola and Fred Lindstrom Park These are not as hot programs as sports or childcare, but these outdoor experiences are the fabric of our lives. Married at Shively 15 years ago. Thank you.	12/31/2015 6:31 PM
10	Need more employees to maintain parks. Some programs should be private rather than city as it competes with business such as day care	12/31/2015 6:03 PM
11	I use the parks in one way or the other Neely daily!!!	12/31/2015 5:05 PM
12	Aquatic center needs an evening water aerobics class. Need afternoon hour for adult only free swim.	12/31/2015 3:41 PM
13	Concentrating your efforts by reducing the amount of parks, amount of maintenance responsibility and overall liability, will create a more manageable parks system and improve the quality of the parks in Astoria.	12/31/2015 3:25 PM
14	We are new in Astoria, therefore haven't had an opportunity to visit all of the wonderful community venues... yet :) We visit about 3 a week, weather permitting! Thank you! We love this fairy tale town :) Anne Rice	12/31/2015 3:19 PM
15	I especially enjoy the Community garden at Gray school.	12/31/2015 12:56 PM
16	I had know idea some of these parks existed! Will get out and visit them...wasn't in town for the tour.	12/31/2015 12:36 PM
17	I use the Riverwalk 3+ times weekly, it is one of Astoria's most valuable resources and most important factors in contributing to a high quality of life.	12/31/2015 11:44 AM
18	I had no idea the parks and rec department maintained so many parks. I think I would benefit most from more summer youth programs.	12/31/2015 11:23 AM
19	Mt.Bike and hiking trails, need to be developed. The city owns a lot of forest land that is rarely used by the public.	12/31/2015 11:14 AM
20	Too many parks. Should be consolidated into a reasonable number that can be consistently maintained.	12/31/2015 10:25 AM
21	My husband and I regularly bring a big garbage bag to our favorite areas and pick up trash because there are often no receptacles. I wish Parks and Rec would invest in more trash cans so the beautiful areas aren't littered with waste.	12/31/2015 10:00 AM
22	Our opinion is to take care of what we have and do it well before adding more into the budget. If it is always half done it is not inviting and defeats its purpose and respect.	12/31/2015 9:25 AM
23	Sell the cemetary if you cannot provide the staff or money to maintain it, or bring it back to the glory it once was.	12/31/2015 9:25 AM

24	I love the restoration of Tapiola Park!	12/30/2015 7:17 PM
25	Since this area has many many miles of logging roads, I don't see a need for more mountain bike facilities.	12/30/2015 6:57 PM
26	i would use a dog park , a leshless park where responcable dog owners can go to let our babies run and play so i don't have to drive a long way to enjoy	12/30/2015 5:47 PM
27	"Too many" parks is because there aren't resources or personnel to maintain them.	12/30/2015 4:17 PM
28	Shivley park is the best	12/30/2015 3:56 PM
29	this is a depressed area and people don't keep animals current on their vaccinations and then to be off a leash might open a big can of worms...	12/30/2015 3:08 PM
30	I would like to see an emphasis on pet owners picking up their dog's waste. I've never lived anywhere that compares to the number of people that ignore warnings and disregard available poop stations as I have living here.	12/30/2015 2:59 PM
31	Thank you so very much for all that you do!! I lived in this area as a child in the 80' and remember how bleak and depressing this area was. thanks to the efforts of so many this area is truly a treasure for me to raise my kids and enjoy all that is around us and have a real sense of a great community. I do know this is because of the endless things we have to do and be proud of int his awesome area of ours. Thank you! I do think we could reach out to local people and organizations to help with service projects and upkeep. Not fundraisers! But i know my boy scouts would love an opportunity to help. Maybe a website where we can look up things that could be worked on? I think you would be surprised at how many people would help:)	12/30/2015 1:16 PM
32	With this town Bing a major tourist destination I think it's important to maintain beautiful parks and public areas to show that we care a great deal of our parks and scenic areas	12/30/2015 10:38 AM
33	Your fitness classes need to be expanded at REC.	12/30/2015 9:34 AM
34	We are new senior residents so have not made full use of the parks, but love the pool and Shively Park for swimming and walking.	12/30/2015 8:59 AM
35	Reliable public transportation between Warrenton, Hammond and Astoria. I might get out and visit parks more often if the city restored the route 15 bus to come by my house every hour, like they use too.	12/30/2015 1:06 AM
36	Trail maintenance is very important	12/30/2015 12:56 AM
37	I would be more interested in a dog park if that would mean people would keep their animals off the sports fields AND it was enforced- all the sports fields say "no dogs on the field" yet whenever I drive by the softball and baseball fields, people have their dogs in there playing catch.	12/29/2015 11:45 PM
38	In my opinion, Astoria has a shortage of affordable options for group gatherings such as weddings, family picnics, birthday parties, etc. Particularly areas with both indoor/covered and outdoor space. Shively is a good option for this but it seems it has gone downhill in recent years and could use some work. I would be very supportive of making an investment in existing halls/covered gathering areas and exploring options to offer more opportunities for group gatherings. Happy with Astoria parks overall. Thank you!	12/29/2015 8:54 PM
39	The Riverwalk is the most important city park. We need areas that visitors see maintained adequately, including Garden of Surging Waves, 11th Street Stairs, Astoria Column.	12/29/2015 7:52 PM
40	I believe you should stop building more to maintain. I listened to the bs about the chineese garden not costing tax payers. Now you are whining about not having enough money to maintain it. Maybe you should put that in your plan. What is the cost to maintain what you have and quit building what you can't afford to do the up keep on.	12/29/2015 6:16 PM
41	good job people	12/29/2015 5:54 PM
42	I would like them all to be chemical-free -no herbicides or pesticides. Especially where children play.	12/29/2015 5:23 PM
43	Tapiola is the main park, it needs the most attention.	12/29/2015 3:46 PM
44	Wish Astoria had the out door pool instead of putting a skate park the .. Prices need to go down as well at swimming pool that way also low income family's can also afford it .. They have all historic sites what about taking care of our kids parks improving them	12/29/2015 1:56 PM
45	As I near retirement the natural areas become more important to me than areas for kids but realize kids need something to do to keep them out of trouble.	12/29/2015 1:45 PM
46	I would love if a trail could be improved through the Bond street landslide to reconnect First and Duane down to Commercial and then down Commercial to Hume.	12/29/2015 1:02 PM
47	Too much time and emphasis on "Parks" and not enough on "Recreation".	12/29/2015 10:59 AM
48	We do not need additional Parks had no idea City was responsible for this many .. Keep Tapiola bathrooms clean	12/29/2015 9:46 AM

49	More for seniors	12/29/2015 8:13 AM
50	Where is the Riverwalk? I use that park on a daily basis and so do many other people. Garbage collection and restroom access is most important.	12/29/2015 7:48 AM
51	I am saddened by the neglect of maintenance at Shively Park. What was once the city's grand park is in very poor condition.	12/29/2015 5:53 AM
52	ADDITIONAL WALL AT MARITIME MEMORIAL PARK	12/29/2015 3:52 AM
53	It seems like there are too many to adequately maintain the facilities instead of concentrating on a handful instead.	12/29/2015 1:49 AM
54	The pool is dirty and too expensive! I would rather drive to seaside pool	12/29/2015 1:30 AM
55	I do think the gym at the aquatic center should be priced separately and cheap enough for everyone	12/29/2015 12:17 AM
56	Countless tourists asking where the column is we should get huge signs everywhere people miss those tiny green ones Also I think the goonies house should be taken over by the parks system if she's willing to sell it that's a huge money maker for this town and a historic icon of Astoria and Tarping it up is wrong. She could make it a museum and move somewhere else, sell it, etc. but something needs to be done by the city of Astoria about that and I think it would make a great addition to the museums etc. even just a goonies park or walk through museum like the cannery on 39th	12/28/2015 9:51 PM
57	Promote Neighborhood volunteerism to offset some expenses and build community involvement.	12/28/2015 9:16 PM
58	Because most apartment complexes do not allow dogs, so the larger majority of Astoria residents don't have them. Refurbishing and updating existing parks and having safe places for children and teens to go when the weather is bad are vital to our community.	12/28/2015 8:05 PM
59	I've been in city league sports for several years (15+) since a teenager and have seen a severe decline in maintenance in the middle school fields and inability to provide proper officials. I know many that have quit playing in this area due to these on going problems that get blown off and not properly addressed as if it were a joke and not taken seriously, we pay good hard earned money for services we are not getting in return. I'm am very fearful that in the not so distant future that the city parks adult sports programs are going to be extinct if these issues are not addressed.	12/28/2015 7:44 PM
60	I believe people were intended to be nomadic. It's important to have places to get outdoors, explore and move freely for both adults and children.	12/28/2015 7:19 PM
61	I have very young grandkids, so playground space for them over the next few years is going to be what I think is most important.	12/28/2015 5:41 PM
62	I think the pool should offer discount for people with disabilities they rased the price to much	12/28/2015 4:17 PM
63	There needs to be more effort put in to our children's parks and areas of play as well as activities for teens	12/28/2015 4:01 PM
64	I love all the outdoor activities this area has took offer... As well as the indoor for my children & grandchildren	12/28/2015 3:53 PM
65	We need more off-leash dog parks	12/28/2015 2:56 PM
66	The parcels are nice	12/28/2015 2:51 PM
67	My husband was Astoria Park Director for 23 years. The parks are very important for our community. I think the number of facilities and parks are too much for the current employees to keep up with.	12/28/2015 2:42 PM
68	I feel that Astoria has too many undefined parks and we keep making more. Instead of taking care of the ones that are already here	12/28/2015 2:31 PM
69	Love the pool and use it daily - keep it a top priority !	12/28/2015 1:55 PM
70	Making Astoria safer and more affordable would help with the quality of life here.	12/28/2015 1:04 PM
71	Suggest evaluate overlap in area responsibilities. e.g., community gardens are serviced by Ext Div. also I believe.	12/28/2015 12:52 PM
72	Shively Park is one of my favorites. I am concerned that it will be ruined by a cell phone tower. I love it the way it is but trail system could be improved and connected to sports field.	12/28/2015 12:15 PM
73	We have only been in Astoria for 4 months, so we have not visited many of the parks.	12/28/2015 11:13 AM
74	Neighborhood parks are great but some are rarely used and seem to attract people who are just hanging out smoking and drinking, not a good place to take your kids.	12/28/2015 9:11 AM
75	I think the city should charge for parking for launching boats. This could be a good source of revenue for the parks.	12/28/2015 7:22 AM
76	restrooms	12/28/2015 7:20 AM

77	The small parks without good public access and use like tidal rock park need to either be developed or let go. A large number of the parks on this above are not actually signed as parks so that people know they are public spaces. Fort Astoria park is a good example of a previous low use, awkward park that has been redeveloped well and sees more use now.	12/28/2015 6:35 AM
78	Little sprouts and the ARC a wonderful asserts to this community.	12/27/2015 11:52 PM
79	The people whit dogs needs to get a fine if they don't pick up your dogs waist. Its berry discasting when the kids run and step in the dog sh..... The parks are for children's.	12/27/2015 11:01 PM
80	I think it's very important for public bathrooms in astoria city limits,,,little kids can't hold it,pregnant woman and older ppl,ect.	12/27/2015 5:50 PM
81	Shively Park, the way it currently exists, is very underutilized. Could work be done that would make this park more useful to people? Could there be more trails, a restroom. I don't even understand the purpose of this park except that it is disappointing to go there. The loop around is peaceful, but seems a lot of space for the occasional walker/runner.	12/27/2015 4:49 PM
82	We use the Port of Play quite often with our grandchildren. That is a facility we would like to maintain and improve on.	12/26/2015 9:51 AM
83	Focus on Maintaining what exist. Poor upkeep on many parks, trails, playgrounds, aquatic center showers and bathrooms. Invest in QUALITY parks and facilities rather than trying to grow. Once sustainable on current parks and facilities then try growing and expanding. Parks and Rec should invest in quality AND consistency rather than starting something new for a year or two then moving or closing a class or letting an area fall apart.	12/24/2015 11:27 AM
84	The first set of questions should have a category for age and handicap accessibility. as a person retired and in a wheelchair questions about playgrounds are not relevant to me.	12/23/2015 7:56 AM
85	all of the parks in Astoria are a wonderful, integral part of the city. I hope you guys can get more resources to manage them. Good job taking care of so much with so little !	12/22/2015 12:11 PM
86	Thanks for working on our parks and asking public opinion. My ans to #6 is actually no opinion.	12/21/2015 10:44 AM
87	Great job! We love you guys!	12/20/2015 11:43 PM
88	I'm rarely new to this area,6months, and have not heard of a majority of these places. Perhaps some further promotion and community invitation would prompt better participation.	12/20/2015 2:02 PM
89	Parks department provides many services between 7-4, that working people 9-6 can't utilize	12/20/2015 11:01 AM
90	Dog park a total waste of money	12/19/2015 8:14 AM
91	My family was very disappointed with the recent replacement of the old metal merry-go-round at Peter Pan Park. I realize that it had seized up and that the new one is intended to be accessible. In actuality, it's become a place for teens to sit. This piece of playground equipment cannot be used without a parent pushing it. It is not possible for kids to push it or climb in or out without help. It only accomodates four seated kids and does not encourage them to discover the limits of their bodies, nor does it increase their fitness. I would like to see a real merry-go-round put back at the park. The needs of handicapped children AND able-bodied children should be considered when making future equipment purchases.	12/18/2015 8:21 PM
92	Love the parks , and I personally would love to get more involved.	12/18/2015 7:46 PM
93	The river walk could be improved and cleaned up-see Corvallis Oregon as an example. Also, I miss the large central 'green' park with playground and picnic area in Corvallis. Astoria has many small neighborhood parks but it could use some green space in the downtown area. The old Safeway parking lot screams for a park or better yet, below ground parking with a park on top. I would have much rather seen this happen and the old library renovated at its current site than a new library and condos in this location. Again, Corvallis would have been a great example to follow. Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinions through this survey! Keep up the good work.	12/18/2015 2:10 PM
94	The parks should be non smoking! There needs to be a garbage can at youngs river fall. We are always packing others peoples trash out.	12/18/2015 1:53 PM
95	I had no idea there were so many parks here - I've lived here for 20 years!	12/18/2015 1:39 PM
96	Too many transient camps along Riverwalk. We walked along there last summer picking blackberry and it was smelly and trashy in one area, was actually a little scary to bring children to!	12/18/2015 12:21 PM
97	i don't live in Astoria...!	12/18/2015 11:48 AM
98	With Astoria becoming known as a tourist location, I think maintaining and improving our parks, trails, and landscaped areas is very important.	12/18/2015 11:27 AM

99	The PRD does "own" a lot of acreage... and some of the locations outside of city limits that the shop dumps effort into is plain ridiculous (falls). Give that to the county. The Air Station field is coast guard property. As for OVC... that account will continue to be pilfered from	12/18/2015 11:02 AM
100	The City of Astoria has done an amazing job with creating and maintaining the River Walk and the Astoria Aquatics Center.	12/18/2015 10:10 AM
101	I have lived in Astoria for the past 15 years and have 8 year old twins. Most of these parks are more like empty lots. Many I had no idea were even considered parks.	12/18/2015 9:41 AM
102	Please give Peter Pan Park a permanent restroom!	12/18/2015 9:19 AM
103	I think our school systems need to do more sports activities for the kids and not Parks and Rec. Its time for the school to step up and start finding grants! Parks and Rec seems over worked..... they need some help ??	12/18/2015 8:46 AM
104	I am still upset that the city used such prime real estate to build a sub par pool that doesn't even utilize the amazing view at that location. ilt would probably be unreasonably expensive to renovate the pool and add an upper level or two, or possible side extensions to create an indoor track with a view, and racquetball or other courts. There are so many opportunities for outdoor recreation naturally here, but we are really lacking indoor activities. I suppose we do have indoor spaces available for recreation, but they are all over the place and it is confusing, and not that nice. It makes sense to have fitness and recreation consolidated in one area, where there is something for the whole family, and showers etc. I think we should look at other community centers and model after them. For example, Lincoln City has an awesome pool/rec center, and we go there for a family activity when visiting.	12/18/2015 8:35 AM
105	I find it disturbing the lack of care that most of our parks get.	12/18/2015 8:32 AM
106	My children are teenagers, so we don't visit parks that much, but I think it is important to have them for parents with young children.	12/18/2015 8:15 AM
107	a lot of private money goes into parks (with little or No Thanks from local city Gov) Encourage families or business to adopt a park. Give incentives for locals to get involved.	12/18/2015 6:38 AM
108	It seems like either ability or will to maintain our existing parks has drastically decreased over the course of the last several years. Do we need more staff to be able to maintain existing parks? How was it done in years past? have we added more parks & programs and not added to the budget and thus the staff?	12/17/2015 11:07 PM
109	Parks and playgrounds need to be kept nice to allow kids to have fun and exercise	12/17/2015 8:31 PM
110	So many of these parks I did not know were available. Publicity would help. Our community is over run with addicts and transients, going to the park with our children is sometimes nerve wracking.	12/17/2015 6:29 PM
111	Maintaining what we have has gone down hill over the past few years. If what we have can not be kept up why add more?	12/17/2015 6:18 PM
112	The city has too many parks to maintain. In my opinion some of these parks should be closed so the city is able to take care of the main ones better instead of maintaining all of them substandard.	12/17/2015 6:07 PM
113	The maintenance guys need STOP using the brushing machine on the wildflowers at Shiveley Park. Shiveley does not need to be brushed it needs to be nurtured BY HAND by people who care.	12/17/2015 5:43 PM
114	2 phone calls to Port of Play. Said will call me back never did ,Called again. when party day came there were no reservations. Person duty took care of it quickly.	12/17/2015 5:30 PM
115	Water areas should be handled by the Port of Astoria	12/17/2015 5:18 PM
116	I would love to see a child centered community garden, and more natural/sensory areas for children to explore. Even though we live in an area with high amounts of rain fall I do think it would be beneficial to install a (free) outdoor water feature for young children to access in the warmer months.	12/17/2015 5:18 PM
117	I would like to see more energy put into my biking trails	12/17/2015 5:18 PM
118	Needs more light so we can feel safer. Control areas that might bring dangerous people.	12/17/2015 5:08 PM
119	We take the parks for granted but without their beauty and the maintaining of the sites we would not be as rich of a community.	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
120	We need to maintain what we have. We seem to struggle with that. If we can't afford to maintain what we have we should not add anything else.	12/17/2015 3:18 PM
121	We're lucky to have so many parks in a small community. I think it's great that kids in different neighborhoods have the opportunities to play in parks near their homes.	12/17/2015 2:27 PM
122	WE really need a dog park, one that is constructed with good drainage!!!!	12/17/2015 1:41 PM

123	I am frustrated and angered by the continued increase in the cost to utilize the aquatic center, especially with a young family. It is cheaper for us to drive to Seaside and use their facility than it is for us to travel 5 blocks down the hill to use the one in Astoria. That is really sad to me.	12/17/2015 12:49 PM
124	My family and I love the Astoria Aquatic Center. We use the gym regularly and one of the highlights of this town is spending time in the baby pool with our young child however with the new rate increases we will most likely not be able to afford it any longer. Pretty sad, I am a surfer and believe water safety is very important. I was hoping to spend countless hours with my son in the pool teaching him to swim in preparation for the ocean however my wife and I can no longer afford your rates. We have already been looking into other local gyms and/or just using the high school gym where I work. An increase of ten dollars a month may not seem like much but on a teachers salary it all adds up. I wonder how many other customers you will lose due to increased rates and a decrease in service i.e. broken gym equipment, pool closed for whatever reason (lack of lifeguards or not working properly), WIFI goes out regularly when listening to music while working out, et. cetera	12/17/2015 12:45 PM
125	Can't think why this government's park department would ever position itself along-side of alcohol ("beers to your health" event). Aren't parks supposed to be a healthy place in which to spend time. What's next, partnerships with marijuana businesses? The leadership sure screwed up on this!	12/16/2015 2:57 PM
126	I would like to see parks with better stewardship by focusing on higher maintenance of prioritized parks and transitioning others to natural areas or sellable lots.	12/15/2015 4:16 PM
127	Love to have a park east of the Maritime Museum on the water. People's park is fine, but won't use due to homeless.	12/14/2015 5:05 PM
128	Parks with playgrounds for kids is lacking in Astoria. Current playgrounds need updating. Tapiola is a nightmare in terms of being able to keep your eyes on your child. Very happy to see the city thinking about use of public spaces.	12/12/2015 10:23 PM
129	Need better access at Tidal Rock. Want proposed tide clock to be installed at 14th Street Pier.	12/12/2015 8:30 PM
130	Mountain bike trails by Astor Column. Swimming area for dogs in city limits. Please remodel skatepark (Cannon Beach and Seaside are good models). A sauna or steam room at aquatic center.	12/12/2015 2:37 PM
131	Most of these parks I don't even know about. Is there even anything there. Develop a couple parks like Tapiola but space them around for different areas of Astoria. Maybe a nice tennis court that is not run down and close to the road.	12/12/2015 8:44 AM
132	Don't short change our town	12/11/2015 9:17 PM
133	I think Shively needs to be a priority for preservation.	12/11/2015 7:14 AM
134	Some of the parks desperately need repair and new playground equipment. The monuments should be turned over to the city or chamber of commerce for maintenance.	12/10/2015 6:56 PM
135	Not enough staff at port of play, aquatic center schedule is unreliable, Peter Pan park needs a restroom!! A playground is necessary in Knappa	12/10/2015 4:20 PM
136	I did not know all the parks that we have I will be going to visit the one's that are new to me. Is there a listing at the chamber of commerce?	12/10/2015 4:06 PM
137	It is amazing how few people are responsible for so many properties.	12/10/2015 3:28 PM
138	Close doughboy bathrooms the only people that use them are the bums. The average person is afraid of the bums. When was the last time you saw a family enjoying doughboy. I go by there 5 times a week going to work, very few times in last 10 years do I see visitors/family's enjoying it. Keep the monument close the bathrooms. Use that money on the river walk.	12/10/2015 2:59 PM
139	Keep up your good work	12/10/2015 2:38 PM
140	A bathroom that gets maintained at Peter Pan park would be nice if funds allow.	12/10/2015 2:38 PM
141	Crazy to think about NEW parks when we can't afford what we have now.	12/10/2015 9:12 AM
142	Love your programs, but hire more maintenance folks for parks.	12/9/2015 5:30 PM
143	Down hill mtn bike track rocks! Trails for foot traffic also, keep separate to avoid user conflict.	12/9/2015 9:38 AM
144	As the father in a two income household with an elementary age child, the child care provided by Little Sprouts and now ARC has been invaluable. I do not know what we would have done without it. We literally may have moved away if it had not been there for us. There is such a lack of young childcare in this county it is embarrassing. Thank you for providing it. We would happily pay more if needed.	12/7/2015 10:23 PM
145	There were several sites in your priorities that constituted the River Trail, but it wasn't called out.	12/7/2015 2:31 PM
146	The grounds coordinator is really really great looking and a super nice guy	12/7/2015 1:27 PM
147	Parks department needs more funding for more staff and stop building parks	12/7/2015 1:25 PM

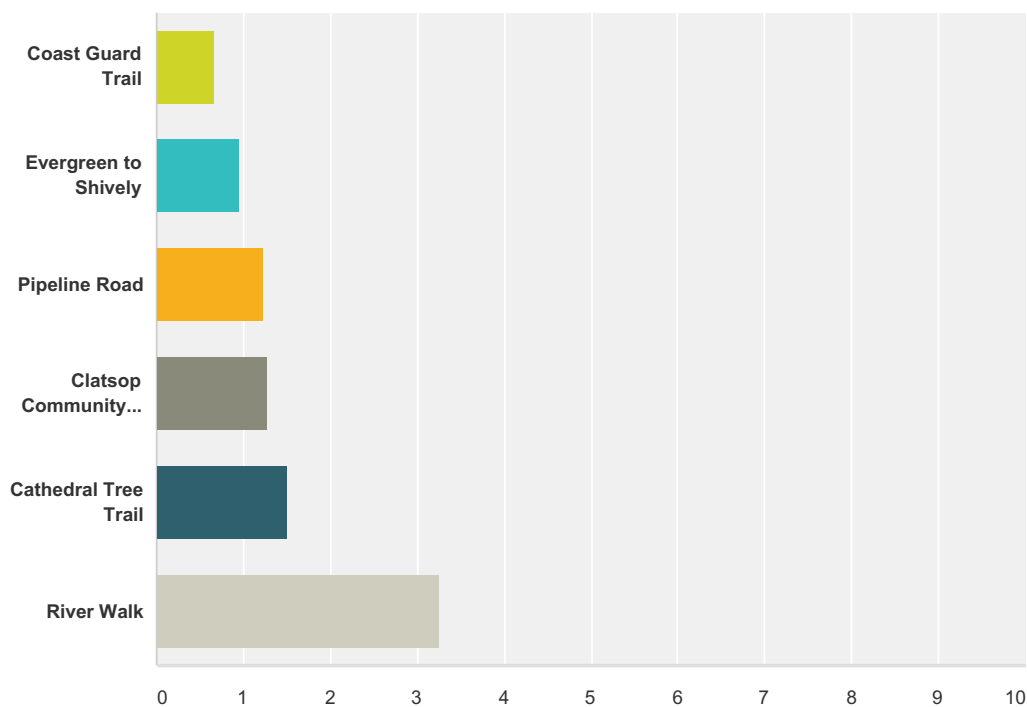
148	It is time for the city to take stock of heritage trees, and natural areas. In addition to the green areas between lots -- that should have significant consideration in preservation. That there should be adequate funds for maintenance; of natural areas, community gardens and spaces where people can abide.	12/7/2015 12:36 PM
149	I love having such a variety of parks but I do worry about all the work being done by just two people. That's a ton of work! Great job, guys!	12/7/2015 12:32 PM
150	Many of the listed parks are very passive in nature--ie historic "spots" on the landscape. They don't offer much opportunity for activity-based interaction for any age group. This isn't a bad or good thing--it just is the way it is. I use the Riverwalk at least 4x a week. I didn't see that listed above, so I marked the parks which I go through while on the Riverwalk (Alderbrook) as high use frequency.	12/7/2015 11:26 AM
151	I believe we have enough parks in the city at this time, It is difficult to maintain most of them as it is, I truly believe utilising the less frequently used parks as a small neighborhood playground along with a fenced in area for a dog park would be very beneficial to many neighborhoods in town, as most animal owners wouldn't drive across town to go to a large dog park. It would also relieve some issues of animal owners letting their dogs run free in playgrounds and parents having to worry about their children falling in animal feces.	12/7/2015 9:16 AM
152	Contract out cleaning of restrooms and trash pick up around the city to ensure proper care of parks	12/7/2015 8:45 AM
153	I would love to assist with a pump track	12/7/2015 7:31 AM
154	We need more community gardens around the City. People don't know what they are missing. Learning how to grow a garden is a skill that can make a huge difference in people's lives in ways that simple aesthetics cannot.	12/6/2015 4:42 PM
155	Our local area does have plenty of parks and areas to walk. There is not a safe, family friendly place for mountain biking and introducing the excellent sport of mountain biking to others. Many people drive 2 hours+ to go mountain biking in other locations. I strongly support creating a local environment to keep mountain biking local and bring others to ride here as a potential revenue generator. Through volunteerism, local mountain bike groups and bike shops could help maintain the pump track and other trails. This will also keep costs low and potentially save the city money when maintenance is completed through volunteers. Group events could be planned to help maintain the park and trails while also creating a family oriented atmosphere to introduce the sport of mountain biking to others.	12/6/2015 1:33 PM
156	I think we have enough parks but they need to be improved and maintained to a higher standard.	12/6/2015 10:40 AM
157	You guys do a great job!	12/4/2015 10:12 AM
158	We seem to have a lot of unnecessary options. Garden of surging waves looks nice, but seems completely useless. I would love to see things for our youth put first, and some more options for things to do when its nice out. Racquetball court or similar type activity...or bring back the swimming pool! I lived at Tapiola pool and park as a kid. Worst thing Astoria has done was close that pool!!	12/4/2015 4:30 AM
159	#6 I say "too many parks" because I think Astoria may not have enough money to support them all adequately. If we had the money, I'd doing all this and more is good for our community.	12/3/2015 9:34 PM
160	Disappointed with Garden of Surging Waves, there is no water attraction which seems like an obvious missing feature, does not feel tranquil, elements seem disconnected, how much money has been invested in this?	12/3/2015 9:22 PM
161	Mtn bike trails	12/3/2015 9:13 PM
162	Please make a mountain bike track. Please please please.	12/3/2015 8:26 PM
163	Doing a good job with limited resources. Updated fitness options... bouldering, ultimate frisbee!	12/3/2015 7:28 PM
164	I really support natural areas with small, single track unpaved trails. Please remove invasive species (ivy!) and consider banning dogs from areas with sensitive wildlife.	12/3/2015 4:14 PM
165	We need a dog park in Astoria.	12/3/2015 1:37 PM
166	Regular parks that have grass and trees people can visit are fine. Fancy stuff caters only to a few and are things we cannot afford. The private sector should contribute a lot more to parks things.	12/3/2015 12:39 PM
167	Mt bike/motorcycle trail system is needed. All that land on top of the hill and no trails! Also some calisthenic equipment (pull up bars, parallel bars) in some of the parks sure would be nice.	12/3/2015 10:43 AM
168	I would like to see the existing parks and ball fields maintained instead of creating other attractions.	12/3/2015 10:39 AM
169	Pioneer Cemetery could be made into a dog park. It's already a defacto one.	12/3/2015 9:38 AM
170	It would be good to keep up the areas you have first before adding new projects or parks	12/3/2015 8:39 AM
171	I do not feel Ocean View Cemetery should be included in with all the other parks. It is NOT a park, but a place where people go to visit their loved ones and if out of town, find where their loved ones are buried. As one who does this from people's requests, I find it totally unacceptable to locate people. The kiosk does not do the job at all.	12/3/2015 8:23 AM

172	I think the city has an opportunity to sell Youngs River Falls to a conservancy while still maintaining its water rights. The conservancy could then sell the Falls to Lewis & Clark National Park for inclusion into its non-constituent Park. The money from the sale could be earmarked in many different ways. Some or all of it could be dedicated funding for parks use only.	12/3/2015 8:22 AM
173	The pool is too cold . I take my daughter to seaside for open pool and lessons.	12/3/2015 7:24 AM
174	Emphasis on Astoria's history.	12/3/2015 1:48 AM
175	list all the CHIP's activities at least 6 months in advance to plan accordingly	12/3/2015 1:26 AM
176	We went to the armory last weekend and nearly froze to death. ??	12/2/2015 9:56 PM
177	The benches along the Riverwalk need to be put back in place. The 16th Street People Park needs to have the caution tape removed. The stairs from Exchange to the Aquatic Center need to be unbarricaded. The grass area by the Aquatic Center needs to be enhanced. The adoption plan for the 9th Street Park needs to be completed and signage put up acknowledging the Astoria Lions Club. The so called bad behavior of the homeless should not limit how I use the Riverwalk and the various parks. Why can't I have a place to sit down. Parks and Recreation should not be responsible for Rest Room patrol. That is a project to contract out. There needs to be " MOM and Grandma" Patrol to sweep and clean park areas and be present to model good behavior. We use them, do not loose them due to neglect and thinking someone else will do the clean-up. Have a "Tinker Club, a Pride of Place Club and allow the citizens to give back, much like the example of McClure Park efforts. It takes a village and we still have a long way to go.	12/2/2015 8:12 PM
178	Rental of park facility at 45th and Lief Erickson in too costly. It is better to have more usage to generate income than have it sit vacant using up utilities. Shivley Park is the most under utilized park in the city. It need to be completely renovated and set up for summer weddings, reunions, concerts etc. It is a crime to have let it deteriorate when Surging Waves is just a location for smokers and drug dealers. I don't think they would venture that far up the hill with proper lighting and happy happenings going on. It could pay for it's self with proper management and affordable rents.	12/2/2015 6:35 PM
179	would love to see picnic table back at Fort George/ Astoria park. I don't know why it was moved, but it was nice for picnics in the summer.	12/2/2015 5:05 PM
180	Please spend our \$ in a prudent manner on real stuff, not on a bunch of meeting, site evaluations and consultants!	12/2/2015 3:18 PM
181	Having better youth sports facilities would be amazing. Maybe more places to sit at the park while watching your kids and more things for the toddlers tho play on.	12/2/2015 2:39 PM
182	The aquatic center experience was horrendous this summer. Pulled my kids out and drove to clatskanie. I have 3 children, and I know I am not the only mom that drives to clatskanie. Might consider changing a few things like the fact that it cost me close to \$175 a session for my kids to have lessons in Astoria. 1 in the lesson and 2 in the baby pool... Extra cost. All 3 in the pool in clatskanie was \$60 per session. Each class was an hour my kids ages ranged from 1-5... They worked with me.	12/2/2015 1:49 PM
183	Thank you	12/2/2015 1:31 PM
184	It is important to the community it have places to go and enjoy.	12/2/2015 1:30 PM
185	Would love to see more creative uses of current park space. Maybe an adventure playground, outdoor classrooms, spaces for kids to be in the woods building forts and exploring the natural environment.	12/1/2015 11:19 PM
186	My biggest complaint about the parks here is that there always seems to someone smoking, it baffles my mind at how many smokers there are in the PNW, especially at the parks.	12/1/2015 10:42 PM
187	maintainance seems thin--possible benefit to placing more resources on fewer lications	12/1/2015 3:54 PM
188	A new pump track for mountain bikes and bmx riders would be an incredible asset to Astoria. These are often maintained and supported by community volunteers.	12/1/2015 9:31 AM
189	Another dog park would be great, especially with some individual runs for training.	11/30/2015 4:46 PM
190	I am very impressed with the Parks and Recreation team!	11/30/2015 4:20 PM
191	Would love to see more offered for preschool aged children not in school	11/30/2015 3:56 PM
192	Perhaps other city public works staff can provide additional help with park maintenance and development, when they have availability due to "down time", as when water and sewer maintenance and repair is not needed.	11/30/2015 12:01 PM
193	Gym Access for adults and kids would be greatly appreciated. Currently, there is no indoor facilities for community members to play basketball which is unfortunate in this rainy climate that restricts outdoor play.	11/30/2015 11:44 AM
194	I would love to see outdoor exercise equipment along the riverwalk	11/30/2015 11:27 AM

195	The number of parks is fine. But please improve them and get us some more covered space. Also more family events that arnt holiday based. Not everyone celebrates holidays and as a community we should reach out to all of our members	11/29/2015 9:08 AM
196	I had no idea there were so many parks here. lol Lived here 18 years and haven't been to them all. Seems odd to be talking about building more when we have a park heavily used (Lindstrom) that doesn't even have a public bathroom. Do you communicate with the summe rlunch program? Did you know that there are two-three times the amount of children at Lindstrom than at Tapiola throughout the summer? ANd yet we only just got a second picnic table and garbage can, and there are no bathrooms.	11/28/2015 2:41 PM
197	Maintaining current park is more important then adding new parks.	11/28/2015 2:20 PM
198	More lighting on the riverwalk please.	11/25/2015 7:37 PM
199	There is a urgent need for quality childcare in the area, especially for the under 2 age group. Little Sprouts need to expand and in the long run more income will be generated to maintain and build other facilities.	11/25/2015 2:51 PM
200	Please consider hosting events in Surging Waves and People's Park to discourage growing nefarious activity. Claim those spaces by using them as rooms for community activities. Allow vendors to set up coffee carts? Live music? Live shows by ASOC or others? Brown paper bag lunch events for downtown employees? Cross-promo with to-go menus from doentown restaurants?	11/25/2015 11:57 AM
201	The city should develop a design standard for the over-water portions of the "Riverwalk" that is safe. The boardwalk portions are historic perhaps but slippery and irregular surfaced. These should be incrementally upgraded to meet the standard when new developments are proposed and as funds are available.	11/25/2015 10:22 AM
202	It is not right that the park department dictates when funerals can take place. The needs of the families should be the top priority not when workers are available.	11/25/2015 10:09 AM
203	Those spots that are specific to a particular user group (community gardens) should be maintained by the user group not the Parks Department. Public restrooms are a Public Works responsibility not a Parks responsibility.	11/25/2015 8:56 AM
204	It's very frustrating that he bathrooms at tapiola are often locked or trashed. I feel unsafe letting my children use them, so what's the point?	11/24/2015 7:49 PM

Q9 How often do you or members of your household use the following trails?

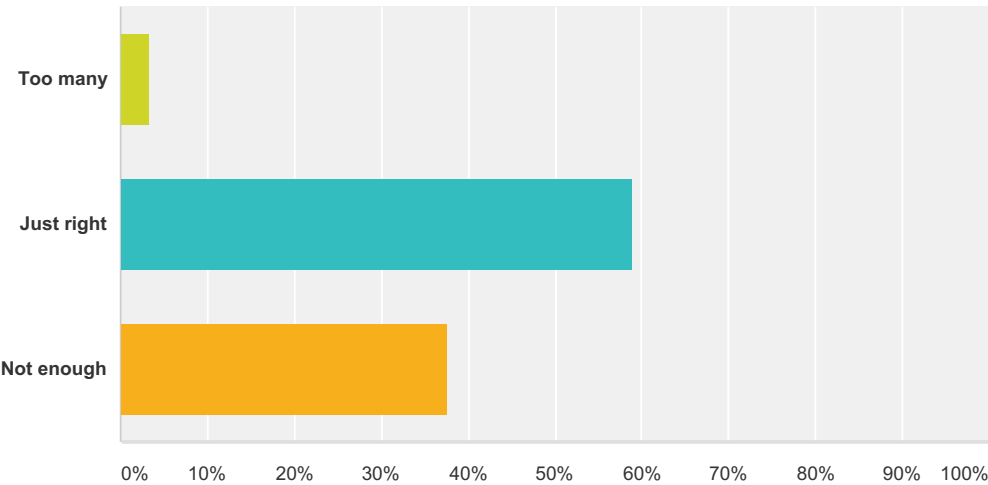
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	Never	Rarely (1-3 times / year)	Occasionally (4-12 times / year)	Sometimes (2-3 times / month)	Often (1-3 times / week)	Daily (4-7 times / week)	Total	Weighted Average
Coast Guard Trail	62.24% 483	20.36% 158	8.63% 67	6.31% 49	2.19% 17	0.26% 2	776	0.67
Evergreen to Shively	47.74% 370	24.77% 192	14.45% 112	9.55% 74	2.71% 21	0.77% 6	775	0.97
Pipeline Road	43.97% 343	21.67% 169	13.59% 106	11.15% 87	6.79% 53	2.82% 22	780	1.24
Clatsop Community College to Astoria Column	35.97% 282	25.51% 200	20.92% 164	11.48% 90	4.59% 36	1.53% 12	784	1.28
Cathedral Tree Trail	21.91% 172	32.87% 258	25.10% 197	13.38% 105	5.73% 45	1.02% 8	785	1.51
River Walk	3.41% 27	4.29% 34	20.96% 166	25.51% 202	26.77% 212	19.07% 151	792	3.25

Q10 What is your opinion on the number of trails in Astoria?

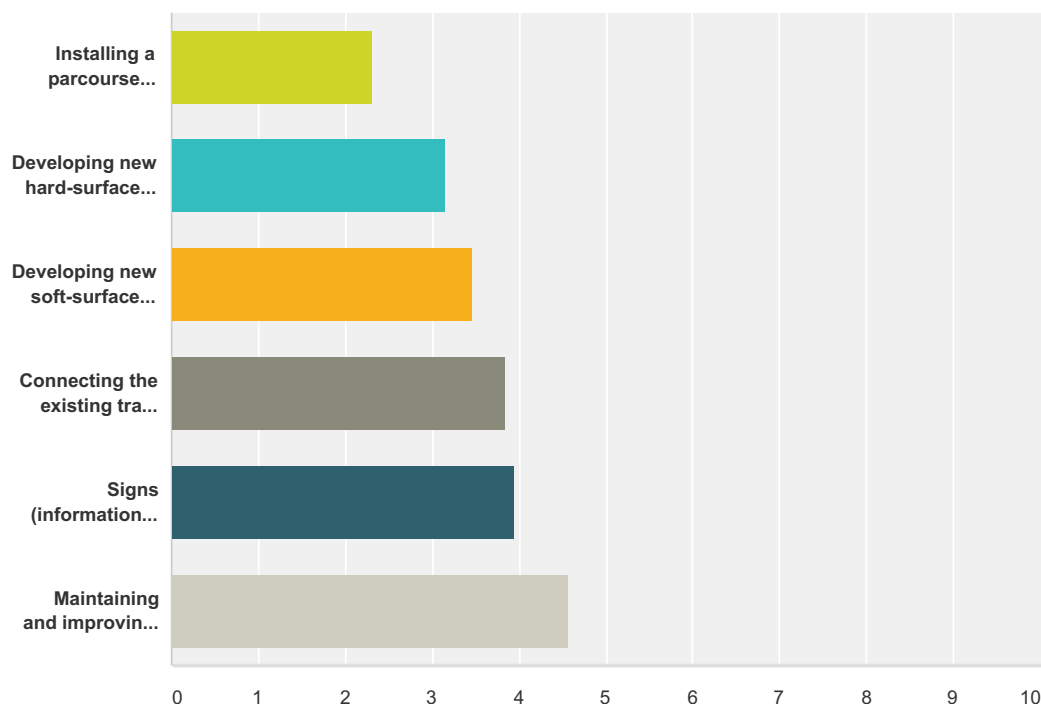
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too many	3.41%	27
Just right	58.96%	467
Not enough	37.63%	298
Total		792

Q11 Regarding trails, how important to you is investment in the following areas?

Answered: 792 Skipped: 89



	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Installing a parcourse (fitness equipment stations) along the River Walk	24.67% 187	19.39% 147	8.05% 61	19.13% 145	12.14% 92	9.76% 74	6.86% 52	758	2.31
Developing new hard-surface/paved trails for combined use	9.92% 78	12.47% 98	9.92% 78	22.52% 177	20.48% 161	14.50% 114	10.18% 80	786	3.15
Developing new soft-surface/unpaved trails for combined use (e.g. hiking, running, mountain biking)	7.61% 60	9.26% 73	11.29% 89	18.53% 146	21.83% 172	16.50% 130	14.97% 118	788	3.47
Connecting the existing trail system with new trails	3.70% 29	8.43% 66	8.17% 64	16.99% 133	22.61% 177	22.61% 177	17.50% 137	783	3.84
Signs (information, wayfinding)	1.92% 15	5.90% 46	8.72% 68	16.92% 132	26.92% 210	24.10% 188	15.51% 121	780	3.95
Maintaining and improving existing trails	0.76% 6	1.65% 13	7.60% 60	6.97% 55	21.17% 167	35.87% 283	25.98% 205	789	4.58

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Keep off leash dogs out of parks.	12/31/2015 6:58 PM
2	Keep river trail as open and natural as possible and not cluttered with other uses. More intrpretve sings though	12/31/2015 6:06 PM
3	protecting the sea wall like the Chinese wall did & is still there where man has not disturbed it. We are loosing trees & they could be saved so no inrodes or encroachment is made to the river walk	12/31/2015 12:57 PM
4	handicap accessibility: astoria is aging!	12/31/2015 11:17 AM

5	par cor gym	12/30/2015 9:42 PM
6	"Informal" trails, "maintained" by public works, should be incorporated into parks trail system.	12/30/2015 4:22 PM
7	people bring their own equipment which interests them	12/30/2015 3:12 PM
8	I've never heard of the Coast Guard trail!	12/30/2015 3:02 PM
9	I worked for the public works temp position back in 08 and it was my job to maintain the trails in Astoria and I still use them today. I think of them as a local only short cuts!	12/30/2015 10:41 AM
10	No smoking or dogs on leashes signs	12/29/2015 7:02 PM
11	You don't list the neighborhood connector trails that I use daily.	12/29/2015 1:05 PM
12	Dog park	12/29/2015 8:15 AM
13	CLEAN UP THE RIVERWALK	12/29/2015 3:55 AM
14	Plant wildflowers on river walk	12/28/2015 8:48 PM
15	Keep motorized vehicles off of trails.	12/28/2015 1:58 PM
16	I dont like the idea of parcourse on the riverwalk. Pipeline road would be better.	12/28/2015 12:17 PM
17	Trails suitable for OHV use.	12/28/2015 8:23 AM
18	trail maps, dog clean up stations, park benches and stops along the way.	12/27/2015 4:54 PM
19	We love the trail system in Astoria and would love to support any programs where they can be protected, expanded, and guarded fiercely against overpopulation and development as the town grows in density.	12/23/2015 10:16 AM
20	No mountain biking trails within city limits!	12/22/2015 7:38 PM
21	please see previous comments regarding river walk	12/18/2015 2:11 PM
22	More garbage cans	12/18/2015 9:21 AM
23	Who will make sure drug paraphernalia is picked up?	12/17/2015 6:33 PM
24	As a dog owner, I appreciate that the animal waste stations are for the most part well stocked on the river walk.	12/17/2015 5:26 PM
25	Dog Walking Trails..	12/17/2015 3:28 PM
26	Making sure that any areas with steps have hand railings or better yet, no steps, just ramp	12/17/2015 1:46 PM
27	Monitor more by safety officer or police would be awesome	12/10/2015 11:59 PM
28	Maintain what we have and keep it in optimal shape then do new ideas.	12/9/2015 5:32 PM
29	love the trails.	12/9/2015 9:42 AM
30	Easy to find and easy access	12/8/2015 10:41 PM
31	Trails to the new athletic complex	12/3/2015 8:23 PM
32	I have been unable to use these trails because of a disability.	12/3/2015 8:25 AM
33	I no longer use the River walk because I do not feel safe. instead I walk through the down town area where there are fewer homeless and panhandlers.	12/2/2015 6:38 PM
34	FITNESS COURSE AT TAPIOLA PARK	12/2/2015 1:41 PM
35	Mountain biking seems to be incompatible with hiking, walking, due to collision risks.	11/30/2015 12:06 PM
36	Trails up and down the Astoria hillside are enjoyable but sort of unmarked and unknown. It would be nice if they were expanded, mapped and maintained.	11/25/2015 10:32 AM

Q12 Use this space to provide any additional feedback on trails:

Answered: 107 Skipped: 774

#	Responses	Date
1	Develop the trails in the Pipeline/Column region and limit some of them to non-motorized recreation only.	12/31/2015 10:19 PM
2	A parcoursewould be amazing and well used!	12/31/2015 10:08 PM
3	I may be neutral on fitness equipment stations along the River Walk, but it seems like something that people would only take advantage of 3-4 months out of a year. I do not know if it would be cost effective with installation and maintenance with so little use over time.	12/31/2015 8:52 PM
4	Again lighting on the river walk is needed between 9th and 11th	12/31/2015 7:19 PM
5	See above. Seriously love the trails.	12/31/2015 6:34 PM
6	Try to take care of what parks you have now. stop building parks you can't take care of.	12/31/2015 3:56 PM
7	River walk for tourists and shoppers. Don't clog it with fitness equipment. Do have well maintained restrooms.	12/31/2015 3:44 PM
8	Work with other agencies to extend the River Walk trail to the John Day boat ramp. Develop forest trails, that are moderate in difficulty, harder than the river trail but not as steep as the Cathedral Tree trail.	12/31/2015 11:20 AM
9	As far as maintaining some of the parks and trails, I would encourage more community organizations for clean-up work on a regular basis...businesses, clubs, etc. could take up some of the work.	12/31/2015 10:40 AM
10	Better trail, with markings from water reservoir (16th str.) to Irving (35th str.).	12/31/2015 10:10 AM
11	Fitness equipment on trails sounds good but more to maintain and more at risk of vandalism. I'd allocate resources to maintain what exists.	12/31/2015 9:55 AM
12	Signs? Didn't even know some of the trails existed until we happened on them:) Paracourse someplace else. But again, not adding new until current can be maintained.	12/31/2015 9:29 AM
13	Above comment. Walking should be seen as a form of transportation, not just exercise. The informal trails that are all over the city should be better maintained. I use them fairly often as a form of transportation, and exercise, in my daily activities.	12/30/2015 4:22 PM
14	you could get some volunteers to work these trails and or inmates	12/30/2015 3:12 PM
15	I would like to see more information on trails, a place to see find out about trails available.	12/30/2015 3:02 PM
16	again we could reach out to the community more often to help with the upkeep of these places that we love to utilize	12/30/2015 1:18 PM
17	Trail on 7th between Franklin and Exchange needs some tender loving care. It is steep and gets slippery and the berry bushes need to be cut back	12/30/2015 12:14 PM
18	More wheelchair accessible trails	12/30/2015 11:14 AM
19	I want bark dust like Eugene for running.	12/30/2015 9:35 AM
20	Bring back reliable transportation between Warrenton, Hammond and Astoria. The bus needs to come by every hour, like it used too. People want to be able to get out of their homes, and work. Every two hours is inhumane.	12/30/2015 1:12 AM
21	Pipeline Rd should be declared a formal trail and developed further for distance and connections. End the unsafe gun range at the dump	12/30/2015 12:58 AM
22	I have long desired a place in Astoria to mountain bike as well as more areas to hike and have always thought that our abundance of wooded areas and varied topography could make for some neat mountain bike trails that would allow opportunities for all different skill levels.	12/29/2015 9:14 PM
23	First priority - walking!	12/29/2015 7:53 PM
24	Fines for garbage	12/29/2015 7:02 PM
25	Quit adding you can not afford to maintain what you have!	12/29/2015 6:18 PM
26	A Parcourse are you kidding me? How about enjoying what view we have of the river left.	12/29/2015 9:50 AM

27	Pool needs to be warmer for seniors	12/29/2015 9:33 AM
28	Safe feeling	12/29/2015 8:15 AM
29	PUT SIGNS UP FOR DOG WALKERS, CLEAN UP?	12/29/2015 3:55 AM
30	Signage would be useful. For example, I have family members that live in the area of Coast Guard Housing and we have never heard of a Coast Guard Trail! Perhaps organizing group trail hikes.	12/28/2015 9:20 PM
31	I would prefer not to have mountain bikes on hiking trails	12/28/2015 8:29 PM
32	Different types of trails appeal to different people and variety keeps people interested and motivated.	12/28/2015 7:24 PM
33	What is "Coast Guard Trail"	12/28/2015 5:58 PM
34	Have users set up a maintain para course	12/28/2015 5:57 PM
35	I feel like the Riverwalk is the hub of our city. Everyone I know uses it, so it would be the highest priority. I didn't even know three of the trails you mentioned existed, so I can't really accurately assess their importance.	12/28/2015 5:44 PM
36	The Pacific Power line corridors have potential to be utilized. It would be great to see Parks and Rec team up with the utility company and the county to create a trail in town as well as connecting the fairgrounds.	12/28/2015 5:29 PM
37	I think they need to offer discount for people with disabilities they raise the cost too much	12/28/2015 4:20 PM
38	The trails aren't marked or advertised very well.	12/28/2015 3:28 PM
39	Need to connect trails where possible	12/28/2015 2:58 PM
40	They are kept up nicely	12/28/2015 2:53 PM
41	Trails are often muddy/slippery so bark or gravel footing is a good idea.	12/28/2015 1:58 PM
42	I would like to see the trails in Astoria's forested areas become less of a tourist attraction, not more of one. Having crowds of people on these trails defeats the purpose of hiking in the woods. There's a reason we have chosen to live here year-round, and the masses of people that tromp through our woods before leaving the area are a detriment.	12/28/2015 1:17 PM
43	Riverwalk could use additional natural, historic, cultural interpretation.	12/28/2015 12:17 PM
44	Trails are great but keep in mind the environment and habitat that is degraded every time people move into a new natural area. Maintaining what we have should be the focus.	12/28/2015 9:13 AM
45	Closing of the 'Bayfront' area in Warrenton was a tremendous loss. While I fully understand why this happened, but creating a day use/fee area this could be a revenue opportunity and would allow for local access for ATV/motorcycle riders. The pipeline road area boasts some tremendous trail systems that have been shut down. The mountain bike community has been granted the ability to build new trails, while motorized vehicle use continues to decrease. Equal opportunity needs to be provided to both. There is more hostility towards motorized vehicles than was ever present towards skateboarders - and the skateboarders got their own park which is not particularly family friendly and attracts all kinds of interesting people.	12/28/2015 8:23 AM
46	We have started to avoid young's river falls due to the drug use there. This is a big concern, I am not sure how to fix it but I wish something could be done	12/28/2015 7:25 AM
47	Urban trail "systems" are the key for future development. Especially with the increasing popularity of long distance hiking/walking. A greenspace trail system is great for locals and tourists.	12/28/2015 6:40 AM
48	I can't give my opinion because I don't know all the trails and parks.	12/27/2015 11:05 PM
49	Feeling safe while on trails like the river walk would be nice	12/27/2015 8:31 PM
50	Bathrooms for public	12/27/2015 5:52 PM
51	It would be great if all of the trails could be connected so that people could take short or long trail hikes right in town.	12/27/2015 4:54 PM
52	I sometimes worry about safety on the trails. A lot of homeless people and teenagers partying. Lots of trash, too, as a result.	12/27/2015 9:03 AM
53	I love the trails that are available, but the trails are currently difficult to find and decipher due to little signage on site, online, etc. we end up having to use the Trails app to look at what is available. Would love to help develop hiking trails materials with information on off-leash areas for dogs, areas to avoid during hunting, etc. best use & practice, and also figure out more volunteer programs for trail maintenance and development! we can't believe 3 people maintain all that! KUDOS, Astoria! You're doing great - what can we do to help?	12/23/2015 10:16 AM
54	No trails combining mountain biking with walking and hiking. Not compatible.	12/22/2015 7:38 PM

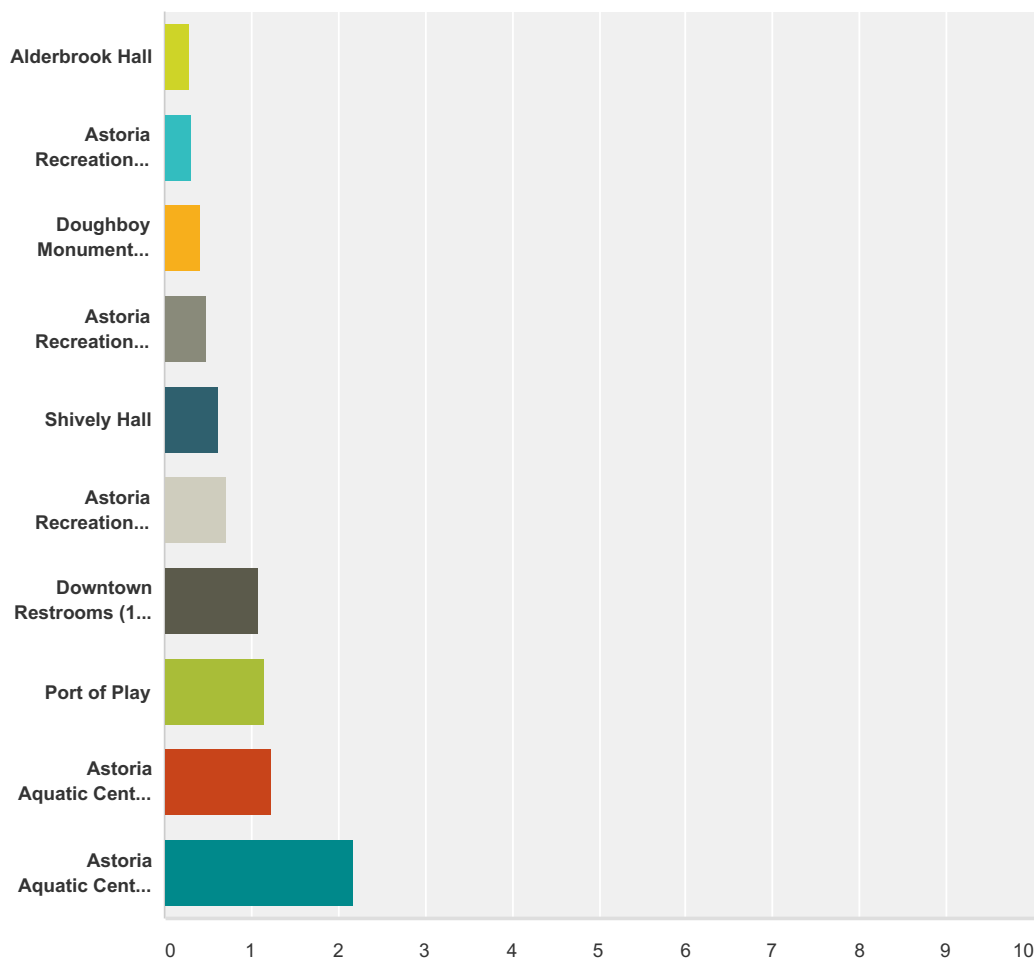
55	I love the idea of the parcourse. I think that the river walk is manly used for leisure but is a great space to be used to fitness. AWESOME IDEA!	12/21/2015 11:38 AM
56	I love the idea of a parcourse just not on the river walk. I think it would take away from the walk not enhance. If you decide to develop new trail with multi use path I would develop it there with paved areas off to the side of trail to not interrupt trail flow	12/20/2015 2:08 PM
57	Cathedral trail was fun till it has become a little dangerous. Need to cut back bushes.	12/19/2015 8:25 PM
58	Condition of existing trails is mediocre. With funding constraints adding more is not a good idea. Grants for new additions are great but plans for upkeep \$ are unrealistic at times	12/19/2015 8:22 AM
59	Low cost way to exercise and good for everyone if there are variety of surfaces in town. Adopt a trail could be encouraged	12/19/2015 7:56 AM
60	The south side of town would be greatly improved if the Riverwalk were extended along Young's Bay. Not only would it provide residents with a safe place to walk in an area that often lacks sidewalks, but it would provide a safer route to school for high schoolers, many of which have to walk with their backs to traffic on 202 when walking to school on the shoulder of the highway.	12/18/2015 8:34 PM
61	I believe right now we should work on maintaining and improving what we already have. We have a LOT, we just need to take better care of them, in my opinion.	12/18/2015 11:30 AM
62	leave maintenance to volunteer groups.	12/18/2015 11:06 AM
63	I love that the City is mowing Alderbrook Dredge spoils area at the end of the River Walk yearly to kill/maintain the Scotch Broom.	12/18/2015 10:13 AM
64	Many trails behind and around Coast Guard are overgrown or have had trees fall, making them impassable. Lots of litter too!	12/18/2015 9:21 AM
65	I think it is an interesting proposal to add fitness equipment along the riverwalk. I think it is a good idea, but might be more feasible and appropriate to add such equipment to the existing playgrounds. Perhaps creating a playground on the Riverwalk, that has fitness equipment would be best. I definitely do think the Riverwalk should be utilized more. I am still surprised to see the garden of surging waves in the middle of town, and not along the water, which seems more appropriate. I also lament the move of the fairgrounds. I could imagine a riverview amphitheater attracting people worldwide. I also miss the days when the sunday market was on the waterfront. I think it is great that the Brew Cup is held on the waterfront annually, and I think we need to utilize that space more. Highlighting the downtown core and featuring the waterfront so it can be most enjoyable should be the priority.	12/18/2015 8:48 AM
66	I think all of the above would be wonderful but I cannot see adding and developing new trails when it seems like there isn't enough budget/staff to maintain what is currently in place.	12/17/2015 11:09 PM
67	I love to hike with my grandchildren but its questionable. And I am not familiar with the location of some of these trails.	12/17/2015 6:33 PM
68	Developing specialty trails for high maintenance low population user groups is a waste of taxpayer money. Keep things simple.	12/17/2015 5:46 PM
69	I would love to see a neighborhood accessible trail loop for hiking, trail running and mountain biking. Check out Nelso BC http://www.discovernelson.com/htdocs/biking.html this town is built on steep hills and is well known for making community wellness a priority through access to neighborhood mountain bike trails.... The more access to recreation the kids in our community have the more likely they are to stay out of trouble and find a healthy outlet for the many struggles they may be experiencing.	12/17/2015 5:26 PM
70	More lights	12/17/2015 5:10 PM
71	If there are "pathways" through the undergrowth then there are people who are WALKING through the area. We need to look at those undefined trails and validate them with perhaps a bit of bark dust or signs. (Depending on where they are located of course.) If the homeless people in our community are creating trails to walk to different locations then perhaps we need to address the problem of the homeless in our community and not necessarily create a "trail" for them.	12/17/2015 3:28 PM
72	Maintaining what we have should be first priority. If we can afford more then we can add more.	12/17/2015 3:19 PM
73	Astoria's urban trail system has a major positive impact on my family's quality of life, although most of the trails besides the Riverwalk and column trail would benefit from improved maintenance (to be fair, I'm not sure whether the Parks department is responsible for the trails I have in mind).	12/16/2015 6:37 PM
74	I wouldn't want to see the trails system further developed unless there was funding to maintain them including keeping out homeless camps. I like how natural they are and wouldn't want to see them further degraded by increased access. I feel unsafe on most of the trails alone and I'm not sure if further access and development will increase or decrease illicit uses.	12/15/2015 4:22 PM

75	I love the River Walk trail! Better lighting would be nice for evening runs, especially when there is inclement weather. I also like the idea of connecting the trails.	12/14/2015 12:13 PM
76	Need maps	12/12/2015 8:31 PM
77	Mountain bike trails please	12/12/2015 2:40 PM
78	River walk gets used more than all the other trail/walks put together. Put your money where the most people will benefit.	12/10/2015 3:03 PM
79	Turtles need better up cape and unsafe objects need to be removed it's also concerned when a person is running and they come across a transient camp	12/10/2015 2:46 PM
80	My name is Shea Wright, I'm a park service Mason (not at Lewis & Clark, although I designed/lead mason the McGowen property Hwy 101 wall for them), I'm willing to volunteer (I will cost nothing) in building some stone work for the Astoria Parks & Rec. Here's a tumblr link https://www.tumblr.com/search/djstonemason to see some of my park work. I'd like to help while I'm here. EMAIL me at HEATHSHEAWRIGHT@GMAIL.COM or call me at 435-260-2396. I want to be involved. I have 13+ years of trail work and masonry experience. I have an extensive resume that spans 1/2 dozen National parks throughout the west.	12/9/2015 8:41 PM
81	During my time in school I use the trails on a daily basis for stress relief and recollection of daily thoughts . Bicycling was main form of transportation Riverwalk was critical in accessing downtown.	12/9/2015 9:42 AM
82	There are so many undeveloped city streets and ROWs that could be excellent connector trails. Although Astoria is a very hilly town, for avid walkers like myself, development of even rough gravel trails through more of the city owned streets and vacant lots would be welcome. The deer use it anyway. Why shouldn't we?	12/7/2015 10:27 PM
83	city should improve and incorporate existing trails such as goat trail from Harrison to Grand? on 12th to improve pedestrian access trails	12/7/2015 7:18 PM
84	I find doing triple jumps over the riverwalk addicts is ample exercise	12/7/2015 1:32 PM
85	I don't know what the "Coast Guard" or "Evergreen to Shively" trails are.	12/7/2015 11:28 AM
86	There are great opportunities for more focus on trails in and out of the City. Connecting the trails would be a great addition, please focus on native history and habitats, no paving or mountain biking within city	12/7/2015 8:50 AM
87	I do not like para courses when they've been installed on already existing trails.	12/6/2015 4:46 PM
88	I love the riverwalk, but as a female, I think it needs more police presence. It gets uncomfortable to go there alone as there are too many questionable people hanging out.	12/4/2015 4:36 AM
89	Would like more trails for both transportation and recreation. Connect column, middle school, shively to new athletic complex. Reestablish forest trail network lost in storm	12/3/2015 8:23 PM
90	Love our trails, more connectors please! Official access to the new sports complex from Shively, more maintained connections to/from Pipeline.	12/3/2015 7:32 PM
91	Please do not expand trails in natural areas. Consider building a dog park and then making some trails no-dogs to increase wildlife sightings.	12/3/2015 4:16 PM
92	11 miles of trails is pretty minimal for a town like Astoria, especially given that it's in such a spectacular natural area. Focus on trails!	12/3/2015 3:55 PM
93	Please build more Mt.bike trails and motorcycle enduro trails. An enduro cross style park would be nice too.	12/3/2015 10:50 AM
94	Build usage on existing trails before adding more.	12/3/2015 1:51 AM
95	I encourage the parcourse and hare-surfaced handicap accessible trails	12/3/2015 1:27 AM
96	More needs to be done about homeless people hanging out on the river walk.	12/2/2015 9:00 PM
97	Hugh maintenance issue and if I am any indication the hard-surface/paved River Walk is my definition of an urban trail.	12/2/2015 8:16 PM
98	The last thing we need is a parcourse!	12/2/2015 6:38 PM
99	Would be nice for an improved feeling of safety along the Riverwalk. I am hesitant to go on it alone due to some of the brushy areas and some of the clientele who hang out in the area.	12/2/2015 6:00 PM
100	I am just concerned that more trail development would make this town even more attractive to tourists. which I guess is what you want, but personally I feel invaded. I don't mind the trails the way they are, I use them all a lot and think they're fine.	12/2/2015 5:11 PM
101	Same as the last page, prudence please.....)	12/2/2015 3:19 PM

102	We live in an area where the state forestry dept has an entire team dedicated to forest recreation... We don't need more	12/2/2015 1:51 PM
103	A walking trail to the CMH Field, likely starting at Pipeline Road seems a good idea. Also, perhaps there is a dog park option near the entrance of Pipeline Road that could be developed.	11/30/2015 12:06 PM
104	It would be awesome to see a bike/jogging trail beside highway 30 that connects Astoria to Knappa	11/30/2015 11:29 AM
105	NO MOUNTAIN BIKES OR DOG PARK!!!	11/26/2015 1:12 AM
106	I feel trails and natural spaces are extremely important to our physical and mental health. I think more info about native species, history, etc of area helps build a personal connection to this place we are lucky to live in.	11/25/2015 12:01 PM
107	I walk for exercise. I live in Astoria so I mostly walk in town, on City sidewalks, the riverwalk, shortcut trails up and down the hill, on Column trails, and on pipeline road. I enjoy these year around. I also walk in Fort Stevens, and on the Warrenton portion of the River Walk as well as the Port property. These are my priorities as I am a senior (age 67). I intend to walk until unable to because of health limitations.	11/25/2015 10:32 AM

Q13 How often do you or members of your household use the following indoor facilities?

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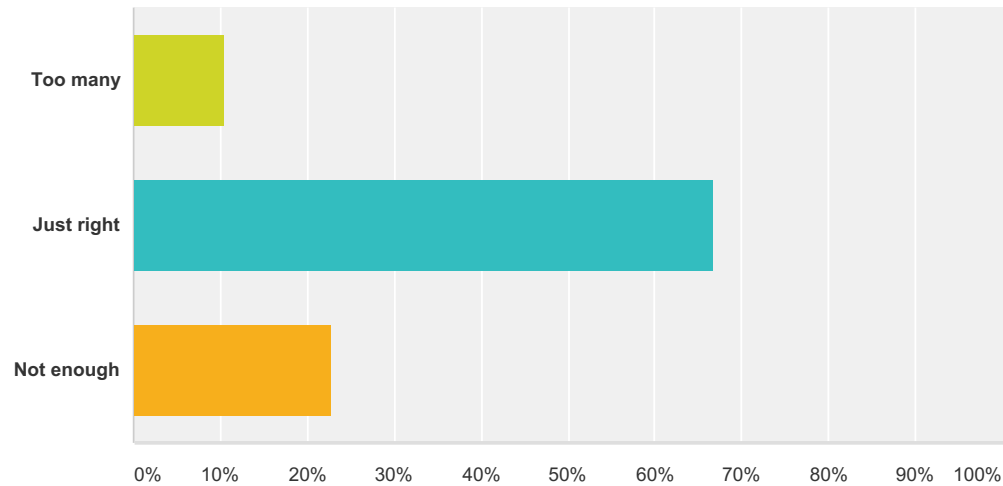


	Never	Rarely (1-3 times / year)	Occasionally (4-12 times / year)	Sometimes (2-3 times / month)	Often (1-3 times / week)	Daily (4-7 times / week)	Total	Weighted Average
Alderbrook Hall	75.68% 582	20.03% 154	3.12% 24	0.65% 5	0.39% 3	0.13% 1	769	0.30
Astoria Recreation Center: Teen Center	82.44% 634	9.49% 73	4.29% 33	2.47% 19	0.91% 7	0.39% 3	769	0.31
Doughboy Monument Restrooms	75.13% 583	13.66% 106	6.83% 53	2.96% 23	1.03% 8	0.39% 3	776	0.42
Astoria Recreation Center: Community Room	72.39% 561	15.74% 122	6.97% 54	2.97% 23	0.90% 7	1.03% 8	775	0.47
Shively Hall	55.70% 430	31.48% 243	8.29% 64	3.11% 24	1.04% 8	0.39% 3	772	0.63
Astoria Recreation Center: Fitness Studios	68.13% 528	13.42% 104	6.84% 53	5.03% 39	4.90% 38	1.68% 13	775	0.70

Downtown Restrooms (12th & Exchange)	41.75% 324	26.68% 207	18.43% 143	9.02% 70	2.84% 22	1.29% 10	776	1.08
Port of Play	52.12% 406	13.74% 107	15.53% 121	8.34% 65	6.29% 49	3.98% 31	779	1.15
Astoria Aquatic Center: Cardio/Weight Room	49.61% 385	17.01% 132	11.21% 87	9.54% 74	7.47% 58	5.15% 40	776	1.24
Astoria Aquatic Center: Pool	14.10% 110	21.54% 168	24.36% 190	19.23% 150	13.33% 104	7.44% 58	780	2.18

Q14 What is your opinion on the number of indoor facilities operated by Astoria Parks & Recreation?

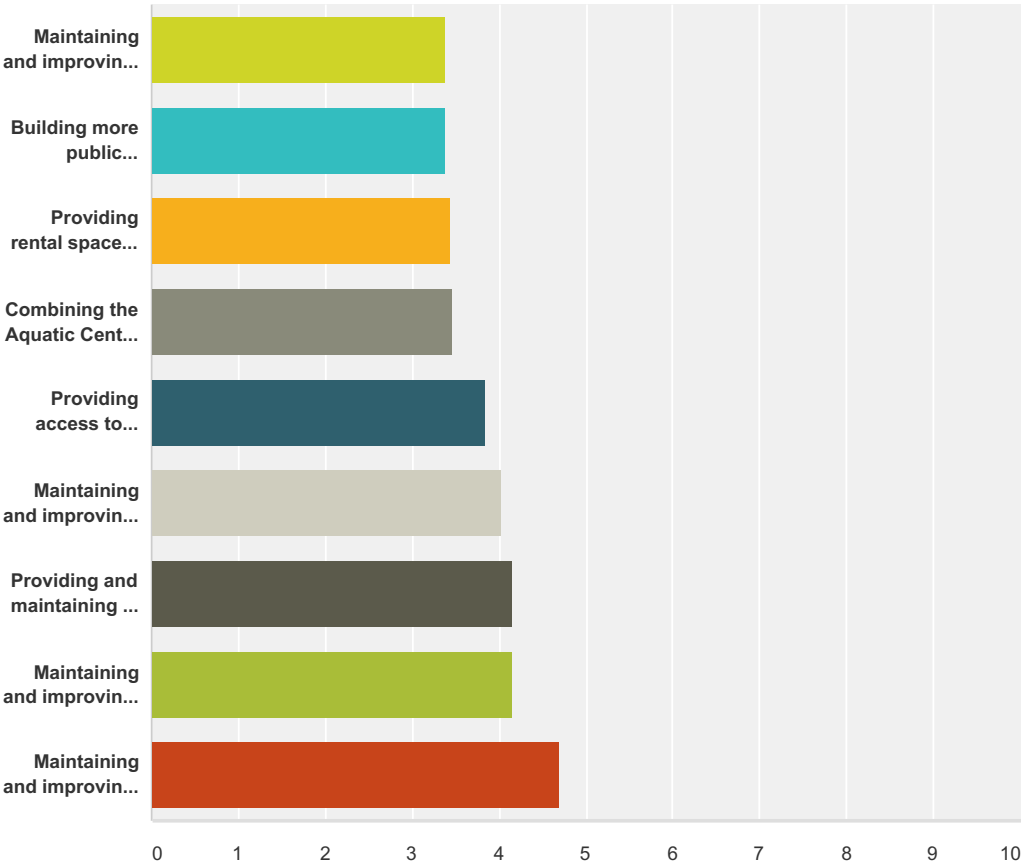
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too many	10.43%	82
Just right	66.79%	525
Not enough	22.77%	179
Total		786

Q15 Regarding indoor facilities, how important to you is investment in the following areas?

Answered: 786 Skipped: 95



	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Maintaining and improving the Community Halls	3.85% 30	9.24% 72	11.17% 87	26.32% 205	26.96% 210	14.12% 110	8.34% 65	779	3.39
Building more public restrooms	10.86% 85	9.07% 71	7.79% 61	22.73% 178	18.65% 146	14.18% 111	16.73% 131	783	3.39
Providing rental space for special events in the Community Halls	5.13% 40	10.40% 81	8.86% 69	22.34% 174	27.60% 215	14.51% 113	11.17% 87	779	3.45
Combining the Aquatic Center, Recreation Center, and Childcare into a single facility	8.09% 63	10.01% 78	6.16% 48	27.47% 214	15.92% 124	16.43% 128	15.92% 124	779	3.46
Providing access to indoor sport courts (e.g. basketball, racquetball, volleyball)	4.10% 32	6.92% 54	8.33% 65	17.18% 134	26.41% 206	18.85% 147	18.21% 142	780	3.84
Maintaining and improving Port of Play	4.27% 33	3.88% 30	6.86% 53	19.53% 151	20.96% 162	24.32% 188	20.18% 156	773	4.03
Providing and maintaining the existing public restrooms	2.96% 23	3.86% 30	8.61% 67	12.72% 99	25.84% 201	23.39% 182	22.62% 176	778	4.15

Maintaining and improving the Recreation Center	2.06% 16	4.12% 32	7.21% 56	16.60% 129	23.42% 182	25.87% 201	20.72% 161	777	4.16
Maintaining and improving the Aquatic Center	1.15% 9	2.43% 19	3.84% 30	7.93% 62	20.33% 159	30.95% 242	33.38% 261	782	4.70

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Possibly do new restroom on west end in lieu of doughboy due to maintenance issues	12/31/2015 6:11 PM
2	I feel we need an ombudsman during the tourist season to get the visitors take on how they use our parks & rec's facilities. I have lived here 26 yrs & you listed several facilities I wasn't aware of.	12/31/2015 1:05 PM
3	Can't stress the importance of an indoor facility for basketball, racquetball, indoor rock climbing, indoor track. We need it in the winter when it is cold and wet.	12/30/2015 9:45 PM
4	Great idea to combine ARC and aquatic center (not necessarily child care though).	12/29/2015 6:08 AM
5	COMMUNITY CENTER TO SMALL ENOUGH PLACES TO RENT	12/29/2015 4:00 AM
6	A lower cost of pool and recreational classes for the low income. This community tends to have a lower income level for some of the people here. I would like to see all families able to afford to send their child, or themselves to some activities. That is what I call a community center.	12/28/2015 8:55 PM
7	Peter Pan park needs a public toilet	12/28/2015 1:32 PM
8	Patrol public restroom. All that's missing is a cot for homeless.	12/28/2015 1:23 PM
9	Shively Hall is a gem but needs maintenance.	12/28/2015 12:20 PM
10	Create indoor track for walking/running	12/28/2015 8:33 AM
11	Room for more types of fitness classes at the recreation center	12/27/2015 5:02 PM
12	Another in downtown or along river walk would be good	12/24/2015 10:58 PM
13	Port of Play like space or opportunity at Gray for open gym times during winter for older kids who are going stir crazy (ages 8 - 14?)	12/23/2015 10:19 AM
14	We need an addition at the pool to house more ops there and have one facility	12/19/2015 8:01 AM
15	please put a public restroom at Lindstrom Park	12/17/2015 5:57 PM
16	Make it affordable, I can't afford family pass to pool and workouts. Gyms around here are too expensive. I miss Portland. Better acces.	12/17/2015 5:14 PM
17	Rainy day spaces for indoor fun..	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
18	It would be better to have maybe less buildings to maintain and have the remaining building(s) well equiped	12/17/2015 1:54 PM
19	clean, secure restrooms at the parks	12/14/2015 10:36 AM
20	I would like to see the Fred Lindstrom park have nice restroom. We don't play much at that park because there is only port of potty. We would use this park more often if we had restroom.	12/11/2015 12:24 AM
21	Again put your money where the people are.	12/10/2015 3:14 PM
22	I do not support public restrooms because they get trashed. I am against the public restroom idea for Peter pan park because if will just get trashed.	12/10/2015 2:51 PM
23	The doughboy question is a trick question. They aren't even open!	12/9/2015 6:28 PM
24	Parents' Night Out is a wonderful service. Please maintain it.	12/7/2015 10:30 PM
25	access to indoor sports courts - badminton	12/3/2015 9:33 AM
26	Need to consolidate the various locations. Fewer locations, better service.	12/2/2015 9:19 PM
27	Parks and Recreation are not the public restroom police, this belongs with a contracted service paid for out of the Promote Astoria Fund or farm out to ADHDA and have the merchants find a solution. Restrooms in the parks and halls are your responsibility.	12/2/2015 8:23 PM
28	Restrooms in the downtown & River Walk areas	12/2/2015 1:39 PM

29	The homeless population needs to be managed to avoid conflicts with users of public spaces. Perhaps a tent city could be developed as has been done in Portland. This way bathrooms, garbage pickup, sewer and water, electricity could be focused on a single area. This would minimize costs, conflicts with public space users, and show a bit of humanity towards the less fortunate. I think maybe the Alderwood end of the "Riverwalk" might be suitable. Several already use the area.	11/25/2015 10:40 AM
30	More bathrooms would be great (especially at Fred lindstrom) IF they were maintained.	11/24/2015 7:52 PM

Q16 Use this space to provide any additional feedback on indoor facilities:

Answered: 114 Skipped: 767

#	Responses	Date
1	"Building more public restrooms" is a nice idea, but not if the costs outweigh the benefits. In other words, they should be in a high-traffic area (like the one near the Market and Co-Op) and not in a place that would be vulnerable to abuse/misuse.	1/3/2016 12:53 AM
2	For #13, I put that I never use many of the facilities offered, but the reasons for that is there is no child care offered at them at the times that my young child and I can go. I would love to take advantage of these place. More than love to, but because of the limited times for childcare, I cannot. Perhaps, an area that can be looked into would be offering child care all day long for people with children that have to work in the mornings (or other reasons). Seriously, I cannot stress enough how much I would begin going to the rec if the hours for child care there were better for my own needs.	12/31/2015 8:57 PM
3	It's unfair that those of us who live outside city limits can no longer get scholarships for pool. Me, myself I am disabled & the new pricing is WAY TOO EXPENSIVE	12/31/2015 7:01 PM
4	I didn't know there were public restrooms at the doughboy monument.	12/31/2015 6:37 PM
5	Older people need more restrooms available. Restrooms spaced on river walk would be nice!	12/31/2015 6:05 PM
6	It is nice to have more indoor activities available because of the weather. I also think that if the price at the Aquatic Center was not so high more people including myself and family would want to visit it a lot more often.	12/31/2015 2:58 PM
7	Due to the volumes of rain we get I feel indoor spaces are equally important to trails & parks.	12/31/2015 1:05 PM
8	The recreation center needs to be moved back to the aquatic center, since it moved out it has been harder to use the Recreation Center. At the aquatic center you could go to a exercise class take a shower and make it to work on time, now there are no showers or changing rooms at the rec center. Families could send the kids in to swim while the parents took an exercise class. Also the swimming pool needs to be open later especially in the winter, to get kids dinner and then try and go swimming is not possible with an early closing. In the summer kids can be outside but in the fall/winter and spring there is no place to take the family with kids to exercise in the evenings.	12/31/2015 11:29 AM
9	I am neutral on some things since I do not use them...as a senior resident.	12/31/2015 10:43 AM
10	The fourth question above about combing facilities is a good concept but the existing space would not allow it to work well.	12/31/2015 10:00 AM
11	We had Shively rented for an event but it was so musty smelling we changed venues. Seems like the city has great places, BUT only if able to maintain	12/31/2015 9:33 AM
12	Pool to expensive for seniors and low to mid income people...	12/31/2015 9:19 AM
13	just found out about port of play a couple months ago.....great for my young grandson!	12/30/2015 7:23 PM
14	Facilities that are not maintained adequately in Astoria's rainy climate deteriorate and ultimately cost more to repair than to maintain in good condition.	12/30/2015 4:26 PM
15	not enough of them. Should be open all year	12/30/2015 1:20 PM
16	Bathrooms need to be open 24 hours. Otherwise it's a joke.	12/30/2015 9:36 AM
17	Please bring back the skating rink and a place for the Shanghaied Roller Dolls to compete. Stop taking city. Time to give back. The Shanghaied Roller Dolls do a lot for our community. We don't want to go swimming all the time.	12/30/2015 1:20 AM
18	Unless I see a VERY well written plan, I do not see how the childcare and aquatic center can be combined. My child currently attends Lil Sprouts pre-school. The Port o play building is perfect for the pre-school and child care program.	12/29/2015 11:50 PM

19	Myself and many others I know were extremely disappointed with the recent overhaul of the Aquatic Center cardio/weight room equipment. I feel that the old equipment was perfectly good and was wasted and the new set-up really decreases the versatility of the gym. I used to love the place-small gym but clean and had everything I needed. Now I am hardly going there at all because it doesn't have a lot of the machines I used to love. Great opportunity for those that want to use the "cross-fit" bars but as I said I know many people who are disappointed. On another note, I think it's very important that we have things for teens to do in this small town. I was very glad to hear that there is a teen center at the Astoria Rec. Center but fear that the entire rec. center is under-utilized. I feel that with a little more outreach the place could be a real community center and local citizens/businesses may be quite willing to help improve the teen center and other resources there. I appreciate this opportunity to share my input. Thanks.	12/29/2015 9:22 PM
20	Put back Zumba in Astoria Rec.	12/29/2015 7:04 PM
21	Stop worrying about adding and maintain what you have.	12/29/2015 6:21 PM
22	The pool used to be fun back then now they don't have nothing and they raise prices not ok	12/29/2015 2:02 PM
23	New to the area and didn't know a lot of this existed.	12/29/2015 11:13 AM
24	Maybe a small restroom at Fred Lindstrom park	12/29/2015 10:15 AM
25	The Aquatic Centers weight room is a joke for the drop in price of \$6. That is WAY too high for a casual user so we don't pay it and instead go somewhere else. What about reduced rates for parents of swim lesson kids or a punch card rate of \$4 (REC center class price) so the facility actually gets used?	12/29/2015 1:54 AM
26	Supporting the Recreation/ Pool facilities to allow better hours for working people to use!	12/28/2015 9:24 PM
27	I have trouble finding up to date information about different facilities, and also figuring out where the locations are: the teen center for example, I haven't been able to find any information to even know if my son is old enough, or if there are tween activities in the community.	12/28/2015 8:14 PM
28	Options to stay active and involved with community are important during rainy weather.	12/28/2015 7:27 PM
29	More restrooms is extremely important to the tourist trade, as well as to pedestrians around town. I said I have never been to the doughboy restrooms, that's cause I didn't even know they were open!	12/28/2015 5:48 PM
30	It's important to make sure that the public restrooms feel clean and safe. How do we keep drug usage out?	12/28/2015 2:18 PM
31	I feel that there are enough restrooms to maintain..... I've found that no matter what season of the year or day of the week nor time of the day, more often than not, they are so dirty that I have walked out to find another elsewhere.	12/28/2015 1:27 PM
32	Unlocking the current public restrooms during the hours that humans typically wish to spend time outdoors might be helpful. It's not at all important to combine facilities. We have enough facilities available that are being underused. The last thing we need is another addition to our property taxes. I already almost don't have time to use the existing facilities because I'm so busy working to support them.	12/28/2015 1:19 PM
33	The efficiency of combining Aquatic, Rec and Child care is attractive - but is there room?	12/28/2015 1:00 PM
34	Would love an indoor walking track	12/28/2015 12:58 PM
35	Teen center seems very poorly placed. Would have been a great location for a water sports/ rental outlet though.	12/28/2015 12:20 PM
36	We have not had the chance to utilize many of the facilities.	12/28/2015 11:16 AM
37	If the rec center and port of play were combined it would be great but where will it be located?	12/28/2015 9:17 AM
38	We need public indoor basketball and racquetball with childcare	12/27/2015 8:04 PM
39	Move the fitness studios so that they are in the same location as the weight training studio, or include a weight training center at the ARC. Now I have to go to two places.	12/27/2015 5:02 PM
40	Price for the Aquatic Center fitness facility is too high. Also, the middle pool at the Aquatic Center is too cold. My daughter's lips always turn blue, and she started to hate swimming lessons because of it.	12/27/2015 9:06 AM
41	The Doughboy restroom does not seem like a safe place.	12/26/2015 11:06 PM
42	Please build a raquetball court. Fix the water heat at pool showers...it's way too hot	12/23/2015 1:54 PM
43	love the armory skatepark idea, would love to help develop older kid appropriate indoor area on south slope (gray?) for indoor exercise during winter hours - climbing walls? ropes to climb? dodgeballs? scooter track inside? foam pit with trampoline?	12/23/2015 10:19 AM
44	The activities need better communication regarding a central location for events and activities.	12/20/2015 5:29 PM
45	I either can't afford it Or never heard of it to be able to contribute to the discussion of these	12/20/2015 2:11 PM

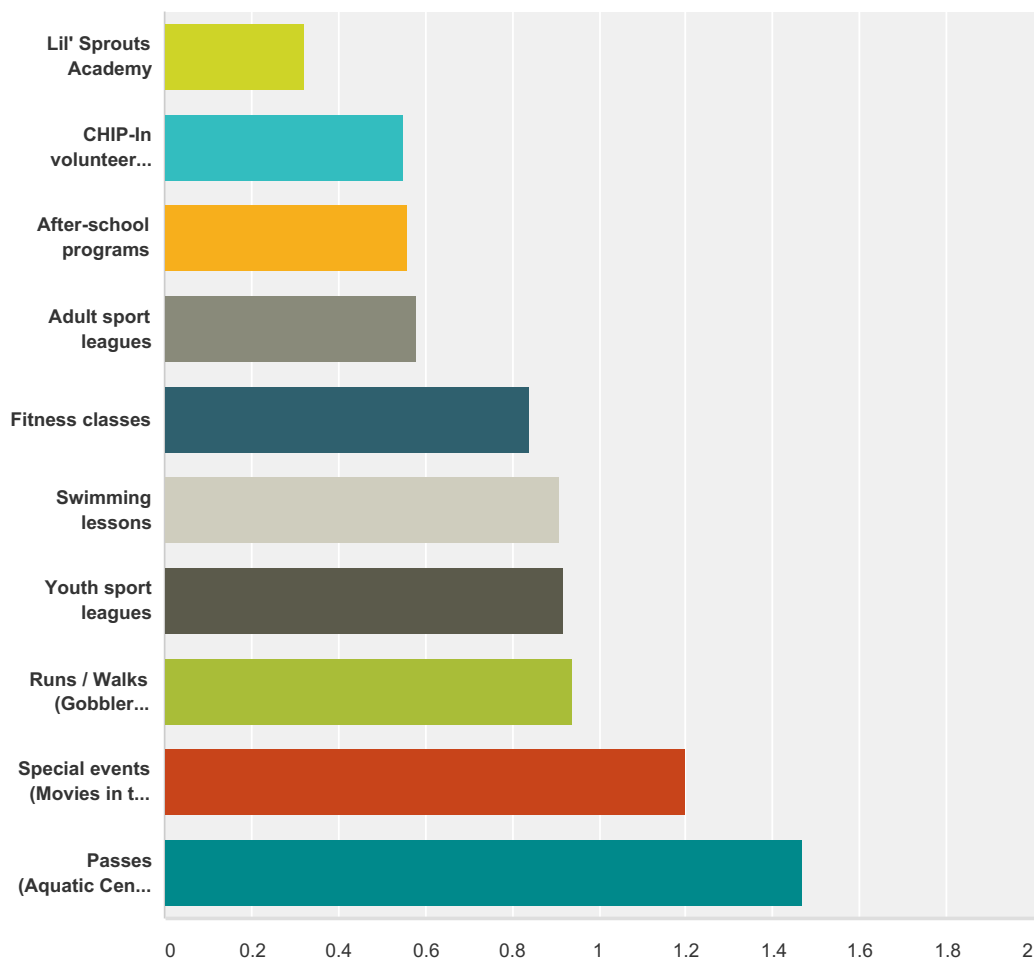
46	Longer or later pool and fitness hours	12/20/2015 11:05 AM
47	Would be nice to expand aquatic center using fenced lawn area to include fitness studios, eliminating those at yacht club. Partner with armory for indoor courts.	12/19/2015 8:29 AM
48	My family would use the pool more often if the play pool was warmer. Instead, we go to Seaside.	12/18/2015 8:37 PM
49	We would use the spaces a lot more if the fees weren't so high. It should just be one membership for everything including port a play. The memberships is just too high. I hate asking for scholarship money. Just take that money and make the price low enough for everyone.	12/18/2015 1:59 PM
50	From the tourist standpoint, I think more public restrooms would be great. As a parent, I can't imagine life without the Aquatic center and port of play. Adding to or improving these facilities would always get my vote.	12/18/2015 11:33 AM
51	Antiquated... An outdoor covered area for services at OVC was discussed a few years ago.	12/18/2015 11:12 AM
52	Cost is too high for Aquatic Center...this will keep people away.	12/18/2015 9:23 AM
53	I think there are too many indoor facilities. I support consolidation, but not necessarily to include child care, although drop-in care would be helpful and relevant to fitness classes. It seems that the port of play is ok as it exists, but if it would save money in the long run, it would make more sense to consolidate. We definitely need to see a consolidation of the rec and aquatic centers. It is just too confusing and jumbled to have everything scattered. It would be VERY nice to have the recreation opportunities centralized and expanded.	12/18/2015 8:58 AM
54	I find that I save money going to Seaside for swimming, etc..I cannot afford Astoria's prices at the Aquatic center.	12/18/2015 8:37 AM
55	The Aquatic Center is central to being active in Astoria during the winter and rainy season. Public restrooms are essential for keeping Astoria clean.	12/18/2015 8:19 AM
56	Anything we do to provide a safe and innovative environment for our youth is worthwhile.	12/17/2015 11:44 PM
57	Wish the pool had better hours later into the evening. I know this has been done before and they changed back the hours. Maybe if you cut back on all the other unnecessary things this could be a long term.	12/17/2015 6:37 PM
58	Combining the aquatic center, recreation center and child care into one location in my opinion would not be feasible because a new building would have to be built. There is not enough room to add all of these to the existing aquatic center	12/17/2015 6:13 PM
59	Creating an all inclusive community center that had a central location should be a priority.	12/17/2015 5:54 PM
60	Why can't we drive the Shively park road and what happened to it's Picnic area. Why is it not available???	12/17/2015 5:35 PM
61	Due to the weather we do need more indoor recreational opportunities: tennis, racquet ball, climbing, indoor bike/skate park (very excited we finally have an indoor skate park and roller skating). What about an indoor dog park with agility trails or American ninja style park for adults and kids?	12/17/2015 5:31 PM
62	Share with Schools and Port	12/17/2015 5:21 PM
63	Not late enough hours, no childcare and high prices make it not worth it.	12/17/2015 5:14 PM
64	We need those indoor spaces to come together when it is so stormy and rainy.	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
65	Public restrooms would have to be maintained at a cost to consider.	12/17/2015 1:54 PM
66	I would love to take advantage of the Aquatic Center and related facilities but the cost is too much for my household.	12/17/2015 1:25 PM
67	We would use the Aquatic Center a lot more often if it was not so expensive. I don't see the logic in continuing to pump money into a facility that is not reasonably affordable for families to utilize.	12/17/2015 12:54 PM
68	I greatly appreciate the indoor recreation opportunities that the city has developed over the past decade, and I think that between the Aquatic Center, ARC, and non-Parks facilities such as the Armory, Astoria's in good shape for indoor rec. facilities for children and adults.	12/16/2015 6:40 PM
69	I think its important for the city to prioritize offering indoor facilities that the community would not have without tax support. Rental spaces (community halls), workout classes and facilities, and childcare are things that could be provided by other entities in the community (though they may be filling a current need). Things like public restrooms and a swimming pool cannot be provided by any other entity. I think that if all the indoor facilities are going to stay, they should be housed in proximity to one another (ideally the same building) so they can make efficient use of resources like utilities and staff. It will also make it much easier for the community to access the diverse services offered so they are not competing with one another for participation.	12/15/2015 4:32 PM
70	Places for teens to meet very important.	12/14/2015 5:11 PM
71	The river walk is and forever be the number one people magnet that Astoria has. Permanent restrooms should be there. Stronger laws/city regs to keep the bums away from the river walk.	12/10/2015 3:14 PM

72	open the doughboy bathrooms	12/9/2015 6:28 PM
73	Bathroom at Lindstrom!!!	12/9/2015 8:46 AM
74	Peter pan park desperately needs a bathroom!	12/9/2015 8:46 AM
75	Please do not cut back on child care at Little Sprouts and ARC. Charge more if you need to so it can be maintained.	12/7/2015 10:30 PM
76	Yacht club should be sold - funds could help support parks improvements	12/7/2015 7:20 PM
77	We should combine all our facilities	12/7/2015 1:33 PM
78	I would like to see the fitness classes in the same facility as the pool. I would use the classes more if there were locker rooms and changing facilities and pool, and better yet, child care, in same facility.	12/7/2015 11:31 AM
79	increase rent amounts to cover maintenance and upgrades childcare programs are extremely important-raise fees for those that can pay	12/7/2015 8:53 AM
80	Indoor facilities need to be improved; specifically rental community facilities.	12/6/2015 10:44 AM
81	building a restroom along the riverwalk would not ONLY help the homeless, though I think having a restroom for the homeless is important. But many older persons and children need a restroom break!	12/5/2015 8:33 AM
82	Indoor rock climbing gym would be an incredible addition somewhere. Also, the fumes from the chlorine pool make working out in the gm there nearly impossible for people with chemical sensitivities. Please keep that in consideration when thinking of combining more facilities in that environment. Would a salt water system as a chlorine alternative be possible? I would use the pool 3-5 times a week if it were.	12/4/2015 10:19 AM
83	More class variet @ rec	12/4/2015 8:09 AM
84	Like the idea of combining all into one facility. We used to have a YMCA , I spent a lot of time there.	12/4/2015 4:40 AM
85	My two major priorities of extreme importance would be to combine the facilities to provide a full family/community center, and to have access to basketball/racquetball courts for open gym times	12/3/2015 8:27 PM
86	Thank you for maintaining a great pool facility! How about a covered skate park?	12/3/2015 4:18 PM
87	We could spend all our money on things like this but only a very few would benefit.	12/3/2015 12:42 PM
88	In my opinion the pool is disgusting. My daughter swims there at least three times a week, I have plenty of time to look around. I was excited to see the pool being closed for the month of September expecting a sparkling facility. That is not at all what I see, the showers/locker room floors are disgusting, the hot tub surround area is disgusting as well as the area around the lap pool.	12/3/2015 11:30 AM
89	I'm not sure why the city is running programs that should and could be run by a privately owned business	12/3/2015 11:23 AM
90	I quit using the Aquatic Center when the prices went up too high. I was using it several times a week. I am on a fixed income, do not qualify for discounts and meds, etc. seem to come first.	12/3/2015 8:29 AM
91	Pool is too cold for kids.	12/3/2015 7:33 AM
92	none	12/3/2015 1:54 AM
93	We have attempted on many occasions to rent these different buildings and swim time and the arc and all facilities are extremely unorganized. Any person at any given time on any day will give you different answers to questions regarding times and fees and dues. It's extremely frustrating to call in and be told something only to find out upon arrival that the kiddie pool is actually closed or parts of the arc are closed or certain fees are different. The kids sports have also been misleading at times. Parks and Rec has been a mess for quite some time and for locals that want to use these services as part of their everyday life, these things could use improvements.	12/2/2015 9:43 PM
94	Homeless people live in the two public restrooms in the city! ??	12/2/2015 9:03 PM
95	Maintenance in old facilities is a blessing or a curse. We who use them have grown to not expect too much and are sometimes please that a refurbishing has occurred. The expertise of an interior design team would really help in bringing the halls back to their funky vintage look. Remember Alderbrook Hall was a fire station. And Shively Park and buildings has more history that has not been revealed and enhanced upon.	12/2/2015 8:23 PM
96	We need more public restrooms that are maintained and open everyday. These also need signs directing the large amount of visitors we get. Businesses cannot be expected to provide public restrooms. I don't feel this should only be the Parks & Rec responsibility, the City of Astoria and possibly the Chamber or Business Associations should help with the costs.	12/2/2015 4:50 PM

97	We stopped going to the Astoria pool several years ago - and started going to Seaside. The pool had open swim at the same time as swim lessons - so there was a constant interruption. Every lesson there was a new instructor. The change room/and bathrooms were not always clean. Several times we came for lessons, only to find out lessons had been canceled. This was about 3 years ago -	12/2/2015 3:51 PM
98	Again, prudence please...	12/2/2015 3:20 PM
99	Need place for indoor open gym ages 7-14.	12/2/2015 3:19 PM
100	I think the aquatic center is to expensive. We would love to use it a lot but can't afford to pay that much all the time.	12/2/2015 2:43 PM
101	The temperature of the aquatic center therapy pool is too cold. The kids that work there should not be left without the supervision of an adult. The programming as the ARC is poorly managed and you are not hiring qualified, certified instructors.	12/2/2015 2:35 PM
102	Would you be building public restrooms to be ruined for the homeless?	12/2/2015 1:52 PM
103	I think the kind of facilities offered is appropriate, but it would be nice if more of them--specifically the ARC and Aquatic Center and maybe even the programs of Port of Play were all offered in one location. Personally, I liked how the ARC was more centrally located to the center of town before.	12/2/2015 1:43 PM
104	I would love a gym/ymca with more readily available daycare.	12/1/2015 10:45 PM
105	The current seasonal passes for the aquatic center are so insanely expensive. Being in the Coast Guard community, many of us swim for our exercise however due to the cost, most of us choose to work out on base instead, even though the aquatic center is much nicer of a facility. I realize the cost is of maintaining the facility is high, however the cost of this center is the highest I have ever seen in any city I have lived in.	11/30/2015 8:35 PM
106	need more public restrooms	11/30/2015 4:25 PM
107	Again I would love to see more offered for preschool and younger agree children in the community	11/30/2015 4:01 PM
108	Can another city department, Water and Sewer public works, provide for restroom development and maintenance?	11/30/2015 12:11 PM
109	Indoor tennis! Showers at the ARC!	11/30/2015 11:31 AM
110	Have you noticed it rains? And how many fat kids we have? They need indoor exercise.	11/26/2015 1:14 AM
111	It's absurd that tax payers should pay for maintaining the aquatic center. It's not a community center, it's far too expensive for "normal" Astoria residents to use and there is NO community access to the facility. Elderly? Low income? Go Away!	11/25/2015 11:48 AM
112	The aquatic center needs better hours and more advertising for classes available. Plus is there a program for low income families to have access to the park facilities	11/25/2015 10:14 AM
113	Consolidation of the services into one facility would be a huge benefit. The quality of the community halls is substandard and the cost of increasing the standard is overwhelming because of the age and original design of the structures. A good community room could have benefits of decreasing maintainance costs and increasing options but would require tearing down some old structures (Shively, ARC, Alderbrook) which is probably not something that could get support.	11/25/2015 9:04 AM
114	We rented Shively hAll a few years back. Very hard to get hold of Tara to set it all up, get keys, etc. day of event no outside lights worked. Very hard for guests to get back to cars in dark. Again tried to call Tara the following week to address our safety concerns. Never heard back on any calls or emails. Would not rent from parks and rec again because of this experience.	11/24/2015 9:23 PM

Q17 How often do you or members of your household use the following programs and services?

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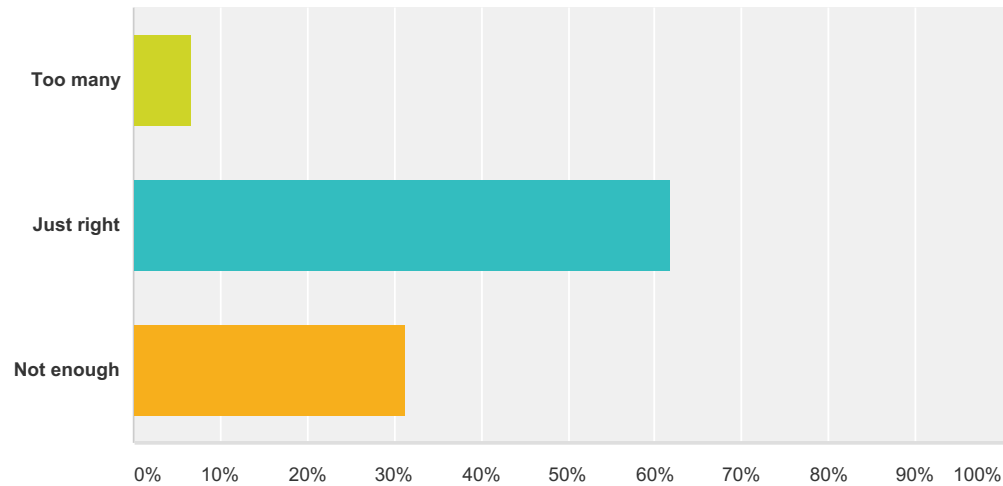


	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Total	Weighted Average
Lil' Sprouts Academy	82.48% 626	8.56% 65	3.29% 25	5.67% 43	759	0.32
CHIP-In volunteer events	63.06% 478	22.30% 169	11.48% 87	3.17% 24	758	0.55
After-school programs	67.19% 514	15.16% 116	11.76% 90	5.88% 45	765	0.56
Adult sport leagues	65.80% 504	16.97% 130	10.70% 82	6.53% 50	766	0.58
Fitness classes	52.62% 402	20.42% 156	16.88% 129	10.08% 77	764	0.84
Swimming lessons	51.70% 396	16.84% 129	20.37% 156	11.10% 85	766	0.91
Youth sport leagues	57.40% 438	10.35% 79	14.94% 114	17.30% 132	763	0.92

Runs / Walks (Gobbler Gallop, Run on the River, Fun Run, etc.)	46.48% 357	22.27% 171	21.74% 167	9.51% 73	768	0.94
Special events (Movies in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.)	31.33% 240	29.63% 227	26.50% 203	12.53% 96	766	1.20
Passes (Aquatic Center Pass, Land and Water Pass, Punch Pass)	30.80% 235	18.48% 141	23.98% 183	26.74% 204	763	1.47

Q18 What is your opinion of the number of programs and services offered by Astoria Parks & Recreation?

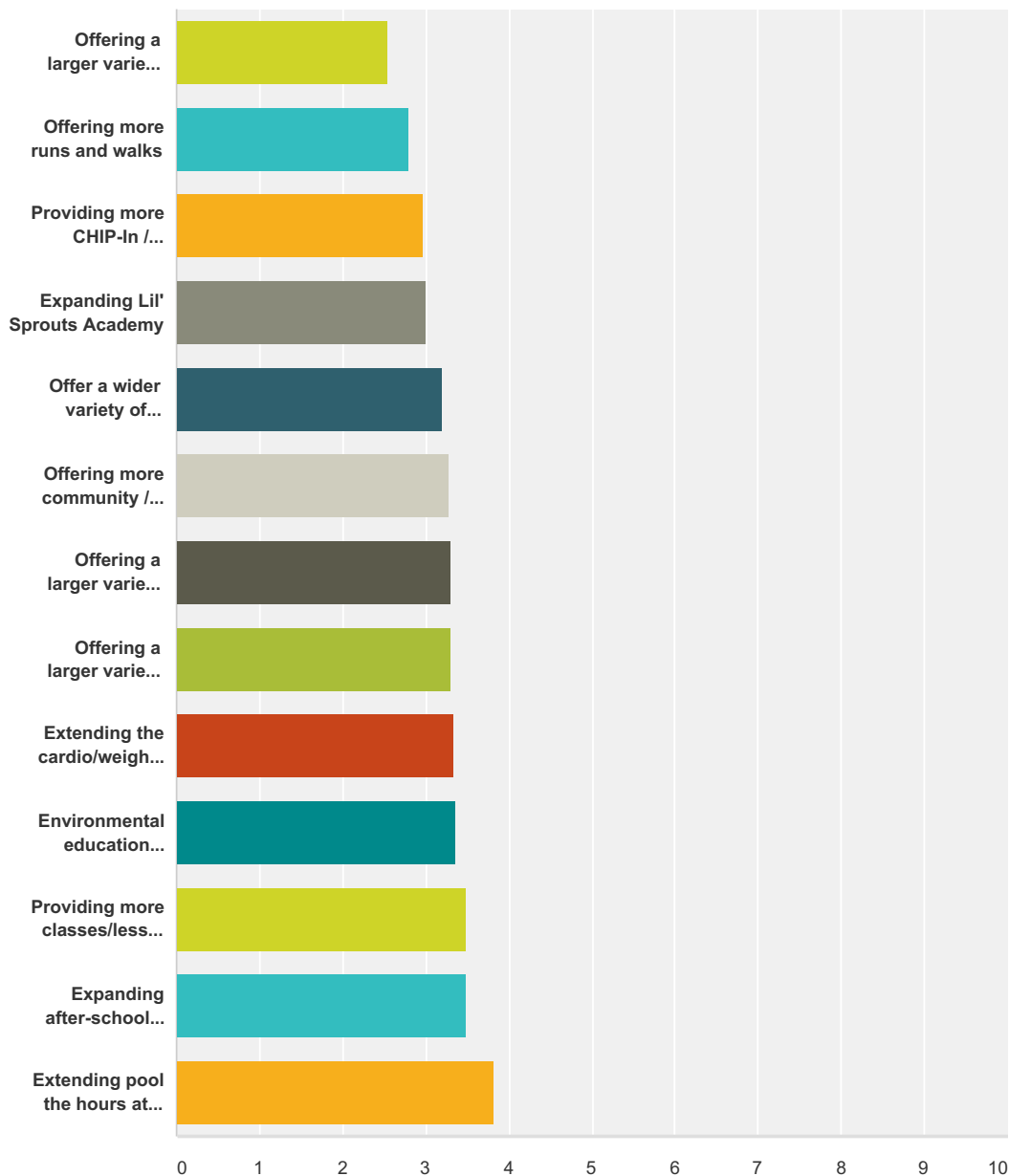
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too many	6.74%	52
Just right	61.87%	477
Not enough	31.39%	242
Total		771

Q19 Regarding programs and services, how important to you is investment in the following areas?

Answered: 771 Skipped: 110



	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Offering a larger variety of adult sport leagues	14.75% 113	20.76% 159	9.66% 74	23.63% 181	16.97% 130	8.75% 67	5.48% 42	766	2.55
Offering more runs and walks	11.52% 88	14.79% 113	11.39% 87	30.37% 232	16.23% 124	8.90% 68	6.81% 52	764	2.79
Providing more CHIP-In / volunteer opportunities	8.55% 65	11.45% 87	11.32% 86	33.95% 258	18.95% 144	10.79% 82	5.00% 38	760	2.96

Expanding Lil' Sprouts Academy	11.35% 86	10.82% 82	9.63% 73	33.64% 255	13.32% 101	11.87% 90	9.37% 71	758	3.00
Offer a wider variety of rental equipment (e.g. paddle boards, kayaks)	9.92% 76	10.57% 81	10.44% 80	21.54% 165	23.63% 181	13.45% 103	10.44% 80	766	3.20
Offering more community / special events	6.69% 51	11.29% 86	9.58% 73	25.59% 195	24.15% 184	13.52% 103	9.19% 70	762	3.27
Offering a larger variety of youth sport leagues	8.77% 67	9.55% 73	10.60% 81	23.82% 182	21.34% 163	14.53% 111	11.39% 87	764	3.29
Offering a larger variety of fitness classes	7.44% 57	9.66% 74	12.40% 95	22.32% 171	22.85% 175	14.75% 113	10.57% 81	766	3.30
Extending the cardio/weight room hours at the Aquatic Center	8.40% 64	10.24% 78	8.40% 64	26.51% 202	19.42% 148	12.47% 95	14.57% 111	762	3.34
Environmental education programs (e.g. gardening, native plants, restoration/conservation, marine biology)	9.14% 70	9.27% 71	11.36% 87	20.23% 155	21.41% 164	13.58% 104	15.01% 115	766	3.36
Providing more classes/lessons/programs at the Aquatic Center	6.27% 48	7.96% 61	8.88% 68	24.93% 191	25.07% 192	14.62% 112	12.27% 94	766	3.48
Expanding after-school programs	6.41% 49	7.71% 59	12.68% 97	17.39% 133	25.88% 198	19.35% 148	10.59% 81	765	3.49
Extending pool the hours at the Aquatic Center	4.72% 36	7.21% 55	6.55% 50	21.89% 167	21.76% 166	17.69% 135	20.18% 154	763	3.83

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I would like to see our events to be less alcoholic & more music & Art focused. It seems to me alot of folks come to these just to drink	12/31/2015 1:12 PM
2	find revenue other than taxes to support programs	12/31/2015 11:22 AM
3	Dance,all kinds all ages	12/29/2015 10:50 AM
4	KEEP CLEAN WHAT WE HAVE	12/29/2015 4:05 AM
5	Ambiguites in a couple of questions frustrating	12/28/2015 1:03 PM
6	paddle boarding, kayaking, and water safety classes. Develop a pass that would include several months for just the fitness classes. People could have a choice of the punch card pass or a pass that was for a quarter or several months.	12/27/2015 5:09 PM
7	Self defense classes	12/26/2015 11:16 PM
8	Pool and thAt facility are priority. Work with what we have. More afternoon hours again	12/19/2015 8:05 AM
9	I don't even know what CHIP-In is!!!! I am always looking for volunteer opportunities. Where do we rent the rental equipment. I didn't know we had that either!! :-(12/17/2015 2:11 PM
10	Weekend childcare would be awesome. It's next to impossible to find in this town.	12/16/2015 6:45 PM
11	Understanding cost but for larger families many things are too expensive for them to do.. Low incomes or unemployed	12/11/2015 12:03 AM
12	chip isn't workign and sports programs aren't either because there aren't enough coaches	12/10/2015 6:00 PM
13	Love the community gardens, Get Rebecca Sedlak moving on the ones she took over!	12/9/2015 6:41 PM
14	paddle boards!	12/9/2015 9:52 AM
15	Tai Chi and Qigong for adults. Tai Chi in the Garden of Surging Waves.	12/2/2015 8:29 PM
16	Year round under 5 sports (baseball, soccer, karate, etc)	11/30/2015 4:05 PM
17	Saturday swimming lessons	11/27/2015 4:07 AM
18	Increasing the staff to make sure all parts of the aquatic center (ie the slide) are open during all operational hours	11/25/2015 2:57 PM

19	I think group walks would be nice and offer a degree of safety to those who fear walking alone.	11/25/2015 10:44 AM
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Q20 Use this space to provide any additional feedback on programs and services:

Answered: 100 Skipped: 781

#	Responses	Date
1	I chose "neutral" on several responses because I support the ideas, e.g. more community/special events, but ONLY if they are cost-effective for the City to provide. I have seen so many great events offered by the City that are poorly attended, which is unfortunate but also costly.	1/3/2016 12:57 AM
2	Along with a larger variety and extended hours with the classes, some in-house child care would be amazing. When I go to the Aquatic Center with my child, the pool is often occupied by others in free swim, and he is not free to actually play while the lap pools remain entirely unused. The slide is always closed in the mid-morning hours too.	12/31/2015 9:02 PM
3	When my child was young, we enjoyed many of the parks dept. offerings. But now as a young adult attending Clatsop College, there is not much offered for that age group. Several students have asked about social opportunities that do not involve alcohol or sports.	12/31/2015 4:06 PM
4	I think you do a great job with the resources & staff you have available.	12/31/2015 1:12 PM
5	Work with the schools to enhance the sports and exercise options for kids. Like basketball, running or track options for kids that don't want to be on a team but would like to participate. My son favorite thing in PE is badminton, activities that all kids and parents can join.	12/31/2015 11:38 AM
6	I would like to see trained people teach water aerobics.	12/31/2015 10:46 AM
7	Increase fees for non-residents. Residents of Astoria are subsidizing non-residents which has a negative impact on the Parks & Rec Dept.	12/31/2015 10:31 AM
8	It would be nice if the pool facility was open earlier on Saturday mornings, particularly in winter months when there are fewer outdoor activity opportunities in the region.	12/31/2015 10:04 AM
9	Again, if it can't be done well, don't do it. We quit swim lessons in years back because it was TOO expensive for what our kids were learning. Feels the same with other parks experiences.	12/31/2015 9:37 AM
10	Because I don't participate in parks programs, I don't feel I can comment on most of the above.	12/30/2015 4:29 PM
11	Pool is too cold and too expensive . We use the Seaside aquatic center.	12/30/2015 1:23 PM
12	na	12/30/2015 1:18 PM
13	For years I have wanted to take an aquatic fitness class in the pool but the times offered are not conducive to most work schedules. If there were a class offered early morning (before 7am) or after 3:00 I would be extremely likely to participate,	12/29/2015 9:27 PM
14	We need more events for the locals and not the tourists.	12/29/2015 6:14 PM
15	like to see more indoor recreation for everyone during winter season.	12/29/2015 6:11 PM
16	Again didn't know these existed.	12/29/2015 11:15 AM
17	Extended hours for the pool in the summer especially!	12/29/2015 9:45 AM
18	hOW ABOUT A HAPPY HELLO WHEN YOU GO TO THE POOL	12/29/2015 4:05 AM
19	Community gardens will benefit the public. Help your city grow fresh organic food and teach the children how to garden they are the future and so is organic farming !!!	12/28/2015 9:56 PM
20	Besides extending the Pool/Recreation Center to allow more use by working people, consider featuring different groups on different nights. i.e., Senior Night (lap pool and in-water exercise in main pool), Teen Night, etc.. One thing I've noticed over the years, it's VERY difficult to have Swim Team, "private" lessons, and only 1-2 lanes left for evening Lap Swim every weeknight. If a person gets off work about 5pm, maybe gets into the water and shares 1-2 lanes by 6pm, then the facility closes at 7pm!	12/28/2015 9:42 PM
21	Again, the main reason I am taking this survey is to be able to speak on behalf of our adult sports peers and stress how urgent the need is for field maintenance and officials before someone gets seriously injured or the leagues depletes to nothing for lack of importance	12/28/2015 7:55 PM

22	Aquatic center passes are too expensive and offer no advantage to pay as you go...I've bought them in the past but will not in the future...weekend hours are poor	12/28/2015 4:07 PM
23	Classes or leagues for kids not yet school age	12/28/2015 3:43 PM
24	I didn't know parks and recreation offered equipment to rent. Where can people get more info on what type of equipment there is and costs?	12/28/2015 3:04 PM
25	There used to be quite a lot of one-day youth classes when I was growing up, like clay sculpture and chocolate making. I wish there were more opportunities like that.	12/28/2015 2:20 PM
26	I cant afford the pool and water programs because I live outside of astoria I would love being able to buy passes for my grand children if I wete able to pay the same as Astoria residents.	12/28/2015 2:00 PM
27	There should be a "neutral" of "no opinion" answer choice for Question 18, and the others of that same limited format	12/28/2015 1:14 PM
28	More youth sports leagues or programs that will run year round	12/28/2015 12:36 PM
29	I would like to see habitat restoration of Alderbrook lagoon.	12/28/2015 12:21 PM
30	I would really like to see an adult swim club added to the Aquatic Center. It would be great to have a group of adults that get together 1 night/ week to swim and keep each other motivated.	12/28/2015 9:39 AM
31	Expanding duration and number of games in the youth sports leagues is extremely important. The 2nd grade boys basketball season included only 4 games. That's absolutely ridiculous!!	12/28/2015 8:33 AM
32	Erin is wonderful at little sprouts.	12/27/2015 11:56 PM
33	The adult fitness classes at ARC are excellent. I would like a more comprehensive pass as sometimes I go to two or three classes/day and use up the punch card too fast.	12/27/2015 5:09 PM
34	It would be cool to offer one free additional hour of childcare to parents with kids at after school or Lil Sprouts to participate in fitness classes at the ARC.	12/27/2015 9:09 AM
35	Because the college does not offer opportunities for student recreation outside of classes, there is a need for non-alcoholic social activities for older teens and young adults. For example, theme dances, costume events, clubs or other activities that are not sports related.	12/26/2015 11:16 PM
36	Need to work on the Aquatic Center. Facility is ALWAYS having problems when we go: no hot water, bathrooms are NOT clean, maintain the facility better.	12/24/2015 11:35 AM
37	Would love more info on programs - sometimes difficult to find out whats happening in town!	12/23/2015 10:26 AM
38	My experience with organized youth sports has not been very good. I have been very frustrated with the poor communication especially during the flag football season.	12/19/2015 10:30 PM
39	Love to do a lot of these things but can't afford to.	12/19/2015 8:31 PM
40	Our kids are at that age where it's difficult for us to take advantage of these programs. The cost of some programs are too high, but I would support the establishment of a tax supported recreation district like Seaside's.	12/18/2015 8:41 PM
41	Still fairly new to the community, but excited to get more involved	12/18/2015 7:57 PM
42	I've had my children enrolled in swim lessons at the Seaside pool for the past couple of years because I've found the facilities and the staff at the Astoria Pool inadequate... especially the staff, when it comes to teaching kids how to swim. Additionally, the pool is so damned cold! We've had a really poor experience with the Astoria Pool, but a really great experience at the Seaside Pool.	12/18/2015 7:26 PM
43	Please combine childcare and more fitness equipment. It is unfortunate that you don't have that capability anymore. Also sometimes good you programs begin and lose momentum, so there isn't security in what types of programs will be offered, or for how long	12/18/2015 4:42 PM
44	I would like to see an adult indoor soccer/futsal league and an outdoor league. I would also like to see for-fun pick-soccer (indoor and outdoor) for youth become a regular event.	12/18/2015 2:45 PM
45	Again the fees are just to high. The lil sprouts doesn't open until 7:30. If it opened earlier people could drop their kids off in the morning to be able to get on the morning bus.	12/18/2015 2:04 PM
46	During your summer day camp program, there's hardly anything offered for young teens. The few things there are seem to be "extreme sports" type activities. How about other programs for this age group? Tennis camp? Art or Music or Space camp? Geared toward OLDER kids and publicized so people actually know it's being offered. So many things are for little kids in this town, which is nice, but older kids need activities to keep them out of trouble and away from all the electronics over the summer!	12/18/2015 12:27 PM

47	As a teacher, I believe we desperately need more after school options for children k-12. Something for homework help as well as structured games and sports with good supervision and a safe, welcoming atmosphere.	12/18/2015 11:36 AM
48	\$10-20 per person for an hour to two hour weekend kayak tour at FSSP. At JBLM(MWR) its \$30/ day and includes life jacket. Kayaks pay for themselves	12/18/2015 11:19 AM
49	Please do CHIP-in activities on days other than Sundays. We want to help but Sunday is a day to attend church.	12/18/2015 9:26 AM
50	Child care is definitely a problem in the area. We have been on the waiting list at little sprouts for months. We don't utilize the fitness classes, because we hate that they are not consolidated. It would be nice if mom could do a class while dad and baby swam, or did some other activity at the same location. Increasing the opportunities at one location will lead to more interest. I also thi k renting equipment is a great idea, which would also appeal to tourists, which are now a huge part of our economy. I think that consolidation of facilities would also appeal to tourists as well as locals.	12/18/2015 9:05 AM
51	Once again, Astorias pricing is too high.	12/18/2015 8:38 AM
52	There seems to be an adequate number of youth sport leagues. My children participated in many of them when they were younger. Maybe include volleyball.	12/18/2015 8:21 AM
53	The environmental education programs could be handled by the college?	12/17/2015 11:46 PM
54	Our youth need more affordable/available activities	12/17/2015 6:49 PM
55	Some of these questions should have an option to answer N/A	12/17/2015 6:16 PM
56	It seems that almost everything is a Monday through Friday schedule with a Saturday 'something' thrown into the schedule. A more inclusive class schedule including weekdays after 6 or 7 PM and Sunday events would be welcome. The hours of 9-5 do not work for everyone.	12/17/2015 5:59 PM
57	GREEN SPACES are far more important to quality of life than the fantasy of going to work out at a the gym...	12/17/2015 5:49 PM
58	The current after school program is very poorly run.	12/17/2015 5:37 PM
59	Lil' Sprouts is Is doing a fantastic job and they are always full. There is an extremely high need for infant care and more and more babies are being born, we are going through a bit of a baby boom right now! They really need a larger space. Our community is in desperate need of a lower cost quality child care and after school programs especially for low income kids.	12/17/2015 5:37 PM
60	Making some things more affordable for residents.	12/17/2015 5:27 PM
61	Why Compete with Private industry on rentals? Why Compete with Weight/Exercise rooms? College provides classes as well as other	12/17/2015 5:24 PM
62	Would like to see more of a focus on developing fundamentals in the younger sports leagues and less on the games with more experienced coaches for everyone to learn from.	12/17/2015 5:20 PM
63	I'd use the pool and ARC more often if they were more affordable. I generally purchase a pool pass once/year for my family, but I cannot afford to do so more often... and that was before the rate increase. I'd rather see reduced hours and affordable rates than vice versa.	12/16/2015 6:45 PM
64	Activities for young people a priority!! (esp. teens)	12/14/2015 5:14 PM
65	More swimming lesson options!!	12/12/2015 10:27 PM
66	You are charging too much. only the richer folks in the community can afford your programs. You are not serving those who need it. You are really concerned about tourism not the community. We need more community gardens and affordable ones. the cost of Grey is ridiculously expensive.	12/10/2015 6:00 PM
67	Need more indoor walking areas for the rainy months.	12/10/2015 3:17 PM
68	I would like more fitness classes.	12/10/2015 2:53 PM
69	The pool/fitness centers need extended hours, more hours on weekends.	12/10/2015 1:43 PM
70	Get Emerald heights in shape	12/9/2015 6:41 PM
71	Bring back swim lessons on the weekend	12/9/2015 3:45 PM
72	Rainy day activities and open play areas within the buildings are very nice during the fall/winter months.	12/7/2015 10:33 PM
73	I feel like Astoria Parks and Rec doesn't do the best job in spreading the word about how these programs work, where they are, how much they cost, when the run, etc. For example, I lived here a long time before I even heard about the cardio-weight room, and I still don't know how much it costs to do it. I feel like the programs could be more robust	12/7/2015 10:14 AM
74	The schedule is really not accessible to working hours, especially for classes	12/6/2015 4:50 PM

75	Larger variety is needed.	12/4/2015 4:43 AM
76	Extending pool & cardio/weight room hours on weekends, open earlier.	12/3/2015 1:28 PM
77	Erin Reilly should remain the program director at Lil' Sprouts. She does an excellent job!	12/3/2015 1:19 PM
78	It appears we cannot afford to maintain what we have. Why add more stuff we cannot afford to maintain - oh, yeah, we can raise taxes.	12/3/2015 12:44 PM
79	Keep providing programs on Astoria's culture, art and history.	12/3/2015 1:59 AM
80	As I said previously on my comment before, these things could be improved greatly by actually training employees properly. It's disturbing to show up and have different sets of rules and kids that don't know what's going on. For a district so large, I would think that more effort would be put in to improve things for the next generation. There's a lack of carefulness, that could easily be fixed.	12/2/2015 9:49 PM
81	The Garden of Surging Waves is an attraction for visitors and residents alike. An active program of Tai Chi and Qigong in the GSW would enhance the visual experience of the park.	12/2/2015 8:29 PM
82	Improve and change the way swimming lessons are conducted and taught. First can't have them at the same time as open swim, secondly the instructors needs to teach the kids how to swim, not dilly dallying showing them how to blow bubble's in the water. Moved my children to Seaside pool instead, and they know how its done. Have your instructors go on a fieldtrip.	12/2/2015 3:34 PM
83	Ditto... This will mess your metrics up!	12/2/2015 3:21 PM
84	I've had a huge issue with the lack of organization with the youth sports programs. We, as parents, are given very limited notice as to when programs are starting. When you go in to sign up people at the office seem clueless. A parent that I specifically advised the Park & Rec program not to allow to coach was allowed to be a t-ball coach and many parents either asked to be on another team or pulled their kids from the program because of his background. Please get organized! I've got a lot of years ahead of me with kids in youth sports but I can only take so much!!!	12/2/2015 2:48 PM
85	It would be great if they could offer more sports life gymnastics or cheerleading.	12/2/2015 2:46 PM
86	Environmental Ed programs are through the extension office, why do more?	12/2/2015 1:54 PM
87	Offering a wider variety of rental equipment is an exciting idea, not sure if it is the duty of the rec department however...	12/1/2015 2:59 PM
88	Maybe extending sports to ages 3 and up.	12/1/2015 8:57 AM
89	Wish they had more activities for kids under 4	11/30/2015 5:43 PM
90	Make some chip-in events for a day other than Sunday.	11/30/2015 4:48 PM
91	Preschool or younger sports or programs	11/30/2015 4:05 PM
92	We could absolutely use more youth sports/activities, and better advertising for such programs.	11/30/2015 1:46 PM
93	Id love to have more community gardens with events to in luxe our children in	11/29/2015 9:13 AM
94	Really, if you close the aquatic center at 7, when are people with kids supposed to work out? Don't say in the morning because kids have to get up and get to school. Then we go to work. Yeah...7 PM doesn't cut it.	11/26/2015 1:16 AM
95	LARGER DAYCARE!	11/25/2015 2:57 PM
96	Adult sports leagues have dwindled in the last 20 years. Makes me wonder if they're worth it which is too bad but a reality.	11/25/2015 11:53 AM
97	Again, the aquatics center does not have any reasonably priced activities for the community. If you want that huge-assed center, you pay for it. The YMCA was a community center. The aquatics center is not.	11/25/2015 11:50 AM
98	More classes for senior citizens such as gentle yoga and thia chi for balance and arthritis.	11/25/2015 10:17 AM
99	The balance of programming is pretty spot on. While alot of things don't apply to me and mine, it is part of what gives the community texture and improves the quality of life.	11/25/2015 9:12 AM
100	Hard to know about programs being offered. Advertising in community seems to be lacking. Lack of communication. Website hard to find info on toddler aged events. On fliers often important pieces of info are missing (time, target age, etc). Would use these things more if they were more easily accessible	11/24/2015 9:26 PM

Q21 Use this space to share your big ideas, goals, and vision for the future of Astoria Parks & Recreation:

Answered: 303 Skipped: 578

#	Responses	Date
1	I love and appreciate all that the City has to offer and truly admire how ambitious Parks & Rec is in maintaining and improving facilities and services, as well as offering numerous special, FREE events, year-round, for families. However, it seems that the City is doing so much without much use/benefit from a high proportion of Astoria residents, calling into question cost-effectiveness and viability. It also seems the City does a lot of community outreach to publicize its events, through a variety of media (print, radio, flyers), and still participation is generally low at the special events. Thus I do not think that the solution is "better communication," nor do I think that the low level of participation/use is a reflection of the caliber of the City's offerings. Rather, it seems this is (unfortunately) a reflection of local residents' relative lack of interest in pursuing outdoor activities. As a result, the City is well-advised to take stock of all the properties it maintains and services it provides and decide which ones are most heavily used, and at what cost, and to consider other properties/services it could let go of.	1/3/2016 1:05 AM
2	Seniors should be offered a discount on a monthly pool pass. Offering a discount Apr 1st to those only giving access to their bank acct. is not right. The same discount should be given to those who pay monthly w/o giving access to their bank acct.	1/2/2016 2:50 PM
3	as the town is of major tourist attraction overall, it would be a great idea to maintain and improve where needed to keep those 'tourist dollars' coming to the city and surrounding area.	1/1/2016 5:01 AM
4	More trails, particularly soft-surfaced, and linked thoughtfully.	12/31/2015 10:23 PM
5	Take care of something like its meaningful to you. Get a new director probably.	12/31/2015 9:06 PM
6	Mainly, at this point I would love to see a better range of in-house child care options at the various facilities. I know I am not the only person with limited to no child care options in the area. There are so many things that I want to be able to do and participate in, but I am restricted severely because of the lack of child care.	12/31/2015 9:03 PM
7	Keep up the great work getting the community involved.	12/31/2015 8:11 PM
8	I don't agree with parks like surfing waves unless Astoria has a high income which if we did we wouldn't have multiple empty store fronts. I think we need more business and tidy city before we build or expand anything.	12/31/2015 8:06 PM
9	Do something about improving safety on trails. Keep dogs off leash in off leash parks. Improve lighting. Make pool more affordable.	12/31/2015 7:03 PM
10	The goal of the master plan should be to make the parks and recreation department a world class department. that means each site and everything offering is world class. the master should show how each site and offering would accomplish this. example aquatic center --- cover the grass area and basketball, volleyball, meeting room, fitness space, running track. cardiac center, tennis, gymnastic. by adding these the pool could break even.	12/31/2015 6:53 PM
11	Providing a variety of spaces and experiences for Residents to stay healthy and connect with natural resources.	12/31/2015 6:41 PM
12	While providing variety parks should not be in competition with services that should be provided privately such as fitness centers and day care. After school activities and care are needed as they are not generly provided privately	12/31/2015 6:19 PM
13	How about a team 2k. With a child and a senior? Bring the ages together. They have a lot to learn from each other.	12/31/2015 6:08 PM
14	We all need opportunities to be involved inactivity.	12/31/2015 5:10 PM
15	Because the college does not offer opportunities for student recreation outside of classes, there is a need for non-alcoholic social activities for older teens and young adults. For example, theme dances, costume events, clubs or other activities that are not sports related. Comic convention style activities are very popular with that age group.	12/31/2015 4:09 PM
16	Focus on doing a few things well, rather than many things adequately.	12/31/2015 3:40 PM
17	More affordable things for the youth to do.	12/31/2015 3:01 PM
18	The River Walk is the best use of the riverfront. It should remain open space & accessible to all. I also feel supporting our youth development & education is Very important to have a better functioning next Gen, especially the girls as they set the tone & educate that next Gen. My vision is a world more equitable & just to all.	12/31/2015 1:23 PM

19	I would love to see more classes, opportunities and special programs for the children and teens in the community.	12/31/2015 12:53 PM
20	There are a fair amount of adult activities available in Astoria; fewer youth activities. I would like AP&R to focus on providing services for kids and young families over providing more services to older retirees such as myself. We've had our chance, put the resources into supporting our kids.	12/31/2015 11:52 AM
21	Get more of the community involved, the community for Astoria Parks and Rec. should be everyone that has "Astoria" as part of their address, like Knappa, Olney, Brownsmead, Lewis and Clark. A recreation district would be a low cost for the North County residents, but allow more people to afford and participate. Work with the College to make sure that all the residents that will be paying for the new "gym" building have access to it. Sell Park & Rec programs to the community, having a great Parks & Rec. program is a hallmark to a healthy community, go to a place like Bend where I grew up, parks and rec. provide a big part of a successful and growing community.	12/31/2015 11:49 AM
22	My goal is to become more aware of activities and programs offered by this department and visit more parks and sit operated within astoria and warrenton.	12/31/2015 11:33 AM
23	downsize so whatever we have is supportable.	12/31/2015 11:23 AM
24	I hope you will hire more staff or contract out to maintain our existing beautiful parks and trails. Thanks for all you do.	12/31/2015 10:54 AM
25	. Encourage organizations to do clean-up, do some maintenance, etc. .Have good, qualified instructors teach water aerobics and with more times offered .Have yoga, core classes, stretch classes, weight classes at the Aquatic Center. .Encourage more senior fitness classes. . Create a dog park to accommodate lots of running around for big and little dogs.	12/31/2015 10:51 AM
26	Reduce the number of parks to a more manageable amount and then take good care of them. Increase fees for non-residents! Stop dwelling so much on Ocean View Cemetery. Allow more opportunities for volunteers to mow and clean up and work there. Don't build more parks.	12/31/2015 10:36 AM
27	New mileage markers on the river walk. Consider changing zoning of land on east end of river walk and sell for residential development. The increased tax base would benefit the city, the sale income could be applied toward maintaining existing parks and facilities. You asked of BIG ideas! This one will certainly stir the pot!	12/31/2015 10:16 AM
28	Well marked, connected set of trails, with bathrooms, that give better access to all of the public parks and landmarks	12/31/2015 10:16 AM
29	Keep in mind that about 58% of our population struggle to pay for housing.	12/31/2015 9:49 AM
30	I think effort should be put into making what is available affordable for families. The pool is a huge asset to this community. Take care of what we have before adding more. Partner with the High School and hire recommended students to help maintain. Entry level and year round.	12/31/2015 9:43 AM
31	It is my opinion the Rec Center is a Gold Mine! I believe more adults would take advantage of classes if they knew about it. Not many know the wide range of classes available.	12/31/2015 9:34 AM
32	We live in a beautiful area with many options for all. I appreciate that. Even if the options don't benefit my family, I know they do another. You guys have your hands full. I just want to continue to live and thrive in a beautiful, clean, and safe area with my family. Thank you for all that you guys do.	12/31/2015 9:25 AM
33	Senior citizen and disabled better affordable pricing	12/31/2015 9:23 AM
34	None	12/30/2015 6:32 PM
35	just a dog park. large area safe and secure well fenced park benches to sit /covered	12/30/2015 5:54 PM
36	This area needs more excitement for young adults. There's not muh opportunity here for those who are attending CCC and new grads. Put on some community dances for certain age groups that are affordable by all.	12/30/2015 4:58 PM
37	The department needs more employees to even begin to meet the needs.	12/30/2015 4:30 PM
38	combine recreation facilities: include an indoor track, sport courts, and fitness studios	12/30/2015 3:41 PM
39	Combined recreation centers	12/30/2015 3:14 PM
40	Sorry i did this on the other spaces.... Aquatic center is too cold and too expensive. We us the seaside pool. It has more fun activities and even free on out of school holidays. Really its the temp of the pools that keeps us out of Astoria. A gymnastics facility would be of big importance to our family! I know of many families that would be willing to volunteer to help get this program going! Again Thank you so much for all that you do DO! and please reach out to us. We are proud of what we have and are more then willing to help keep things the way they are!! Thank you for this survey and please let us know how we can help! P.S. even though we were not able to participate in many of the Adult only activities this last summer. Please do them again and with maybe more public notice.	12/30/2015 1:30 PM
41	I just want open gym basketball for FREE	12/30/2015 1:19 PM

42	Would like to see more for the teenagers. To keep programs for youths affordable for the very low income families. We are a very low income area and I have seen and heard parents say that their children can't participate due to the fees. Makes me sad to hear.	12/30/2015 11:23 AM
43	I think restoring and investing some time in restoring the cathedral trail is a must! It has not been restored since the major storm in 2007. It is a beautiful walk and a great little bit of exercise!	12/30/2015 10:47 AM
44	More opportunities that are affordable for toddler and smaller children's sports and classes. also better advertising of what is available to kids	12/30/2015 9:26 AM
45	Having lots of parks does not mean lots of recreation. It needs people to use and as people use more hear of it and add to the use.	12/30/2015 8:24 AM
46	Whatever you do, do it 100%. Many events fall very short of well run. More planning and organizing for large children events.	12/30/2015 7:31 AM
47	Bring back reliable transportation (like it used to be) and bring back more variety of indoor activities, such as, the roller skating rink. There needs to be more things to do around here after 9pm. It is so boring around here.	12/30/2015 1:31 AM
48	A fully interconnected trail system that makes Astoria an even better and more walkable/bikeable place to live, work and visit.	12/30/2015 1:03 AM
49	What about the new Scandinavian Monument? Where can it go?	12/29/2015 7:56 PM
50	Perhaps have pkg.deal lllllll. Like free trolley withbl llseason pass	12/29/2015 7:07 PM
51	My goal is for you to figure out a way to not cost me as a tax payer more money. I am getting the feeling this survey is you way of trying to tedt the waters of how important all of these items are so you can come back and raise property taxes. No no no	12/29/2015 6:26 PM
52	Improve Ocean View Cemetery. Perhaps build a new mausoleum and/or a building for niches. Also leave decorations on graves alone.	12/29/2015 6:16 PM
53	more low income recreations	12/29/2015 6:11 PM
54	Astoria should celebrate its natural amenities more full. Y Mai tsing and creating greater natural area type park and rec opportunities. The natural world is one of Astorias greatest assets.	12/29/2015 5:10 PM
55	Astoria Parks and Rec must determine what it can really do. With the limited budget and staff that P&R has, tough decisions must be made as to what services can be maintained. Some things will have to go to allow others to survive. Prioritizing of services has to be done. Perhaps cooperative partnerships are the answer to expensive activities such as the pool, Little Sprouts and the Riverwalk. Good luck!	12/29/2015 4:05 PM
56	Make more activities for kids and teens. There isn't enough for them to stay occupied and out of trouble. Also prices at the aquatic center. Most kids can barley afford to go... or offer a lower income rate.	12/29/2015 3:51 PM
57	I haven't put much thought into it because those of us who live outside the city are charged to much more to use them.	12/29/2015 1:55 PM
58	Would love to see more things for people to do!	12/29/2015 12:59 PM
59	I would like to see another therapy pool just for ppl to do therapy separate from the kids. I would also like to see more of a water play ground in the pool for the children. I would also like to have music back in the pool... and movie night	12/29/2015 11:52 AM
60	Astoria has some great recreational opportunities but not widely advertised to the local population. I would like to see better communication with the public.	12/29/2015 11:16 AM
61	Decide what the priorities are, scale back the parks and maintain what is kept. Provide recreation opportunities for community members. It is okay to differentiate between local/tax payers and non-taxpayers when it comes to fees and programs. Those of us that are paying for the services should have a benefit above and beyond those that do not provide the funding base.	12/29/2015 11:07 AM
62	More information	12/29/2015 10:51 AM
63	Maintain The Pool Hire quality life guards. Pay them more and drug test them.	12/29/2015 10:20 AM
64	I think some events need to be advertised better because there is a lot of stuff I wasn't aware of.	12/29/2015 9:55 AM
65	CLEAN UP THE RIVERWALK..FIX RESTROOMS AT DOUGHBOY, WORK ON MARITIME MEMORIAL PARK, HAVE A WORKING TENNIS	12/29/2015 4:07 AM

66	More advertising to let community members know of all Astoria P&R comprises. Updated/user friendly website (extremely hard to find information at this time). Lower weight room prices at Aquatic Center with the idea of volume and usage = expansion. Partnering with the school district for reduced rates for educators/families. Incentives in schools that link good grades/good works with P&R punch passes	12/29/2015 1:59 AM
67	you should expand memberships to aquatic center to clatsop county residence. not just astoria. and not raise the cost because they live in astoria seaside.	12/29/2015 12:14 AM
68	I think that the teen population in this area is left out in a lot of the planning. You talk about youth league which is usually up to 12 or 13. And you talk about adult leagues. Except for the skate park, I don't see much for teens.	12/28/2015 11:14 PM
69	More youth centers especially designated towards teenagers who lack things to do in this town. Admission would be cheap or free. The roller rink would be a super cool hang out spot that is open for skate night Friday, and Saturdays at least, from like 7-12 I would make a young adult version of what the boys and girls club is, it's like a place to hang out do crafts, game, use the gym, eat, etc. there's nothing to really do in this town if you're under 21 and we need to find inventive ways to get them involved in healthy community activities, a lot of kids are suffering because so much funding is going towards sports and not the arts they aren't as recognized, and again big organic farms!!!	12/28/2015 10:00 PM
70	The Facebook page could be better utilized, as well as other Community info providers (KMUN, for example). Perhaps something like: "Did you know Astoria Parks does this?" Rarely do I see the Facebook page announcing upcoming events or services. As new people move into the area (Coast Guard families change regularly) the community does not seem to promote info on the services and facilities available.	12/28/2015 9:56 PM
71	One facility with all programs and services.	12/28/2015 9:52 PM
72	Mountain bike paths/trails would be a valuable addition to the Astoria community, preferably ones that would be accessible to all skill levels and family friendly. Access to the area above CMH field (near Shively) with built up (non boggy) trail(s) connecting to the Cathedral Tree /Column system would be amazing. Signage would be very integral and incorporating Chip In would be great!	12/28/2015 8:56 PM
73	The rate of staff turnover in the childcare department is very high. Attachment and consistency are very important for young children. Paying low wages and offering only part time hours is doing a disservice to the communities children. Our children are only as healthy as those taking care of them. Those taking care of our children should be offered health care and a living wage.	12/28/2015 8:51 PM
74	Maintaining and expanding trails, open basketball gyms.	12/28/2015 8:30 PM
75	I would like to see a program that teams can possibly pay the league fees by working for the city maintaining fields and equipment instead of doing it for free to make a better experience for ourselves while still paying the city the same. Thank you for your time, I apologize for the frustration and hope this will be addressed	12/28/2015 7:58 PM
76	Would like them to focus on how best to serve the community - specifically children, families, seniors and people with disabilities.	12/28/2015 7:54 PM
77	A variety of activities for all age groups, from children to seniors, for health, appreciation of nature, and a sense of community.	12/28/2015 7:34 PM
78	Maintenance of the cementaries	12/28/2015 6:47 PM
79	To get more for the money we pay for adult sports.	12/28/2015 6:15 PM
80	We need more community events for kids!	12/28/2015 5:51 PM
81	They need to keep the cost affordable for everyone	12/28/2015 4:25 PM
82	Like to have fitness center, weights and pool under one roof. Have monthly membership	12/28/2015 4:19 PM
83	Indoor roller hockey league at the armory	12/28/2015 4:07 PM
84	Maintain the aquatic center, improve the avaiability of activities for the youth	12/28/2015 3:49 PM
85	More for younger kids	12/28/2015 3:43 PM
86	We would REALLY benefit from indoor facilities to be active year round, that are open for drop in activity for kids as well as adults. A facility with an indoor walking track (wide enough that moms could take strollers on and people could run on at the same time) or even do indoor track meets. Basketball courts you could drop in and play and also racquetball. Indoor tennis would be also great! kids could take tennis lessons year round. Something to get people out of their homes and active, somewhere to go when its cold and rainy but not scheduled. Drop in access is very important. Also something you can do that is year round, for example, the kids can only play basketball for 5-6 weeks of the year during organized youth basketball leauges, but it would be great to let them continue to use the skills they learned year round.	12/28/2015 3:42 PM

87	Love the river walk and it would great to have it expanded to the Bay side of Astoria if some grant funds could be found.	12/28/2015 3:39 PM
88	More adult sport leagues for volleyball. Bike/hike groups	12/28/2015 3:32 PM
89	I think that we have a wide variety of things and we need to take care of what we have and not add to it too much.	12/28/2015 3:21 PM
90	I hope to see more kid activities I'm the future	12/28/2015 3:18 PM
91	Better marketing of group fitness classes and I wish there was more variety.	12/28/2015 3:05 PM
92	For more off them to be better know and use more often	12/28/2015 2:56 PM
93	Priority should be for the community instead of the hopes of attracting visitors. We are over-extended with too many facilities and parks to do them justice with budget cuts at this time.	12/28/2015 2:50 PM
94	more indoor areas for area youth to congregate in supervised settings for tutoring/social engagement/life skills trainings	12/28/2015 2:15 PM
95	Treat us all the same as far as out of towers go! I would love to have a membership to the pool...just cant afford it.	12/28/2015 2:02 PM
96	More adult recreation leagues and events with more details on flyers/social media. Lower prices for using the pool.	12/28/2015 1:46 PM
97	I would appreciate a smaller Giftcard/punchcard offering for portaplay I wanted to purchase several 2 to 5 visit admission gift certificates. When I stopped to ask, I was told there is only a \$50 punch card available. I personally think that an opportunity is being lost in not offering smaller less costly gift cards.	12/28/2015 1:38 PM
98	Make sure the column doesn't raise their annual rates and have a day fee.	12/28/2015 1:26 PM
99	no opinion	12/28/2015 1:15 PM
100	More kids sports	12/28/2015 1:09 PM
101	We can reach a balance with a plan that is sustainable that first serves Astorians needs and secondarily attracts tourists.	12/28/2015 1:05 PM
102	Would love an indoor adult center like the Y with walking track, racketball, tennis, basketball etc	12/28/2015 1:01 PM
103	I am enthusiastic about the prospect of additional playground equipment at McClure park. I would also love to see expanded trail systems in town.	12/28/2015 12:48 PM
104	More soccer youth tournaments and a competitive season Also for baseball and other sports	12/28/2015 12:38 PM
105	I believe that the parks should serve to improve the quality of our lives by providing natural areas, preserving history, and encouraging health, fitness, and social interactions. Our most outstanding natural and historic areas need to be managed very carefully so that their value is not degraded. Public input on the master plan is important, thank you. Too much to say here.	12/28/2015 12:30 PM
106	This is from a city I used to live in. I loved going and participating. Twice a year (May and October) hold a city-wide kids only yard sale at a park. People who want to sell kids stuff (toys, clothes, strollers,playpens) pay \$20 for a table they get get to keep the rest of the profit. Shoppers have free entrance. It is a great way to pass along useful items to new parents or parents with growing children. It was a lot of fun for everybody involved.	12/28/2015 12:16 PM
107	Enjoy the port of play!	12/28/2015 12:12 PM
108	With the climate we live in, I think there should be more indoor facilities that are accessible to the public. I understand that by leaving these places open & available invites some trouble but for at least half the year the outdoor parks & fields are of little use.	12/28/2015 10:48 AM
109	Les Mills classes would be nice to add to the fitness classes available- I recently tried Body Pump and it was a great full body workout.	12/28/2015 9:40 AM
110	Better facilities for sports, and more options for girls sports.	12/28/2015 9:20 AM
111	I would like to see an indoor option for walking/running indoors, other than treadmills.	12/28/2015 8:42 AM
112	There are a lot of parks but having neighborhood parks is part of the reason I love Astoria. I have been very happy with the Parks Program since my family and I moved to Astoria 10 years ago. I am so glad you were able to save the pool and I love looking at the new gardens!!	12/28/2015 7:31 AM
113	more activities for youth and after school programs	12/28/2015 7:26 AM
114	One thing I want to bring up is the "issue" of teens and public spaces. There is a huge trend of excluding this population from these spaces and we need to make sure our town does not do the same. Teens are just looking for a space to congregate and socialize, parks are an appropriate place for them to do so.	12/28/2015 6:47 AM

115	The children's and youth people needs clases like music or arts and probably be coking clases or some pre job preparation like a hoobie. Something to learn and weist the time and good way. For them the community and the future.	12/27/2015 11:16 PM
116	More indoor activities during the cold dark and rainy months for kids and adults. Longer youth sports league seasons	12/27/2015 8:06 PM
117	Need to remember that some of us parents work odd hours and days...have more than one kid and money is tight in this little town. It also rains alot!! An indoor playground would be nice,,like subway,where we go every sunday or two during winter	12/27/2015 6:10 PM
118	1. Have one facility for adult fitness, aquatics, weight training, and cardio. Could also include youth fitness and child care and child/youth classes. 2. Have more trails and connect them all with wayfinding and maps.	12/27/2015 5:11 PM
119	I want to see better ran swimming pool.	12/27/2015 4:56 PM
120	Geocache on the trails	12/27/2015 12:58 PM
121	Would love to see more trails for running, and better security on the trails. The River Walk, in particular, is just not safe early in the morning, or late in the evening. Some of the parks downtown are also overpopulated with homeless people.	12/27/2015 9:12 AM
122	We moved from a place that had no park amenities so we have been thrilled with the opportunities that exist here. Sometimes more is not better. By maintaining and improving the parks, trails, programs you offer, you will probably please more people than if you add opportunities and then are not able to maintain them. Or the cost increases significantly enough that people stop using the facilities and programs.	12/26/2015 10:03 AM
123	Boar ramp near port between west end and cannery pier. Parking probably difficult	12/24/2015 11:01 PM
124	Bring quality to the parks and facilities.	12/24/2015 11:36 AM
125	I love the parks here! It'd be nice to see improvements to what we have, and maybe one or two big projects move forward instead of just creating lots of small mediocre projects	12/23/2015 3:56 PM
126	Equalize payment for facilities. If I take an exercise class with and instructor for 1 hour, the cost is 4 punches on a punch card. If I go to the weight room/machine room in the aquatic center for 5 minutes it costs 6 punches. Also, if you lowered your pass prices, I would purchase passes instead of punch cards and attend the aquatic center. I think most people would. Lower your prices and more people would use the fitness facilities.	12/23/2015 2:29 PM
127	I think you need to invest in customer service training for staff and management. I've encountered some very rude individuals over the years.	12/23/2015 1:56 PM
128	we're really impressed with the services and amenities offered for the size of Astoria and certainly the size of staff maintaining! you're doing great! we cant wait to see what is next!	12/23/2015 10:27 AM
129	The Chinese park as it stands is an embarrassment to the city. It is still just a hole ,and not located in the former local where It should have been. Do something to make it look like something to show the enrichment the Chinese have given Astoria	12/23/2015 8:11 AM
130	i'd like to see the Alderbrook lagoon area continue to be enhanced as a natural area for wildlife habitat	12/22/2015 12:16 PM
131	Fewer parks to maintain, better maintenance of what we have.	12/22/2015 10:08 AM
132	As a senior, I use the accessible areas: River Walk, pool, meeting rooms, and drive-up areas: column. We need more accessible view areas and safe dog parks with shelter from wind and rain for me, small dog area for my dog. The benches downtown will be accessible, not pits I can't get out of. There will be more benches in the downtown area, at the column, and in shady areas. Every public area will include benches.	12/22/2015 10:04 AM
133	Increase soft (or even graveled) trail miles. The "recreation center" is very unofficial in my mind...we called Star of the Sea the rec center...now the yacht club is the recreation center. Seems a rec center should have facilities...bathrooms, courts, exercise areas, equipment rental, showers. I know Astoria is a smaller town, but I think we're to the point we can start doing something official to offer the people	12/22/2015 6:56 AM
134	Ropes course that youth have to complete a certain amount of community service hours before they can do it. Like a rite of passage.	12/20/2015 11:49 PM
135	Making sure we have more knowledge about things and maintain what we have. Let more information come home from the schools.	12/19/2015 8:33 PM
136	Stop taking money from people who don't share your ideals. Respect them enough to let them keep what they earned if they want to. If you want it pay, for it yourself.	12/19/2015 6:49 PM

137	Aquatic center of utmost importance. Outdoor recreation potential virtually unlimited. Improve trail maintenance. River walk is a gem. Sports fields in general are in poor condition. Sports fields are not just there for organized athletic leagues but are vitally important as a green natural area for many other casual recreational activities. Like the Riverwalk they are widely available to many and offer free recreational opportunities for many. Paddle board and water sport opportunities at yacht club nice but don't see fitness studios as really belonging there. Would like to see fitness studios, port of play combined in aquatic center area usin an addition, cooperative agreement with armory or ?. Would have been nice to work out some cooperative agreement with hospital regarding some portion of John Warren property for future expansion/collaboration. No no no to dog park. Staff currently much improved. Regarding maintenance, do we have enough professional training with regard to maintenance? Arborist? Horticulturists? We seem to currently be a mow and go operation.	12/19/2015 8:56 AM
138	Maintain trails, pool center and childcare. Cemetery is not the right job for parks. Keep playgrounds safe and clean. Maintaining what we have with long term plan. Do not create more outdoor plans without sufficient maintenance budget. Our sports fields are important but need a better budget.	12/19/2015 8:10 AM
139	More community events for the whole family. So many of your options are for adults only, which is nice? But there is a large community of people here with zero access to child care, so having more events where kids can attend would be great. Also, your pool is freezing. I drive all the way to Seaside for swim lessons because their pool is warm, and because their lessons for two-year-olds is not at 6:30 at night. I grew up in a community where Parks & Rec was the centerpiece of the community. It's more of an afterthought here. You have a lot of lovely parks and playgrounds, so you should have events that showcase these parks. Give people a reason to visit.	12/19/2015 7:06 AM
140	the Pool should be open till 5 or even 6pm on weekends	12/18/2015 8:56 PM
141	I would love for our parks and recreation opportunities to become a draw for professionals or entrepreneurs looking to relocate.	12/18/2015 8:43 PM
142	I plan to get more involved with the community and offer a helping hand to the parks and trails	12/18/2015 7:58 PM
143	I would really like to see expansion and development of the river walk as a multi-use path and to see it expand around the round-about all the way around the south side of the city.	12/18/2015 7:28 PM
144	Out door senior playground with fitness equipment	12/18/2015 6:50 PM
145	For our family an awesome park to visit would be one designed like a farm. A big piece of land to hike around and observe food growing. Fruit bearing trees would line the paths. Visual lessons of permaculture. I think folks are extremely interested/curious about how food grows, especially visitors to Astoria. When our family visits another place, we seek out a farm that allows public access so we can hike all around and observe, our kids love it! Children would take school field trips to such a park. Our community is rich with farmers, a park like this could employ a couple of younger hard working individuals working with volunteers. I'm glad I found this survey of FB. Thanks!	12/18/2015 6:40 PM
146	Strong family (youth, parent/child use) and elderly and disabled population focus. We have high poverty in our area so making public spaces green safe and with healthy activities at lower price points would be my highest priority	12/18/2015 4:44 PM
147	Spend it wisely and put a parking garage under the Chinese gardens next to city hall. That project was such a terrible use for that property! Short sighted move that was sweet but dumb!	12/18/2015 1:50 PM
148	I think we should really clean-up the parks, plant new flowers and vegetation and put in a rose garden.	12/18/2015 1:35 PM
149	Things to do no matter what your age.	12/18/2015 12:27 PM
150	I would love to see all the existing things be really well maintained, staffed, funded, and utilized in our community. I believe everything that falls under this umbrella is vital to healthy life in Astoria, as well as tourists.	12/18/2015 11:38 AM
151	Take out the Asian junk yard and put in a multi level parking area	12/18/2015 11:21 AM
152	Would love to see more indoor facilities with better hours (earlier open for instance, not everyone can do evenings)	12/18/2015 11:20 AM
153	The dredge spoils at the east of of the River Walk are a prime site for some inter tidal restoration projects.	12/18/2015 10:26 AM
154	Keep prices down for using the Aquatic Center. Keep the parks/restrooms/aquatic center clean. Continue the use of the Skating Ring. Extend hours of operation remain open during the weekends! Continue to Open some of our Beautiful Museums free on occasion to our community. Look into more paddle boating in our community if possible?	12/18/2015 10:25 AM
155	When I think about parks and recreation I think about family friendly events and facilities. Providing several activities for families with young children should be a priority.	12/18/2015 10:01 AM

156	Three family friendly parks for play and picnics. You have Tapiola, Peter Pan, and create one closer to downtown. Public restrooms free of drug use and homeless at each one. A user friendly trail system that connects together as much as possible. Stop maintaining areas that are used by so few people. The surrounding few people make a lot of noise when you do anything to their private little park. But they are a small few. The squeaky wheel doesn't always need to get the grease. Give the school ground parks to the schools. They have the manpower and equipment to mow. The city should be doing nothing with evergreen park for example. Give it to the district. Yes I work for the school district. There needs to be places for families to spend time outside together. Not spaces where parents can drop their kids off for daycare.	12/18/2015 9:57 AM
157	I would love to see Shively Park opened up with more parking and turn the old water reservoir next to it into grass and a new play ground. Then you could use the water treatment building, after it was remodeled a bit, to rent out for weddings and events. We need more open grassy areas!	12/18/2015 9:43 AM
158	Cover the skate park, turn the old train tracks from tounge point to wanana into a bike path and create more hiking and biking trails on the forested land outside of Astoria!	12/18/2015 9:34 AM
159	Please see my previous notes. Consolidation of services, expansion of utilization of waterfront property and views.	12/18/2015 9:06 AM
160	I would love to see some sort of YMCA type building go up geared mostly towards the youth of our community! I grew up visiting a center in Colorado every summer for years and it was so fun! I would love to see something like that for my kids! I would also LOVE a new park that has a trail around it to jog or walk with a stroller! I get bored of the same places I.e. the river walk, school tracks, and the warrenton trail (only real safe places to walk alone) I mostly want to see a vast improvement for the kids in our community! More stuff to do... activities and programs. The schools should be doing more of the sports activities so parcks and rec can focus on new programs for the kids!	12/18/2015 8:58 AM
161	I think Astoria Parks and Rec should narrow it down to the most important pieces that are essential to the citizens of Astoria so that those parts can be done well, instead of spreading everyone too thin. I also think Astoria Parks and Rec has done a great job with what they have!	12/18/2015 8:22 AM
162	I would like to see more non sport classes. (Art,music,crafts)	12/18/2015 6:25 AM
163	Trails connecting all facilities within the city of Astoria.	12/17/2015 9:16 PM
164	Kids need a place after school or on rainy days to use facilities that will keep them busy maybe adding a boys and girls club	12/17/2015 8:41 PM
165	The price of the pool should be cheaper . Yes more people will use it so you Get more money to maintain and improve it	12/17/2015 8:40 PM
166	I must say Astoria needs more affordable/available youth activities!!	12/17/2015 6:49 PM
167	Having a dog park in town. Giving teachers an opportunity to help students understand how to give back to the community with helping with CHIP in events during school hours or in the areas around the school or some other ideas that grade school students could participate in to learn about the importance of community building	12/17/2015 6:38 PM
168	If you build it, maintain it. Too many things to maintain as it is, and I feel there are not enough employees to keep up with what the city is responsible for as it is now.	12/17/2015 6:27 PM
169	The future of the current Parks and Recreation is not feasible. There are too many services that the Parks Dept is responsible for and does not have enough money or resources to run and take care of currently.	12/17/2015 6:20 PM
170	See number 20 comments.	12/17/2015 5:59 PM
171	To follow through with programs on line sites need to be updated thru the day so you know if the pool as changes or Rec center cancels classes. Don't start more parks when struggling to take care of parks now. Recreational programs are an important part of this community for all ages.	12/17/2015 5:58 PM
172	Indoor climbing gym, skate/bike park, tennis and racquet ball courts	12/17/2015 5:39 PM
173	Take better care of ball fields	12/17/2015 5:38 PM
174	Affordability of services/ programs for children, maybe more scholarship or income based fees	12/17/2015 5:31 PM
175	Would love go see more after school programs	12/17/2015 5:30 PM
176	If it was ever possible I would love to see an Olympic diving pool added to the Aquatic center in the grassy area so we can train some future Olympians. Just another reason to put Astoria on the map.	12/17/2015 5:29 PM
177	Parks and rec needs to define itself and fix what they have, rely on private sector partners for other stuff or community college or NGOs	12/17/2015 5:25 PM
178	The goal should be to keep our city and citizens healthy so they can continue to contribute to our community.	12/17/2015 5:23 PM
179	Fitness is important and not just for the wealthy.	12/17/2015 5:18 PM

180	Dog park at east end of riverwalk.	12/17/2015 5:13 PM
181	I would like to be involved, on a volunteer basis, for any areas I may be needed. Anne Danen 5037390611	12/17/2015 5:10 PM
182	Would love to see more hiking trails and better maintenance of equipment at playgrounds	12/17/2015 5:09 PM
183	Facilities have expanded and improved tremendously in the last few years. I don't think you need to add any more parks/facilities - but should make sure that the ones that are most frequently utilized are maintained at the highest level.	12/17/2015 3:52 PM
184	I'd love to see Shively Park and Shively Hall utilized more, but it needs a better access road. It's scary pulling out of the parking lot. Maybe put the dog park up there?	12/17/2015 3:41 PM
185	Thanks for all which you do to help our community. Parks and recreation assets are vital to the health of a locale.	12/17/2015 3:35 PM
186	Maintaining what we have...	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
187	My main idea is the expansion of the River Walk the several more feet to end at the main channel and not viewing the Youngs Bay Bridge. It was apparent last summer, as people were trying to get a glimpse of the sail boats over the scrub brush, that this would be a welcomed addition. Have a bench and a round-a-bout there, like the one where the trail ends now. Nice place to catch your breath and watch the river traffic before turning around and heading back.	12/17/2015 2:22 PM
188	I would like to see Astoria Parks and Rec as an entity that helps provide the community with many ways to interact with each other. I would love to see more educational opportunities for all age groups, including guided hikes.	12/17/2015 12:51 PM
189	I like the idea of the chip in events to help the parks out when they are understaffed. I would like to see more activities offered for adults, teens, kids such as pickleball, frisbee golf, Ultimate frisbee, etc. The stuff that is happening in larger places and are popular.	12/17/2015 12:35 PM
190	Please continue to maintain the parks and facilities that we currently have while keeping access affordable. If you increase anything, I'd like to see trail connectivity and more childcare options. Parks currently offer many great programs and special events for kids and adults-I'd focus on strengthening these core programs and MAKING THEM AFFORDABLE!!!-before overextending into many new ventures. That being said, when it comes down to it, the parks staff are those who know the field, and I hope that city leaders choose to trust and support their judgment rather than caving to vocal minorities... if those exist.	12/16/2015 6:50 PM
191	Can't think why this government's park department would ever position itself along-side of alcohol ("beers to your health" event). Aren't parks supposed to be a healthy place in which to spend time. What's next, partnerships with marijuana businesses? The leadership sure screwed up on this!	12/16/2015 3:01 PM
192	I would love to certain parks prioritized for beautiful maintenance and upkeep while others are grown into low maintenance natural areas (or sold).	12/15/2015 4:39 PM
193	With the local mountain bike group (NCTA), we will have a work force to build and maintain new and old trails. Pump track will also be maintained by NCTA. This is a win for all park users.	12/15/2015 6:49 AM
194	Activities for teens/youth a priority. Waterfront park east of Maritime Museum.	12/14/2015 5:15 PM
195	love the idea of combing the Rec and Aquatic Center; I think for families, it would be extremely valuable. BIG GOALS: increase funding for Parks and Rec service to increase maintenance and management of all the great programs and offerings. The Astoria Parks and Rec goes above and beyond. Thank you!	12/14/2015 12:18 PM
196	It would be great if the younger kids (preschool/kinder) could have more activities. Maybe get together with state parks, forestry, etc. Also, there isn't much time to get to the gym at the aquatic center in the evenings and get a decent work out in.	12/14/2015 10:39 AM
197	Better parks for families; better access to quality affordable childcare.	12/12/2015 10:29 PM
198	Beautiful usable parks should be another reason people come to visit Astoria.	12/12/2015 8:37 PM
199	Mountain bike trails by Astor Column. Swimming area for dogs in city limits. Please remodel skatepark (Cannon Beach and Seaside are good models). A sauna or steam room at aquatic center.	12/12/2015 2:45 PM
200	A state i use to live in had a business called bounce magic.. It was a empty building filled with bounce houses that kids could just run around. The doors had special push to open buttons that were six feet high so kids could not leave unattended. Food and drink options. They charged 10 a kid for an all day pass. I think a place could be found within city limits. Major expenses would most likely be insurance coverage and electricity. Just an idea. It was always a special treat for my kids.	12/12/2015 9:03 AM
201	Don't shortchange our kids with subpar coaches. Drug test or at least backgroundcheck.	12/11/2015 9:22 PM
202	make sports leagues more affordable. participation has dropped over year due mainly to increased costs.	12/11/2015 9:05 AM

203	I would to see more activities for kindergarten kids, to help keep them active. My kids have done a few session of swimming lessons. The biggest draw back from continuing them was a different teacher each week. I do not feel that it can be decided how a child is doing if they have 3 different teachers. I would like one teacher assigned to the class .	12/11/2015 12:31 AM
204	More signs of these places would be awesome, flyers mailed to people out skirts of town, olney, svenson Knappa and so forth. I my self didn't know of a few of these places and I have lived here 20 plus years...	12/11/2015 12:06 AM
205	More accessible fun and well maintained	12/10/2015 10:11 PM
206	Expand Riverwalk to the South side of Astoria and finally add trails over hill to make a loop. My kids often used the ARC when it was at Star of the Sea, but it's current location is too far for them now.	12/10/2015 9:40 PM
207	I think discounts should be offered for disabled people, they are really no different than offering for seniors	12/10/2015 8:34 PM
208	I would like to see more trails and better communication of events.	12/10/2015 7:02 PM
209	I would use the aquatic center more if childcare was offered.	12/10/2015 6:44 PM
210	Make the recreation more affordable...create more gardens and natural areas. A lot of stuff is not being used.	12/10/2015 6:01 PM
211	More indoor play areas for kids during the winter, a playground in Knappa.	12/10/2015 4:30 PM
212	I think there needs to be more programs for children. It would be especially great to see and seniors and children project.	12/10/2015 4:18 PM
213	Need to offer competitive sport program. In the older days we had end of season party bbq and trophies for first ,second , third based on wins plus sportsmanship	12/10/2015 4:13 PM
214	Visibility of programs and healthy options for families, and individuals of all ages is healthy for this community. The offerings now are much better than in the past, so the momentum is good.	12/10/2015 3:38 PM
215	The river walk is where the future is. We need a trolley district with its own laws/rules. Stores and housing could have their own trolley district address. Advertising would include thier trolley district address. In Portland the city could advertise places and events that are in the "Trolly District" Commercial advertising would follow .	12/10/2015 3:24 PM
216	I support a biking pump track. We ride alot of bikes I. Our house.	12/10/2015 2:54 PM
217	Should not be focusing on more of anything until the current budgetary crisis is solved. Combining programs could be a smart way to create some cost efficiency that then frees up money to invest places, but increasing the budget outright (more taxes) should not be considered.	12/10/2015 9:17 AM
218	You should advertise a volunteer meet and greet. This could be a 30 min. refreshment time followed by a board meeting describing what is needed and how to accomplish those goals, then reduce burden and assign teams to a once a month assignment to achieve those goals. If every person donated 1 day a month many of the burdens of monitoring a parks system would be alleviated. All attendees will have a skill set, a physical or mental level, and an area of expertise. If we could concentrate on these talents and gifts and place people where they feel they are getting the most from their time we could get a lot of obstacles set aside.	12/9/2015 8:49 PM
219	Organize tours of the water department and sewer departments, Public Works too!	12/9/2015 6:43 PM
220	More youth classes under 5	12/9/2015 2:10 PM
221	Downhill mountain biking through the designated landslide areas. Digital mapping of all historic and cultural assets including arboretums in heritage trees. Events such as importing snow for rail jam competitions at Heritage Square. Extending Riverwalk to the peninsula of tongue point then to merts campus. Improving cyclo tourism and conducting feasibility studies to find funding for all these cool ideas	12/9/2015 9:59 AM
222	Covered play structure. Bathrooms at Lindstrom. Renting land at Tapiola for a COFFEE CART!!!! Coffee!!!	12/9/2015 8:48 AM
223	It would be great to see work out stations along the river walk, more connecting trails for hiking and biking. having well maintained playgrounds keeps the parents engaged in bringing their kids to the parks. The public restrooms are needed, but such a challenge with vandalism.	12/8/2015 10:48 PM
224	Off leash dog park	12/8/2015 10:52 AM
225	The swimming pool was designed to have an outdoor section during summer season. MAKE THIS HAPPEN!	12/8/2015 10:16 AM
226	The city and Parks and Rec have access to so many wonderful properties and facilities. Please focus on maintaining the best and most useful of the buildings. Mothball or decommission the economically obsolete structures. Don't get hung up on sentiment. You have limited resources and a population of young families and retirees that need quality, dependable services. If you need to consolidate facilities and reorganize then just do it.	12/7/2015 10:38 PM
227	Improve and protect Shively Park -	12/7/2015 7:23 PM

228	The chip in events are great. Perhaps go a step further and develop an adopt a park program, similar to adopt a highway plan. Different parks can be assigned to various groups of people who can then help with maintaining our parks. Our family already empties garbage, picks up litter, clears fallen branches, ect. at our neighborhood park. (14th and Grand) Encourage more community involvement.	12/7/2015 4:16 PM
229	1. Work to make Astoria more walkable from any neighborhood to the downtown center, thus improving health, community connection, livability, local commerce, and sustainability. 2. Insure that our community has healthy, beautiful, outdoor environments where our children can Learn, grow, and connect with one another year round. 3. Take care of the exceptional indoor facilities we have to make sure there is always a good option for fun, fitness, and friends, no matter how foul the weather. THANK YOU!!!	12/7/2015 12:46 PM
230	I'd love for APR to be a well-funded "full-service" department full of robust programming with appropriately trained staff people. We have toddlers to the elderly, sports to crafts interests, urban hardscape to wild natural areas. We are blessed to have so much variety in our relatively small and constrained City and APR has been doing a great job getting a handle on everything since Angela has come on board. Keep up the great work, and THANK YOU!!	12/7/2015 11:37 AM
231	Having a comprehensive trails system, with excellent signage, information and maps would be so wonderful in Astoria. Also having more community special events more often, like movies in the park, games and other things. I'd love the idea of having a native plants walk-through event. And having a better understanding of the indoor programs Astoria Parks and Rec runs would also be good. I think a better website that is updated every day would be a good way to go.	12/7/2015 10:17 AM
232	I would hope that the City Council would provide more funds through tourist tax dollars to pay for increased maintenance of current facilities. Increase fees and get rid of old buildings that are not in use.	12/7/2015 8:57 AM
233	I like the idea of gardening and classes and more community building opportunities. Maybe collaboration with the extension services? I like the pool and arc but schedules are challenging with an 8-5 job.	12/6/2015 4:53 PM
234	Walking trail interconnections with signage, and community gardens. Community gardens and school involvement of community gardens can re-educate people with a basic skill of living that has been lost. This skill can be proliferated and improve the nutrition and health of our community, provide new entrepreneurial opportunities and even support the local food bank. Fitness, safe walking transportation alternatives, and community gardening, this is how you grow a community.	12/6/2015 4:51 PM
235	We have a beautiful area and a great community. We have plenty of mountain bike enthusiasts. What we do not have is dedicated, safe and legal trails to ride locally. Our community needs to invest in mountain biking/hiking trails that help people see all the beauty of our region offers while also emphasizing proper stewardship of the land. By building or improving existing trails it would encourage people to get out and explore more. Nature, plant and agriculture classes could also be held using the new or improved trail systems. Lastly, new trails would entice avid mountain bikers and hikers to come to our region, which has the potential to generate revenue throughout the year.	12/6/2015 1:44 PM
236	Providing for additional opportunities for passive recreation e.g. trail where you do not view development. Shively Park loop is a classic example. Keep it as it is and don't allow any development that brings in the outside world to this remote location nested within the City!	12/6/2015 10:49 AM
237	I hope that whatever the big plan becomes that you continue to create and maintain amazing spaces and programs for the people that live in Astoria. With so much emphasis on tourism, it is wonderful to have one organization focusing on the quality of life for our residents. I think the most important focus for the community would be providing access to mental health care and programs. I don't know how the Parks dept would be involved in that but it is very important and a resource that is lacking in Astoria. As far as fun stuff, an indoor rock climbing wall would be awesome. And more fitness classes available for the large population of people that don't work a traditional 9-5 job, classes at 11am or 2pm for the service industry folks that don't wake up in time for a 6am class :)	12/5/2015 12:48 PM
238	For a community our size, I think we have an AMAZING park and rec department. I wish I had more time to partake. I am over 60, so I did not put much about children's activities in my survey, but one of the saddest things I notice when I take my walks is that you rarely see children outdoors, playing. My dream is to see children having good, physical fun every time I walk through my town. Every time I go by Lindstrom park and see kids there, I smile. Parks are critical.	12/5/2015 8:39 AM
239	I am most interested in helping people, especially children, to connect with the natural world in our parks. I was involved in an organization in Eugene while Attending UO called Nearby Nature that has done some very innovating things with the parks and natural areas in Eugene, including providing educational nature walks to tens of thousands of school children and adults over the years. We have a need for wild areas even within the city. I am also wish to speak on behalf of the many wonderful old trees. We live near Violet LaPlante Park and the recent storm damage to the grand old Big Leaf Maple has really pointed out the need for arbor care to preserve these masterpieces of nature.	12/4/2015 8:52 PM
240	I would love for Astoria to be a mecca for the youth of today and the future in mountain biking, and other healthy active sports.	12/4/2015 8:04 PM
241	Keep improving/expanding indoor kid opportunities. Advertise for tourists.	12/4/2015 4:54 PM

242	Kids do need more outdoor activities, a bike pump track near the skate park would be a great improvement	12/4/2015 4:34 PM
243	more resources made available for maintenance and improvement to our green spaces Cataloging trees of significance within our parks system Caring for these trees in an appropriate manner (industry standard) Creating more complex plantings within our parks to lower maintenance Incorporating natives and native plant allies to form these plantings Cataloging all trails Forming neighborhood trails volunteer groups	12/4/2015 10:12 AM
244	More clAsses, aided variety of volunteer opportunities	12/4/2015 8:10 AM
245	I am mostly a pool user an my kids are older so not so much participation in youth programs. I love the Alderbrook lagoon trail and would like to see the east end area preserved and maintained. Big vision would be to keep all services affordable and maintain what we have.	12/3/2015 11:24 PM
246	Have fewer things but have those that are maintained be fantastic. Lower the price for the pool. I know longer swim there because it is too expensive. Maintain, improve and put up better signs and publish a good list of all the trails.	12/3/2015 10:24 PM
247	Utilize community groups, and local trails groups to enhance and expand local trails for all users. Revisit the 2006 trails plan and formalize social trails that are poorly built and maintained. Create an adopt a trail program so Astoria parks financial and resource burden would be close to net zero.	12/3/2015 9:48 PM
248	Most important is maintaining the natural beauty of the area and access to it. Also important is providing places and opportunities for community gathering and activity. Thank you!!!	12/3/2015 9:45 PM
249	Maintain what we have, keep it natural, preserve our trees.	12/3/2015 9:32 PM
250	Mtn bike trails for all ages	12/3/2015 9:20 PM
251	Provide convenient access to recreation to meet the needs of our community	12/3/2015 8:31 PM
252	The River Walk really needs to be spruced up with native plantings, litter pick up, etc. Partner with local organizations, like school, businesses and watershed councils.	12/3/2015 4:20 PM
253	Trails, trails and more trails	12/3/2015 3:57 PM
254	I think Heritage Square should become a grass, lightly landscaped open/picnic space.	12/3/2015 1:53 PM
255	A dog park in Astoria is LONG overdue!	12/3/2015 1:42 PM
256	Make it easier for seniors to be involved in the pool and aquatic classes. Make sure there is someone on duty at the Ocean View Cemetery and keeping it up. It is disgusting.	12/3/2015 8:35 AM
257	By the tone of this survey, I see a somewhat slimmed down version of the Parks department that perhaps sells off some of the underutilized properties, creating funding while econmizing its budget. I think this is a good thing.	12/3/2015 8:29 AM
258	Keep as much riverfront open to public access as possible; no more hotels, condos, etc. Select more sites of historical significance to point out.	12/3/2015 2:05 AM
259	I would love to see the parks and Rec improve what they already have going instead of adding more.	12/2/2015 9:51 PM
260	Consolidate, increase access to low-income users, continue to solicited community input.	12/2/2015 9:22 PM
261	I would like to see an off leash dog park.	12/2/2015 9:07 PM
262	A dog park and exercise circuit on the Pacific Power Youngs Bay property. They can relocate the substation to the old Bonneville Substation site. Give me back the benches along the River Walk. Have a design plan for each community park to honor the residents who live and have lived around that park. Extend the River Walk east to the city limits and recover the railroad as a trail until such time as commerce needs the rail line.	12/2/2015 8:33 PM
263	I'd like to see a dog park. I think Astoria needs that. I'm grateful for the preservation and restoration that has been done in Astoria!	12/2/2015 8:06 PM
264	The Parks & Rec needs a better budget (more \$) in order to take care of all the areas under their responsibility. We need all these programs, trails, facilities but there has to be money to help maintain them.	12/2/2015 4:51 PM
265	Spend \$ on the projects themselves, not on the studies!	12/2/2015 3:22 PM
266	I think the entire Park & Rec department lacks organization. Perhaps it's the wrong people in the wrong spots. Things are not done with the attention to detail that I would expect. Honestly, I think the entire department is a bit of a joke.	12/2/2015 2:49 PM
267	It would be nice to have cheaper options for the aquatic center. It would also be nice to have things offered like gymnastics and cheerleading.	12/2/2015 2:48 PM
268	Keep families active and participating in facilities.	12/2/2015 2:43 PM
269	Heritage Square development with the Library is important.	12/2/2015 2:42 PM

270	A well maintained park and public restroom makes ppl want to return. we need more thinks for the kids to do when its raining here after schooll such as a trampoline rec center or a indoor skating rink.	12/2/2015 2:38 PM
271	I think the parks and all of the park and recreation programs can help build a sense of community while promoting a healthy population, but they need to continue to be operated well. Adding more and more without expanding the parks department will not help achieve these goals and will exhaust the good people we have within the department.	12/2/2015 1:47 PM
272	MORE TRAILS	12/2/2015 1:44 PM
273	The Aquatic Center is the main place I use - and the River Walk, so keeping them up is a priority.	12/2/2015 1:36 PM
274	Would love to see more public art incorporated in to public areas. As a resident of Warrenton would love to see some of your great programs coming to our community. Any chance for a merger?	12/1/2015 11:30 PM
275	I've been in Astoria for 18 months now and I think it is pretty great! Probably my biggest complaint would be extending workout room/pool hours.	12/1/2015 10:49 PM
276	I'd love to see parks and rec focus on consolidation of sites (too many parks, maybe to much maintenance of diverse sites), increasing awareness of existing events/increase community awareness/engagement and services, let go of childcare and daycare services (better served under some other or distinct departments care) and examine ways of subsidizing pool and rec center costs (too expensive for many of us to use regularly, would love to but, yikes, not cheap for a rural community!). Finally, would love better communication/development of wintertime/ rainy venues and activities. e.g. didn't know about the community halls, could they be utilized in such as way that my family could expect activities there on bad weather/winter days?	12/1/2015 3:05 PM
277	At a minimum maintaining what currently exists. It would be a shame to lose what has been for so many years	12/1/2015 2:41 PM
278	Outdoor swim area as an extension to the pool in the grass area. Especially during the summer. Everyone always talks about the pool that used to be at Tapiola. We have nothing outside for kids during the summer in relation to swimming.	12/1/2015 9:52 AM
279	Astoria needs a space that can meet the needs of all ages, at the same place. Community is built together. We need a place that can bring us all together. Fitness, aquatics, indoor sports courts, community meeting space and child care all together allows for this to happen.	11/30/2015 10:34 PM
280	Make aquatic center passes more affordable. Have an annual pass?	11/30/2015 4:50 PM
281	For many the children's and after hour programs are all they have and give good socialization skills. This should continue to be a main focus.	11/30/2015 4:50 PM
282	The more special and community events the better!	11/30/2015 4:24 PM
283	Indoor climbing wall for kids and adults!	11/30/2015 4:07 PM
284	More offered for under 5yo!	11/30/2015 4:05 PM
285	How about some indoor tennis facilities please?	11/30/2015 2:47 PM
286	The idea and concepts for these parks and rec is great, but the problem that we have is the price. The cost to utilize these programs are extremely steep. Especially considering seaside's pool/activities. I also think that we could absolutely have better maintenance/cleaning for the Port of Play. Many friends and members in the Coast Guard community have become timid to continue taking their children, as children often times become sick after playing there. And lastly, I think that if a family pays for the pass for the Land and Sea pass, there should be an Annual pass. It should include all the parks and rec (including the Port of Play for kids). It should also include the child care for the children during the fitness classes. If you would like additional feedback, please feel free to call me. Kelsie Ward- 760-485-4193	11/30/2015 1:49 PM
287	Develop several Par Course stations along the river walk, at the Aquatic Center, at other parks, to enhance overall fitness opportunity.	11/30/2015 12:16 PM
288	I would love to see a indoor basketball facility for open gym's - or use the current gym's at the public schools for community use on a more frequent basis.	11/30/2015 11:48 AM
289	Enough variety to encourage everyone to get out and move in some way.	11/30/2015 11:33 AM
290	More community gardens please with more events attached to them. More low income options. And more events based around family. Spruce up the kids parks a bit.	11/29/2015 9:15 AM
291	Focus master planning effort on sourcing adequate funding to support the plan. Adequate funding includes sustained funding to support all programs and facilities that Astoria Parks and Recreation operates.	11/27/2015 12:33 PM

292	I envision the Parks as a community hub, where activities are offered for all ages, with a space that allows for mingling. Expansion of the pool into a rec center/pool/fitness/community space area would be ideal. Having a library nearby would add to the sense of being at the heart of our community.	11/26/2015 6:33 AM
293	Wish we could expand the Aquatic Center to be a real rec center. No offense, but ARC is kind of skeezy and there are often sketchy people in the parking lot. I will not send my kids to after care there for that reason. And I would not want to go there alone after dark. Just sayin'.	11/26/2015 1:18 AM
294	Need to improve the website and information available around town. I've never visited nor knew about many of the places listed on the survey.	11/25/2015 8:16 PM
295	Expanding Little Sprouts and offering youth sports leagues for younger children are the 2 biggest things that need improved. other than this, i am very happy with the resources and activities APR provide.	11/25/2015 2:59 PM
296	Keep the community healthy and protect our natural resources! Have fun indoor activities during winter and develop programs to get people outside in winter...depression is a big issue here in dark season. More time moving and more time outside can save lives. Keep kids busy. And Protect those natural spaces!	11/25/2015 12:07 PM
297	Simply maintain what you have. It's amazing all what you cover with limited resources. I can't vision building beyond on what already is a massive load. Perhaps with the results on the survey cut back or eliminate services/parks and concentrate on improving (if necessary) the most popular areas/events. You do a fabulous job and always amazed what your able to accomplish for the citizens/visitors to Astoria,	11/25/2015 11:58 AM
298	DOG PARK! You keep wanting to raise money for a new (unnecessary) library, for a silly wave park and other activities but dog owners get squat!	11/25/2015 11:52 AM
299	I would like a map, perhaps an online GIS map that shows all walking trails and recreational sites. It would be nice to link all the trails together in a way that provided loop walks for those who want to begin and end at the same place.	11/25/2015 10:47 AM
300	More classes and better care for the cemetery.	11/25/2015 10:18 AM
301	I want the experiences to be more positive. I try to like parks and pool programs but usually leave frustrated and feeling let down. Service is not consistent. Hard to get the right info on programs, lessons, etc. hoping for a more clear relationship with the community in the future.	11/24/2015 9:27 PM
302	The city needs a more functional website. The current one is hard to navigate. People should be able to sign up for classes through the website, and pay for them in a normal way. Fred Lindstrom park needs a bathroom. It is an unfair burden for Peter Pan market to bear.	11/24/2015 7:54 PM
303	Connect Riverwalk to Warrenton trail system	11/24/2015 6:26 PM

Q22 Use this space to share your favorite story, memory, or tradition involving Astoria Parks & Recreation:

Answered: 274 Skipped: 607

#	Responses	Date
1	Running around the Astoria Column grounds with my young children, climbing up the stairs and enjoying the view, having a picnic, and/or hiking the adjacent Cathedral Tree Trail.	1/3/2016 1:06 AM
2	The Astoria Column has always been one of our family major visits.	1/1/2016 5:02 AM
3	I like the running events you sponsor.	12/31/2015 10:23 PM
4	The first time I walked into Port of Play with my child and he saw the bouncy house and assortment of things to play with/on. His face lit up like he had been gifted mana, then he zoomed off with his new-to-walking wobble with a squeal.	12/31/2015 9:05 PM
5	It is sweet to be able to escape into the forest of Cathedral Trail so quickly from the bustle of town.	12/31/2015 8:51 PM
6	Every time I pick up my daughter from lil sprouts makes me smile. She loves the staff and has so much fun every day she's there. Keep up the great work!	12/31/2015 8:13 PM
7	I was married in the pouring rain outdoors at the top of the hill at Shively Park February 29,2000. Afterward, we went to the Masonic Lodge for a potluck and then we rented the pool at the Aquatic Center for the evening.	12/31/2015 6:43 PM
8	Love the river trail which is astoria's living room I started monster bash and love that it continues to provide a safe alternative to trick or treating with a free and non commercial advertising event	12/31/2015 6:21 PM
9	I climbed the stairs up the column. I have asthma, high blood pressure and diabetes. It was difficult but I taught my grandchildren to never give up! I have lost 40 lbs in 3 yrs.	12/31/2015 6:12 PM
10	I appreciate how the youth can learn to swim..take lifesaving classes and then give back as lifeguards...	12/31/2015 5:11 PM
11	I would like to work out while kids swim but age limit prohibits this	12/31/2015 2:27 PM
12	As a small Faith community it has be very helpful to be able to rent Alderbrook Hall & others to support our growth & teaching. It has also been a big support to our 2 generations of youth raised here in the Paradise of the N. W.	12/31/2015 1:38 PM
13	Walking my dog on the Riverwalk is my favorite outdoor activity in Astoria. Made me decide to buy a house and put down roots here. I understand that there was opposition from many to expanding the Riverwalk out to Alderbrook lagoon, kudos to those who had the vision to make this great improvement to our community!	12/31/2015 12:03 PM
14	See the transition back a few years ago when fitness classes where added was great, the morning of Pam or Debbie in the spin class helped me stay in shape and allow me to keep up with my kids that are now teenagers. When my kids where toddlers on up to late grade school we went swimming ever Tuesday evening. Seeing my daughter and two of her friends compete in the Triathlon at Ft. Stevens was fun. Running in a couple of 5K races along the River walk has been a good event and goal.	12/31/2015 11:55 AM
15	Celebrating my daughters August birthday at Tapiola park. It was the perfect set up for activities we had planned and it accommodated the large number of kids in attendance. It was a great day.	12/31/2015 11:35 AM
16	port of play is great for young kids and supportive of their caregivers	12/31/2015 11:25 AM
17	When we visit from Seattle we always make a point to visit the Aquatic Center. Its a great deal and a very nice facility.	12/31/2015 11:16 AM
18	Taking friends and relatives to the Astoria Column.	12/31/2015 10:55 AM
19	We are too new to the area to give a memory.	12/31/2015 10:52 AM
20	My kids are grown but we certainly made could use of the parks, pool etc. when they were young. I regularly use the pool/gym and run the riverwalk - both are great assets to the community. It's clear the budget is spread thin trying to staff and maintain what we have.	12/31/2015 10:18 AM
21	We love the falls! We take our dogs there and they love to swim and chase sticks. It's by far our favorite place to go. We make memories every time we go.	12/31/2015 10:06 AM
22	Love the riverwalk and pipeline and it being available to all! Great way to make the town and scenery available. Many a life concern has been sorted out walking there.	12/31/2015 9:45 AM

23	I raised two kids who participated in about every sport we could get them in to at a very young age and up until you had no more for that age group. My belief is it helped my kids be more responsible as adults. These programs are extremely important and the whole County should share in the expense.	12/31/2015 9:38 AM
24	Last year's 10k on the Riverwalk (there were other distances as well), hosted by Norma. The energy and celebration that went along with it was second to none. Honestly one of the best races/public events that I've been to.	12/31/2015 9:34 AM
25	My kids play different sports all year round. We have boats and love fishing, we love being outside and exploring our town on days off. We never run out if things to do or get tired of our options and places to go.	12/31/2015 9:28 AM
26	Use to be able to use pool when affordable. I bought a year or half year passes....	12/31/2015 9:25 AM
27	My son helped build Tapiola his name is on the wall. He died of diabetes this last summer. That wall is a FABULOUS memorial to his legacy.	12/30/2015 9:49 PM
28	Taking pillow blankets and snacks to sumed night movies in the park with my kids.	12/30/2015 6:33 PM
29	used to use pool but can't aford it any more retired and counting pennys but when i was using it enjoyed my self loved watching my kids and grandkids play sports , grown now	12/30/2015 5:56 PM
30	I love to play volleyball. Recently there was an open gym at the middle school, which I was unaware of until about half way through. I loved to play and meet new people. I improved my game while having tons of fun.	12/30/2015 4:59 PM
31	we bring all out of town guest to see the column and the riverwalk and the trolly	12/30/2015 3:22 PM
32	Too many. Just simply being able to take my family out at any moment and go and do and learn. Never an excuse not to. We participate in so many of the local activities:)	12/30/2015 1:32 PM
33	Free lifeguard training is great. Offer more free certs in other areas if possible.	12/30/2015 1:19 PM
34	Due to being a family with a wheelchair disability we need more accessibility for the chair,via trails an the older buildings we can't get into due to narrow doors or steps	12/30/2015 11:26 AM
35	Like I said before, my family and friends love to walk the board walk at least a couple times a week, and the cathedral trail the rest of the time, but it desperately needs some attention.	12/30/2015 10:49 AM
36	We over port of play and swimming. I have two small children and it's great to get out of the house and run and play and exercise. Especially in the rainy months.	12/30/2015 9:28 AM
37	My wife and I are new to the community and we use them for walking our dogs and working out at the Aquatic Center.	12/30/2015 8:26 AM
38	My best memories were at Tapiola Park and the old roller rink. I remember the line to get into the swimming pool and how we all used to hang out. They took the pool out and it's not the same. It's still a fun park though. We really need something at the center were locals can gather and socialize. The old fair grounds, the skating rink and Tapilo park were those kind of places. You bring something like these places back, you bring Astoria back to life again.	12/30/2015 1:40 AM
39	Everyone that visits us gets a tour of the parks usually starting with the Riverwalk but always including the Column and Cathedral tree trail	12/30/2015 1:04 AM
40	As a family over the past 10 years of living in Astoria, my children (3 now adults) have been able to use so many of the Parks & Recs facilities. My son's were Life Guards in HS. It was a great experience for them. I now have a 5 year old going through the many programs the P&R offers. Thanks to the P&R, I have no regretted moving my family to a small town.	12/29/2015 11:55 PM
41	Tapioca pool...	12/29/2015 10:26 PM
42	Easter Egg Hunt a favorite memory: I found an E.T. figurine in the '80's as a child, and I'm such a packrat, I probably still have him! Playing in various parks.	12/29/2015 10:03 PM
43	I've really enjoyed all the trails ever since moving to this area. Lots of places to walk my dog.	12/29/2015 9:52 PM
44	TAPIOLA POOL!! Miss that place-so many great memories. As a native Astorian, airplanes from the column and hikes to the cathedral tree are also some of my fondest childhood memories, in addition to middle school dances at Shively Hall!	12/29/2015 9:29 PM
45	Outdoor swimming at Tapiola Pool - those were the good old days. The new Aquatic Center in not the same.	12/29/2015 7:56 PM
46	Wonderful memories of youth sports, Tapiola Park and EasterEgg Hunt	12/29/2015 7:21 PM
47	Having mynseason pass to pool,and gettingbto go to zumba 3 days a week...walking astoria column trail,then down cathedral trail on a misty sunny morning and 3.nice buck deer kind of walking with me for 5 minutes,til another couple was walking towards me then they skidaddled,but the biggest buck stopped and looked to me as if to say" thank you for the company"... or walking up column on morning just after sunset and as i opened door to balcony,a huge eagle soared 10 ft.above my head and landed on the canoe down below,it was a site to behold... LII	12/29/2015 7:16 PM

48	ALWAYS ENJOYED ALL PARKS AND PORT OF PLAY FOR CHILDREN.	12/29/2015 6:13 PM
49	We spend a lot of time at the Aquatic center. I have a very challenged Child. He is very Sensory , ADHD type personality . He almost never fits in anywhere . At the aquatic center he is comfortable. the swimming instructors deal with him amazingly It is incredible how well he does there . Like no other place on earth for us . To be somewhere with such and understanding staff and people so compassionate is such a blessing.	12/29/2015 4:57 PM
50	Climbing the Astor Column	12/29/2015 2:10 PM
51	Living in the Knappa area I spent most of my time enjoying the free use of open space. Now that the logging roads and hills are shut down it would be nice to have those types of areas open to the public.	12/29/2015 2:00 PM
52	The use of the Armory for a company celebration where we were all allowed to use the skates. I was disappointed in the condition of the facility however.	12/29/2015 11:19 AM
53	I am just getting started with running in races after over a decade of none at all.	12/29/2015 10:28 AM
54	My family usually spend a lot of time at the tapiola and Peter Pan park. Other than that I wasn't aware of the many activities we could do as a family.	12/29/2015 9:57 AM
55	THIS SURVEY IS TOO LONG	12/29/2015 4:08 AM
56	i walk the riverwalk everyday iys not puering. it has helped me lose weight and keep healthy.	12/29/2015 12:15 AM
57	I grew up using Tapiola park, pool, and field. It was a place where mom could watch the young ones, older kids could swim or play, and teens could hang out. Then everyone would meet and watch baseball in the evening. Everything is so spread out now. There isn't a place where everyone has a lot to do.	12/28/2015 11:23 PM
58	Love the tapiola park ball fields. Too bad the tapioia pool was destroyed to make room for tweakers and drug users. Bring back the summer fun. Bring back our outdoor pool.	12/28/2015 10:28 PM
59	Movie and Music Nights in the Park have been fun. The Tapiola Easter Egg Hunt has been a regular event. Have been a regular Lap swimmer when work schedule allows time to get there before closing. Have close family members (teen to elder) in the area that I get together with to enjoy the Parks services. Still trying to learn about other services and events that I may be able to participate in!	12/28/2015 10:07 PM
60	I loved going to the pool. I hate that you have to pay so much money to run across the bridge the one time of year pedestrians are allowed.	12/28/2015 10:01 PM
61	Love Chip-in, and movies at the park. To	12/28/2015 9:53 PM
62	I love the youth Rec programs including swimming lessons, basketball, gymnastics and softball, as a way to introduce healthy living/sports to my children as well as the trails in town.	12/28/2015 8:59 PM
63	The outdoor Tapiola pool....	12/28/2015 8:51 PM
64	Competitive adult league basketball	12/28/2015 8:31 PM
65	I have several years of memories in this community, from softball tournaments to Easter egg hunts and look forward to more in the future!	12/28/2015 8:00 PM
66	Taking my kids swimming at the pool on a bad weather day!	12/28/2015 7:55 PM
67	I walk/run everyday and it's imposible to pick a "favorite" because there are so many great places, but that is what makes everyday in Astoria special.	12/28/2015 7:41 PM
68	I've played softball since 1988, I was on Hauke's sentry team it was my first year and the beginning of my passion....	12/28/2015 6:17 PM
69	bringing son and his cousins to pool for swim lessons	12/28/2015 6:02 PM
70	My favorite memory is climbing to the top of the column with my grandparents.	12/28/2015 5:52 PM
71	None	12/28/2015 4:20 PM
72	Chip in program helping at Tapiola park with the whole family	12/28/2015 4:08 PM
73	I love using the Aquatic Center gym and I use the Cathedral Trail every day with my dogs. Love, love it!	12/28/2015 3:53 PM
74	Swimming lessons and swim team at the new aquatic center Dance practice at Shively Hall Family parties at the rental Alderbrook Hall	12/28/2015 3:51 PM
75	Bringing my so. To his first waterfall (Youngs River Falls)	12/28/2015 3:44 PM
76	Running the turkey trot every thanksgiving morning! perfect start to our holiday! rain or shine. We also love tapiola park!	12/28/2015 3:43 PM

77	Playing Xbox Dance games at the teen center.	12/28/2015 3:40 PM
78	I'm a pure bred Astorian, I'd like to see more community involvement with preservation of our beaches, hiking trails, and morale. I remember free swim at the aquatic center with jazzy night lights. THAT, I'd go to. Or, bring a can of food, swim for free.	12/28/2015 3:34 PM
79	I love taking my kid and my niece and nephew to the port of play.	12/28/2015 3:19 PM
80	None.	12/28/2015 3:05 PM
81	We use tapiolia espesaly from brithday party's to just going to work out the "wiggles"	12/28/2015 3:01 PM
82	The kids using the pool for birthday parties.	12/28/2015 2:48 PM
83	I liked the tapiola fun day this last summer.	12/28/2015 2:21 PM
84	Working with former City employee Jim Krettlar on the many projects that engaged Cub/Boy Scouts in community service	12/28/2015 2:16 PM
85	Birthdays at the pool birthdays at shively hall riding bikes on river walk!	12/28/2015 2:03 PM
86	Visiting the Column for the first time	12/28/2015 1:46 PM
87	Working on first round of preparation for cleaning and restoring sgraffito on Astor Column in 1989	12/28/2015 1:16 PM
88	I love using the pool and the RiverWalk. I always feel good enjoying these great facilities.	12/28/2015 1:06 PM
89	I am fairly new to the area (2 years) and I love continuing to discover new paths and trails as I continue to explore the neighborhoods.	12/28/2015 12:51 PM
90	Going to the Astor column!	12/28/2015 12:12 PM
91	There ever such a great day as when you could spend the day splashing and laughing at the Tapiola pool followed by ice cream at the Dairy Queen. The Tapiola Pool will forever be missed!	12/28/2015 9:31 AM
92	Coaching girls softball	12/28/2015 9:20 AM
93	Watching my boys play soccer and basketball will always be my favorite parks memories.	12/28/2015 7:33 AM
94	first time my 4 year old hiked the cathedral trail, and reached the Astoria column, she was very happy that she made it by herself, and the view took her by surprise.	12/28/2015 7:27 AM
95	I was not an athletic child by any stretch of the imagination but a friend of mind convinced me to play softball the summer between 8th and 9th grade. During that season I learned I needed glasses - half the reason I could catch a fly ball was I couldn't see the darn thing. I also lucked out that it was the first year for fast pitch and the pitchers walked half the batters since I don't think I hit a ball that whole season. Hiking along pipeline was much more my speed growing up and I spend many hours meandering through the woods around Astoria.	12/28/2015 6:52 AM
96	My kids learn to swim. And tooked taekwondo lessons. They participate and the zombie run. And also used the gym at the pool.	12/27/2015 11:20 PM
97	When Regetta ball tournaments meant something and there were so many teams you had toturn teams away.	12/27/2015 8:00 PM
98	Prioritize our beautiful natural resources first, then activities that engage the children & families. Dog park, dog park, dog park!	12/27/2015 7:48 PM
99	Our family is grateful to have the Lil sprouts academy. We moved our kiddos out of the Seaside school district to Astoria school district as Seaside offers no Kinder care and the after school programs at the Sunset pool are outrageously priced for the "little" supervision given. We are happy to have Erin Reilly be the Director of Lil sprouts and know our littles are well cared for by a very competent and sweet set of teachers. We are excited to hopefully utilize the "ARC" program for our boys next year, and will be sad to be outgrowing Lil Sprouts, but hope that the program continues to grow under Erin and her staffs care! Can't say enough good things since this came into our lives!	12/27/2015 7:45 PM
100	when the community came together to help create Tapiola Park playground.	12/27/2015 7:04 PM
101	Our family has enjoyed the large variety of community parks in Astoria. We also appreciate the pool and riverwalk for personal exercise.	12/27/2015 6:32 PM
102	I have 5 kids, they love our parks,Riverwalk and trail to colum we go out every sunday to one or the other	12/27/2015 6:14 PM
103	We enjoy walking lots of trails, including cathedral tree to column, river walk, and pipeline. We use playgrounds quite a lot throughout the summer.	12/27/2015 5:22 PM
104	I don't have a favorite story, but the ARC classes, parks, and trails are amongst the amenities that we moved to Astoria to enjoy. I also like community involvement in parks.	12/27/2015 5:13 PM

105	Best part is taking my kids swimming about three years ago. When there was not as many rules. More relaxing family fun. I'm now disappointed how it's run.	12/27/2015 4:58 PM
106	Looking out on top of the Astoria Column	12/27/2015 12:59 PM
107	I love participating in the runs, and seeing the representation from all age groups participate as well.	12/27/2015 9:15 AM
108	Many fun hours at the parks, pool and children's museum. Thank you!	12/26/2015 11:28 PM
109	We are going to start doing the Fun Walk on New Year's Day.....	12/26/2015 10:03 AM
110	Spent childhood years at Alderbrook and LePlante. Good times	12/24/2015 11:02 PM
111	We use the trails and river walk a lot in good weather. In winter or rainy months we like to swim. Having options to get out of the house and exercise is important for us.	12/24/2015 11:38 AM
112	Walking along the river walk and feeling like it's "home"	12/23/2015 3:57 PM
113	I like the fitness classes at the "Yacht Club", plus the rates are more reasonable than the aquatic center.	12/23/2015 2:31 PM
114	Tapiola swimming pool	12/23/2015 1:57 PM
115	Seeing the senior pool exercise group trying to sing because of the lack of music for exercise at the pool, and cringing at the off-key rendition of "now I am old and my time is all spent; my get-up-and-go has got up and went". Endearing, but pathetic that seniors are not being accommodated adequately, nor are disabled.	12/22/2015 10:08 AM
116	Youth basketball league was a fun part of growing up...then FREE access to playgrounds, parks, and trails (we had little money and outdoor, energy expending recreation was important in my family. Easter egg hunt was fun and swimming lessons were essential. I love the Riverwalk. I use it often.	12/22/2015 6:59 AM
117	Love all the programs! Movies in the park, Easter egg hunt, chip in, events in the park, teen Easter egg hunt,	12/20/2015 11:50 PM
118	I love the river walk. The beautiful sunsets and sunrises, the ships in the harbor, the sea lions and the wild life all contribute to the natural beauty and allure of Astoria.	12/20/2015 2:19 PM
119	Don't have any	12/19/2015 8:34 PM
120	JP Moss suckered Astoria into paying him \$13,000/month for a part time job. And all he did to "save" the pool was double the rates.	12/19/2015 6:52 PM
121	Many good memories of swimming lessons for our children. Countless pleasant walks and hikes on pipeline, Cathedral tree, and Riverwalk. Love the aquatic center facilities.	12/19/2015 9:00 AM
122	The creation of the river walk. The three month fitness challenge really helped me one year. Dee R in spin class. Our kids are adult swimmers and love our area because of swim lessons and swim team.	12/19/2015 8:12 AM
123	Lots of fun at the playground, the Column and the Riverwalk	12/19/2015 7:08 AM
124	I love the pool!	12/18/2015 9:08 PM
125	Thanks to the pool being there I am able to make it through the winter. Physically and mentally. I use it all year long.	12/18/2015 9:00 PM
126	I love walking up to the column and then down to cathedral tree taking photos along my hike.	12/18/2015 8:01 PM
127	Me and my children love to ride our bikes around town, especially the riverwalk and maritime memorial park. We also love the column and the nature hike trails in the area.	12/18/2015 7:32 PM
128	We love the Column and visit it regularly with family and friends, for the view. Also the river walk. I wish a historical preservation group would help with Big Red, here is the anniversary of the roof being blown off and now there is no access for the walkway has fallen into the river. I believe it is the oldest standing structure in Astoria, a valuable symbol of Astoria's history. The trail from CCC to the column is special because of the families of deer you can get to know.	12/18/2015 6:52 PM
129	We love Run on the River and swim lessons!	12/18/2015 5:19 PM
130	Port of Play and drop-in childcare at Li'l Sprouts was a lifesaver when we first moved here and didn't know anyone. Also we like the pool and the events in the park. One of my favorite events was music up at the Column, even though the turnout was low, it was very fun.	12/18/2015 4:46 PM
131	Taking our grandchildren swimming	12/18/2015 3:38 PM
132	My kids went thru the youth sports leagues and had valuable experiences in them - they should be at least preserved.	12/18/2015 2:46 PM
133	We love taking family to the pool, column, river walk, and youngs river when they come to visit.	12/18/2015 2:05 PM
134	Looking for a parking spot downtown!	12/18/2015 1:51 PM

135	I only moved here in June so I really do not have a favorite memory at this point. We do enjoy going to the Maritime Museum and the water front and trolley.	12/18/2015 1:37 PM
136	Thank you for the swim center and many swim class opportunities. So nice a town this size can offer that. Best gift to give a child is the ability to swim.	12/18/2015 12:29 PM
137	We just love to go on family hikes on the trails and riverwalk, meet friends for playdates at Port of Play, take swim lessons, etc...we use such a variety of services, we just can't imagine life without it.	12/18/2015 11:39 AM
138	installing the play structures at 6th st and Lindstrom parks.	12/18/2015 11:29 AM
139	Tapiola Pool was wonderful. Aquatic center has rude staff often times and is just not into customer service at all.	12/18/2015 11:21 AM
140	The Old Fashion Fourth of July Sundae Social. Astoria opened the Museums to the Public/Community free of charge and we were able to walk through our local museums 2002-2003?.	12/18/2015 10:35 AM
141	Watching the River Walk come to life has been amazing. Thinking how the area between Safeway and the Columbia River was in the early 1990's and now is such an amazing improvement that I really commend the City of Astoria and Paul Benoit with their vision.	12/18/2015 10:28 AM
142	My family has participated in the egg hunt at Tapiola park since my son was born in 2010. We look forward to it every year. We also loved the little kickers and little hitters camps during the summer. I wish there were more classes available for children under age 5.	12/18/2015 10:02 AM
143	Love going to watch the sunsets at the Column! A favorite Summertime activity!	12/18/2015 9:44 AM
144	My favorite memory is the Tapiola out door pool as a kid in the summer! So many good times! It should have never been destroyed ?? I think we need to rebuild it and add a splash park or 2 around the community! It may not get too hot during the fall, winter, and spring.... but come summer it's been getting hotter and hotter over the years! If we want to take our kids to play at an out door splash park we have to travel out of town.... spending money on gas and whatever else!	12/18/2015 9:01 AM
145	I believe the river walk is a very important to Astoria, but the issue with the homeless is getting scary.	12/18/2015 8:39 AM
146	My children spent a lot of time in sports and swimming, so our favorite memories are attending games and meets. My daughter also now works at the Aquatic Center, so she has basically grown up there!	12/18/2015 8:23 AM
147	I love to show off our waterfront trail to visitors. It is always a highlight!	12/17/2015 10:37 PM
148	Taking visitors to the column.	12/17/2015 9:17 PM
149	We live in the country so don't use the facilities as much, one area is youth sports that serves the entire community and pool. Concentrate on areas that other governments don't provide, i.e. don't need gardening and such as OSU extension provides those services	12/17/2015 8:56 PM
150	The Easter egg hunts are great every year. It would be nice to bring back the flashlight hunt for the older teens. My kids loved it.	12/17/2015 8:42 PM
151	Lil Sprouts and Port of Play and the Aquatic Center have been fantastic resources for us.	12/17/2015 7:22 PM
152	When my family visits we love to go to the falls, the column, and the river walk!! Those are our traditions, but the trash at the falls is unreal, the riverwalk is overrun with transients and dogs!!!	12/17/2015 6:52 PM
153	The pool meeting people with in the community. New to the area and this is how we met some of the greatest people in our community.	12/17/2015 6:46 PM
154	Seeing some of my students help at the CHIP-in event cleaning cathedral trail and how proud they were they helped	12/17/2015 6:38 PM
155	Learning to swim at tapiola, and brining my children there to learn and play. Night time walks on the riverwalk in the summer time.	12/17/2015 6:30 PM
156	I used Tapiola pool thru my childhood took many swimming lessons there & later worked there as a lifeguard. I have stayed involved in fitness my whole life it's important to an area that has many rainy months not many like to workout outside.	12/17/2015 6:02 PM
157	Afterschool programs with my daughter and her friends. I was able to pick her up and help her finish a game, read a book or make a craft with she and her friends.	12/17/2015 6:00 PM
158	we love taking family and friends that come to visit to see the Cathedral tree	12/17/2015 5:40 PM
159	Swimming with family. Watching daughter play softball	12/17/2015 5:39 PM
160	The aquatics center has been a pure joy to my family!	12/17/2015 5:33 PM
161	Maybe if some facilities were more affordable or discounted every Astoria could start making more memories.	12/17/2015 5:31 PM

162	Easter egg hunt	12/17/2015 5:30 PM
163	Community/fraternal clubs took care of and adopted parks in the past, that needs to happen again.	12/17/2015 5:26 PM
164	The Easter Egg hunts are always a family favorite!	12/17/2015 5:11 PM
165	I love the Riverwalk. It's a great place to meet and chat with friends.	12/17/2015 3:42 PM
166	I remember attending a Christmas potluck at the Shively Center and many people attended the event. It was stormy and rainy that night and a tree actually fell down and smashed the top of a friends truck. I was glad my friend was safe and had not been in the vehicle at the time and I was in AWE at the beauty and majesty of the tall trees at the said park.	12/17/2015 3:37 PM
167	Lived here most of my life and was grateful to have access to buildings to rent for my kids birthday parties and family get-to-gathers. Now, I walk the trails with my dogs all the time. I wish we had more of them that walked in the wooded areas. It's awesome to enjoy the natural settings and wildlife that we have in our area.	12/17/2015 2:27 PM
168	2015 Run on the River was an exceptional event!	12/17/2015 1:26 PM
169	I have great memories of my kids participating in the yearly easter egg hunt.	12/17/2015 12:53 PM
170	I have used the parks a lot in the past 30 years. Highlights include the building of the Aquatic Center, the building of the playground at Tapiola with the community, and the hiring of our parks head, Angela Cosby,. "Lowlights" include no permanent bathroom at Peter Pan Park and the hiring of JP Moss who fostered poor relations with the public, and created distrust issues with the Parks department. All in all I think Astoria provides a lot of opportunities for a community of its size.	12/17/2015 12:41 PM
171	My favorite thing about Astoria parks-and perhaps Astoria, period-are the trails: running & biking with my kids and friends and dogs. Also, I recently began attending spin class with my teenage stepdaughter, and although it is not my preferred exercise-makes me feel like a hamster-it's turned out to be a fun and rare stepmom-stepkid bonding experience. Thanks for that.	12/16/2015 6:55 PM
172	My favorite memories are of walking to Tapiola pool in the summer with my best friend from ages 8-10, swimming for hours, and then hanging out in the park. I also took some really great summer classes when I was a kid, like tennis and sewing.	12/15/2015 4:40 PM
173	I love Shively Park. I got married there and have spent many hours walking my dog and just hanging out. Upset about cell tower. The river walk is amazing.	12/14/2015 5:17 PM
174	river walk strolls, volunteering, the 0k!	12/14/2015 12:18 PM
175	We have many memories from swim lessons, t-ball, birthdays at port of play and hikes on the trails. I also ran the half marathon on the riverwalk while pregnant with my 2nd kiddo, which was an interesting experience.	12/14/2015 10:41 AM
176	Spending my summers swimming at Tapiola Pool. Running the Cathedral Tree Trail.	12/12/2015 10:31 PM
177	Love the historic parks and the riverwalk.	12/12/2015 8:37 PM
178	Playing at 6th & Commercial park 50 to 60 years ago with all my cousins	12/12/2015 7:32 PM
179	Riding bike with the dog on the river walk.	12/12/2015 2:46 PM
180	The Easter egg hunt	12/12/2015 9:03 AM
181	Sports leagues used to have multiple levels of competition with many different teams. It was very impressive.	12/11/2015 9:06 AM
182	I enjoy the movies in the Park. My child attended Lil Sprouts and loved it. He is in Kindergarten now, but the staff was wonderful. They always had a smile.	12/11/2015 12:34 AM
183	Be able to walk our dog on river walk, walking and looking at the historical stuff, trying to educate my kids of the history here	12/11/2015 12:07 AM
184	River walk in any weather rain or shine	12/10/2015 10:11 PM
185	I worked at the aquatic center from 1998-2003 as a life guard and swim instructor and it was a wonderful experience and gave me experience to move onto other jobs in this field in the Portland area.	12/10/2015 6:45 PM
186	Don't have one...but I sure do miss the YMCA, This town couldn't ever support that!	12/10/2015 6:01 PM
187	I grew up swimming in Tapiola pool every summer.	12/10/2015 4:32 PM
188	When my daughters turned ten we had a party at Shivley hall. It wasn't very expensive in those days and all the kids had a great time. It is a great hall.	12/10/2015 4:19 PM

189	At the end of softball season all teams had barbecue and trophies were handed out for first second and third place based on wins and sportsmanship	12/10/2015 4:15 PM
190	A community-wide effort to create the Tapiola Park play area where we all remember shoveling bark mulch, raking it, and feeling as if we were helping create something for all generations to enjoy. It is the first park my kids played in when we moved here. I like that this City values and cares for its treasures.	12/10/2015 3:40 PM
191	Your group needs to leave it better than when you got here. Remember just to maintain means you are going downhill.	12/10/2015 3:26 PM
192	Bob Marley's Birthday party and Jerk Barbeque at the Aquatic Center	12/10/2015 2:54 PM
193	I'm an Astoria native. My uncle used to work for the Parks department when I was a small child. He also lived by Tapiola park. I have fond memories of playing there. Especially in the big open field before the softball field was installed. I also live close to McClure Park and grew up close to it as well. I loved going down the slide there while looking at the ships when I was a kid. Now, as an adult, I enjoy taking advantage of the many places available to go relax and enjoy the view. Also, its nice to have multiple options available for our young daughter to play.	12/10/2015 11:23 AM
194	I see a lot of disrepair and years of erosion on many once sparkling gems. There are people in this community that could be tapped into to give oral histories, or help preserve historically the attributes of the parks as they once were. (i.e.) The rock walls that are falling down in numerous parks. We could designate ADA status for some trails, and thus get federal funding through ADA grants. Community outreach, fun raisers, and grass roots may be the only way to achieve the missions at hand. Astoria Parks & Rec. needs to proclaim a mission, and stick to it. Be it preserving and protecting for future generationsunimpaired, or just to enjoy and use the resources as they present themselves in the present. Either way the parks should express their goals. Then only as a community can we achieve them.	12/9/2015 8:55 PM
195	The "hillwalks" and chicken runs of Astoria are one of my favorite aspects of the city. Great effort was made to construct these. I have studied them and written a booklet. I also like the movies in the parks	12/9/2015 6:46 PM
196	Easter egg hunt	12/9/2015 2:10 PM
197	I was married at Shively park. Cathedral tree trail was my relief from the real world as I suffered poverty and began improving my quality of life during school. I rode my bicycle to town on the Riverwalk multiple times a day and bicycle to merts to attend class. I would take my son to the parks to play and help him practice writing his bicycle at the elementary school. He and I would walk on the trails together when he was 2 years old. Now when I visit town and bring my family for work we do not have a home so the parks have become our space for spending time together as a family rain or shine. Every Park in Astoria has been a significant contribution to my life as I grew into adulthood and a tremendous asset for my children during our time living there and look forward to using them when we move back.	12/9/2015 10:09 AM
198	I love the private swim classes! My 5 year old learned to swim in one set of them!	12/9/2015 8:49 AM
199	Love walking to the parks, playgrounds are awesome.	12/9/2015 8:48 AM
200	The pool was open all day and warm.	12/9/2015 3:34 AM
201	Too many!! The column is such a treasure and we can hike to it or bring a picnic to watch the sunset. One time we hiked up cathedral trail with friends and ordered pizza that was delivered! So many great memories on the Riverwalk, from 4th of July Riverwalk parade to teaching our daughter how to ride a bike! Learning how to swim at the aquatic center, roller skating for the first time at the ARC. Father daughter dance, breakfast with Santa. We so appreciate what our parks and rec is able to do with the limited staff.	12/8/2015 10:54 PM
202	We've only lived here a few years, but we live up above Union Town. I love to walk down to the little Alameda park below the bridge and play with my son in the evenings after work. I know hardly anyone uses that park, but I we like it and it has a great view. I know everyone will vote for Tapiola and Peter Pan parks as favorites, and we love them too, but little Alameda park deserves some respect :)	12/7/2015 10:42 PM
203	We really like the movies in the park events during the summer.	12/7/2015 4:19 PM
204	Spent many, many years playing summer softball as a youth. Slow pitch and tennis as an adult. We had to 'argue' w/the parks dept years ago about keeping the tennis courts lights on after 7 pm, when it was dark. They didn't think it was important. They heard us and made a change.	12/7/2015 1:38 PM
205	Now the Gateway Center, the Clatsop County Fairgrounds were once located downtown. Festivals, such as Regatta, and especially the Scandinavian Festival, offered an outdoor setting that provided a close community feel. While the pool and movie facilities, and Seafood Center are now a major asset to the cultural needs of the Lower Columbia Region, what was lost was a centralized park. While the open spaces, ballfields, and corner lot parks exist, there is no real city park. The Garden of Surging Waves, while aesthetic, and honoring the Chinese Community -- it does not lend itself to a place of rest, contemplation or gathering on a small or larger group scale. Nature and social nature could use a focus here. In years to come, preserving and creating open spaces as well as forest and trail preservation, and the maintenance of these areas, including an expansion of community gardening, will be the best decision for all citizens -- more so than more athletic buildings and contraptions.	12/7/2015 1:06 PM

206	Many many walks and jogs on the Riverwalk and Cathedral Tree-Column trails. When my son was a baby we would take frequent rests during our Riverwalk strolls at the Mill Pond park and we would enjoy the flowers there. Also keep Norma as the MC for any and all events!	12/7/2015 11:41 AM
207	I always take new people and visitors up to the Column, since it gives them such a great view and is beautiful. I often walk up there myself in all kinds of weather. It's beautiful in the summer, in the snow (I've gone sledding down the hill), in the rain, in the fog, during sunrise and sunset. I love the hiking trails leading up to it. I love hiking Pipeline Road, but want more signage. I've never head of Evergreen to Shively. I often walk and run the Riverwalk (though the mileage signs vary and are a bit confusing to know how far you've gone). I love the loop around Alderbrook. As you approach the Port to the west, it's confusing as to how far you can go and where the Riverwalk is. I love movies in the park during the summer -- for adults and kids. More fun runs is a good idea.	12/7/2015 10:20 AM
208	We always take people up to the column when come they to visit Astoria, sometimes we walk up the Cathedral tree trail. One time we threw the gliders off of the column and then picked up gliders and handed them out to people headed into the column. We have many great memories at the column.	12/6/2015 4:55 PM
209	We are grandparents doing childcare for 2 granddaughters two days a week. Wonderful to take them to swim lessons, parks and sports that we took our own children to growing up in this great community!	12/6/2015 3:50 PM
210	I moved here from Hawaii a few years ago. My family and I love it here. I started mountain biking here and purchased my first mountain bike locally. As a result, I am healthier and my joints are healthy due to the low impact sport. Through mountain biking, I have explored more of the Oregon Coast than I ever thought possible, I have met new friends and become locally involved with the North Coast Trail Alliance to help our community and preserve our beautiful coast. Mountain biking helped 'open my eyes' to our precious resource, seeing how beneficial the sport of mountain biking is makes me what to get involved and help others too.	12/6/2015 1:50 PM
211	Sharing private conversations about life and the world on the steps at the end of the loop trail at Shivley Park with my children as they have grown up. It's the best place to go and be free from development. You can go there and engage in meaningful conversations free of distractions from the outside world.	12/6/2015 10:53 AM
212	I think Shively Park is my favorite place in Astoria. I had multiple birthday parties there as a kid and teenager, I've watched family and friends get married there, celebrated baby showers, had picnics, and found a quiet place to hide out on my lunch break. I couldn't pick one memory, that place has a lifetime of them.	12/5/2015 12:48 PM
213	I loved going to the Cathedral tree for the first time with my children and our best friends. I had lived in CC for over 10 years (Seaside, at that time), and had never heard of it. It took my breath away that there was such a park in the center of Astoria. It is a sacred space.	12/5/2015 8:42 AM
214	Watching my son taking swimming lessons	12/5/2015 7:20 AM
215	Our daily walks and commutes along the riverwalk from Alderbrook immensely enrich our lives as a family. There are too many amazing beautiful sightings to list, From double rainbows joining ships on the river, to the over 75 different bird species on our neighborhood list. Weddings and picnics at Shively hall. The cathedral tree trail, pipeline, Playing at Tapiola park when our boys were little....	12/4/2015 9:00 PM
216	Growing up in Astoria and spending my summers and weekends at the Y	12/4/2015 4:35 PM
217	This is a bittersweet story It's been three years ago I think, possibly four . I had heard rumor that one of the biggest big leaf maples on the main walk at Shively park was deemed too ill to stay standing. In the forest a giant like this would be left to it's slow decline. Providing habitat for many species over possibly another decade or longer. In our litigious society ,I was told ,this was just not an option. I formed a plan to say goodbye to the tree. Three woman,a walk to the old friend, a blanket, and a picnic. We spent many hours over our snacks and stories. Each of us sharing memories of walks up here, friends wedding, trilliums in the spring, pileated wood peckers , music shows in the hall, our collective sense of wonder at discovering different relics placed around this historical park. One of my friends took out four sheets of paper , attached them together, as we told stories she slowly drew a picture of this Giant Acer we came to say good bye to. A single sheet too small to fit all the enormous canopy filled with mosses, lichens, licorice ferns and countless critters calling this particular tree home. We stayed well into the dusk. Finally packing our baskets , folding the blanket and giving our last goodbyes. The three of us walking out of that special place to engage with the real world again. Even though the occasion was sad in one way , in another , it showed me the value of these places of respite. These Forest spaces within our city that can provide us with a time out. Leaving cars , phones and houses behind. A place where we can slow down, perhaps even sit down and contemplate the beauty a little slice of nature has to offer. Thank you parks and rec for your care of these special places.	12/4/2015 10:56 AM
218	Tapiola pool. ??	12/4/2015 4:45 AM
219	Finding an unexpected staircase coming from an upper street and going through a scrub tunnel ending up down on the main HWY.	12/3/2015 10:26 PM

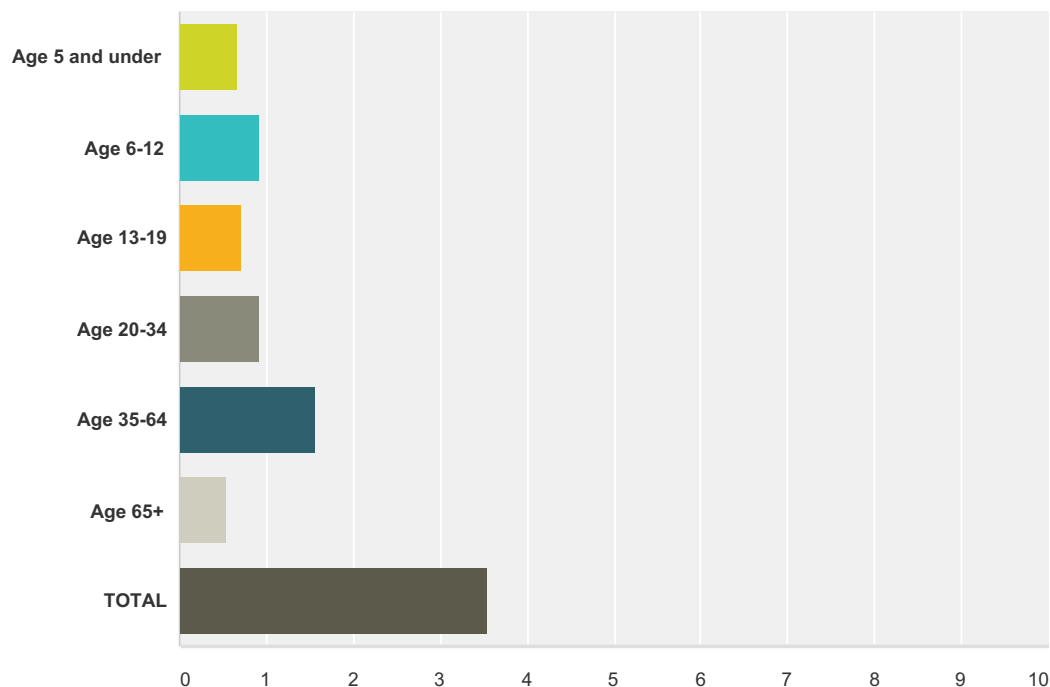
220	We were told a few years back that the community indoor swimming pool was going to be shut down. We are so glad that it is still open. When we visit Long Beach, Washington or Seaside, OR, we like to stop by the community center to use the indoor pool.	12/3/2015 9:59 PM
221	The Astoria riverwalk was poopooed by many prior to construction but is a real gem for the community. Let it be the starting point and not the ending point for Astoria trails.	12/3/2015 9:51 PM
222	One of my favorite traditions is... when I have visitors from out of town, I take them for a walk on the river, then we climb the Column.	12/3/2015 9:48 PM
223	We were married at Shively Park, we like the natural unaffected setting.	12/3/2015 9:33 PM
224	Bringing my little girls to the parks. Port of play. Riding bikes with the family on the river walk trail.	12/3/2015 9:21 PM
225	Peter Pan Park, we use it daily for kids play and basketball.	12/3/2015 8:32 PM
226	We love to walk the cathedral trail and riverwalk.	12/3/2015 3:58 PM
227	WE NEED A DOG PARK WITH A COVERED AREA TOO. A pea gravel surface is great way to keep the dogs clean and makes it easy to pick up dog poop.	12/3/2015 11:00 AM
228	We love attending the pool in the winter and spring. It's the perfect place to go and stretch our legs! We were there a couple weeks ago and the pool looks great, nice job.	12/3/2015 10:45 AM
229	Port a play, all the parks, Easter egg hunts, movies in the parks!	12/3/2015 10:02 AM
230	I have always enjoyed going to cemeteries and spent lots of time locating graves for other people. I also did some cleaning and even offered to record the burials. Was told at the time that the City was in the process of finding a program to do this. That has been several long years and I don't know if they will ever get it done.	12/3/2015 8:38 AM
231	Loved the movies in the park this summer! Appreciate all the work that goes into the bonus events on top of regular work!	12/3/2015 6:47 AM
232	Fond memories of going to the Tapiola outdoor swimming pool as a kid. Also loved taking family outings on the old ferries; try to get the one found in Washington back for river outings.	12/3/2015 2:09 AM
233	Walking the cathedral trail	12/2/2015 10:08 PM
234	I use the river walk daily to exercise and enjoy summer movies in the parks.	12/2/2015 9:09 PM
235	Scandinavian Dance Practice in Shively Hall each week. Meetings and Potlucks in Shively Hall. Our wedding reception at Alderbrook Hall in 1972. Coed volleyball in the Capt Robert Gray Gym. Soccer games on Evergreen Field with first graders. Hosting Bicycle Oregon at Evergreen Field and the sprinkler system came on in the middle of the night. Hosting Bicycle Oregon at Tapiola Park. The first time taking little kids to the new and improved Tapiola Park. Taking kids to the outdoor Tapiola Park.	12/2/2015 8:38 PM
236	I attended an 'art hike' which was one of my favorite community memories to this day. We got slightly lost and two different rangers or park workers directed us and were very friendly. They seemed to be enjoying that this event was happening. As we hiked along the trail, there were different art pieces created by members of the community. It felt magical and the trail was incredible.	12/2/2015 8:09 PM
237	I grew up playing youth sports through Park and Rec and always had fun.	12/2/2015 6:08 PM
238	We used the aquatic center and the tooth sports leagues a lot when our kids were young. These are important for our community's youth.	12/2/2015 5:07 PM
239	Parks and Rec do a lot of great things. Peter Pan and Tapiola parks are great for kids of all ages. The old Tapiola pool was fun. The kids sports leagues are provide memories for so many kids. The Riverwalk is probably the best new thing that has been added. It is so nice to enjoy the riverfront.	12/2/2015 4:57 PM
240	Our favorite is the pool and love the work you did on it this fall.	12/2/2015 4:34 PM
241	The river trail is a daily routine that's never actually routine. Love being able to walk the length of town without crossing a road.	12/2/2015 3:31 PM
242	My son has loved playing baseball through parks and rec.	12/2/2015 2:48 PM
243	Both of my children learned to swim at the aquatic center.	12/2/2015 2:45 PM
244	My daughter graduated from Lil Sprouts Academy and I have nothing but great experiences from our time there.	12/2/2015 2:42 PM
245	my kids loved coming to the free swim lessons Astoria provided in the start of summer (now discontinued).	12/2/2015 2:40 PM
246	none	12/2/2015 2:26 PM

247	I loved when my kids played 4th grade basketball. They learned some skills, got exercise, and had fun while I was thoroughly entertained with their basketball games. There is nothing like the enthusiasm of 4th graders combined with all levels of coordination and understanding of the rules on a basketball court! Cheapest entertainment in Astoria!	12/2/2015 1:50 PM
248	Love watching my 4 yo swim and take lessons	12/2/2015 1:40 PM
249	We have logged countless hours at the pool. It is not a friendly place to be. My kids have always enjoyed movies in the park and the Easter Egg Hunt.	12/2/2015 1:39 PM
250	Port of play when the kids were in head start and watching them play at the aquatic center	12/2/2015 1:38 PM
251	I have had many good experiences in Shively hall over the past 10 years! From private birthday parties to the Music Festival fund raisers....	12/2/2015 1:37 PM
252	We have enjoyed many of your family programs. Your Easter Egg hunt is an annual event for our family.	12/1/2015 11:30 PM
253	We absolutely love the movies at the park, such a great community of event. Thanks!	12/1/2015 10:50 PM
254	I love the river walk, its a #1 priority to me. Movies in the park and the races are also top memory makers, I love those kind of events.	12/1/2015 3:06 PM
255	The Astoria Column...can never get enough of the view, the climb, the sense of accomplishment when you have reached the top without being out of breath.	12/1/2015 2:42 PM
256	Outdoor swimming lessons at Tapiola, playing at the park, and ice cream from Dairy Queen as a kid. So much too do, roll down the grass hills, watch a softball game, play on the playground, shoot hoops, all at one spot.	11/30/2015 10:37 PM
257	Exploring Astoria after moving here with my dog :-)	11/30/2015 4:51 PM
258	My first visit to the column	11/30/2015 4:32 PM
259	All of the runs!	11/30/2015 4:25 PM
260	Watching my son for the very first time concue the skate park	11/30/2015 4:07 PM
261	My daughter loves port of play and we stop at Peter Pan market in the Sumer for an ice cream treat to eat and play at Peter Pan park	11/30/2015 4:07 PM
262	I just moved here and have been happy to find all the parks and classes available.	11/30/2015 4:05 PM
263	As a mother of four children, I have always loved taking our children to the pool and port of play. Living in a rainy climate, it is wonderful having these opportunity to allow our children to play safely in our indoor parks.	11/30/2015 1:51 PM
264	My wife and I love going to the movies in the park. We just had our first child, which means we have just been attending as adults. I love the atmosphere with all the kids running around and it really feels like a community event. I look forward to my daughter attending these over the years and hope they continue. I am also a big advocate for the adult basketball league. It is run extremely well and I am very thankful to the referee's who give their time to make it a reality. A+ operation - although I would love to play year round and not just in the winter months.	11/30/2015 11:50 AM
265	morning hikes to cathedral tree	11/30/2015 11:33 AM
266	My girls and i always catch the movies in the park during summer. Theyve always loved tgat	11/29/2015 9:16 AM
267	Watching the kids have swim lessons at the pool and taking them on the mad dash easter egg hunt at Tapiola was always fun!	11/26/2015 6:34 AM
268	Ummm....what??? So far I have found Parks and Rec to be very....frustrating and disorganized. Pool is crazy overpriced (look at Seaside) and they're always cancelling classes, lessons, etc.--often without telling us. Oh...and in the pool--why do the lifeguards let middle-school age boys whip balls around? I guess my three year old getting whacked is my favorite memory. Seriously, though...there is potential here and we should unlock it.	11/26/2015 1:20 AM
269	I love Chip-In's, and am thankful to have such a nice aquatics facilities.	11/25/2015 7:41 PM
270	We go to the Aquatic center weekly. The scholarship program has been a godsend for keeping my kids active and letting them burn off their extra energy. After a long workweek and the stresses of military life, Friday evenings at the pool are just what we needed.	11/25/2015 3:01 PM
271	My husband and i go hiking/walking every Sunday rain or shine with our dogs. It is our family day. I also walk the riverwalk every chance I get. I love waving hellos to all our neighbors and seeing how the riverscape changes daily. It has so much personality. Looking at the beauty that surrounds us fills me with awe and comfort daily. Yay, nature! Yay, community of Astoria!	11/25/2015 12:12 PM

272	I played several years of city league baseball and basketball. Funnest times of my life. My kids also learned how to swim at the pool which is invaluable. They also both participated in rec basketball with myself as the coach. Priceless! Finally that I got my girls involved with some of the Chip-in events which they had fun at and showed how they can personally improve the city they grew up in. I could go on but that's enough....	11/25/2015 12:04 PM
273	We have watched the fireworks from our home when our kids and grandkids visit. We enjoyed this annually until it was moved to the East end of town. We now skip it.	11/25/2015 10:49 AM
274	Lots of memories over the years of gatherings at Shively	11/25/2015 8:19 AM

Q23 Including yourself, how many people live in your household? (Please enter a number for each category; enter 0 if none)

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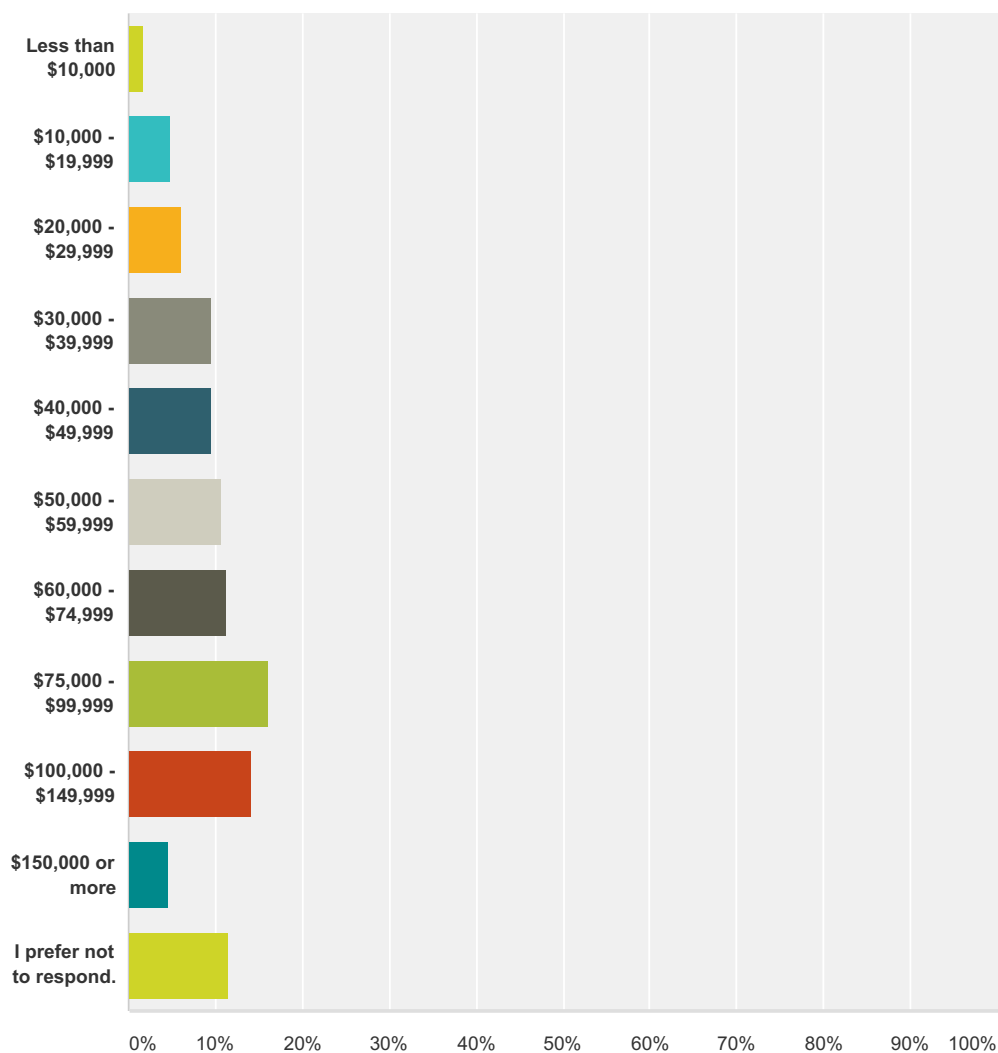


Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
Age 5 and under	1	275	409
Age 6-12	1	416	455
Age 13-19	1	276	389
Age 20-34	1	383	421
Age 35-64	2	999	635
Age 65+	1	161	302
TOTAL	4	1,549	437
Total Respondents: 756			

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1	0	1/3/2016 8:01 PM
2	1	1/3/2016 1:08 AM
3	2	1/1/2016 9:44 AM
4	0	1/1/2016 12:56 AM
5	1	12/31/2015 10:12 PM
6	1	12/31/2015 9:08 PM
7	1	12/31/2015 8:17 PM

Q26 Please estimate your combined total household income before taxes in 2015. (This information is helpful for us to be sure our programs are accessible to all income levels)

Answered: 756 Skipped: 125

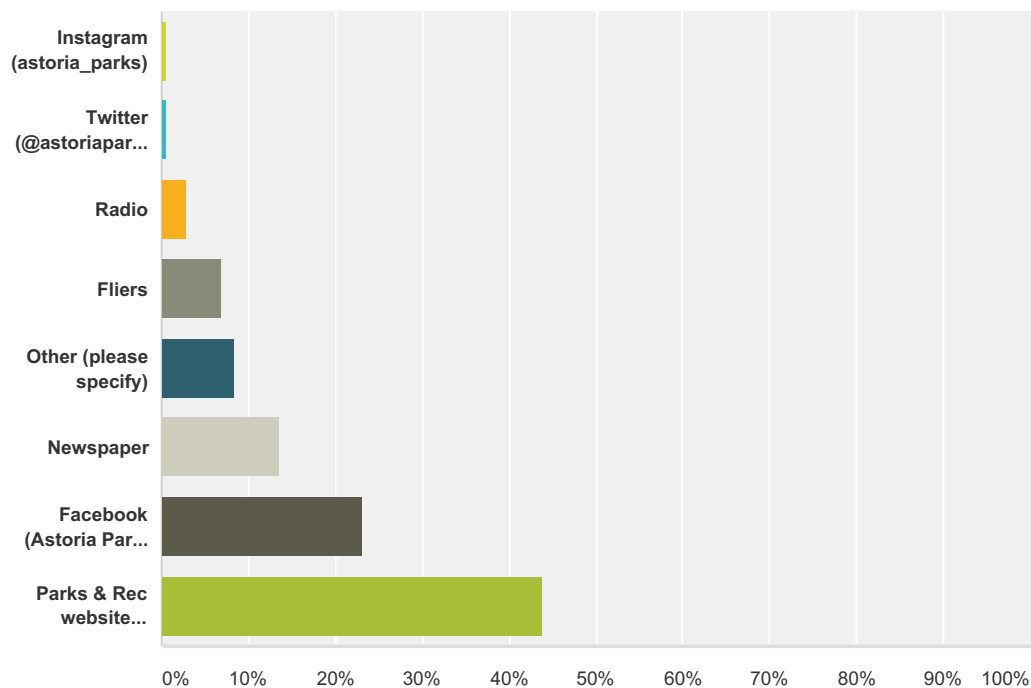


Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than \$10,000	1.59%	12
\$10,000 - \$19,999	4.89%	37
\$20,000 - \$29,999	5.95%	45
\$30,000 - \$39,999	9.66%	73
\$40,000 - \$49,999	9.52%	72
\$50,000 - \$59,999	10.71%	81

\$60,000 - \$74,999	11.38%	86
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16.01%	121
\$100,000 - \$149,999	14.15%	107
\$150,000 or more	4.63%	35
I prefer not to respond.	11.51%	87
Total		756

Q28 Which resource do you use most frequently for finding information about Astoria Parks & Recreation facilities, programs, and special events?

Answered: 735 Skipped: 146



Answer Choices	Responses
Instagram (astoria_parks)	0.54% 4
Twitter (@astoriaparksrec)	0.68% 5
Radio	2.86% 21
Fliers	6.80% 50
Other (please specify)	8.44% 62
Newspaper	13.47% 99
Facebook (Astoria Parks & Recreation)	23.27% 171
Parks & Rec website (www.astoriaparks.com)	43.95% 323
Total	735

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	neighbor's	1/3/2016 8:01 PM
2	I go to the pool for brochures...	12/31/2015 6:45 PM
3	Also find out by fliers. Don't use computer	12/31/2015 6:25 PM
4	Seasonal booklet	12/31/2015 4:56 PM

5	Google	12/31/2015 4:51 PM
6	1	12/31/2015 3:43 PM
7	Word of mouth	12/31/2015 12:04 PM
8	none	12/31/2015 11:17 AM
9	Local knowledge and past history	12/31/2015 10:38 AM
10	City Web Site	12/31/2015 9:53 AM
11	Word of mouth and the knowledge of the annual events	12/30/2015 1:34 PM
12	Google or search engine	12/30/2015 1:45 AM
13	front desk	12/28/2015 10:30 PM
14	Reader board at Aquatic Center.	12/28/2015 10:09 PM
15	Parks Guide distributed to elementary school students	12/28/2015 9:03 PM
16	Asking other people	12/28/2015 7:39 PM
17	Word of mouth	12/28/2015 6:32 PM
18	I google stuff.	12/28/2015 5:55 PM
19	Just knowing the Area.	12/28/2015 1:29 PM
20	I go to those locations and look around.	12/28/2015 1:23 PM
21	handouts at the pool	12/28/2015 1:08 PM
22	email	12/28/2015 9:34 AM
23	I have a hard time finding information	12/27/2015 8:15 PM
24	word of mouth	12/23/2015 1:47 PM
25	I have not used any	12/22/2015 10:10 AM
26	friends	12/22/2015 7:01 AM
27	none are needed	12/19/2015 6:54 PM
28	Facebook + KMUN talk shows	12/18/2015 6:55 PM
29	fliers delivered home through the school district	12/18/2015 2:17 PM
30	They used to mail fliers. We'd probably do more of the free community programs if we knew when they were.	12/18/2015 2:08 PM
31	Coast Weekend	12/18/2015 1:52 PM
32	Google Search because there is no reliable presence on social media.	12/17/2015 11:38 PM
33	Friends and word of mouth	12/17/2015 6:54 PM
34	schools or direct mail	12/17/2015 6:23 PM
35	Self directed	12/17/2015 5:40 PM
36	None of the above	12/17/2015 5:25 PM
37	Annual program guide	12/17/2015 3:44 PM
38	I call by phone	12/17/2015 3:24 PM
39	KMUN	12/17/2015 2:32 PM
40	Word of mouth!! The old fashioned way :-)	12/17/2015 2:31 PM
41	Hipfish	12/12/2015 4:10 PM
42	Friends and family	12/11/2015 12:09 AM
43	I just go to the parks...I don't have to message socially about it. You have the wrong idea about activity. Do it...don't tweet about it. Geeze!	12/10/2015 6:04 PM
44	Word of mouth!	12/10/2015 4:21 PM

45	the website does not seem user friendly or up to date at times	12/10/2015 3:53 PM
46	newspaper	12/10/2015 2:57 PM
47	HIPFISH, KMUN, WEBSITE, USING THE PARKS	12/9/2015 8:57 PM
48	On site notices (pool)	12/9/2015 3:37 AM
49	Word of mouth	12/7/2015 12:49 PM
50	word of mouth from neighbors.	12/4/2015 9:02 PM
51	Community announcements	12/3/2015 9:54 PM
52	word of mouth	12/3/2015 7:41 PM
53	Attending and participating at City Council and on City Commissions	12/3/2015 1:53 PM
54	parks and rec seasonal handbook publication	12/2/2015 10:33 PM
55	City Council emails	12/2/2015 9:24 PM
56	friends	12/2/2015 8:10 PM
57	google	12/2/2015 8:08 PM
58	radio, newspaper and word of mouth	12/2/2015 5:39 PM
59	email	12/2/2015 3:23 PM
60	Not sure I do, would love to have a central point of info	12/1/2015 3:08 PM
61	Co-workers	12/1/2015 10:58 AM
62	Word of mouth	11/28/2015 2:27 PM

A.2 Spring 2015 Input

Community Input Results: Draft Master Plan Recommendations, April 2016

Draft Recommendations

Maintenance:

M1: Concentrate Maintenance on Priority Parks

M2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling or transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

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M2.1: Create a more manageable parks system by transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

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M2.2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling under-utilized parks

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O3: Focus on core services

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4.1: After school and summer day-camp programs

4.2: Aquatic fitness and swimming lessons

4.3: CHIP-in (Citizens Helping Improve Parks)

4.4: Fitness classes

4.5: Free special events (Movies in the Park, Monster Bash, Easter Egg Hunts, etc)

4.6: Lil' Sprouts Academy / Port of Play

4.7: Ocean View Cemetery operations

4.8: Runs and walks (Fun Run, Gobbler Gallop, Run on the River)

4.9: Youth and adult sport leagues / drop-in sports

Capital Projects:

CP1: Extend the usable hours and improve safety along the River Walk by installing lighting between the Columbia River Maritime Museum (17th Street) and Pier 39 (39th Street).

CP2: Repair, upgrade, or replace playground equipment at key neighborhood parks.

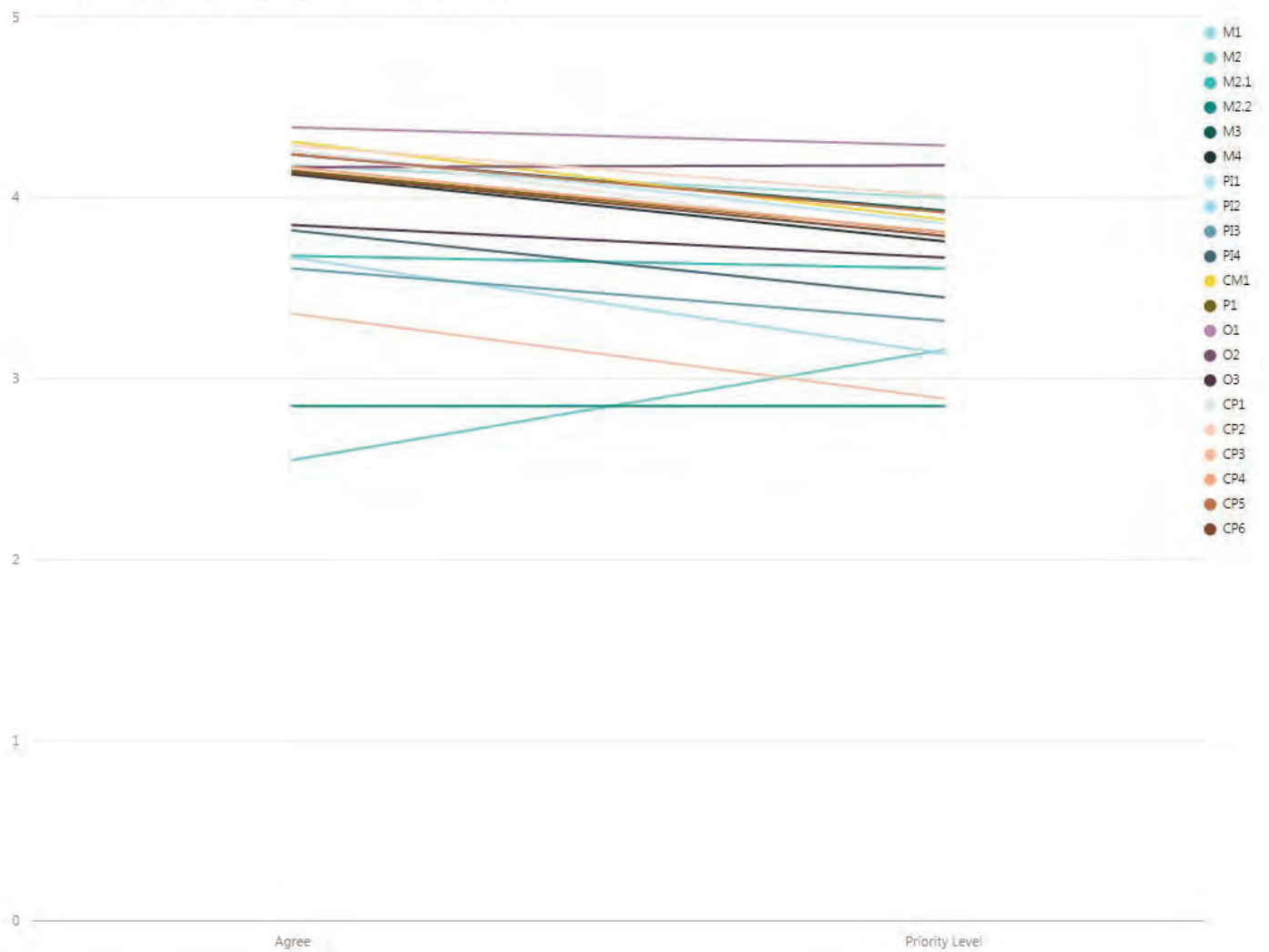
CP3: Within the existing parks system, designate an off-leash dog area or construct a fenced-in dog park.

CP4: Install a permanent restroom facility at Fred Lindstrom (aka Peter Pan) Park.

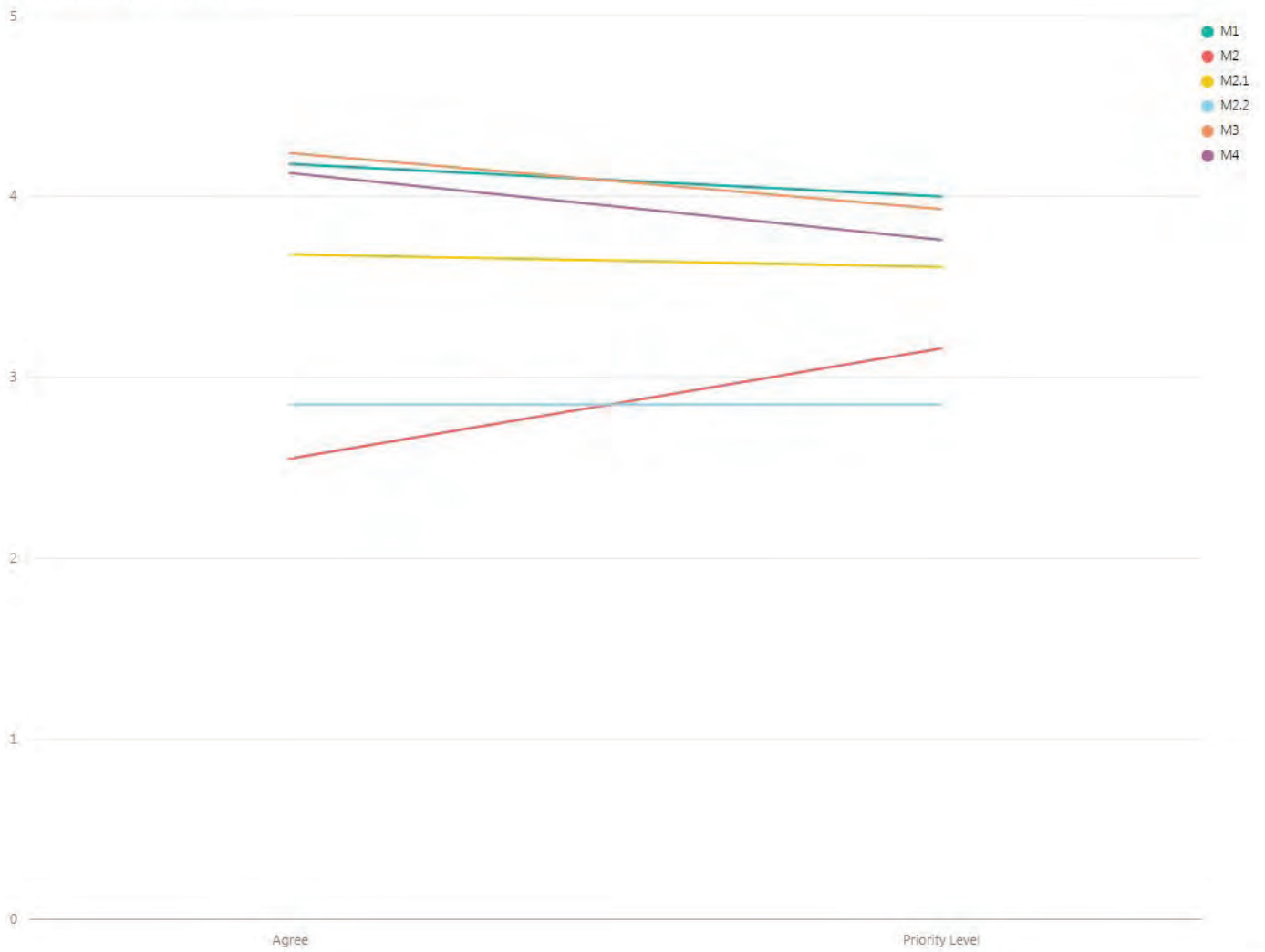
CP5: Implement the 2013 Trails Master Plan

CP6: Extend the hours of operation at the Aquatic Center later into the evening on weekdays.

All (draft) Recommendations



Maintenance



Maintenance

M1: Concentrate Maintenance on Priority Parks

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	4	2	0	8	5	19	3.42
7-Apr	0	0	0	3	9	12	4.75
9-Apr	1	0	0	6	18	25	4.60
Online	2	8	3	18	30	61	4.08
Total	7	10	3	35	62	117	4.15

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	2	0	2	9	1	14	3.50
7-Apr	0	0	1	4	5	10	4.40
9-Apr	0	0	1	7	7	15	4.40
Online	1	2	11	33	12	59	3.90
Total	3	2	15	53	25	98	3.97

Comments:

- 1 We have a lot of elderly and disabled folks who live here and without good sidewalks they can't go
- 2 All existing parks are priority, do not build any new parks.
- 3 The park in by the por of play needs maintenance and public restroom.
- 4 Bathrooms!
- 5 Would be great to have several small parks all over (not necessarily with play equipment, even just field of grass) for easier access, would love a park in walking distance for lunch breaks etc
- 6 Our sports fields need to be sprayed, replanted and kept up.
- 7 Focus on making parks manageable with minimal maintenance.
- 8 We need a dog park! Can we convert a local park?
- 9 The popular park, Fred Lindstrom, needs a bathroom. Even a year round port-a-potty would be appreciated!
- 10 Under maintained parks will become weed patches and eyesores.
- 11 I think its hard to generalize this question, just depends on what opportunities arise and doing what makes sense, case by case
- 12 Better upkeep of fiverwalk / owners required to mow and control vegetation (1 upvote)
- 13 Build more and maintain existing with volunteers
- 14 Hire homeless to clean up River Walk. They care! (6 upvotes)
- 15 Parks throughout the City should be the highest priority. Those within walking distance of ones home or place of employment or which opens up a viewscape should be the City's priority.

M2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling or transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	10		3	2	3	21	2.33
7-Apr	0		0	1	2	10	4.60
9-Apr	13		6	2	3	25	1.92
Online							

This question was not asked in the online survey. See M2.1 and M2.2, which were introduced into the online survey to differentiate the two concepts for reducing the number of park sites that need regular maintenance.

Total	23	9	5	8	11	56	2.55
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	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	5		0	3	6	16	3.00
7-Apr	0		1	4	2	9	3.56
9-Apr	2		1	4	4	12	3.08
Online							

This question was not asked in the online survey. See M2.1 and M2.2, which were introduced into the online survey to differentiate the two concepts for reducing the number of park sites that need regular maintenance.

Total	7	2	11	12	5	37	3.16
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Comments:

- 1 If we sell park space we never get that land back (2 upvotes)

M2.1: Create a more manageable parks system by transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr							
7-Apr	This question was not asked at the public input sessions. It was introduced in						
9-Apr	the online survey to provide clearer results on the subject of creating a more						
	manageable parks system.						
Online	5	10	6	21	19	60	3.70
Total	5	10	6	21	19	60	3.70

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr							
7-Apr	This question was not asked at the public input sessions. It was introduced in						
9-Apr	the online survey to provide clearer results on the subject of creating a more						
	manageable parks system.						
Online	3	4	18	26	9	60	3.57
Total	3	4	18	26	9	60	3.57

Comments:

- 1 This depends on which "under-utilized" parks you are referring to, the question is too broad.
- 2 One concern however...will the low priority parks then become havens for homeless people? Or illegal activities?
- 3 Maybe get volunteers, scout groups, schools, to help out!
- 4 They would turn into areas that look poor and would become blackberries.
- 5 Determining the use, or lack thereof may be difficult, but structuring parks so they require minimal maintenance would be generally best.
- 6 I don't see increasing our natural park areas as a negative or a loss at all! We could all use a little more wild in the city!
- 7 I am in favor of keeping the park space we have. Once it's gone, it's gone. In the future, a larger parks budget could allow for maintenance on "natural areas."
- 8 This would be sad that one would give a group of less than a few hundred the ability to downgrade a park to almost nonexistence just because they like another one better and because they have little or no experience with another. Some underutilized parks like the 9th Street Park isn't used like originally envisioned because the City has not put in recommended improvements as they know they should.

M2.2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling under-utilized parks

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr							
7-Apr	This question was not asked at the public input sessions. It was introduced in						
9-Apr	the online survey to provide clearer results on the subject of creating a more manageable parks system.						
Online	16	9	13	14	8	60	2.82
Total	16	9	13	14	8	60	2.82

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr							
7-Apr	This question was not asked at the public input sessions. It was introduced in						
9-Apr	the online survey to provide clearer results on the subject of creating a more manageable parks system.						
Online	11	8	26	11	4	60	2.82
Total	11	8	26	11	4	60	2.82

Comments:

- 1 we preserve our green space, perhaps finding why the space it's being under utilized.
- 2 We don't need developers ruining our community.. Transition them to natural areas
- 3

I'd only want this sort thing done a last measure and in the areas where there are more than one accessible parks/natural areas. Some areas the parkland should be kept, even if its under used right now because of future growth, but here people tend to think more of the right now and have passed some pretty dumb things that have ended up hindering the town rather than helping, so I don' t really trust their "public approval process". That would be the same public who voted to move the college out by the airport and were ignored, who shot down the round about (and were ignored), whose children voted for a zoo/animal themed park with a zipline at Tapiola and got a miniature town with badly placed benches instead.
- 4 I wouldn't want the properties to be developed if sold. If they have to be sold there should be stipulations.
- 5 Don't sell anything!
- 6 We need to preserve the park space that we have, but determining what people will use the space for is important.
- 7 Though the money would help in the short term guaranteed green space would be appreciated more.
- 8 Public space is valuable and not easily found, once sold.
- 9 potential for the creation of workforce/affordable housing opportunities
- 10 Is this talking about the cemetery? Then, yes, the cemetery in Warrenton should be sold.
- 11

9th Street Park should never be considered for this and I don't think any other should either. How can we foresee the future and the needs of future residents. We need to maintain our options for future users. Why would you allow a current park to be sold/destroyed for another building which would make it almost impossible to reclaim as a park. As our City embraces more affordable housing at higher density we are going to need more park lands --- Not less. Apartment dwellers need parks more than home owners. Think of the Future and do not sale our Future.

M3: Increase volunteerism

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	0	0	10	11	4.52
7-Apr	0	1	5	3	3	12	3.67
9-Apr	0	0	0	9	14	23	4.61
Online	0	2	7	33	19	61	4.13
Total	0	3	12	55	47	117	4.25

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	1	7	8	16	4.44
7-Apr	0	2	3	7	8	20	4.05
9-Apr	0	0	0	12	6	18	4.33
Online	2	3	16	32	7	60	3.65
Total	2	5	20	58	29	114	3.94

Comments:

- 1 Maybe too much money is being spent on too many studies? Volunteering is fine, but the city has a responsibility, and can not depend on volunteers. We pay high property taxes and expect the city to fulfill its responsibilities.
- 2 I think, however, that you would need to have the dept be self sufficient for the foundational costs of running a basic parks and rec program. The volunteer things would be for extras that enrich the department, so that if relying on volunteers failed, the enrichment things might go away but the basic department would still be able to operate.
- 3 Get the schools involved. All of them are required volunteer hours to graduate.
- 4 It would be cool to involve schools also. I know the kids in the fourth grade recently cut down scotch broom at Coffenburg. They'd love a field trip to
- 5 This would solve so many problems!
- 6 Let's be real, no one's going to step up. They always say they will but never do. Parks and Rec could do more advanced notice of chip in events at times but generally does a great job. Especially with the online presence
- 7 Involve the schools, Job Corps and other local organizations.
- 8 Like with any volunteer organization it will be the same few people doing all the work.
- 9 if you have groups willing to help with some maintenance at a park, make sure the parks dept still helps in other areas and communicate with the people taking some maintenance over.
- 10 Volunteers often take more effort to coordinate than the work they produce
- 11 I've heard of CHIP-in, but have no idea what it means/stands for...
- 12 Eagle Scout projects!
- 13 CCSO / inmate utilization. Community service (1 upvote)
- 14 What has been done to reach out to existing groups like the Sierra Club or Audubon.... or..... Senior Citizens groups or always have a recruiting table at the Sunday market. Teacher Groups or their classes. What about the groups like the Moose or Masons or ...There are so many Groups in which to tap into. I am not sure this has been done.

M4: Establish an official Adopt-A-Park program

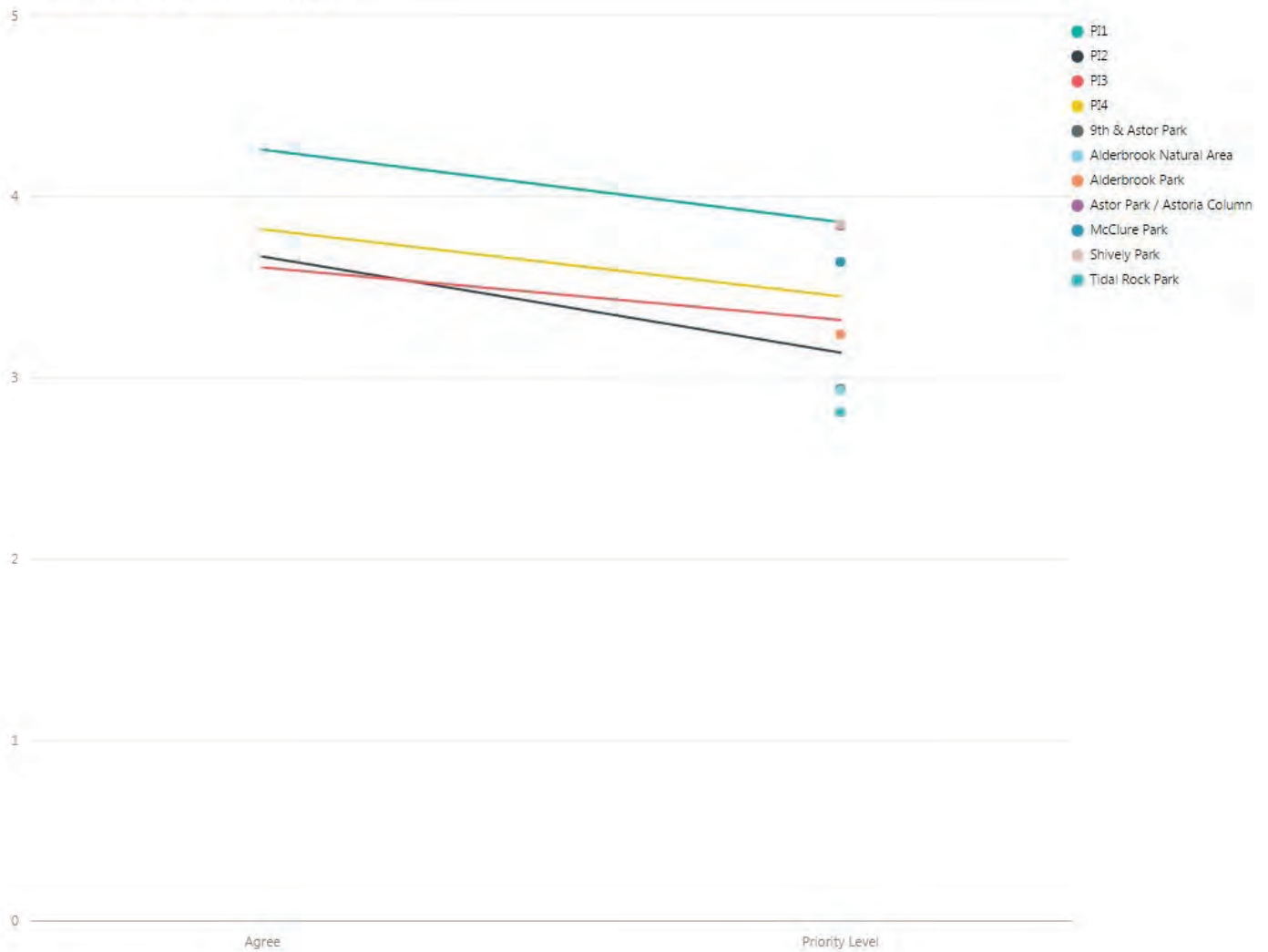
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	2	10	8	20	4.30
7-Apr	2	0	2	4	2	10	3.40
9-Apr	0	0	0	9	14	23	4.61
Online	1	4	4	36	17	62	4.03
Total	3	4	8	59	41	115	4.14

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	2	10	6	18	4.22
7-Apr	2	0	4	1	1	8	2.88
9-Apr	0	0	0	10	12	22	4.55
Online	3	6	18	26	7	60	3.47
Total	5	6	24	47	26	108	3.77

Comments:

- 1 Dog Park would be great for community....Everyone has to go to Warrenton. People from all over go to the dog park
- 2 Provides necessary structure for volunteer maintenance of parks. If there is no interest in caring for a low-use park, consider possibly selling the space if no one truly wants to use or maintain it. -Although, taxes are supposed to support maintenance, so if people seem to use it and just don't want to volunteer to caretake it, the park should remain open.
- 3 Ask groups that may want to adopt parks during certain parts of the year and have the parks dept take over at other times of the year.
- 4 Volunteers are not reliable, it's nice if they are willing to help out but you cannot solely rely on them
- 5 City would need to explore possible liability issues i.e. injuries to group members, public
- 6 Adopt trail & riverwalk - could be portions done by businesses, families, clubs, master gardeners.
- 7 Yes, Yes, Yes. If, however, it becomes too formal then I think you will discourage volunteers. You should reach out to the volunteers for their park and ask them for suggestions on the best way to help maintain and enhance the park.

Planning Initiatives



Planning

P1: Capital Projects

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	1	8	6	15	4.33
7-Apr	0	0	1	0	1	10	12	4.67
9-Apr	2	2	2	0	3	10	17	4.00
Online	0	2	2	4	33	20	59	4.20
Total	2	5	5	5	45	46	103	4.24

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted	
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes	Average	
6-Apr	0	0	5	6	2	13	3.77	
7-Apr	0	1	0	2	5	8	4.38	
9-Apr	0	0	2	4	1	7	3.86	
Online	0	3	19	24	12	58	3.78	
Total	0	4	26	36	20	86	3.84	

Comments:

- 1 Oceanview Cemetery should always be well maintained
- 2 Nothing new without community support
- 3 Public input is good, but sometimes getting too many opinions and input can slow the process down too much
- 4 This should always be the plan.
- 5 We don't need any more parks! Quit spending our tax dollars! I can barely afford my home now! A lot of our homes are being bought by out of area people. How does tourism wages support family's as a whole? What about the traffic?
- 6 Fred Lindstrom park needs a bathroom.
- 7 Need a bathroom at peter pan park ASAP. Also it seems like the gym planning has been kind of haphazard but I could be wrong
- 8 The 9th Street Park deserves some improvements. I wants families having playtime and even some picnics at the 9th Street park. Putting some minor things like lights, curb cuts for wheel chairs or even tables designed for Chess.Checkers would be good. All would add little to maintenance, but they would enhance the park. This is where the Chinese Heritage Park should have been built or at least more needs to be done at this location to honor these people who help make Astoria. Do Not Sale this park. It is the Best location to do more to honor the Chinese who worked and lived in this area of our City.

P2: Visitor and Non-Resident Use Study

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	0	6	5	16	3.94
7-Apr	0	1	1	5	4	12	3.58
9-Apr	0	0	0	1	5	12	4.42
Online	4	2	2	23	21	58	3.47
Total	4	3	3	35	35	98	3.67

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	3	3	1	3	2	13	3.23
7-Apr	1	1	2	6	2	11	2.82
9-Apr	0	0	0	0	6	7	4.14
Online	5	5	8	27	12	57	3.07
Total	9	9	11	36	22	88	3.15

Comments:

- 1 Donation boxes would be a good idea. Not fee boxes . Locals shouldn't have to pay fees especially the "So sorry you live in Svensen fee."
- 2 Why? To add fees?
- 3 I am not sure of your point above....if you study the impact of tourism economy, what will you do with that information?
- 4 The city needs to cater more to the needs of the locals. Tourists are starting to take over nearly every aspect of our town. We need some sort of respite from tourists.
- 5 It would be interesting data to collect, but I think there could another department that could take the lead.
- 6 Don't spend thousands of dollars on a study
- 7
When we visit my father in North Bend, Oregon we go to three places...The library (because it has an AMAZING space for children unlike our tiny, dark cramped one here), the swimming pool (the kids LOVE swimming in a different place with different things..they have a small slide and rope swing and pool floats and toys there), and Mingus Park (which needs help maintaining their playground structures, but is a wonderful place to walk and sightsee because of the gardens, ponds, and trails). I rarely see tourists at our parks and never in our pool and I think that's a shame because I think many tourists would utilize the pool especially if it still had the workout room. I always think we should have a brochure with our parks and things to do in it that should be in every hotel/motel/B&B...Instead they have brochures sending people to Cannon Beach and Lincoln City. lol
- 8 Time/\$ shouldn't be used to officially study impact on tourism, but should be kept in mind when making decisions
- 9 Waste of time & money to create a study on this criteria. Parks are for everyone who come to the city.
- 10 We r a tourism city keep them coming back hogwash on visitor local!
Don't spend \$ on this! Ask for more tax from the lodging to help maintain!
- 11 The Parks Dept. is currently a district with only Astoria taxpayers contributing
- 12 If explored, the non-residents should not have to pay more.
- 13 Things like the riverwalk and cathedral tree trail are priceless examples
- 14 Some parks like the 9th Street Park work very nicely to open up a view of our City and hills to the Riverwalk users. This park also is a nice opening to the businesses on 9th and 10th Street.

P3: Combined Recreation Center Feasibility Study

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	5	0	0	0	6	9	20	3.70
7-Apr	0	0	0	3	2	5	10	4.20
9-Apr	7	2	2	3	4	5	21	2.90
Online	5	6	12	12	14	22	59	3.71
Total	17	8	18	18	26	41	110	3.60

	Lowest Priority				Highest Priority		Total Votes	Weighted Average
		Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority				
6-Apr	5	1	1	6	6		19	3.37
7-Apr	0	3	4	1	2		10	3.20
9-Apr	4	1	2	4	2		13	2.92
Online	5	7	17	16	12		57	3.40
Total	14	12	24	27	22		99	3.31

Comments:

- 1 I think that it would be a great thing to have the facilities all in one place but i don't know if that is a high priority or not.
- 2 One site is preferred
- 3 I think this sort of thing would also appeal to tourists and help bring in revenue if it were advertised properly as a place for the kids to have fun while travelling parents get in their workout....
- 4 Having both facilities means that people who rely on public transportation have better access to indoor recreation and classes.
- 5 Please!!!
- 6 I've been to other small cities where this has happened and its amazing how much it brings the community together, I recommend this as the highest priority, active daycare/kids classes while the parents work out-best if it could all be at the pool
- 7 If building a consolidated facility would cause other parks in the City to lose maintenance funding or result in the sale of parks to pay for it, then I would be Very Much Against it.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	4		0	1	7	16	3.44
7-Apr	0		0	3	2	11	4.27
9-Apr	2		1	1	6	17	3.88
Online	4		2	9	29	59	3.83
Total	10		3	14	44	103	3.83

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	3		2	2	4	14	3.14
7-Apr	1		0	5	3	10	3.30
9-Apr	2		1	3	7	16	3.50
Online	1		4	25	18	58	3.55
Total	7		7	35	32	98	3.46

Comments:

- 1** It seems like the same type of employee who works in the parks would also work at the cemetery, so there must be a consolidation of duties when it is overseen by the pRks and rec dept. if it was separated from parks and rec but run by the city would there be redundancies in the staffing?
- 2** Currently 80% of people in Oregon opt for cremation. I would like to see the possibility of a new mausoleum or columbarium built.
- 3** I'm not sure why we have a parks and rec cemetery...does it generate revenue? If it does, then keeping it may be beneficial to the community.
- 4** This is not a place for Rec., this should be on its own or City Maintained!
- 5** Focus should be on parks actually in Astoria.
- 6** It is ridiculous. That grieving families have to plan a funeral around the schedule of maintenance workers. The worker's schedule needs to be flexible to accommodate the public they service.
- 7** Sell it.
- 8** Can the library manage the administration of the cemetery?
- 9** Sell the cemetery
- 10** This Master Plan should already be operational.

P5: Site-specific park plans

9th & Astor Park

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	2	1	4	5	3	15	3.40
7-Apr	0	4	2	4	0	10	3.00
9-Apr	4	0	2	1	3	10	2.90
Online	7	6	32	8	2	55	2.85
Total	13	11	40	18	8	90	2.97

Alderbrook Natural Area

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	3	2	2	3	0	10	2.50
7-Apr	0	3	2	4	0	9	3.11
9-Apr	1	0	1	3	3	8	3.88
Online	5	8	33	9	0	55	2.84
Total	9	13	38	19	3	82	2.93

Alderbrook Park

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	2	1	2	8	0	13	3.23
7-Apr	1	1	5	1	0	8	2.75
9-Apr	0	0	3	3	3	9	4.00
Online	2	5	30	17	1	55	3.18
Total	5	7	40	29	4	85	3.24

Astor Park / Astoria Column

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	1	1	3	5	5	15	3.80
7-Apr	0	0	2	6	2	10	4.00
9-Apr	1	0	0	3	6	10	4.30
Online	1	8	12	21	15	57	3.72
Total	3	9	17	35	28	92	3.83

McClure Park

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	1	0	4	5	5	15	3.87
7-Apr	0	1	0	2	3	6	4.17
9-Apr	0	0	5	1	10	16	4.31
Online	1	7	27	15	6	56	3.32
Total	2	8	36	23	24	93	3.63

Shively Park

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	2	7	9	18	4.39
7-Apr	0	1	1	6	2	10	3.90
9-Apr	0	0	2	3	7	12	4.42
Online	0	5	21	25	5	56	3.54
Total	0	6	26	41	23	96	3.84

Tidal Rock Park

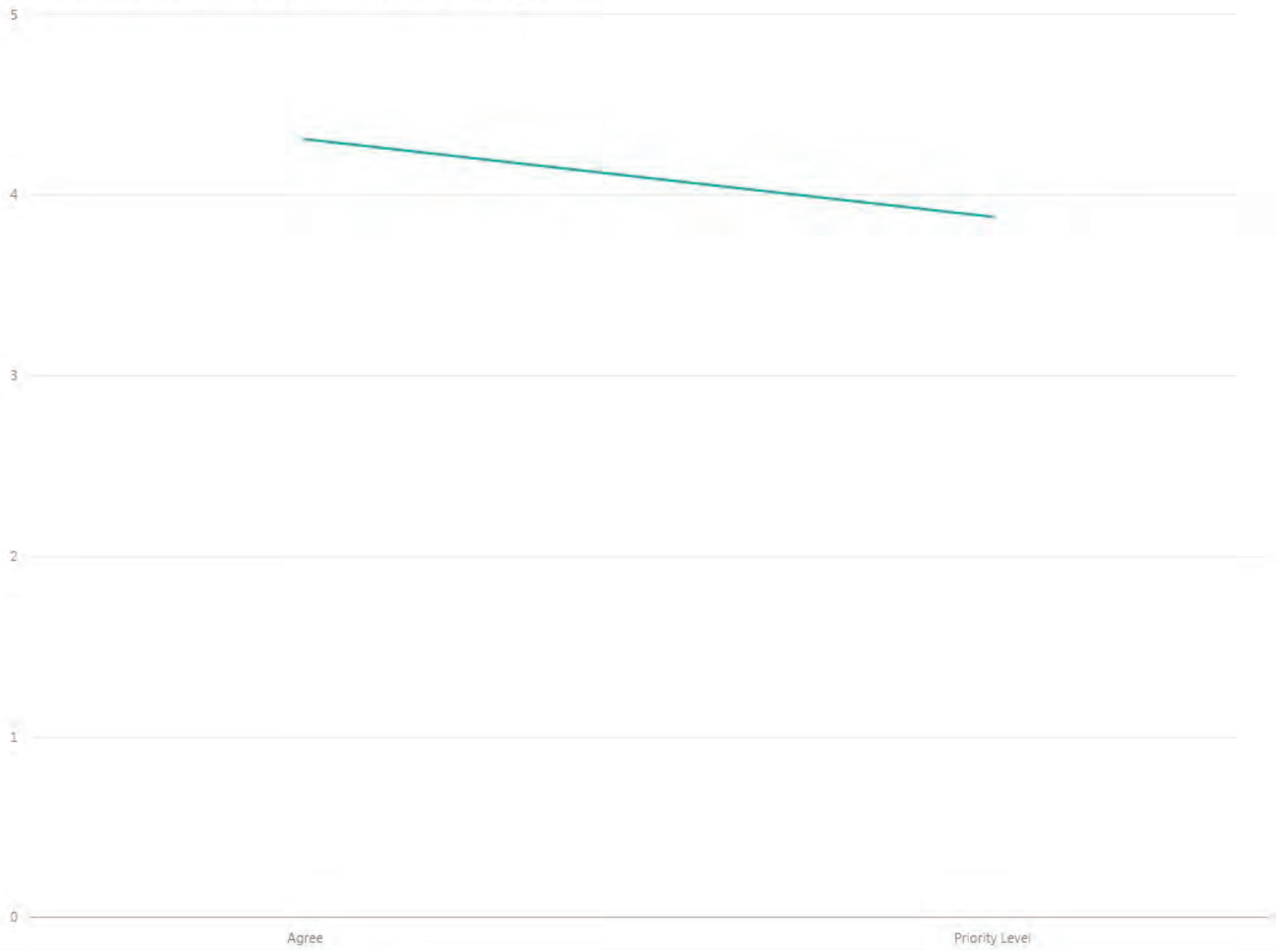
	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	4	0	3	6	0	13	2.85
7-Apr	2	0	2	3	1	8	3.13
9-Apr	0	2	2	1	1	6	3.17
Online	6	10	31	8	0	55	2.75
Total	12	12	38	18	2	82	2.83

Comments:

- 1 I chose neutral as i don't have enough info to answe these questions.
- 2 Astor Park makes enough to hire a part time maintenance Staff! FOMP can take this on!
- 3 Shivery Hall bathrooms need attention. We had to keep mopping up water from the basement from in front of the bathrooms. The facilities are very unpleasant.
- 4 Although out of the way all parks in family areas are beneficial to everyone in maintaining family values in the community
- 5 We need a dog park!
- 6 Astor Park needs more trees, trails on hill.
- 7 Master Plans are great in theory... Will it really be used?

- 8 The City should make the 9th Street Park better. I suggested three simple ideas above for improving this park, but there are others. Most days of the year I walk by this park and see its use -- both physically and just as part of a viewscape for the City. You can look up pocket parks and see what other City's do to with small areas to make their City a better and safer place in which to live.

Communications & Marketing



Communications & Marketing

C1: Improve the organization and availability of information

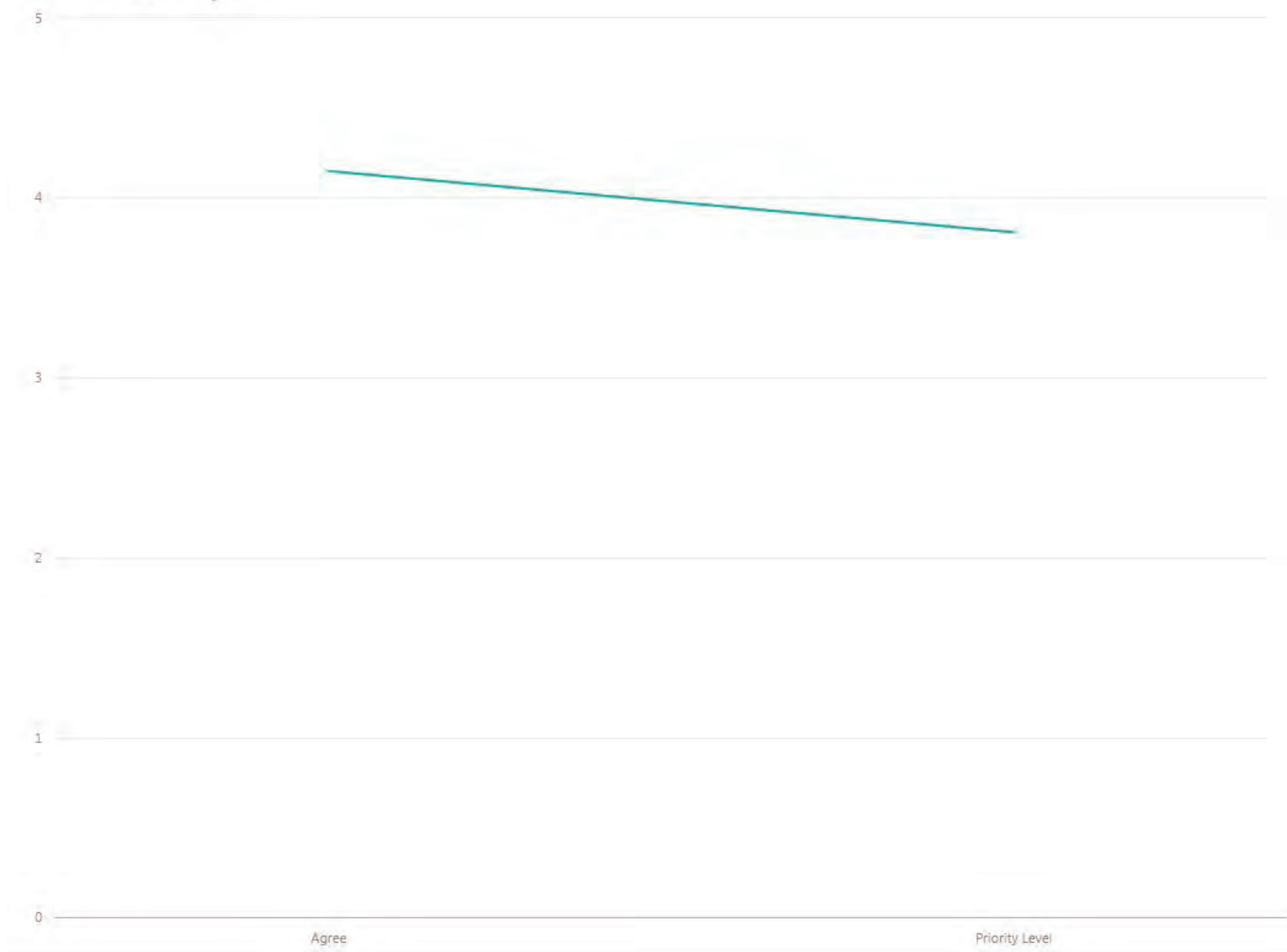
	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree			Total Votes	Weighted Average
	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree				
6-Apr	0	1	1	8	9		19	4.32
7-Apr	0	0	1	5	8		14	4.50
9-Apr	0	0	0	6	10		16	4.63
Online	1	0	8	26	22		57	4.19
Total	1	1	10	45	49		106	4.32

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	3	1	9	5	18	3.89
7-Apr	0	0	2	9	2	13	4.00
9-Apr	0	0	0	8	0	8	4.00
Online	1	3	14	22	15	55	3.85
Total	1	6	17	48	22	94	3.89

Comments:

- 1 Seems like this is most important...if you are doing a good job people need to know.
- 2 Get a younger person with more familiarity with social media
- 3 Hard to even find where parks are. Have lived in seaside 25 years and don't even know all Astoria park locations (now work in ast)
- 4 Better communications would be a great way to get people interested in the parks again.
- 5 this should be full time and high priority
- 6 Oh great another tax payer job!
- 7 Separate fee structure for ARC classes and swimming facilities. Quarterly card covers both but I only use one.
- 8 I feel like the info distribution is well done!
- 9 Increase Transparency and easy access to needed information for not only future actions, but also past actions is very important.

Partnerships



Partnerships:

P1: Utilize partnerships to build synergy

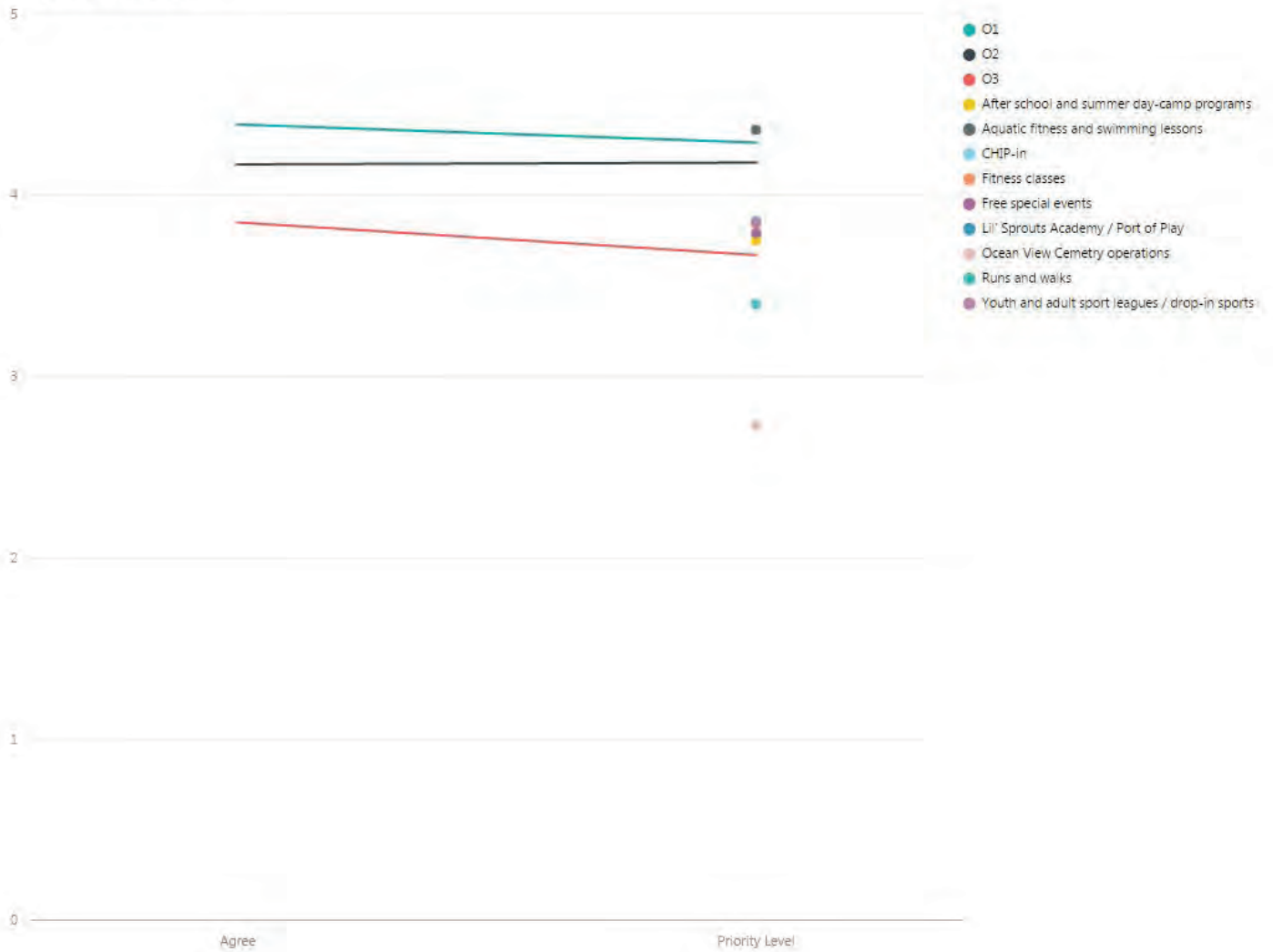
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	1	9	10	20	4.45
7-Apr	0	0	0	5	3	5	13	4.00
9-Apr	1	0	0	2	4	9	16	4.25
Online	0	0	2	11	26	18	57	4.05
Total	1	0	2	19	42	42	106	4.15

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted	
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes	Average	
6-Apr	0	1	3	10	5	19	4.00	
7-Apr	0	1	4	3	4	12	3.83	
9-Apr	0	0	1	6	7	14	4.43	
Online	2	6	17	18	12	55	3.58	
Total	2	8	25	37	28	100	3.81	

Comments:

- 1 Come on this should already be happening!
- 2 When goals are as universally "fine" as these are, most everyone "agrees". Ask some questions that contrast one METHOD with another to get clearer feedback.
- 3 Use CAT property across from Safeway for community garden, adopted by locals. CAT would trade to city for cost of taxes owed.
- 4 Communicate specific needs to the public, i.e. we need "x" donated. (1 upvote)
- 5 AVA public art partnership
- 6 Who will do this for the City and each partner organization? I see this as a good idea, but not worth a lot of extra time by paid staff.

Operations



Operations:

O1: Increase staffing levels

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	0	4	15	19	4.79
7-Apr	0	0	0	0	2	11	13	4.85
9-Apr	1	0	0	2	8	5	16	4.00
Online	1	2	2	3	26	24	56	4.25
Total	2	2	2	5	40	55	104	4.38

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes	Average
6-Apr	0	0	0	7	11	18	4.61
7-Apr	0	0	0	1	10	11	4.91
9-Apr	0	0	1	4	4	9	4.33
Online	0	5	9	18	21	53	4.04
Total	0	5	10	30	46	91	4.29

Comments:

- 1 This is a great idea....not sure what you will need to give up to get to better staffing levels.
- 2 More boots on the ground yes, butts in office chairs NO
- 3 Some of this will be helped with Friends groups and volunteers and partnerships...
- 4 Use this person as a all around park person! Can do computer, mow lawn, plus!
- 5 Balance staffing with offered programs and services.
- 6 Staff needs to be based on programs offered. So far you don't offer activities that meet my needs
- 7 Not without extensive research into feasibility, impact on City budget and necessity.
- 8 More volunteers. (1 upvote)
- 9 Increasing staff, must be done without selling existing parks and cutting back on the maintenance of existing parks.

O2: Seek out additional sources of revenue

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	1	7	8	16	4.44
7-Apr	0	1	1	1	9	12	4.50
9-Apr	1	0	1	6	9	17	4.29
Online	2	5	4	26	20	57	4.00
Total	3	6	7	40	46	102	4.18

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	2	9	4	15	4.13
7-Apr	0	0	1	1	9	11	4.73
9-Apr	0	0	0	5	4	9	4.44
Online	1	3	7	25	19	55	4.05
Total	1	3	10	40	36	90	4.19

Comments:

- 1 I am not sure what you have in mind...a parks and rec foundation? Or?
- 2 Better this than raising our fees for service.
- 3 Think we need to get our current projects generating revenue first....
- 4 Maybe need a volunteer who specializes in grants. Or a temporary position.
- 5 Use the new lodging taxes to pay for new staff!
- 6 Look at cutting programs that are not used. Expanding/consolidating facilities could increase revenue.
- 7 Private sources
- 8 But not privatize
- 9 Tap into "Promote Astoria" funds: Chamber of Commerce
- 10 The sooner you do this the better. I hope you reach out far and wide to provide a list of possible revenue sources.

O3: Focus on core services

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree			Total Votes	Weighted Average
	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree				
6-Apr	1	1	1	7	5		15	3.93
7-Apr	0	0	5	4	2		11	3.73
9-Apr	1	1	2	8	3		15	3.73
Online	2	4	12	21	17		56	3.84
Total	4	6	20	40	27		97	3.82

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted	
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes	Average	
6-Apr	1	0	0	10	3	14	4.00	
7-Apr	0	0	7	2	1	10	3.40	
9-Apr	0	0	1	6	0	7	3.86	
Online	1	3	24	17	9	54	3.56	
Total	2	3	32	35	13	85	3.64	

Comments:

- 1 What are "core" services and what are outside the "core"? How can I answer this question without all the information?
- 2 I think this is true...in order to survive the dept will need to adapt to societal changes, but there should still be a piece reserved for things that may not be super popular but still needed by a certain segment of the population.
- 3 Perhaps people are not aware of the lower utilized services
- 4 Programs need to be development for all members of the community
- 5 Childcare is not a core service. Has there been an accounting of how many small business, and home childcare businesses were closed as a result of Lil Sprouts?
- 6 You continually push this point through the questionnaire. I guess teachers who are overworked should just cut back on the services they provide our children-- perhaps not teach science this year. The answer to that is no and the answer to cutting back on the maintenance of our parks also needs to be NO!

O4: What are the core services?

After school and summer day-camp programs

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	1	6	3	4	14	3.71
7-Apr	0	0	3	5	3	11	4.00
9-Apr	1	0	0	7	5	13	4.15
Online	3	5	13	23	10	54	3.59
Total	4	6	22	38	22	92	3.74

Aquatic fitness and swimming lessons

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	1	0	4	9	14	4.50
7-Apr	0	0	0	4	7	11	4.64
9-Apr	0	0	1	1	13	15	4.80
Online	1	0	8	28	18	55	4.13
Total	1	1	9	37	47	95	4.35

CHIP-in (Citizens Helping Improve Parks)

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	1	0	2	5	9	17	4.24
7-Apr	0	0	4	5	1	10	3.70
9-Apr	0	0	1	6	5	12	4.33
Online	0	4	17	26	8	55	3.69
Total	1	4	24	42	23	94	3.87

Fitness classes

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	1	9	7	17	4.35
7-Apr	0	1	1	5	4	11	4.09
9-Apr	1	0	1	9	6	17	4.12
Online	2	5	18	22	8	55	3.53
Total	3	6	21	45	25	100	3.83

Free special events (Movies in the Park, Monster Bash, Easter Egg Hunts, etc)

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	4	6	5	15	4.07
7-Apr	1	2	2	5	3	13	3.54
9-Apr	0	1	5	4	7	17	4.00
Online	1	6	16	17	14	54	3.69
Total	2	9	27	32	29	99	3.78

Lil' Sprouts Academy / Port of Play

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	3	8	3	14	4.00
7-Apr	0	0	3	3	7	13	4.31
9-Apr	0	1	5	2	5	13	3.85
Online	4	3	15	16	16	54	3.69
Total	4	4	26	29	31	94	3.84

Ocean View Cemetery operations

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	7	0	0	4	4	15	2.87
7-Apr	6	2	4	1	0	13	2.00
9-Apr	3	2	2	1	4	12	3.08
Online	11	16	8	13	7	55	2.80
Total	27	20	14	19	15	95	2.74

Runs and walks (Fun Run, Gobbler Gallop, Run on the River)

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	2	1	1	4	6	14	3.79
7-Apr	4	0	1	6	2	13	3.15
9-Apr	0	1	5	4	5	15	3.87
Online	4	8	21	14	7	54	3.22
Total	10	10	28	28	20	96	3.40

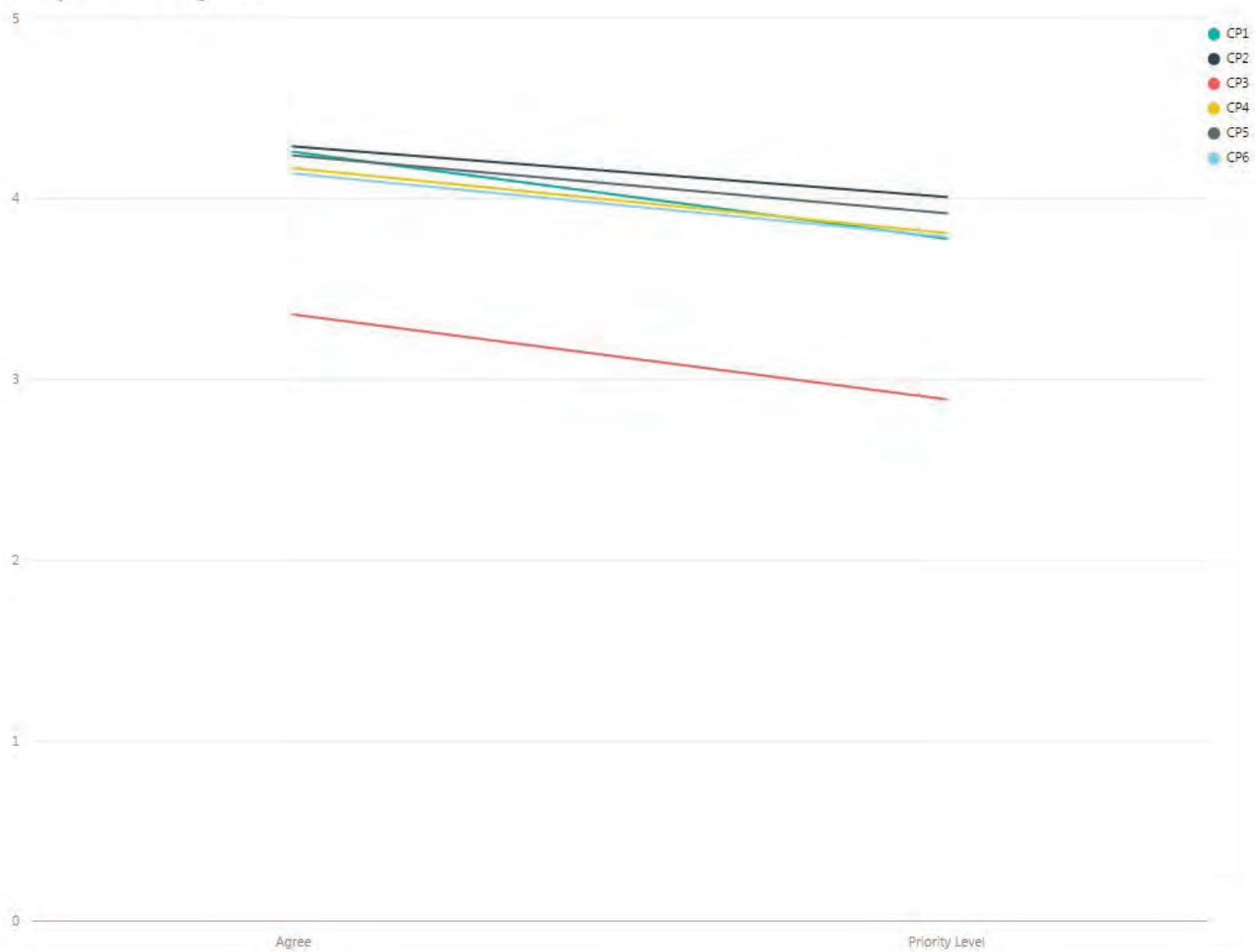
Youth and adult sport leagues / drop-in sports

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	3	1	2	5	6	17	3.59
7-Apr	0	0	4	6	2	12	3.83
9-Apr	0	1	3	3	7	14	4.14
Online	1	4	11	24	14	54	3.85
Total	4	6	20	38	29	97	3.85

Comments:

- 1 Youth leagues should continue adult leagues should be self funded
- 2 Youth sports a much higher priority. Adult sports league should and could be paying more to help support parks and rec.
- 3 Question 04 should of been 03.
- 4 The fun runs and adult leagues could generate more revenue of there were more of them
- 5 There is not much going on in the summer for locals needy children need activities!
- 6 We need places and things to keep kids active and daycare facilities. Lil' Sprouts is an amazing facility.
- 7 Our young people need things to do so they will be less likely to cause problems stemmed from boredom.
- 8 we love lil sprouts run as it is through parks. don't change lil sprouts please. Erin is super!
- 9 Need to develop activities for the older population. Chair yoga, tai chi gentle exercise
- 10 Once again, how many fitness businesses could have potentially been paying business/property taxes if the Park's Dept. hadn't gone into the fitness business.
- 11 Would like to see more offered for toddlers & preschoolers year round... ie classes / organized sports
- 12 We should pay less as a parent with a child using the pool - not \$7.50. (1 upvote)
- 13 Seaside pool has cheaper, and longer, and MORE swim lessons avaialable.
- 14 More special-ed options
- 15 Severe shortage of child care in the area - expand Lil' Sprouts!
- 16 We live in a low wage area, so why are all the runs so expensive! Lower cost so more can
- 17 One-day summer classes to sign up for.
- 18 Why did you ask Q3 if we have this question?

Capital Projects



Capital Projects

C1: Extend the usable hours and improve safety along the River Walk by installing lighting between the Columbia River Maritime Museum (17th Street) and Pier 39 (39th Street).

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	1	3	5	9	18	4.22
7-Apr	0	1	0	4	7	12	4.42
9-Apr	1	1	2	4	22	30	4.50
Online	2	3	6	21	24	56	4.11
Total	3	6	11	34	62	116	4.26

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	1	3	4	8	16	4.19
7-Apr	0	2	3	7	0	12	3.42
9-Apr	1	0	2	5	12	20	4.35
Online	3	6	16	19	11	55	3.53
Total	4	9	24	35	31	103	3.78

Comments:

- 1 Pier 39 should find this if it wants the extended minimal walking business.
- 2 Would rather see more bike patrol officers along river walk. Seems to be more transients and panhandlers along the river walk.
- 3 Safety is a very important issue on the River walk, but lighting will distort it's character and urbanize it.
- 4 Get the transients and drug users off the Riverwalk
- 5 Get local businesses to install more lighting to help offset cost
- 6 Why is there NOT lighting on ANY of the Riverwalk? lol It's the day and age of suing.....First tourist who stumbles is gonna cost the City a lot of money.....
- 7 Depends on cost
- 8 It's safe same people r there in the day as well as night!
- 9 Use of solar lights would fit this need and protect the budget.
- 10 Very high cost to install and maintain. Encourage people to walk in groups and carry their own bright lights.
- 11 I agree that safety is a high priority, but I wonder if use would really increase with lighting, since we'll still have the issue of transients along the Riverwalk.
- 12 Yes! Would love to see some mellow lighting added to that side of the riverwalk. Perhaps something like the low-rise lights on the west end of the riverwalk.
- 13 Only after the cost and ongoing maintenance has been determined.
- 14 Lighting between 3rd and 7th Streets, as well as from 10th to 11th is also important
- 15 For those who live between downtown and 39th, night time walks are important and necessary but need better lighting
- 16 Downlit path lighting please!
- 17 It is because of your homeless being drunk on the River Walk
- 18 Many sweet kind human beings to befriend
- 19 Solar charged LED lighting (2 upvotes)
- 20 Why is the River Walk part of P&R?
- 21 We need lighting west of 17th Street too.
- 22 Keep fixtures low to avoid light pollution
- 23 Again if this is done, then it must be done without selling any existing parks and reducing maintenance at existing parks to provide funding. I walk the other direction from the Maritime Museum and suggest all directions should be treated equally. My direction also has many tourists from hotels to whom we should also cater.

C2: Repair, upgrade, or replace playground equipment at key neighborhood parks.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	1	9	7	17	4.35
7-Apr	0	0	0	0	5	6	11	4.55
9-Apr	0	0	0	2	6	1	9	3.89
Online	1	1	1	5	27	23	57	4.23
Total	1	1	1	8	47	37	94	4.26

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Total Votes	Weighted Average
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority					
6-Apr	0	2	1	9	4		16	3.94
7-Apr	0	0	0	5	6		11	4.55
9-Apr	0	1	1	3	2		7	3.86
Online	1	4	10	26	15		56	3.89
Total	1	7	12	43	27		90	3.98

Comments:

- 1 The city is lucky it has not been sued for lack of title 1 access. This should be first priority now that the City has acknowledged the non compliant architectural barriers
- 2 Tapiola is the only decent park
- 3 Again this would provide for the young families in need of entertainment for kids.
- 4 Please don't fill the playgrounds with ADA equipment like the merry-go-round at Peter Pan Park! That is useless for most kids and has become a place for teens to sit and talk. Our kids need some risk in their play!
- 5 I watched a man urinate at the park while my child was playing! It was the last time I took her there! It was the nicest park in town! He smiled at me as he urinated. Ps I doubt that he spoke English!!! I'm not racist but WTF?
- 6 Will not have my grandchildren play at alderbrook swings. I find in general the play equipment is dirty especially at tapiola.
- 7 Accessibility for all children is important but the specific number of parks should be determined by cost.
- 8 I watch people with small children along the Riverwalk. I can tell when the Children need to do something else. Again the 9th Street Park could play a major role by having playground equipment for these children and providing some relief for parents. Just Do It!!

C3: Within the existing parks system, designate an off-leash dog area or construct a fenced-in dog park.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	8		1	4	3	25	3.16
7-Apr	0		5	3	1	11	3.00
9-Apr	4		0	3	3	23	3.91
Online	10		3	14	21	57	3.28
Total	22		9	24	28	116	3.35

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	9		0	3	7	23	2.87
7-Apr	4		2	3	2	11	2.27
9-Apr	3		4	1	3	17	3.29
Online	12		9	14	13	55	2.89
Total	28		15	21	25	106	2.89

Comments:

1 This is a good idea. A good use of an under utilized park..

2

We have so many places to walk dogs all ready and a park in Hammond for them so I don't htink this is a high priority just now, BUT....If it's in an exisiting park it woul dhave to be carefully chosen. Some sites that were suggested before were very poor because they were right beside busy high traffic streets, were in far away out of the way places, or were in busy children-filled parks with noisy kids and where the community uses the land for various things throughout the year. Love the rich guy who wanted it built in Tapiola park becuase his house is across the street. Who needs Easter Egg hunts and barbecues anyways? lol My moms dogs would FREAK at all the skateboards and bikes there.

3 Fenced in

4 It would be nice as a dig owner to have a place besides our small yards to play with our four-legged family members

5 Tapiola park green space would be perfect, especially considering the bathroom facilities already there.

6 Really tired of dogs our in public. We have left parks because of dogs running off leash.

7 Use a park that has less other activities going on around it. I have been at sports parks in Portland with dog parks next door and it takes away from the sports activity.

8 Indoor dog park. SE Portland has one by REED College.

9

The low rent market shares these issues about where pets are welcome. Look and listen for teaming home owners, renters and animal lovers.

10 I am sure it will happen and it is deserved, but I am not sure how much paid city staff time should be involved to make it happen until towards the end of the process.

C4: Install a permanent restroom facility at Fred Lindstrom (aka Peter Pan) Park.

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree			Total Votes	Weighted Average
	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree				
6-Apr	0	0	2	7	9		18	4.39
7-Apr	1	0	3	0	9		13	4.23
9-Apr	0	0	4	5	12		21	4.38
Online	4	2	5	26	20		57	3.98
Total	5	2	14	38	50		109	4.16

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Total Votes	Weighted Average
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority					
6-Apr	0	0	4	7	5		16	4.06
7-Apr	1	0	3	6	2		12	3.67
9-Apr	0	0	4	6	3		13	3.92
Online	4	1	15	22	14		56	3.73
Total	5	1	26	41	24		97	3.80

Comments:

- 1 As much as it its needed, it would do nothing but attract transients for their use as a shelter/shoot up drugs place.
- 2 Keep the porta potty, a restroom will only attract drug use, vandals and upkeep.
- 3 My daughter helped a moms group raise money for this as her senior project
- 4 YES YES YESAnd thanks for the second picnic table, but we can still use another two!
- 5 Purchase a per made Restroom or one staph type!
- 6 This would be of great service.
- 7 Right now people use the wooded stream area.
- 8 Only if it can be maintained.
- 9 With our weather, only half the year is used. Port a potty should be fine
- 10 Only after other parks have been eliminated or are maintained by volunteers/groups.
- 11 Although I heard this has already been discussed...
- 12 The Peter Pan market is very good about letting the children use their restrooms. A public restroom would be very nice to have there, depending on placement and upkeep. If it doesn't happen, I would hope that the market would continue to be gracious enough to let the children use their facilities. A big thank you to them!!
- 13 Hate the name still PETER PAN! Why rename - keep old names.
- 14 Agree as long as these cumulative suggestions in this survey do not require the sale of existing parks or a reduction in maintenance.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	0	12	6	18	4.33
7-Apr	0	0	0	1	4	7	12	4.50
9-Apr	0	0	0	1	7	16	24	4.63
Online	2	1	8	31	15	57	57	3.98
Total	2	1	10	54	44	111	111	4.23

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted Average	
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes		
6-Apr	0	0	0	10	5	15	4.33	
7-Apr	0	0	1	6	5	12	4.33	
9-Apr	0	0	2	3	12	17	4.59	
Online	2	4	21	20	8	55	3.51	
Total	2	4	24	39	30	99	3.92	

Comments:

- 1 Walkability makes a city desirable.
- 2 Need to make more known
- 3 We have so many trails!
- 4 This would increase our ability to enjoy our great town.
- 5 place directional signs for the falls.
- 6 Only after outside commitments have been made. Due to weather conditions these trails could become a maintenance/liability nightmare.
- 7 invaluable asset to the health of residents, attractiveness to visitors, and quality of living-see numerous examples of how this makes cities a desirable place to live
- 8 Wayfinding!
- 9 Cathedral trail - column trail needs a new traction surface on wood sections and steps (no-slip surface)
- 10 Connect rough trails between Grand. Floral Alameda for trail and sidewalks around point and safe walk to River Walk.
- 11 Stroller friendly please!
- 12 Trail from James Street to the Stadium
- 13 Shively Loop to Power Line Trail below - Youngs Bay Overlook along Pipeline - to the west.
- 14 Have clear consistent signage... And share w/ community partners, e.g. Chamber, tour groups, etc.
- 15 Signage and information in Spanish (2 upvotes)
- 16 Map of trails
- 17 Rebuild dangerous section of Cathedral Trail (2 upvotes)
- 18 Have a CHIP-in at the Cathedral Tree Trail - "scramble" crawl area midway, switchbacks, rails, steps?
- 19 Agree as long as these cumulative suggestions in this survey do not require the sale of existing parks or a reduction in maintenance. Volunteers and reach out to organizations like the Sierra Club to reduce costs.

C6:Extend the hours of operation at the Aquatic Center later into the evening on weekdays.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	2	3	4	7	16	4.00
7-Apr	0	0	2	2	9	13	4.54
9-Apr	0	0	3	2	17	22	4.64
Online	0	4	14	22	16	56	3.89
Total	0	6	22	30	49	107	4.14

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	2	3	6	5	16	3.88
7-Apr	1	1	0	3	8	13	4.23
9-Apr	0	0	4	2	8	14	4.29
Online	0	6	21	18	8	53	3.53
Total	1	9	28	29	29	96	3.79

Comments:

- 1 Start the hours later in the day rather than increase staff expense.
- 2 This pool is much less used than ours...Love their hours:
http://northbendoregon.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/pool/page/390/fall_win_sp_sched_2015-16.pdf
- 3 Weigh cost (staff etc) vs income
- 4 Wait until facilities are consolidated, then expand hours. Late evening is important, but there aren't enough services and interest for just the pool/weight room.
- 5 Perhaps the AAC could offer a few days a week with extended hours to test whether this is actually beneficial.
- 6 Not everyone can workout before you close at 7 PM, and the pool is packed with no lane space available between 4 and 7 PM
- 7 Extended hours seem appropriate if ARC is consolidated into Aquatic Center
- 8 Bring back weekend swimming lessons
- 9 Weekdays are fine - extending weekend hours is a high priority
- 10 More slide hours
- 11 Why such short hours on weekend when kids are out?
- 12 Longer WEEKEND hours for families/kids to use
- 13 Open/lap swim - longer hours during swim team schedule for working people
- 14 Agree as long as these cumulative suggestions in this survey do not require the sale of existing parks or a reduction in maintenance. You may need another funding source before agreeing to change the hours.

Additional Comments

Comments:

- 1 I am relatively new to the community although I have lived in this county for 30 years. I did not answer some questions as I did not have enough information. Also everything seems like a high priority!
- 2 Love the community things that happen now. Summer at the park, pet shows, movies, concerts....Would love something like a "start of summer" BBQ also, that would be cool...YOU could even have fun and games for free but charge like 2\$-5\$ for food...or ask for a "suggested donation". More of these little carnival and social gatherings at the parks with a few sold items (water, snacks, even blow-up balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, frisbees) would be awesome.
- 3 Looking forward to seeing any and all improvements to the parks system.
Thank you
- 4 Great questions! Thank you!
- 5 When I was on the steering committee for Tapiola we talked to a lot of people who were willing to help just because they were asked. They didn't volunteer but they said they didn't mind helping when asked. Maybe ask different groups of people.
- 6 I would love to see the Recreation Center built in the lawn area at the Aquatics Center. It needs to be in a better area than the old yacht club
- 7 Thanks for making our parks a great part of our lives!
Need more picnic tables in all areas!
- 8 The 14th and Grand park needs a high fence along the north side.
- 9 These online surveys are great. They are quick and easy. I would like to see more of these extended to the public. Thank you.
- 10 We have a wonderful beautiful town. Maybe sell some parks to concentrate on others? A dog park is a must. Our taxes are already a burden on elderly, disabled limited income people. Tourism isn't family wages... How can I afford the never ending taxes? Let's be honest about the traffic congestion. No more taxes on the home owners!
- 11 I'm looking forward to what the Scandinavians are coming up with for their proposed immigrant park.
- 12 More exercise classes at the ARC. Lower prices!!! Fitness 1440 is cheaper, has more classes, AND a sauna!!! More full-time staff!!!!!!
- 13 Talk to Jennifer Rasmussen about starting a composting program at Tidal Rock Park
- 14 Talk to Shelly Morgan at the Sheriff's office about getting corrections crews to take on maintenance projects
- 15 The material being removed is historic material, which the city already owns. Consider asking local artists to create sculptures from it, to be set up along the River Walk. You state that Astoria is an arts town... Promote it. Rick Crawford, 673 Alameda Ave, rickcrawfordstudios@gmail.com
- 16 Do NOT sell public property! Find grants to maintain, operate and purchase more park land!!!
- 17 Core / Center Park / Heritage Square area: we need a downtown (old Safeway lot) park/library combo (4 upvotes)
- 18 Small and ideally located parks like the one at 9th Street need to be cherished. You need to find ways to improve it for all who use it and enjoy its viewscape. It opens up the area for 9th and 10th Street businesses. There are so many possibilities for this special area along the RiverWalk that it should never cross your mind to sell it or reduce maintenance. Volunteers can help, but having those suggested improvements found above would help the community. It is sad, but understandable, that larger parks with a longer history with respondents will more than likely receive more favorable support than the 9th Street Park. I wish I could bring people to this park and show them a vision. I dare say that most probably do not even know of this park exists and I think it has been less than a year since it was listed on the City's own map of park locations. I look forward to the City doing what is right by the 9th Street Park and making it more usable/enjoyable for the many people who walk by it every day. Again please use its space to further honor the Chinese who did so much for our City and this area is where some worked and lived. The information at the nearby trolley stop is not enough to do them justice. Thank you

APPENDIX:

A.3 - Historical Report

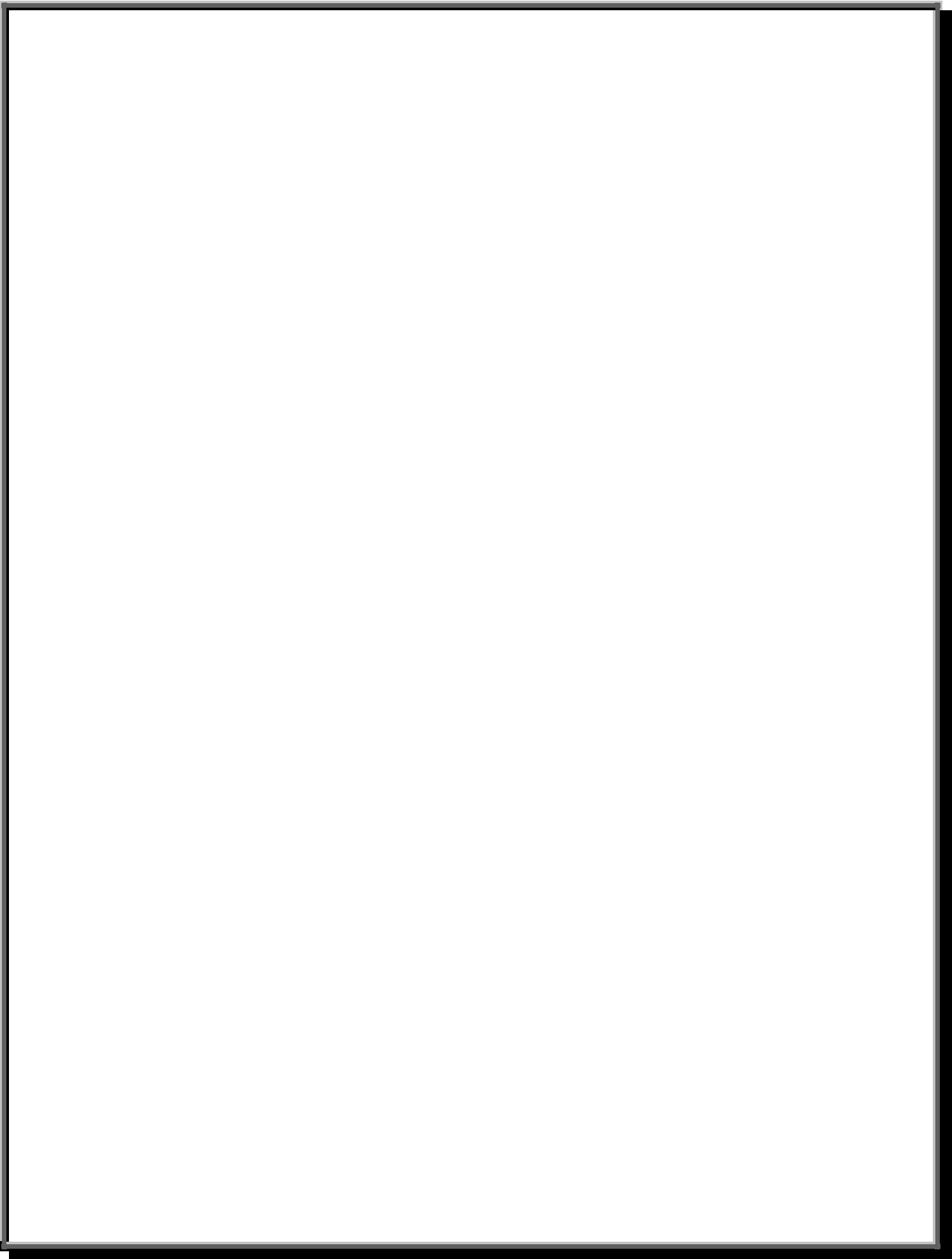


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HISTORY OF ASTORIA PARKS

Introduction

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In conjunction with the development of the Parks Master Plan in 2016, the Parks and Recreation Department requested that a history of all the Park areas and facilities be developed. The “history” was to include historic stories about the Park, the evolution of the facilities within the Park, deeds and any deed restrictions, and other legal documents that would encumber the sites. Several of the Parks have extensive histories such as the Astoria Column. The research resulted in an overview of the Parks with the highlights in the document text and with additional information in the attachments. Each site attachments include the following when available and applicable: photographs, both current and historical; deeds; easements; licenses; newspaper articles and other publications; historic designation documents; Ordinances and Resolutions; environmental reports; and other legal documents. The attachments are not all inclusive. Many additional documents and photographs are available at the City Community Development Department, City Central Files, Astoria Library, and Clatsop County Historical Society. Research of Ordinances and Resolutions was only done back to the 1950’s. City Council actions were only researched back to 1970. Prior to that, records would require extensive research in the Library, County, and City archives. Some of the information in the documents is from oral history and interviews with people who were involved in various aspects of the Parks’ history.

Initial evaluation of the deeds and any restrictions was conducted and noted in the documents. However, prior to any consideration of the properties for sale and/or alternative uses, the deeds and other legal documents should be reviewed by a professional. A short explanation of the different types of deeds is attached as the specific type of deed transaction creates its own set of assurances and restrictions. A title search would be required to assure that all easements or other encumbrances are identified. These documents only identified the ones that were found in the City files.

DEFINITION OF TYPES OF DEEDS

June 2016

The deed research on City-owned property used for City parks revealed many different types of deeds. Most are noted by the type of deed in the research documents. In all cases, the actual deed is included in the attachments when available. While there are many other types of deeds, the following definitions are for the types of deeds found for this research project.

Warranty Deed

Often used for real estate sales, a Warranty Deed acts as a guarantee to the buyer that the seller has the right to sell the property, and that the property is free of debt or other liens. The seller must defend the title against any and all other claims, and compensate the buyer for any unsettled debts or problems.

Special Warranty Deed

Differing from a Warranty Deed, the seller's guarantee does not cover the property's entire history. A Special Warranty Deed guarantees less than the general warranty deed. Generally, the seller only guarantees against problems or claims created during the seller's ownership of the property. The special warranty deed is usually conveyed with the phrase *Grantor remises, releases, alienates, and conveys*. There is no guarantee against title defects or encumbrances that may have been present when the grantor received the property, nor does it obligate the grantor to do anything further once the title is transferred. Special warranty deeds are frequently used by temporary holders of real estate, such as trusts, banks, or other fiduciaries, or corporations, who do not use or occupy the land for their own benefit. Often, the special warranty deed is issued when the real estate is sold in a tax sale.

Quit Claim Deed

Most often used by family members, divorcing spouses, and people/organizations well-acquainted with each other, a Quit Claim Deed allows one party to transfer property rights and claims to another party. Usually there is no monetary exchange. The extent and authority of the grantor's interest or claim to the property is unspecified, and the grantee is not provided with a guarantee.

Bargain and Sale Deed

Typically used in real estate sales or sales of court-seized properties, the Bargain and Sale Deed transfers ownership of a property from the seller to the buyer. It generally does not guarantee to the buyer that the seller owns the property free and clear. A Bargain and Sale Deed resembles a Quit Claim Deed, but the property is sold rather than relinquished.

Grant Deed

A Grant Deed transfers interest in a property from the seller to the buyer in exchange for an agreed-upon price. While the Grant Deed guarantees that the seller owns the property and is legally able to sell it free of debt, it does not provide a guarantee against defects of title (unlike the Special and General Warranty Deed). This type of deed is commonly used for residential real estate sales.

Limited Warranty Deed

A Limited Warranty Deed is used when the Grantor conveys to the Grantee all of their right, title, and interest in the real estate, and assures the Grantee that the Grantor is lawfully the owner of the property, that it is free and clear of all encumbrances, that the Grantor has the unrestricted power to sell the property (Absolute Fee Simple), but that the Grantor WILL NOT protect and defend the Grantee from all persons claiming a right or interest in the property, but ONLY from persons making a claim through or under the Grantor. This means that the Grantor will not defend the Grantee from persons making claims from the past or against former owners. Bank owned properties are generally transferred with this type of deed.

Quiet Title Deed

A Quiet Title Deed is an action to "quiet" title is a lawsuit brought in a court having jurisdiction over property disputes, in order to establish a party's title to real property, or personal property having a title, of against anyone and everyone, and thus "quiet" any challenges or claims to the title. Such a suit usually arises when there is some question about clear title, there exists some recorded problem (such as an old lease or failure to clear title after payment of a mortgage), an error in description which casts doubt on the amount of property owned, or an easement used for years without a recorded description.

NAME OF PARK: 6th Street River Park

AKA: 6th Street Viewing Tower

ADDRESS: 1 6th Street (this address was formerly the Cannery Cafe which burned in 2010. The address was reassigned in 2016)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 7DA, Tax Lot 600, footing of Block 5, McClure; Map T8N R9W Section 8CB, Tax Lot 900, footing of Block 6, McClure; 6th Street right-of-way

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: The River Park is not designated historic, but the sites on which it is located were designated as historic (Downtown Inventory 1990). The majority of the building at 1 6th Street was destroyed and the National Register status removed in 1997. The buildings at 1 6th Street and 10 6th Street burned in 2010. The local landmark historic designation of the 1 6th Street site was removed. Local Landmark designation of 10 6th Street was not removed. The 1 6th Street site has archaeological significance.

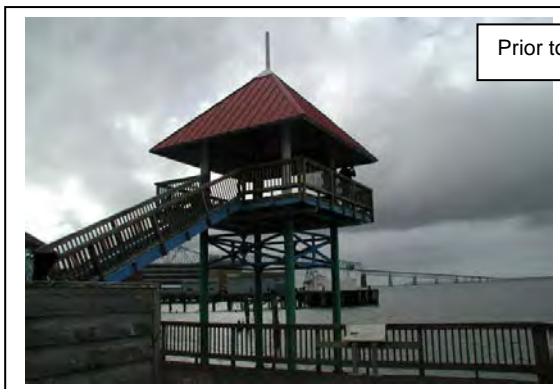
HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The viewing tower and park were built on the site of the former Kinney Cannery and Bumble Bee Seafood Headquarters. The site encompasses two separate tax lots over the water and within the 6th Street right-of-way. The River Park includes a pile-supported deck and two story viewing tower. The Park provides excellent opportunities to view vessels navigating the river channel and has become a favorite spot for sturgeon fishing. Designed by Church & Storrs of Portland. It was the first street-end waterfront park constructed and mentioned in the Waterfront Master Plan, June 1990, known as the Murase Plan. Designed and installed in the late 1980's, it was dedicated in November 1988.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1988 Construction of the pile-supported deck and two story viewing tower; funding from DLCD 306A grant and private donations.

The original concept was for a viewing tower with steps down to the concrete base so people could "get their feet wet". However, it was soon discovered that the wave action on the River was too great and would swamp the platform. The steps down to the landing were never constructed. The original tower did not have the Plexiglas walls. They were added later to help reduce the wind and rain for visitors. The green and blue colors of the tower lower sections were selected to reflect the water and sky colors of the surrounding area.



Prior to fire

The deck area of the Park was destroyed in the No. 10 Sixth Street fire on 12-17-2010.



Prior to fire



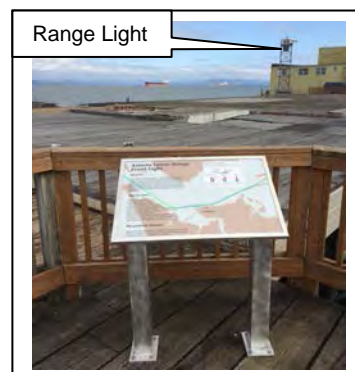
2016 Concrete planter boxes were placed at the entrance and on the dock. These boxes were previously located at Heritage Square.

Signs

Three interpretive signs were located on the deck that were destroyed in the fire on 12-17-2010. No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd. (Chester Trabucco) is responsible to replace the three signs. One sign told about the Columbia River bar “*A Treacherous Barrier*”, one told about Lewis and Clark, and we don’t have record of what the third sign was. As of 2015, the signs have not been replaced. Mr. Trabucco was informed of the requirement to replace the signs. It was suggested that one of the new signs tell the history of the Bumble Bee headquarters and the fire.

Dedication bronze plaque “*6th Street RiverPark, dedicated November 19, 1988, A cooperative public and private effort of the City of Astoria (officials names listed) and No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd.*”

“*Astoria Lower Range Front Light*”, fiberglass imbedded, provided by USCG as a condition of the approval for location of the range front light in the City’s 7th Street right-of-way.



Range Light

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

- 10-6-1987 Easement and Maintenance Agreement was signed between the City and No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd. for the life of the park or 40 years whichever was sooner. There was a letter from the City dated December 17, 2001 clarifying the location of the agreement area.

City responsibilities: to design and construct pier and park improvements with public access as a park; maintenance such as surface cleaning, trash pickup, painting, patching of any paved surfaces; improvements are the property of the City.

No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd. Responsibilities: refurbishment and maintenance of dock structure; to work toward establishing a Local Improvement District or other financing to pay for the construction; maintain insurance.

- 10-6-1987 6th Street River Park Easement and Maintenance Agreement – this document between No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd. and the City identifies the responsibilities of No. 10 Sixth for continued maintenance of the facility. It states
“SIXTH STREET, to the full extent it has ownership interests in the dock. . . grants to the CITY and to the public an easement for public access for so long as there is a public park on the dock, or for a period of forty (40) years, whichever is earlier. CITY, . . . grants an easement to the public for public access . . .”

Section 1 states that *“CITY will create a park on the public access way. . .”*

Section 3 states *“CITY will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the park improvements . . .”*

Section 5 states *“SIXTH STREET, its heirs, successors and assigns. . . will be responsible for the refurbishment and maintenance of the dock structure itself. This shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, pilings, pile caps, mud sills, cross bracing, decking and all structural components of the dock. . . of a standard to allow safe pedestrian access to and use of the park.”*

Section 8 states *“At all times, SIXTH STREET agrees to maintain public liability insurance for the premises known as the dock in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 single unit. . .”*

- 1988 DLCD 306A Grant requires a funding sign be posted that says: *“This project is a public/private partnership and was constructed with funding from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through a grant from Section 306A of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The RiverPark is owned and operated by the City of Astoria.”*

10-15-1998 City entered into a Parking Agreement with No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd. to reduce their Local Improvement District (LID) obligation of \$112,902.74 by \$55,144.19 which would be paid by the City. In consideration of this reduction, No. 10 Sixth Street is required to provide eight free parking spaces on their lot at 6th Street for public use.

The Agreement states that *"The entire Agreement . . . is predicated upon the following understanding: . . . B. CORPORATION'S [No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd.] granting to CITY in perpetuity and without any fee or charge, of eight (8) marked public parking spaces on its site, further described on Page 2 of this document. . .*

Lots 1, 2, 3, and the North 1/2 of Lot 4, Block Six (6), and; Lots five (5), six (6), seven (7), and eight (8), Block six (6) of the Town (now City) of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure, excepting therefrom the following:

(a)The North twenty (20) feet of said Lot 5;

(b)The South five (5) feet of said Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, conveyed to the City of Astoria and the public for street purposes. . ."

It also states that *"Any transfer of the property described herein shall be subject to this Agreement and all of its terms and provisions."*

At this time, the spaces can be any ones, but may need to be identified at a later date per a letter from the City dated July 16, 2008. The parking is for patrons of the Viewing Tower and River Trail.

12-17-2001 Memo of Interpretation on 6th St River Park Easement and Maintenance Agreement and Memo of Interpretation on River Park Easement and Maintenance Agreement site plan – this document is a letter with site plan to No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd clarifying the area included in the Easement and Maintenance Agreement.

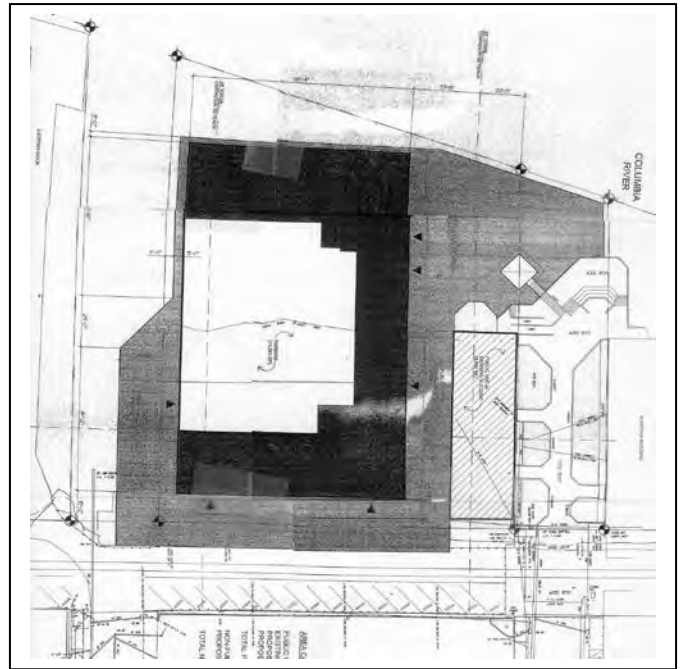
7-16-2008 Parking Letter of Agreement amended and clarified the agreement for the eight parking spaces to state they were not required to be marked until such time as it was necessary that they be marked with the condition that No. 10 Sixth Street install a sign noting that public parking was available. The wording on the sign is specified in this Letter of Agreement.

2000 River Park Suites at 1 Sixth Street:

No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd. obtained permits to construct a building at 1 Sixth Street that would contain condominiums above commercial spaces and a restaurant on the ground floor with mezzanine parking. The project was to include an expansion of the Sixth Street River Park public decking area as part of the requirements of approval. The permits are attached as they impact the future development of the 6th Street River Park. They include:

Conditional Use Permit CU00-06 as Amended (AEP06-15) and Appealed (AP01-01)
New Construction Permit (NC02-01) as Amended (AEP06-16) and (AEP07-02)
Variance (V06-31)

While land use permits have expiration dates, the City determined that substantial construction had been started on the project which would validate the permits and they would not expire. That was verified with the applicant in letters from the City dated 2-1-2007 and 2-8-2008. Should this project proceed to construction, the expansion of the Sixth Street River Park would be included as a required condition of approval in that construction.



DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Constructed over water which is controlled / owned by Oregon Division of State Lands and within the 6th Street right-of-way. The Park encompasses the tax lots owned by No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Constructed over water which is controlled / owned by Oregon Division of State Lands.

The 1 6th Street site has an archaeological feature of significance.

NOTES:

City needs to get interpretive signs replaced by No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd (Chester Trabucco). Additional photos of the fire are available in Community Development Department.

The Easement and Maintenance Agreement expires on 10-6-2027. This should be monitored for possible renewal or other agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

6th Street River Park Easement and Maintenance Agreement.pdf

Memo of Interpretation on 6th St River Park Easement and Maintenance Agreement.12-17-01.pdf

Memo of Interpretation on River Park Easement and Maintenance Agreement.site plan.jpg

Parking Agreement.6-98.pdf

Parking Letter of Agreement.7-08.pdf

Site plan for river Park Suites decking

AEP06-15.CU00-06.1 Sixth.A-2.fin

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CU00-06.January 2001.findings
NC02-01.1 Sixth.findings
V06-31.1 Sixth St.A-2.approval.fin
Historic Inventory.1 6th Street
Historic Inventory.10 6th Street
Nat Reg Hist Designation removal.SHPO letter.7-30-1997

NAME OF PARK: 8th Street Triangle

AKA: Paul Benoit Triangle

ADDRESS: 8th and Marine Drive

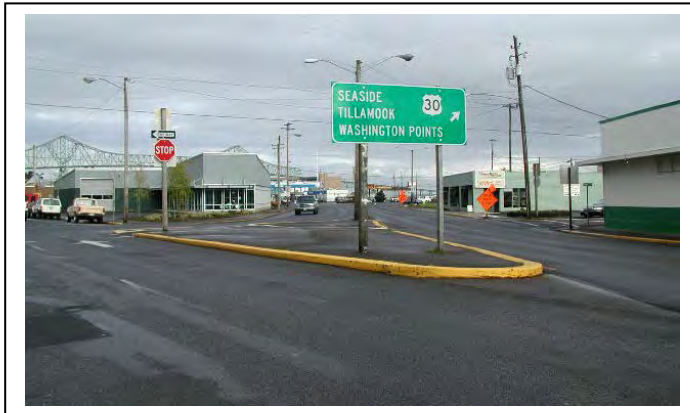
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ODOT Marine Drive right-of-way

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Located within the ODOT Marine Drive right-of-way. When Community Development Director Paul Benoit left the City in 2003, Senator Betsy Johnson donated money to the City in his name to landscape the street triangle as a going away present. Up until this time, it was just a paved island.



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

The City did the original landscaping. In 2013, Astoria Downtown Historic District Association included maintenance of the site in the downtown planter scheduled maintenance plan.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Coordination with ODOT is required to verify the types of plants that can be used within their right-of-way. They must be kept low for vehicle clear vision.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The site is located within an improved State highway right-of-way. The historic streetcar line went along Marine Drive in this area. It is believed that the tracks in this block have been

removed over the years with the various water, sewer, and road work within the right-of-way. However, any inadvertent discovery of track remains in the future should be treated as an archaeological site and the City Engineer and City Planner/Historic Preservation Officer should be contacted to address needed steps to be taken.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Astoria streetcar revised 12-15-11

NAME OF PARK: 9th Street Park

AKA: Astor Street Park

ADDRESS: 910 Astor Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CB, Tax Lot 300; Footing of Lots 1 & 2, Block 55, McClure, south of railbanked railroad right-of-way

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The 9th Street River Park was formerly an electrical sub-station owned and operated by Pacific Power and Light (PacifiCorp). It was sold to the City in 1998 along with another property (Tidal Rock) and was used initially as a fenced gravel parking lot. In 2003, the City obtained a DLCD 306A grant to construct a park facility at the site.

This area was on the boundary of the historic Chinatown and the eastern edge of the Red Light District. Historic uses of the site included the Brown and Corbett Warehouse (April 1884 Sanborn map) with street names of Main and Concomly; Main Street Wharf & Warehouse, Brown and Corbett Warehouse, Wholesale Liquors (April 1892 Sanborn Map); Tin Shop and Cornice Works, Astoria Steam Laundry (August 1896) with new street names of 9th and Astor and with railroad shown; Coal Storage, Paining (1908 Sanborn Map); Contractor Supplies (1908-1948 Sanborn Map) with City Lumber and Supply Co adjacent to the east; fenced Transfer Yard (1908 Republished 1956 Sanborn Map).



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

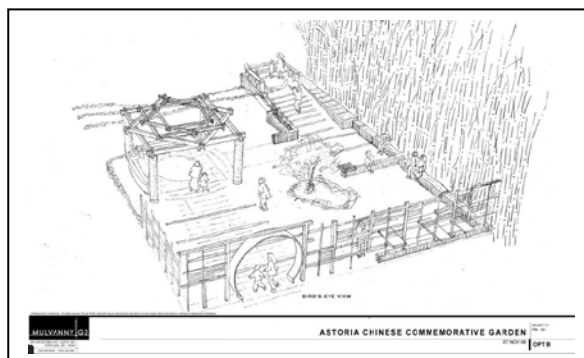
With the 2003 DLCD grant, the value of the park construction was used as match for a grant Sunset Empire Transportation District (SETD) obtained for construction of the SETD Intermodal Center (918 Marine Drive). SETD was to donate \$40,000 for the park development and provide public restrooms in SETD that would be close to the park. The park was originally designed by Robert Murase with additional design by Community Development Director J. Todd Scott. The design was concrete pads of various sizes and

shapes. The public did not like the design of the park as it was deemed to be too stark with too many hard surfaces.

DLCD approved a design change with conditions that it remain a park with the amenities DLCD paid for to remain for 20 years (see some conditions below) or the \$50,000 grant would need to be repaid to DLCD. The grant was closed out and the park concrete “pads” were removed in 2007 and re-placed as a grassy park area.



- 2005 Before construction was even completed, an interpretive sign “Crossroads of Cultures” concerning the Chinese contributions to Astoria was installed on the River Trail and there were discussions about changing the design to a Chinese Park. Designs and plans for the Chinese Park continued until 2011 when it was agreed to change the location to the Safeway/ American Legion Block (1100 Block Duane).
- 2-22-2005 City Council minutes starting to discuss possible Chinese Park at 9th Street Park
- 5-2-2005 Mayor appoints Chinese Park Committee to look at 9th Street Park location
- 12-4-2006 City Council considers the 9th Street Park as the location for the Chinese Park (Garden of Surging Waves) which would change some of the features installed with the DLCD grant
- 3-21-2011 City Council considers moving Garden of Surging Waves to Safeway/Legion block downtown



The site remains as a park with minimal amenities.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

5-19-2003 Resolution 03-10, Authorizing submission of grant application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for improvements at Astor Park

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

5-4-1998 City Council approved purchase of 910 Astor and Tidal Rock site from PacifiCorp for a total of \$35,000. Sold to City after certification that it was contamination free
910 Astor.Purchase and Sale Agreement.4-15-1998
title report and deeds.6-16-1997.910 Astor St

1-6-2003 DLCD 306A Grant for \$40,000 to construct River Park as noted:

Park shall have visual and physical relationship with the SETD Intermodal Center at 901 Marine Drive (now 900 Marine and 918 Marine)

SETD will provide \$40,000 matching funds

SETD shall provide public restroom facilities for the park

Interpretive signage (3) of historic or estuarine subjects

Connection to River Trail

Trolley stop, landscaping, seating, lighting

Requirements of grant:

1. ADA, non-discriminated accessible facility
2. No user fees to use park
3. Install funding credit sign and public access highway marker
4. Term of agreement is 20 years from date of agreement (1-6-2023)
5. City shall maintain the site as a park as proposed in the grant application

8-3-04 Intergovernmental Agreement with SETD for \$40,000 match (\$8,000 in design services and \$32,000 cash – received in 2006)

6-30-2005 Grant Close-Out upon completion with contract amendments to date of completion and acceptance of park as constructed

3-13-2006 Letter to DLCD considering changing the Park to the Chinese Park and removing the concrete pads

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Requirements of DLCD 306A grant: (City must keep as free park until 2023 minimum)

1. ADA, non-discriminated accessible facility
2. No user fees to use park
3. Install funding credit sign and public access highway marker

4. Term of agreement is 20 years from date of agreement (1-6-2023)
 5. City shall maintain the site as a park as proposed in the grant application
- 12-5-2006 Jeff Weber, Special Projects Coordinator of DLCD, email stating changes to the park design shall maintain the public access and matching funds with replacement features (retaining rock wall, sidewalk, observation platform, irrigation system, existing signage, trolley platform & shelter, additional plantings)
9th St Park.DLCD email.12-5-2006
- 1-2-2003 Letter from City Attorney that files need to be retained for 23 years after completion of project under the grant agreement (2005 to 2028)
- 8-3-04 Intergovernmental Agreement with SETD for \$40,000 match (\$8,000 in design services and \$32,000 cash – received in 2006)
 SETD shall provide public restroom facilities for the park
- 7-14-1998 Statutory Bargain and Sale Deed from PacifiCorp to City, Book 975 Page 638

“13. RESERVATION OF EASEMENT

. . . the perpetual easement and rights-of-way, as described in Sections 13.1 and 13.2 below, on the respective Properties for electric distribution and transmission lines, and communication lines for the transmission of information of one or more wires, cables conduits or other means of transmission (each a "line", any two or more are referred to as "lines") and all necessary or desirable appurtenances (including without limitation, telephone and telegraph wires, conduits, cables and wires for the transmission of any other data or information or power and towers, poles, props, guys, anchors and other supports) and the right to place all or any part of such line(s) or appurtenances underground and the right to place such guys and anchors outside of said right-of-way, over, across and upon the applicable Properties including the right to clear said right-of-way and keep the same clear of brush, trees, timber, structures and other encroachments and the right to top, trim, clear or cut away all trees and objects outside of said right-of-way which might endanger such line(s) together with the right of ingress and egress over the subject Properties and adjacent lands of the Grantee for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, stringing new wires and lines on, maintaining and removing such line(s) and appurtenances pursuant to the right so reserved.

At no time shall any building or anything flammable be erected, permitted or placed within the boundaries of said right-of-way, nor shall any material or equipment of any kind or nature which exceeds 18 feet in height be used thereon by, or by successors or assigns. Grantee shall make no use of the subject Properties inconsistent with the easement reserved hereby, but in using or operating irrigation pipes, motorized vehicles or other equipment, or in any other such use of said right-of-way, Grantee, its successors or assigns, shall conform strictly to the provisions of the reserved easement and any then applicable safety code or regulation pertaining to required clearances from the wires or conductors of such line.

13.1 Astor Site Easement. A strip ten feet (10') in width parallel to, adjacent to, inside and running the entire length of the eastern and western boundaries of the Property and a strip five feet (5') in width parallel to, adjacent to, inside and running the entire length of the northern boundary of the Astor Site portion of the Property. . .”

Easement, including the terms and provisions thereof, from Geo W. Sanborn and wife to City of Astoria, January 27, 1919; Book 96, Page 500

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

6-13-1997 Spencer Powell & Associates appraisal of site stated: Environmental Services Department of PacifiCorp reported that there were 0.06 ppm PCB on the site. DEQ allowed for less than 0.08 ppm PCB requires “no further action”
Pre-sale Soil Sampling and Analysis.Pacificorp ESD.4-22-1997.910 Astor

Site was used by Pacific Power and Light as a substation which caused some contamination. Statutory Bargain and Sale Deed, 7-14-1998 from PacifiCorp to City states:

“12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

12(a) . . . polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) may have been released to the soils and groundwaters of the Property. Purchaser further acknowledges that it has been furnished with sampling and testing reports that demonstrate that PCB concentrations on the Property do not exceed the acceptable levels established by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the uses and purposes that Purchaser proposes for the Property. Purchaser agrees that in the event that the uses to which the Property is placed shall change in the future so as to increase exposures to residual levels of PCB's at the Property, any additional remediation that might be required at such time to accommodate such increased exposures shall be at the expense of the then current owners of the Property and Seller shall have no obligation in connection therewith. . .

*12(d) . . . Purchaser shall take the Property AS **IS**, with all known and unknown defects and conditions; and such reports shall be deemed to be the base line for environmental conditions at the Property at the time of closing. Purchaser (for itself and its successors and assigns) shall release Seller from any and all responsibility with respect to environmental conditions at the Property, or for any additional remediation thereof, or for any additional costs of development attributable to environmental conditions. . .”*

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
9th St Park.DLCD email.12-5-2006
910 Astor.Purchase and Sale Agreement.4-15-98
article on sale to George Sanborn.Astoria Daily Budget.2-7-1911.910 Astor
Chinese Garden draft design.2006
Chinese Garden plan elevation.2008

Chinese Garden plan elevation.2009
Cross Roads of Cultures.interpretive sign draft
Pre-sale Soil Sampling and Analysis.Pacificorp ESD.4-22-1997.910 Astor
Title report and deeds.6-16-1997.910 Astor St
910 Astor and 1485 Commercial.Appraisal.CSP & Assoc.6-27-1997
2013 park design drawings
Water pump & course design.4-10-2013
Concrete block concept elevations

NAME OF PARK: City Parking Lot on 10th Street

AKA: City Hall Parking Lot

ADDRESS: 485 10th Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CC, Tax Lots 1401, 1500, 1601; south 73' Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, excepting the south 5', Block 43, McClure

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

This was formerly the site of a church which was demolished in the early 1970's. The site is currently used for City Hall employee parking. Excess spaces are leased for public parking.

The southwest corner of the site contains a monument marking the southwest extent of the downtown Astoria Fire of 1922. The monument reads: *"This marker is near the southwest corner of the business district of Astoria Oregon, that was destroyed by fire in 1883 and again in 1922."*



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

12-22-1947 Warranty deed #1439, Lindstrom to City, Book 196 Page 138 (Lot 6)

1-10-1947 Deed #1405, County to City, Book 190 Page 107 (Lot 7)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

1439.Warranty Deed.Lindberg to City.B196 p138.12-22-1947

1405.Deed.County to City.B190 p107.1-10-1947

Fire Boundaries

NAME OF PARK: 11th Street Stairs

AKA:

ADDRESS: 1101 Irving Avenue; the stairs are located within the 50' wide 11th Street right-of-way between Irving and Jerome Avenues.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 17BB, 11th Street right-of-way, adjacent to Blocks 112 and 113, McClure

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: Designated; Secondary in Shively-McClure National Register Historic District

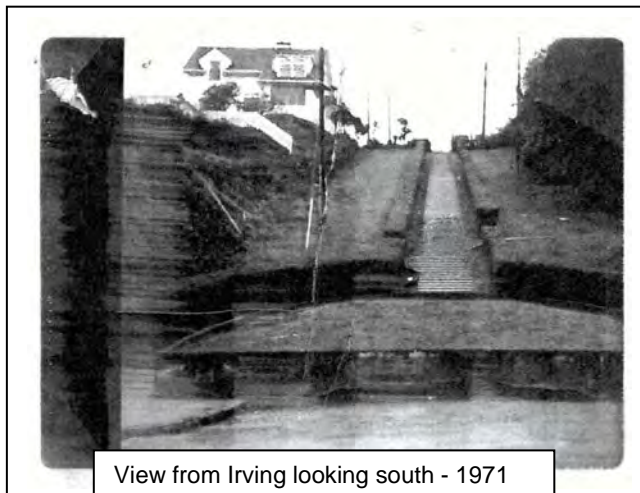
HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

This feature is unique to the central Astoria region and necessitated by the neighborhood's steep streets. Prior to concrete walks, the sidewalks were constructed of wood. The wooden sidewalks became hazardous--slippery when wet. Wood slats or cleats were nailed across the walks to provide grip for pedestrians in leather soled shoes. When the sidewalks were converted to concrete, the cleats were repeated in concrete.

This sidewalk was constructed in 1927, by Trullinger & Mattson for \$1,295.47. Designed by A.S. Tee, the street-end is the most park-like in the City. It was a creative solution to citizen complaints which extended back at least to 1899. Then, citizens complained about improving the "toboggan slide" between Irving and Jerome Avenues. This feature is significant for its rarity of type and is representative of a unique solution to navigating Astoria's steep streets.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

Raised concrete planter, lower end; rock wall w/ brick piers, upper end. Noteworthy Historic Landscape Features include planter with ornamental cherry tree, lower; hedge, either side.



View from Irving looking south - 1971



View from Jerome looking north

In 1978, the Parks Board considered a request to name the stairs “Walldorf Walk” or “Walldorf Walkway” in honor of the Sister City relationship with Walldorf, Germany. The name was not adopted.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Located within a right-of-way.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Historic Inventory R-100.11th St Improvement (Shively-McClure National Register Historic District)

NAME OF PARK: 12th Street Viewing Dock

AKA:

ADDRESS: 2 12th Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: within 12th Street right-of-way over Division of State Lands owned water

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: the adjacent building at 1 12th Street is dedicated historic, Primary classification within the Downtown National Register Historic District.

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The site is the decking adjacent to 1 12th Street. This building was built to replace the Fisher Bros. Company's warehouse that burned to its pilings August 5, 1910. Pacific Machine & Auto Works moved into the building in February of 1919, and remained there through 1921. The Allen & Lewis Company conducted a wholesale grocery business at this location from 1922 through 1928. In 1930, Oregon Marine Supply Company was the occupant and in 1975 this business changed its name to Astoria Marine Supply.

The Park includes a small pile-supported deck, seating, and picnic table. Development of the viewing area was initiated and constructed in 1995 by Astoria Marine Supply who occupied 1 12th Street at the time. City participated by covering the cost of materials.



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1995 Small pile-supported deck, seating, picnic table, and viewing area was initiated and constructed by Astoria Marine Supply, owners of adjacent 1 12th Street building.

The site was redeveloped as a restaurant with retail, and with offices on the second floor. Use as a public picnic area continued with the new owners Chris and Jennifer Hollen, Baked Alaska. They have indicated a desire to expand use of the area. On July 19, 2013, the following email was sent to Chris Hollen:

“Chris, sorry we missed you on Thursday. Here is what Phil, Brett and I came up with. This is just initial review and nothing is approved yet.

12th Street is a dedicated park per City Code Section 5.926 and therefore subject to park regulations. This includes regulated uses, but this should not be a problem.

The City could approve your use of the area as long as it is not exclusive. Therefore, you could put your own table and chairs in the right-of-way but they would be available to the general public as well as your guests. The City would remove the picnic table. The City would move the bench and trash can to the bank along the River Walk just east of the railing at the foot of 12th.

The City Code gives the City the authority to approve liquor consumption in a City park with OLCC permission. Therefore, you could contact OLCC to see if they would approve outdoor area for your restaurant. The key would be that it can't be blocked off as it needs to remain open to the public. Use of alcohol in the park would require written approval of the City.

Coordinate with Brett on the next steps and final approvals and he will contact Phil to have the items moved once the agreement is approved on your proposed use.”

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Located within the right-of-way.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Constructed over water which is controlled / owned by Oregon Division of State Lands.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
Historic Designation.R 148

NAME OF PARK: City Parking Lot on 13th Street

AKA:

ADDRESS: 425 13th Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CD, Tax Lot 1900; Lot 3 excluding the east 30' of the south 50', and excluding the north 5' of Lot 3 dedicated as City right-of-way, and approximately 5' of land adjacent to the east of Lot 3, Block 66, McClure (see formal legal description in deed)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

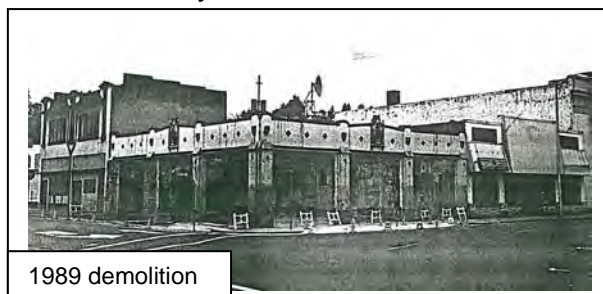
HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

1908 Sanborn Maps show a beer bottling facility on a portion of the lot with the east half a vacant building and a walkway running north south between the buildings.

1921 Sanborn Maps show tire supplies, tire shop, and battery charging with a walkway running north south between the buildings. All were destroyed in the 1922 downtown fire. A drive-through garage occupied the space until a Club Room was constructed some time before 1948.

1948 Sanborn Maps show a Club Room with no walkway.



1987 Club 13 bar burned.

1988 The City had the building demolished as a dangerous building and acquired the property.

1989 The City constructed a parking lot for leased parking spaces to the public.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

Landscape planter boxes were installed in the 1990's.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 1987 Resolution 87-52, Transferring appropriations for purchase of Club 13
- 12-19-1988 Resolution 88-55 Authorizing transfer of appropriations - public safety generator, demolition of Club 13 building, operating expenses for Maritime Memorial fund
- 4-17-1989 Resolution 89-12 Authorizing a transfer of appropriations within the Public Works Fund - demolition of Club 13 building

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 3-15-1988 Warranty Deed, Downing & Rayne to City, Book 691 Page 978

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Early use of the site for automotive tire supplies, battery charging, and an automotive drive through of some kind, there is the possibility of some contamination on the site.

- 6-2-1989 Engineering inspection by JR Rankin Engineering indicating that the City filled the basement of the building with sand to street grade level to create a parking lot.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
Sanborn 1921
Engineering inspection.Rankin Engineering.6-2-1989
Warranty Deed.Downing & Rayne to City.B691 p978.3-15-1988

NAME OF PARK: 14th and Grand Park

AKA: Star of the Sea Playground Park

ADDRESS: 1420 Grand Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CD, Tax Lot 8900; Lot 9 excluding the east 5', and the south 100' Lots 7 & 8, Block 17, Shively

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Once the home of Sara Welch, daughter of James and Nancy Welch, she was a part of the earliest Euro-American family to settle in Astoria in 1846.

The City acquired the land from Clatsop County in 1941 along with a portion of the current St. Mary's ball field just south of the Catholic Church.

In 1949, the park was declared a public playground. (Could not find a copy of the ordinance.)

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1949 Saint Mary Catholic Church and Star of the Sea School constructed the playground equipment which included four swings. They relinquished rights of the equipment to the City.

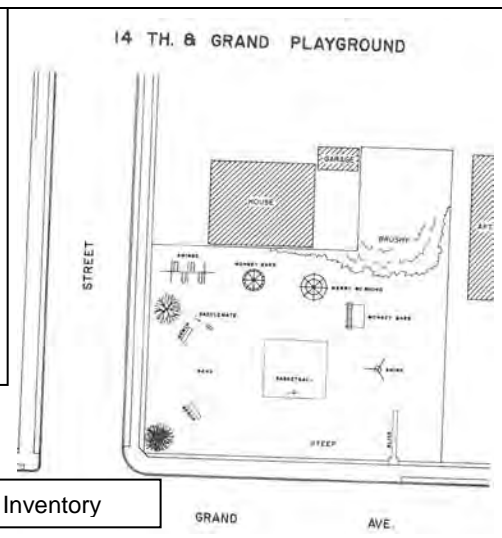
1972 A tire swing was added sometime prior to 1972.

1974 An animal rider was added to the existing riders. A photo from about 1974 shows that there was a sandbox and benches in the park but the retaining wall along Grand had not yet been constructed.

1980 Retaining wall, stairs, and a rail were added by the City.



About 1974



1974 Park Inventory



Pre 2000

- 1997 There was a slide from Grand down into the playground. It was improved as an Eagle Project by Boy Scout Steven Blue (son of Barb & Bob Blue). It was removed with the playground equipment upgrades in 2000's.
- 2004 Star of the Sea Parents' Club gave the City \$21,600 to upgrade the playground equipment. The work included a rock climbing wall, basketball system, swings, whirl, and dome climber. The old equipment was removed including the slide, tire swing, and climber.
- 2016 Trees and vegetation on north boundary of site separating the park from adjacent residential uses was removed by the City.
- 2016 Current facilities include: picnic shelter, playground, basketball court, swings

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

11-28-1941 Bargain and Sale Deed, County to City, Book 161 Page 509

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
1974 Park Inventory
Bargain and Sale Deed.Co to City.B161p509.11-28-1941

NAME OF PARK: 14th Street River Park

AKA: 14th Street Pier; Old Ferry Landing; Astoria-North Beach Ferry Company Landing

ADDRESS: 101 14th Street; within the 70' wide 14th Street right-of-way north of the railroad property over the Columbia River

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CA; 14th Street right-of-way adjacent to footing of Shively Subdivision

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

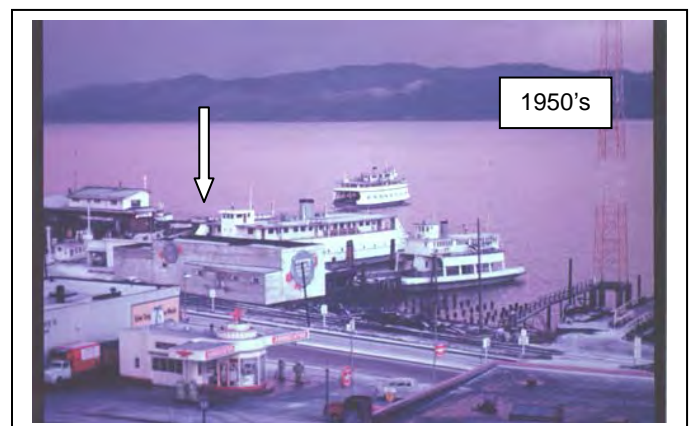
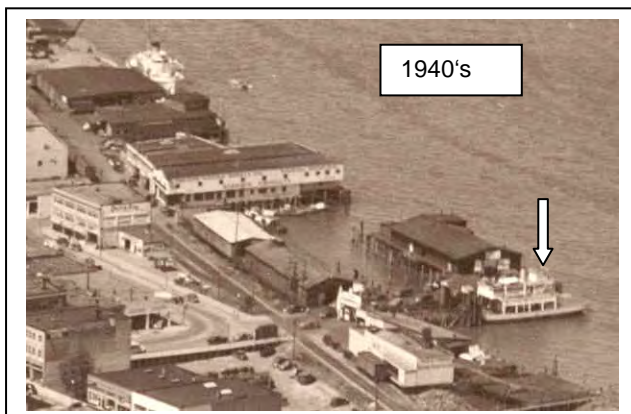
HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: Designated historic local landmark (HD90-02); and in Downtown National Register Historic District (6-22-1998)

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Ferrying across the Columbia River to Washington side started as early as the 1830's when the local native Indians would transport white men across the River with the charge of a fish hook for each trip. In 1841, Solomon Smith, the first teacher in Oregon, tied two canoes together to ferry passengers and cargo across the River. Many other boat owners began providing similar crossing service.

Capt. Fritz Elfving launched the first ferry from this site on May 21, 1921. However, it was not until April of 1927 that the Astoria-North Ferry Co. completed a pier at this site. The pier was used as a ferry landing until the Columbia River ferries ceased operation in 1966 with the construction of the Astoria-Megler Bridge. The last ferry trip was the MR Chessman on July 28, 1966. The ferry landing was designed by architect John Wicks. The ferry originally operated between Astoria and McGowan WA and moved to Megler WA after Capt. Elfving acquired the Columbia Transportation Company. It is presently used as moorage by the Foss Maritime Co. and the Columbia River Bar and River Pilots.

The site is significant for its use as a ferry landing. The ferry, which brought interstate traffic directly into downtown Astoria, had a major influence on the life of the commercial district.

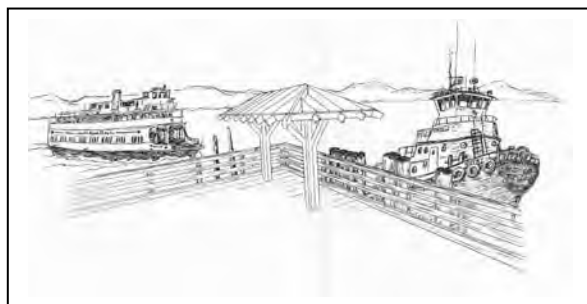


Ferries included the Tourist in 1921, first vehicle ferry carrying 15 cars and 30 passengers; Tourist 2 in 1924 with a capacity of 22 cars and 155 passengers; Tourist 3 in 1931 with a capacity of 24 cars and 280 passengers. In 1927, the Union Pacific Railroad started a ferry service with the North Beach ferry which had a capacity of 25 cars. They built a landing at 17th Street. By 1930, Union Pacific RR has lost so much money they sold the operation to Capt. Calvin Stewart who incorporated at the Columbia Transportation Company. The two companies began a “ferry war”. On one occasion, the North Beach company drove pilings into the River to block Capt. Elfving’s boats, but the Tourist 3 plowed through breaking the pilings and continuing on its crossing. The sheriff’s office arrested the North Beach company manager and crew for pile-driving without a permit. The next day, the North Beach ran across some of the dislodged pilings and damaged their ship causing it to be beached for several days for repairs. The “ferry war” ended when Capt. Elfving purchased the Columbia Transportation Company and North Beach ferry.

In 1946, Oregon State Highway Commission took over the operation from Capt. Elfving. The MR Chessman with a 44 car capacity was add in 1948. It was named for Merle R. Chessman (1886-1947), the *Astorian Budget* editor, Senator, and local activist leading many issues in Astoria including helping the City survive the Great Depression of the 1930’s and saving the school system. He served on the State Highway Commission urging the construction of a bridge across the Columbia River. In 1962 the Kitsap was added with a capacity of 32 cars and 325 passengers to handle the increased traffic with the Seattle World’s Fair.

Marine Drive was realigned so that there was one travel lane and two staging lanes for vehicles waiting to board the ferry. The parking lot for 1606 Marine and the USCG parking lot at 1670 Marine Drive were also used for vehicle staging.

With the construction of the public pier park in 1992, the City held a grand opening ceremony on the dock. A T-shirt was designed for sale by the City to help pay for the event. The graphic included the new park feature at the former ferry landing with a “ghost” ferry coming into the slip and a modern tug moored at the site.



The site is adjacent to the operations of Foss Maritime Company and the Columbia River Bar Pilots, and Columbia River Pilots. In 2013, Foss Maritime tug boat operation was turned over to Tidewater Barge Lines.

The Tourist 2 went on to service elsewhere and between 1996 and 2010 was the tour boat MV Kirkland on Lake Washington, Seattle WA. In 2015, local Astorians began negotiations to acquire the boat and bring it back to Astoria.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1992 The public park/pier was developed in response to the success of the 6th Street Pier construction. The project included a pile-supported viewing area, glass-roofed shelter, interpretive signage, and lighting. Robert Murase designed the pier to be subtle with

emphasis on the waterfront industrial, “like a candle at the end of a pier.” Robert Murase, Murase Associates, developed the City’s Waterfront Master Plan in June 1990. The pier was Murase’s prototype of how the rest of the waterfront could blend the public areas with a working waterfront. He approached the waterfront from a Japanese landscape sensibility. The shelter was designed by Kenneth Klos and includes interpretive displays of the Bar and River Pilot operations. The shelter has an loudspeaker that broadcasts the Pilot’s ship to shore transmissions for visitors to hear.

Construction was a public/private partnership with the River Pilots. The project was funded by the City, DLCD 306A grant, Oregon Tourism Alliance grant, and private funds from Foss Maritime. It allowed for a public walkway separated from the River Pilots access dock and included a gate for passage between the dock and the mooring area to the east.

Signs:

Interpretive signs were installed on the dock to describe the River Pilot and Bar Pilot operations (*“Pilots on the Columbia River”*), and tug boat operations (*“Columbia River Tugs and Tug Boats”*). An interpretive sign at the foot of 14th at the entrance to the pier describes the history of the ferry service and Captain Fritz Elving (*“14th Street Ferry Slip”*). These are the only porcelain signs installed on the River Trail. They were made by Winsor Porcelain Enamel Display Inc, Olympia WA.



Bench on west side of dock facing east; no plaque.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

4-17-1990 HD90-02, Historic designation

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Constructed within the 14th Street right-of-way over water owned by Division of State Lands.

2-14-1991 Public Recreational Facility Easement from Division of State Lands with multiple conditions including:

- “8. *This easement is granted in order that GRANTEE can provide public recreational utilization of the premises at no charge to the public. If the facility is not used in compliance with this condition, the easement will automatically terminate and the land shall revert to GRANTOR.*
9. *GRANTEE agrees to post a sign provided by the Division of State Lands on the easement premises explaining the State’s interest in submerged and submersible lands.”*

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Constructed over water which is owned / controlled by Division of State Lands

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

North Shore Ferry Co history.Vera Gault.DA 6-16-1989 (“Astoria North Shore Ferry Company from "Then and Now, Reflections on Astoria's Past", *Daily Astorian*, June 16, 1989 by Vera Gault)

14th St Ferry history.Cumtux Fall 1986

Ferry boat article.DA 6-16-1989 & 6-23-1989)

Downtown Historic Inventory Sheet R-156

Tourist ferry boat article.Astoria Evening Budget.1920’s

HD90-02.14th Street Ferry Landing

DSL Public Recreational Facility Easement.2-14-1991

Art graphic of park & ferry.Rosemary Johnson

Tourist 2 article.DA 7-13-2015

NAME OF PARK: 15th Street Triangle

AKA: Anchor Triangle

ADDRESS: 1520 Commercial

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: within Marine Drive and Commercial Street rights-of-way

Within the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

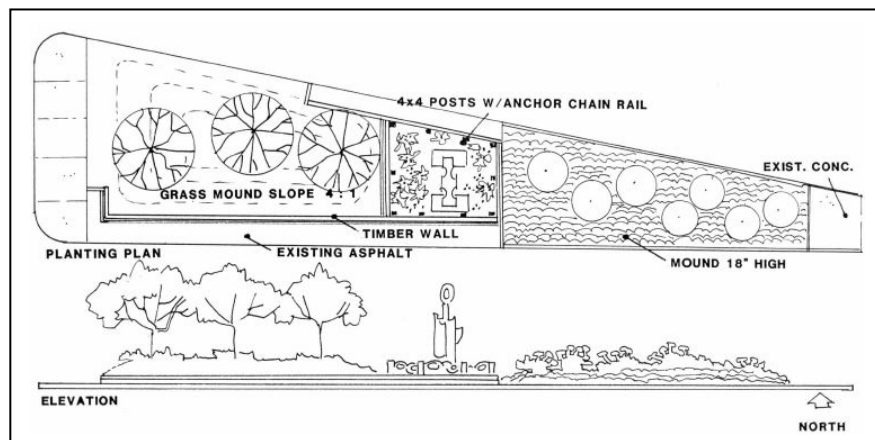
HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Triangular landscaped island located within the right-of-way. It contains a welcome sign to Astoria and has been used as part of the Christmas holiday decorations for downtown. Prior to 1986 it was used as a parking lot.

Prior to the use of this site as a parking lot, there was a store on the site. When the building was demolished, the basement was not filled. It could be accessed from the basement of 1606 Marine Drive and Tidal Rock site at 1485 Commercial Street. It is believed that the basement is still not filled as of 2016.

11-12-1986 First Amendment to Astor-East Urban Renewal Area Plan added a project for the 15th Street Triangle improvement. The project involved removal of asphalt paving, excavation, installation of top soil, trees, grass, and shrubs. (AEURD Plan Section 650.A, Proposed Urban Renewal Projects.)



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1966 Aerial photo indicates the area was used for parking

1960's City acquired anchor for site from Columbia River Maritime Museum (CRMM). Anchor was donated to CRMM by US Navy in Bremerton along with one that was put on display at CRMM at their 1618 Exchange Street location. That anchor was eventually moved to the CRMM plaza. The anchors are the type used by large cruisers and battleships and weigh approximately 26,000 lbs. (13 tons) each.



1976 Aerial photo indicates a parking lot and it appears that the anchor was there

1987 The site was constructed and landscaped with Astor-East Urban Renewal District funds.

1990's "Welcome to Downtown Astoria" sign was made by Dennis Woodard, Woody Did It Signs as part of Downtown Revitalization project.



Each year, the site is decorated by The Christmas Club, a volunteer citizens group.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

11-12-1986 Report on 1st Amendment to the Astor-East Urban Renewal Plan adopted which added the project to the list of URD fundable projects.

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

The location is within the Commercial Street right-of-way which is controlled by Oregon Department of Transportation as a State right-of-way.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The historic streetcar line went along Commercial Street/Marine Drive in this area. Any inadvertent discovery of track remains in the future should be treated as an archaeological site and the City Engineer and City Planner/Historic Preservation Officer should be contacted to address needed steps to be taken.

The basement of the building on this site was not filled and remains open.

NOTES:**ATTACHMENTS:**

Photos

Astoria streetcar revised 12-15-11

URD plan 1986

Report on 1st Amendment.11-12-1986

NAME OF PARK: 18th Street Flower Beds, Exchange to Marine

AKA:

ADDRESS:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: within the 18th Street right-of-way between Marine Drive and Exchange Street, and within the Duane Street right-of-way east of 18th Street

Within the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

At the time of construction of the Gateway Cinemas at 1875 Marine Drive by Coming Attractions in 1999, the City used Urban Renewal District funding to assist with street improvements including landscaping. The project was expanded with the construction of Astoria Builder's Supply at 1777 Marine Drive in 2002. The final project consisted of landscaping within the 18th Street right-of-way on the east side of the road. An area behind 1825-1829 Marine Drive within the Duane Street right-of-way on the north side was also landscaped. This area separated the private parking area from the street entrance to the Cinema and newly constructed Aquatics Center to the east.



The landscape design was done by Mike Morgan and Beth Holland, Cannon Beach, with much of the labor completed by Mike Morgan and a volunteer crew. The original project included a picnic table.



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 1995 Astor-East Urban Renewal District Plan Section 650.F, Proposed Urban Renewal Projects, added to read: *"F. Street Improvements. Street improvements are proposed to be constructed on Marine Drive between 18th and 21st Streets, on 18th Street and on 20th Streets between Marine Drive and Exchange Street and may be constructed elsewhere in the Urban Renewal Area as designated by the Agency. Proposed improvements will include, but not be limited to grading, paving, drainage, traffic signals, lighting, landscaping, sidewalk and surface treatments."* The section was amended in 2009.
- 1999 City receives ODOT Immediate Opportunity Fund Grant Contract 17271 for improvements associated with Coming Attractions construction of a theater at 1875 Marine Drive. Project included paving, sidewalks, ". . . landscaping bulbouts on 18th Street between Marine Drive and Exchange Street and 100 feet of Duane Street. . .". Grant contract Agency Obligation Section 11 states *"Agency shall at its own expense, maintain and operate the project upon completion at a minimum level that is consistent with normal depreciation and/or service demand. Agency maintenance responsibilities shall survive termination of this agreement upon completion of project. . ."*
- 2002 Project including street paving, installation of sidewalks, landscaping completed; funding from ODOT IOF, and Astor-East Urban Renewal Funds

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 1-3-1995 Ordinance 95-02, AEURD Plan Section 650(F) added for project (See Report on 3rd Amendment, attached)
- 12-21-2009 Ordinance 09-06 AEURD Plan Section 650(F) amended for project

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Within 18th Street and Duane Street rights-of-way

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
ODOT Immediate Opportunity Fund Grant Contract 17271.5-26-1999
Report on 3rd Amendment. 1-3-1995

NAME OF PARK: Alameda Park 2

AKA: Alameda Park Reserve

ADDRESS: 1200 Alameda Avenue (near Cumberland Avenue)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 18DC, Tax Lot 600; Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 146, Taylor

DEDICATION STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

4-3-1953 Neighbors petition City to purchase property with agreement that the neighbors would maintain it.

The City acquired the lots from the County in 1953 at the request of the Alameda neighborhood. They agreed to maintain it as a playground for the neighborhood children. At one time, the City also considered this property for possible road connection from Alameda to West Marine Drive.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

8-30-1978 Parks Board reviews the use at the park and considers idea to sell but decides to keep the land due to the deed language.

1-29-1992 Parks Board agrees to sell the land as there had been issues with bad trees that damaged adjacent private property. City incurred the expenses with claims and tree removal while maintenance of park was still responsibility of neighborhood.

2-24-1992 City Council considers disposing of the property due to poor maintenance and questioned if they could return property to County

4-14-1992 City Attorney Dan Van Thiel advised that the deed was a clear sale to the City "for municipal purposes" but there was no reversionary clause



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 5-7-1953 Quitclaim Deed from County (Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 146, Taylor; Book 221, Page 620; Note: includes petition)
- 7-17-1978 County advises City that they would not release the reversionary clause (Lot 1, Block 146, Taylor).

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES: Lots appear to be maintained as green open space per aerials back to 2004

ATTACHMENTS:

Photo
Quitclaim deed.County to City.5-7-1953 and petition
2015 aerial

NAME OF PARK: Alameda Playground

AKA:

ADDRESS: 308 Alameda Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 7CD, Tax Lots 2800, 2900, 3000; Lots 45, 46, 47, 48, Block 3, Taylor

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

1987 Floral Alameda Neighborhood Association requests that City purchase land for park.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

2003 Playground equipment installed with donations and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) donation. The Police Department wrote the grant that helped fund new playground equipment. Tongue Point Job Corps students also helped out. Sgt. Brian Aydt did this project as a community policing activity. He organized fundraisers and lobbied for community contributions. This is the first project of its kind for the Police Department.

7-20-2003 Dedication of new playground equipment which included slide, swings, jungle gym.

2016 Current facilities include: Shelter with picnic table, playground, swings

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

12-22-1989 Deed from ODOT to City retaining access rights, and with conditions: no advertising signs allowed except site use signage, must be kept clean, and the only access allowed is to City streets. Book 730, page 539

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:



Photos

Deed.ODOT to City.12-22-1989

Ownership aerial & map

Parks.Alameda tax map

NAME OF PARK: Alderbrook Hall

AKA:

ADDRESS: 4509 Lief Erikson Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 10BD, 5400; Lots 1 & 2, Block 100, Adair's East Addition

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Constructed as a fire station, it was closed in 1926 (*Daily Astorian* 1-5-1926) along with one other (Taylor Station) of the four fire stations. It was noted at the time, that there were very few fires in the Alderbrook Area that would require a station in the neighborhood and that they could be handled by the Franklin Avenue Station. The building continued as the residence of the Fire Department Captain which was how the City utilized the two closed fire stations. It was converted into a meeting hall in 1928. It has since been used as a location for precinct voting, neighborhood club meetings, family celebrations, and a clubhouse for boys and girls. In 1930, the building was considered to be used as a school for grades 1 to 3 (*Morning Astorian* 8-5-1930) however, it does not appear that anything came of that idea.

1908 Sanborn Map republished in 1948 and 1956 show "Community House – boat store"

1-19-1949 City acquired property from County.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1967 Various clubs have a high amount of use of the hall. Several clubs complain that the chairs in the hall were removed and not replaced resulting in insufficient number of chairs for the clubs

1972 The pay phone inside the hall was removed and replaced with a phone booth at the corner of 45th and Lief Erikson Drive by Pacific NW Bell.

1976 Margierite Wilson, Ladies of Oriental Shrine made curtains for the building.

2005 Handicap accessibility upgrades made to the building including: ramp installed at front entrance; entrance doors widened; Handicap accessible parking stall identified; restroom remodeled for ADA compliance

2016 Current regulations indicate that the hall is limited to 45 persons; 30 person maximum if food is served. The hall may not be used for wedding receptions.



2016 Current facilities include a Rental Hall (reservations required) with ADA bathroom, kitchen and meeting-room; adjacent Alderbrook Hall Park has a playground, picnic table, and basketball court

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 54-10 Repairs were made to the Hall in 1954

Ordinance 56-39 Remodel of the Hall was done in 1956

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1-19-1949 Quitclaim Deed #1475 from County to City, Book 202 Page 379, with following condition:

"This conveyance is made with the express provision that the foregoing described real property and every part thereof shall be used and held and continue to be held for the benefit of the public for park and recreational purposes, and in the event that the same shall not be so used and held and continue to be so used and held, then said real property and the whole thereof shall revert to and revest in said Clatsop County without any act of or by said Clatsop County."

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
 Building plans (1953?)
 Quitclaim Deed.Co to City.B202 p379.1-19-1949
 ADA Self-evaluation 2008
 As-built building plans by Jay Raskin.2005
 Alderbrook newspaper articles 1926-1930

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Alderbrook Lagoon is the eastern terminus of the River Trail.

This site is the former home of one of Astoria's largest mills - the Hammond Mill. It was built by Hume and Easely in 1903. A.B. Hammond purchased the mill in 1908 and expanded its operations. The mill employed 450 men and ran two shifts. It hired many immigrants from India, most of whom were Sikhs, and provided housing for them on site. When the mill burned to the ground in 1922, 600 men lost their jobs. It was not rebuilt. Remnants of a furnace stand in the middle of the wetlands.



Hammond Mill. CCHS photos

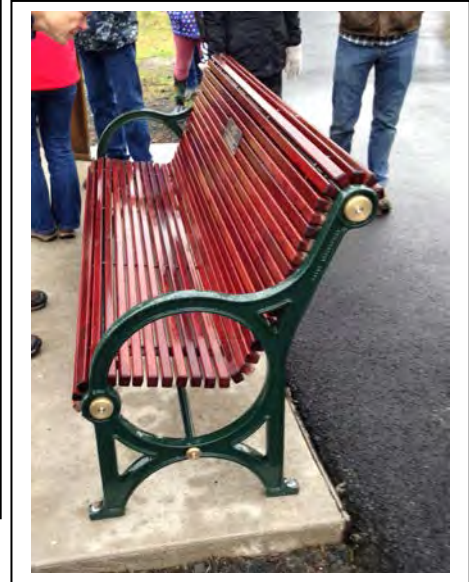


Historic photo looking east toward the Lagoon & Tongue Point

1999 "Turbans" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. It is the story of the director Erika Surat Andersen's grandmother Kartar Dhillon who lived in the Alderbrook neighborhood and grew up at the Hammond Mill site which is now Alderbrook Lagoon Park. Several scenes were filmed in the Alderbrook Lagoon area and especially at 43rd Street and the River Trail.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

11-7-2015 Oregon Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) dedicated an interpretive sign ("Hunger, Separation, and Misery at Point William") concerning the ten day stay by the Lewis and Clark party at Point William (Tongue Point) just to the east. In addition to the sign, a bench was installed in honor of Keith Hay, an avid outdoorsman and kayaker, and founder of the LCTHF.



There is a tsunami evacuation map at the entrance to the park near 53rd and Sewer Lagoon Road.



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.085.6, Alderbrook Area Policies, states

"The property west of the sewer lagoons is designated as a park site and is the current (2015) east terminus of the River Trail; it is zoned Institutional (IN). However, the site's use as a regional park raises problems of traffic generation on residential streets. The local community must be involved in any future decision regarding this area."

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.275.16, Parks Recreation and Open Space, Policies, states

"The City supports the efforts of the Alderbrook Community to develop a neighborhood park on the area west of the sewage lagoons. The park should be used for passive recreation only, including hiking, bicycling, bird watching, and other low intensity uses."

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.275.17, Parks Recreation and Open Space, Policies, states
"The City should consider the development of a mini-park at the 51st and Birch Streets site in Alderbrook."

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

3-7-1962 Quitclaim Deed, County to City, Book 265 Page ? (Map 10AA Tax Lot 2400); roadway between Alder to Front as access to Sewer Lagoon Road with stipulation ". . . To be used as a protective area for an existent water line."

6-30-1965 Deed, County to City, Book 280 Page 358 (bargain, sell, convey in exchange for other land); excluding the railroad right-of-way and submerged/submersible lands

Parcel 1: Map 3D, Tax Lots 1200, 1300

1-29-1976 Bargain & Sale Deed, DSL to City, Book 423 Page 689 (portion of Map 2 tax lot 600); sewer treatment plant and east portion of park from meander line along shoreline to the south side of the former railroad right-of-way with condition that the City ". . . shall only use the premises for sewage plant facilities or as a park for public recreation, and if the premises are ever used for any other purposes, the grantor may renter and terminate the estate hereby conveyed."

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The beach was created from dredged sand spoils.

Portions of the park are designated wetlands as indicated on the Wetlands Survey completed for the City by CREST in 2003.



NOTES:

The following properties are owned by the City and front on Alderbrook Lagoon. They are not part of the area identified as "Alderbrook Lagoon Park". They are included here since the "official" boundary of Alderbrook Lagoon Park has not been established.

Map T8N R9W Section 3D, Tax Lots 1600 & 1700; Footing of Block 6 & 7, First Addition to Alderbrook (RR trestle)

Map T8N R9W Section 3D, Tax Lots 200 & 300; Footing Blocks 6 & 7, Alderbrook (water area north of RR trestle)

Map T8N R9W Section 3D, Tax Lots 400 & 1100; Footing Block 5, Alderbrook (water area in lagoon)

Map T8N R9W Section 10AA, Tax Lot 3400; Lots 1 to 7, 11 to 14, Block 7, First Addition to Alderbrook (shore area portion of park)

Map T8N R9W Section 10AA, Tax Lot 2800; Lots 11-12, north 50' Lot 13, south 50' of west 50' Lot 13, Block 129, First Addition to Van Dusen Astoria (south portion of park)
 Map T8N R9W Section 10AA, Tax Lot 2700; Lots 6 to 10, Block 129, First Addition to Van Dusen Astoria (land south of park)
 Map T8N R9W Section 10AA, Tax Lot 2400; west 20' Lots 3 & 18, Block 129, First Addition to Van Dusen Astoria (road access to park)
 Map T8N R9W Section 10AB, Tax Lots 500 & 600; Lots 6 & 7, Block 5, and Lots 6 & 7, Block 10, Alderbrook (500 is water area and 600 is shore in mid lagoon area)
 Map T8N R9W Section 10AA, Tax Lot 3300; Block 6, First Addition to Alderbrook (water area in mid lagoon)
 Map T8N R9W Section 10AA, Tax Lot 5200; Block 9, First Addition to Alderbrook (shore area in mid lagoon)

6-30-1965 Deed, County to City, Book 280 Page 358 (bargain, sell, convey in exchange for other land); excluding the railroad right-of-way and submerged/submersible lands

Parcel 1: Map 10AA, Tax Lots 2800 (Block 129), 3300 (Block 6), 3400 (Block 7), 5200 (Block 9); Map 10AB, Tax Lots 500 (Lots 6 & 7, Block 5), 600 (Lots 6 & 7, Block 10); Map 3D, Tax Lots 100, 200, 300, 1200, 1300, 1400

Parcel 2: Map 10BA, Tax Lots 800 (Block 1), 900 (Block 2); Map 10AB, Tax Lots 100, 101, 200; Map 3D, Tax Lots 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100

Parcel 3: Map 10BA, Tax Lot 500 (Lots 1 to 4, Block 107), 400; Map 10BB, Tax Lots 1200, 1400, 1500 & 1600 (Block 106), 1700 & 1800 (Block 110), 1900, 2000

Parcel 4: Map 10BB, Tax Lots 2100 & 2200 (Block 112), 2300 & 2400 (Block 114), 2500 & 2600 (Block 116)

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
 article on sign for L&C at Lagoon.2016
 E Riverwalk Display Map 3
 Aerial
 aerial close up of access
 aerial with tax lots
 boundary map of area maintained.2016
 ALDERBROOK LAGOON PARK BOUNDARIES
 Park boundaries
 Wetlands Inventory.2003.East
 Bargain & Sale Deed.DSL to City.B423 p689.1-29-1976
 Deed.County to City.B280 p358.6-30-1965.alderbrook lagoon
 Quitclaim Deed.County to City.B265 p.3-7-1962 (roadway between Alder to Front)

NAME OF PARK: Alderbrook Hall Park

AKA: Alderbrook Hall Playground, Alderbrook Park

ADDRESS: 4509 Lief Erikson Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 10BD, 5400; Lots 1 & 2, Block 100, Adair's East Addition

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Playground area is adjacent to the Alderbrook Hall. Property was acquired from the County in 1949.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1974 Buck-a-bout, swings, slide, saddle mounts, merry go round, tetherball, basketball court

A portion of the park improvements are located within the 45th Street right-of-way

2016 Current facilities include: picnic table, basketball court, playground

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:



1-19-1949 Quitclaim Deed #1475 from County to City, Book 202 Page 379 with following condition:
"This conveyance is made with the express provision that the foregoing described real property and every part thereof shall be used and held and continue to be held for the benefit of the public for park and recreational purposes, and in the event that the same shall not be so used and held and continue to be so used and held, then said real property and the whole thereof shall revert to and revest in said Clatsop County without any act of or by said Clatsop County."

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

Some confusion on early history of park with use of "Alderbrook Park" name. That name was also used for the LaPlante Park prior to its renaming. There is also the Birch Street Ballfield that has been referred to as Alderbrook Park, and then there is Alderbrook Lagoon park area.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Park Inventory 1974

Quitclaim Deed.Co to City.B202 p379.1-19-1949

2015 aerial

NAME OF PARK: Aquatics Center

AKA:

ADDRESS: 1997 Marine Drive (the address was selected to reflect the year it was constructed)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8DA, Tax Lot 800; Blocks 123 and 130, Shively, and vacated portion of Duane and 19th Street

Within the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The site was the site of the Clatsop County Fairgrounds since the 1950's. In 1992-1993, the Astor-East Urban Renewal District worked to have the Fairgrounds relocated to a rural location and redevelop the downtown properties. The 2nd Amendment to the Astor-East Urban Renewal District Plan facilitated the relocation and purchase of the Fairgrounds property. The Fairgrounds was demolished in 1996 and the City began construction of the Aquatics Center. The building was to replace the outdoor pool facility located at Tapiola Park. Citizens wanted a year-round pool due to the short season for use of the outdoor pool at Tapiola. A bond was issued to support construction. The address was selected to reflect the year that the pool was constructed (1997).



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| 1998 | Local teen Andrew Nygaard, died after a workout. He was a member of the Astoria High School Swim Team. The Swim Team established the "Andrew's Meet" swim event to celebrate Andrew's life. The swim meet is held annually. |
| 1999 | Aquatics Center received the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's Award for excellence in parks and recreation projects |
| 4-6-2009 | Mayor appoints an Astoria Aquatics Center Task Force to address the problems with the operation and finances of the Aquatics Center (CC minutes). |
| 6-1-2009 | JP Moss, President Swim Essentials Inc. Portland, is noted as volunteering with the City to do a review of the Aquatics Center operation (CC minutes). |

- 6-1-2009 Astoria Aquatics Center Task Force recommends possibility of annexing the Astoria Aquatics Center with the Sunset Empire Recreation District (CC minutes).
- 8-3-2009 Consultant JP Moss presents Aquatics Center first reorganization proposal report to City Council (CC minutes).
- 9-21-2009 Consultant JP Moss appointed as Interim Parks Director in addition to being the Aquatics Manager (CC minutes).

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

The building was constructed in 1996-1997.



- 2008 An amendment to the Astor-East Urban Renewal Plan was adopted to allow Urban Renewal funds to be used for the Aquatics Center boiler/HVAC renovation project which included replacement of the two boilers. (AEURD Plan Section 650.P.2.a, Proposed Urban Renewal Projects.)

The interior murals were originally designed and painted by Thomas Melvin of Chicago in 1998 through a donation by Axel and Freda Englund. Additional artists assisting with the painting included Dariusz "Darin" Wolf of Chicago, Roger McKay, and John Goodenberger of Astoria. Melvin was one of the lead conservators of the Astoria Column restoration in 1995. Paint used for the mural is the same paint used on the Column and was imported from Germany. The mural is composed of six panels. A total description of the murals is available in the brochure *"Astoria Aquatics Center Mural"*.

- Panel 1: Astoria Column
- Panel 2: Elmore and Bumble Bee canneries
- Panel 3: Double-ended bowpicker boat, a Native American raven, Alderbrook and Tongue Point in the background
- Panel 4: Englund Marine Supply Company
- Panel 5: Astoria-Megler Bridge, Uniontown, and a Barbey Packing Co. salmon
- Panel 6: Chinook Salmon fisherman, cargo ship, and research ship. There is also a life ring with the artists listed.



The Aquatics Center includes: 25 yard lap pool with six lanes, viewing deck, and bleachers; recreation pool with lazy river (a water feature was removed from this area, specs and date unknown; infant/toddler pool; Jacuzzi hot tub; water slide; locker rooms; offices; lobby with observation area, reception desk and sales area; fitness center with exercise equipment, free weights, and cardio equipment.

6-14-2009 Grand re-opening of Aquatics Center after remodel which would include offices for entire Parks & Rec staff.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 1993 ADC Resolution 93-01, Authorizing purchase of real property (Clatsop County Fairgrounds)
- 1996 ADC Resolution 96-04, Transferring deed and title of Astoria Aquatics Facility site from Astoria Development Commission (ADC) to City of Astoria

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

Energy Efficiency Report, Enertia Energy Inc., April 2005

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 10-26-1995 Quitclaim deeds and corrections, County to Astoria Development Commission, Book 884 Page 421, Book 869 Page 943, Book 869 Page 212
- 4-30-1996 Quitclaim deed, County to Astoria Development Commission, Book 899 Page 303
- 1-21-1997 Bargain and Sale Deed, Astoria Development Commission to City, Book 922 Page 977

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Fairgrounds buildings were constructed circa 1930's to 1950's, and were demolished in 1996. A geotechnical investigation and report was completed at that time.

The site has a high water table as it sat below grade and was filled for the Aquatics Center construction.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

ADA self evaluation 2008

AEURD Report on 2nd Amendment.7-20-1992

AEURD Amendment 7.2008

Report Accompanying the Seventh Amendment to the Astor-East URP

Geotechnical Investigation.GRI.5-14-1996

Article on the mural (*Daily Astorian*, 4-4-1998)

Brochure "*Astoria Aquatics Center Mural*"

Bargain and Sale Deed.ADC to City.B922 p977.1-21-1997

Quitclaim deed.County to ADC.B899 p303.4-30-1996

Quitclaim deeds and corrections.County to ADC.B884 p421.B869 p943. B869 p212. 10-26-1995

NAME OF PARK: Birch Street Ball Field

AKA: In 1970 it was called Ash Street Playground and in 1972 it was Birch Park Playground

ADDRESS: 4940 Birch Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 10AB, Tax Lot 800, 801, 802, 900; Lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, west 10' Lot 4, west 10' Lot 9, Block 11, Alderbrook; Lot 5, east 40' Lot 4, Block 11, Alderbrook 1st Addition

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The area is used as a ball field. City owns four tax lots that include the ball field and the brush area to the east of center field. A portion of the ball field, including home plate, is within the street rights-of-way.



1989 "Come See the Paradise" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. Birch Field was used as the staging area for the trailers, support equipment, and caterers. Birch Field is a wet area and the trailers sank into the mud. The film crew had to hire a tow truck from Longview WA to tow the trailers out of the mud.

1998 City offers to purchase Lot 3 from County. No sale completed.

5-9-2007 City purchases Lot 3, Block 11, Alderbrook, from County for \$6,000, instrument #2007-05644, when County listed the property as "excess for sale".

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

Site increased from 0.5 acres in 1970 to 1 acre in 1974 (Note: actual acreage in 1974 was 0.9 acres as one lot was owned by County. Acreage increased to full 1 acre in 2007 with the purchase of the lot from the County.)

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

No conditions or restrictions on deeds.

1-5-1927 Deed, County to City, Book 121 Page 172, portion (w 10' Lot 9; tax lot 900)

2-16-1949 Deed, County to City, Book 202 Page 582 (Lots 10, 11, 12; tax lot 900)
8-8-1962 Deed, County to City, Book 265 Page 459 (Lots 1, 2; tax lot 801)
5-4-1966 Quitclaim Deed, County to City, Book 286 Page 190 (Lots 5, e 40' Lot 4; tax lot 802)
5-9-2007 Quitclaim Deed, County to City, Recording # 200705644 (Lot 3; tax lot 800)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Field is wet and swampy.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
Parks Inventory Map, 1974
Deed.Co to City.1-5-1927.B121 p172.portion
Deed.Co to City.2-16-1949.B202 p582
Deed.Co to City.8-8-1962.B265 p459
Quitclaim Deed.Co to City.5-4-1966.B286 p190
Quitclaim Deed.Co to City.5-9-2007.200705644

NAME OF PARK: Richard Fencsak Cathedral Tree Trail

AKA: Cathedral Tree Trail

ADDRESS: Trailhead is at 2800 Block Irving Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

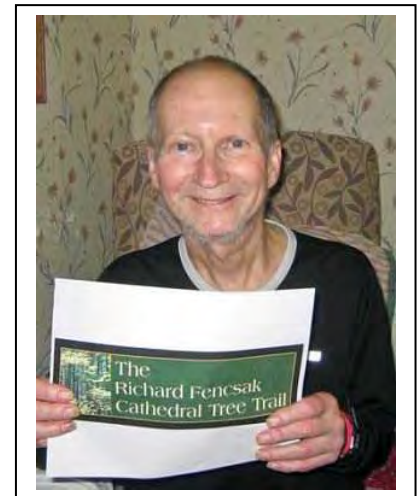
HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The Cathedral Tree is a large Sitka spruce purported to be over 300 years old. It is 8.5 feet in diameter, 27.5 feet in circumference, and over 200 feet high. The buttress-like roots come from the fact that the tree sprouted from a large nurse log which has since rotted away. The December 2007 windstorm wrought havoc in the Astoria area and toppled many of the trees around the Cathedral which, however, remained standing.



The trail and tree began to be officially recognized in the late 1980's when local citizens led by Astorian Annie Oliver fought to save the tree (*Daily Astorian* 9-23-1994). A dedication of the new trail built by Oregon Conservation Corps Youth was held in September 1994.

Renamed to Richard Fencsak Cathedral Tree Trail in 2008 to honor Richard Andrew Fencsak (1950-2008) who was critically ill from cancer (CC minutes 2-4-2008). He was presented with a certificate naming the trail in his honor while in the hospital. He died just 17 days later on 2-21-2008. Richard was active in trail use and maintenance. He owned Bikes and Beyond bike shop downtown which opened in 1988. He was the originator of the Great Columbia River Crossing (1982) which is a 10K run/walk from Washington across the Astoria-Megler Bridge to Astoria which has been held annually for 34 years. He also wrote the "Mouth of the Columbia" restaurant review in the Coast Weekend for the *Daily Astorian*.



Also see "Trails" report for general Trails history and information.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1990-1992 The Urban Forest Trails Committee completed a Trails Master Plan which included an inventory of trails within the City with recommendations for maintenance, and a proposal for phased development of a trail system.

2003 Upward Bound worked on the trail and constructed a trail linking Clatsop Community College to the Astoria Column and Cathedral Tree areas.

2013 A Trails Master Plan was completed (see full Plan attached to “Trails” report). It identified an approximate location of the trail from 28th and Irving Avenue to the Column.



Distance: 0.9 miles

Location: From the Astoria Column, through the urban forest, to 2800 Block Irving Avenue

Trailhead Access: Access from Column parking lot and from pullout with a gateway located in the 2800 Block Irving Avenue

Allowed Use: pedestrian only

Description: Soft-surface footpath through the urban forest. Changes in elevation and natural surface of path make it not accessible to all users.



Trailhead access from Irving Avenue

Amenities:

- Natural area/forest
- Parking at the Astoria Column and a couple spaces at the Irving Avenue trailhead
- Benches
- Garbage cans
- Dog bag dispensers
- Large Cathedral Tree along trail
- View of Astoria from the Astoria Column
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Condition: Moderate - Poor

- Grade is over 20% in some areas
- Stairs and trail infrastructure suffer from significant erosion

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Due to the complexity of trail locations, and without detailed maps on the locations, ownership and deeds were not researched for this trail.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

trail location aerial map

NAME OF PARK: Children's Park

AKA: Children's Playground; in 1970's it was called Commercial Street Playground

ADDRESS: 650 Commercial Street

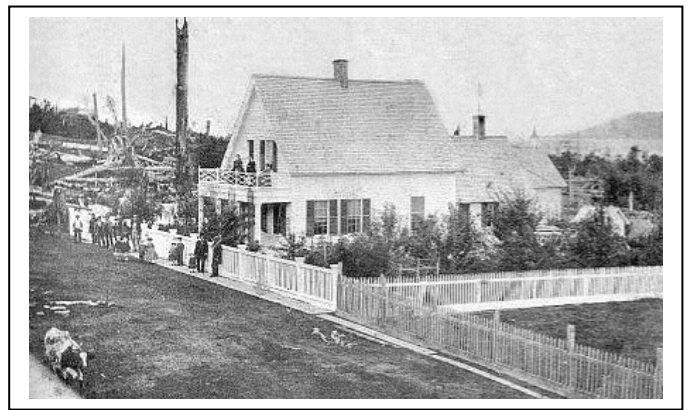
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CB, Tax Lot 4800; Lots 7 & 8, Block 22, McClure

DEDICATION STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Once the home to Capt. Alfred Crosby (1824-1871), an early bar pilot arriving in Astoria in 1850. His house was shipped here from Massachusetts in 1858 and assembled on site. It was claimed to be the second oldest house in Oregon at the time of its destruction with his brother Captain Nathaniel Crosby holding claim to the oldest Oregon house (1847) located in Portland. The house was torn down in the 1930's for a gas station which were springing up everywhere with the influx of motor vehicles. Capt. Alfred Crosby helped to build the first bar pilot ship and was captain of the Pilot Schooner "California".



3-15-1988 City acquired the property from the County.

7-1999 City Council named the unnamed park as "Children's Park" to "celebrate the lives of all the children in our community." It was spurred by the murder of a seven year old girl, Ashley Ann Carlson, who died in February 1999. She lived in the neighborhood and played at this park. Students at Gray Elementary School petitioned the City to make the Park permanent as a safe place for kids to play. This was supported by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1973-1974 "Saddle Mates" are proposed for the park.

3-1974 Playground equipment was moved around including a slide, animal rides (saddle mates), swing, teeter totter. The tetherball was removed.

4-1974 Fence was installed around the Park

- 6-1974 Park is a vacant lot with sand box and swings (*Daily Astorian*)
- 4-1978 County requested a land swap for property at 5th and Bond to relocate the park and create a County parking lot at the current location. A conditional use permit was required for the park relocation and due to public opposition, it was determined the new site was not desirable.
- 1988 Request for installation of a basketball practice pad, picnic area, diagonal walkway, and trees
- 1995 Security lighting was installed.
- 7-16-2001 Edith Henningsgaard Miller, former Mayor, donates 15 shares of Microsoft common stock (\$1,034.84) for the CASA playground project.
- 2002-2003 CASA playground project raises money for Tapiola, Yacht Club, McClure, Evergreen, Alderbrook, Alameda, 14th & Grand, Children's Park, and LaPlante
- 2002 CASA led the renovation project of the Park
- 2016 Current facilities include: picnic table with shelter, basketball court, ADA accessible play area, playground equipment



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 9-11-1957 Corrected Deed # 1709, Book 242 Page 442 – Quitclaim Lots 7 & 8, Block 22, McClure with condition: *"To be used for playground and park purposes, and if not so used to revert to Clatsop County and the City to reconvey accordingly."*

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Former location of a gas station

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
 Capt. Crosby Residence demolition newspaper article
 Att to Corrected Deed.Co to City. B242 p442.9-11-1957
 1974 Park Inventory map

NAME OF PARK: Columbia Field

AKA: Rubio Field

ADDRESS: 3555 Lief Erikson Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 9BD, Tax Lot 5600 and portion of 5700; Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, southeast corner of Lot 4, Block 93, Adair Port of Upper Astoria, and unvacated Duane Street right-of-way (City owned)

Map T8N R9W Section 9AC, Tax Lots 5600, 5700, 1700; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 94; Lots 1, 2, Block 15, Adair Port of Upper Astoria, and unvacated 35th, 36th, Alley, and Duane Street rights-of-way (School District owned)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: designated historic; Eligible Contributing in the Adair-Uppertown Historic Inventory Area

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The field was originally constructed in 1922 by the Columbia Club of Uppertown. The Columbia Club was founded in 1910 for the purpose of sports competition (basketball, football, and baseball for boys; volleyball and basketball for girls) and social gathering of young people in Upper Astoria. It was the successor of the Owa Pun Pun Club that was established in 1902. Both clubs were established as a way to link Upper Astoria's various northern European ethnic groups in a positive and wholesome manner. This property was donated to the club by the City for construction of a baseball field. Club members helped construct the field using 500 cubic feet of fill. Local businesses supplied funds for construction, and the McGregor Lumber Co. provided building materials for a grandstand, bleachers, and fence. Although the Columbia Club disbanded in 1933, the field has continued to be used to the present day, however, the original grandstand and bleachers are gone. Additional alterations to the field occurred in the mid-1930's when the construction of Lief Erikson Drive cut through the outfield portion of the park.

4-11-1992 School Board approved renaming the field as "Rubio Field"

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1974 Water fountain is repaired and drains in the southeast corner were replaced

1974 Park inventory shows two softball fields (one is within the baseball field); one baseball field; bleachers on east and west sides; "goal posts" on the east and west side; and tennis courts

2-10-1977 USCG drilled holes for ball field to replace McCallister Field (*Daily Astorian*) (Note: see "Evergreen Field" inventory for the history of McCallister Field concerning the change in field locations)

- 4-5-1977 Used as temporary field for Little League due to relocation of McCallister Field
(*Daily Astorian*)
- 1990 Fields were realigned
- 2002 Field was renovated and upgraded by the Cal Ripkin Baseball League
- 2002 The “bench-like” seating along Lief Erikson Drive between 34th and 37th Street for patrons of the many field events was constructed with a grant from Oregon Department of Transportation Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement Program, Contract #20466. The grant states in City Obligations Section 14 *“Upon completion of Project, City shall maintain the Project, or cause it to be maintained, in a manner satisfactory to State for the useful life of the Project.”* General Provisions Section 4 states *“If City fails to maintain the facility in accordance with the terms of this agreement, State, at its option, may maintain the facility and bill City, seek an injunction to enforce the duties and obligations of this agreement, or take any other action allowed by law.”*

There was a small memorial for Jack L. Rieck on the concrete block drinking fountain (AHS class of 1943, Quarterback). The fountain and plaque were not found in 2016. It is believed they were removed sometime between 2010 and 2012 as the fountain was no longer operational.

A flag pole is located on the west side of the field with a dedication plaque by the American Legion which reads: *“In Memory of Past Commanders, American Legion Clatsop Post 12, Chartered July 1919.”*



Portions of the fields and facilities such as dugouts and concession stand are located within the platted rights-of-way that have not been vacated.



Field in 1922

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

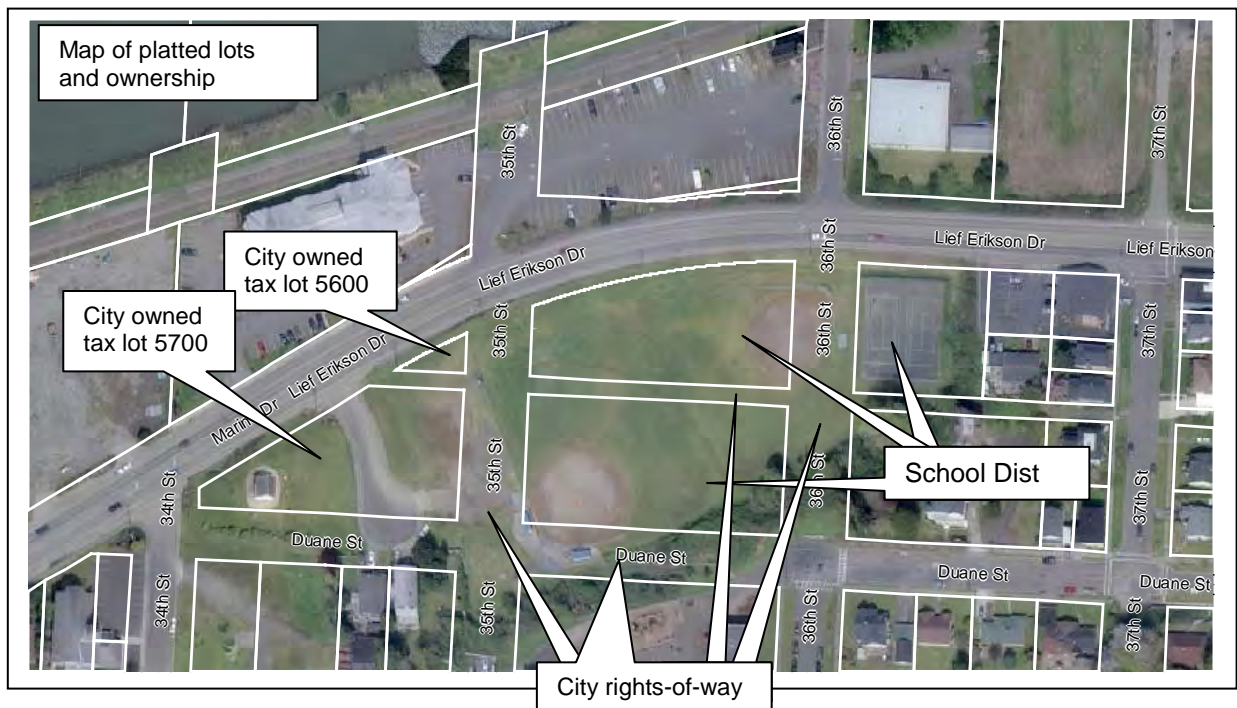
LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.075.4, Uppertown Area Policies, states

"The City should cooperate with the school district to improve the recreational opportunities at Columbia Field near Astor School, possibly in conjunction with the improvements at Gray School."

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

The park property is partially owned by the Astoria School District with rights-of-way still platted and not vacated. The west portion which is the entrance and parking is owned by the City.

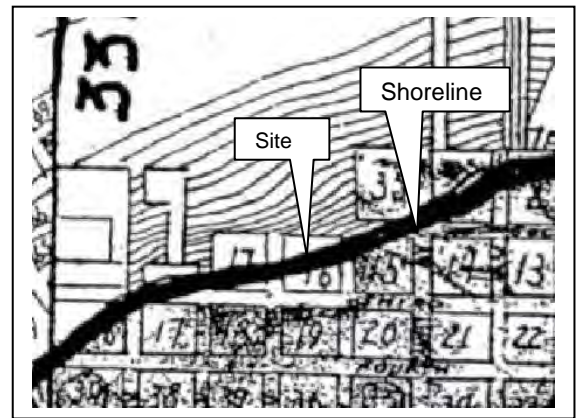


Quitclaim deed, field deeded from County to School District, Book 95, Page 413, with condition that it be used for park or playground for children in the School District.

- 1-15-1932 Quitclaim Deed, Nyquist to City, Book 131 Page 145 (80909BD Tax Lot 5600; Lots 4 & 6, Block 93, Adair Port of Upper Astoria)
- 7-17-1972 Quitclaim deed, County to City, Book 365 Page 308 (Parcel Y on deed) (80909BD Tax Lot 5700)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The historic shoreline in 1890 was within the current park boundaries. Blocks 93 and 94 were originally identified as Blocks 17 and 16 respectively. The fields are built on fill.



NOTES:

Cal Ripkin Baseball League maintains and upgrades portions of the field.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

1974 Park Inventory map

1890 Shoreline map

aerial

Quitclaim deed.Co to City. Bk 365 Pg 308. 7-17-1972 (80909BD-5700)

Quitclaim Deed.Nyquist to City.B131 p145.1-15-1932 (80909BD-5600)

NAME OF PARK: Astoria Column and Astor Park

AKA:

ADDRESS: 2193 Coxcomb Drive (Column); 2120 Coxcomb Drive (Gift Shop); 2195 Coxcomb Drive (caretaker house); 2210 Coxcomb Drive (radio equipment); 2191 Coxcomb Drive (phone booth)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 17, Tax Lot 100; Blocks 98, 99, 100, NW corner of Block 97, Shively

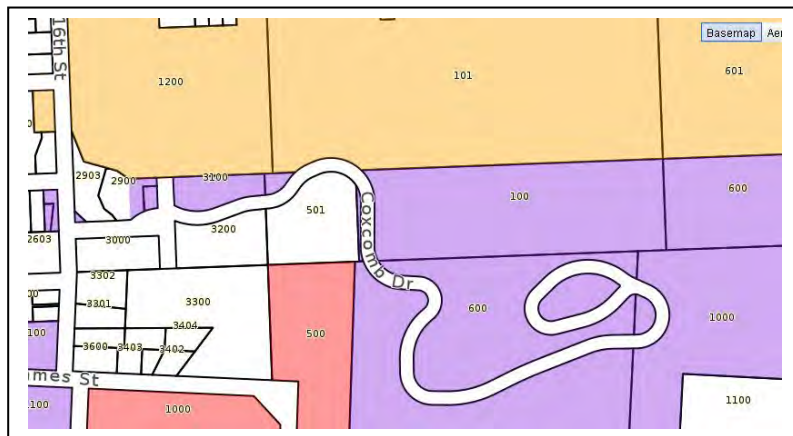
Map T8N R9W Section 17, Tax Lot 600;

Map T8N R9W Section 16, Tax Lot 600; Block 101, Shively (tax lot also includes Blocks beyond the park boundary)

Map T8N R9W Section 16, Tax Lot 1000;

Map T8N R9W Section 17AB, Tax Lot 3100; north portion of Lots 1 to 5, Block 96, Shively

** check on Tax Lot 2800 (L1, B 95) if in park***



DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: designated as Local Landmark 7-18-1983 (Ordinance 83-10); designated historic on the National Register of Historic Places (approved 5-2-1974) specifically excluded the caretaker house from designation; nomination as a "Historic Landmark" was denied in 1998 (Note: National Register historic sites and buildings is a different classification than a National Register Historic "Landmark". The denial of Landmark status did not remove the other designations.)

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The Astoria Column located atop Coxcomb Hill the highest point in Astoria is a 125' high Trajan column. The Column was constructed and dedicated in 1926 by the Great Northern Railroad and Vincent Astor of New York. The monument commemorates the area's history from the "Forest Primeval" to the coming of the railroad in 1898. A spiral frieze illustrates the history through the use of sgraffito, a wet-on-wet process. Designed by New York architect Electus Litchfield (1872-1952) and the frieze was done by Italian artist Attilio Pusterla.



The frieze depicts:

Before the white man, forest primeval
Discovery of the Columbia River by Capt. Robert Gray in the ship *Columbia Rediviva* in 1792
Lewis and Clark Expedition arriving at the mouth of the Columbia River in 1805
Lewis and Clark Expedition boiling ocean water to obtain salt
Members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition building Fort Clatsop, their winter quarters 1805-1806 on the Lewis and Clark River near Astoria
John Jacob Astor's Pacific Fur Company and ship *Tonquin* sailing from New York in 1810
Ship *Tonquin* arriving at the mouth of the Columbia River in 1811 and building Fort Astoria
Pacific Fur Company overland party arriving in 1812
Ship *Tonquin* blown up at Vancouver Island in 1811
Fort Astoria restored to the United States in 1818
Coming of settlers and civilization



The Column has concrete walls and foundation, and a copper, glass, and wood cupola. There are 164 stairs within the Column (Resolution 93-38). Earlier counts listed 166 stairs.

The name "Coxcomb Hill" has appeared on various maps since the 1840's. It is unknown who named it and what it means.

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| 1898 | Astoria group begins discussion of constructing an observatory on top of Coxcomb Hill. Astoria Progressive Commercial Commission was charged with developing a public park system with view point of area. |
| 1911 | John Chitwood, "Father of Coxcomb Hill" who came to Astoria in 1879, constructed a trail from the City park to the top of Coxcomb Hill through the authority of the Centennial Committee (<i>Astoria Daily Budget</i> , 6-24-1911) |
| 1912 | John Chitwood urges the construction of a vehicle road to the top of Coxcomb Hill (<i>Astorian Daily Budget</i> , 1-15-1912) |
| 1912 | John Chitwood suggests that Astoria ". . .erect a reinforced concrete memorial building on the crest of Coxcomb hill, Astoria, Oregon, in the nature of a monument dedicated to the memory of the early pioneers and the historic relics of the Western hemisphere. . ." (<i>Astorian Daily Budget</i> , 5-15-1912) |
| 1914 | The City acquired the first part of the Coxcomb Hill site in 1914. The 1911 Centennial Committee donated \$6,000 in surplus funds to the Astoria City Park Commission to make the purchase. In the end, the City bought 30 acres to be developed as a park. |

- 1917 A 200' tree on top Coxcomb Hill was prepared as a flag pole for the 4th of July celebration at the direction and expense of John Chitwood (*Astorian Daily Budget*, 6-27-1917). The flag pole was destroyed by fire from a lightning strike six years after it was finished.
- 1917 John Chitwood planted a half acre on top of Coxcomb Hill in potatoes in response to the conservation challenge by President Herbert Hoover. The potatoes were free to anyone who came to dig them (*"Astorian Daily Budget*, 10-27-1917)
- 12-11-1925 Parks Commission meeting - Ralph Budd, Great Northern RR (GNRR), SP&S RR on behalf of GNRR, and Vincent Astor, propose a park on Coxcomb to perpetuate the story of the founding of the area by Capt. Robert Gray, Lewis and Clark, and the John Jacob Astor Party. Parks Commission approved the idea.
- 1926 City clears the site in preparation of a park; first concrete poured by A. Guthrie & Co.
- 7-22-1926 Dedication of Column. Oregon Governor Walter Pierce presided. Editorial in the *Morning Astorian* concerning the Column. Dedication notes that there are 166 steps. The article noted that it was the first "rotogravure" (an intaglio printing process in which letters and pictures are transferred from an etched copper cylinder to a rotary press web of paper, typically running at high speed and used for long print runs of newspapers, magazines, and stamps) work in the *Astorian* paper.



- 1937 Lyle L Wemir (1905-1984) hauled a fir log to the Column site for display. The log was 11' 8" x 9' long.
- 1941 National Geographic Magazine does an article on the Column
- 1969 Jaycees install Christmas lights on the Column "again" – unsure when this custom began

- 1973 Jaycees yearly lighting of the Column for Christmas is delayed as Governor McCall had invoked a ban on decorative lighting.
- 5-2-1974 Designated as historic on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 7-30-1976 Ceremony for the 50th anniversary of the Column dedication was held by City, Regatta Association, and American Legion
- 1-1977 *Daily Astorian* article about the history of artist Attilio Pusterla for the upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations.
- 7-18-1983 Local Landmark historic designation was approved by City Council.
- 1988 Column Committee was reformed by former Mayor Edith Henningsgaard Miller and named as Friends of the Astoria Column. They became an independent non-profit organization with Jordan Schnitzer as the first president.
- 1990 "Kindergarten Cop" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. There was a scene filmed at the Column which was cut from the final version. The school picnic scene was originally planned for the Column and Astor Park with a full carnival but the scene was finally filmed at Ecola State Park.
- 1992 "Free Willy" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. The scene of Willy (the Orca whale) being transported to the water to escape was filmed on the road just east of the Column caretaker's house about 50' from the Column. The trailer traversed up Pipeline Road.
- 1992 Friends of Astoria Column were formally recognized by the City Council as a separate entity.
- 6-22-1994 Clatsop County celebrated its 150th anniversary with a ceremony at the Column including burial of a time capsule.
- 1996 Column Restoration work received the Dr. Edward Harvey Historic Preservation Award from the Mayor and Historic Landmarks Commission.
- 1996 Art Garfunkel of "Simon and Garfunkel", walked across the US from east to west over a ten year period. He ended his walk in Astoria and wanted to sing inside the Column because he liked the sound it made inside. He released his album "Across America".
- 1997 Circle drive around Column was renamed to "Criegee Circle" in honor of Jurgen Criegee, Burgermeister of Walldorf, Germany (Astoria's Sister City) upon his return to Astoria after 22 years (Resolution 97-20). Criegee and Mayor Harry Steinbock were the first people to cross the Astoria-Megler Bridge upon its completion in 1966.

- 1998 Application to designate the Column as a “National Landmark” was denied by the National Park Service. The request was denied as the historic Column only “depicted” the regional history and did not meet the criteria for a National Landmark.
- 2000 Listed in the “2000 Honor Roll” by Save Our Sculptures!, a national tally of public sculpture being actively preserved.
- 2000 “Turbans” was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. One scene was filmed at the Column of a panoramic view of the Columbia River and Youngs Bay.
- 2002 Friends of Astoria Column recommended that a visitor center be constructed at the Column (Resolution 22-27a). The design was similar to Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello and was proposed to be sited at the west point of the Park near the burial canoe replica. There was a great outcry by the community who felt that the almost 360° view from the site would be lost and was of great significance. The design changed several times including a proposed subgrade building into the hillside. Many people feared that it would trigger landslides. The project was tabled.
- 2004 “Ring 2” was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. There was a scene filmed at the Column.
- 2004 Astoria Police Department redesigns their patch and police badges to include the Column and Seal of Oregon. The badges were produced with a \$1,500 donation from Jordan Schnitzer and \$1,500 from the Friends of the Column. This badge replaced the “star” shaped badges. They were presented to the officers at a ceremony at the Column by Police Chief Rob DeuPree.
- 2004 Astoria Column was designated as a Save America's Treasure project by the National Trust for Historic Preservation
- 2004 Astor Column Park Plaza won the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's Design Award for excellence in parks and recreation projects
- 6-2013 Annual parking fee at Column raised from \$1 per car to \$2 per car.
- 2013 AAA announces that Astor Park (Astoria Column) is the No. 1 picnic spot in the Nation
- 2013 Friends proposal for City caretaker at the Column to be replaced by Friends of the Astoria Column employee approved by Council (CC minutes 4-1-2013).



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

Full history of the various repairs to the Column are addressed in the “Astoria Column Synopsis” and in the National Landmark Nomination by John Goodenberger. The details of each of these repairs are all not included in this time line.

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| 1-26-1926 | City Engineering Department does Memorial Column layout plan and plan of sprinkler system (Field Notebook lists files of plans as: 25.9, 2.9, 26.9, 27.9) |
| 1926 | The Column was constructed and dedicated by the Great Northern Railroad and Vincent Astor of New York. |
| 1936 | Pusterla restored and “redecorated” the Column. While he was in Astoria, he painted a scene on the garage of Charles Ettro of Miles Crossing. The garage scene included an auto in the foreground with picnickers in a rural scene. The mural was painted over by subsequent owners. Current owner (2016) is Vic Kee. |
| 1958 | Addition to caretaker house. Cracks in Column repaired and repainted with a preservative. |
| 1963 | Weatherproofing applied to Column |
| 1968 | Cracks in Column sealed with epoxy bonding material |
| 1969 | Reroof caretaker house |
| 6-1-1972 | Concerns are expressed about cracks in the Column and chipping of the artwork (<i>Daily Astorian</i>) |
| 6-16-1972 | Jaycees renovate visitor booth that is operated by chamber of Commerce (<i>Daily Astorian</i>) |
| 12-10-1972 | Apparent that the Column needed to fixed but the original structural plans were not available (<i>Daily Astorian</i>) |
| 12-18-1973 | Oregon Bicentennial Committee provides a grant for restoration of the Column. Senator Mark Hatfield encourages the City to apply for National Register Historic status for the Column |
| 8-16-1974 | Column noted as constructed only of concrete and wire mesh with no structural support. City Engineer Bruce Clausen suggests installation of steel rings with vertical supports bolted to the inside walls of the Column at one foot intervals to support the walls (<i>Daily Astorian</i>). |
| 1975 | New floodlighting installed for Column |

- 1975-1976 State Historic Preservation Office provides grant for Column repairs. Grant required a 20 year maintenance agreement with the City stating that SHPO would have authority to review and approve any proposed work during the 20 years
- 1-19-1976 Restoration contract awarded to Hamilton Construction, Springfield OR. 95 supporting rings installed and completed by 4-6-1976. (*Daily Astorian* 2-23-1976, 1-15-1976)
- 4-5-1976 The rotting, large log installed on display in the 1950's was replaced by Nygaard Logging (*Daily Astorian*)
- 4-20-1976 Alpine Gunitite Co completed resurfacing of interior of Column
- 4-28-1976 Wadsworth Electric completes electric upgrades
- 5-3-1976 City Council accepts all work as complete on restoration. Work was completed with \$52,712 funds from:
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of OR - \$6,000
National Historic Preservation Grant - \$14,000
Federal Revenue Sharing - \$7,112
Serial Levy by City - \$25,000
- 5-4-1976 American Legion plants trees in Park (*Daily Astorian*)
- 1979 Inspection of Column completed by Lucas Conservation Laboratory, Vancouver WA
- 1983 With the deterioration of the Column artwork, an idea was raised to abandon the sgraffito art style and replace it with a mural on the Column. This idea was rejected by the State Historic Preservation Office.
- 8-5-1991 City council approves cutting and sale of trees for Column View Restoration project
- 1991-1992 View Enhancement Study completed by The Pacific Resources Group, Steve Goetz, Portland
- 1993 Pacificorp installs landscaping through the Green Corps Program
- 1994 Major fundraising undertaken to finance the restoration of Column; included: sponsorship of Column steps at \$1,000 each; Columbia Chocolates developed chocolate Columns for sale with \$1.50 of each sale going to the fund. Astoria Middle School sponsored one of the steps. (See attached list of sponsors for each step.)
- 1995 Restoration work on Column financed by Friends of Column.

- 1996 New rails installed at top of Column; 20 year old cherry trees were removed
- 1996 Local Michael Foster posed the idea of moving the “Whispering Giant” Native American statue at Smith Point to Astor Park. Idea was not pursued by City.
- 2001 Survey was conducted about a proposed visitor center at the Column. Results were reported to the City Council at their 4-3-2001 meeting.
- 2002 “Temporary” restrooms were installed. They did not go through historic design review as they were to be removed in three to five years. They were never removed.
- 2003 Proposal to construct a visitor center on the point receives major opposition from the public. Concern with the visual impact and the impact to possible geologic hazards. The first design was for an above grade building. Second design by Thomas Hacker Architects, Portland, showed the majority of the building below grade at the western point of the Park.



Various plaques and monuments are located on the grounds. They were relocated with the 2003 plaza redesign and several additional monuments were installed.

- 1976 Granite plaque to John Friend Chitwood (1839-1920), so called “Father of Coxcomb Hill”; (see Chitwood newspaper articles attached). Installed by Clatsop Historical Advisory Committee 10-21-1976. Plaque reads: *“In memory of John Friend Chitwood, 1839-1920, Known as the Father of Coxcomb Hill. He advocated a monument on this site to honor the Lewis & Clark Expedition. In 1880 he blazed a trail and in 1915 completed a wagon road to the summit.”*



- 1966 Bronze relief map of area installed by Angora Hiking Club;



- 1949 Bronze plaque to first community television antenna in the US (birth of cable TV which occurred in the downtown building at 1401 Marine Drive/ 240 14th Street); larger granite monument installed in 2003. Bronze plaque reads: *"Site of the first community antenna television installation in the United States completed, February 1949, Astoria, Oregon"* (see attached article Cable TV birth, *Invention & Technology*, Fall 1996)

Granite monument reads: *"Cable Television was invented and developed by L.E. ed Parsons on Thanksgiving Day 1948. The system carried the first TV transmission by KRSC TV, Channel 5, Seattle. This marked the beginning of cable TV."*



- 1961 Concrete replica of Chief Comcomly burial canoe; plaques on the monument include: *"Comcomly"* on the center stone; two bronze plaques on support legs read: *"Comcomly c. 1765 – 1930, Great Chief of the Chinook Nation, known to Lewis and Clark, honored and respected by the founding Astorians, the Northwesters and the Hudson's Bay fur traders."* and *"Indian Burial Canoe, Symbolic memorial dedicated by Comcomly's descendants April 12, 1961 Astoria's 150th anniversary. Honored guest was Lord Astor of England, descendant and namesake of the City's founder."* (Note: while the monument states *"Comcomly"*, there are several accepted versions of the spelling.)



In 1953, local historian Burnbey Bell suggested constructing a concrete replica of Comcomly's burial canoe as a place to bury Comcomly's skull which had been returned to Clatsop County Historical Society from a museum in Portsmouth, England where it had been since the mid 1800's. The canoe plans were designed by Rolf Klep (first Director of CRMM) based on an early rendering of the canoe. It was constructed by local shipbuilder Joe Dyer of Astoria Marine Construction Company. It was decided that it would be made of concrete using wood forms to imprint the wood graining into the concrete. Gene Ettro did the decorated plaster work. Once completed, the Chinook Nation negotiated with CCHS for possession of the skull and decided that

Comcomly's skull would not be buried in the canoe. (See story in Cumtux, Volume 24, No. 1, Winter 2004)

- 1994 Granite plaque for the lid of a 50 year time capsule buried December 22, 1994 to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Clatsop County to be opened 6-22-2044. Plaque reads *"1844-1994, To commemorate the sesquicentennial of the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, A Time Capsule, buried here Dec. 22, 1994, Opening June 22, 2044."*



Two interpretive signs are located at the west end of the parking lot near the replica burial canoe, *"Lewis and Clark Expedition"* and *"Ocan in view, O! the joy. . ."* (photos attached)

- 1995 Major restoration and change in landscaping with benches, donation blocks, etc. The frieze was restored by Frank D. Pruesser, an internationally recognized conservation scientist. A detail of the various attempts to restore the Column frieze as well as a complete history of the Column and its significance can be found in the National Landmark nomination document by John Goodenberger. While the nomination was denied, the information in this document is accurate.



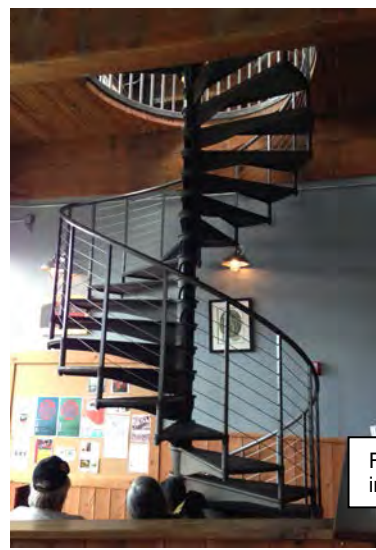
- 7-12-2004 Article concerning ceremony for the completion of the \$1.5 million upgrade, new lighting, plaza, pavers, ADA accessibility upgrades, wider drive, improved parking, and Column restoration (*Daily Astorian*). Astoria Granite completed engravings in the pavers and benches.
- 2004 There was an Astoria-Grays River Passive Reflector for Qwest Communications located on Block 96, Shively on the north side of Coxcomb Drive within the City owned property noted as “park”. Actual date of installation was not verified. The reflector was removed in approximately 2004.
- 2007 Agreement approved by City Council for purchase and installation of a sky cam/weather station installed in Astor Park for KGW Television News Channel 8 in Portland Oregon (CC 9-4-2007)
- 2008 New gift shop constructed (New Construction Permit NC08-02 and Amendment to Existing Permit AEP08-16 approved by Historic Landmarks Commission)



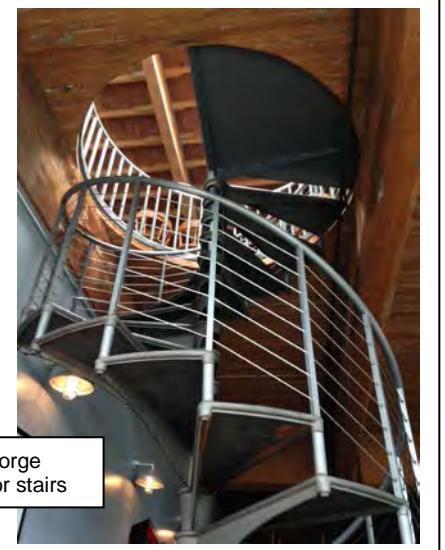
- 2009 Interior spiral staircase was replaced with Friends and City each financing \$200,000 toward the \$400,000 cost. Pieces of the original stairs were sold to Fort George Brewery (1483 Duane) and are used both inside and outside the restaurant and brewery building for access to the second floor.



Ft George
exterior stairs



Ft George
interior stairs



- 2014 Friends of the Astoria Column raised money and completed restoration of the Column at no cost to the City.

- 2015 At the request of the Friends, the City Council approved that the fee for parking at the Column be increased from \$2 per car to \$5 per car for an annual permit. The funds would be distributed as follows: \$1 to Parks and Recreation Department; \$1 to a restricted fund within the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) to begin saving for future restoration work; \$1 to a restricted fund within the OCF for capital expenditures; and \$2 the Astoria Column General Fund for ongoing care and maintenance of the Column and Astor Park (CC minutes 12-7-2015). The previous \$2 per car fee went to Column General Fund.
- 2016 Current facilities include: concessions, gift shop, ADA accessible restroom, paved and unpaved paths, picnic tables, picnic site (reservation required), biking/hiking/walking trails, wedding site (reservation required)

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 12-21-1925 Resolution by City Council in appreciation of the upcoming construction of the Column
- 1955 Ordinance 55-36, Curbs installed
- 1955 Ordinance 55-46, 55-43, Column keeper's house repairs
- 1981 Resolution 81-03, Road was improved
- 7-18-1983 Ordinance 83-10 to designate as local landmark approved by City Council
- 1991 Resolution 91-40, 91-48, Column view enhancement project
- 1992 Resolution 92-19, Friends of Astoria Column were formally recognized as a separate entity
- 9-7-1993 Resolution 93-38 establishes the number of stairs inside the Column as 164 steps; verification was done for the upcoming sponsorship of steps for a funding raising project
- 5-12-1997 Resolution 97-20, naming the circle road as Criegee Circle
- 1998 Ordinance 98-06, Adopting code section making the climbing of the exterior of the Astoria Column an offense
- 1999 Resolution 99-28, New septic system at Column
- 2003 Resolution 03-10 to submit a grant application to OR Parks & Recreation for park improvements

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

- 1975-1976 State Historic Preservation Office provides grant for Column repairs. Grant required a 20 year maintenance agreement with the City stating that SHPO would have authority to review and approve any proposed work during the 20 years (until 1996)
- 6-7-1983 Historic Designation HD83-01 as local landmark approved by the Astoria Planning Commission
- 6-6-1988 Articles of Incorporation filed with the State for formation of Friends of the Astoria Column. Amended 2-16-1989 and 8-4-1989
- 1998 New Construction Request NC98-05 by architect William Hawkins to construct Visitor Center. Request was withdrawn by applicant
- 1999 New Construction permit NC99-07 approved by Historic Landmarks Commission for construction of utility building
- 9-1-2000 Astor Park Guide Plan was completed by Makers Architecture and Urban Design, Worthy and Associates, Mimi Sheridan
- 8-2001 Feasibility Review of Proposed Astoria Column Visitor Center in Astor Park completed by Stanford/Alworth, Portland
- 5-14-2003 Certificate of Appropriateness CA03-12 by City to strengthen Column foundation subsurface approved
- 7-15-2003 Exterior Alteration Permit EX03-13 by Friends of Astoria Column to renovate Column Plaza; landscape, install lighting, parking and various Park upgrades approved by Historic Landmarks Commission with the condition that the various monuments at the Park are to remain on display.
- 6-7-2006 Wireless Communication Facility Permit WCF06-02 by Verizon Wireless for expansion of existing wireless communication facility approved
- 4-23-2007 License, City to Qwest to place and maintain conduit on Park property with conditions
- 5-7-2008 New Construction Permit NC08-02 by Friends of Astoria Column to install temporary gift shop building (12x40x10 modular trailer) approved by Historic Landmarks Commission. Amendment to Existing Permit AEP08-16 approved by Historic Landmarks Commission to change a portion of the proposed building design.
- 5-29-2008 Certificate of Appropriateness CA08-31A by City to install a temporary gift shop trailer for 30 days during construction of new gift shop approved

- 8-29-2008 Certificate of Appropriateness CA08-59 by Verizon Wireless Communication to change antennae on existing wireless facility approved
- 12-4-2008 Certificate of Appropriateness CA08-79 by City to remove cupola and install interior stairs approved
- 8-9-2013 Wireless Communication Facility Permit WCF13-02 by Verizon Wireless to locate two antennae on an existing wood pole with buried cable to connect to existing equipment building as a temporary location for an existing wireless communication facility approved

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.275.19, Parks Recreation and Open Space, Policies, states
"The Astoria Column Park should be used as the main trail head for the City trail system. However, additional designated parking areas considered should be located near the Cathedral Tree on Irving Avenue, at the ends of James Street, Franklin Avenue, Spruance Avenue, at Clatsop Community College, at the west end of the River Walk at Smith Point/Port area, and at the proposed new sports complex located at the former Transfer Station (1800 Williamsport Road)."

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.440.5, Forest Resources Element, Policies, states
"Scenic forest lands such as the corridor along Williamsport Road, the area around the Astor Column, or areas which have significant value for open space or recreation will be designated as such in the City's Plan."

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 1879 Deed, Welch to Wood, Book F, Page 539. This deed is for multiple properties including portions of the area around the Column. In 1914, Wood sells several of these parcels to City.
- 1-15-1894 Deed, Shively to Astoria Savings Bank, Book 31, Page 66 (a ten acre parcel north of Pipeline Road – appears to be Map 80917 Tax Lot 600 or Map 80916 Tax Lot 1000; however, the deeds are not easy to read and would need a professional reading of the description)
- 10-3-1913 Quit claim deed, Simpson Lumber to City, Book 82 Page 371 (80917-600)
- 6-25-1914 Warranty deed, Wood to City, Book 83 Page 514 (80917-600)
- 12-31-1914 Warranty Deed, Hoag to City, Book 85 Page 160 (reconveyance of deed Book 31, Page 66 on 1-15-1894; a ten acre parcel north of Pipeline Road – appears to be Map 80917 Tax Lot 600 or Map 80916 Tax Lot 1000; however, the deeds are not easy to read and would need a professional reading of the description)
- 1-30-1915 Quit claim deed, Noland to City, Book 85 Page 400 (80917-600)

- 3-24-1923 Bargain & Sale Deed # 216, Hildebrand to City, Book 110 Page 639 (80917AB 3100) includes condition that the south 50' (as described in deed) *“ . . . to be used as a public street and is hereby dedicated to the public for use as a street in the City of Astoria forever.”* This is the location of the existing Coxcomb Drive right-of-way.
- 1-5-1927 Deed, County to City, Book 121 Page 172 (80916 Portion Lot 1000)
- 10-25-1928 Deed, County to City, Book 125 Page 16 (80916- Portion of 600)
- 10-25-1928 Deed, County to City, Book 125 Page 16 (80916- Portion of 1000)
- 1-27-1932 Deed from lien foreclosure, City Treasurer to City, Book 131 Page 196 (80916- Portion of 600)
- 5-19-1932 Quitclaim deed, Nyquist to City, Book 131 Page 604 (80917-100)
- 4-21-1933 Quitclaim deed, County to City, Book 133 Page 71 (80916 Portion Lot 1000)
- 3-12-1947 Deed, County to City, Book 191 Page 391 (80916- Portion of 600)
- 12-30-2014 Bargain & Sale deed, City to Armington, for Map 17AB, Tax Lot 2800, adjacent to 1610 Coxcomb Hill, Recording #201408270, with following condition *“ . . .subject property remain in perpetuity as open space, not to be occupied by buildings, structures, parking areas, streets, or alleys but devoted to landscaping or preservation of natural features.”*

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

HD83-01.Ordinance 83-10.Historic Designation.7-18-1983.Column

Astoria Column.Natl Landmark denied 1998

National Landmark denial letter.11-4-1998

Astoria Column.Natl Reg approved 5-2-1974

National Register nomination.Astoria Column.1974

Column article.Morning Astorian 6-22-1939

VC design above grade.1993

VC design below grade.1994

VC.Don't block our view.DA article 10-5-1999

VC.Schnitzer says Friends too were schocked by scaffolding.DA article.2-11-2000

VC. Gussying up the Column grounds.DA 8-13-1999

75 years ago Column Dedicated.DA article.7-25-2002

Park inventory 1974 (2)

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 Column inscriptions from GNRR
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 Stair donors.alphabetical list
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 Ownership map
 History of the Column.Cumtux.Fall 1996
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 Dr Harvey Award.5-20-1996
 License.Qwest.Rec #200704007.4-23-2007
 Cable TV birth article.Invention & Technology Fall 1996

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 Deed.Co to City. Bk 121 Pg 172. 1-5-1927 (80916 Prtn Lot 1000)
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 Deed.Co to City. Bk 191 Pg 391. 3-12-1947 (80916- Prtn of 600)
 Quit claim deed.Noland to City. Bk 85 Pg 400.1-30-1915 (80917-600)
 Quit claim deed.Simpson Lumber to City. Bk 82 Pg 371. 10-3-1913 (80917-600)
 Quitclaim deed. Co to City. Bk 133 Pg 71. 4-21-1933 (80916 Prtn Lot 1000)
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 Warranty deed.Wood to City. Bk 83 Pg 514. 6-25-1914 (80917-600)
 216.Bargain & Sale Deed.Hildebrand to City.B110 p639.3-24-1923 (80917AB 3100)
 Bargain & Sale deed.City to Armington.17AB2800.Rec #201408270.12-30-2014
 Deed.Shively to Astoria Savings Bank.B31 p66.1-15-1894
 Warranty Deed.Hoag to City.B85 p160.12-31-1914
 Deed.Welch to Wood.B F p539.1-16-1879.various Shively blocks

NAME OF PARK: Custom House Reconstruction

AKA: First US Custom House West of the Rocky Mountains Reconstruction
(Note: "Custom House" is two words. When referring to the agency, it is "US Customs Service")

ADDRESS: 3455 Lief Erikson Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 9BD, Tax Lot 5700; Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 93, Adair Port of Upper Astoria, and unvacated portion of Duane Street

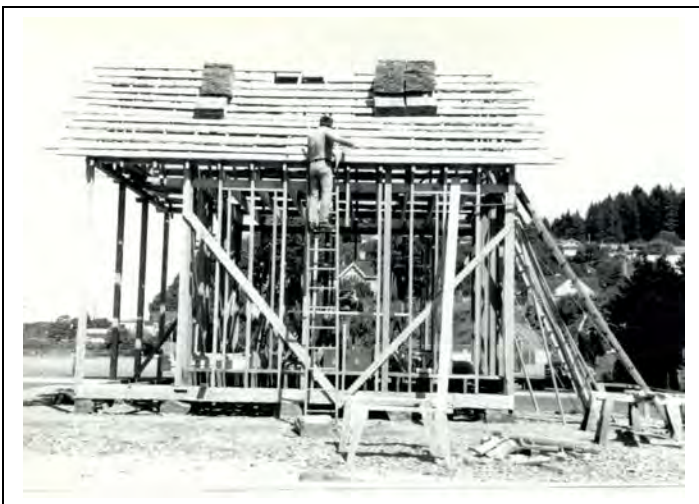
DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: designated historic (HD13-01); Eligible Significant in Adair-Uppertown Historic Inventory Area

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Col. John Adair was commissioned by president James K. Polk to establish a custom house in Astoria in 1848—the first west of the Mississippi River. Col. Adair located the service in Uppertown when he was refused land in central Astoria. The original building was likely constructed by an itinerant carpenter who lifted classic plans and details from a book. It opened in April 1849. It burned to the ground in 1852 and was quickly reconstructed. In 1869, construction on the new US Post Office at 7th and Commercial Streets started which would include the US Custom House. Construction was completed in 1873 and the operation was moved to the new downtown location.

The existing building is a reconstruction of the 1852 custom house. It was reconstructed in 1991 as a memorial of the First US Custom House West of the Rocky Mountains in recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the US Customs Service. The reconstruction consisted of the building replica, interpretive signage, and landscaping.

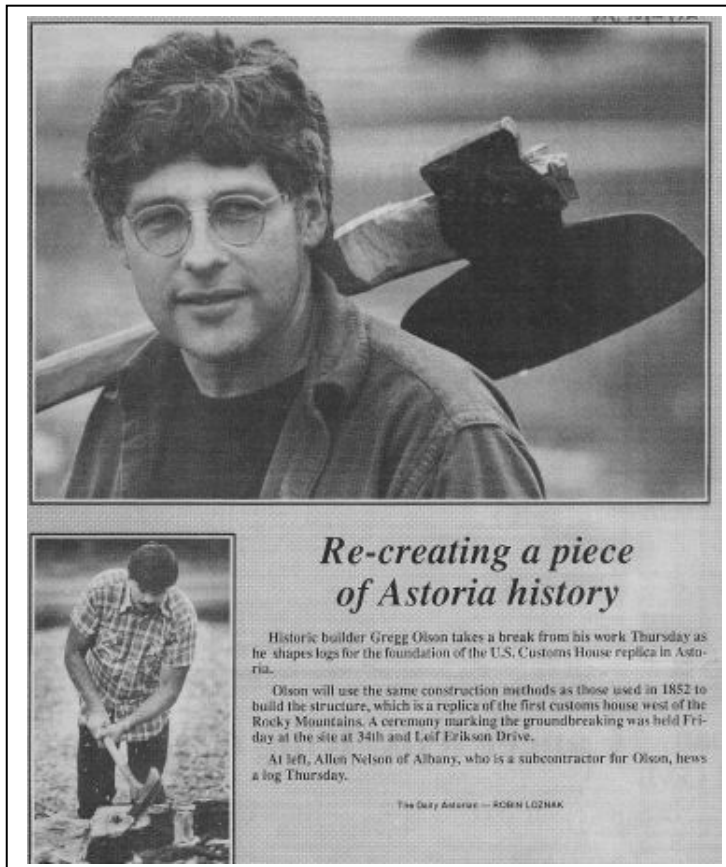


Location is a few yards east of the original site. The original bay has been filled to the north changing the location of the shoreline. Prior to construction of the replica, the State had a "Beaver Board" interpretive sign close to the original location.



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

The building was constructed by Gregg Olson with the assistance of Allen Nelson of Albany using original methods including hand hewing and planing of the boards and hand construction with original tools. The rock steps and foundation rocks were hand selected from the City's quarry. The official groundbreaking in 1992 had the officials using axes to hew one of the beams with completion by 1994. There is a complete photo record of the construction in the Community Development Department office.





Mayor Willis L. Van Dusen, and State and Federal government representatives at "ground breaking" log hewing ceremony



Interpretive signs were done by Interpretive Exhibits Inc. of Salem OR. The signs include *"First on the Pacific: The Astoria Custom House"*, *"Image the Scene: Astoria's Customhouse 1849"* and *"Custom House Reconstruction"*. A wood sign identifies the site reads *"1852 U.S. Customhouse, Historic Reconstruction"*.

1995 The site was landscaped by landscaper Beth Holland, Cannon Beach. However, most of that landscaping has been removed over the years.

2004 Daughters of the American Revolution planted a red maple tree.

2016 New interpretive signs are being developed to be installed to replace the original signs.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

HD13-01 Historic Designation (6-18-2013)

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.255.4, Historic Preservation Policies, states

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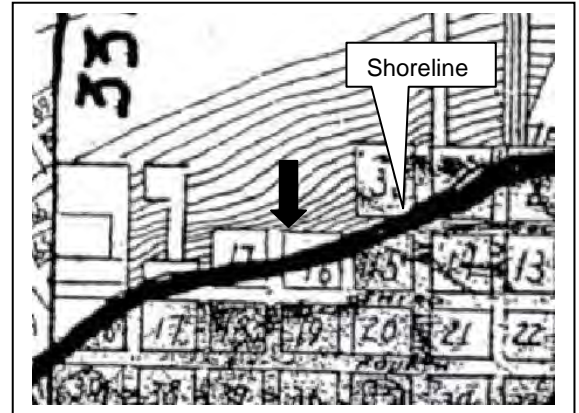
DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1-15-1932 Quitclaim Deed, Nyquist to City, Book 131 Page 145 (80909BD Tax Lot 5600; Lots 4 & 6, Block 93, Adair Port of Upper Astoria)

7-17-1972 Quitclaim deed, County to City, Book 365 Page 308 (Parcel Y on deed) (80909BD tax lot 5700)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The historic shoreline in 1890 was within the current park boundaries. Blocks 93 and 94 were originally identified as Blocks 17 and 16 respectively. The park is built on fill. Additional fill was added in 1992 for the reconstruction project.



NOTES:

A complete photo record of the reconstruction is available in the Community Development Department Office. The document should be scanned and copied to the Library and other permanent location such as CCHS.

A book on the history of the Customhouse and John Adair is available in the Community Development Department (Hyas Tyee, *The United States Customs Service in Oregon, 1848-1989*, Department of the Treasury, United States Customs Service, Washington DC, 1990).

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

History of Customhouse

1890 Shoreline map

"History to repeat itself at Customhouse" article (*Daily Astorian*, 7-31-1992)

"Plan of the Past" article (*Daily Astorian*, 5-6-1991)

"Recreating a piece of Astoria history" article (*Daily Astorian*)

HD13-01.3455 Lief Erikson Custom House

Quitclaim deed.Co to City. Bk 365 Pg 308. 7-17-1972 (80909BD-5700)

Quitclaim Deed.Nyquist to City.B131 P145. 1-15-1932 (80909BD-5600)

Interpretive signs (1, 2, 3)

NAME OF PARK: Doughboy Monument

AKA: Astoria Victory Monument; Soldier's Monument

ADDRESS: 215 West Marine Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Within the Columbia Avenue right-of-way

Within the Astor-West Urban Renewal District (AWURD)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

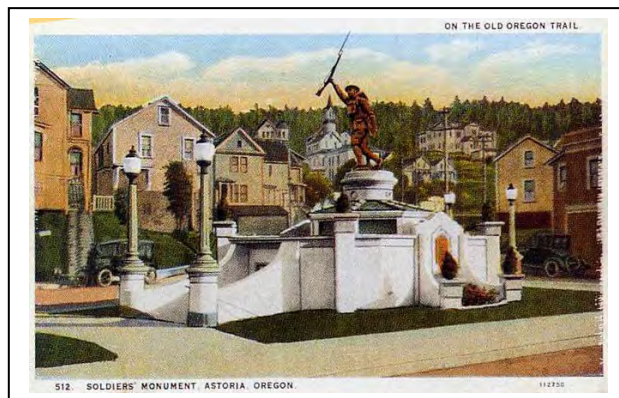
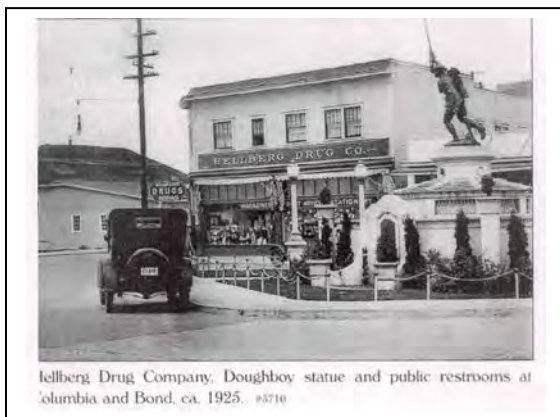
HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: designated Local Historic (Ordinance 83-10);
National Historic Site, National Register of Historic Places

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Constructed in 1926 to honor the World War I soldiers from Clatsop County. The memorial was a project lead by the Clatsop Post of the American Legion during the sesquicentennial of the American Revolution. A bronze statue entitled "Doughboy Over the Top at Cantigny" (America's first victory in WWI) (American sculptor John Paulding) is mounted on top of a concrete structure designed by Astoria Architect Charles T. Diamond. The bronze statue was cast by American Art Bronze Foundry, Chicago 1920. Dedicated July 21, 1926 by the City. The structure houses public restrooms.

The charge at Cantigny, France, 20 miles southeast of Amiens, on May 28, 1918, was regarded as the first American victory of WWI.

Entered into National Register of Historic Places on November 15, 1984. The site was chosen since it was the focal business and cultural intersection of Uniontown. It was the first public restroom dedicated as a National Historic Site.



The following is a list of Clatsop County World War I dead to which the monument was dedicated. Seven were killed in action, four died of wounds, and the rest died of disease, mainly pneumonia.

Agren Petera A – Jewell

Alderson, Joshua – Cleveland
 Baker, Walter J – Astoria
 D'Elia, Albert C – Astoria
 Denver, Robert J – Elsie
 Devedelas, Carl J – Astoria
 Ford, Robert – Astoria
 Hungate, Shelby – Astoria
 Johnson, Chris W – Astoria
 Johnson, Earl L – Westport
 Johnson, Wyva W – Westport
 Kelly, Edwin J – Astoria
 Laakko, John A – Knappton
 Larsen, Louis O – Wauna
 Larson, Guy – Astoria
 Larson, Louis – Hammond
 Malarkey, Gerald A – Warrenton
 Mitchell, Frank – Astoria
 Mortenson, Bennie L – Astoria
 Mullady, Edward M – Astoria
 Nelson, William H - Hammond
 Parker, Freeman F – Astoria
 Pearson, Anton – Kerry
 Peterson, Christian S – Westport
 Pettersen, Aage Emil – Astoria
 Prosser, Fred Ellsworth – Seaside
 Rogenes – Gudmund – Astoria
 Simonsen, Louis Henry – Svensen
 Storemark, Guttorm S - Astoria
 Thim, George – Astoria
 Vog, Holden – Westport
 Wheat, Murray C – Astoria

7-21 & 7-22-2006 Rededication ceremony on 50th anniversary – Sponsored by City,
 Regatta Association, American Legion (*Daily Astorian*, 7-25-2006)
 Weekend event celebrated Doughboy Monument, Fort Astoria, and Column

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1971 Moose Lodge painted the monument

There was a bell tower on the site with a plaque "Used from 1896 to late 1930's". It is believed this was the "curfew" bell for this neighborhood and is the bell currently located in front of Fire Station 2 at 301 West Marine Drive. The bell was gone from the Doughboy Monument site by 1972.

Plaque on bell at Fire Station reads: *City Ordinance 1891: "no minor permitted on streets after 8 p.m. in winter; 9 p.m. in summer." This bell has hung in several locations in west Astoria since 1904 and was rung for many years to remind people of the curfew. In later*

years it was rung on patriotic occasions. Placed here on September 15, 1978 as a permanent memorial to Astoria's historic past.



Relocation to Fire Station 2



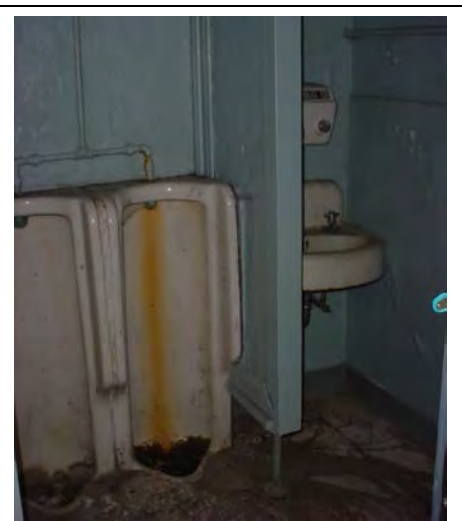
1985 "Short Circuit" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. One scene was filmed at the Doughboy intersection.

1991 Jonathan Taggart cleaned and restored the bronze statue using crushed walnut shells and hot wax (see *Daily Astorian* article 3-26-1991).

2006 Restrooms were restored, and upgraded for American with Disabilities accessibility; funding from Preserving Oregon grant from State Historic Preservation Office, and Wal-Mart.



Interior prior to 2005-2006 upgrade



2007 Monument received the City's Dr. Edward Harvey Historic Preservation Award for the restoration from the Mayor and Historic Landmarks Commission.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

7-18-1983 Ordinance 83-10, Historic Designation

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.255.4, Historic Preservation Policies, states

“Historic structures owned by the City or other public bodies will be identified and preserved, and used for purposes that have general public benefit, such as classrooms or community centers. Where appropriate, the City may consider the use of such structures for commercial purposes where a public use is not warranted.”

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Constructed within the Columbia Avenue right-of-way.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Doughboy Restoration 1991 (*Daily Astorian* 3-26-1991)

National Register Nomination – 215 W Marine.Columbia Bond W Marine.Doughboy Monument.pdf

Ordinance 83-10.Historic Designation.7-18-1983.Doughboy Monument

List of WWI dead

Cantigny Monument in France photos and history

NAME OF PARK: Downtown Restrooms

AKA:

ADDRESS: 1234 Exchange Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CD, Tax Lot 2100; Lots 6 & 7, Block 66, McClure, and vacated portion of 13th Street

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: site (not building) is designated as historic; Downtown National Register Historic District (building is not historic) (HD01-02)

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Property purchased from County in 1941.

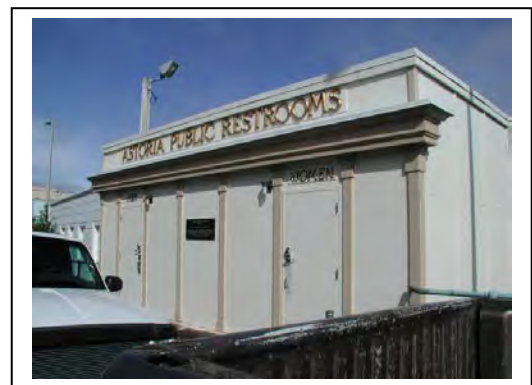
In 2005, the City in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and Sunday Market constructed a temporary building as a public restroom in the downtown area. This lot is owned by the City and is designated as a local landmark as it contains exposed chair wall construction for the street. The lower portion of the lot serves as a leased parking area and has access easements for adjacent properties.



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

The building was designed by Community Development Director J. Todd Scott and constructed by the City in 2005 as a prefabricated building moved to the site.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:



LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

- 9-18-2001 Historic Designation HD01-02 of the exposed Chairwalls
- 11-15-2001 Access Easement, City to Shorebank, for 486 12th Street for the below street grade portion of the lot, Recording # 200111508.
- 9-21-2004 NC04-05, New Construction permit approved by Historic Landmarks Commission as amended by AEP04-14.
- 5-29-2009 Access Easement for 1215 Duane Street for the below street grade portion of the lot, Recording # 200905023.

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 11-5-1941 Bargain & Sale Deed (1258), County to City, Book 161 Page 285 (Lots 6 & 7)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**NOTES:****ATTACHMENTS:**

Photos
Access Easement for 486 12th
Access Easement for 1215 Duane
Easement Grant.City to Shorebank.11-15-2001.200111508
1258.Bargain & Sale Deed.Co to City.B161p285.11-5-1941 (Lots 6 & 7)
HD01-02.Chairwalls.1200 Block Exchange
NC04-05.Public Rest Rooms.Revised fin

NAME OF PARK: Evergreen Field

AKA: Astoria Middle School Fields

ADDRESS: 1300 Klaskanine Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 3901; vacated portion Klaskanine adjacent to Block 7, Central Astoria

Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 4101; northeast corner, Block 7, Central Astoria, vacated portion Klaskanine

Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 2000; Lots 1 to 15, Block 9, Central Astoria, vacated portion 13th, 14th, and Klaskanine

Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 2201; Block 10, Central Astoria, vacated 13th, 14th, Milton

Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 2100; Lots 16 to 30, Block 9, Central Astoria, vacated 13th, 14th, Lewis

Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 1401; vacated Klaskanine adjacent to Block 8, Central Astoria

Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 1800; Lots 10 to 17, Block 8, Central Astoria, vacated 14th, Klaskanine, Lewis

Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 1700; Lots 1 to 9, 18 to 22, Block 8, Central Astoria, vacated Klaskanine, Lewis, 15th

Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 2300; Lots 1, 5 to 26, Block 11, Central Astoria, vacated Lewis, Milton, 14th, 15th

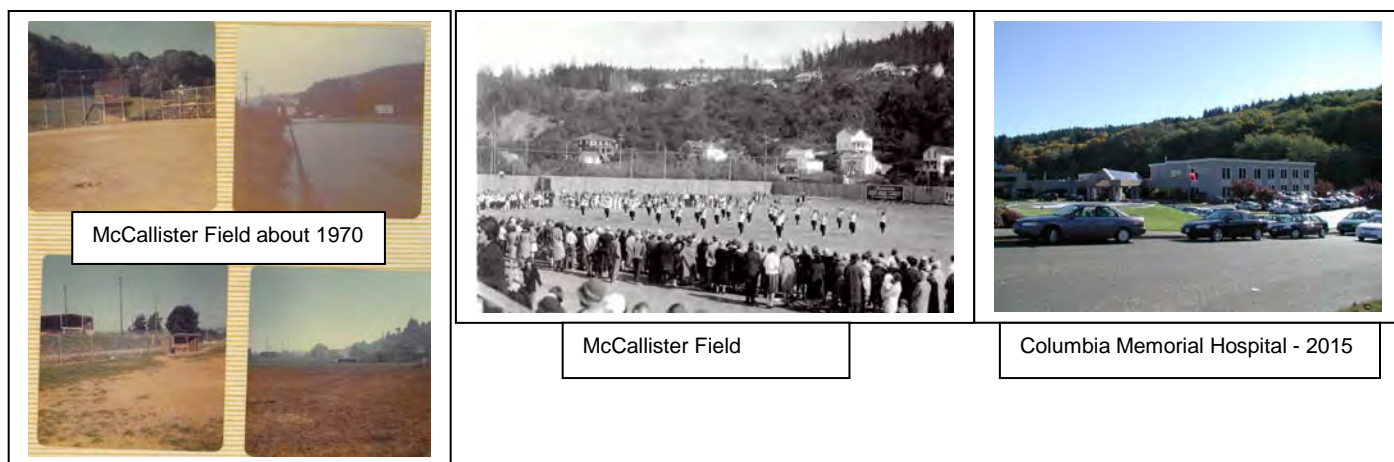
Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lot 2400; Lots 2, 3, 4, Block 11, Central Astoria, vacated Lewis

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

In 1976, the City sold McCallister Field to Columbia Memorial Hospital for construction of the new hospital at 2111 Exchange Street. The agreement was that the City would construct a replacement ball field. Evergreen Field was the promised ball field. Until construction was complete in 1984, the ball leagues used Tapiola Field, Olney School District field, and Columbia Field. {Note: This was a similar process utilized in 2014 when Columbia Memorial Hospital wanted additional land for expansion and to construct a cancer treatment center. CMH, Astoria School District, Recology, and City entered into an agreement for CMH to acquire John Warren Field (1905 Exchange Street) and CMH would construct a sports complex field on the City's former solid waste land fill site (1800 Williamsport Road).}



Some of the money for construction of the Evergreen ball fields came from the sale of the Darigold Building (385 9th Street) to Clatsop County.

Platted streets were vacated in 1982 for construction of the ball field (Ordinance 82-05)

Astorian Dorene Schmitz won a competition to name the park in 1983. Construction began that year, however underground springs were discovered in late-September. The site caved-in a few days later in early October. The fields were completed in 1985 (City Council minutes 3-4-1985).

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 1984 Park construction completed with some State Parks funding; design by Grider, Gabriel, Potter
- 1993 Modular classroom constructed by Astoria Middle School off the parking area
- 1993 Dugouts and benches were constructed.
- 1995 Volley ball court installed
- 2000 Lights were installed on the field (Resolution 00-19)



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 8-16-1982 Ordinance 82-05, Book 585 Page 76 (80917BB Portion of 12000 & 12100), street vacation portions of Klaskanine between 14th & 15th Street, Lewis Street from 14th to east line of Central Astoria Subdivision, 14th and 15th Streets from Milton to north of Klaskanine, Madison 6th to 7th
- 2000 Resolution 00-19 for financing light installation

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

- 4-6-1982 Conditional Use (CU82-01) approved by Astoria Planning Commission for construction of ball fields
- 11-16-2009 License to Occupy issued to Astoria School District, Middle School, at 1100 Klaskanine for construction of a greenhouse for educational purposes



DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 1982 State Parks and Recreation grant was Federally funded to construct ball fields with condition that it must be used for outdoor recreation or replace the converted land at City expense
- 2-26-1982 Bargain and Sale Deed, School District to City (Tax Lots 1700, 1800, 2100, 2300, 2400, 3901, 4101), Book 571 Page 653, with easement for ingress/egress through the parking lot

"Together with a 30' easement for ingress and egress, the centerline of which is described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of the right-of-way of Klaskanine Avenue and the East right-of-way line of 11th Street; thence south 88°38' east along the centerline of said Klaskanine Avenue (now vacated), 127.0 feet; thence north 53°02' east, 192.0 feet; thence south 57°48' east, 232 feet, more or less, to a point on the centerline of said vacated Klaskanine Avenue. Said easement as described is intended to be located over and across the paved parking and travel area located west, north, and east of the existing school buildings."



- 4-28-1982 Reversionary Deed, County to City, Book 575, Page 384; north 1/2 Block 9, Central Astoria (tax lot 2000); reverts to County if not used as an athletic complex. This deed is replaced by the 3-11-1983 deed (Book 594, page 567).
- 2-22-1983 Warranty Deed, School District to City, Book 593, Page 971; (Tax Lot 1401)
- 3-11-1983 Bargain and Sale deed County to City, Book 594, Page 567 (north 1/2 Block 9; Tax Lot 2000). This replaces the 4-28-1982 deed and no longer has a reversionary clause.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Underground springs found in 1983.

NOTES:

Additional information on McCallister Field as it is no longer a park yet is tied to the development of Evergreen Field:

McCallister Field

- 8-1961 McCallister Field constructed by Lower Columbia Little League on property owned by the City. It was named for Howard M "Jerry" McCallister, former Parks Supervisor who retired in 1956 with 45 years service.
- 1974 Restrooms at McCallister Field
- 12-19-1974 McCallister Field, located just east of Gyro Field (John Warren Field, 1905 Exchange Street) was the major ball field for the City. Columbia Memorial Hospital offered to purchase McCallister Field from the City for construction of a new hospital on the site (2111 Exchange Street). The site was six acres and had two diamonds (one Little League and one softball, plus a practice field). *(Daily Astorian)*
- 4-2-1975 City Council considers the sale of McCallister Field to CMH with CMH to construct replacement fields *(Daily Astorian)*
- 8-19-1976 McCallister Field dugouts are demolished. City retained ownership with the transfer of other property to the Astoria School District. The plan was to relocate the ball fields to the City dump site on Williamsport Road.
- 4-5-1977 Citizens are upset that McCallister Field has not been replaced. They suggest construction of fields at Gyro Field (1905 Exchange Street, AKA John Warren Field) as the proposed site at the dump site on Williamsport Road has been delayed. The City and US Coast Guard build a field at the airport to help until a field can be constructed. *(Daily Astorian)*

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Bargain & Sale Deed.County to City.3-11-1983

Bargain and Sale Deed Statutory form.School District to City.2-26-1982

Reversionary Deed.County to City.4-28-1982

Warranty deed.School dist to City 2-22-1983

Special Ordinance 82-05.street vacation. Bk 585 Pg 76.8-16-1982 (80917BB Prt of 12000 & 12100)

City ownership map

License to Occupy.Astoria School Dist greenhouse.1100 Klaskanine.Rec # 201000607.1-21-2010

License to Occupy map

NAME OF PARK: Exchange Street Parkway, 17th to 20th Street

AKA:

ADDRESS:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: within the Exchange Street right-of-way

Within Astor-East Urban Renewal District AEURD

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

With the relocation of the Fairgrounds from this area, the Astor-East Urban Renewal District utilized AEURD funds to assist with various projects in the area. Improvements included construction of Gateway Cinema, Aquatics Center, OSU Seafood and Consumer Center, Dr. Park's Medical Buildings, and expansion of Columbia Memorial Hospital facilities. Sidewalk and landscaping improvements were installed during the 1997 construction of the Aquatic Center and Gateway Cinema (CC minutes 6-7-1999) and during the 2008 construction of Dr. Park's Medical Building at 2120 Exchange.



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

Improvements included new sidewalks, street trees with tree grates, and pedestrian amenities. There are two backless benches at the stair access to Gateway Cinema parking lot between 18th and 19th Street, and one backless bench at 20th Street. The Exchange sidewalk between 17th and 18th Street was constructed of wood by Randy Stemper as part of the construction of the new Astoria Builder's Supply facility at 1777 Marine Drive. Use of wood was approved by the Public Works Department. Maintenance of the sidewalk and street trees between 17th and 18th Street were the responsibility of the property owner, Astoria Builder's Supply. The facility is now owned by Columbia River Maritime Museum.



Wood portion of Exchange Street sidewalk adjacent to 1777 Marine Drive between 17th and 18th Streets

Astor East Urban Renewal District Plan Section 650.F, Street Improvements, states *“Street improvements are proposed to be constructed on Marine Drive between 18th and 21st Streets, on 18th Street and on 20th Streets between Marine Drive and Exchange Street and may be constructed elsewhere in the Urban Renewal Area as designated by the Agency. Proposed improvements will include, but not be limited to grading, paving, drainage, traffic signals, lighting, landscaping, sidewalk and surface treatments.”* This allowed for additional work within the Exchange Street right-of-way.

1999 Sidewalk improvements constructed on the north side of Exchange Street from 17th to 22nd Street; funding from ODOT (CC minutes 1-5-1998). The improvements were designed by Robert Freeman (CC minutes 2-17-1998)

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Located within Exchange Street right-of-way

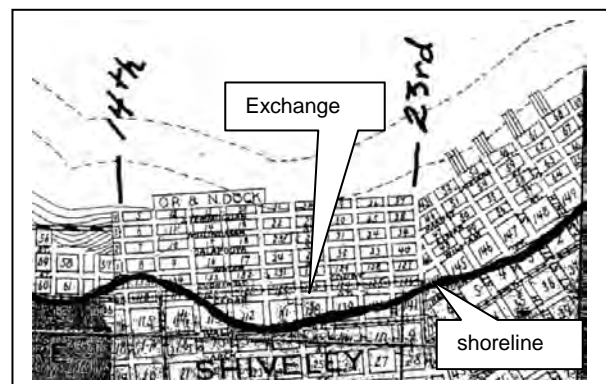
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Most of the area north of Exchange Street is built on fill. The historic shore line is indicated in the 1890 Shoreline Map. The landscaped areas within the Exchange Street right-of-way were constructed on filled areas.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

photos



NAME OF PARK: Fort Astoria

AKA: Fort George

The name "Fort Astoria" was not used at the time the trading post was established. Astor's men simply referred to the post as "Astoria." It is believed the name "Fort Astoria" was not used until well after the trading post closed. Some sources indicate the name was not used until the 1850's or 1860's, and was used more as a romanticized view of history. The "Fort George" name refers to the period of British ownership during the War of 1812 and shortly after.

ADDRESS: 1480 Exchange

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CD, Tax Lot 15200; north 62.5' Lots 1 & 2, Block 118, Shively

Within the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: designated Local Historic (Ordinance 83-10); May 31, 1963 dedicated as a National Historic Landmark (National Register of Historic Places #66000639)

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Astoria began when John Jacob Astor's ship the *Tonquin*, dropped anchor on April 14, 1811, and 33 crewmen started the construction of Astoria on what was then the bank of the Columbia River. Several members of the party took the *Tonquin* up river to Vancouver Island where they were killed by natives. Additional members of the Astor party led by Wilson Price Hunt arrived from overland on February 12, 1812, and in the spring, others arrived on the *Beaver*. This trading post established Astoria as the First American settlement west of Rocky Mountains. Early inhabitants from the *Tonquin* included "Sandwich Islanders" (Hawaiians) which were picked up by the *Tonquin* on its way to the Columbia River. The party brought hogs, sheep, goats, and poultry as the first introduction of livestock into Oregon by "white men".

On May 11, 1812, hunter John Day, who had joined the overland party, arrived in Astoria. He died a year later. There are many accounts of where and when he died and one account states that he was buried near the post (in the area of the Clatsop County Historical Society at 1618 Exchange). John Day has two rivers in Oregon named after him.

Astor's men constructed a wall around the trading post for security. The wall, called a palisade, was 12 to 15-feet high and made of upright wood posts. The original post was 90 square feet and consisted of the palisades, two bastions on opposite corners, and several buildings within the enclosure. In 1936, Judge John A. Buchanan, an attorney and local historian, documented where the trading post once stood. The City of Astoria used this information to paint lines on the street which follow the outline of Fort Astoria's palisade.

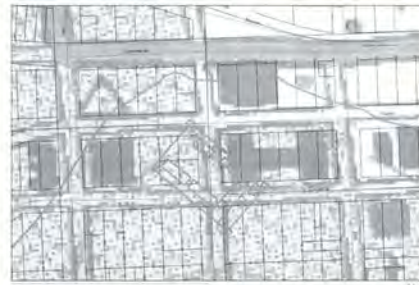
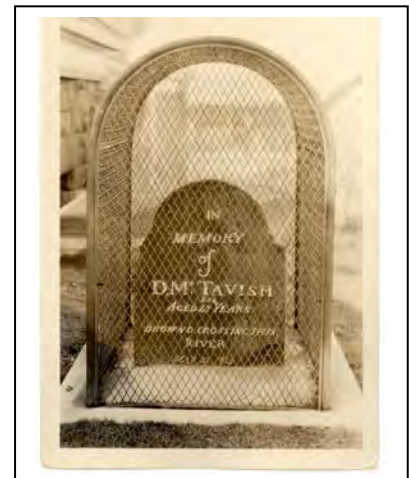


Figure 10. View of a projection of the 1818 map of Fort George completed by Lt. T. Saumaro, and the subsequent overlay of this plan on the modern city plat by Judge J. A. Buchanan in the 1930s on a close up of the USGS 7.5 Minute Series Map of Astoria, Oregon.

In 1813 the post was sold to British North West Company (later in 1821 they merged with Hudson Bay Co. HBC) through John McTavish to avoid seizure of property in the War of 1812. The post was renamed Fort George for the King. However, when the British ship of war *Raccoon* arrived, the captain took down the Union Jack and hoisted the US flag so he could seize the fort as a prize of war. The war ended in 1818 and by the Treaty of Ghent, the post was returned to the US since it was considered as property seized during the war. However, it remained in British hands due to the continuing boundary dispute between Canada and the United States. On June 7, 1825, the last HBC men left the post for Fort Vancouver and left the remains to the Chinook Indians who burned it within two years. In 1829, John McTavish re-occupied the site to keep it as British territory until the boundary dispute was settled. It remained in British hands until the Boundary Treaty of 1846 and the Oregon Treaty of 1848 which clearly established Oregon as American territory. In June 1853, the US Army sold all the remains of Fort Astoria.

In 1814, Jane Barnes arrived on the "*Isaac Todd*". She was the first white woman in Astoria. She was a barmaid from Portsmouth England and was hired by Donald McTavish as a seamstress. When Donald McTavish died in May 1814, she returned home to England.

The headstone of Donald McTavish, inscribed "*In memory of D McTavish, esq., aged 42 years, drowned while crossing this river, May 22, 1814*" was originally located on this site. He was the Chief Factor of North West Company. It is believed to be the oldest tombstone in the Pacific Northwest. The City Council approved the removal of the tombstone in a letter dated 2-4-1981 to the Columbia River Maritime Museum (they were located at 1618 Exchange at that time). Clatsop County Historical Society now occupies the building and CCHS still have the headstone.



The site was once occupied by Gilbaugh & Pohl Mortuary. The business operated out of a house on the corner of 15th & Exchange. The rock retaining wall on 15th Street was constructed for that residence. In 1929, the mortuary was sold to E. A. Fahrion.

In 2009, Fort Vancouver National Historical Park, WA and Portland State University Department of Anthropology, prepared a report *"Fort George Research Inventory and Assessment"* of the site. It was a Special History Study for Lewis and Clark National Historical Park for the purpose of documenting historic properties within the Columbia-Pacific Region in Washington and Oregon. A copy of that report is attached and provides a good history of the development of early Astoria relative to the Fort.

In 2012, the National Park Service (NPS) through their archaeological team at Fort Vancouver WA conducted an archaeological survey and excavation on property owned by the City including Fort Astoria, the First US Post Office Site, and Tidal Rock. The NPS was granted permission to collect artifacts and other cultural materials discovered during the fieldwork for laboratory analysis and curation. The City stipulated that the archaeological samples, specimens, and artifacts collected during this work will be curated by the Columbia River Maritime Museum located at 1792 Marine Drive after they are certified as an approved curatorial site. As of 2016, the analysis of the finds is still underway. The NPS is working with the City on the temporary and/or final location of the specimens. CRMM is still working toward certification that would allow them to be the repository.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

10-6-1924 Daughters of American Revolution mounted a bronze plaque which reads:
"Site of Original Settlement of Astoria, Erection of a Fort was begun April 12, 1811 by the thirty-three members of the Astor Party who sailed around Cape Horn in the ship Tonquin and established here the famous fur-trading post which was the First American Settlement West of the Rocky Mountains. Placed by Astoria Chapter DAR, October 6, 1924."

There were dwellings on the site prior to 1884 (Sanborn Map 1884) and remained until the 1908 republished 1948 Sanborn Map showed the site as vacant. The houses were demolished in the 1940's. They were the homes of Carruthers and a mortician. The brick Italianate dwelling was built from the remains of the Ferrill Mill Chimney. It was owned by Robert Carruthers. The house was later used by the 7th Day Adventist Church. When the landscaped garden adjacent to Fort Astoria was built by Robert Stricklin prior to 2000, bricks from that dwelling were found.

9-1-1948 Oregon Department of Transportation installed the first State historical marker. The program for these types of markers foundered from 1959 to 1991 when it was transferred to the Travel Information Council.

The left photograph shows a large wooden sign with a black background and white text. The sign is titled "FORT ASTORIA" and features a small white diamond logo. The text describes the fort's history, mentioning its construction by Lewis and Clark, its role in the War of 1812, and its eventual destruction by fire in 1811. The sign is set against a backdrop of green grass and trees.

The right photograph shows a smaller wooden sign with a black background and a white map. The map illustrates the layout of Fort Stevens, showing the main fortification, the stockade, and the surrounding area. The sign is set against a backdrop of green grass and trees.

1956	Flag pole erected.
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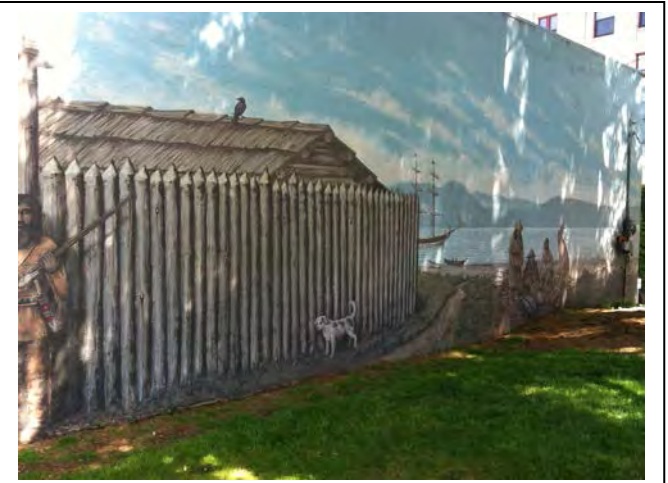


5-21-1988 Marble monument inscribed in both Japanese and English was dedicated to the memory and achievements of the remarkable Ranald MacDonald. MacDonald was the first man to teach English in Japan. He was born on this site and was the son of Hudson Bay fur trader Archibald MacDonald and Princess Raven, daughter of Chief Comcomly. MacDonald was imprisoned in Nagasaki in 1848. Commodore Perry did not reach Japan until 1854. The east side of the sign is written in Japanese.



Mural: The backdrop, which depicted the original post; was painted on a concrete wall, forming the north boundary of the historic site. The concrete wall is the south wall of Fort George Brewery (1483-1493 Duane Street).

- 1970 Local artist Arvid Wuonola repainted the mural
- 1975 Daughters of American Revolution request Bicentennial money from the City to repaint the mural for the Clatsop County Bicentennial
- 1976 There was a suggestion to rebuild the fort.
- 1990 City's Visual Arts Committee requested City funds to repaint the mural (Resolution 90-32).
- 1995 Rock wall was repaired (Resolution 95-04), and the area was re-landscaped with the removal of the cedar trees on the west side of the park.
- 2000 Repairs to the wall resulted in the removal of the graphic.
- 7-28-2002 Dedication of graphic was designed and painted by Roger McKay. Prior to the location of Fort George Brewery in the building, the painted flag was a US flag. However, once the brewery located there under the Fort George name, the flag was changed to the British Union Jack. Fort George Brewery is responsible for the maintenance of the mural but requires City approval per an Easement Agreement.



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

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| 7-18-1983 | Ordinance 83-10, Historic Designation |
| 1990 | Resolution 90-32, City's Visual Arts Committee requested City funds to repaint the mural |
| 1995 | Resolution 95-04, Rock wall was repaired, and the area was re-landscaped with the removal of the cedar trees on the west side of the park. |

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

5-29-2001 Miscellaneous Review (MR01-03) approved by Historic Landmarks Commission for request by Astoria Visual Arts for the mural to be repainted by Roger McKay

Easement Grant (Easement for Ft George access.5-7-2012), dated May 7, 2012, to Fort George Brewery for pedestrian access and ramp to the southwest corner of the building at 1483 Duane with several conditions including:

- "1. The 13 foot x 14 foot Easement Area in the northwest corner of Grantor's portion of Lot 2, Block 118, Shively, (as shown on Exhibit A) shall be used for pedestrian access and for construction and maintenance of a walkway, ramp, railing, fencing and landscaping. . ."
- "3. Grantee shall. . . provide all further repairs and maintenance for the Fort Astoria Park mural on the south wall. . ."
- "4. Grantee is responsible for all expenses relative to the installation and maintenance of the access improvements within the Easement Area. All landscaping as well as repairs and maintenance to the mural shall also be at Grantee's expense but must be reviewed and approved by Grantor prior to commencement of any work."

The "Fort Astoria Research Design & Scope of Work. . ." by NPS archaeologist Robert Cromwell, states that *"It is proposed that all artifacts and project documentation (unit forms, field notes, project maps, photographs, etc.) will be curated at the Columbia River Maritime Museum, located at 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, Oregon 97103. Discussions between the National Park Service, the City of Astoria, and the Columbia River Maritime Museum indicate that this is the preferred curatorial repository for the resultant collection from these archaeological excavations."* The City's letter of "Permission to Conduct Archaeological Investigations" dated 6-7-2012 states *"The City of Astoria agrees that the archaeological samples, specimens, and artifacts collected during this work will be **curated by the Columbia River Maritime Museum** located at 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, Oregon 97103 after the appropriate laboratory analysis has been conducted."* As of 2016, the analysis of the finds is still underway. The NPS is working with the City on the temporary and/or final location of the specimens. CRMM is still working toward certification that would allow them to be the repository.

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

4-9-1940 Deed of Dedication, Clatsop County to City, with notation the property sale was for *" . . . use of the public, the same to be used, occupied, and conducted as a public park and recreational grounds for the public."*

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The site has had an archaeological investigation conducted by the National Park Service as noted above.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
Deed of Dedication.County to City.4-9-1940
Easement for Ft George access.5-7-2012
Fort-George-Research-Inventory-and-Assessment.2009
Ft Astoria 1818 map on 1930's plat
Ft Astoria cemetery.Robert Cromwell report2012
Ft Astoria map
Ft Astoria mpa.Robert Cromwell archaeological report
Ft Astoria map.SHPO.6-6-1969
Ft Astoria national register designation
Ft Astoria site plan.SHPO 6-6-1969
Painted green lines
Ft Astoria.Research Design & Scope of Work for ProposedArchaeological Testing.2012.pdf
SHPO Report 6-6-1969
History of Ft Astoria and picture 1855
Map 1846
Ownership map
Jane Barnes story
Painted green lines
Ordinance 83-10.Historic Designation.7-18-1983.Fort Astoria.1480 Exchange
NPS dig permission.6-7-2012

NAME OF PARK: Gray School: Port of Play - Lil' Sprouts – Community Garden

This include all City activities in Gray School; the child care center, garden, and children's play area as all is in one building.

AKA: Port of Play was formerly Children's Museum, and Indoor Play Park
Lil' Sprouts was formerly Astoria Community Children's Center, and Clatsop Community College day care

ADDRESS: 785 Alameda Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N-R9W Section 18BB, Tax Lots 11300 & 11400; Lots 1 to 12, Block 51, Lots 1 to 18, Block 50, Taylor's

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Robert Gray School was constructed in 1925 and named after Captain Robert Gray who explored the Oregon Coast in 1788. It was designed by John E. Wicks, who designed Astor School (1924), Central School (1916), and Astoria High School (1910). The building has been used as a school or youth facility since constructed. It is owned by the Astoria School District and portions of the building are leased to the City for Parks and Recreation programs. Additional history of the Astoria School District can be found at *"The Educational History of Astoria, Oregon"* by Alfred A. Cleveland, *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (Mar., 1903), pp. 21-32.



Port of Play

In late 1980's and early 1990's local parents started indoor play areas for children. The Children's Museum was established and first located as one of the early tenants of the restored No. 10 Sixth Street. It was begun by Susan Trabucco, one of the owners of No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd. In 2002, it moved to the second floor of the Fire Fighter's Museum (2968 Marine). In 2009, the facility merged with the Indoor Play Park program operated by the Mothers Club located at the Astoria High School Gym at 1001 West Marine Drive and moved to Gray School. The name was changed to Port of Play. The program was combined with the Parks Department as approved by the City Council on 3-15-2010.

Lil Sprouts

Clatsop Community College operated an early education program which is no longer there.

2011 When AAC child care at Gray School closed in 2010, the City Council approved a lease with Gray School at their 12-20-2010 meeting for the child care programs to be operated by the City Parks Department. The new program was called the Lil Sprouts Academy and developed by Parks & Rec employee Erin Reiley.

Community Garden

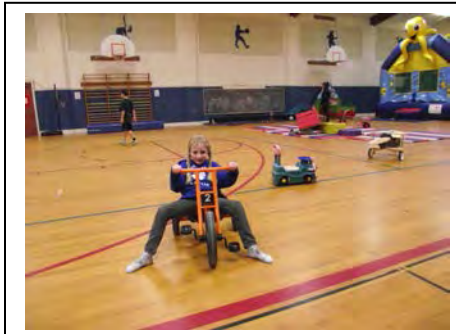
2011 Started by Grace Laman with 20 raised planting beds the first year. Jessica Schleif joined the efforts in year two and helped to expand garden. It is located on the west side of the building in the former school tennis courts. Parks and Recreation Department provides logistic and organizational support to the volunteers operating the garden. Plots are leased for \$25/year with signed agreements. Volunteers hold events to promote and support the garden.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 4-27-2009 City Attorney advises that "public/semi-public use" is a conditional use in R-1 Zone. Gray School has been a public use as a school which is grandfathered and does not need additional conditional use review to allow classes no matter the age of the student. Use as "public use" classrooms is a continuation of an existing use.
- 4-15-2009 Building Code revision for child care; Astoria Fire Department worked with ASD for compliance with the requirements to allow child care in the existing former grade school including required building upgrades for health and safety.
- 2003 \$2 million upgrade to Gray School buildings
- 2003 Reroof
- 2004 Fire suppression system installed
- 2007 Reroof
- 2009 Alternate High School located by School District
- 2011 Rec center located at Star of the Sea
- 2011 Climbing wall installed in gym
- 2016 Current facilities include: baseball field, basketball court, community center, community garden, concessions, ADA accessible play area, ADA accessible restrooms, gymnasium, meeting room (reservation required), party room (reservation required), semi-covered playground, indoor stage, childcare facility, indoor play park.

Port of Play

Activities and facilities at Port of Play change periodically with the assistance of the former Children's Museum and Mom's Club. The facilities on the stage area in 2016 include: fire truck constructed by the Astoria Fire Department; Native American Long House and visitor center play areas constructed and used for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in 2005 by Fort Clatsop National Memorial (now Lewis and Clark National Park); restaurant; boat replica; grocery store; tot area; Lego table; tool bench. In the gym, the facilities in 2016 include: small playhouse with a slide; tot area with ball pit; bikes and scooters; climbing wall; basketballs.



*** photo of stage area****

Lil Sprouts

2011 The program consisted of three classrooms, one infant room, one toddler room, and one preschool room.

2016 Current program includes five classrooms, one infant room, two toddler rooms, a preschool room, and pre-kindergarten room.

Community Garden

2010 Garden began with 20 raised planting boxes. Planting beds are 4' x 10'.

2013 Additional 20 raised beds were added.

2015 A 60' long raised pollinator bed was added.



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

8-25-2009 Conditional Use CU09-02, for day care center, approved by APC. The Astoria Community Children's Center, located in the Presbyterian Church facility at 11th Street and Franklin Avenue, relocated to the Gray School facility. The decision was appealed (AP09-04).

- 10-19-2009 Appeal AP09-04 of Conditional Use Permit CU09-02 for day care center denied by City Council supporting the CU approval.
- 8-25-2009 Conditional Use CU09-03, for children museum; operation would be for Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, and from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (with no afternoon sessions on Saturdays). They would have two employees with one potential volunteer at some times. There would be only an occasional evening special event, and Sundays would be only for special occasions such as birthday parties. It was anticipated that attendance could range from 25 to 40 people per day. Permit was appealed (AP09-05)
- 10-19-2009 Appeal AP09-05 of Conditional Use Permit CU09-03 for children museum denied by City Council supporting the CU approval.
- 2009 Sign Permit S09-14 for Port of Play for two wall and one portable A-frame sign at Gray School; total of 35 square feet.
- 3-1-2011 Amendment to Existing Permit AEP11-01 for Conditional Use Permit CU09-03 for children museum, to expand use by Port of Play to include Sundays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- 2-6-2012 Intergovernmental Agreement between Astoria School District and City; from 2-1-2012 to 1-31-2014; for a neighborhood garden; uses must sign waiver; use during day light hours only; City responsible for all construction and maintenance; return property to original condition upon cease of agreement.
- 10-15-2012 Rental Agreement between City and Astoria School District (ASD) from 7-12-2012 to 6-30-2014; for use of 4 classrooms for child care; exclusive use of gym; use of office on main floor; playground, cafeteria, and other joint use areas for staff and children as scheduled. ASD provides use of bathrooms, heat, electricity, water; janitorial services to bathrooms on second floor, allow City use after hours if needed.
- 1-1-2016 Rental Agreement, City & Astoria School District, for lease of Gray School from 1-1-2016 to 12-31-2018. Section I states City agrees to pay ASD for use of four classrooms for child care facility, gym, playground, cafeteria, and other joint use areas. Section II, Astoria School District agrees to provide the spaces "1. . . from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. . ." with ". . . access to Gray Elementary on weekends if needed." ASD also provides "2. . . use of bathrooms. . ." and "3. . . to provide heat, electricity, and water . . . 4. . . daily janitorial services to bathroom in the hallway on the second floor next to the child care facility. . ." There are additional stipulations in the agreement.

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.035.4, West End Area Policies, states

"The City and school district should cooperate in the improvement of the tennis courts and other recreation opportunities at Gray School (the area's only neighborhood recreation facility). Consideration should be given to lighting the courts so long as it does not adversely affect adjacent homes."

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.075.4, Uppertown Area Policies, states

“The City should cooperate with the school district to improve the recreational opportunities at Columbia Field near Astor School, possibly in conjunction with the improvements at Gray School.”

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.275.3, Parks Recreation and Open Space, Policies, states

“The nearby ocean beaches, hiking, picnic and camping facilities along the coast are accessible to Astoria residents with automobile transportation. The plan does not include, therefore, provision of large, community-wide multipurpose facilities. Portions of the City’s wooded areas may be appropriate for nature trails, hiking trails, and other natural uses within the City limits. To the extent possible, cooperative arrangements will be continued with such agencies as the Astoria School District, or Community College for shared uses of indoor facilities in lieu of large capital expenditures for separate facilities.”

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Portions of the building are leased to the City by Astoria School District.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

AEP11-01 on CU09-03.785 Alameda.Port of Play.R-1.fin

AP09-05 on CU09-03.childrens museum.final CC findings

Intergov Agmt with ASD.2-1-2012

Rental Agrmt.10-15-2012

AP09-04 on CU09-02.day care.final CC findings

CU09-02.785 Alameda.School Dist day care.R-1.final.fin

Rental Agreement.City & ASD.Gray School Lease 1.1.2016 - 12.31.2018

NAME OF PARK: Heritage Square

AKA: Garden of Surging Waves; former Safeway Block

ADDRESS: Heritage Square: 1153 Duane Street
Garden of Surging Waves: 1119 Duane Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CD, Tax Lot 100; Lots 1, 2, 4 to 11, 13, 14, and Lot 3 excluding the south 5' of the east 45', Block 64, McClure

Within the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

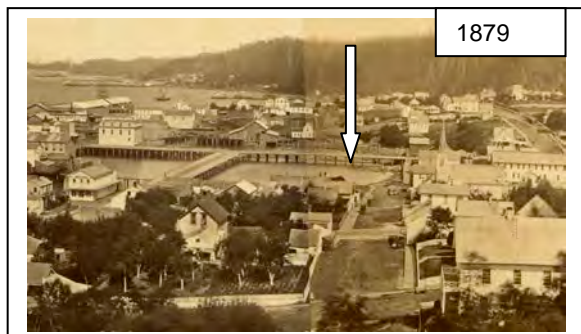
HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Heritage Square is almost an entire City-owned block in the heart of downtown planned to be developed with public open space and potentially some mixed use development. The first phase of the site redevelopment was construction of the Garden of Surging Waves, a formal Chinese Garden, completed in 2014. Redevelopment of the remaining portion of the block has been the subject of numerous studies with the most recent one in 2015.

The site was originally a tidal flat as the shoreline was to the south along Exchange Street. In 1908, the block was largely occupied by wood structures. The Methodist Church and Astor House were constructed and stood where the later Safeway stores were constructed. In 1915, the City constructed straight retaining walls along the south and west edges of the commercial district. The walls were part of a civic project to modernize the downtown and move away from wood pilings and wood streets. A wall was constructed along the Exchange Street (south) side of the block. After the Great Fire of 1922, rubble remained on the block for months. New retaining walls with a chairwall construction were built in 1923 which allowed utilities to be placed in a vaulted concrete area below street level. New street lights were installed in the commercial district with the control boxes located below grade in the northeast corner of the lot.

The Orange Temple (later Montgomery Ward, then American Legion) and the Astoria Budget were constructed in 1923 facing Exchange Street; Gallant Motors was constructed facing Duane Street.



In 1941, Safeway constructed a store facing Duane Street that wrapped around the northwest corner of the American Legion building. A street level parking lot was created to the west and south of the Safeway building by filling the lots with sand. One parcel remained unfilled and Gallant Motors remained to the east. Gallant Motors added a body shop and the south portion of the lot was not decked over until construction of the 1957 Safeway.



In 1957, Safeway demolished the Astoria Cleaners (formerly the Astoria Budget) and Leicht Motors (formerly Gallant Motors) and constructed a new store east of the American Legion building with parking lots on the east and west of the building and an additional parcel was filled at that time. The store opened on 6-26-1957. (See "Transformation of Safeway Block".)

By 1979, Safeway was considering plans to relocate outside of the downtown area. The City worked with Safeway to convince them to remain in the downtown. By 1990, it was becoming apparent that Safeway would eventually relocate. They participated in the Gateway Master Plan development with the possibility of relocation to a site within the Gateway Area (16th to 29th, River to Exchange). In 1998, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Quick Response Team provided a Transportation Growth Management grant to the City to study relocation / redevelopment of Safeway. Four potential relocation sites were studied.

In 2000, the site was considered as one of three potential sites for the relocation of Clatsop Community College (CCC) including two outside the City limits. A study by Crandall Arambula funded by ODOT and DLCD introduced the concept of a Downtown Urban Campus. The Governor's Community Solutions Team awarded a Community Response Fund grant for additional study of the relocation and site reuse options.

2001 American Planners Association Professional Achievement in Planning Award - for Clatsop Community College/Downtown Astoria Campus Study (combined award with Clatsop Community College and firm of Crandall Arambula)

By 2002, the urban campus concept was no longer supported by CCC. The City began negotiations to acquire the Safeway block should they relocate. The store closed in 2003. The City received a Community Development Incentive Fund Program grant/loan of \$750,000 from the Governor's Office to acquire the site. Terms of the sale by Safeway included that only a maximum of 5,000 square feet could be used for a retail food store. The Crandall Arambula study was modified and the result was recommendation for a mixed use building in the southeast portion of the block with office space and affordable housing or ownership housing on the upper floors with a portion of the block left in open space. In 2004, Moore Iacofano Goltsman Inc (MIG) was hired to do a more specific plan for redevelopment of the site. Three options were presented: urban campus, public space, mixed use development with public space. The strongest public support was for public use of the block. During the process of surveys, written comments, and public meetings, it was apparent that the majority of people wanted the block to contain public amenities. There were numerous ideas from the public including covered and open public market space, gardens, outdoor stage and

gathering areas. The Library was considered to be the most probable use of any building on the site.

Without a clear redevelopment of the site imminent, Community Development Incentive Fund Grant was renegotiated as the property was not fully developed for public use. The percentages were based on the east side parking area being used by Sunday Market and other public venues and the center plaza being open for public use and events. Areas used for parking were to be included in the loan portion of the funding. In the end, \$266,925 was award in grant and \$483,075 would be a 15 year loan.

June 2005 City had the Safeway store demolished keeping the concrete pad as a plaza. The parking areas remained as temporary parking lots until redevelopment of the site.



2006 The City encouraged people to call the site the “City Square” and not refer to it as “The Slab.” The City had held a “Name the Block” survey in 2006, and after names were submitted, none were selected. “Heritage Square” was one of the names submitted by Lynn Boyle of Warrenton.

12-2008 The Bank of America building located at 977 Commercial Street was destroyed by fire in November 2008 creating an urgent need for a site-ready location within the Downtown area. In December 2008, the City leased a small portion of the plaza to the Bank of America as a temporary site for a mobile banking facility. In June 2009, the bank moved to another temporary location as per the lease agreement.

July 2009 A synopsis of the events surrounding the studies, environmental investigations, grants, and proposed redevelopment of the site was prepared (“Redeveloping the Safeway Block, Chronological Account of Planning, Assessment and Public Input”, copy attached). Extensive environmental investigations and cleanup have occurred over the years and continue to be conducted. The Community Development and Engineering Departments have the detailed information on the various work completed.

2006-2010 City Council Goals included separate items for redevelopment of the Safeway Block and the construction of a Chinese Park.

The plaza was used for many community events including Regatta, Sunday Market, exhibit to American dead in Iraq war, picnic area with tables and planters, community Christmas tree, etc. In 2010, the concrete store pad collapsed as it was interior construction and was not rated for outdoor exposure. The City excavated the collapsed pad and cleaned up the “hole”.



Cost of (Iraq) War exhibit



Regatta Square

- 2010-2014 City Council Goals included a combined item for redevelopment of the Safeway Block as the Garden of Surging Waves, a Chinese Park
- 2011 Construction of Garden of Surging Waves was Council “Legacy Project” for City Bicentennial
- 2014-2015 City Council Goals included an item for study of Heritage Square (Safeway Block) for redevelopment
- 2015-2016 City Council Goals included an item for consideration of construction of a new Library in a portion of Heritage Square

The Garden of Surging Waves consists of a formal Chinese Garden was the first phase of a major renovation of the almost entire City block. The City purchased a significant amount of artwork from a foundry in Xian, China. The artwork consists of traditional pieces such as a bronze dragon, monkey lantern, bronze panel gateway (Moon Gate), bronze timeline markers, mosaic tiles, polished basalt benches, hand carved marble dragon columns (Pavilion), bronze scrolls, anodized steel see-through screen with historic text (Entry Story Screen), and wood planks with multi-cultural historic time lines. The Garden of Surging Waves is designed to be an interpretive space with emphasis on the themes of transition, values and Chinese design principles. It reflects the cultural transitions and adaptations that early immigrants faced on their arrival in the United States. This theme is carried out through juxtaposition of various elements. The Moon Gate entrance, for example, is not aligned with the Pavilion of Transition; the path through the Pavilion is shifted in the center; and the new timbers of the Pavilion are interpreted from traditional, old wood brackets. Color contrasts are also in play, from the green and black colors of the bronze statue at the Platform of Heritage, to the orange and black hues of the Entry Story Screen.



The Garden's design embraces Chinese values of education, family, authenticity, and resourcefulness. There are quotes from Confucius and Lao Zi, as well as a 13th century nursery rhyme that reflects traditional Chinese philosophies. The Garden is intended to “age in-place,” evolving aesthetically over time. The inscribed Bronze Scrolls, for example, will be weathered by a drip line from the oxidized Entry Story Screen above them. The Garden does not utilize minimal artificial materials, and will use no caulk or paint. Various construction materials were selected specifically to pay homage to the hard work of Astoria's Chinese, including rails embedded in the plaza honoring Chinese railroad laborers, and elongated concrete pavers represent the wood plank floors of the canneries where many of Astoria's Chinese worked. Existing site conditions factored into the spatial organization of the Garden as well, with consideration paid to the presence of the American Legion Building and to the collapsed and demolished floor near the center of the Block where a grocery store once stood.

Financial support for construction of the Garden of Surging Waves came from multiple sources including grants, corporations, and private individuals (see attached lists).

2014 The Garden of Surging Waves, received the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's Design Award for excellence in parks and recreation projects and leadership for the landscape design park in downtown

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

2005 An interpretive sign “Crossroads of Cultures” concerning the Chinese contributions to Astoria was installed on the River Trail and there were discussions about changing the design of the 9th / Astor Street Park to a Chinese Park. Designs and plans for the Chinese Park continued until 2011 when it was agreed to change the location to the Safeway/ American Legion Block (1100 Block Duane).

2-8-06 Community Development Director Todd Scott notes on meeting with Paul Benoit, Randy Bowe, Chester Trabucco, D Sloan, Steve Forrester, Todd Scott, and P Stark. Notes state that *“Elliott wants 30-50 parking spaces forever”*. Notes also state *“constraints on Safeway block. . . there is a need for a central square. . .”* Elliott Hotel was not granted an easement for parking.

- 3-20-06 City Council minutes concerning Downtown Parking Plan Update state *"Mayor Van Dusen stated that after several community town hall meetings it was determined that the highest and best use of the former Safeway site was not parking. He said it was not the intention of Council to use this site for parking."*
- 2006 Temporary landscape containers, benches, and tables were installed that could be relocated when final landscaping is proposed with development of the block.
- 2009 Suenn Ho, Chinese Interpretive Park designer, suggested building the Park at the former Safeway site with a design for "Garden of Surging Waves"
- 3-21-2011 City Council considers moving Garden of Surging Waves to Safeway/Legion block downtown (CC minutes)
- 12-6-2011 Astor-East Urban Renewal District was expanded to assist with construction of the Garden of Surging Waves.
- 4-14-2012 Ground breaking ceremony for Garden of Surging Waves

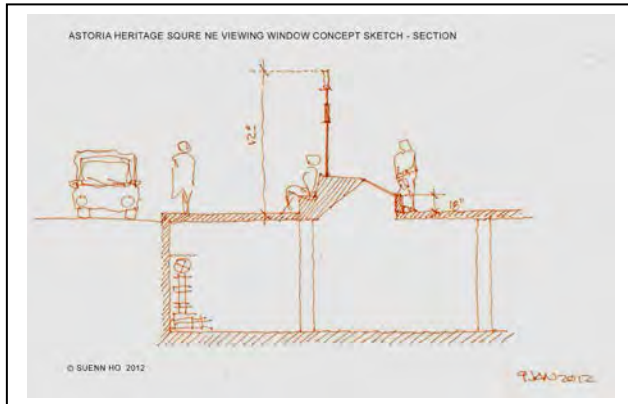


- 2013 Construction of new elevated sidewalks
- 5-17-2014 Dedication of Garden of Surging Waves

Dedication ceremony
– Chinese dragons



There is an underground utility station from 1924 that controlled the City street lights. It is planned as a potential interpretive display with a viewing area at street grade looking down into the underground equipment area.



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 1982 ADC Resolution 82-01, Approving a firm purchase agreement with Safeway Stores, Inc.
- 12-6-2010 Ordinance 10-11 adopted on the Tenth Amendment to the Astor-East Urban Renewal Plan. It added 1.81 acres to Area consisting of the American Legion Block, where the former Safeway store was located, and connections to the existing boundary.

The Astor East Urban Renewal Plan includes Public Open Space as approved urban renewal projects. Section 650.N, Public Open Space, of the Plan states: *"Improvements will include, but not be limited to grading, paving, drainage, lighting, landscaping, sidewalk and surface treatments, and required right-of-way acquisition if needed."*

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

***State grant for public use

- 2-13-1957 Grant of Easement from Safeway Stores Inc. to American Legion, Book 243, Page 11, for a 5' wide access/egress easement from north side of Legion building to Duane Street with condition that it ". . . shall at no time use said easement for the movement thereon of motor vehicles. . ."



8-5-2013 Capital Gift Agreement, Arlene Schnitzer to City, donating \$250,000 to Garden of Surging Waves with several conditions concerning construction, and donor recognition as follows: “. . . *Steel Story Screen – In memory of Harold Schnitze. . .; Moon Gate – In honor of Jordan Schnitzer and his many accomplishments to the City of Astoria. . .; Basalt Bench at the Pavilion – Harry and Alice Sisseck . . .; Brick/Pavers – to be determined at a later date. . .*”

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.055.7, Downtown Area Policies, states

“The City will redevelop Heritage Square bounded by 11th, 12th, Duane, and Exchange Streets (formerly the site of the Safeway store) as a public space or park that provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities, including uses such as the Astoria Sunday Market, an amphitheater/plaza, and The Garden of Surging Waves. The park is intended to provide a much needed and active open space area that will contribute to the revitalization of the downtown.”

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.202, Economic Development Goal 3 and Goal 3 Policies, states

“Goal: Strengthen the City's downtown core as the retail center of the region, with the support from the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association.

Policies:

6. *To develop a Heritage Square on the block bounded by 11th, 12th, Duane, and Exchange Streets (formerly the site of the Safeway store) as a recreational facility that will help to stimulate the revitalization of downtown, support the Astoria Sunday Market, and increase property values in the Astor-East Urban Renewal District. Parking will be included within the block design.”*

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.270.11, Parks Recreation and Open Space, Goals, states

“The City of Astoria will work: To create a central downtown plaza on the site of the American Legion block (Heritage Square) bounded by 11th, 12th, Duane, and Exchange Streets.”

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.275.23, Parks Recreation and Open Space, Policies, states

“The City will create an active, urban downtown park space that will incorporate a wide variety of uses for all downtown visitors and workers, including areas for uses such as picnics, outdoor concerts, movies, chess, workers to have lunch, and other activities.”

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

12-16-2002 Purchase and Sale Agreement from Safeway Inc. to City, with deed restriction in Section 2.2, Deed Restriction, to read “. . . *the City acknowledges that the Safeway Property Deed . . . shall include a provision that prohibits the operation of grocery supermarket and/or pharmacy on the Safeway Property which restriction shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C. . .*” Exhibit C Section 1 states “. . . *no portion of the Property shall be used or occupied by, or*

operated as, a grocery supermarket selling any or all of the following products ("Core Foods"). . . ("Grocery Restriction"). . . ("Pharmacy Restriction"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, stores on the Property may devote up to, but not more than an aggregate of 3,750 square feet of building area on the Property for the sale of Core Foods for off-premises consumption. Furthermore, restaurants on the Property (including any take-out, fast-food, cafeteria or full service sit-down restaurant) shall not be prohibited from selling food prepared on the premises for off-premises consumption. . ."

5-4-2004 Bargain and Sale Deed, Safeway Inc. to City, Recording # 200405265, states that ". . . Property is subject to . . . (3) that certain Easement . . . in favor of Clatsop Post No. 12, American Legion. . . and (4) the use covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part hereof."

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Due to the historic use of the property by an automotive repair and paint shop, printing office, dry cleaner, and other contaminating uses, there is extensive contamination on the site. The City has conducted multiple environmental assessments of the site and numerous cleanup operations since acquiring the property in 2004.

Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives.AMEC 9-21-2015
Data Evaluation & Scope of Work Development Technical Memo.Hahn & Assoc.4-5-2012
DEQ Site Investigation Report.GeoEngineers 6-29-2012
Hahn & Associates 1-2003 (1 & 2) and Figures 1 & 2
Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment.Hahn & Assoc.1-17-2003 and Figures
Phase II Environmental Site Assessment.Hahn & Assoc.4-14-2003 and Figures
Phase 2 Environmental site Assessment.AMEC 9-18-2014
Phase II site Investigation Report. ESA Report.GeoEngineers 6-29-2012
Phase II site Investigation Report. ESA Report.GeoEngineers 6-29-2012
Preliminary Beneficial Use Survey.Buffalo Geological Consulting.12-20-2005
Quality Assurance Project Plan & Sample Analysis Plan.AMEC.12-3-2013
Safeway Subsurface Report 12-2003
Site Information Review letter.DEQ.3-3-2004
Soil Cleanup Report. EPA Letter Report.AMEC 5-2-2016
Subsurface Investigation Report.Hahn & Assoc.12-16-2003
Tank Decommissioning Report.Hahn & Assoc.12-17-2003 and Figures

NOTES:

There is extensive information on the cleanup and redevelopment of the former Safeway Block. See the attached reports for more details.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Environmental

Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives.AMEC 9-21-2015
 Data Evaluation & Scope of Work Development Technical Memo.Hahn & Assoc.4-5-2012
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Miscellaneous

American Legion Easement
 Capital Gift Agreement.Schnitzer.8-5-2013
 Council Summary Report – Final (PPT)
 Heritage Square & Garden of Surging Waves Funding
 Heritage Square site plan with easement shown
 Historic inventory.R-92.1153 Duane
 List all donations 10-25-2013
 Lot line map
 Ownership map
 Pedestrian Easement
 Report on 10 Amendment.Final
 Safeway amdmnt 3 OECDD grant 12-19-2002
 Stormwater Report & calculations.AAI Engineering.3-1-2012
 Synopsis History of Development Report.final
 Time Line.major items updated 2-24-2015
 Transformation of Safeway Block
 Bargain & Sale Deed.Safeway to City.4-30-2004
 Safeway Sale Agreement & 1st Amend & 2nd Amend
 OCHS let on safeway parking and loan. 1-31-2005

NAME OF PARK: Landscape Maintenance Areas – Various Locations

AKA:

ADDRESS: 450 10th Street; Astoria Library parking lot
West Bond Triangle at West Marine Drive intersection adjacent to 146 W Bond
Marine Drive Parkway includes: 2165 Marine Drive; 23rd Street intersection;
and portions of Marine Drive right-of-way between ***

Other landscaped areas maintained by Parks and Recreation have been addressed on their own inventory sheet. They include:

- 425 13th Street, 13th Street parking lot
- 485 10th Street, City Hall parking lot
- 18th Street, Marine Drive to Exchange Street
- 1800 to 2100 block Exchange Street, Exchange Street Parkway
- Smith Point Traffic Circle

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

450 10th Street; Map T8N R9W Section, 8CC, Tax Lot 1700; Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, Block 44,
McClure

West Bond Triangle; West Bond right-of-way (within Astor-West Urban Renewal District)

2165 Marine Drive; Map T8N R9W Section 8DA, Tax Lot 1901; south portions of Lots 1 & 2,
Block 128, Shively (within Astor-East Urban Renewal District)

23rd Street intersection; within the 23rd and Exchange Street rights-of-way (within Astor-East
Urban Renewal District)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

Astoria Library parking lot; 450 10th Street

Construction began June 14, 1966, and the building was dedicated October 8, 1967. The architectural firm of Brown, Brown & Grider designed the building and Albert J. Mittet was the general contractor. This is the first building in Astoria to be built expressly for use as a public library. It was designed by an architectural firm which included Ebba Wicks Brown, who was one of the first women architects licensed in Oregon and who was the daughter of architect John E. Wicks. The building is classified as “non-compatible” in the Downtown National Register Historic District. The raised landscaped beds on north and west and the beds with

trees on the south elevations are identified as “Noteworthy Landscape Features” on the inventory sheet.

Prior to construction of the Library in 1966, the site was a below grade parking lot with exposed chair walls.



Landscaping includes: raised beds on north and west that contain plants and trees; raised planters within the 10th Street right-of-way of the same exterior aggregate stone material as the Library; planter beds on the south elevation; hedge on the west and south edges of the parking lot separating the vehicles from the sidewalk. There is a flag pole in the northwest corner of the parking lot along with a Library drop box. There is a backless bench, two fish label trash cans, bike rack, and bike locker on the west within the 10th Street right-of-way.



West Bond Triangle at West Marine Drive intersection

This is a small landscaped intersection island of approximately 330 square feet. The island was installed and landscaped sometime between 1966 and 1976 as indicated in aerial photographs. It is located within the West Bond right-of-way.



Marine Drive Parkway

1998-2002 ODOT provided a Small-Scale Urban Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on State Highway Grant for sidewalk improvements on the north side of Marine Drive from 14th to 20th Streets. Some landscaping was installed with this project.

The 2165 Marine Drive site is the location of the City sewer pump station. It is located at the intersection of the Duane Street right-of-way with the Marine Drive right-of-way, primarily east of the City of Astoria sewer pump station. Landscaping improvements were completed in 2008 with a design by Landscaper Beth Holland, Cannon Beach. The improvements were funded by the Astor-East Urban Renewal District as assistance to the construction of the Parks Medical Center at 2150 Exchange Street. The landscaping was part of the required landscaping for that construction project under Design Review Permit DR04-06. Once

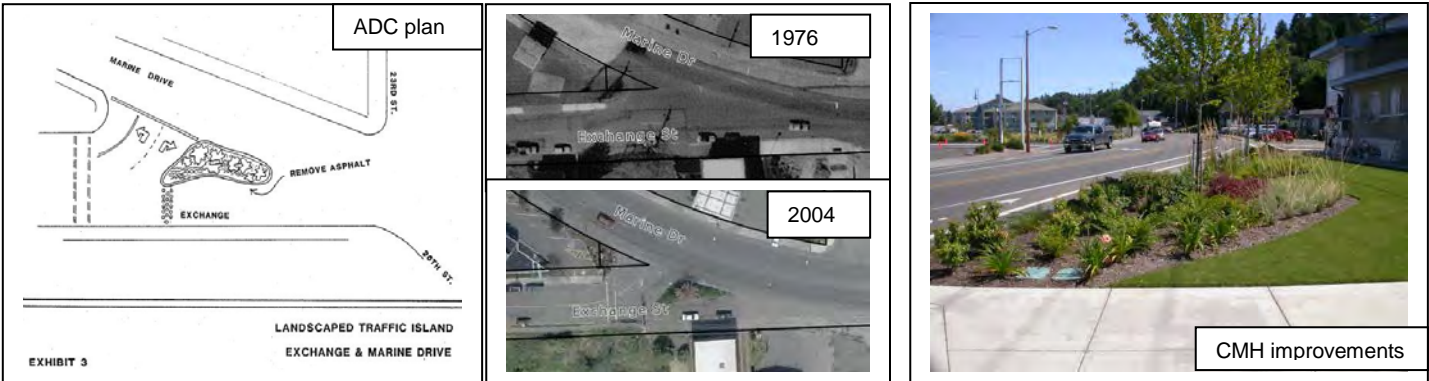
installed by the City, the Parks Medical Center was to maintain the landscaping. While not part of the “Marine Drive Parkway” area, it should be noted that in addition to the landscaping on Marine Drive, Dr. Park is required to install and maintain the west side of the 21st Street right-of-way landscaping as part of his required landscaping for 2120 Exchange and 2158 Exchange Park Medical Facility.



Astor East Urban Renewal District Plan Section 650.F, Street Improvements, states “*Street improvements are proposed to be constructed on Marine Drive between 18th and 21st Streets, on 18th Street and on 20th Streets between Marine Drive and Exchange Street and may be constructed elsewhere in the Urban Renewal Area as designated by the Agency. Proposed improvements will include, but not be limited to grading, paving, drainage, traffic signals, lighting, landscaping, sidewalk and surface treatments.*”

Astor East Urban Renewal District Plan Section 650.C, Landscaping of the Traffic Triangle at 23rd Street and Marine Drive, states “*This project involves the removal of asphalt and concrete at the intersection of 23rd Street and Marine Drive, the construction of a raised traffic separation island, and the installation of soil and plant materials.*”

Improvements were made to the 23rd Street intersection with AEURD funds in 1986-1987. When the Columbia Memorial Hospital Pavilion was constructed at 2265 Exchange Street in 2007, the intersection was upgraded and CMH did new landscaping as part of their construction project.



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

West Bond Triangle at West Marine Drive intersection adjacent to 146 W Bond - Located within rights-of-way.

Marine Drive Parkway; 23rd Street intersection; and portions of Marine Drive right-of-way between *** - Located within rights-of-way.

2165 Marine Drive:

450 10th Street:

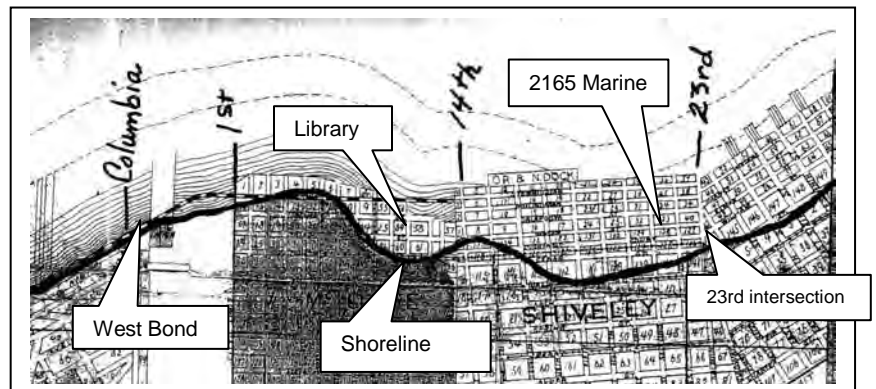
3-1-1939 Quitclaim deed # 1205, County to City, Book 146, Page 342 (Lots 1 & 2, Block 44, McClure)

10-23-1946 Deed, County to City, Book 189, Page 564 (Lots 7 & 8 excluding the south 5' , Block 44, McClure)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

With the location of these areas within rights-of-way, there is the potential for some environmental contamination from the vehicle use. The Library parking lot is constructed on fill material.

Most of the area north of Exchange Street is built on fill. The historic shore line is indicated in the 1890 Shoreline Map. Many of the landscaped areas addressed in this report were constructed on filled areas.



NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
1976 intersection at 23rd St
2158 Exchange.21st St landscaping.let
ADC 23rd St exhibit
ADC 23rd St island 2004
Historic Inventory.R-141.450 10th.Library
Shoreline 1890
West Bond triangle aerial

Quitclaim deed # 1205.Co to City.B146 p342.3-1-1939
Deed.Co to City.B189 p564.10-23-1946

NAME OF PARK: LaPlante Park

AKA: Alderbrook Park (former name)

ADDRESS: 4560 Cedar Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 10BD, Tax Lots 7000 & 7700; Lots 3, 4, east 50' Lot 2, Block 103, and Lot 1, Block 102, Adair East Addition

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Named for Violet LaPlante, and Alderbrook resident, who helped to establish and clean up the park area

City acquired the property through a Police sale for delinquent street and sewer assessments in 1924.

1961 Violet LaPlante, president Alderbrook Community Club, spearheaded efforts by the neighborhood to clean up the area for a local park

1966-1970 Alderbrook Community Club which was formed in c. 1940, constructed the park area with their own money and approximately 30 members (*Daily Astorian*, 3-21-1970)

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

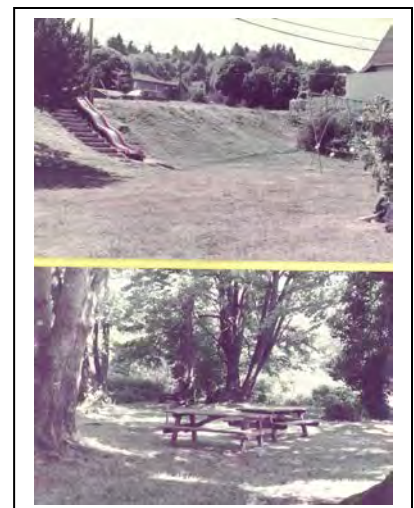
1-20-1970 Alderbrook neighborhood requests that toilets be installed in the park and were disappointed that the City located the sewer lagoon in the area. There was controversy over whether to install toilets or not.

3-21-1970 Paul VanderVeldt (Shallon Winery) donated the work to install a ditch for the stream and a culvert under the river road

1970-1974 Sometime between 1970 and 1974, the name of the Park was changed from Alderbrook Community Park to LaPlante Park.

1974 Park Inventory map indicates picnic tables in the park. Sometime after that map, a slide was installed from Cedar Street next to the stairs.

2011-2012 River Trail East Extension was constructed that included a spur into LaPlante Park



2016 Current facilities include: picnic tables, playground equipment



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 7-21-1924 Police Sale Deed to City (156), Book 114 Page 558, (property in 1st paragraph list of properties; Lots 3 & 4, Block 103, Adair)
- 2-16-1949 Deed, County to City, Book 202 Page 582 (property in Tract 12; Lot 2, Block 103, Adair)
- 5-9-1929 Quitclaim deed #615, City Lumber Box to City, Book 126 Page 63 (Lots 1 & 2, Block 102, Adair)
- 6-19-1967 City Council minutes – Violet LaPlante, president of Alderbrook Community Club, requested that the City Council put a restriction on the park so that it could not be sold. Council approved listing the park on the City's "Not For Sale" list.
- 3-16-1992 City Council minutes – Council reconfirms that the park should remain listed as "Not For Sale"

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

Some confusion on early history of park with use of "Alderbrook Park" name. That name was also used for the LaPlante Park prior to its renaming. There is also the Birch Street Ballfield that has been referred to as Alderbrook Park, and then there is Alderbrook Lagoon park area.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
1974 Park Inventory map
East River Trail map for expansion
Ownership map
156.Police Sale Deed.B114p558.7-21-1924
Deed.Co to City.2-16-1949.B202 p582
615.Quitclaim deed.City Lumber Box to City.B126 p63.5-9-1929
City Council minutes 6-19-1967
City Council minutes 3-16-1992

NAME OF PARK: Fred A. Lindstrom Memorial Park

AKA: Peter Pan Park; Niagara Avenue Park; Lindstrom Park; in 1970's it was Niagara Street Playground

ADDRESS: 614 Niagara Avenue; Public Works site is 625 Lexington

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 17BB, Tax Lot 11800; Lots 1, 2, Block 146, McClure (625 Lexington)

Map T8N R9W Section 17BB, Tax Lot 12000; Lots 5 to 8, Block 146, McClure, vacated portion of Madison

Map T8N R9W Section 17BB, Tax Lot 12100; Lots 1 to 4, 6 to 8, Block 157, McClure, vacated Madison

Map T8N R9W Section 18AA, Tax Lot 7900; Lot 5, Block 147, McClure

Map T8N R9W Section 18AA, Tax Lot 11800; Lots 3 to 6, Block 156

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The park was commonly referred to as "Peter Pan Park" for many years due to the Peter Pan Market located at 712 Niagara Avenue. On 11-21-1994, the incumbent Parks and Recreation Director died suddenly at the age of 47 years (*Daily Astorian* article 11-22-1994). He was employed by the City for 21 years. The City rededicated the Park in his name and installed a rock with a dedication plaque which reads: *"Fred A. Lindstrom Memorial Park; Dedicated to Fred A. Lindstrom, Astoria Parks and Recreation Director, 1975 to 1994. He worked tirelessly for the quality of life for all of Astoria's citizens, from the very young to the oldest senior citizen. This park is but one small example of the fruit of his labors. If you hear the laughter of children playing in this park, you will know his legacy."*



The park is on City property and within the 6th Street, Niagara Avenue, and Madison Avenue rights-of-way. The actual south property line is approximately 22' from the sidewalk, but the park is built up to the sidewalk. The lot for the north property line is approximately 7' from the sidewalk along Lexington Avenue and is the location of the PW booster pump station. That building is approximately 8' from the west property line. 6th & 7th Streets are 50' wide.

The west property line includes the two wooded lots west of the improved area of the park. To find the 6th Street right-of-way lines, there is a fountain approximately 20' east of the east side of 6th Street. To find the 7th Street right-of-way lines, there are a few points for measurements. There is a wood catch basin on the east property line up near Madison. Another catch basin is located further south and about 15' west of the property line. There is a manhole on Niagara at the centerline of 7th Street. The curved curb line coming from Niagara onto 7th is approximately 7' from the east property line of the private house.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 1974 Parks Inventory map indicates two sets of swings, saddle mounts, rocket ship, slide, bench, and two tennis courts
- 12-9-1976 City approved construction of new tennis courts
- 7-20-1977 *Daily Astorian* article reports that one tennis court net is complete and the second court net and lighting would be completed in the next month.
- 1995 City constructs half basketball court (City Council minutes 6-5-1995, 3-20-1995)
- 1-17-1995 City Council approved installation of memorial plaque for Fred Lindstrom
- 12-2007 Park received extensive damage in the December storm which was repaired in 2008



- 3-18-2013 City Council approves for Mom's Club to fund raise to build restrooms in the Park (CC minutes).
- 2016 Current facility includes: basketball court, picnic area, picnic tables, tennis court, ADA accessible play area, playground equipment

2016 Mom's Club of Astoria is currently doing fund raising to build restrooms in the Park.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

11-28-1994 Resolution 94-50 renaming Niagara Park to Fred A. Lindstrom Memorial Park, commending Mr. Lindstrom and sending condolences to his family

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

8-16-1982 Special Ordinance 82-05 for street vacation, Book 585, Page 76 (80917BB Portion of Tax Lots 12000 & 12100) – vacating Madison between 6th and 7th Street

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

2-13-1925 Deed (#157), Police Sale for lien assessments to City, Book 116 Page 140 (Page 6 is Lot 5, Block 147; Lots 3 & 6, Block 156; Lots 6, 7, 8, Block 157)

1-8-1927 Deed (#136), County to City, Book 121 Page 172 (80917BB Part of 12000 & 12100) (Page 2, Paragraph 12 is Lots 5, 7, 8, Block 146; Lots 2 & 5, Block 147; Lots 3, 6, 7, Block 156; Lots 6, 7, 8, Block 157)

12-18-1946 Bargain & Sale Deed, County to City, Book 189 Page 555 (Tract 5 is Lot 1, Block 146; Tract 6 is Lot 2, Block 146; Tract 7 is Lot 5, Block 156). The lots at 625 Lexington (Lots 1 & 2, Block 146) contain a Public Works booster station.

9-23-1947 Deed, County to City, Book 194 Page 651 (80917BB Part of 12000 & 12100) (Tract 1 is Lot 6, Block 146; Tract 5 is Lots 1 to 4, Block 157)



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

1974 Park Inventory map

Ownership map

Tax map Block 146 & 157

Tax map Block 156

Bargain & Sale Deed.Co to City.B189p555.12-18-1946

Deed.County to City. Bk 121 Pg 172.1-8-1927 (80917BB Part of 12000 & 12100)

Deed.County to City.Bk 194 Pg 651.9-23-1947 (80917BB Part of 12000 & 12100)

Special Ordinance 82-05.street vacation. Bk 585 Pg 76.8-16-1982 (80917BB Part of 12000 & 12100)

157.Deed.Police sale to City.B116 p140.2-13-1925 (80917BB Part of 1200 & 12100)

NAME OF PARK: Maritime Memorial and Uniontown Park

AKA: Uniontown Park portion of the Park is considered the area south of the trolley line while Maritime Memorial is the actual memorial area north of the trolley line. Parks are included combined here as most development involved both aspects of the Park.

ADDRESS: 10 Bay Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 7CA, Tax Lot 400 & 900 (Port of Astoria); Tax Lot 300 & 1800 (ODOT); Tax Lot 5400 & 1700 (City); Tax Lots 200 & 2100 (Blue Heron Hotel Properties LLC); Astoria-Megler Bridge right-of-way (ODOT)



Within the Astor-West Urban Renewal District (AWURD)

DEDICATE PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes (for both Maritime Memorial and Uniontown Park)

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

In 1970, Rae Goforth purchased the adjacent restaurant property at 218 W Marine Drive. The area north of the property was in derelict condition with accumulated junk. Rae leased the area from the Division of State Lands so she could clean it up for and area park. The Uniontown Neighborhood Association has maintained a park under the Astoria-Megler Bridged for there since that time. This park was improved and expanded and now includes the Maritime Memorial.

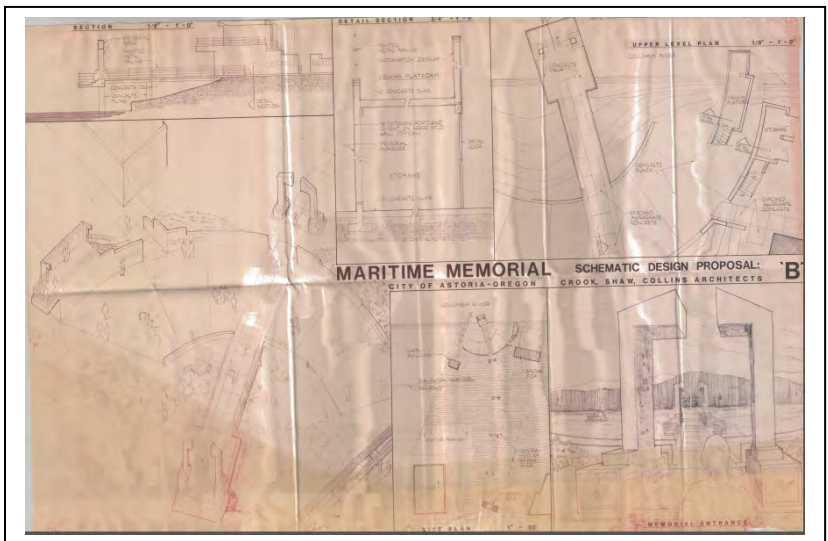
In 1982, Bob Chisholm (1959-1982), skipper of M/V Silverside was lost at sea. His mother, Mrs. Bob Chisholm Sr. (for which the Senior Center in Seaside is named), wanted a memorial to have a place to go to since her son did not have a grave. She approached the City Council about construction of a memorial. City Councilor Bob Ellsberg and Uniontown resident Rae Goforth (who had also lost a son) took up the challenge and pursued the idea.

Concepts included something at the Columbia River Maritime Museum or possibly a wall with the names of deceased listed. Parks and Recreation Director Fred Lindstrom supported the idea and a City committee was formed to develop a plan. The original committee consisted of: Rae Goforth, Bob Ellsberg, Buddy Hoell, Scott McMullen. Fund raising started in 1983. Construction of the park began in 1987 to 1993 with continual expansions and upgrades over the years. Bob Chisholm's name is engraved in Panel 1, Column 1, second name.

Designed by Architect Robert Freeman of Crook, Shaw and Collins, a Longview WA, architectural firm. The memorial, as originally conceived, included a 400-foot long curved walkway from West Marine Drive to a 125-foot wide semi-circular plaza at the river's edge. The curve of the walkway was meant to resemble that of the bridge while five pairs of pillars along the walkway resembled the bridge supports. The park was meant to memorialize those who spent their lives in maritime industries—not just those who lost their lives on the river.



Original model of memorial

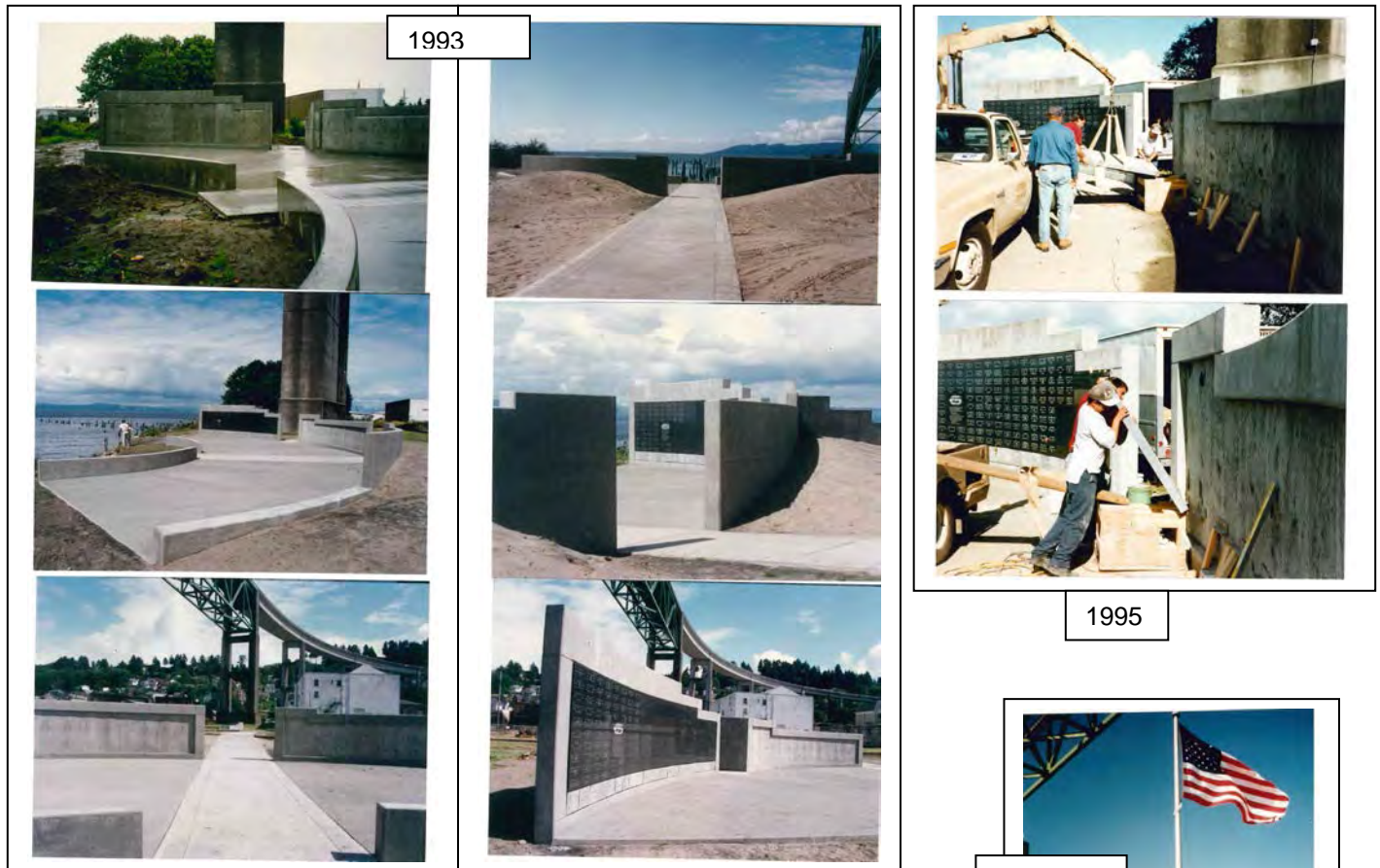


Poems were written by Astorian Hobe Kytr, CRMM researcher. Concrete graphics on wall and walkway were designed by Ursula Ulrich of Cannon Beach.



The original molds for the concrete graphics by Ursula Ulrich were given by her family to Jessica Schleif, a contributing artist, after Ms. Ulrich passed away in the late 1990's.

The original park (Phase 1) consisted of the northernmost walls and the paved walkway from the parking area. There was to be room for 440 names. Each plaque would be 5" x 12" with an original cost of \$150 as the names were engraved prior to installation of the granite on the monument. After the first engraving, the fee increased to \$200 as the engravings would need to be completed on-site as the blank granite walls would be already installed.



The original flag pole, constructed in 1995 (Resolution 95-08) in memory of Carvel Tinner (died 1994), with donations from Shirley Tinner (wife) and Kim Tinner Supple (daughter), was located at the south side of the east-west driveway connecting Bay Street to the Holiday Inn Express (HIE) (204 W Marine) parking lot. It was relocated to its present position in 2004-2005 with the construction of the HIE and new access driveway. Dedication granite plaque reads *"Dedicated in memory of Carvel R. Tinner, by Family and Friends, May 1995"*

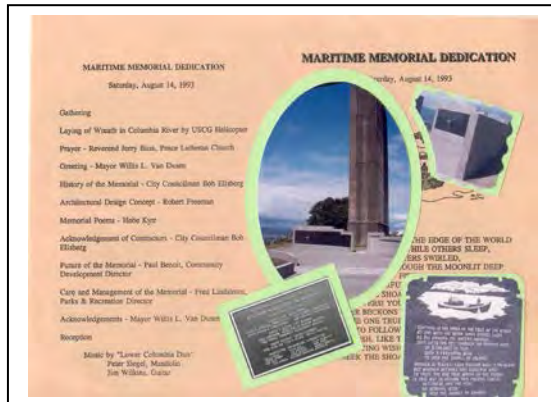
In 1996, George Kesti, local fisherman who died leaving \$400,000 to local non-profit organizations. The Maritime Memorial received \$100,000 of this legacy in the name of his father, Jacob Gustav Kesti, a gillnetter and Vice President of Union Fisherman's Cooperative, who died on the Columbia River in 1936. An engraved rock is located at the western edge of the Memorial plaza which reads *"In grateful recognition of George W. Kesti, Mr. Kesti"*

provided substantial resources {spelled wrong on monument} for the provision of this memorial in the name of his father Jacob Gustav Kesti”.

Phase 2 was constructed in 1997 and included the viewing platform over the River. These original phases were financed by the City, DLCD 306A Grant, and private notations, including the Kesti bequest.



Dedication ceremony was held on August 14, 1993. Every year since its dedication, a ceremony has been held and the names of everyone engraved on the walls are read aloud. US Coast Guard lays a wreath on the River, and loved ones place flowers in the River as the loved one's name is read.



Memorial Day
1995



American Legion Cmdr Mike Phillips and Army Sgt Sean Johnson laying flowers during Memorial Day services 2012. Kim Timmer Supple stands between them in the rear.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1993 Phase I of Memorial constructed including plaza, walkway, granite wall, initial engravings; funding from DLCD 306A grant, private donations

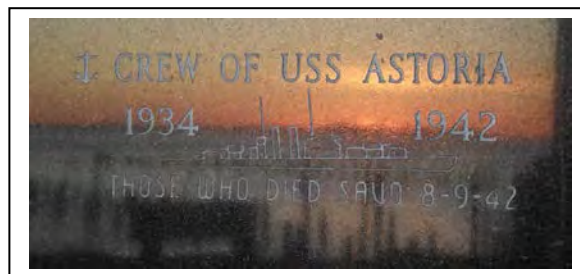
- 1995 Lighting was installed by Wadsworth (CC minutes 3-6-1995 and Resolution 94-43)
- 1995-1997 Phase II of Memorial constructed including granite on second wall and construction of flag pole; funding from private donations
- 1995 Trees were planted (Resolution 95-19)
- 2010 Maritime Memorial Committee expressed concern with the limited space remaining on the granite walls. Additional granite walls were installed consisting of removing and replanting the existing rhododendrons planted on the earth berm on the south elevation of the existing Memorial wall, removing the berm to grade, installing a concrete frame around the perimeter of the south elevation to match the frame on the north elevation in style, but not in dimension, install new sidewalks and benches on the south side. Additional work included site preparation and installation of a circular concrete foundation with detail, to include water, drain and electrical service, to house the restored fountain. Work scope included assembly and installation of fountain.
- 2011 The first project of the 2010 Scope of Work, completed spring 2011, and was funded by the City of Astoria and the Astoria Bicentennial Committee, consisted of the refurbishment and installation of the Shively Fountain, and expansion of the Memorial itself to accommodate more names. At this time there were 736 names engraved.
- The second project consisted of the replacement of the sod lawn, installation of an irrigation system, extension of a riverfront walkway, installation of historic lights along the River Trail, and landscaping improvements. Astor-West Urban Renewal District funds were used.
- 2011 Additional walls were installed and the dedication panel was engraved at the archway on the River's edge.
- 2016 There are 1,004 names engraved to date with 23 spaces paid and reserved. The number of available spaces will increase as additional walls are installed.
- 2016 Current facilities include: memorial walls, water fountain, picnic tables
- 2016 Currently, cost of engraving per space is \$500 if stock graphic is used or \$650 if customized artwork is request.

Requirements for wall engravings: Person must be deceased but does not have to be a mariner. Only one person's name per plaque. Engraving includes name, year of birth and death, graphic, short wording. Graphic and wording must be somewhat maritime related. An anchor is placed next to names of those who died at sea. Specific spaces are not reserved, and engravings are done once a year in May on the next available wall space.

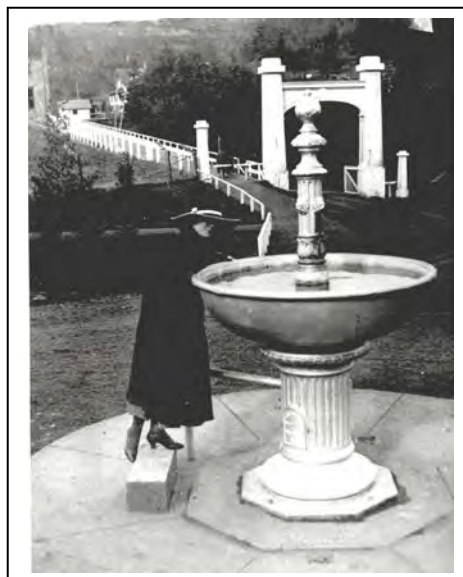
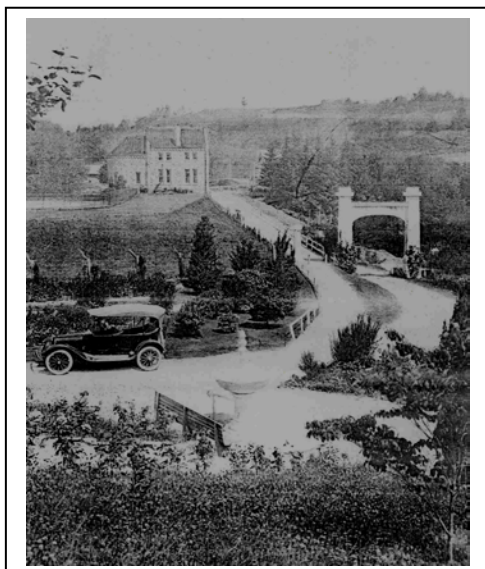
Only one name is on the wall twice. That is John Lee Culp whose family had is named engraved in one of the original engravings (Panel 2, Column 2, top name). Then, in 1995, the USCG had the poem and names engraved of those who died on the USCG Motor Lifeboat Triumph that sunk during a rescue on the Columbia River. His name was engraved a second time along with his shipmates on that panel of the Memorial.



In recognition of the 50th Anniversary of WWII (1991-1995), the Clatsop County WWII Committee, chaired by Rosemary Johnson, raised funds to have a plaque engraved for the crew of the USS Astoria who died on 8-9-1942 when the ship was sunk off Savo Island during the battle for Guadalcanal. This is the only plaque to a "group" of people rather than an individual.



Shively Fountain: Shively Fountain was installed and dedicated in May 2011 as a Legacy Project for the Astoria Bicentennial Celebration. Funding for fountain installation was provided by Pacific Power, bronze portion of fountain was restored by local artist and former Astoria Police Officer Paul Gillum, installation was done by Jim Wilkins Construction. The fountain originally was located at Shively Park for the Centennial Celebration.



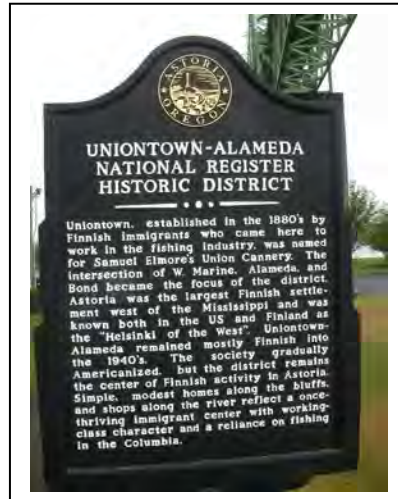


Signs in Park:

Maritime Memorial Sign – painted bronze sign installed by Uniontown Neighborhood Association; located south of trolley tracks near entrance to memorial. It reads *“The Maritime Memorial Park is designed to commemorate the lives of the people who were intimately involved with maritime activities. Please respect the dignity of this plaza and honor those remembered here. A memorial service is held every year on Memorial Day. All the names are read and loved ones place flowers on the water.”*

Uniontown National Register Historic District – painted bronze sign installed by Uniontown Neighborhood Association; located on West Marine Drive at south end of Maritime Memorial path. It reads *“Uniontown-Alameda National Register Historic District – Uniontown, established in the 1880’s by Finnish Immigrants who came here to work in the fishing industry, was named for Samuel Elmore’s Union Cannery. The intersection of W. Marine, Alameda, and Bond became the focus of the district. Astoria was the largest Finnish settlement west of the Mississippi and was known both in the US and Finland as the “Helsinki of the West”. Uniontown-Alameda remained mostly Finnish into the 1940’s. The society gradually Americanized, but the district remains the center of Finnish activity in Astoria. Simple, modest homes along the bluffs, and shops along the river reflect a once thriving immigrant center with working-class character and a reliance on fishing in the Columbia.”*

Ghadar Party sign – painted bronze sign; located on west edge of Port of Astoria property leased to City. Commemorates the 100th anniversary of the founding meeting of the Ghadar Party which was held in the local Finnish Socialist Hall in Astoria (current location of Motel 6 at 288 W Marine). The Ghadar Party started the revolution to free India from British rule. Dedication celebration was held October 4 & 5, 2013 with representatives from India participating.



Dedication bronze plaque, August 14, 1993; was located on the main wall at the entrance to the memorial.

Dedication engraved granite panel, August 14, 1993; located on the west archway column, was installed in 2011.

Benches:

West edge of park; granite bench facing east; dedication on the bench *"No one is ever free of the bondage called tradition", The Butterfly Fleet, In memory of RA Margaret & Steve Mund"*.

East of archway columns in main plaza; granite bench facing north; dedication on the bench
"In memory of Barbey Packing Corporation, HJ Barbey and GJ Barby"

East of archway columns in main plaza; facing north; dedication plaque *"In appreciation of Fred A. Lindstrom, from the Astoria Yacht Club, 1996."*

East of Memorial walls; granite bench facing north; dedication on the bench *"Itzen – In memory of H Aileen Itzen, Wife – Mother – Ore Pioneer, Nehalem Valley Historian, 1931-2007"*

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

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| 1994 | Resolution 94-43, Appropriating \$1,200 grant from Pacific Power to light Maritime Memorial in Maritime Memorial Fund |
| 1995 | Resolution 95-08, Appropriating donations received to put flagpole and landscaping at Maritime Memorial site |
| 1995 | Resolution 95-19, Appropriating Department of Forestry grant to plant trees at 5th and Klaskanine and at the Maritime Memorial site |

10-16-1995 Resolution 95-51 appropriating contribution from U S Coast Guard for engraving at Maritime Memorial

2015 Resolution 15-10 setting Fees

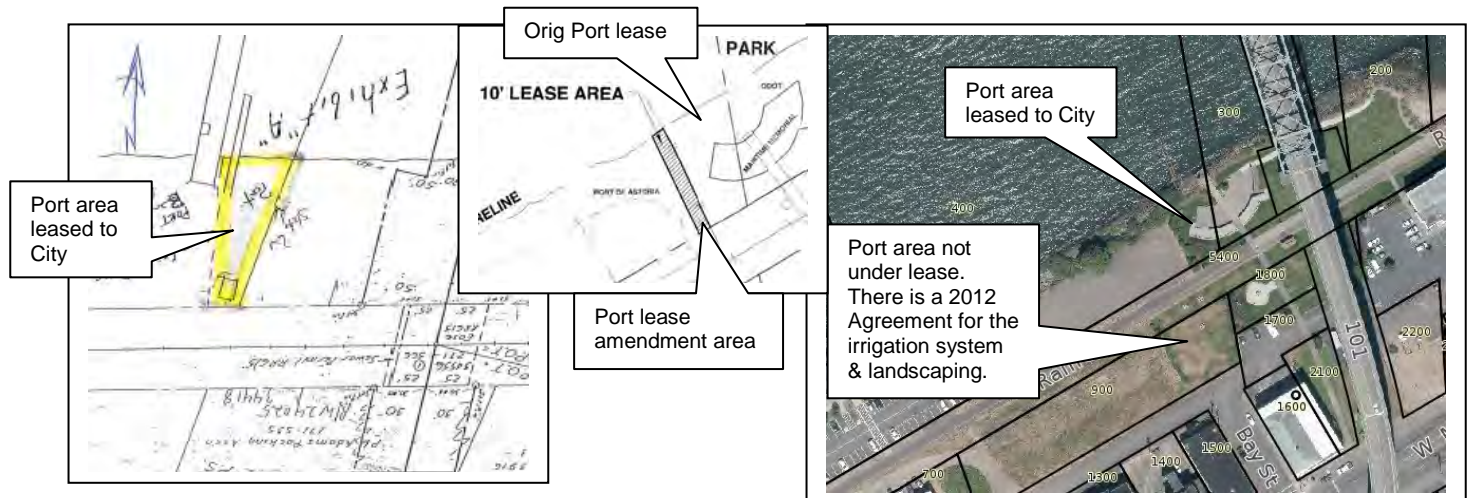
2015 Resolution 15-13 setting Fees; repealed Resolution 15-10

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

6-13-1988 ODOT Lease #34418, for ODOT property under Astoria-Megler Bridge for the Maritime Memorial expired 6-30-2008 with letter of extension to 12-31-2008. First extension to lease for five years, dated June 13, 2008 expired 6-30-2013. Conditions include: *"10. City shall, at its sole expense, keep and maintain premises free of all weeds and debris . . . kept mowed. . ."*

10-18-1988 Port of Astoria Lease, for 25 years (expires 2013) to City for portion of Maritime Memorial located on Port property. Conditions include: *"1. It is the intent of the parties hereto that premises be used only for landscaping and public park recreation purposes. . ."* and *"2. City shall, keep and maintain premises in an orderly condition. . ."* (Amended in 2002)

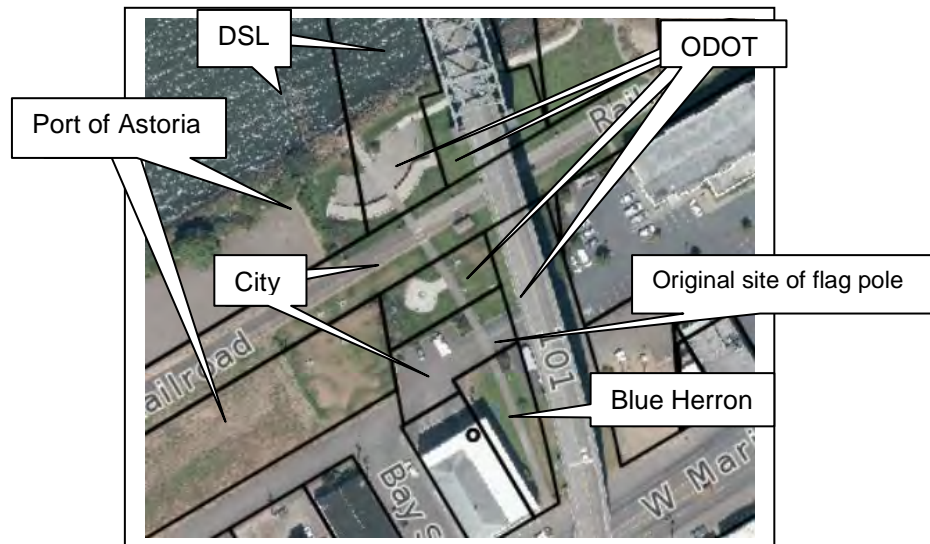
This Port lease is only for the main portion of the Memorial and does not include the grass area west of the fountain.



5-31-1989 DSL Public Recreational Facility Easement for 40 years (expires 2029) for portion of Memorial within DSL submerged lands area. Easement states that *"8. This easement is granted in order that the Grantee can provide public recreational utilization of the premises at no charge to the public. . ."*; *"9. Grantee agrees to post a sign provided by the Division of State Lands on the easement premises. explaining the State's interest in submerged and submersible lands."* and *"10. Grantee agrees to make all repairs to the premises which are necessary for the purpose set forth in this easement. . ."*

11-17-1993 RR Grade Crossing from Public Utility Commission Order 93-1639 for a pedestrian crossing of the Burlington Northern Railroad Company lines with the following conditions:
 City shall *"2.b. Furnish, install, and maintain stop clearance lines at the crossing . . ."* and Burlington Northern Railroad Company shall *"3.a. Furnish, install, and maintain two Standard No. 1, crossbucks at the crossing. . ."*

8-2-1994 Lease Agreement with TVBS for walkway from Bay Street to W Marine. At the time the walkway was constructed, the property was owned by TVBS. A revocable Lease was signed that was binding on *"TVBS, its successors, or assigns . . ."* The property was sold to Blue Heron Hotel Properties LLC in approximately 2000. Blue Heron states that they did not sign any agreement but do not object to the path on their property.



3-6-1995 ODOT Permit to Occupy State Hwy, Permit #01M35361, to occupy Pier 172 on Highway 101 (Astoria-Megler Bridge) with the installation of a motion detecting light fixture.

5-9-1997 DSL Public Recreational Facility License LI-13641, for ten years (expires 2017) to City for portion of Maritime Memorial on DSL submerged lands area for *" . . . construction, maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of public recreational facility for the specific purpose of Maritime Memorial Park. . ."*

10-16-2002 Amendment to Lease, Port to City, adding a 10' x 90' strip of Tax Lot 400 to existing 10-18-1988 Lease.

2-14-2011 City Council adopts Findings that the granite may be purchased as a sole source from Astoria Granite Works.

12-9-2011 Memo of Understanding, between Port and City, for irrigation system installation on approximately 5,700 square feet of Map 7CA Tax Lot 900. The agreement requires that *" . . . 1. The City shall be responsible for all costs. . . 2. The City shall be responsible for all maintenance of the irrigation system. . . 3. . ."*

maintaining any liability insurance necessary for or associated with, the park use of the property. . .4. At such time as the Port desires to extend Bay Street north to Port property, or to develop the property in any way, the City shall be responsible to remove said irrigation and landscaping, and to vacate said property. . .”

A condition of the 1987 DLCD 306A Grant is that a funding sign is displayed on the site. This funding sign should remain for the life of the Park. It reads: *“This project was designed and constructed with private donations and funding from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through a grant from Section 306A of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The Memorial is owned and operated by the City of Astoria.”*



DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

12-21-1956 Quitclaim Deed, County to City, Book 238, Page 452, “. . . to be used for street and highway purposes.” Deed corrects deed in Book 238, Page 101, 11-9-1956.

5-24-1972 Quitclaim Deed, County to City, Book 365, Page 300 (80907CA-1700)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

Maritime Memorial Park is the memorial area only. The remaining park area is known as Uniontown Park. There is some overlay of information between the two park inventories, so all of the information is listed in one Park inventory.

Reflected sunset photos are only possible for a few weeks each year due to the angle of the sun. With weather and timing, these photos are harder to capture. Several photos are included in the package.

Additional photos during construction are available in the Community Development Department “Maritime Memorial” file.

Renewal of leases needs to be checked.

City may want to consider purchase from the Port of the land that the memorial is constructed on and possibly the grass area west of fountain.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Port Lease to City.10-18-1988

Amendment to Lease.Port to City.10-16-2002
 ODOT Lease #34418, dated 6-13-1988
 ODOT Permit to Occupy State Hwy.01M35361.3-6-1995
 ODOT Lease #34418, Agreement to extend to 12-31-2008, dated 4-2-2008
 ODOT Lease #34418 first extension, dated 6-13-2008
 DSL Public Recreational Facility License LI-13641, dated5-9-1997
 DSL Public Recreational Facility License LI-13641, renewal application, dated 5-3-2007
 DSL Public Recreational Facility Easement, dated 5-31-1989
 Lease Agreement with TVBS for walkway to W Marine.8-2-1994
 RR Grade Crossing.Public Utility Comm.Order 93-1639.11-17-1993
 Quitclaim Deed.County to City. Bk 238 Pg 452.12-21-1956.to correct B238 p101 (80907CA-1700)
 Quitclaim Deed.County to City. Bk 365 Pg 300.5-24-1972 (80907CA-1700)
 Memo of Understanding.Port and City.7CA900.12-9-2011
 Astoria Granite Works Scope of Work-Bid.2011
 Dedication program.8-14-1993
 Maritime Mem Park Final Plans.2011
 Maritime Memorial Plans.2010 (1, 2, 3)
 Maritime Memorial Plans.2010 darker version (1 & 2)
 Original plans
 Tax lot aerial
 Granite sole source findings.2-14-2011
 Landscape and lighting plan.6-2011
 Conceptual Statement by architect Robert Freeman.1993
 Uniontown Park in Astoria.article by Charles Summers.*Oregon Coast* magazine Nov/Dec 1995
 History by Rae Goforth
 Maritime Memorial wall rendering.2016

NAME OF PARK: McClure Park

AKA:

ADDRESS: 701 Franklin Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CC, Tax Lot 7300; Block 74, McClure

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The Park is the former home of McClure School (first called Court Street School). In 1882, citizens were expressing a desire for a new school, flour mill, and theater. On 4-24-1882, a school meeting was held that determined there was a need for a new school due to overcrowding in the existing school. A tax levy resulted in money for four existing flour mills, five new flour mills to be constructed, and construction of a new school. McClure School was constructed in 1883. The building replaced the first public school on 9th & Franklin. It was named for Col. John McClure one of the early land grant owners in Astoria in the 1840's. It housed high school classes from 1890 to 1910 when a new high school was constructed on Jerome Avenue (now Clatsop Community College Towler Hall). (Note: When reading references to the "new high school", "new" in 1910 refers to the Jerome Avenue site, while "new" in 1975 refers to the 1001 West Marine Drive site.) Elementary school classes continued until 1917 when Central School was constructed in the 900 Block Irving Avenue. The school was demolished in 1919.

Some old photos are mislabeled with McClure as "Taylor School" which was actually located on West Exchange.



1990 "Kindergarten Cop" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. The staging area for the actors' trailers, support equipment, and caters was at McClure Park.

2004 “Ring 2” was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. The panoramic scene of downtown Astoria lighted was shot from McClure Park.

On August 15, 2015, a dog day event was held in the Park. Outdoor movies have also been shown in the Park.

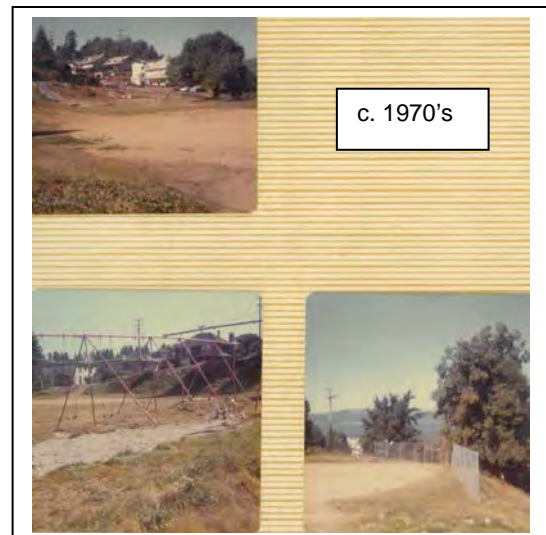
One of the beauties of the Park is the view of the Columbia River from the Park.



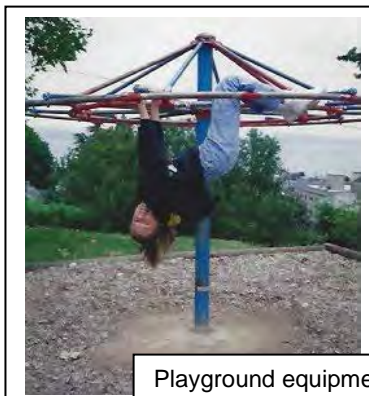
FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1914 In a geologic report, the site is listed as a “playground”.

4-8-1974 Michael Foster (707 8th Street) asks the Parks Board to improve the Park. He paid for a park plan to be developed by a Portland architect. The Board continued the issue to study the plan (*Daily Astorian*).



The park has had a backstop and baseball field for many years, and a swing and saddle mounts in 1970's. The ball field is crude but is visible in the aerial photos of 1966. As late as the 1990's there was a hillside slide, merry go round, picnic tables, and monkey bars. In 2010's there is a ball field and swing set.



- 1998 Astoria Youth Commission suggest McClure Park as an alternative site for skateboard park rather than Tapiola Park (CC 6-15-1998)
- 2013 Local neighbors formed Friends of McClure Park and plan to install upgraded playground equipment and improve the Park.
- 2016 Friends of McClure Park conduct fundraising events to finance the proposed 30' hillside slide as the centerpiece of the proposed Park playground equipment (*Daily Astorian* 4-20-3016).
- 2016 Current facilities include: play area, playground equipment, baseball field, picnic table

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.045.4, Central Residential Area Policies, states
"The McClure playground (8th Street and Grand Avenue) should be maintained as a neighborhood park."

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

11-2-1927 Warranty Deed, Astoria School District to City, Book 123, Page 82

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The site is located within an active geologic hazard area. A geologic hazard report was completed on the property to the south at 707 8th Street (Geologic Advisory Letter.707 8th.Horning Geosciences.8-23-2007), and one was completed on the north portion of the Park property (Phase I Geotechnical Work.Foundation Engineering Inc.4-28-1997).

In *The ORE BIN*, Volume 25, No.7, July 1963, "THE RELOCATION OF GEOLOGIC LOCALES IN ASTORIA, OREGON", by Betty Rae Dodds, there is mention of fossils being found one block southeast of McClure School site by Chester W. Washburne in 1914, "Reconnaissance of the geology and oil prospects of northwestern Oregon: US. Geol. Survey Bull. 590". The report is attached.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
 Sanborn map June 1888
 Geologic Advisory Letter.707 8th.Horning Geosciences.8-23-2007
 Phase I Geotechnical Work.Foundation Engineering Inc.4-28-1997
 Historic Inventory.088
 Warranty Deed.ASD to City.B123p82.11-2-1927
 RELOCATION OF GEOLOGIC LOCALES IN ASTORIA.1963

NAME OF PARK: Mill Pond Village

AKA: Former Astoria Plywood Mill

ADDRESS: 23rd to 29th Streets, Columbia River to Marine Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 9CB, Tax Lot 6800, Tract A, Mill Pond Village 1;

Map T8N R9W Section 9CB, Tax Lot 6820, Tract B, Mill Pond Village 2;

Map T8N R9W Section 9CB, Tax Lot 6868, Tract C; Tax Lot 6860, Tract D; Tax Lot 6864, Tract E; Tax Lot 6800, Tract F, Mill Pond Village 3

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

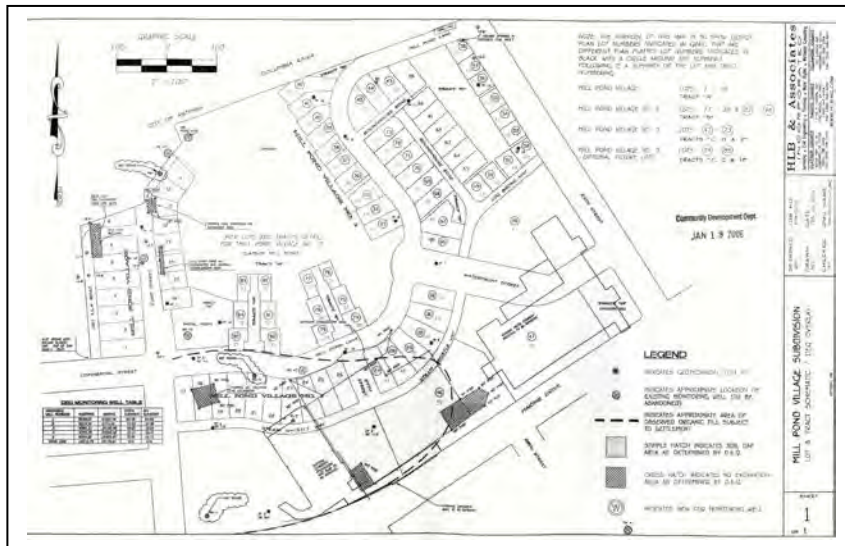
Mill Pond Village is built on the site of the former Clatsop Mill Company which operated from 1870 to 1955 and the Astoria Plywood Mill Cooperative which operated from 1955 to 1989.



When the Mill closed, it left behind an environmentally contaminated site, approximately \$4 million in liens, and no responsible party. The City worked with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other agencies to have the site cleaned up for potential redevelopment. Due to the level of contamination, the City entered into a Prospective Purchaser Agreement with DEQ to limit the liability of new owners from the responsibility of the existing contaminants.



The property was cleaned to “residential” standards which are the highest standards, but there were some remaining “hot spots” that would continue to need to be treated as contaminated sites. These sites are noted on a map prepared by HLB & Associates.



The City worked to clear all liens on the property and find a developer that would respect the vision the City had for the property. The Small Business Administration and Clatsop County tax liens required an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City to pay a prorated share of any and all net profits from the sale. The City did not acquire ownership of the property until the site was cleaned, liens were gone, and a development plan was in place.

Through extensive public involvement process, the City established a vision for the area (16th to 29th and River to Exchange Street) called the Gateway Master Plan which included new zoning regulations, design review, and public open space. The City did a Request for Proposals to find a developer and selected Art DeMuro, Venerable Properties Inc. The City then acquired the property through condemnation on April 1, 1999 and sold it that same week to Venerable Properties. That started the process for a new subdivision “Mill Pond Village”. From the time the City took on this project until Mill Pond Village was ready for development took ten years.

In April 2000, Governor John Kitzhaber and Congressman David Wu came to Astoria to dedicate Mill Pond Village. They were joined by dozens of representatives of the various agencies and partners who came to celebrate the completion of the site cleanup and the start of the redevelopment.

9-14-2012 After his untimely death, the family of Art DeMuro, spread his ashes in the Mill Pond as it was one of his most favorite projects.



Art DeMuro, Governor John Kitzhaber, Mayor Willis L. Van Dusen (left to right)

The City has received several awards for the work on this mill site including:
Sustainable NW & OR Solutions Founder of New NW for 2000
2001 National Brownfield Conference Phoenix Award - for cleanup and redevelopment
of Astoria Plywood Mill Site (combined award with cleanup partners)

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1870 to 1955	Clatsop Mill Company, log processing
1955 to 1989	Astoria Plywood Mill Cooperative
1999	Subdivision and construction of Mill Pond Village began. Individual lots were platted small with skinny streets to create a “Smart Growth Development” neighborhood (see “Smart Development History” attached). With these concepts, there were some construction conditions such as all structures must have a fire suppression system in the entire building, and there are absolute “no build” 6’ wide setbacks between buildings. Three lots fronting Marine Drive and one fronting 29th Street were platted larger for potential commercial and/or multi-family development.
2016	As of 2016, three of the commercial/multi-family lots have been developed with a senior housing project, work force housing project, and one lot with three multi-family market rate senior housing buildings.

Part of the development agreement with Venerable Properties was that there would be public open spaces within the subdivision. These public spaces would be dedicated to the public, but since they also benefitted Mill Pond Village residents, the Mill Pond Village Home Owners Association would be required to maintain these areas. Tract C would be a green space between two facing rows of houses. In order to construct front stairs from the homes that would intersect with the public walkway within the Tract, individual “easements” or License to Occupy City Property (LTO) would be required for each set of stairs installed at the time of construction of that home. Attached is “Mill Pond Village Licenses” which explains the process. Licenses as of 2016 are included in “Legal Documents” below.

Structures constructed within the Mill Pond Village are also subject to “Green Building Standards” adopted by the Mill Pond Village Home Owners Association (MPVHOA) as a requirement of the City’s Developer’s Agreement with Venerable Properties. These standards are reviewed and administered by the MPVHOA and require City review and approval for any changes to the standards.

Tract A is a pergola. It includes a landscaped area, seating, and a dedication sign of the Mill Pond Project. A sign honoring Art DeMuro, Venerable Properties, the developer of the project is proposed for this site. *“Mill Pond Village”* dedication plaque is located on a rock at the entry to the pergola area. It reads *“Mill Pond Village, Dedicated by Governor John Kitzhaber, April 19, 2000, Vision, perseverance, and the dedication of many resulted in the environmental cleanup of this site, location of the former Astoria Plywood Mill. Today we celebrate the start of the transformation of this former industrial site to Mill Pond Village, a*

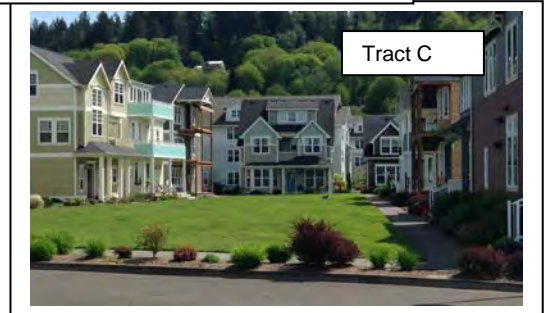
unique mixed-use community. In accomplishing this monumental achievement, special gratitude is extended to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, . . . (list of City officials),. . . Art DeMuro, Venerable Properties, Inc. and the many public and private partners whose assistance and cooperation made this project possible.”



Tract B is an interpretive display of the former railroad turntable with a reconstructed section and a fiberglass imbedded sign “A Glimpse into Railroad History”.



Tract C is the Greenway between Mill Pond Lane and 29th Street. While it appears to be the yard area for the adjacent houses, this is a public open space.



Tract D is the SE landscaped corner which includes a bench.



Tract E is the public parking area on Roundhouse Road.



Tract F is the Mill Pond. Fishing and swimming are not allowed due to remaining contaminants in the Pond. The Pond water changes with the tide through a weir (gate/dam) that is maintained by the Mill Pond Village Home Owner's Association.



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

1999 Subdivision Permit (SP98-01) Plat for the "Mill Pond Village Subdivision 1"

2002 Subdivision Permit (SP98-01) Plat for the "Mill Pond Village Subdivision 2"

2004 Subdivision Permit (SP98-01) Plat for the "Mill Pond Village Subdivision 3"

11-12-2004 Mill Pond Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions.

License to Occupy for Tract C

225 29th Street, Recording #200612081, 10-26-2006

230 Roundhouse Road, Recording #20068179, 7-20-2006

235 29th Street, Recording # 200708276, 8-6-2007

255 29th Street, Recording #200806933, 7-24-2008

260 Roundhouse Road, Recording #200701811, 2-22-2007

270 Roundhouse Road, Recording #200612892, 11-15-2006

2895 Mill Pond Lane, Recording # 200512855, 10-21-2005

250 Roundhouse Road, license pending, 5-2016

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.275.4, Parks Recreation and Open Space, Policies, states
"The City Planning Commission has the responsibility for subdivision approval. Where appropriate, necessary and feasible, the Planning Commission will apply density credits for the provision of common open space and recreation areas within the subdivisions. The Planning Commission may require that such areas be maintained by subdivision homeowners rather than by the public."

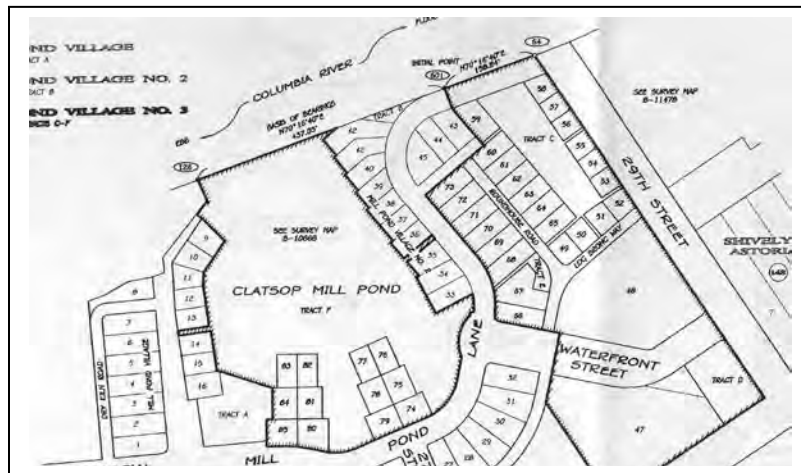
Development Code Section 13.470.B, Subdivision and Land Partition, Land for Public Purposes, Dedication of Parks and Playgrounds, states

"The Planning Commission may require the dedication of suitable areas for the parks and playgrounds that will be required for the use of the population which is intended to occupy the subdivision."

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

There are several public areas within the Mill Pond Subdivision that were dedicated to the public. These areas are open to the public, but in the original sale agreement to Venerable Properties, the Mill Pond Association is required to be responsible for maintenance of these areas. They include:

Pergola (Tract A); RR Turntable (Tract B); Greenway between Mill Pond Lane and 29th Street (Tract C); SE landscaped corner (Tract D); parking area on Roundhouse Road (Tract E); Mill Pond (Tract F)



Mill Pond Village Subdivision 1 plat states *"... does hereby dedicate Tract A, all streets, roads, and utility easements as shown hereon to the public"*. Tract A is *"Public Park"*.

Mill Pond Village Subdivision 2 plat states *"Said declarant does hereby dedicate Tract "B", all streets, roads, lanes, ways and easements as shown hereon to the public"*. Tract A is *"Public Park"*.

Mill Pond Village Subdivision 3 plat states *"... and does hereby dedicate tracts C through F, all streets, lanes, ways and public easements as shown to the City of Astoria for the purposes indicated. ..."* Tract C, D, F is *"Open Space, PUE"* and Tract E is *"Parking, Open Space, PUE"* (PUE is "public utility easement"). Tract D has a small corner on the southeast that is noted as *"Dedicated to the public for roadway by this plat."*

Mill Pond Village Subdivision 1, 2, and 3 plats state *"The waters of the Mill Pond may be subject to the right of the public for navigation and fishing (for determination of ownership of the land under the Mill Pond see Division of State Lands Letter # JV02, dated June 4, 1998 and Map B-10668)."*

"Master Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for

Mill Pond Village”, recording 200413592, 11-12-2004; Article IX, Construction, Maintenance, Utilities and Services, Section 9.3 states: *“Maintenance of Park Areas and Planting Strips. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the park areas dedicated to the City and the planting strips within the public right-of-way. Owners of Lots shall make no changes or replacements of landscaping on planting strips within the public right-of-way without prior approval of the Mill Pond Village Architectural Committee.”*

Maintenance of the weir is the responsibility of the Mill Pond Home Owners Association. “Master Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Mill Pond Village”, recording 200413592, 11-12-2004; Article IX, Construction, Maintenance, Utilities and Services, Section 9.1, Construction and Maintenance of Common Property, states that *“The Declarant shall initially construct or cause to be constructed all Improvements of the Common Property. After the Turnover Meeting, the Association is authorized to and shall thereafter perform all construction within and maintenance upon the Common Property and upkeep of landscaping and other Improvements within such areas, including but not limited to grass, trees, pavement, walkways, trails, fences, artwork, piers, boardwalk, weir, pond, lighting and signs, playground equipment, and sports facilities, and shall perform such construction, maintenance, and upkeep unless the same is assumed by a public body or other third party.”*

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

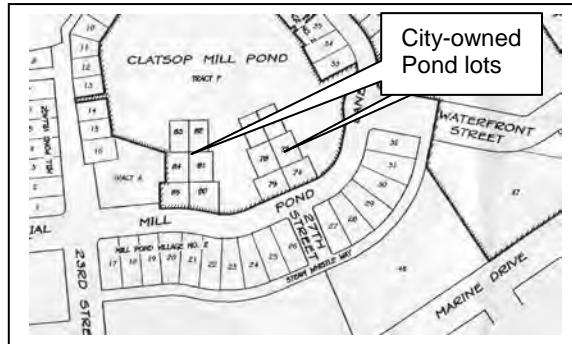
The site was a former plywood mill with extensive contamination. A geotechnical report was completed to determine the areas with remaining contamination after the cleanup and the method for future construction (Geotechnical Engineering Services.5-20-1998). Any construction at Mill Pond Village requires a geotechnical report prior to construction. In addition, any of the noted remaining contaminated areas cannot be disturbed. If excavated, any soil disturbed must be treated as contaminated and DEQ must be contacted prior to the excavation (see “Mill Pond DEQ Restrictions” attached).

Division of State Lands letter dated 6-4-1998 states that *“the State does not lay claim to the submerged lands located beneath the Old Astoria Mill Pond . . .However, the State Removal-fill Law is still applicable for this pond as it is considered to be a water of the State. Therefore, any alteration, filling, or removal of any materials over 50 cubic yards will need to be permitted by the Division of State Lands.”* The State, administered by Division of State Lands, owns most submerged or submersible lands in Oregon. This letter relinquishes that ownership for the Mill Pond area giving the City “ownership” of the Pond.

The HLB map of remaining contaminated sites indicates that none of the sites are within the “public” Tracts except the fact that the Pond is considered to have contaminated sediment and should not be disturbed or used for swimming. The natural washing of the area by the incoming tide through the weir, keeps the water fresh.

NOTES:

In addition to the park areas, the City owns 12 Pond lots. They were donated to the City by the developer, Art DeMuro, Venerable Properties, in his will when he died in 2012. He donated them for the City to do as it wished with them with the idea that sale of the lots could help finance the Garden of Surging Waves of which he was a major donor.



With this major donation and in recognition of all the work that Art DeMuro did in the development of Mill Pond Village, a dedication sign was to be installed at the Pergola on the public Tract A. The family was informed of the City's intent to install the sign when Mr. DeMuro's ashes were deposited in the Mill Pond in 2012. The sign was drafted but never completed and is still pending completion. The draft sign is attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mill Pond CC&R.11-12-2004
- Submerged land ownership letter.Mill Pond.1998
- DEQ Overlay map.HLB.2-26-2004
- Geotechnical Engineering Services.5-20-1998
- Millpond Village Licenses
- Mill Pond DEQ Restrictions
- Mill Pond Geo requirements
- Mill Pond Zero Lot Line Construction Requirements
- Prospective Purchaser Agreement.DEQ No 98-01.1-6-1999
- Aerial.Mill Pond corner
- Aerial.Mill Pond greenway
- Aerial.Mill Pond pergola
- Aerial.Mill Pond pond
- Aerial.Mill Pond turntable
- DeMuro Mill Pond sign background
- DeMuro Mill Pond sign
- Pier lots
- Site plan
- Smart Development history
- Mill Pond Overview 2003
- MPV 1 plats dedicating tracts to City (1) (2) (3)
- MPV2 plats dedicating tracts to City (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- MPV 3 plats dedicating tracts to City.2004

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License to Occupy.2895 Mill Pond Ln.Rec # 200512855.10-21-2005

Bargain and Sale Deed.MPV to City.Inst 201208692. 10-1-2012 (Pond lots)
Deed of Easement.utilities.2-16-2005
Deed of Reconveyance.Ast Plywood Corp.5-6-1999.(entire site). and Quitclaim deed.Co to
City. 1-14-1999.(8DA 300). B

NAME OF PARK: Ocean View Cemetery

AKA: Clatsop Cemetery

ADDRESS: 575 SW 18th Street, Warrenton OR 97146

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R10W Section 28, Tax Lots 2300, 2400
Map T8N R10W Section 29, Tax Lot 100
Map T8N R10W Section 21CC, Tax Lot 600

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: State designated historic cemetery

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

1897 Local law prohibiting any new burials within City limits

1-3-1911 Cemetery Commission appointed; controlled operation of Cemetery until adoption of the City Manager form of government on 1-1-1923

Established in 1897, the cemetery replaced the Hillside Cemetery (Pioneer Cemetery) in Astoria. At the time, the City of Astoria ordered the vacation of graves from the Hillside Cemetery to Ocean View Cemetery. The body of Capt. George Flavel, for instance was moved at this time. In 1898, a 12-ton granite obelisk was erected at the new Flavel family plot. The obelisk remains the largest marker in the cemetery.



In 1916, the Portland Mausoleum Co. constructed a private mausoleum at the cemetery. The building was designed by Portland architect Ellis F. Lawrence (who founded the School of Architecture at the University of Oregon). Architect Lawrence designed many homes in Portland and every building on the University of Oregon campus between 1916 to 1939. The building has Egyptian detailing around its cornice. The Portland Mausoleum Co. went out of business in 1929 and there were insufficient funds for the perpetual maintenance of the building.

- 12-15-1952 A section of graves was reserved for veterans in 1952 (Ordinance 52-66) and therefore “veteran” graves would no longer be provided for free elsewhere in the cemetery (City Code Section 1.370, Suspension of Free Burial Privileges).
- 1954 John Wicks designed a chapel for the cemetery (Ordinance 54-18) and construction was approved for 1954 (Ordinance 54-16).
- 1957 Cemetery was approximately 82 acres
- 1984 Originally, the cemetery was a separate City department. It came under Parks and Recreation Department in 1984
- 2004 Boys Scouts of America Venture Scout Ms. Katie Blue (daughter of Bob and Barbara Blue, Astoria) did an inventory of the veteran graves at the Cemetery a Venture Silver Award project (Venture equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle project).
- 2008 There was an effort by several local cemeteries to for a Clatsop County Cemetery District. The issue was presented to City Council on 4-7-2008, but the district was never formed.
- 2014 Clatsop County Historical Society, with sponsorship from Astoria Granite Works, presented “Talking Tombstones” during the Halloween season at Ocean View Cemetery. This is a presentation by locals in costume telling the story of “residents” of the cemetery. The event has been held every year since 2004 with locations at different Clatsop County cemeteries each year.

Cemetery grounds keeper Don Rummell worked at the Cemetery from 1952 until he retired in 1990. He became Cemetery Superintendent in 1961. Don lived in the caretakers house adjacent to the Cemetery from 1962 to 1970 and 1981 to 1990. He had moved to a larger house for a few years to raise his 16 children. He wrote a short history of his time at the Cemetery (Ocean View history by Don Rummell.1-24-1990)

The Cemetery is built on a sand dune. While the ocean is not visible from the Cemetery today, at the time the cemetery was named, the ocean shoreline was closer to the site (see map under “Environmental Issues” below), and there were fewer trees on the sand dunes. It is believed that the ocean was visible at that time.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 1917 Portland Mausoleum Company constructed mausoleum with 100 crypts (seven belonging to City); built on a 75’ x 150’ lot provided by the City. It was the third mausoleum to be built in Oregon (Mount Crest Abbey, 1914, Salem; and Hope Abbey, Eugene, 1913). All three were designed by Ellis F. Lawrence.

When Portland Mausoleum Co went out of business in 1929, the building was no longer maintained as it was not owned by the City. The City did install brackets on some of the vaults after an earthquake and did replace the roof. A

detailed story of the mausoleum was printed ("From slippery slopes to disrepair", *Daily Astorian*, 10-28-2005)



- 1938 Cemetery caretakers house constructed
- 1953 Work shop was expanded from 24' x 30' to 24' x 60'; there was no heat.
- 1953 New Chapel building constructed to replace wooden, pentagon shaped chapel which was located in the middle of Block 37, the current baby section. Designed by John Wicks.
- 1954 Grave liners were 2" cedar lumber until concrete lines and vaults began in 1954. Sunken graves with wood lines had to be refilled.
- 1950's 1,500 gallon water pressure tank and two electric pumps were used to irrigate the grounds with hose bibs throughout the grounds.

Cemetery staff made temporary concrete markers for graves prior to 1955 until mortuaries started to provide small, temporary metal markers.

Sand was hauled by hand to fill the south end of Block 38 to add grave space.
- 1962 Used backhoe from Public Works allowed for mechanical grave digging as it was done by hand previously
- 1967 Small pump house was constructed; sprinkler system installed in about seven acres.
- 12-20-2010 City Council approved installation of an electronic automatic gate.
- 4-2016 Clatsop Community College Historic Preservation Program repaired the stained glass windows in the Mausoleum under the direction of Jim Hannen, local master craftsman ("Ocean View Abbey Mausoleum" article, *Columbia River Business Journal*, 6-3-2016)

2016

Current status of plots and burials:

12,610 plots occupied (some are full plots, some are cremation plots. Full plots can have up to one full burial, plus four sets of cremains in each plot.

Cremation plots can have up to two sets of cremains.)

1,365 plots are unoccupied and reserved.

375 plots are unoccupied and for sale.

200 additional plots are unoccupied, but not yet for sale pending site inspection (potential issues with trees, roots, and utility lines).

1,369 plots within three additional blocks are unoccupied but not yet for sale.

A fourth additional block, Block 36, is unoccupied but not yet for sale. This block will most likely be restricted to cremation-only plots due to site conditions (scattered with trees). Block 36 has not been subdivided into plots.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

4-14-1885 Ordinance 757; adopting plat of Clatsop Cemetery (Map T8N R10W on Donation Land Claims of WH Gray and JG Tuller)

6-18-1897 Ordinance 2262; designated name to be "Ocean View Cemetery" with statement that *"All graves are sold with the Perpetual Care Provision so that permanent upkeep of all graves is assured."* Also states that *"The Mausoleum was built and owned by the Portland Mausoleum Company in 1917 and consisted of 100 Crypts (seven belonging to the City of Astoria). . ."*

Ordinance 2341; permitted exchange of grave plots in Hillside Cemetery (Pioneer) for plots at Ocean View

1952 Ordinance 52-66; A section of graves was reserved for veterans

1954 Ordinance 54-16; approved construction of new chapel

1954 Ordinance 54-18 for design of a chapel for the cemetery by John Wicks

Cemetery rules and fees were changed over the years as follows:

Ordinance 52-33, O-14, Cemetery and Mausoleums, repealed by Ordinance 60-28

Ordinance 60-28, repealed Ordinance 52-33

Resolution 60-29, established fees

Resolution 70-08, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV, Section 14.03

Resolution 72-28, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article III Section 3.16, Article IV Section 4.20, Article XIV Section 14.03

Resolution 73-12, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XII, Section 12.01

Resolution 73-19, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV, Section 14.03

Resolution 74-29, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV, Section 14.03

Resolution 75-25, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV, Section 14.03

Resolution 78-06, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV, Section 14.03, repealed 75-

Ordinance 78-14, Cemetery Rules and Regulations
 Resolution 78-23, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XII Section 12.04, Article XIV
 Section 14.03
 Resolution 79-37, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV, Section 14.03
 Resolution 80-10, Cemetery Rules and Regulations
 Resolution 80-18, Cemetery Rules and Regulations
 Resolution 81-30, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article III Section 3.09
 Resolution 82-24, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV, Section 14.03
 Resolution 83-19, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV, Section 14.03
 Resolution 85-28, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV, Section 14.03
 Resolution 87-27, Cemetery Rules and Regulations
 Resolution 87-36, Cemetery Rules and Regulations
 Resolution 92-18, repealed Resolution 87-36
 Resolution 93-18, Cemetery Rules and Regulations
 Resolution 94-49, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article III Section 3.05, Article VI Section
 6.01, rules on silk flowers, repealed by Resolution 95-46
 Resolution 95-46, repealed 84-49
 Resolution 02-06, repealed 95-46
 Resolution 11-25, rules concerning government markers for Vets, repealed 02-06
 Resolution 15-10, repealed 05-01 which did not change Cemetery fees

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

4-13-2011 Governmental Agreement regarding Land Adjacent to Ocean View Cemetery, City and County, Recording # 2011040015. Agreement facilitated the transfer of land from City to County to be used for Warrenton UGB land swap project. Conditions included Section 1.c *"The County will place a deed restriction on the above described Property prohibiting any development thereon, or any change from its current physical character as a spruce wetland."*

City Code Sections 1.280 to 1.380 establish the Cemetery regulations.

Administrative Practices Section 500 establishes Cemetery rules and regulations.

City Code Section 1.280, "Public Burying Ground", states *"All cemeteries now owned or hereafter acquired by the City are declared to be public burying grounds. No person may establish any other cemetery within the City; nor may any body be buried in any place other than in a designated cemetery."* In a letter dated 8-27-98 from City Attorney Jeanyse Snow, it states that in accordance with the ORS definitions, *"... a memorial garden intended as a place to sprinkle cremated remains is a cemetery."*

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Graves are sold with Perpetual Care Provisions so that permanent upkeep of all graves is assured. City Code Section 1.325, Perpetual Care, states that *"All lots hereafter sold in the municipal cemeteries shall be provided with perpetual care services. The expense of such care is included in the price of the lot in accordance with the provisions of this code."* City Code Section 1.340, Perpetual Care Trust Fund, states that *"All monies received for and credited to*

the perpetual care trust fund shall be held by the finance director as trustee and shall be invested as provided by law. The income from such trust fund shall be paid into the city treasury but shall not be used for any purpose except the care of the cemetery. Until such time as the income from the perpetual care trust fund is sufficient to maintain the cemetery properly, such funds as are needed for this maintenance and operation shall be drawn from the cemetery general operating fund."

Cemetery Deed is issued upon purchase of a plot which states "*. . . does hereby sell and convey to the said grantee the perpetual use and occupancy for the purposes hereinafter of Grave . . .*" It also states that "*. . . the perpetual care thereof by the grantor. . .*" The Deed is "*. . . for the sole purpose of a place of burial for the dead. . .*" and contains a "*. . . reservation by the grantor that, if said premises shall at any time be used, or attempted to be used, by any person or persons, whomsoever, for any other purpose than as herein set forth, the use, occupancy, rights and privileges herein shall immediately terminate.*"

Qualifying Note: Deeds for the cemetery are convoluted in that properties have changed boundaries over the years and some of the deeds refer to original land grants and measurements in chains. Any consideration of changes to ownership would require review by surveyor and/or legal counsel on ownership and deed restrictions. The following is a "best guess" on interpreting the various deeds and surveys. Survey CS# 04955 dated 1935 notes several of the deeds. The 1991 surveys also note some of the deeds.

- 10-27-1882 Land sale, John Loomis to City, 63 acres at Smith Lake, Book 14 Page 105; (appears to be portion of Tax Lot 100); and
- 11-3-1882 CA McGuire to City, 2.57 and 5.60 acres, Recorded 7-27-1889, Book 14 Page 106; (appears to be 2.57 acres just northeast of entry to cemetery in main portion; and 5.6 acres at the north end of cemetery, Tax Lot 600)
- 6-16-1916 Warranty Deed, Rogers Land Co to City, Book 91 Page 322 (appears to be the southwest section of cemetery at entry on Tax Lot 2400 but needs surveyor to confirm)
- 6-4-1927 Quitclaim Deed, Hesse to City, Book 122 Page 96 – includes a condition for the City to construct a water line to a cabin on the adjacent property when water is available in this area (appears to be Tax Lot 100 and partial land to west of Cemetery now owned by North Coast Conservancy but needs a surveyor to confirm)

" . . . the grantee shall and will, whenever and as soon as a supply of pure and wholesome water, fit for domestic purposes, is established in or brought or extended into Ocean View Cemetery (which adjoins the property hereby conveyed) lay and maintain without expense to the grantors at least on-half inch galvanized iron pipe across the property hereby conveyed and to grantors hunting cabin, conveying such water to such terminal point for the use and benefit of grantors. . . "

- 10-31-1935 Quitclaim Deed, Cherry Investment Co to City, Book 138 Page 567 (southern 11.05 acres of Tax Lot 100, just west of cemetery main entry)

“The above described property to be used for Cemetery Purposes, and if not so used to revert to Clatsop County and the City to reconvey accordingly.”

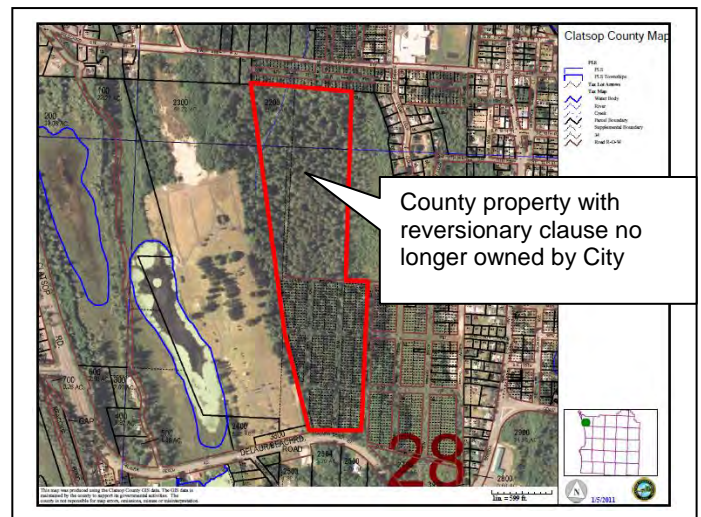
This aerial map shows the B14p106 area, which is primarily a large, irregularly shaped green field. Several callouts provide specific information about different parts of the map:

- Top Left:** Tax Lot 600 - location of McGuire 5.6 acres, B14p106. This area is a small, light-colored patch near the top left corner.
- Top Center:** Tax Lot 100 - location of 25 acres B122p96. This area is a small, light-colored patch near the top center.
- Top Right:** Tax Lot 500 - City of Warrenton; and B269p111 Easement to State for road access. This area is a small, light-colored patch near the top right corner.
- Center:** Tax Lot 100 - location of Loomis 63 acres, B14p105. This area is a large, irregularly shaped green field in the center of the map.
- Bottom Left:** Approx. loc B138p567. This area is a small, light-colored patch near the bottom left corner.
- Bottom Center:** location of McGuire 2.57 acres B14p106. This area is a small, light-colored patch near the bottom center.
- Bottom Right:** location of 4.3 acres B91p322. This area is a small, light-colored patch near the bottom right corner.

The map also shows various roads and landmarks, including Basemart, SW 9TH ST, SW 4TH ST, DELAURA BEACH, and SW 10TH ST. The map is overlaid with a grid of numbers, likely representing acreage or lot numbers.

Several parcels were sold to Northwest Living Homes (Jason Palmberg) which he, in turn, donated to the Northwest Coast Land Conservancy as protected wetlands. These are part of the Columbia Quiet Waters Initiative. These sales occurred in 1997, 2003 and 2011. Some of the properties reverted to the County and they in turn sold them to Palmberg.

There was some issue over the reversionary clause to County during the land sales/transfers in the last few years. It appears that the majority of County land in question has been transferred and is no longer part of the City ownership. The City Attorney Blair Henningsgaard related the following in an email dated 3-16-2016. The main portion of the developed cemetery may also be part of the land acquired with a County reversionary clause.



“With respect to the Cemetery it appears that the property we got from the county was returned to the county (who sold building rights to Palmberg) and then transferred to the land conservancy for preservation (in exchange for cash and wet land credits from the state) - we got money and the county got money and the land will not be logged or sold.

A reversion to the county only applies to property that was transferred for no consideration for municipal purposes. As far as the cemetery goes it appears that county lands are no longer involved. There may be a funny little piece that was deeded to Warrenton.

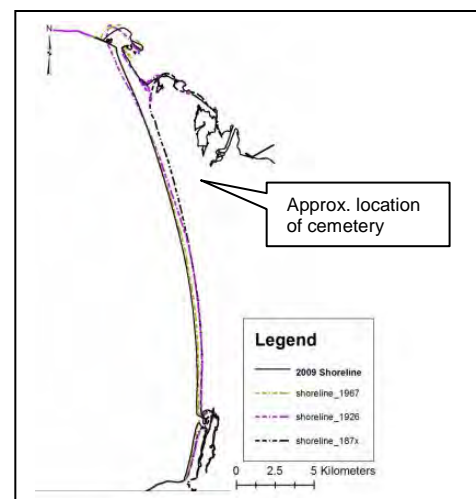
There were a number of other deeds from the County to the City, not involving the cemetery, that were for substantial amounts and some were for \$1.00 and other consideration - none of these transfers mentioned a reversion or the statute that creates a reversion so I believe none exists on those properties.
Blair”

Astoria City Code Section 1.320, Cemetery Regulations, Sale of Lots, states that “. . . Upon payment in full of the purchase price, the city shall issue a deed to the lot in the form approved by the city attorney. The deed shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city auditor, sealed with the corporate seal and acknowledged so as to entitle it to be recorded. The purchaser may record the deed with the county registrar of deeds. . .”

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

2010 Ocean View Wetland Determination by CREST

The Cemetery is constructed on a sand dune. The ocean shoreline has changed over the years with accretion due to the installation of the jetties between 1885 and 1913. The shoreline is now several meters out than originally.



NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Aerial with tax lots

Cemetery article From slippery slopes to disrepair.10-28-2005

Cemeteries and Gravesites in Astoria.article Cumtux

Ocean View history by Don Rummell.1-24-1990

Formation of Oceanview Cemetery history.9-9-1957

Governmental Agreement.Land Adjacent to Ocean View Cemetery.City and County.4-13-2011.Rec 2011040015

Ocean View Cemetery assessor map 8 10 28 west portion

Ocean View Cemetery assessor map 810-28 with area highlighted

Ocean View Cemetery land sale map

Ocean View Cemetery map parcel now City of Warrenton

Ordinance 757.4-15-1885.cemetery plat adopted

Ordinance 2262.6-18-1897 and history Ordinance 2341

Shoreline change map

Ocean View Cemetery Wetland Determination.CREST.2010

Administrative Practices. Cemetery Rules Sect 501.2011

Ocean View Abbey Mausoleum.CRB.6-3-2016

Cemetery.code compilation

Talking Tombstones 2014.DA article 10-21-2014

Deeds and Surveys

Deed map and notes

Plat map T8NR10W.1863 (land grant map for deed orientations)

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Quitclaim Deed.Hesse to City.B122p96.6-4-1927

Quitclaim Deed.Cherry Investment Co to City.B138p567.10-31-1935

Quitclaim deed.Co to City.book248 page 874.12-31-1958.for cemetery or revert to Co

Letter on Sale from Co to City of QD B248p874.12-31-1958

neg print.Quitclaim Deed.12-31-1958.County to City.Oceanview Cemetery with reversionary clause

Ocean View Cemetery title report.2008.on map 21CC Tax lot 500

Deed of graves.Elliott & Whisman to City.B269p717.5-4-1963

Clatsop County Regional Cemetery Dist Business Plan.3-2008

Clatsop Cemetery Dist Formation Committee.2008

Map of reversionary cemetery property

Survey.CS# 04955.1935

survey.CS# 09352A.3-7-1991

survey.CS# 09352B.3-7-1991

cemetery plot deed.City to buyer

County issue

3-28-2011 City of Astoria IGA-1
Bargain & sale deed
Map of reversionary cemetery property
Re Astoria Parks Deed Research – The rest of the story (email from City Attorney)
Reynolds Ltr 022311
Reynold Ltr 031511

NAME OF PARK: General Information on Parks and Recreation Department

AKA: Parks & Community Services Department (1998 to 2010)

ADDRESS:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DEDICATION STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

- 6-17-1901 First meeting of the Parks Commission
- 1966 Ordinance 66-14, creates Parks and Recreation Board
- 1967 City Council considers changing the management of the Parks and Recreation Department from Public Works Department to City Manager. Decision was delayed. (City Council minutes 6-17-1967)
- 12-26-1972 City working on Parks Master Plan. Suggested dedicating parks. Only Column and Tapiola were dedicated at that time. (*Daily Astorian*)
- 11-1978 Parks Board names and dedicates various parks
- 1997 The Library Department was placed under Parks and Recreation after the retirement of Library Director Bruce Berney (CC minutes 6-2-1997 & 6-16-1997).
- 1997 Astoria Arts Commission established under the Parks Department, Resolution 97-15 (CC minutes 1-6-1997 & 4-7-1997)
- 5-18-1998 City Council approves name change to Parks & Community Services Department
- 2002 A Library Manager was hired in 1999 and, sometime in 2002, the Library was re-instated as a full Department and no longer under the Parks & Recreation Department.
- 11-14-2002 Last meeting of the Arts Commission.
- 2-5-2008 Lou Marconeri Day, proclaimed by Mayor for his 24 years of service on the Parks Board (CC 2-4-2008).
- 2-16-2010 City Council approved name change back to Parks and Recreation Department along with a Mission Statement and logo change for the department.

- 11-2013 Citizens Helping Improve Parks (CHIPin) program starts. This program organizes community events in the various Parks for citizens to volunteer to cleanup, landscape, or do general maintenance on the facilities (CC minutes 11-4-2013).
- 7-21-14 City Council approved application for City to Become an Official Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) City (Resolution 14-21, CC minutes)
- 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is being developed through a public process managed by Parks and Recreation Planner Ian Sisson through the AmeriCorps Rare Program. The Plan will establish a short and long-term vision and priorities for the Parks Department's parks, facilities, and program offerings. The planning process will involve an extensive evaluation of existing recreation opportunities in and around the City of Astoria, and will assess the need for improvements, changes, and future development.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 3-30-1970 List of Parks System (attached) with current name listed if different:
(Inventory: 64.35 acres with 38.8 acres mowed; 16 sites)
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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6th and Commercial, 0.5 acres | Children's Park |
| 11th Street Walkway, 0.25 acres | |
| 14th and Grand, 0.6 acres | 14th & Grand Playground |
| Alderbrook Community Park, 4.2 acres | LaPlante Park |
| Alderbrook Playground, 0.6 acres | Alderbrook Hall Playground |
| Ash Street Playground, 0.5 acres | Birch Street Ballfield |
| Astoria Column Park, 5.6 acres | Astor Park & Astoria Column |
| Astoria Pioneer Cemetery, 2.1 acres | Pioneer Cemetery |
| Astoria Yacht Club, 8 acres | Yacht Club |
| Columbia Field, 4 acres | |
| Fort Astoria, 0.2 acres | |
| McCallister Park, 8.5 acres | Gone; now Col Memorial Hosp |
| McClure Field, 1 acre | McClure Playground |
| Niagara Street Playground, 4 acres | Fred Lindstrom Park |
| Shively Park, 12 acres | |
| Tapiola Park, 12.3 acres | |
- 11-1-1972 List of Parks System (attached) with current name listed if different:
(Inventory: 43.7 acres in 22 sites; 12 historic sites; 1 pool; 7.2 picnic sites with 17 tables; 34 marina slips; 1 launch ramp; 2 tennis courts; 3 miles of trails; 5 permanent employees; 8 seasonal employees)
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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 11th Street Walkway | 11th Street Stairs |
| Alderbrook Hall and Recreation Center | Alderbrook Hall |
| Alderbrook Park | LaPlante Park |
| Astoria Column | |

Birch Park Playground	Birch Street Ballfield
Columbia Ball Park and Field	Columbia Field
Columbia River Maritime Museum	Gone
Commercial Playground	Children's Park
Dairy Queen	Part of Tapiola Park
Doughboy Monument	
Fort Astoria	
Gyro Field	Gone; John Warren Field
McClure Playground	
McCallister Ball Park and Field	Gone; now Col Memorial Hosp
Niagara Park	Fred Lindstrom Park
Pioneer Cemetery	
Post Office Historical Site	First US Post Office Site
Shively Community Hall and City Park	Shively Park
Star of the Sea Playground	14th & Grand Playground
Tapiola Park, ballfield, and pool	Tapiola Park
Waterfront Park	Gone; now City/USCG
	Transient moorage & CRMM
Yacht Club Launching Ramp	Yacht Club

1974 List of Parks System (attached) with current name listed if different:
(Park inventory: 72.6 acres; 19 sites)

11th Street Walkway, 0.25 acres	
Alderbrook Community Park, 4.2 acres	LaPlante Park
Alderbrook Marine Park proposed, 8 acres	Alderbrook Lagoon Park
Alderbrook Playground, 0.6 acres	Alderbrook Hall Playground
Ash Street Playground, 1 acres	Birch Street Ballfield
Astoria Column Park, 5.6 acres	Astor Park & Astoria Column
Columbia Field, 4 acres	
Commercial Street Playground, 0.5 acres	Children's Park
Doughboy Monument, 0.1 acres	
Fort Astoria, 0.2 acres	
Maritime Park, 5.5 acres	Gone; now City/USCG
	Transient moorage & CRMM
McCallister Park, 8.5 acres	Gone; now Col Memorial Hosp
McClure Field, 1 acre	McClure Playground
Niagara Street Playground, 4 acres	Fred Lindstrom Park
Pioneer Cemetery, 2.1 acres	Pioneer Cemetery
Post Office Historical Site, 0.2 acres	First US Post Office Site
Shively Park, 12 acres	
Star of the Sea Playground, 0.6 acres	14th & Grand Playground
Tapiola Park, 12.3 acres	
Yacht Club, 8 acres	

7-16-2001 Edith Henningsgaard Miller, former Mayor, donates 15 shares of Microsoft common stock (\$1,034.84) for the CASA playground project.

2002-2003 CASA playground project raises money for Tapiola, Yacht Club, McClure, Evergreen, Alderbrook, Alameda, 14th & Grand, Children's Park, and LaPlante

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

This list does not include all money transfers, purchases, personnel issues, etc. It only reflects a few of the documents that give a history of the evolution of the Parks Department. Documents specific to individual Parks are listed on the specific Park inventory sheet.

- 1960 Ordinance 60-04, establishes 10 mph speed limit in Parks
- 1966 Ordinance 66-14, creates Parks and Recreation Board
- 1991 Resolution 91-15, establishes Park fees
- 1993 Resolution 93-52, establishes Parks and Recreation Fund
- 1997 Resolution 97-15, establishing the Astoria Arts Commission (CC minutes 4-7-1997)
- 2001 Ordinance 01-08, Amends City Code, Parks Rules
- 2001 Ordinance 01-14, Amends City Code, Parks Rules, and adds Skateboard Park
- 2005 Ordinance 05-17, Amends City Code 5.927, Parks Rules and Regulations, stating that no school age child may be in a Park during school hours.
- 2009 Resolution 09-17, Parks employees moved from Public Works/Parks Union to General Employees Union; Aquatics Center positions changed
- 2010 Ordinance 10-05, Parks Board Membership rules
- 2011 Ordinance 11-11, Parks Board Membership rules
- 2012 Resolution 12-02, Job Description changes
- 2012 Resolution 12-07, Establishes Parks Opportunity Fund and changes name of Parks and Recreation Fund
- 2012 Resolution 12-22, Position changes
- 2014 Resolution 14-21, City to Become an Official Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) City
- 2015 Resolution 15-29, Amending Fee Schedule for Park and Recreation Department, repeals Resolution 15-13

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:****NOTES:**

A list of past Parks Directors was not included but may be of interest in recording the full history of the City Parks.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

ADA Compliance Project Complete since 1995

ADA Transition Plan.1998

Astoria2C-Self Evaluation Checklist for Compliance with Section 504

Park Inventory 1970

Park Inventory 1972

Park Inventory 1974

Park Inventory 1974 maps (1 to 12)

Parks & Rec Acreage Report.2007

Parks & Rec Facilities.list.2007

Public use dedications

Astoria Parks Deed Research – the rest of the story (email from City Attorney)

Administrative Practices.Community Hall Use Rules Sect 400

Comprehensive Plan map of Parks & Rec areas

NAME OF PARK: People Places

AKA:

ADDRESS: 1590 Marine Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8DB, Tax Lot 600 & 601; footing of Block 134, Shively

Within the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

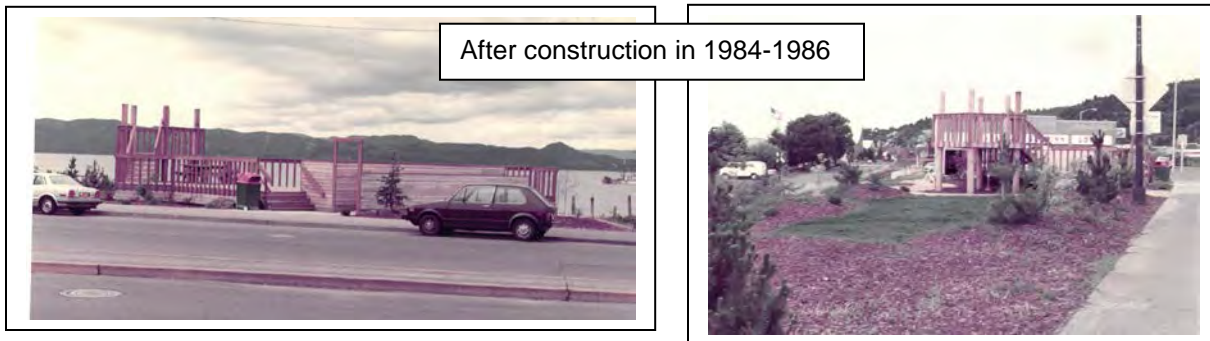
Historically, the site was developed with rooming houses, bakery, and Chinese laundry (Sanborn maps 1896, 1908); and in addition, bakery photo gallery, candy/cigar/liquor store (Sanborn map 1896); with only a gas and oil building on the west portion (Sanborn map 1908 redone 1948).

In 1977, the City completed the "Waterfront People Places System" Plan, by Architects Atelier/Northwest, was a Technical Assistance Project funded by the Economic Development Administration, US Department of Commerce. The Plan envisioned "people places" within the urban environment such as fishing piers and "platform" public areas. The Plan states: *"The concept of providing public land in urban areas which is pastoral and free of commercialism is necessary for the wellbeing of our people. . . The Astoria Waterfront "People Places" system faces seemingly opposing priorities of providing facilities for public use which can provide recreational and pastoral qualities but can also encompass the physical and economic intensity of activity that is embodied in the waterfront environment."* The Park reflects those early concepts of platforms and landscaped areas within the urban core.

1982 Chamber of Commerce "People Places Committee" asks for the City and County to create a park

11-24-1982 Clatsop County considers a request by the City for the County to quitclaim Tax Lot 600 to the City for a park (County minutes Book 589, page 7?2). Transfer was completed 12-13-1982 as noted in deed below.

- 1984 The Park was constructed by the Astoria Rotary Club and included an elevated river viewing platform, picnic facilities, parking, and landscaping.



- 11-12-1986 First Amendment to Astor-East Urban Renewal Area Plan added a project for the People Places Park improvement. The project involved functionality upgrades, additional landscaping of the area near the viewing platform, and shoreline landscaping and trail improvements. (AEURD Plan Section 650.B, Proposed Urban Renewal Projects.)

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 1967 Aerial photo shows the site in brush
- 1976 Aerial photo shows the site as a parking lot
- 12-13-1982 City acquired Tax Lot 600 from County with a reversionary clause based on the construction of the People Places Park.
- 1983 to 1987 Construction of deck/platform completed
- 1990 The Astoria Waterfront Planning Study (Murase Plan), June 1990, envisioned *“Steps and additional decking could complement the existing structure at the People Places Park. To strengthen the visual connection between the park and the shoreline, wood-planks would extend north from the park structure to the pedestrian path. The landscape surrounding the park would be replanted with native type plantings that would reflect the history of the shoreline and would not burden the City’s future operating budget with expensive maintenance. . . To strengthen the linkage between the existing park and the shore line, the north side of the deck could be opened up with wide steps that would encourage access to the walkway along the shoreline. A brick on-grade crosswalk would aid pedestrian circulation between the deck and the proposed walkway. . .”*
- 1992 Clatsop Community College gets ODOT and City permit to install a freestanding sign for the College on the site
- 1995 Rotary funded electrical upgrade (Resolution 95-57).
- 1995 Stairs and deck/platform reconstructed

- 2005 Astoria Rotary Club and US Coast Guard personnel maintained the site until about 2005.
- 4-22-2008 Variance V08-02 approved by Astoria Planning Commission for the freestanding sign to be 48 square feet. The Clatsop Community College (CCC) sign was damaged in the 12-2007 wind storm and needed to be replaced but was no longer in compliance with the sign regulations.
- 2009 Repairs made to deck by City
- 9-8-2015 City Council minutes discussing the deteriorated condition of the decking/platform. It was noted that the facility has been closed since June 2015 and the Rotary Club indicated they would no longer maintain it. The decking would be removed and the site restored to a green space area.
- 3-2016 Deck/platform demolished due to deterioration

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 11-20-1995 Resolution 95-57, Appropriating \$600 grant from Astoria Rotary Club for electrical improvements at People Places Park

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

- 3-1-1983 Conditional Use Permit CU83-01 approved by Planning Commission for Chamber of Commerce to do a "People Place" park.
- 4-22-2008 Variance V08-02 to allow Clatsop Community College to replace the existing freestanding sign that was damaged in the 2007 storm with a 48 square foot sign which exceeds the 32 square foot maximum; approved by Planning Commission.

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 11-28-1962 Quitclaim Deed, County to City, Book 267 Page 410 (Parcel 1; Tax Lot 601)
- 12-13-1982 Reversionary Quitclaim Deed, County to City, Book 590 Page 230, (Tax Lot 600) includes a deed reversionary clause that states *"This deed is conditional upon the construction of a People Places Park upon said lot within a period not to exceed five (5) years from the date of the signing of this deed. The property described herein will revert to Grantor [County] if said construction has not taken place within the stated time period."*

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Site historically was used as a laundry, photo gallery, and gas/oil facility. There could be some contamination from these uses.

NOTES:

For Tax Lot 600 Reversionary Clause, may need to have City Attorney determine if removal of the People Places structure would trigger any reversion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Sanborn map 1908 redone in 1948

Sanborn map 1896

Quitclaim Deed.Co to City.B267p410.11-28-1962 (Parcel 1; Tax Lot 601)

Reversionary Quitclaim deed.County to City.12-13-1982 (Tax Lot 600)

Report on 1st Amendment.11-12-1986 (URD)

Location map.People Place

URD plan 1986

NAME OF PARK: Pioneer Cemetery

AKA: Hillside Cemetery (formerly City Cemetery)

ADDRESS: 1350 14th Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 17BA, Tax Lot 12900; Block 93, Shively

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: State designated historic cemetery

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

7-7-1864 City accepts land donation of Block 55 from John Shively. It was used as a public and private cemetery but was never used by the City as a cemetery. It was known as "Potter's Field" a name commonly used in the US and was derived from the Bible, referring to a field used for the extraction of potter's clay; such land, useless for agriculture, could be used as a burial site. (This block is now Irving Avenue area between 14th and 15th Street.)

From 1856 to 1871, the town discussed need for a cemetery. In 1862 a selection committee was formed. 1864 City Cemetery Committee accepted John Shively donation of Block 92 (Miller Lane 14th to 15th, Astor Heights Subdivision) for cemetery. May not have ever been used. In April 1865 John Welch deeded Block 93 (current site) to City. Established in 1864 as "Hillside Cemetery," the cemetery was used through 1897. There were only steps and trails leading to the cemetery. In May 1876, the *Daily Morning Astorian* questioned "When will the road leading to the cemetery be made passable." On March 9, 1889, the *Daily Astorian* reported that "James Gill intends to lay a walk up to the cemetery which will be an accommodation, as it is difficult to get to the cemetery in wet weather." Between 1865 and 1902 there were 700 burials. As early as 1890, the cemetery was falling into disrepair. Many of the graves were disturbed.

1878 Burials at Catholic Cemetery (Irving to Jerome / 14th to 15th) were moved to this site as noted in "Hillside Cemetery and Other Astoria Burial Sites" by Joyce Morrell, 1988 (Clatsop County Genealogical Society).

1955 For the Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial, the cemetery was cleared of brush especially around the grave of John Shively.

1961 A citizen group headed by Robert Chopping (later to become Mayor) removed over grown bushes and established the site as "Pioneer Cemetery." Later, many of the remaining tombstones were removed to ease lawn maintenance. Hundreds of graves remain unmarked or unidentified. Many unmarked graves contain the remains of Chinese immigrants. A crypt for the Susan Shively family was constructed of brick in the NE corner of the cemetery. The small structure is in poor condition and is being pried apart by vines.

2004 Clatsop County Historical Society, with sponsorship from Astoria Granite Works, presented the first "Talking Tombstones" during the Halloween season at Pioneer Cemetery. This is a presentation by locals in costume telling the story of "residents" of the cemetery. The event has been held every year since 2004 with locations at different Clatsop County cemeteries each year.

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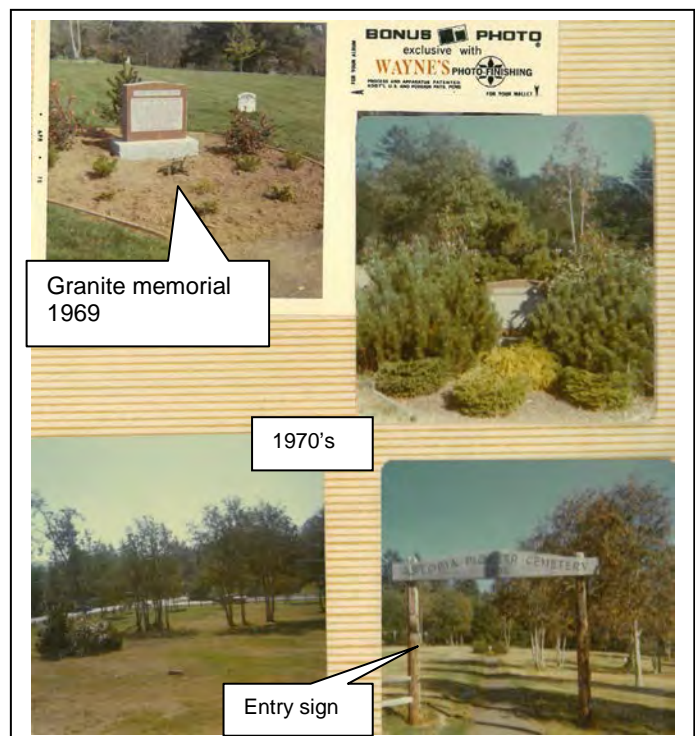
FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1-1969 Dennis & Richard Thompson, Astoria Granite Works donated a granite marker made of the same red Finnish granite imported by their father when he established Astoria Granite Works in 1917. It was set in the center of the cemetery and read:

"Deeded by James Welch to Astoria on April 22, 1865. By 1891, 498 burials were recorded. There were also numerous unlisted interments. Bodies from abandoned cemeteries were brought here. Many graves and markers were later removed by families. Use was discontinued around 1900."

11-1969 Hand carved sign, "Pioneer Cemetery", made by Bumble Bee Seafoods was erected at the entrance by City Parks employees.

1971 Fence installed



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 1897 Ordinance 2284-1897, Prohibited further burials in City limits of Astoria
- 1897 Resolution, To move graves from Hillside Cemetery to Clatsop (Ocean View) Cemetery in June 1897
- 1898 Ordinance 2341-1898, Granted privilege of exchange lots in Hillside for lots in Ocean View

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 11-1-1898 Deed from Parker to City, Book 37 Page 9, with condition that the City would provide the Parkers a deed to Lots 4 & 8, Block 50, Ocean View Cemetery.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Pioneer Cemetery History.Cl Co Geaneological Society.1988

Pioneer Cemetery History.Cl Co Geaneological Society.cover.1988

Pioneer Cemetery History.Cl Co Geaneological Society.map.1988 (1) (2)

Cemetery article.10-28-2005 (From slippery slopes to disrepair, Astorians face tough burial decisions, *Daily Astorian*)

Sign Marks Cemetery article.11-13-1969 (*Daily Astorian*)

Deed.Parker to City. Bk 37 Pg 9. 11-1-1898

Talking Tombstones.The tombstones they do talk at Astoria.article.10-30-2011

Talking Tombstones.Halloween in Astoria.10-31-2011

NAME OF PARK: Portal Park East

AKA:

ADDRESS: 3265 Lief Erikson Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 9BD, Tax Lots 1900 & 2100; south portion of Lots 5 & 6, Block 16, Adair Port of Upper Astoria

DEDICATION STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The two monuments at Portal Park East and Portal Park West were originally located at the east edge of town near 54th Street in Alderbrook. The monuments once flanked the Columbia River Highway 30 (Roosevelt Highway) just inside the City limits but were relocated to their present sites in 1983 and 1989. During the prosperous 1920s, entrance portals and welcoming signs into cities helped promote tourism and boosterism of the community and a new form of economic revenue. The Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Gyro Clubs sponsored these original portals which were the conceptual idea of Pope Trullinger. Jens Johnson, a resident of Adair's Addition and neighborhood mason, constructed the monuments in 1926. They were designed by Architect Charles Diamond who also designed the Doughboy Monument and several downtown buildings. They consisted of 10' high by 4' wide concrete tower structures with red tile borders on top, ornamental coping with large lamps on top, night flood lights, and "Astoria" vertically on the faces of the portal. There were side "wings" that connected the portals to the hillside. The portals were dedicated on 8-19-1927 (*Astorian Evening Budget*, 8-19-1927). By 1939, the highway was realigned and the main traffic no longer drove past the portal monuments. This portion of the old road became Federal property during World War II.



Portions of the monument have been altered (namely the message "Welcome to Astoria") but they stand as a reminder of early City promotion in Astoria. The current graphics were done by local artist Roger McKay with earlier graphics done by Dennis Woodard, Woody Did It Signs.

This land was donated in 1988 by Eric and Lenore Hauke (parents of Eric “Skip” Hauke, 2016 Chamber of Commerce Director) who owned the Hauke Sentry Market located on the surrounding properties to the west and north of this site (present day Safeway site). The monument was relocated to this site in 1989. Like the original portals, this monument was sponsored by Kiwanis, Rotary, Lion Clubs, Tongue Point Job Corps, and numerous local businesses who donated their time, supplies, and equipment to install the monument.



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 1989 Monument sign installed and dedicated
- 1990 Likeness of the Portal lamps is found (CC 8-6-1990) and Clatsop Community College forges copies of the lamps (CC 10-15-1990). Lamps are galvanized (12-7-1990)
- 1991 Portal lamps are complete and ready to install (CC 1-28-1991)

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 9-11-1947 Deed from Hauke to City, Book 194 Page 485, (small SW corner; tax lot 1200)
- 12-30-1988 Majority of site was a gift from Eric & Lenore Hauke to the City. Deed of Gift, Hauke to City, Book 709 Page 179 (tax lot 1900)

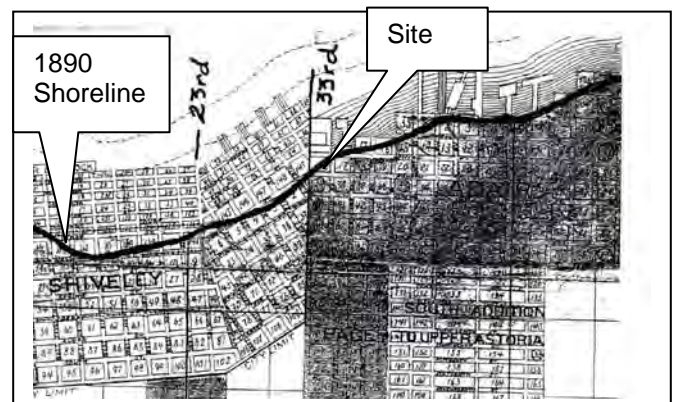
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The East park area is filled as it was right at the historic shoreline.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Photos
- Deed of Gift.Hauke to City.B709p179.12-30-1988
- Historic Shoreline.1890
- Portal article.DA 11-10-1989
- Deed Hauke to City. Bk 194 Pg 485.8-22-1947 (tax lot 2100)



NAME OF PARK: Portal Park West

AKA: Smith Point

ADDRESS: 523 West Marine Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: within Taylor and West Marine Drive rights-of-way

Within the Astor-West Urban Renewal District (AWURD)

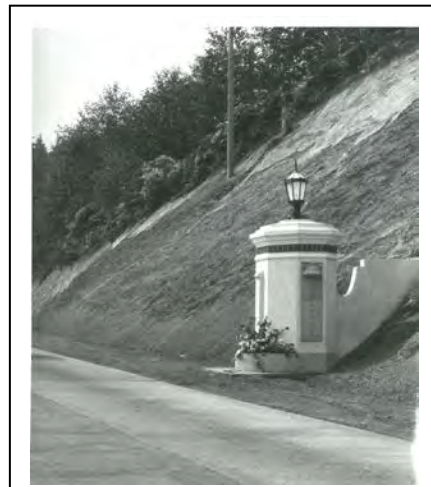
DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The site is located on the unimproved section of the West Marine Drive and Taylor Avenue rights-of-way.

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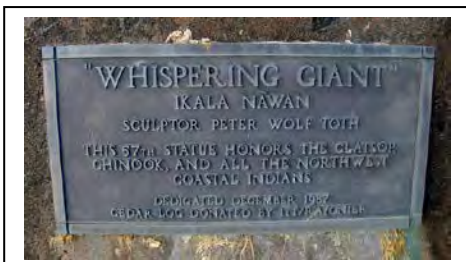


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A plaque mounted on a rock near the Portal sign reads: *“On April 12, 1961, Lord Astor of Hever England, direct descendant of John Jacob Astor from whom this City of Astoria derived its name 150 years ago, dedicated this monument to transportation. From here members of the Astor Expedition blazed eastward to St. Louis, the route that became the Oregon Trail. This point marks a center of transportation routes west across the vast Pacific north and south along the Pacific Ocean and east by the Columbia River into the heart of the United States. Harry Steinbock, Mayor”*

The Native American statue was carved in 1987 by Peter Wolf Toft as part of his world-wide “Trail of Whispering Giants”. The statue is cedar and is 18’ tall with a stone base for a total height of 24’. Mr. Toft has been carving these statues since 1972 with a goal to have one in every State; some States have two statues. Astoria’s carving is #57 and there is also one in Hillsboro OR. With the completion of statue #58 in Hawaii in 1988, he accomplished that goal. As of 2015, Mr. Toft has 74 statues throughout the world. The Astoria statue is named “Ikala Nawan” (Man Who Fishes) and honors the Clatsop, Chinook, and other Northwest Coastal Indian tribes. Locals refer to the statue as “Chief Comcomly”, the local chief when Lewis & Clark arrived in 1805. The statue was dedicated in December 1987. The bronze plaque reads: *“Whispering Giant, Ikala Nawan, Sculptor Peter Wolf Toft, This 57th Statue honors the Clatsop Chinook, and the Northwest coastal Indians, dedicated December 1987, Cedar log donated by ITT/R Ayonier”*



The artist donated the statue to the City but the City filming liaison Mike Ramsdell was required to provide facilities and services to the trailer for the artist while he worked on the statue. This included water and sewer hookup, electricity, and cable TV.

The site also contains the City's RV sewer dumping station located on the southwestern edge of the Park. The station is maintained by the Public Works Department. Taylor Avenue is one way heading east to accommodate access to the dumping station. Recent efforts by local residents to change the direction of the road have been rejected by the City for numerous reasons including the dumping station configuration and ODOT concerns of traffic safety with the access to the Smith Point Roundabout.



FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

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|------|--|
| 1983 | Portal sign installed |
| 1987 | Whispering Giant statue dedicated |
| 1990 | Likeness of the Portal lamps is found (CC 8-6-1990) and Clatsop Community College forges copies of the lamps (CC 10-15-1990). Lamps are galvanized (12-7-1990) |
| 1991 | Portal lamps are complete and ready to install (CC 1-28-1991) |
| 1996 | Whispering Giant statue gets a "face lift" by Robert Taylor, Ilwaco WA |
| 1996 | Local Michael Foster expresses interest in moving the Whispering Giant statue to the Astoria Column park site. The idea was not pursued by local officials. |
| 2010 | Parks and Recreation repaired the hole in the neck of the statue (<i>Daily Astorian</i> , 11-26-2010) |

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Constructed within the Taylor Avenue right-of-way

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Portal article.DA 11-10-1989

statue repair article.Daily Astorian 11-26-2010

Trail of the Whispering Giants.statue at Smith Point

Dump station aerial

NAME OF PARK: River Trail

AKA: River Walk (River Walk is officially the name of the section from 6th to 17th Streets and River Trail is the entire route. People use them interchangeably.)

ADDRESS:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Railbanked Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way (50' wide generally 25' from centerline of existing rail line. See Railbank documents for exact location.) Since the line is not considered a "right-of-way" at this time, the County assigned map and tax lot numbers to the parcels under interim City ownership.

Map T8N R10W Section 13, Tax Lot 1500 (Smith Point to Hamburg)
Map T8N R9W Section 7CC, No Tax Lot (Hamburg to Portway)
Map T8N R9W Section 7CC, Tax Lot 12700 (Portway to Basin)
Map T8N R9W Section 7CA, Tax Lot 5400 (Basin to Columbia)
Map T8N R9W Section 7DB, Tax Lot 1600 (Columbia to 1st)
Map T8N R9W Section 7DA, Tax Lots 14300, 11700, 11600, 11500, 11400 (1st to 6th)
Map T8N R9W Section 8CB, Tax Lots 10300, 10200, 10100, 10000, 9000 (6th to 11th)
Map T8N R9W Section 8CA, Tax Lots 7200, 7100, 7000 (11th to 15th)
Map T8N R9W Section 8DB, Tax Lots 3200, 3401 (15th to 19th)
Map T8N R9W Section 8DA, Tax Lots 209, 2200 (19th to 23rd)
Map T8N R9W Section 9BC, Tax Lots 300 (includes additional land), 1300 (23rd to 31st)
Map T8N R9W Section 9BD, Tax Lots 6200, 6100, 6000, 5900 (31st to 35th)
Map T8N R9W Section 9AC, Tax Lot 6500 (35th to 36th)
Map T8N R9W Section 9AB, Tax Lots 600, 700 (36th to 38th)
Map T8N R9W Section 9AA, Tax Lots 1400, 1300, 1200, 1100 (38th to 42nd)
Map T8N R9W Section 10BB, Tax Lots 2500, 2400, 2300 (42nd to 48th)
Map T8N R9W Section 3D, Tax Lots 1900, 1800, 1700, 1600 (48th to 53rd)
Map T8N R9W Section 2, Tax Lots 500, 300 (53rd to south end of North Tongue Point) 100' wide

Map T8N R9W Section 9AA, Tax Lot 900 (Alderbrook Lagoon Wetlands trail 41st to 42nd)
Map T8N R9W Section 9AD, Tax Lot 1500 (Alderbrook Lagoon Wetlands trail 41st to 42nd)
Map T8N R9W Section 10BB, Tax Lots 100, 200, 1300, 1600, 2200 (Alderbrook Lagoon Wetlands trail 42nd to 45th)
Map T8N R9W Section 10BC, Tax Lot 100 (trail south of Alderbrook Lagoon 42th to 43th) (owned by ODOT)
Map T8N R9W Section 10BA, Tax Lots 500, 600 (trail south of Alderbrook Lagoon 45th to 46th)
Map T8N R9W Section 10BD, Tax Lot 7700 (trail through LaPlante Park 45th to 46th)
Map T8N R9W Section 3D, Tax Lot 1300 (trail through Alderbrook Lagoon Park 52nd to 53rd)
Map T8N R9W Section 2, Tax Lot 600 (trail through Alderbrook Lagoon Park 53rd to 54th)
Map T8N R9W Section 10AA, Tax Lot 2400 (trail along access way to Alderbrook Lagoon Park 53rd to 54th at Alder)

Portions within the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD)

Portions within the Astor-West Urban Renewal District (AWURD)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The Astoria River Trail project was completed in phases. The concept for the River Trail was developed in the Murase Astoria Waterfront Planning Study, and includes a six mile area along the Columbia River from Smith Point (the western edge of Astoria) along the Downtown waterfront to 53rd Street (east of Alderbrook Lagoon near the Sewer Lagoon). The River Walk (Downtown portion, 6th to 17th Streets) and River Trail (entire route) follow the former Burlington Northern Railroad line which was railbanked in 1997 and deeded to the City of Astoria. Through the National Rails-To-Trails Act, the City acquired the railroad right-of-way as City property through an Interim Trail Use Agreement. At such time that the railroad could return service to Astoria, the right-of-way is preserved and can be returned to the railroad for use. The City may not dispose of the rail corridor and must maintain it in City ownership for potential future railroad service. The River Trail and other improvements have been constructed to allow for combined use of the railroad and pathway in the future.

The basic idea is to provide an area for both citizens and visitors to enjoy the Riverfront while maintaining the working waterfront and the historic character of the downtown. The working waterfront was a key element in its development. This has been accomplished by the construction of street end parks connected by a concrete, paved, and/or boardwalk walkway with amenities such as benches, lighting, interpretive signage, and trash receptacles. A good portion of the walkway is handicap accessible. The various parts of the project have been funded through grants, donations, City funds, and public/private partnerships.

There are several spur paths to the River Trail including: Pier 1, Pier 3, West End Mooring Basin, Red Building at 20 Basin Street, Holiday Inn Express east of Maritime Memorial, Alderbrook Lagoon Wetland Trail, LaPlante Park, Alderbrook Lagoon Park. There are also several "pocket parks" along the trail including: Maritime Memorial Park, 6th Street River Park, 9th Street Park, 12th Street Viewing Deck, 14th Street Pier, Alderbrook Lagoon, and LaPlante Park. See each of these individual sites for documentation on those specific areas.

In 1999, the City and Astoria Trolley Association restored a historic trolley (Old 300) which runs along the River Trail from Smith Point to 41st Street. A trolley barn was constructed in 2001-2002 at the Smith Point terminus of the trolley line with grant funds from US Forest Service, Oregon Economic Development Department, and Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance. Ribbon cutting for the barn was held on 11-3-2001. The trolley hosted its 500,000th rider in June 2013 and Old 300 is celebrating its 100th year in 2013. Trolley Stops/Shelters are located along the River Trail. Shelters can be funded by private businesses or individuals. There is an established process and design approved by the City. (See the attached history of the Trolley and process for installation of a trolley shelter for more information.)

Several locations along the shoreline have basalt rocks placed to create a "wall" for shoreline stabilization. The wall is commonly referred to as the "Chinese Wall". There are numerous

sections of this wall along the Columbia River. Local oral history once thought that the wall was built by the Chinese residents of this area. Minutes from the Port of Astoria meetings and the newspaper between 1914 and 1916 indicate that they may have been part of a Port project built by convict labor from Portland. (See attached Chinese Wall and shoreline wall plans for more information)



- 1977 Waterfront “People Place” System Plan prepared by Architects Atelier/ Northwest for the area from Pier 3 at the Port to 21st Street. It envisioned public parks and walkway along the waterfront with picnic areas, fishing piers, viewing platforms, etc.
- 1985 Jim Pettinari obtained a National Endowment of the Arts for Astoria. He completed a report that envisioned a public pier and street end park facilities constructions. He included five panels of artists’ rendering of the Astoria waterfront with design ideas for riverfront parks prepared by the University of Oregon students. The original panels are located in City Hall. The “Pettinari” plan was for larger and small park areas that proved to be too expensive to build and included development that would need a large tourist base to support. It was determined that this Plan was too financially aggressive and not feasible for Astoria.



- 1989 “Come See the Paradise” was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. The scene with the two main actors frolicking in the mud was filmed along the Alderbrook Lagoon near 47th and Ash Street.

- 1990 The “Astoria Waterfront Planning Study” was completed by Robert Murase, Portland, envisioning a “working waterfront” with pocket parks connected by a riverfront trail with a trolley on the existing rails. Parks were proposed to be small and independent of each other, constructed as public/private projects, and of primary interest to locals which would also be of interest to visitors. It is commonly referred to as the “Murase Plan”. Over the years, most of the concepts in this Plan were constructed.
- 1996 Before construction of the River Trail began, it was determined that the name would be “RiverTrail” with no space between the words. The section from 6th to 17th Street would be named “RiverWalk” with no space between the words. The difference between Trail and Walk was intended that the Walk would be more formal construction within the downtown area. Over the years, the spellings became a problem due to computer auto corrections, misuse in articles and documents, etc. so the names were changed to “River Trail” and “River Walk”. Locals use the two terms interchangeably meaning the same thing – the path along the Columbia River within the former railroad right-of-way.
- 1997 Burlington Northern RR initiated abandonment of the rail line in Astoria due to the decline in commercial use of the rails. One of the last major user was Astoria Warehousing at 70 West Marine Drive. The City filed for an Interim Trail Use Agreement to “railbank” the line through the Federal Rails-to-Trails Act. The City acquired the line with the restriction that the City must maintain the 50’ wide corridor and that it would revert to the RR should the rail service ever return to Astoria. (See agreements, deeds, and Railbanking information attached) (Note: “Railbanking” is a process that allows a community to obtain ownership of the rail corridor for use as a trail until such time as the railroad company needs the rail system for their use. Without the railbanking, the railroad company would need to return the property lot by lot to the original owner or their heirs, not necessarily the current adjacent property owner. Once the property is lost, the railroad would lose the corridor and the ability to reactive the rail line.)
- With the acquisition of the rail line property, the City did a major waterfront cleanup as a community event. At that time, the River was not visible from the land due to the extensive vegetation along the shoreline. Held over several weekends, the cleanup project included clearing the riverfront of trash and overgrown vegetation. Pockets of trees to retain were tagged and all others were removed. The work weekends ended with an appreciation party with hotdogs and pop. The area from Smith Point / Pier 3 to Alderbrook Lagoon was cleared. (Before and after photos of the clean-up effort are attached to this report.) Cleanup was partially funded from Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) grant and private donations. Project received the 1997 SOLV award for Best Development of Partnerships.



Truck loads of brush dumped on 30th Street awaiting removal



Volunteers clearing brush near 30th Street

Individuals and groups adopted blocks of the River Trail to maintain on a regular basis. This program was originally monitored by the Community Development Department and then by the Chamber of Commerce.

- 1999 "Turbans" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. It is the story of the director Erika Surat Andersen's grandmother Kartar Dhillon who lived in the Alderbrook neighborhood and grew up at the Hammond Mill site which is now Alderbrook Lagoon Park. Several scenes were filmed in the Alderbrook Lagoon area and especially at 43rd Street and the River Trail.
- 2004 "Ring 2" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. The scene of Aidan (David Dorfman) walking on the trestle as filmed at the foot of 2nd Street. The scene of Aidan walking the trolley tracks was filmed on the River Trail at 12th Street.
- 1-13-2004 ADC agreement with Brian Dion for sewer work for Holiday Inn Express at 204 W Marine Drive. Agreement that Dion would construct the River Trail adjacent to the motel property with condition for sewer easement and ". . . public access between Basin Street and Columbia Avenue is maintained and protected. . ." and that the landscaped area north of the River Trail "*. . . will be available for general public use at times when your guests are not using it or it is not booked for events. . .*"



- 2004 Land swap with Columbia River Maritime Museum at 17th Street to Train Station to align property lines with existing uses and to realign the trolley tracks (ADC Resolution ADC04-01)

Awards

- 1997 Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) Award for Best Development of Partnerships - for waterfront clean-up project
- 1997 Friends of Astoria for work on the Astoria River Walk won the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's Award for excellence in parks and recreation projects
- 2000 River Trail designated by the White House Millennium Council as a "Millennium Trail" with the theme "Honor the Past - Imagine the Future"
- 2001 Waterfront Center Excellence on the Waterfront Award for Industrial/Working Waterfront - for River Walk (awarded in New York City in September 2001 just after 9-11)
- 2010 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 2010 Walter B. Jones Memorial Award in the Excellence in Local Government category for the Astoria Riverfront Vision Plan. "Innovation, resourcefulness, leadership and a commitment to balancing the human use of America's coastal and ocean resources with the needs of the resources themselves - these are the hallmarks of the Walter B. Jones Memorial and NOAA Excellence Awards."
- 2010 DLCD OR Coastal Management Achievement Award for Excellence in Local Government Planning for the City's "efforts at urban and waterfront revitalization, in particular the Riverfront Vision Plan. It was also the most meritorious in the category of public engagement, but rather than call this out separately, DLCD considered it encompassed in the more general award."
- 2011 Astoria Trolley and River Trail featured in the National Rails-to Trails Conservancy calendar for April 2011.

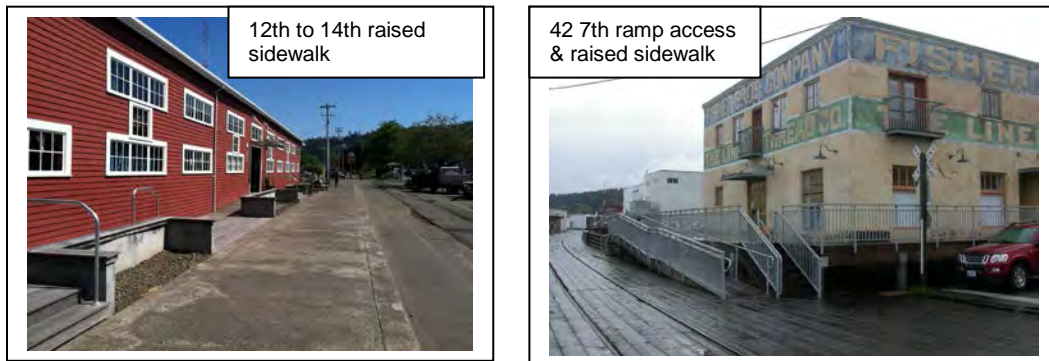
FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 1-3-1995 Astor-East Urban Renewal District Plan Section 650.M, Proposed Urban Renewal Projects, is added by Ordinance 95-02 to read: *"M. Riverfront Public Access. New pedestrian overlooks and walkways and public assembly spaces are proposed to be constructed at locations along the Columbia River between the extension of the 19th Street right-of-way and the 22nd Street right-of-way. Improvements will include, but not be limited to grading, paving, drainage, lighting, landscaping, sidewalk and surface treatments, necessary structures, and required right-of-way acquisition if needed."*
- 1996 15th to 17th Street constructed with bollard lights and concrete walkway; funding from OEDD Rural Diversification Grant, NOEA, Clatsop County Video Lottery
- 1998 6th to 15th Street constructed with combination of concrete walkway, decking on piers/trestles, and asphalt; bollard lights from 11th to 12th Street; funding

	from US Forest Service Grant, Video Lottery, NOEA Grant, Chamber of Commerce, Transient Room Tax, Ocean Beauty Seafoods, citizen donations
1998	Concrete table and benches installed by Fort James Paper, Wauna, near 32nd Street (REMOVED sometime between 2012 and 2016)
1998	17th to 36th Street portions constructed with combination of decking on piers/trestles, and asphalt
1998	33rd to 35th Street constructed with 10' wide paved walkway; funding from Comfort Suites Motel
1999	36th to 41st Street constructed with combination of decking on piers/trestles, and asphalt
2000	Benches, trash receptacles, interpretive signage installed from 6th to 17th Street and on CRMM plaza; funding from NOEA, citizen donations
2000	20th to 41st Street constructed with asphalt, and decking on piers/trestles; funding from NOEA, OR Parks Recreational Trail Program Grant, Venerable Properties, Regional Strategies SYMMS Fund, ODOT TEA-21,
2001	41st to 43rd Street constructed with combination of decking on piers/trestles, and asphalt
2002	Trolley barn constructed at west terminus of trolley line near Hamburg Avenue; funding from US Forest Service, OEDD SPWF loan, NOEA
2003	39th to 46th Street constructed; funding from State Recreational Trail Program, private donations
2004	Uniontown Extension from Maritime Memorial to Portway constructed; funding from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for a Recreational Trails Program
2006	Astoria Visual Arts propose River Trail Art which is not constructed.
2008	Port Extension from Maritime Memorial to Pier 3, includes path improvements with trail on west side of Pier 3 with bench at north terminus and bollard lights from Hamburg to Pier 3 terminus; second spur path on Pier 1 by West Mooring Basin also with bollard lights; third spur path on east side of West Mooring Basin; funding from ODOT TEA-21, Astor-West Urban Renewal Funds, Port of Astoria
2009	Phase 2 East Extension completed 39th Street to 46th Street
2012	Completion of 46th Street to East of Alderbrook Lagoon including asphalt path near West Lagoon, path in LaPlante Park and East Lagoon areas; funding from

ODOT Urban Trail Fund grant #27198. Agency Obligations Section 12 states *“Agency shall, upon completion of Project, maintain the Project at its own cost and expense and in a manner satisfactory to State.”*

A portion of the decking sidewalk area on the north side of the River Trail between 12th and 14th Street that provides access to the Pilot’s Buildings is constructed within the River Trail property owned by the City. The Engineering Department was approved it as a “raised sidewalk” construction and did not require any License to Occupy permit. The inset areas were envisioned for landscaping and/or benches.



With redevelopment of the Fisher Brother building at 42 7th Street, a raised sidewalk was also approved for the 7th Street right-of-way. In addition, a handicap ramp and access were approved with encroachment into the River Trail property. These were approved by a Letter of Agreement from Engineering Department as “sidewalk” open to the public and no license or lease was required.

Signs:

There are multiple types of signs along the River Trail including interpretive sign, wayfinding, memorials, and dedications. The following are the approximate location of signs existing in 2016:

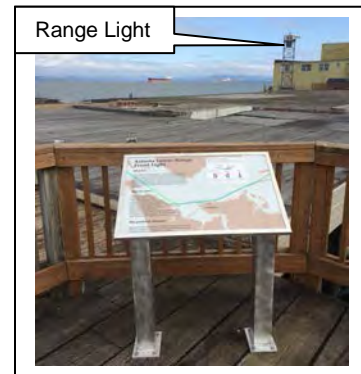
Basin Street Tsunami evacuation map

Columbia Avenue *“River Trail West”*, dedication bronze plaque; 12-2004

6th Three fiberglass imbedded interpretive signs were destroyed in the 2010 fire and are to be replaced by No. 10 Sixth Street Ltd. One sign was *“A Treacherous Barrier”* and one was about Lewis & Clark. (Also see 6th Street River Park)

“6th Street RiverPark”, dedication bronze plaque, November 19, 1988

"Astoria Lower Range Front Light", fiberglass imbedded, provided by USCG as a condition of the approval for location of the range front light in the City's 7th Street right-of-way



8th Tsunami evacuation map

9th *"Crossroads of Cultures"*, fiberglass imbedded

9th to 10th *"Bounty of the Sea"*, fiberglass imbedded

9th to 10th *"Rich But Fragile Estuary"*, fiberglass imbedded

10th *"Astoria RiverWalk Phase II"*, dedication bronze plaque, August 1998

11th to 12th *"Harvesting River and Sea"*, fiberglass imbedded

11th to 12th *"At Play on the River"*, fiberglass imbedded

14th *"14th Street Ferry Slip"*, enamel baked porcelain. There are also two signs on the Pier (See 14th Street Pier)

15th to 16th *"Into the Unknown"*, fiberglass imbedded

15th to 16th *"A Waterfront at Work"*, fiberglass imbedded

16th Monument by Columbia River Bar Pilots to pilots who died on the bar, granite monument with brass plaque; it reads *"In remembrance of those colleagues known to be lost on the bar"*, lists 17 names.

16th to 17th *"A Great Artery of Transportation"*, fiberglass imbedded

16th to 17th *"Astoria – Warrenton"*, fiberglass imbedded

17th *"US Coast Guard City"* monument, granite; in 2011, Astoria was designated as a US Coast Guard City by the US Coast Guard.

"17th Street Pier", dedication bronze plaque, May 1992

"17th Street Tour Boat Landing", dedication bronze plaque, August 1996

"17th Street Dock Reconstruction Project", dedication bronze plaque, May 2013

17th Street Dock, Columbia River, funding sign, painted aluminum, reads *"This boating facility was developed with a grant from the State Marine Board and the Dept. of Fish/Wildlife in cooperation with the City of Astoria. The facility is owned and operated by the City of Astoria."*

17th Street kiosk, steel piling post with "17th St" at top, four fiberglass imbedded signs on the four sides with map, history, and local information

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| 18th | Tsunami evacuation map sign |
| 20th | River Trail rules kiosk |
| 23rd | Mill Pond trestle; two fiberglass imbedded signs, both are <i>"Vessels of the Columbia River"</i> |
| 36th | Tsunami evacuation map sign |
| 36th to 37th | Port signs on Port property facing River Trail include <i>"Kids Don't Float"</i> life vest kiosk, <i>"East Basin Boat Ramp"</i> and <i>"Stop Oregon's Invaders!"</i> |
| 39th | Tsunami evacuation map sign |

Benches:

Benches are installed at various locations along the Trail. Most have been installed as dedications or in memory of someone with dedication plaques. The bench style and installation details are included on the attached "Riverwalk Benches" document. The bench approximate locations in 2016 include:

East of Columbia Avenue; composite bench on Holiday Inn Express (204 W Marine Drive) loop trail; no plaque

1st Street; east side of trestle at Astoria Warehouse (70 W Marine Drive); dedication *"In loving memory of, Annie Jean Jarvis Affolter, 1929-1970"*

Foot of 4th Street; between Burger King's landscaping and RR tracks (REMOVED 2016)

6th to 7th Street; on trestle, south side (REMOVED 2016)

9th to 10th Street; two benches on trestle, south side facing north (REMOVED 2016)

10th Street; north side on dock facing east; no plaque

10th to 11th Street; two benches on trestle, south side facing north (REMOVED 2016)

11th Street; north side on dock facing south; no plaque

11th to 12th Street; two backless benches, north side; no plaque

12th Street; north side backless bench between large rock, bike rack, and power cabinet; no plaque

12th to 14th; north side facing south; no plaque

15th to 16th Street; north side facing north; dedication *"this bench is dedicated in memory of Charles (Chuck) Farmer, from his wife Betty and family"*

15th to 16th Street; north side backless bench; no plaque

16th to 17th Street; south side facing north; dedication *"This bench is dedicated to Art and Ruby Faust, December 15, 1945 – 1995, in celebration of 50 years of marriage from their loving family"*

21st Street; between Maritime Museum and 21st Street, north side facing east; dedication *"Capt. Rod Leland USCG, He embodies honor, respect, and devotion to duty. He was a superb leader with a positive attitude, sense of humor, and a wonderful mentor to many. We wish him Fair Winds and Following Seas."*

19th Street; north side facing west; dedication *"In memory of Jim Hill, Clatsop County Fisheries, Forever remembered and missed."*

20th Street; north side facing north; dedication *"In loving memory of Daphne Dawn Scrafford "on the road to uncloudy days"*

21st Street; north side; backless bench, no dedication plaque

22nd Street; on north side, facing north; dedication *"Deborah V. Donnelly, 1951-2012, Mother, Grandmother, Daughter, Sister, Forever in our hearts."*

22nd Street; on north side, facing west; no dedication plaque

22nd to 23rd Street; on north side, facing north; dedication *"Enlightenment for a wave is when it realizes that it is the water. CSLNC"*

22nd to 23rd Street; north side, facing west; dedication *"In memory of Phyllis S. Dubb, 1935 – 2009, Loving wife, devoted Mom, caring Grandma, dearest friend"*

22nd to 23rd Street; north side facing north; dedication *"In memory of Carl "Kelly" Larson and Grace Evelyn Larson"*

23rd Street; north side, facing north; dedication *"In memory of Don Schreiner, 1946-2007, Pause here today and think of those you love. Take care of one another. Always."*

23rd Street at Mill Pond; north side facing west; dedication *"Bud & Eileen" in bronze heart shape*

28th to 29th Street; north side facing northeast; dedication *"In memory of Don Walker, He loved Astoria, We loved him"*

30th Street; north side facing west, granite plaque; dedication *"In Loving Memory of: Fred Van Horn Sr., 1927-2005"*

35th Street; north side facing north; no plaque

37th Street; north side facing west; dedication *"This bench In loving memory of Allegra E. Hall, 1921-2004, "Gramma Eileen", We'll miss you Margaret!"*

39th to 40th Street; north side, two benches facing east and northwest, no plaque; on private property (not City benches), and boat (Pipe Dream II, OR29CA) on trailer

Trolley Stop/Shelters:

The Trolley Stop/Shelter approximate locations in 2016 include:

- Port near Basin (Astoria River Walk Inn)
- Maritime Memorial (near Bay Street)
- Foot of 3rd Street (Columbia House Condominiums)
- Foot of 6th Street (6th Street River Park)
- Foot of 11th Street (Wet Dog Brewery)
- Foot of 14th Street (14th Street River Park)
- Foot of 17th Street (Maritime Museum)
- East of Foot of 33rd Street (Safeway)
- Near 35th Street (Comfort Suites Motel)
- Foot of 39th Street (Hampton Inn)

Trolley Track Crossings:

In addition to vehicular street crossings, there are several pedestrian crossings across the trolley tracks for access to the River Trail. "Pedestrian" crossing indicates that it accesses the River Trail but does not cross the actual RR tracks. Track crossings require permit and coordination with City Engineering Department and ODOT Rail Division. In 2016 those crossings include:

- West of Basin Street; crossing (Astoria Riverwalk Inn Trolley Stop)
- West of Basin Street; crossing (Astoria Riverwalk Inn parking lot)
- East of Basin Street; crossing (Ocean Beauty Seafoods)
- 20 Basin Street; three pedestrian crossings; one of the crossings has removable bollards for possible vehicle access (Red Building parking lot)
- 10 Bay Street; crossing (Maritime Memorial)
- 10 Bay Street; crossing (Maritime Memorial Trolley Stop)
- 240 W Marine Drive; crossing (Holiday Inn Express, Mutt Mitt station, west side)

240 W Marine Drive; crossing (Holiday Inn Express rear entrance)
 240 W Marine Drive; crossing (Holiday Inn Express east side entrance)
 Columbia Avenue; pedestrian crossing (Northwest Natural Gas)
 2nd Street; crossing (Ship Inn)
 6th to 7th Street; pedestrian crossing to No. 10 Sixth Street parking lot
 7th to 8th Street; pedestrian crossing to Buoy Beer parking lot
 10th to 11th Street; two pedestrian crossings to access Pier 11 (77 11th Street)
 12th Street; crossing to River Pilot building
 15th to 16th Street; crossing (People Places Park)
 16th Street; pedestrian crossing
 29th Street; crossing
 30th Street; crossing
 32nd Street; crossing
 33rd Street; crossing (Safeway)
 34th Street; crossing (Safeway gas station)
 35th Street; crossing (Comfort Suites)
 37th Street; crossing
 38th to 39th Street; crossing (Hampton Inn)
 39th Street; crossing (Hampton Inn Trolley Stop)

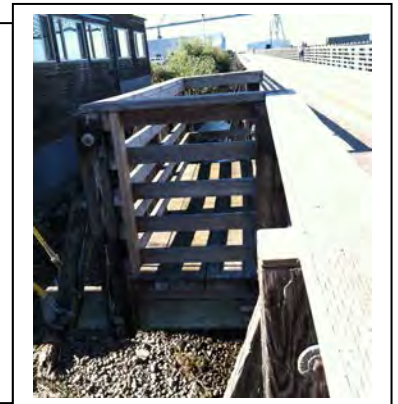
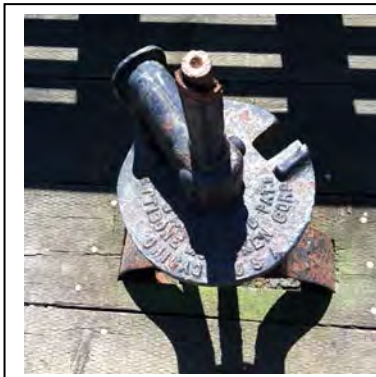
Trolley Trestle Refuge Areas:

For pedestrian safety with the shared use of the River Trail with the Trolley, pedestrian refuge bump outs were constructed on the trestles where there were long sections of confined space. The intent was that these refuge areas could also be the sites for interpretive signage along the Trail.

Columbia Avenue to Astoria Warehousing; two pedestrian refuge bump outs on north side of trestle.

1st to 2nd Street; pedestrian refuge bump out on north side of trestle.

1st to 2nd Street; pedestrian refuge bump out on south side of trestle with historic remains of railroad equipment.



46th to 47th Street; two pedestrian refuge bump outs on north side of trestle

49th to 51st Street; two pedestrian refuge bump outs on north side of trestle

Distance: 6.4 miles

Location: Along the Columbia River on the north side of Astoria from Smith Point / Port area to Lagoon Road on the east.

Trailhead Access: Accessible from all portions of the waterfront. Trailhead parking at the west-most end on Port property and at Maritime Memorial Park. The recent eastward extension provides access from the Lagoon Road trailhead in the Alderbrook neighborhood. Public parking is available at various locations along the trail including at street ends, Columbia River Maritime Museum, and 10 Sixth Street parking lot.

Allowed Use: multiple use (hard surfaced)

Description: Flat, mostly paved surface; some portions are on wooden railroad trestles. Trail passes through urban, industrial, and natural area environments.

Amenities:

- Scenic waterfront
- Some parking
- Benches
- Garbage cans
- Dog bag receptacles
- Interpretation of the waterway
- Accessible from downtown
- Bridges
- Historic trolley
- Accessible

Condition: Good

Also see "Trails" report for general history and information on trails.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

1-3-1995	Ordinance 95-02, amends Astor-East Urban Renewal District Plan by addition of Section 650(M) identifying construction of River Trail improvements between 19th and 22nd Streets
2003	ADC Resolution 03-01, Authorization to sign easement for a "no-build" area on ADC property at the foot of 23rd Street adjacent to property at 225 23rd Street



2004 ADC Resolution 04-01, Authorizing purchase of real property to exchange rights-of-way between Columbia River Maritime Museum and the City of Astoria.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

Railbanking Documents

Use of the 50' wide former railroad right-of-way is governed by the railbanking documents and agreements. The City owns the property on an "interim" basis only and may not sell it. There are interpretations of the documents that have been prepared by the railbanking and City attorneys (See "Compilation of Conditions" and "Montague opinion on use of railbank as street use.2007")

Interim Trail Use Agreement, 12-5-95

Transfer and Railbanking Agreement, 7-19-96

Deed from Burlington Northern to City, 7-31-96

Quitclaim Deed from Burlington Northern to Astoria Development Commission, 10-26-99

ICC Decision on Interim Trail Use on Abandonment, AB-6, 12-5-1995

River Trail Documents

Private Roadway and Crossing License, Bergerson Construction Inc., 12-21-2005, Recording 200515384, for crossing over River Trail / trolley line at MP101.52 (55 Portway).

Section 1 states *"Licensee (Bergerson) shall, at its own cost and expense, do all required grading and maintenance of the roadway approaches and furnish, install, and maintain necessary drainage facilities, and maintain said Crossing at its expense."*

Section 5 states *"Licensee, at Licensee's own expense, shall remove and keep removed any vegetation at said Crossing which may interfere with the view of trolleys approaching in either direction."*

Roadway and Crossing License, Union Fish Properties LLC, 20 Basin (known as the Red Building), February 2007. Section 1 states *"Licensee (Bergerson) shall, at its own cost and expense, do all required grading and maintenance of the roadway approaches and furnish, install, and maintain necessary drainage facilities, and maintain said Crossing at its expense."* Section 5 states *"Licensee, at Licensee's own expense, shall remove and keep removed any vegetation at said Crossing which may interfere with the view of trolleys approaching in either direction."*

License Agreement between Union Fish and Astoria Development Commission, Pedestrian Access, 20 Basin (known as the Red Building), 8-1-2007, for public access deck on north side of building as part of River Trail. Section 2 states *"... Grantor (Union Fish) may maintain outdoor seating on the deck so long as the seating does not obstruct public passage. ..."* Section 3, Duration, states *"... for a minimum period of forth (40) years. The License shall be automatically renewed for subsequent ten (10) year periods unless Grantor gives notice to Grantee not less than ... 360 days prior to the expiration of the term of the license. ..."* Section 5, Maintenance and Repairs, states *"Grantor shall cause any periodic maintenance and necessary repairs to the deck"*

improvements . . .” Section 6, Hours/Limits of Use, states “. . . Area will be open for public access between the hours of 7:30 am and 8:00 pm. . . Grantee (ADC) may impose other restrictions on public use. . .”

Letter of Agreement, between Brian Dion, Blue Heron Hotel Properties, and Astoria Development Commission, 1-13-2004. Blue Heron agreed to *“. . .complete the River Trail from the east edge of your property to the west edge of your property. . . will also landscape the property north of the River Trail, provide lighting, irrigation, and a plaza that will be first for your (Blue Heron) use. This area will be available for general public use at times when your guests are not using it or it is not booked for events. . .”* Section 5 states *“. . . an access easement of sufficient width shall be granted across the property to ensure that reasonable public access between Basin Street and Columbia Avenue is maintained and protected.”*

License, from City to OID, for handicap ramp at 42 7th Street, Recording #200304005, 3-24-2003. This license is for the 7th Street right-of-way, but is adjacent to and provides access to the River Trail. In addition, a Letter of Agreement was issued by the Engineering Department on 5-2-2007 with condition of approval states *“. . . must be available for unrestricted public use. As with any sidewalk, maintenance and repair of this facility is the responsibility of the property owner.”*

Letter of Approval, from Community Development Director Todd Scott to OID, dated 3-14-2007, granted permission for use of River Trail property for access stairs, decking, and ramp as a “public sidewalk” with conditions that it *“. . . cannot be used for commercial purposes without a lease, and it shall remain open and unrestricted to public use. . .”*

Letter of Agreement, from City to OID, dated 5-2-2007, for handicap ramp and access on the north side of 42 7th Street and for the raised sidewalk on 7th Street. The approval condition states *“. . . use of these facilities may not be restricted, and they shall remain open to the general public at all times.”*

Lease Agreement, Buoy Beer, 2 8th Street, dated 12-7-2014. Section 2 states use is for *“. . . non-exclusive use of the subject premises for the purpose of vehicle access for parking and/or deliveries, restaurant and brewery operations, and constructing and maintaining an enclosed outdoor seating area for use by the Buoy Beer Company. . . Lessee may post signage limiting the use of the area by others. . . Lessee shall maintain, repair, and replace the Premises. . . to keep them in good order, condition, and repaired. . . maintain a minimum 10’ setback from centerline of the railroad tracts. . . shall install landscaping and/or some other visual separation at the south edge of any enclosure. . .”* Section 3 states the term of the agreement *“. . . shall be 20 years . . . until December 14, 2034. . . may be extended for an additional period of 20 years. . .”*

Section 4 states that *“. . . In lieu of yearly lease amount, Lessee agrees to maintain, repair, and replace the Premises and the Improvements including the decking pilings and other structural support of the decking as necessary to keep them safe. . . and also in good order. . .”*

Lease to Astoria Holdings, 1 9th Street, use of decking area for equipment/operation for 20 years to May 1, 2033. Section 2.b states *“Lessee may post signage limiting access to its property but may not limit public access on the travelled portions of the River Walk. . .”* Section 2.d states *“Lessee shall maintain, repair, and replace the premises and the River Walk area between 8th and 9th Streets as necessary to keep them in good order, condition, and repair throughout the entire Term. Lessee’s obligations will extend to both structural and nonstructural items and to all maintenance, repair, and replacement work, including but not limited to unforeseen and extraordinary items.”* Section 2.e states *“Lessee shall maintain a minimum 15’ setback from the centerline of the railroad tracks for any structure or equipment installed above grade.”*

License Agreement to Pier 11, 77 11th Street, south of building for deck. Section 2 states *“Pier 11, Inc.’s use of the trestle is not “adverse” or contrary to the City in any way.”* Section 8 states *“Materials and design of the deck and handrails shall match those of the adjacent Riverwalk and shall be subject to review and approval by the City. . .”*

Lease Agreement to Astoria Brewing at 1196 Marine for location of grain silo and parking, 10-1-2012. Agreement is for 20 years to 10-1-2032 with additional 20 years upon request and approval.

Underground easement to PacifiCorp at 14th Street, 12-20-2004

License Agreement with Englund Marine, Foot of 15th Street, 5-16-94, for trail on private property

License Agreement with Don Haskell, 100 16th Street, 5-16-94, for trail on private property

License, City to Safeway, 3250 Lief Erikson Drive, for pedestrian railroad crossing near 32nd Street, Recording #200315285, 10-9-2003.

Landscape Agreement with Pier 38 Marina, 201 39th Street, Recording #201206869, 8-28-2012, for Pier 38 Marina to install and maintain landscaping between property line of 201 39th Street and the River Trail

Memorandum of Understanding, between Shorebank Enterprise Pacific and City, at 41st Street, 5-16-2003, for construction of pedestrian and bicycle path, wetland restoration, and passive surface water management for adjacent development.

License Agreement between City and US Coast Guard for Alderbrook Lagoon Mitigation, 12-18-2007, at 41st and 42nd Streets. USCG installed *“. . . a pedestrian bridge to preserve the City’s nature walk and to perform the Mitigation Option Plan for the West Alderbrook Lagoon. . .”* Term of License was 11-1-2007 to 12-31-2008.

8-31-2005 License, City to James Fink, 4603 Ash Street, for driveway access across Block 107, Adairs East Addition

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Interim Trail Use Agreement – City must maintain the 50' wide corridor. This property cannot be sold. Additional property obtained may be sold.

- 7-31-1996 Quitclaim Deed, Burlington Northern RR to City, Book 924 Page 643; deeding entire BN right-of-way (detail description in deed) subject to “. . . *the terms and conditions of that certain Offer to Purchase and Interim Trail Use/Railbanking Agreement . . . dated July 19, 1996 . . .*” and reserving utility easement and transportation easements. Deed also states that through the Interstate Commerce Commission Docket No. AB-6 (Sub # 368X) and Interim Trail Use/Railbanking Agreement provides “. . . *terms for reconveyance of the right-of-way in the event of the restoration of railroad service.*”
- 1-26-1999 Quitclaim Deed, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company to Astor-East Urban Renewal District, Book 1029 Page 009; deeding the “station grounds” (train depot area, Map 8DA tax lot 203) subject to multiple utility and access easements. Deed also notes that site may have environmental issues stating “. . . *Grantee is aware of the risk that hazardous substances and contaminants may be present on the Property, and indemnifies, holds harmless and hereby waives, releases and discharges, loss, injury, liability, claims or costs, . . . arising from or in any way related to the condition of the Property. . .*”



- 5-9-2007 Quitclaim Deed, County to City, Recording 200705644; Parcel 2 is the land portion of the River Trail south of Alderbrook Lagoon (Map 10BB Tax Lot 200)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Portions of the River Trail are constructed over water which is controlled / owned by Oregon Division of State Lands.

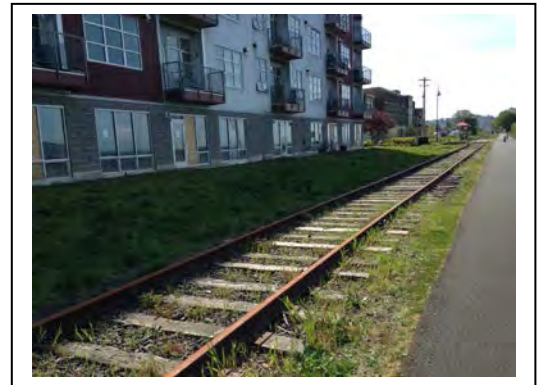
Several environmental reports have been completed on various portions of the Trail. There are also several environmental reports on adjacent sites that could impact potential contaminants on the Trail area. These reports are attached for reference. With the waterfront location of the River Trail, there were several historic fuel/tank farms, industrial loading, and contamination from other upland uses draining to the River.

Shoreland stabilization is necessary in many locations. Any work along the River may require Division of State Lands permits and/or US Army Corps of Engineers permits. Some work is restricted to certain months of the year, and type of materials and landscaping are also restricted/controlled.

NOTES:

Parts of the River Trail are located in land use Overlay Zones which are identified in the Astoria Development Code. The Riverfront Vision Plan includes the following Overlay Zones: Bridge Vista (Portway to 2nd Street), Urban Core (2nd to 16th Street), Civic Greenway (16th to 41st Street), and Neighborhood Greenway (41st Street to east end of Alderbrook Lagoon). There is also the Columbia River Estuary Shoreland Overlay Zone (CRESO). These various regulatory Code sections would impact any construction, landscaping, site alterations, signage, etc. along the River Trail.

The landscaped area between 39th and 41st Street was landscaped by the owners of Cannery Lofts Condominiums at the time of construction as part of their required landscaping as noted on the building permit landscaping plan approval. The area between the condominium building and the tracks was to be maintained by the Cannery Lofts Home Owners' Association.



ATTACHMENTS:

Miscellaneous

Photos

article on sign for L&C at Lagoon.2016

E Riverwalk Display Map 1

E Riverwalk Display Map 2

E Riverwalk Display Map 3

River Walk Policies email

RiverTrail & Railbanking.handout

Riverwalk Benches

Chinese Wall

Shoreline wall plans.1924

SIGNAGE ON RIVER TRAIL

Trolley History

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NAME OF PARK: Senior Center

AKA:

ADDRESS: 1111 Exchange Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CD, Tax Lot 500; Lot 2 and east 45' Lot 1, Block 65, McClure

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: Designated Historic Local Landmark (HD13-04)

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The Astoria Senior Center Inc. is a 501(C)(3) foundation operating a facility for seniors which is located in a building owned by the City. The City pays a portion of the Center's utilities and provides rent relief.

Built in 1946, this building's first occupant was Northwest Nash Company. From 1948 through 1950 the Bauer & Garcia Motor Company occupied the building. Following these occupants were Jesse James Motors (1951), Hopkins Motors (1953-54), Burner Oil Sales Company & United Tire Store (1955), McCall Tire Service (1957); Astoria Public Library (1959- 67), and Hunt's TV & Home Furnishings (1967-1984). The building has been used by the City as a meeting place for senior citizens since November 1984. This building is historically significant for its use as a public library and for its use in auto sales, a prevalent trend during the historic period. However, due to its unsympathetic alterations at the time of the Downtown National Register District nomination, the building was not designated as historic.

1958 Astoria Public Library moved into the facility and remained there until 1967 with the completion of the building at 450 10th Street which was the first building built in Astoria built expressly for use as a public library.

1967 Hunts Home Furnishings occupied the site until it moved into its new location at 1535 Commercial in 1984. Hunts and building owner Mike Brownlie leased the building to the City and eventually sold it to the City in 1987.

1970's Volunteer group of citizens headed by Sister Patricia McCann secured funding and volunteer support for various senior programs in Astoria. Sister McCann, Holy Name Sisters, established the senior citizens' center. She organized a Meals-On-Wheels program, helped create two County senior bus transportation systems, and a home-care program for low-income elderly. She also



developed a catalog of senior citizen services covering everything from mortgage financing to legal aid and medical care. Appointed by Governors McCall, Atiyeh, and Straub, she served 10 years on the Governor's Commission on Senior Services.

- 1974 Volunteer group secured a Federal grant to start the Clatsop/Tillamook Area Agency on Aging with Sister McCann as its coordinator. The first drop in center was established in 1976.
- 2-1980 Senior Center is located to Walldorf Hotel (1967 Duane Street) and is managed by Sister Patricia McCann.
- 11-1984 Senior Center moved to 1111 Exchange Street location.
- 2000 ASC received a donation of \$890,109 from the Sorenson family. The donation was placed into an irrevocable trust and the ASC uses the interest earned each year as the primary source of their funding.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 12-15-1986 City Council approved purchase of Hunt Building for Senior Center (CC minutes)
- 2-5-1990 Agreement with St. Vincent DePaul Society for use of Senior Center basement for storage (CC minutes 2-5-1990, 8-20-1990, 8-5-1991)
- 1990 Senior Center roof replaced (CC minutes 7-16-90, 10-1-1990)
- 1990 Improvements to heating system (CC minutes 10-15-1990)
- 7-1-91 Agreement with Astoria Senior Center Inc. for lease of Astoria Senior Center (CC minutes)
- 7-6-1992 Agreement with Astoria Senior Center Inc. for Senior Center operation (CC minutes)
- 4-1992 Replaced carpet (CC minutes)
- 5-4-1992 ASC reserves six parking spaces in City lot on 10th Street (CC minutes)
- 6-7-1993 Agreement with Astoria Senior Center Inc. (CC minutes)
- 11-7-1994 Agreement with Astoria Senior Center Inc. (CC minutes)
- 11-4-1996 Lease extension (CC minutes)
- 1997 Coast Rehab did cleaning of building
- 3-16-1998 Award contract to Richmond Construction for ADA modifications at City Hall, Senior Center, Yacht Club and Library (CC minutes)

- 02/16/99 Approve extension of lease agreement for use of building (CC minutes)
- 1-24-2001 Approve extension of lease with Astoria Senior Center, Inc. for two years
- 2013 City undertook major restoration/renovation of the building to accommodate an upgraded Senior Center and relocation of the local food kitchen. With the proposed alterations, the building could be considered as historic and therefore, the City has the building designated as historic. This designation allowed for some building code exceptions that would be financially beneficial for the proposed project.
- 2013-2015 City received a \$1.5 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to renovate the Astoria Senior Center. Astoria Senior Center members partnered with the City by providing \$20,000 of cash match for the renovation. CDBG funding comes from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), administered by Business Oregon. Use of CDBG funding requires meeting multiple HUD special conditions and requirements which were completed. Since the CDBG funds are to the City, the facility needs to remain with the City for the duration of the grant.
- 2-2016 Senior Center upgrades completed and facility reopened to Seniors with the addition of the Columbia Senior Dinners Loaves and Fishes program for weekly meals to those in need.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 5-5-1986 Resolution 86-18, establishing Senior Center Trust Fund
- 7-20-1998 Res 98-27 transferring funds within Capital Improvement Fund for repair of sidewalk at Senior Center

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

- 11-5-2012 Lease Agreement, City to Senior Center Inc., for use of the building by the Astoria Senior Center Inc. with multiple conditions on operation and payment of utilities, etc. Some of these include:
City will
- "1. Provide water service and weekly Western Oregon Waste garbage pickup."
 - "2. Provide weekly cleaning services. . ."
 - "3. Provide natural gas for heating not to exceed \$1,850 annually."
 - "5. Charge no rent for Lessee. . ."
 - "7. . . .basement access may not be blocked at any time."
 - "8. Have access to the property at all reasonable times. . ."
 - "9. Provide toilet paper, paper towels, and florescent tubes for light fixtures."
 - "11. Prove an insurance policy. . ."
- Lessee shall

- "3. Be responsible for all electricity costs. . ."*
- "4. Reimburse the City for all heating costs beyond \$1,850 annually."*
- "8. During normal hours of operation, provide access to City park crews. . ."*
- "10. Not sublease any portion of the building."*
- "12. Make no alteration to the building or premises without written authority of the City."*

- 12-21-2012 Memorandum of Understanding between City, Senior Citizens Center Inc. and Loaves and Fishes for use of the building to comply with CDBG Grant requirements. Agreement includes several conditions including:
- "2. . . . Astoria Senior Center, Inc. and Loaves and Fishes, Inc. will amend their bylaws to restrict the provision of services to any person 60 years of age and older. . ."*
 - "3. . . . Loaves and Fishes will move their operation to the lower level of the Astoria Senior Center. . ."*
- 12-17-2013 Historic designation HD13-04 approved by Historic Landmarks Commission with condition that the building be restored to historic design in accordance with the proposed plans. This designation allowed for the use of CDBG funds and partial waiver of some building codes in the restoration. A second condition of the historic designation was that the historic skylight could be removed if the skylight design and dimensions was documented for potential future restoration. Copies of the photos and dimensions are attached.
- 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for upgrade/remodel which included: new roof, removal of asbestos floor tiles, new heating system, insulation, plumbing and electrical upgrades, seismic upgrades, new kitchen / dining facility, elevator to provide access to lower level where a new lounge, classroom, game room, craft room, and storage spaces were located, new restrooms, sprinkler system, new windows, new energy efficient lighting system, exterior wall coatings, and other improvements.

There are many stipulations in the CDBG Grant contract, but most deal with items completed prior to receiving the funds. CDBG Contract Section 8.a, Change of Use Requirements, states *"the following condition shall be in effect until five (5) years following the date of issuance by State of a Certificate of Completion for this Project:*

- (1) The real property or facility acquired or improved in whole or in part under this Contract shall be operated and maintained for the purposes described in Exhibit E or for other purposes which meet one of the national objectives of the Community Development Block Grant Program. . .*
- (2) Any change in use of the facility or disposition of property acquired or improved with CDBG funds must be made in accordance with the standards provided in 24 CFR. . .*
- (3) In the case where Recipient is not and will not be the owner of the real property or facility being improved with grant funds hereunder, Recipient is responsible for ensuring that the owner of the real property or facility complies with 9.a(1) and (2) above. . ."*

12-21-2015 Senior Center Lease, City and Astoria Senior Center Inc., for lease of the building at 1111 Exchange Street. Recitals states “. . . the Oregon Community Development Block Grant . . . requires the City to cause the property to be operated and maintained for the purpose of a senior center. . . The term of this lease is designed to coincide with the requirements of this grant after which it is contemplated that the City will transfer the property to Lessee. . .” The City agreed the City shall “1. Charge no monetary rent to Lessee. . . 2. Provide Lessee with an annual monetary assistance. . . 3. Pay all water and sewer charges until December 31, 2017. . .” The Lessee shall “1. Use the Premises as a center to provide social and recreational services to citizens of the City of Astoria 60 years of age and older. . . 4. Pay all property taxes dues. . . 6. Provide all needed maintenance and repair. . . 7. . . provide weekly cleaning service. . . 9. . . continue to carry the following insurance at Tenant’s cost: comprehensive general liability insurance. . . 12. Provide all facility and operational supplies. . . including staffing. . . 13. Make no alterations on the Premises without first obtaining City’s written consent. . .”

The term of the lease states “This lease is effective January 1, 2016 for a period of sixth (60) months or until a date five (5) years following the date of issuance of a certificate of completion by the State of Oregon whichever shall later occur.”

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.255.4, Historic Preservation Policies, states
“Historic structures owned by the City or other public bodies will be identified and preserved, and used for purposes that have general public benefit, such as classrooms or community centers. Where appropriate, the City may consider the use of such structures for commercial purposes where a public use is not warranted.”

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

6-23-1992 Fulfillment deed #2212, Brownlie to City, Book 788 Page 120

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

This site was once an automotive sales area with related sales such as oil and tires.

2-2014 An Environmental Assessment was completed for the CDBG Grant and renovation work. An underground storage tank and interior asbestos were removed as part of this project.

2014 GRI completed a geotechnical investigation as part of the CDBG Grant requirements.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

HD13-04.1111 Exchange.fin
Historic Inventory.R-104
Original Plans.1945 (1-2-3-5-6-7-8)
Original Plans.1945 (skylights)
Skylight (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8)
Skylight documentation
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Lease Agreement.City to Senior Center Inc.11-5-2012
Senior Center Lease Agreement Memo 12-21-15
Senior Center Lease.12-21-2015

NAME OF PARK: Shively Park

AKA: Includes Shively Community Hall

ADDRESS: 1530 Shively Park Road

(1580 Shively Park Road was assigned to the proposed cell tower site on the southwest edge of the Park Road. Tower was not approved.)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 17CA, Tax Lot 600, 700, 1200, Blocks 18, 19, 24, 25, Section 17BD, Tax Lot 2501, Lots 1 to 4, Block 12, Central Astoria and portions of vacated Nile Street, Lewis Street, (west side of park); Map T8N R9W Section 17, Tax Lot 1200 (main park area); and portions of non-vacated rights-of-way Milton Street, Nile Street, Ohio Street, Potomac Street, 15th Street.

Map T8N R9W Section 17, Tax Lot 1100 (Reservoir 2 property; Park includes the south portion of the tax lot)

DEDICATION STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: designated as Local Landmark, Historic Designation HD83-01, Ordinance 83-10, 7-18-1983

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Named for John Shively, the park was deeded by his son Charles W. Shively to the City of Astoria in 1898. John Shively arrived in Astoria in 1843 and platted a large land grant as the Shively Subdivision. He was the first US Postmaster west of the Rocky Mountains. Charles Shively donated five acres and sold an additional seven acres to the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association ("Push" club). The Parks Commission received the title in 1905 and dedicated the Park on 7-4-1906. Impatient with City progress, individuals did early work to use the area as a park.



Arbor Day
1906 – early
work on park

There was a fountain at the entrance to the Park installed by the Astoria Women's Club in 1906. The fountain was dismantled and trashed sometime after approximately 1928, and was in the yard of a home on 16th Street. Over the years, it changed hands three times and the fountain bowl and stand were found in 1998 at the home of Bill Maley (Box 388, Route 3,

Astoria). The Astoria Arts Commission, Clatsop County Historical Society, Mayor Willis L. Van Dusen, and the City worked to acquire the fountain. The central fountain stem was never found. The fountain was restored and installed at the Maritime Memorial for the Bicentennial Celebration in 2011.



Restored fountain
at Maritime
Memorial in 2011

Also at the entrance was an entry portal arch, typical of the period for entries into cities or special areas such as the Centennial Park.

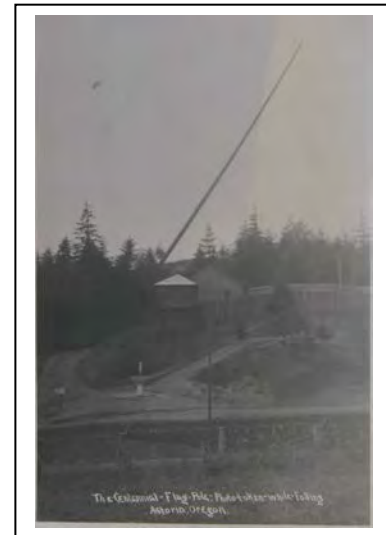


Developed for Astoria's Centennial celebration in 1911, the Park included a reconstruction of Fort Astoria, amphitheater on the Park's south slope, exhibition halls, Native American camp, botanical garden, trails, and zoo. Landscaping was designed by Arthur L. Peck, who pioneered Landscape Architecture at Oregon Agricultural College. Within 20 years, many of the Centennial features were dilapidated or missing. A meeting hall and restroom was constructed in the 1920s on the site of the former Fort reconstruction.



The State of Oregon granted the City \$50,000 for the Centennial celebration if the City could match it with \$40,000. Local school children helped raise the money and were given a half day off school for "Tag Day" to sell tags to raise money. The Catholic Academy (later Star of the Sea School) raised the most of all the schools. August 21, 1911 was set aside as "Catholic Day" at the Centennial and Catholics from all over the northwest came to participate in the largest outdoor religious service ever held in the northwest. High Mass was conducted at the stage area by Rev. Arthur Lane, St. Mary's Catholic Church pastor of 1900 with the main speaker His Grace Archbishop a. Christie. The Centennial groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 12, 1911 with Mayor Henderson digging the first shovel. The Centennial celebration included multiple parades, military exhibitions by troops, a stage drama "Bridge of the Gods" which included a recreation of the eruption of Mt. Hood. The celebrations ended with the Regatta events including the first aeroplane flight over Astoria.

For the Centennial celebration, the world's tallest flag pole (220') was cut and installed, but it fell during installation and was never up.



In 1922, Downtown Astoria was destroyed by a fire. The grand Weinhard Hotel, located at 12th and Duane Streets (Liberty Theater block) was totally destroyed except the entryway column arch. It was moved to Shively Park in 1923 amongst a flurry of controversy. This was during the time of liquor prohibition and many disliked the connection to the Weinhard beer family/industry. The temperance movement lost and the arch was installed at the entrance to some of the trails in the Park.



4-15-1975 City considered selling the Park (*Daily Astorian*)

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

The designated “historic” park area does not include Reservoir #2 (1597 James Street).

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| 1911 | There is a hard surface (paved) loop path/road through wooded natural area that is handicap accessible. It was constructed for the 1911 Centennial. Soft surface social trails lead south to power line areas with connecting trails (see “Trails” inventory). |
| 1920’s | The community hall was constructed for community gatherings and as a “comfort station” in Shively Park in 1920’s. The Angora Hiking Club met regularly in the hall. |
| 1923 | Weinhard Hotel column arch installed |
| 8-17-2015 | City Council approves a lease with Verizon to construct a wireless communication facility tower on the southwest corner of Shively Park Road pending approval of all necessary permits. The permits were approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission and Astoria Planning Commission based on incorrect information from the applicant . Subsequently, the City Council denied the permits upon appeal thereby the lease of the property was voided. |
| 2016 | Current regulations indicate that the hall is limited to 90 persons; 50 person maximum if food is served. The hall may not be used for wedding receptions. Anniversary parties are limited to “by invitation only” and not advertised publicly. |
| 2016 | Current facilities include: meeting room with kitchen (reservation required), unpaved and paved paths, picnic shelters, picnic site (reservation required), picnic tables, playground swings, restroom, biking/hiking/walking trails, wedding site (reservation required) |

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

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| 8-16-1982 | Ordinance 82-05, to vacate portions of streets within Middle School ballfield site (including portions of 15th Street). This eliminated legal access to 1525 16th Street (see LTO below). |
| 7-18-1983 | Historic Designation HD83-01, Ordinance 83-10 |
| 8-17-2015 | Ordinance 15-06 to vacate a portion of Nile Street at Shively Park Road for potential location of a wireless communication facility |

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

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| 3-8-1994 | License to Occupy, City to Pettit, DiBartolomeo and Adams. In 1982, the City vacated 15th Street (Ordinance 82-05) eliminating legal access to Map T8N R9W Section 17BD, Tax Lots 1600 & 1900 (1525 16th Street) on the west side of the Park. It is developed with a single family dwelling constructed in 1938. In |
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1994, the owner Pettit had a sale pending to Joseph A. DiBartolomeo and Joan Adams. The LTO was granted to allow the property owners to “. . . cross the Shively Hall parking lot between the public road known as Williamsport/Park Road and the Pettit property. . .”



- 9-15-2015 New Construction permit NC15-03 for construction of a wireless communication facility on the southwest portion of Shively Park Road approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission
- 9-16-2015 Variance V15-03 from height and setback requirements for construction of a wireless communication facility on the southwest portion of Shively Park Road approved by the Astoria Planning Commission
- 9-16-2015 Wireless Communication Facility permit WCF15-03 for construction of a wireless communication facility on the southwest portion of Shively Park Road approved by the Astoria Planning Commission
- 2-1-2016 Appeal of New Construction permit NC15-03 for construction of a wireless communication facility on the southwest portion of Shively Park Road approved by City Council to deny the NC15-03 permit
- 2-1-2016 Appeal of Variance V15-03 from height and setback requirements for construction of a wireless communication facility on the southwest portion of Shively Park Road approved by the City Council to deny the V15-03 permit
- 2-1-2016 Appeal of Wireless Communication Facility permit WCF15-03 for construction of a wireless communication facility on the southwest portion of Shively Park Road approved by the City Council to deny the WCF15-03 permit

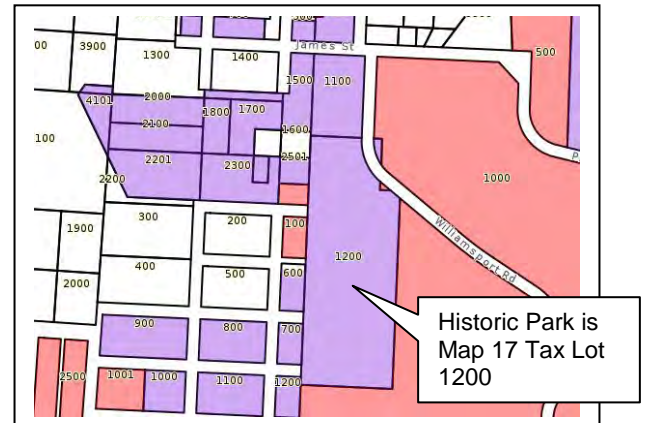
Comprehensive Plan Section CP.255.4, Historic Preservation Policies, states
“Historic structures owned by the City or other public bodies will be identified and preserved, and used for purposes that have general public benefit, such as classrooms or community centers. Where appropriate, the City may consider the use of such structures for commercial purposes where a public use is not warranted.”

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 5-4-1894 Warranty Deed, Van Dusen & Noyes to City, Book 28, Page 353 (Map T8N R9W Section 17, Tax Lot 1100; Reservoir 2 property)

7-18-1905 Warranty Deed Charles W Shively and Annie M Shively to City, Book 56 Page 54 (map 80917-1200 – main portion of the Park)

1-19-1949 Deed, County to City, Book 202 Page 219, Block 18 (tract 86), Tax Lot 600; Block 19 (tract 86A), Tax Lot 700); Block 24 (tracts 96 & 97), Map 17CA Tax Lot 1200, Central Astoria (parcels west of main Park boundary Map 17 Tax Lot 1200)



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

1-16-1995 A Preliminary Geotechnical Inspection of Tax Lot 1400 adjacent to the Park on the south boundary was completed by Paul See. This report is not specific to the Park but gives an overview of the general area.

NOTES:

City GIS only shows the community hall as the Park. The entire Park system on the GIS should be checked to see if it is accurate.

There are multiple properties around Shively Park that are owned by the City and are not part of the main Tax Lot 1200. The exact “official” boundary of the Park should be determined.

Reservoir 2 (1597 James Street) is part of the Public Works facilities and is not included in the “Park”, however a portion includes the Park access and has been included (Map T8N R9W Section 17, Tax Lot 1100; 17BD, Tax Lot 1500, Block 6 vacated and Lots 1 to 4, Block 7 vacated, Central Astoria and vacated 15th and Klaskanine Avenue).

Numerous photos of the park during the Centennial celebration in 1911 are available at Clatsop County Historical Society and on the Lower Columbia Preservation Society web site of photo post cards.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

Centennial Photos (additional photos are available at the Clatsop County Historical Society)

Deed.Co to City.B202p219.1-19-1949

ADA self evaluation.2008

Shively Park Boundary.2016

Aerial ownership map.Shively

City ownership map.Shively

Tax lot with ownership map.Shively

HD83-01.Ordinance 83-10.Historic Designation

Ordinance 15-06.Nile Street at Shively Park Road.Street vacation

Park inventory 1974
Shively fountain article.10-14-1998
Shively fountain found article.4-2-1998
Shively fountain found letter.10-4-1997
Shively fountain restoration article.2011
Shively Park name article.DA
Shively Park Fundraising.St Mary Catholic Church
Centennial article.1911
History of centennial 1911 and arch photo
History of centennial.1911
Parade to Centennial Park.4-23-1911
AP15-01 for NC15-03 CC findings for denial FINAL
AP15-02 for V15-03 CC findings for denial.FINAL
AP15-03 for WCF15-03 CC findings for denial FINAL
Preliminary Geotechnic Inspection of Tax Lot 1400.Paul See.1-16-1995
Warranty Deed.Shively to City. Bk 56 Pg 54.7-18-1905 (map 80917-1200)
License to Occupy.DiBartolomeo3-8-1994
Access easement aerial
Administrative Practices.Community Hall Use Rules Sect 400
Warranty Deed.Van Dusen & Noyes to City.B28p353.5-4-1894

NAME OF PARK: Smith Point

AKA: Smith Point Roundabout

ADDRESS: 500 Block West Marine within Highway 101 right-of-way

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: within Highway 101 right-of-way

Within the Astor-West Urban Renewal District (AWURD)

DEDICATION STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The "Roundabout" was constructed in 2002-2004 within the ODOT Highway 101 right-of-way. It took months of negotiations with ODOT to convince them that a roundabout would work at this location. It was the first roundabout on a State Highway in Oregon. After its construction, ODOT put a moratorium on construction of future roundabouts waiting to see how the one in Astoria worked. With the success of the Astoria facility, ODOT now considers construction of roundabouts on State highways.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

4-17-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #25,411, ODOT & City, for maintenance of Smith Point. Terms of Agreement, Section 2 states ". . . shall terminate on June 30, 2013." Exhibit A, Scope of Work, states "City personnel to provide mowing, vegetation, maintenance, weeding, removal of garbage, and irrigation maintenance. . ." provide ". . . equipment" and ". . . water" for "\$9,400" per year.

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
IGA #25,411.Smith Point - ODOT & City.4-17-2009



NAME OF PARK: Tapiola

AKA:

ADDRESS: 901 W Marine Drive (main park and ball fields)
875 W Marine Drive (CSO sewer building)
300 S Denver Avenue (Skate Park)
298 Tapiola Park Road (old rest rooms)
200 Tapiola Park Loop (batting cage)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 18CA, Tax Lot 100; Lot 43 & 44, Block 82, all of Blocks 66 & 67, Lots 5 to 27 excluding the NW corner of Lot 27, Block 68, Taylor

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

"Tapiola" means "forest" in Finnish. The name is derived from Tapio, the Forest God in the Finnish epic Kalevala. Tapiola was his domain.

The park area served as a recreational sport area before it was established as a park and use continues as such today. The Finnish park area included a track of five laps to a mile and a picnic area.

1888 Arboretum on the site near the Astoria High School (AHS) (1001 W Marine Drive) just east of Tapiola Park was installed by Olie Erickson (Erickson Floral). This area was once part of the Finnish park/picnic area, part of which became Tapiola Park. The arboretum was still there in 1939. Astoria High School at this location was constructed in 1975. There are still Redwood trees near the AHS bus turnaround from this arboretum. The land was swampy and the State had rock and sand pile storage on the property.

Before Tapiola became a park, the Finnish owner of a portion of the future park area, Charles Niemi, lived in the house that was located near the ballfield that now carries his name. His home was accessed from a driveway off Denver Street. He lived there until the property became a park.

In 1937, Clatsop County released a 100 acre tract to be used for a park. According to an article in the *Astorian Budget*, January 15, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project of \$19,000 for an improvement of a park. The WPA was just one of many Great Depression relief programs created under the auspices of the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which Roosevelt had signed the month before. The WPA, the Public Works Administration (PWA) and other Federal assistance programs put unemployed Americans to work in return for temporary financial assistance.

The Park at that time was said to be 160 acres. Members of the Finnish Brotherhood helped formally establish it as a park in 1941. That same year Henry Niemi drew plans for a swimming pool. The Astoria Public Parks Association chose Tapiola Park because a small stream flowed down from the hills which could provide a water supply for the pool, and there was a natural basin that could be hollowed out without a great deal of excavation work. Volunteers helped clear the area for a pool. It was constructed largely with volunteer labor. In 1943, Charles Victor Niemi willed \$25,230 of his estate to be used by the City in maintaining the Park. "Niemi Field", which is the softball and T-ball fields, was named in his honor. The Union Fish Cannery donated an 8 ton boiler to heat the swimming pool in 1944.

The park included an outdoor swimming pool with changing area and kiddies' pool. Parks Department conducted swimming lessons at the pool every summer and with the short season, lessons were always full with waiting lists.



Over the years there have been two vehicles that traversed across the park greenspace into the pool in 1969 and 1989.



- 1962 TV series "Route 66" was filmed in various locations in Clatsop County. The cast and crew challenged the US Coast Guard crews to a baseball game at Tapiola Field.
- 1972 Ball fields were constructed over an area that was previously used supposedly as a Public Works dump site for equipment.

6-26-1975 Growing concern with use of beer and hot rods in Park. Graduating Seniors hold beer bust event yearly

At some time in the late 1950's and early 1960's, a US Air Force F86-E Sabre jet was on display at Tapiola. The jet was placed there by Mayor Harry Steinbock. It was at the site prior to 1960 and was eventually removed due to damage from years of children playing on the plane. At one point, volunteers built a pedestal on which the plane was mounted. The jet was marked with the Serial #13042 which was stationed at Nellis AFB Nevada in 1950's for training with the 3595th Fighter Group, 3598th Fighter Squadron. It was destroyed in a mid-air collision near Las Vegas Nevada on 1-8-1953. The date of collision and the dates of location at Tapiola raise questions as to whether the crashed plane was restored or the Serial number was representative and not the actual plane number.



Tapiola Park has been the site of the yearly community Easter Egg hunt since before 1960. Run by Jaycees at that time, it was later run by other local groups until Parks & Recreation took it over in the 1980's. The event has changed over the years to include real eggs dyed by local school groups, candy, hot dogs and pop, Easter Bunny, petting zoo, Police and Fire Department displays, costumed characters such as the police dog McGruff and the Fred Meyer bear, balloons, music, etc. Evening "flashlight egg hunt" was started in the 1990's for the older teens. Areas for the various age groups were cordoned off. In 2000's, an area for "special needs" kids was added.

1997 When the Aquatics Center was constructed with an indoor pool, use of the Tapiola pool ceased.

2001 Pool was converted to a skateboard park. The changing area was remodeled as public restrooms.

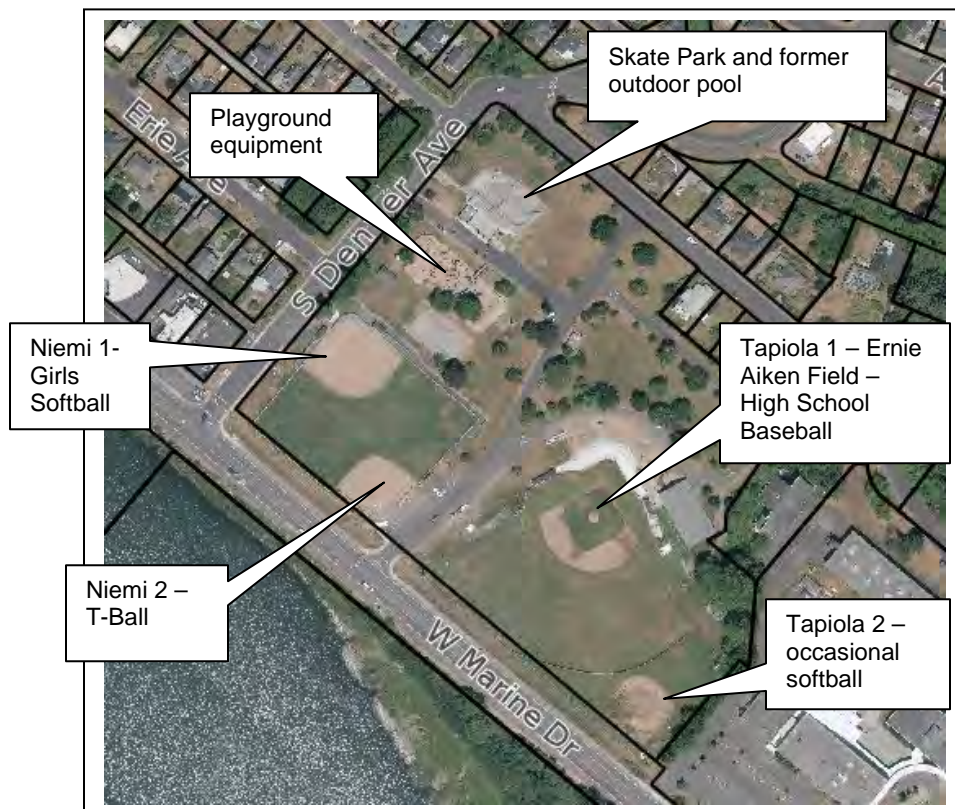
2001 Astoria Skate Park won the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's Design Award for excellence in parks and recreation projects

2005 Tapiola Park won the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's Design Award for excellence in parks and recreation projects

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

The east area of the Park included a brick fireplace large enough for use by large gatherings. There was also a covered gazebo / band stand to the east of the fireplace that was raised by two or three steps. The area had many large trees.

- 1954 Pool boiler was repaired (Ordinance 54-39); chlorinator installed (Ordinance 54-54); floodlights installed (Ordinance 54-51)
- 1959 The roads within the Park were designated as one way streets (Ordinance 59-18)
- 1967 Picnic area fireplace is repaired due to vehicle damage.
- 1969 Car travels down the hill into the pool
- 1970 Pool bath house refurbished
- 1970 Pool is open from June 8 to Labor Day; daily fees: \$0.25 for children; \$0.35 for 12 to 18 year olds; and \$0.50 for adults
- 3-27-1970 Jaycees and Jay-C-Eettes conduct the yearly Easter Egg Hunt (not sure what year it started, but *Daily Astorian* states Jaycees have sponsored it for ten years)



- 3-30-1972 Agreement with Clatsop County to purchase land, and obtain grant to construct fields
- 3-13-1972 Begin development of ball fields on supposed former Public Works dump site for street and sewer projects. Park upgrades include improved drainage in the

northwest corner, area filled and leveled for new ball field, and two ball field back stops, with the assistance of 50-50 grant from Bureau of Land Management Outdoor Recreation program (*Daily Astorian*)

- 6-13-1972 Volunteer Boosters construct two dugouts for Babe Ruth program field (*Daily Astorian*)
- 1973 Astoria School District requests lease for fish hatchery
- 1979 Restrooms constructed to replace old ones; outdoor batting cage constructed
- 1979 Wood playground equipment installed with two level climbing tower with stairs, swinging bridge, fire pole, and horizontal ladder
- 1980 Lions Club install two horseshoe courts
- 1980 City approves the installation of advertising signs on the ball field fences
- 1982 Astoria School District leases the east portion of Tapiola for teacher parking and to construct a fish hatchery
- 7-12-1982 Finnish Brotherhood Lodge adopts Resolution to honor Charles V. Niemi who donated land for Tapiola Park. They requested that the City install a plaque, but City did not have the funds and therefore City Council (8-2-1982 CC meeting) referred it to the Parks Board.
- 1984 Granite monument sign installed. The front reads: "*Tapiola Park*" with the Astoria Column and "*City of Astoria, Founded 1811*". The rear reads: "*Tapiola Park*", "*Officially named on Aug. 21, 1939 by request of the local Finnish community. The name is derived from Tapio, the Forest God in the Finnish epic Kalevala. Tapiola was his domain. The swimming pool was constructed in 1941 by volunteer labor and donations. A major portion of the Park was completed by 1958 with funds bequeathed by Charles V. Niemi.*", "*This monument erected in 1984 by the Finnish Community to honor the many citizens whose efforts made this park possible.*"



- 1986 A house built in 1924, owned by Ch was located in the park approximately just east of the location of the basketball court. At various times it was used as a caretaker's residence and as a private residence with some sort of child care such as a foster home. It was sold to Barry Sears and Ann Goldeen and moved to 4998 Birch Street in Alderbrook in 1986. The house was remodeled at the new location, was raised up and a first floor constructed under it. It was then wrapped in wood shingles.

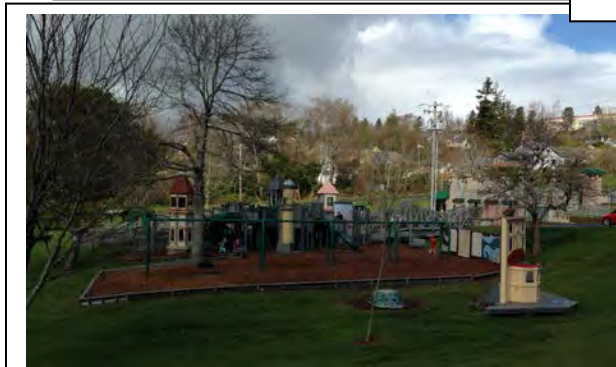


- 1991 20 Alder trees are removed
- 6-1993 City Council created Aquatic Recreation Facility Committee to look into alternatives to the outdoor Tapiola Pool
- 1993 The infield was improved (Resolution 93-43)
- 1994 Irrigation system installed; fencing installed on West Marine side; lighting upgraded
- 4-4-1994 Aquatic Recreation Facility Committee advises City Council that restoration of the outdoor pool is not feasible and a new pool is needed as supported by The ORB Organization, Renton WA, report
- 8-2-1995 Chlorine leak at the pool (Police Incident Report)
- 1995 Work done on the irrigation system (Resolution 95-16)

- 1996 Survey and inventory of hazardous trees completed by William Owen and Associates, Portland OR
- 9-27-1997 With construction of the Aquatic Center (1997 Marine Drive) complete, a Tapiola Pool Closing Party is held
- 2000 Additional lighting was installed (Resolution 00-16)
- 2002 Construction of skateboard park in former outdoor pool area
- 2002 Former outdoor pool changing rooms were converted to rest rooms
- 10-4-2004 City Council approved "to direct staff to work with the community to raise funds for the play structure."
- 2004 Local school students help design the proposed playground equipment. Astoria Middle School students make the mosaic tiles for the area.
- 2005 A local group of citizens and parents worked to install new community playground equipment that had a local theme. Kiwanis donate \$7,000 for construction of new playground equipment along with many private donors and multiple fund raising events. The project is chaired by the Children's Museum. Designed by Leathers and Associates, Design for Community Building, using the school student design ideas. Work was done by volunteers, many of whom signed their names on the "volunteer wall". The equipment included: Fort Clatsop, Astoria Column, fishing boat, Flavel House, Liberty Theater, jungle gym, sand box, tot area, and swings. There is a Volunteer Recognition Wall listing the names of many who helped to construct the playground equipment.



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Volunteer recognition wall

- 9-30-2005 After completion of the new playground equipment construction, Children's Museum transfers ownership of the equipment to the City. Bill of Sale is approved by City Council (CC minutes 10-3-2005).
- 10-8-2005 Dedication of new playground.
- 2005 League of Oregon Cities Award for Excellence awarded for the Tapiola Park Playground project
- 2005 Covered picnic shelter constructed
- 2007 Batting cage building constructed on east side of Park by Astoria Baseball Foundation. The structure straddled property lines between City and Astoria School District properties. Siting issues with property lines were not resolved until the survey and land swaps in 2011.



- 2008 Digital score board installed for Ernie Aiken baseball field; dugouts expanded
- 2009 Pool house is demolished (CC approved 1-20-2009 minutes)
- 2008-2010 Installation of City storm sewer lines for the Denver Street Combined Sewer Overflow separation project including a below grade storage cell facility was installed under the Niemi ball fields. The project also included an above ground utility building for the storage facility. Upgrades to the Niemi ball fields were part of this CSO project and included the dugouts, seating area, and new fences.



CSO building
& new rest
rooms

2009 Astoria High School Senior Project by Jake Hatcher and Rick Sarin to construct retaining wall and stairs at the concrete pad to the dugout area.



2010-2012 Brick fireplace removed.

2011 Digital score board installed for Niemi 1 softball field

2011 Survey and land swaps between Astoria School District and City completed to reconfigure lot lines/ownership based on current uses on the properties along the common boundary between the two properties

2016 Current facilities include: 3 baseball fields, basketball court, ADA accessible play area, ADA accessible restrooms, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, skate park

There is an interpretive sign “*The Search for Winter Quarters*” about the Lewis & Clark Expedition located on Tapiola Park Road near the old restrooms. The sign is fiberglass imbedded on a metal stand.



Skateboard Park

1989 Robert Brott expresses a desire to City Council to have a skateboard park constructed. Council refers the request to Parks Board (CC 9-18-1989). City Councilman Bob Ellsberg and Parks Director Fred Lindstrom help initiate the proposal for a park.

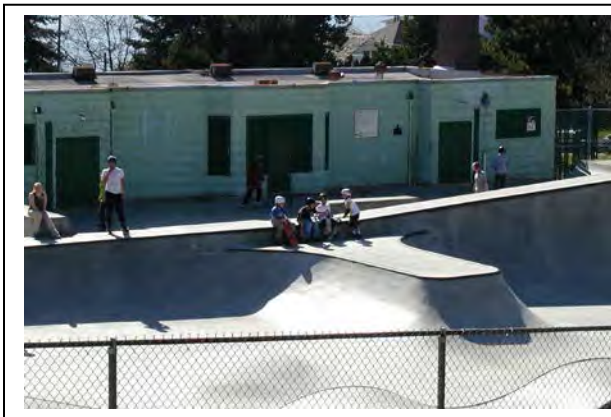
1990 City Council approved design for a skateboard park at Tapiola (CC 10-15-1990)

1995 City Council approved the idea of construction a skateboard park (CC 6-5-1995)

1997 Astoria Youth Commission proposes a skateboard park at Tapiola (CC 6-16-1997)

1998 Astoria Youth Commission suggest McClure Park as an alternative site for skateboard park (CC 6-15-1998)

- 1998 City Council approved the idea of construction of a temporary skateboard park at Tapiola (CC 9-8-1998). Extensions of the temporary park were approved at 10-19-1998 and 3-1-1999 City Council meetings.
- 1998 Eric Dawkins approved to design the park (CC12-7-1998)
- 1999 City Council approved Tapiola as the permanent location for the skateboard park (CC 6-7-1999 and 11-1-1999)
- 2001 Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance (NOEA) awards City with grant for skateboard park construction (CC 5-1-2001)
- 2001 Fundraiser bar-b-que held with \$1,080 ticket sales; \$1,000 donation from CRMM; \$250 donation from Van Dusen Beverages from sale of pop at event; Rotary donation of \$5,000 (CC 6-18-2001 and 10-1-2001). City has \$9,000 of in-kind labor expenses (CC 11-19-2001)
- 2001 Dedication held on 11-2-2001.
- 2001 Oregon Recreation and Parks Association awards the City a design award for project (CC 11-5-2001)



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 1954 Ordinance 54-39 for boiler repair
- 1954 Ordinance 54-54 for installation of a chlorinator
- 1954 Ordinance 54-51 for installation of floodlights
- 1959 Ordinance 59-18, roads within the park were designated as one way streets
- 1993 Resolution 93-43 for infield improvements
- 1995 Resolution 95-16 for work on the irrigation system
- 2005 Ordinance 05-13, vacation of Hammond Street

2000 Resolution 00-16 for installation of additional lighting

2001 Ordinance 01-04, Rules concerning the skateboard park

10-21-2005 Ordinance 05-13, Street Vacation, Recording # 200512859, Hammond Avenue vacated

8-26-2011 Ordinance 11-10, Street Vacation, Recording # 201106456, Erie Avenue & Frankfort Street

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

10-1-2011 Batting Cage Lease, between Astoria Baseball Foundation and City, for batting cage and 12' of land immediately adjacent to the batting cage, for two years. Building has multiple stipulations such as can only be used during park hours, etc. Section 4.2 states *"Tenant will perform all repairs and maintenance to, and replace when necessary. . . and also maintain all portions of the Premises and fixtures situated with the Premises in good order and repair. . ."* Section 4.3 states that *"Landlord will make available an amount to the Tenant not to exceed \$10,000 for Tenant to perform facility repairs. . . funds shall be replenished by Tenant . . ."* Section 6.1 states *" . . . Tenant is responsible for all utility charges. . ."*

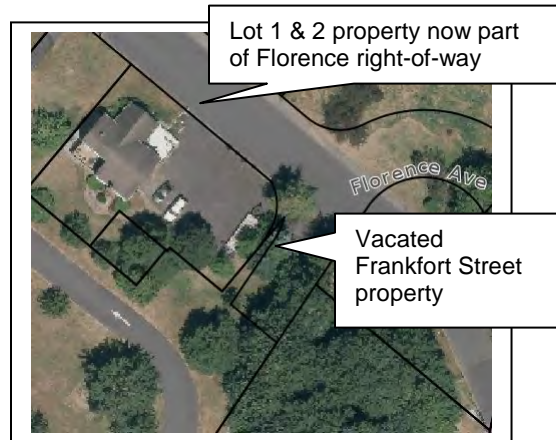
Comprehensive Plan Section CP.275.14, Parks Recreation and Open Space, Policies, states *"The City will consider the improvement of a public access site on Youngs Bay in the vicinity of Tapiola Park. Any improvements must be coordinated with the Astoria Bypass project being proposed by the City and the Oregon Department of Transportation."*

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1-8-1927 Deed (136), County to City, Book 121 Page 172 (Page 11 is Lots 10 to 27, Block 66; Lots 8 to 21, Block 67; Lots 1, 3, 5 to 20, Block 68)

6-28-1937 Deed, County to City, Book 184 Page 157.3-23-1946, and Book 139 Page 372, with reversionary clause that states *" . . . real property and every part thereof shall be use and continue to be used for the purpose of a public park and no other purpose, and in the event that the same shall not be so used or continue to be so used, then said real property and the whole thereof shall revert to and revest in said Clatsop County, without any act of or by said Clatsop County."* (Lots 1 to 9, 28 to 36, Block 66; Lots 1 to 7, 22 to 28, Block 67; Lots 21 to 27, Block 68; Lots 1, 2, 31 to 34, 37 to 44, Block 82) (Note: this deed also includes the waterfront along Youngs Bay)

10-21-1957 Quitclaim Deed, Rannells to City, Book 243 Page 1 (strip just northeast of Lots 1 & 2, Block 68, Taylor) to become part of Florence right-of-way; Rannells sold a small strip of land to City in exchange for a vacated portion of Frankfort Avenue (Ordinance 57-60); the vacated Frankfort Avenue property has since become City property within Tapiola Park.



7-17-1972 Quitclaim Deed, County to City, Book 365, Page 300.
Parcel E – Block 66, Taylors (Denver to Frankfort, W Marine to Erie)

2-1-1984 Bargain & Sale Deed Statutory Form, Van Dusen to City, Book 612 Page 385 (Lots 18 & 19, Block 67, Taylor)

6-16-2003 Bargain and Sale Deed, City to School District, #200308567 (Lots 36 to 43, east 15' of north 37.83' Lot 44, Block 82 & vacated portion of Florence Ave)

10-27-2011 Bargain & Sale Deed, Astoria School District to City, Recording #201108062, Frankfort Street. Parcel 1 is generally the triangle at the intersection of Erie Avenue and Frankfort Street adjacent to Lot 44, Block 82. Parcel 2 is generally the vacated portion of Frankfort Street. When Frankfort Street was vacated, half of the street went to each of the abutting property owners, City and ASD. The ASD then sold their vacated portion to the City. These parcels are identified in the survey attached as CS #12689 1-3.



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

In 1972, the area was swampy.

Was supposedly previously used for Public Works storage/dump area. The Niemi ballfield area has been developed with the City's Combined Sewer Overflow holding tank.

NOTES:

Due to the underground Combined Sewer Overflow holding tank, any work within the Niemi fields should be coordinated with Public Works Department.

Batting Cage lease appears to be expired and should be checked.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

136.Deed.County to City. Bk 121 Pg 172.1-8-1927

Bargain and Sale Deed Statutory Form.Van Dusen to City.B612 p385.2-1-1984.Taylor Bl 67
lots 18 & 19

Deed.Co to City.B184 p 157.3-23-1946.and.B139 p372.6-28-1937.reversionary

Bargain and Sale Deed.City to School Dist. 200308567.6-16-2003

Quitclaim Deed.Rannells to City.B243p1.10-21-1957

Res 57-24.10-7-1957 and Ord 57-60 Frankfort St vac

Vac Ord 05-13.Rec # 200512859.10-21-2005.Hammond Ave

Vac Ord 11-10.Rec # 201106456.8-26-2011.Erie & Frankfort

Vac Ord 11-10.Rec # 201106456.8-26-2011.Page 3

Bargain & Sale deed.Ast School Dist to City.Rec #201108062.10-27-2011.Frankfort Ave
CS# 12689 1-3 (survey)

Quitclaim deed.Co to City.B365 p300.7-17-1972

Batting Cage Lease.Astoria Baseball Foundation.10-1-2011

NAME OF PARK: Tidal Rock

AKA:

ADDRESS: 1485 Commercial Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8CA, Tax Lot 6300; north 70' Lot 1, Block 135, Shively, except the north 5' dedicated as City right-of-way

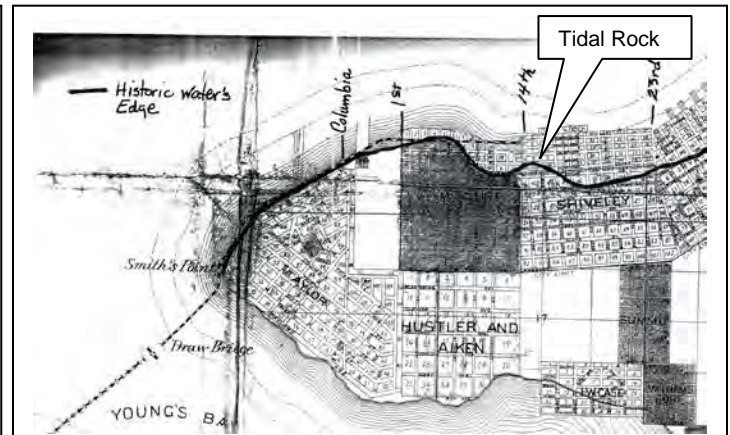
Within the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD)

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: Rock and chairwalls designated as historic site and object (Ordinance 86-07, 5-5-1986); chairwalls (HD01-02); Downtown National Register Historic District (6-22-1998); and in Downtown National Register Historic District amendment in 7-30-2001

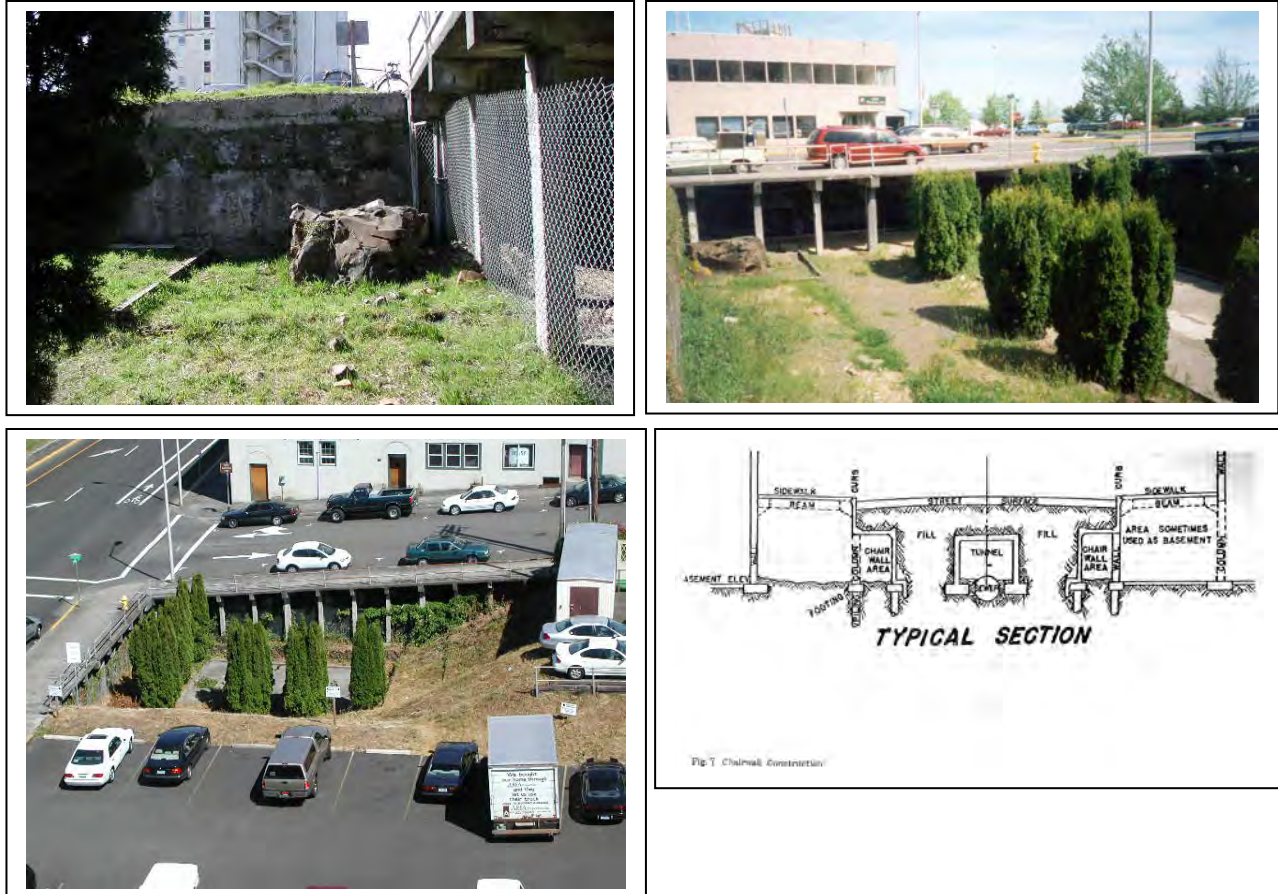
HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Rock located in the northwest corner is believed to be a shoreline rock which was used by the mariners to judge the depth of the water. The area was slowly filled along with other parts of Downtown in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The US Coastal Survey established Benchmark 1 on this site in 1853 and the location was confirmed in 1885 by a hydrographic survey.



This rock was an important part of the day-to-day activities at Fort Astoria as it allowed a ship's captain to ascertain the tide line so he knew how close to shore he could safely anchor. The rock was identified by George H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Historical Society in July, 1908. At that time it was in the tide flat under the Johnson Fruit and Cigar Store which burned in the fire of 1922. The top of the rock was damaged in the fire. Tidal Rock is located on the northwest corner of the double lot on which a Pacific Power & Light substation was located and removed from the southwest corner of Commercial and Fifteenth Streets. On April 12, 1986, in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of Astoria, the historic site was dedicated with appropriate ceremony. The rock is deteriorating and has developed several fissures; inscriptions are worn.

An example of the 1915 campaign to fill the commercial streets is visible on the eastern edge of the site. When this area was filled, the sand was installed above the high tide line. The retaining wall contrasts with an example of the chairwall system, constructed in 1923, which is visible on the northern edge of the property. The chairwall allowed the streets to be filled, but maintained a tunnel area for utilities. Both structural systems at this site were nominated as “historic landmarks” in July 2001. Additional information on these structural systems may be found in an amendment to the National Register nomination, dated 7-30-01.



Pacific Power Company (PacifiCorp) owned the site and had electrical substation equipment on the site until the early 1980's. It was historically named the Ferry Street Substation. On 5-4-1998, the City Council approved the purchase as part of a larger land deal which included the 9th and Astor Park property (910 Astor Street) for \$35,000 for each park.

The designation of this and two other City-owned chairwall sites was a mitigation for the filling of the lot at 900 Marine Drive for the construction of the Sunset Empire Transportation District building and parking lot. With Federal money involved in that project, it had to meet the Federal Section 106 historic review leading to the required mitigation to protect other examples of exposed chairwalls (HD01-02).

In 2012, the National Park Service (NPS) through their archaeological team at Fort Vancouver WA conducted an archaeological survey and excavation on property owned by the City including Fort Astoria, the First US Post Office Site, and Tidal Rock. The NPS was granted permission to collect artifacts and other cultural materials discovered during the

fieldwork for laboratory analysis and curation. The City stipulated that the archaeological samples, specimens, and artifacts collected during this work will be curated by the Columbia River Maritime Museum located at 1792 Marine Drive after they are certified as an approved curatorial site. As of 2016, the analysis of the finds is still underway. The NPS is working with the City on the temporary and/or final location of the specimens. CRMM is still working toward certification that would allow them to be the repository.

2014-2016 Dr. Stefan A Talke, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Portland State University, is conducting research on historic sea-levels in Astoria. The research includes review of the historic benchmarks including Tidal Rock. His research is not complete at this time and he continues to work with the City Engineering and Planning Departments about the possibility of excavating around Tidal Rock.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

1923 Chairwalls constructed to allow street construction with utility tunnels.

1980's Pacific Power removed the electrical substation equipment. The concrete pad and curbing of the substation remains. There were arborvitaes trees surrounding the substation, several of which remain.

1986 Granite sign installed by Pacific Power for the 175th anniversary of the founding of Astoria. The sign reads *"Tidal Rock, Fort Astoria, est. April 12, 1811. The first Columbia River anchorage with comfort and security. The rock viewed below contains a carved line as a high tide marker for mariners, including the Astor Expedition. Dedicated an historical landmark by Mayor Edith Henningsgaard, April 12, 1986."*

2004 City allows a local group to landscape the site. The group improved the dirt path with a set of stone stairs leading up to the JJAstor Hotel Apartment parking lot (1473 Commercial). The group began to terrace the site for gatherings, but never completed the work. By 2012, the group was no longer working on the site, but some of the members started a compost pile on the site. In 2014, the City required the compost pile to be removed as it was not being maintained and was determined to be a health risk and nuisance.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 86-07 Designate the site as historic local landmark; 5-5-1986

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

9-18-2001 HD01-02 Historic Designation of exposed chairwalls

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Due to historic designation of the tidal rock and the chairwalls, the site cannot be filled and the historic features must remain visible.

4-15-1998 Purchase and Sale Agreement between PacifiCorp and City with the following condition:

"13. RESERVATION OF EASEMENT

. . . the perpetual easement and rights-of-way, as described in Sections 13.1 and 13.2 below, on the respective Properties for electric distribution and transmission lines, and communication lines for the transmission of information of one or more wires, cables conduits or other means of transmission (each a "line", any two or more are referred to as "lines") and all necessary or desirable appurtenances (including without limitation, telephone and telegraph wires, conduits, cables and wires for the transmission of any other data or information or power and towers, poles, props, guys, anchors and other supports) and the right to place all or any part of such line(s) or appurtenances underground and the right to place such guys and anchors outside of said right-of-way, over, across and upon the applicable Properties including the right to clear said right-of-way and keep the same clear of brush, trees, timber, structures and other encroachments and the right to top, trim, clear or cut away all trees and objects outside of said right-of-way which might endanger such line(s) together with the right of ingress and egress over the subject Properties and adjacent lands of the Grantee for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, stringing new wires and lines on, maintaining and removing such line(s) and appurtenances pursuant to the right so reserved.

At no time shall any building or anything flammable be erected, permitted or placed within the boundaries of said right-of-way, nor shall any material or equipment of any kind or nature which exceeds 18 feet in height be used thereon by, or by successors or assigns. Grantee shall make no use of the subject Properties inconsistent with the easement reserved hereby, but in using or operating irrigation pipes, motorized vehicles or other equipment, or in any other such use of said right-of-way, Grantee, its successors or assigns, shall conform strictly to the provisions of the reserved easement and any then applicable safety code or regulation pertaining to required clearances from the wires or conductors of such line. . .

13.2 Commercial Site Easement. A strip ten feet (10') in width parallel to, adjacent to, inside and running the entire length of the eastern and northern boundaries of the Commercial Site portion of the Property. . ."

7-14-1998 Statutory Bargain and Sale Deed from PacifiCorp to City, Book 975 Page 631 states:

"Reserving unto Pacificorp,. . . an easement or right-of-way for electric distribution and transmission lines of one or more wires and all necessary or

desirable appurtenances . . . ten feet (10') in width parallel to and adjacent to the Eastern and Northern boundaries of the herein described property . . . together with the right of ingress and egress over the adjacent lands of the Grantee . . . At no time shall any building or anything flammable be erected, permitted or places within the boundaries of said right-of-way, nor shall any material or equipment of any kind or nature which exceeds 18 feet in height be used thereon. . ."

The "Fort Astoria Research Design & Scope of Work. . ." by NPS archaeologist Robert Cromwell, states that *"It is proposed that all artifacts and project documentation (unit forms, field notes, project maps, photographs, etc.) will be curated at the Columbia River Maritime Museum, located at 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, Oregon 97103. Discussions between the National Park Service, the City of Astoria, and the Columbia River Maritime Museum indicate that this is the preferred curatorial repository for the resultant collection from these archaeological excavations."* The City's letter of "Permission to Conduct Archaeological Investigations" dated 6-7-2012 states *"The City of Astoria agrees that the archaeological samples, specimens, and artifacts collected during this work will be **curated by the Columbia River Maritime Museum** located at 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, Oregon 97103 after the appropriate laboratory analysis has been conducted."* As of 2016, the analysis of the finds is still underway. The NPS is working with the City on the temporary and/or final location of the specimens. CRMM is still working toward certification that would allow them to be the repository.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

4-15-1998 Site was used by Pacific Power and Light as a substation which caused some contamination. Purchase and Sale Agreement between PacifiCorp and City states:

"12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

12(a) . . . polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) may have been released to the soils and groundwaters of the Property. Purchaser further acknowledges that it has been furnished with sampling and testing reports that demonstrate that PCB concentrations on the Property do not exceed the acceptable levels established by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the uses and purposes that Purchaser proposes for the Property. Purchaser agrees that in the event that the uses to which the Property is placed shall change in the future so as to increase exposures to residual levels of PCB's at the Property, any additional remediation that might be required at such time to accommodate such increased exposures shall be at the expense of the then current owners of the Property and Seller shall have no obligation in connection therewith. . .

*12(d) . . . Purchaser shall take the Property AS **IS**, with all known and unknown defects and conditions; and such reports shall be deemed to be the base line for environmental conditions at the Property at the time of closing. Purchaser (for itself and its successors and assigns) shall release Seller from any and all responsibility with respect to environmental conditions at the Property, or for any additional*

remediation thereof, or for any additional costs of development attributable to environmental conditions. . .”

An archaeological investigation was conducted by the NPS in 2010 in conjunction with the investigation of Fort Astoria.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
HD01-02.Chairwall.15th and Commercial
Historic designation.R-81
survey.CS# 12547 (1).10-29-2009.south boundary
title report and deeds.6-16-1997.1485 Commercial
Statutory Bargain and Sale Deed.Pacificorp to City.B975 p631.7-14-1998
1485 Commercial.Purchase and Sale Agreement.4-15-1998
910 Astor and 1485 Commercial.Appraisal.CSP & Assoc.6-27-1997
site description
Chairwall street cross section
chairwall construction diagram
shoreline 1890
Ft Astoria.Research Design & Scope of Work for Proposed Archaeological Testing.2012
NPS dig permission.6-7-2012
US Coastal Survey benchmark.1853-1876

NAME OF PARK: Trail System

AKA: Urban Trails (Note: Individual trails have their own names which are identified below)

ADDRESS:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

- 3-21-1981 Bicycle Trails Committee eliminated putting bicycle safety under the Traffic Safety Committee (Resolution 81-05)
- 11-1990 Urban Forest Trails Committee first met.
- 11-14-1990 Urban Forest Trails Committee changes their name to Astoria Trails Committee without City Council approval (CC minutes 11-14-1990)
- 1991-1992 Trails Master Plan completed.
- 2003-2004 CCC Upward Bound Students prepared an inventory and map of trails within the City with the assistance of CREST. Project was funded with a grant from DLCD (CC minutes 10-18-2004). Map is attached.
- 2006 Recreational Trails Master Plan was completed where existing trails and future trail improvements were identified. Unfortunately a severe wind storm in December 2007 severely damaged many of the trails and forests impacting the information provided in the Master Plan. The Plan identified 21.6 miles of trails which included the official and unofficial trails.
- 2008 Astoria Riverfront Vision Plan was adopted which included a vision for enhancement of the River Trail.
- 2012 Trails Master Plan was completed. A grant of technical assistance was secured from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program to help the City undergo the planning process.
- 2013 Transportation System Plan was completed which addressed all modes of transportation including bike and pedestrian paths. This Plan is available on the City web site or in the Community Development Department. The pedestrian path maps are attached to this report.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

There are many trails within the City limits which include official trails, unofficial trails, and “social” trails. Only the official trails are maintained by the City. The social trails are generally either not maintained or are maintained by the citizens who utilize them. The 2013 Trails Master Plan identifies 10 major trails for a total of 11.1 miles. The River Trail and Richard Fencsak Cathedral Trail are addressed in their own reports. The other trails are addressed here. Peter Pan Park Loop and Tapiola Park Loop are not addressed as they are merely areas within the parks with walking surfaces as part of the Park. The information on the Trails below is mostly from the 2013 Trails Master Plan.

TABLE 2.1. Trail Lengths in Astoria

Trail Name	Distance (mi)
River Walk / River Trail	6.4
Richard Fencsak Cathedral Tree Trail	0.9
Pipeline Road (Connector Road)	1.3
Coast Guard Trail	0.3
Clatsop Community College Connector	0.2
Shively Park Loop	0.3
Middle School Path	0.7
Peter Pan Park Loop	0.25
City Water Reservoir 2 Path	0.2
Tapiola Park Loop	0.49
TOTAL	11.1 miles

In addition to the Trails included in this report and/or maintained by the Parks Department, there are several trails/connectors that are within rights-of-way that are maintained by the Public Works Department. They are shown on two attached lists from the 1970's and from 2012. Public Works Department also has completed “A Recreation Plan for the Bear Creek Watershed” by Stephanie Beall, Erik Bird, Shaun Nau, Robert Slearns. This Plan includes 3,700 acres at Wickiup Lake, Bear Creek Dam, and Cedar Creek with multiple trails which are managed by Public Works Department. A copy of the Plan is available in the Public Works or Engineering Department offices.

CITY WATER RESERVOIR 2 PATH (this site is the northern boundary of Shively Park)

Distance: 0.2 miles

Location: From Astoria Middle School (1100 Klaskanine Avenue) to City Water Reservoir 2 on 16th Street (1597 James Street)

Trailhead Access: no marked trailheads



Description: follows utility corridor from northeast corner of Middle School property towards the Reservoir.

Allowed Use: pedestrian

Amenities:

- Natural area/forest

Condition: Moderate/Good

- Access from Middle School is undefined.

CLATSOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONNECTOR

This trail was improved by the CCC Upward Bound students in 2003 and provides connection to the College, Astoria Column, and Cathedral Tree Trails.

Distance: 0.2 miles

Location: From Jerome Avenue & 17th Street (at Clatsop Community College) to the bottom of the Astoria Column (at 26th Street).

Trailhead Access: Clatsop Community College parking lot

Description: Soft surface (gravel) trail with steep grades

Allowed Use: pedestrian only

Amenities:

- Natural area/forest
- Access to Clatsop Community College and Astoria Column

Condition: Good

- Relatively new trail surface



Trail entrance from the CCC parking lot.

COAST GUARD TRAIL

The USCG purchased property from the City of Astoria for a housing area and entered into a Memorandum of Agreement in 1991 concerning conditions of that property sale. The Agreement is valid so long as the USCG maintains housing at this site. One of the conditions of that Agreement was that *“All pedestrian paths depicted on the 15% design submittal shall be improved as part of the Phase I development.”* It also states that *“The open space shall be preserved and will be accessible to the public with such amenities as forest pathways, open to the public for their transit and enjoyment.”* These conditions were made “. . . in order

to take into account community concerns resulting from development of this property.” With the construction of the new Phase of housing in 2016, the USCG agreed to install and maintain additional trails connecting the existing trails through to Lexington Avenue.

Distance: 0.3 miles

Location: On Coast Guard Housing; from Alameda Avenue to West Klaskanine Avenue

Trailhead Access: no marked trailheads

Description: Soft surface trail through Coast Guard property. Topography over 10% in some areas.

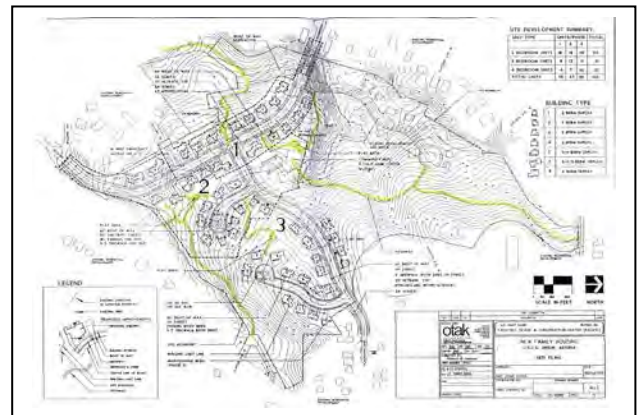
Allowed Use: pedestrian only

Amenities:

- Access to Coast Guard housing

Condition: Poor

- Overgrown/unmaintained



Trails highlighted in yellow

MIDDLE SCHOOL PATH

Distance: 0.7 miles

Location: from Astoria Middle School (1100 Klaskanine Avenue) south through County property to Highway 202 near 1100 Olney Avenue.

Trailhead Access: no marked trailheads

Allowed Use: pedestrian

Description: soft surface trail with steep grades

Amenities:

- Natural area/forest

Condition: unknown

- Access from Middle School is undefined.

PIPELINE ROAD

(Connector Road not a "Trail")

This road is within the Pipeline Road right-of-way and leads up to Reservoir 3 and the Urban Forest. It is gated so that only authorized vehicles may utilize the road. As a result, pedestrians use this road on a regular basis as a trail. While not specifically allowed, it has been used as an off-leash dog area.

Distance: 1.3 miles

Location: Urban forest from James Street at Williamsport Road to the east beyond City limits to Market Road in Svensen

Trailhead Access: Eastern end of James Street.

Allowed Use: multiple use (hard surfaced), currently includes ATV and motorbike use. Gate limits access to non-authorized vehicles.



Description: Connector road. Paved, then gravel surfaced road through Urban Forest. Provides access to Reservoir. Some topographical changes but grade is generally below 10%.

Amenities:

- Parking
- Accessible
- Scenic overlooks
- Natural area/forest

Condition: Good

SHIVELY PARK LOOP

This trail is a paved loop road through Shively Park. It is not a dedicated right-of-way. The road is gated and only authorized vehicles may use the road.

Distance: 0.3 miles

Location: at Shively Park, located just south of City Water Reservoir 2 at the top of Williamsport Road

Trailhead Access: From Shively Park parking lot



Description: Hard surface (paved) loop through wood natural area. Accessible. Soft surface social trails lead south to power line areas.

Allowed Use: multiple use (hard surfaced); gate prevents non-authorized motorized use

Amenities:

- Parking
- Garbage cans
- Dog bag receptacles
- Natural area/rorest
- Covered pavillions for picnicking
- Historic Weinhard Hotel architectural display

Condition: Good

In addition to the paved road/trail, there are trails through the Park with concrete stairs from the 1911 Bicentennial improvements that connect to the paved road/trail.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

5-5-1980	Resolution 80-08, Relating to bicycle trails and Bicycle Trails Committee
3-21-1981	Resolution 81-05, Eliminating Bicycle Trails Committee and placing bicycle safety with Traffic Safety Committee
9-18-1989	Resolution 89-42, Declaring intent to participate in Columbia River Heritage Trail (Note: City never completed this)
10-18-2004	Resolution 04-24, Appropriating grant of \$14,000 from Astoria School District in Capital Improvement for construction of a fitness trail behind Astoria High School by the City.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

Use of City trails by horses is addressed in numerous Codes. They are identified in the attached document "City Horse Policy". City Code Section 5.205, "Horses on Public Property", states that *"No person may ride or permit a horse on public property except a road or other area where a motor vehicle may be lawfully operated."* Section 5.931 "Activities Limited or Prohibited, (A) Horseback Riding", states that *"No person shall ride a horse in a park unless permitted in writing by the director."* Therefore, only the "trails" that are open to motor vehicles can be used for horses but with permission. Section 5.411 "Animal Waste", requires *". . . the removal of any excreta deposited by his animal(s). . ."*

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

Due to the complexity of trail locations, and without detailed maps on their locations, ownership and deeds were not researched for these trails.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos (mostly from 2013 Master Plan inventory)
TSP Astoria Bike-Ped Existing Conditions Maps
City Horse Policy
Public Works Trails 1970's
Public Works Trails 2012
Trails Master Plan 2013
Trails Master Plan Report.March 2006
US Coast Guard Trail
USCG housing pathways.let
Urban Trails Map.Upward Bound.2004
Urban Forest Trails Committee Report.1992

NAME OF PARK: Post Office Site

AKA: First US Post Office west of the Rocky Mountains

ADDRESS: 560 15th Street

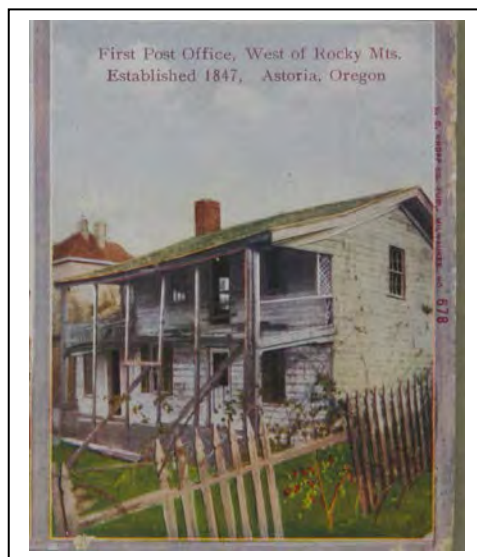
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 8DC, Tax Lot 18501; north 50' Lots 7 & 8, Block 114, Shively

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS: designated as historic Local Landmark (Ordinance 83-10, HD03-01, HD04-02) and as historic in the Shively-McClure National Register Historic District (8-4-2005)

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The first United States Post Office west of the Rocky Mountains was constructed on this site in 1847. In 1906, the Shively Improvement Club advised the City of Astoria to destroy the landmark. No organization could be found to restore the structure. "...notwithstanding its historical value it had become disreputable in appearance and would have been of no practical value if repaired." In 1955, a plaque was placed on the site by the Astoria Daughters of the American Revolution. The ceremony was attended by Agnes Day, granddaughter of Chief Coboway, Lydia Large, descendant of Sacajawea, and William Clark and Meriwether Lewis, direct descendants of the explorers. The site was donated to the City by Ed Ross in 1970 (*Daily Astorian* 4-8-1970). An obelisk monument was dedicated in 1972 for the 125th Anniversary of this site (*Daily Astorian* 3-6-1972) with a luncheon at the Astoria Country Club sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The ceremony was attended by State dignitaries and descendants of John Shively with Ed Ross as one of the guest speakers.



In 2012, the National Park Service (NPS) through their archaeological team at Fort Vancouver WA conducted an archaeological survey and excavation on property owned by the City including Fort Astoria, the First US Post Office Site, and Tidal Rock. The NPS was granted permission to collect artifacts and other cultural materials discovered during the fieldwork for laboratory analysis and curation. The City stipulated that the archaeological samples, specimens, and artifacts collected during this work will be curated by the Columbia River Maritime Museum located at 1792 Marine Drive after they are certified as an approved curatorial site. As of 2016, the analysis of the finds is still underway. The NPS is working with the City on the temporary and/or final location of the specimens. CRMM is still working toward certification that would allow them to be the repository.

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

An obelisk monument on granite plinth was installed in 1972. *“United States Post Office 1847”* is inscribed on front, center. The brass plaque set in the ground reads, *“Site of the first United States Post Office west of the Rocky Mountains--John M. Shiveley (sic) appointed first postmaster by President Polk 1847. (DAR symbol) Presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution August 24, 1955.”*



The historic designation identifies “Noteworthy Landscape Features” to include the Shore Pines in 2 rows, ornamental plantings, and picket fence. As a designated historic site, these features would be included in the designation and would require review and approval by the Historic Landmarks Commission if changed. The picket fence was removed sometime between 2013 and 2015 (see attached historic fence photos).

Adjacent property owners, David and Pam Armstrong, 1510 Franklin, offered to tend the flag pole when they purchased their home in 2005.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

7-18-1983 Ordinance 83-10, historic designation

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

9-16-2003 HD03-01, historic designation within Fort Hill V (preparation for Shively-McClure National Register District designation)

- 9-21-2004 HD04-02, historic designation for Shively-McClure National Register District nomination
- 8-4-2005 Shively-McClure designated as National Register District (making this site National Register)

The "Fort Astoria Research Design & Scope of Work. . ." by NPS archaeologist Robert Cromwell, states that *"It is proposed that all artifacts and project documentation (unit forms, field notes, project maps, photographs, etc.) will be curated at the Columbia River Maritime Museum, located at 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, Oregon 97103. Discussions between the National Park Service, the City of Astoria, and the Columbia River Maritime Museum indicate that this is the preferred curatorial repository for the resultant collection from these archaeological excavations."* The City's letter of "Permission to Conduct Archaeological Investigations" dated 6-7-2012 states *"The City of Astoria agrees that the archaeological samples, specimens, and artifacts collected during this work will be **curated by the Columbia River Maritime Museum** located at 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, Oregon 97103 after the appropriate laboratory analysis has been conducted."* As of 2016, the analysis of the finds is still underway. The NPS is working with the City on the temporary and/or final location of the specimens. CRMM is still working toward certification that would allow them to be the repository.

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 12-6-1965 Deed from Frank E. Ross and Eda Hauke Ross to City, Book 283 Page 267

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

An archaeological investigation of the site was conducted in 2012 by the NPS in conjunction with an investigation of Fort Astoria site as noted above. The results have not been published as of 4-2016.

NOTES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos
 Historic fence photo page
 Historic Designation.R-34
 HD04-02.FtHill Nat Reg.Fin
 HD03-01.FtHill V.Fin
 History of USPO and Customhouse
 Parks.Post Office site map
 USPO history article.3-8-1947
 Research Design & Scope of Work for ProposedArchaeological Testing.2012
 Ft Astoria.USPO.Tide Rock map
 Deed.Ross to City. Bk 283 Pg 267.12-6-1965
 NPS dig permission.6-7-2012

NAME OF PARK: Yacht Club and Youngs River Marine Park

AKA: Astoria Recreation Center (ARC) (the site has always been called the “Yacht Club” with various tenants over the years occupying the building. When the ARC occupied the building in 2015, the building was referred to as the “ARC” by the Parks Department.)

“Youngs River Marine Park” refers to the parking area and waterfront separate from the buildings.

ADDRESS: 1555 W Marine Drive

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T8N R9W Section 17CC, Tax Lot 5000; Block 37, Olney and vacated portions of Bay Avenue and 7th Street

DEDICATED PARK STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926: Youngs River Marine Park - yes

HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

The Astoria Yacht Club was established before World War II at this location. During WWII, the US Coast Guard took over the mooring basin and constructed several of the buildings. From 1945 to 1965, the Yacht Club basin was a busy summertime port for the sports fishing fleet. From 1965 to 1972, the use dwindled due to multiple reasons including construction of new mooring basins at Warrenton, Hammond, and Ilwaco WA, lack of maintenance of the facility, and need for dredging due to silt build up. In 1973, the Yacht Club offered to transfer the ownership of the buildings and docks to the City.



The City acquired the property in 1924 with the intent of creating a Civic Park Block. In 1926 it was sold to Northwestern Pulp and Paper Company for construction of a pulp mill. However, in 1929, the City filed suit to retrieve the property for default of contracts and agreements. The suit (Case # 131995) resulted in a Quiet Title issued to the City on 6-23-1936. In 1954, the City Attorney determined that the property ownership was clear and the City could sell the property.

In 1971, a portion of the property was sold to Adult Student Housing for construction of a multi-unit housing complex (1400 W Marine Drive, AKA in 2016 Bayshore Apartments) for the students at Clatsop Community College. This housing facility has changed hands several times and is no longer student housing but does continue as affordable housing.

8-30-1978 Parks Board recommend renaming the facility “Concomly Waterfront Park and Concomly Hall” (note: Comcomly is mis-spelled multiple ways; the accepted correct spelling is generally “Comcomly”. Sanborn maps show “Concomly”. Column burial monument and CCHS Cumtux show “Comcomly”).

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

3-21-1942 Boy Scouts of America Sea Scout Ship 635 locates at the Yacht Club site in a new building constructed by the Kiwanis (*Astorian Evening Budget* article). The building was dedicated on 4-2-1942.



9-20-1954 US Weather Bureau donates the storm warning tower complete with lanterns to City as their service had been discontinued. City Council accepted donation.



4-23-1970 City considering improvements to boat ramp (*Daily Astorian* article). Notes that the City rocked the parking area “several years ago”.

1971 Concrete launching ramp and floating dock constructed by City and County as the only launching ramp in Astoria at the time.



1972 Facility consists of a main building (60' x 240') with meeting rooms, storage rooms, kitchen, and a caretaker's apartment; small moorage office with adjoining cooler; small meeting hall occupied by Sea Scouts; storage garage (36' x 84'). The original three main docks, each 283' long, were reduced to two docks in poor and fair condition with no access to shore.

12-19-1972 City considers taking possession of buildings and all inventory from the Astoria Yacht Club with Club retaining small meeting room. The Yacht Club has leased

the site from the City since 1930's but Yacht Club retained ownership of buildings since they acquired them from the Navy (*Daily Astorian* article).

1-10-1973 City proceeds with acquiring buildings from Yacht Club to move the Parks and Recreation equipment there for storage (*Daily Astorian* article)

1973 City agrees to take possession of buildings from Yacht Club with condition that Yacht Club retain free meeting space for five years. The City intends to use the site for the Senior Center, Teen Center, and Parks storage (*Daily Astorian* article).



3-6-1973 Clatsop Community College marine science program locates at the moorage and in the building for five years. They moor the *Forerunner* at this site. There is disagreement among the City Council whether to fix the buildings or demolish them (*Daily Astorian* article).

1974 Parks Inventory map indicates main hall, storage building, Sea Scouts building to north, boat ramp, flag pole, and Clatsop Community College dock.

4-18-1977 City enters into a written Agreement with Astoria Yacht Club for use of the "Pilot Room" by the Club for five years from 5-1-1977 to 5-1-1982 with automatic renewal yearly. The Club is responsible for maintenance and improvements to that portion of the building but with City permission and City ownership of any improvements.

9-17-1979 City enters into a written Agreement with Clatsop Community College for use of the main building by CCC for five years from 10-6-1979 to 10-6-1984 with automatic renewal yearly. CCC is responsible for maintenance and improvements to that portion of the building but with City permission and City ownership of any improvements. CCC would have exclusive use of the easternmost moorage and two garage bays. CCC would have a full-time caretaker for the facility.

1994-1996 Storage shed east of the Sea Scout building was constructed

1995 Picnic shelter (16' x 16') was constructed

1996 Picnic shelter (14' x 28') was constructed



- 1996 Clatsop Community College constructs MERTS facility at South Tongue Point (CU94-07 and CU96-19) and moves their marine science program to that location.
- 1996 Deck and railing for the fishing pier is repaired
- 1998 Restrooms on west end of building partially remodeled, and restrooms on east end of building remodeled for ADA compliance
- 2005 Ramp entrance installed; restrooms on west end of building remodel completed for ADA compliance
- 2008 Remodel including roof, rewiring, reside one side of building, new floors
- 2009 Fire alarm system was installed
- 2011 Astoria Yacht Club asked to move temporarily to another location so that City could use entire building while other City facilities were renovated. Astoria Yacht Club had to find alternative site when the relocation became more permanent causing some hard feelings among some Yacht Club members.
- 2011 Parking lot was improved and expanded into the greenspace between the main building and the shoreline to accommodate temporary relocation of City Hall
- 8-2011 City Hall offices occupied the building during the renovation of their facility at 1095 Duane Street until 4-2012
- 4-2012 Astoria Police Department occupied the building during the renovation of their facility at 555 30th Street until 1-2013.
- 2013 Pier/walkway was repaired due to storm damage



2014 Astoria Parks and Recreation moved the Parks offices and Astoria Recreation Center (ARC) including exercise room, teen center, community room, classrooms, two kitchens, a flexible fitness studio, and a spin room from Star of Sea School (1411 Grand) to Yacht Club.

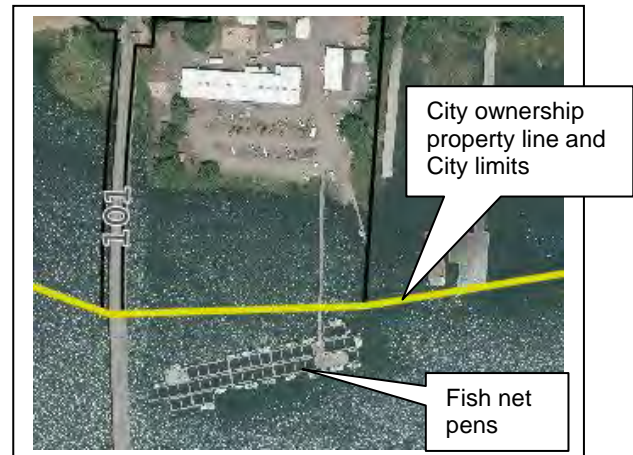
Planter boxes from the Heritage Square site were relocated to the Yacht Club to be used in the parking area and near the picnic buildings and playground.



2015 Astoria Senior Center occupied the building during the renovation of their facility at 1111 Exchange Street until 2-2016.

2016 Current regulations indicate that the hall is limited to 225 persons. The hall may be used for wedding receptions.

The fish net pens are located in Youngs River outside of the City-owned property. They are accessed from the pier/ramp on the City-owned property. The pens are not required to have DSL permit as they are classified exempt as “Essential Indigenous Anadromous Salmonid Habitat” facility. They are located outside the City limits but within the City’s Urban Growth Boundary and are therefore still within the jurisdiction of the City.



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- 6-5-1928 Ordinance 28-50, authorizing execution and deliverance of a deed without restrictions for Blocks 32, 33, 37, 38, Olney’s to Northwestern Pulp and Paper Company
- 1928 Ordinance 28-56, Vacating portions of 7th and 9th Streets south of Olney Avenue and Bay Avenue east of 5th Street, Book 138, Page 245
- 10-21-1974 Resolution 74-42, Setting fees for services - Yacht Club

- 6-23-80 Resolution 80-16, Appropriating grant money for the completion of Yacht Club ramp
- 6-1-1981 Resolution 81-19, To rehabilitate the boat ramp at the Yacht Club
- 3-5-1990 Resolution 90-09, Transferring appropriations; General Fund for Yacht Club roof repair

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

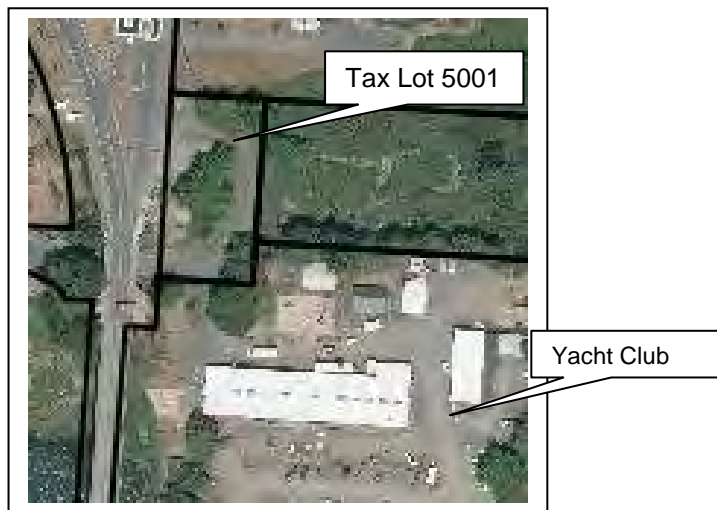
- 9-20-1954 City Council meeting. Gratuitous Agreement between City and US Weather Bureau, dated 5-21-1953 is terminated as the storm warning tower use was discontinued.
- 7-7-1986 Division of State Lands, Moorage Lease ML-705 from 8-1-1986 expired 7-31-2006
- 1991 Steve Fick, Fishhawk Fisheries (1 4th Street), obtains Division of State Lands (DSL) waterway lease (ML708) for a 200' x 300' area in Youngs River on the southwest corner of the site within the City tax lot (note: DSL owns all submerged lands and anyone can request a lease to use the water area. The upland property owner, City in this case, has the "first right of refusal" to lease the area in lieu of the requested lease. The City did not exercise that right and approved the Fick lease.)
- 9-30-1994 Joint DSL/Corps Permit 4251 Renewal for National Shoaling in Youngs Bay ramp

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

A Chain of Title with copies of the deed documents dating back to 1909 is included as an attachment to this report. Ownership of the property changed many times with the City a property owner at various times. Restrictions for any easements within these documents should be reviewed by a professional prior to any sale of property.

- 9-17-1940 Quitclaim Deed from City to Oregon Highway Commission, Book 154, Page 640; portions of Blocks 33 & 37 with stipulation it *" . . . is to be used, occupied and is hereby dedicated as a public street and highway, to-wit: . . . TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the said STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON for the uses and purposes aforesaid forever."* This is now Old Youngs Bay Bridge.
- 2-19-1941 Right-of-way Easement, City to Pacific Power and Light Co, Book 157, Page 518, for the northwest corner of Block 37.
- 6-30-1971 Deed, City to Adult Student Housing (Book 350, Page 438). Access to the site from Old Hwy 101 crosses private property (Map T8N R9W Section 17CC, Tax Lot 5001) currently owned by CIC Bayshore LLC, c/o Cascade Investment

Capital LLC, 15350 SW Sequoia Parkway #250, Portland OR 97224. There is no other physical access to the site. This was sold by the City to Adult Student Housing with the following easements: “. . . unto the public, a perpetual easement and right-of-way for pedestrian and vehicular use of a certain roadway to be constructed by Grantee and which roadway is to be located upon, over, and across the above described property; FURTHER SUBJECT TO AND RESERVING unto the City of Astoria, its successors in interest, and assigns, perpetual easements for the following purposes: The right to construct, install and maintain any utilities over, under and across the above described property in an Easterly and/or Southerly direction for the benefit of all the adjoining and abutting properties now owned and vested in Grantor herein; also, the right to construct, install, and maintain access roads to and from any point on said roadway to be constructed by Grantee, for the benefit of all such adjoining and abutting properties. . . .”

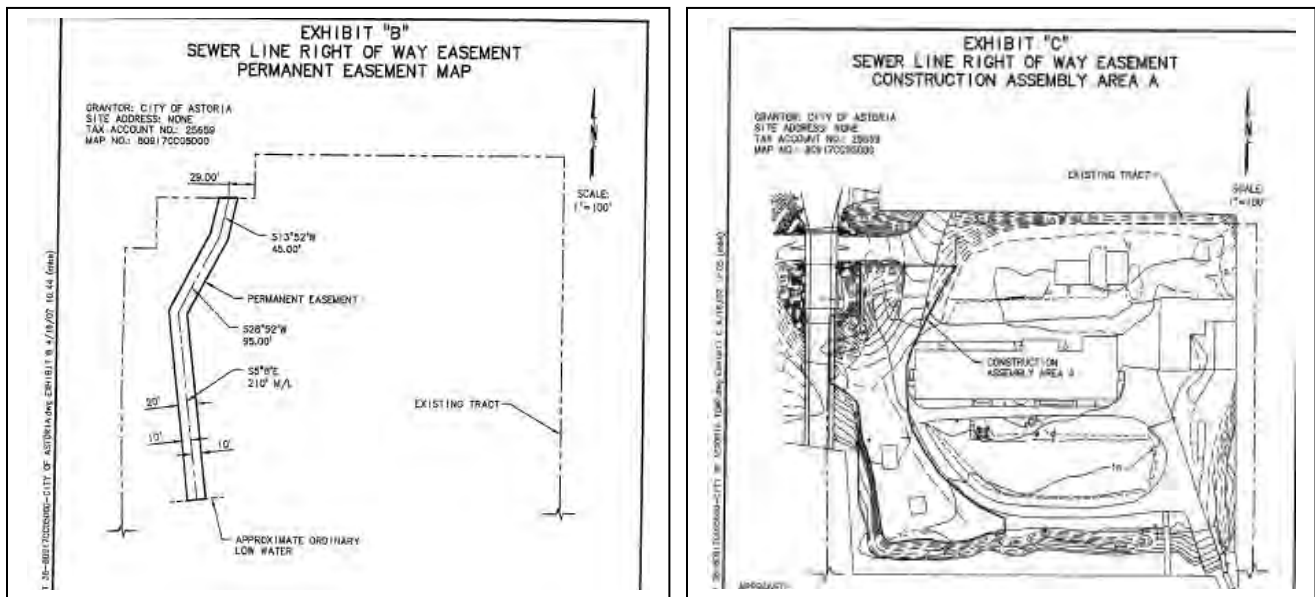


5-24-1972 Quitclaim Deed from County to City; Book 365 Page 297; Parcel B in deed; for upland portion of Block 33 (Tax Lot 5002) and upland portion and riparian rights (submerged lands owned by DSL) of Block 37 (Tax Lot 5000)

6-21-1979 Deed from City to Davis & Brugh, Book 551 Page 150, for Tax Lot 5002 with easement reservation “. . . unto the City of Astoria, its’ successors and assigns an easement for water, sewer, and other utilities along the east 30 feet of the herebefore described property.”



9-20-2007 Easement from City to Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District, #200709945, for a Sewer Line right-of-way Easement for a *“Permanent Easement, A strip of land 20 feet wide. . .”* Exact location of the easement and an additional construction staging area is described in the Easement.



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The site was owned by McEachern Ship, NW Pulp & Paper, Oregon Sulphite Pulp, and use by these owners has not been verified. Sanborn Maps prior to 1948 do not include this site on the maps. The 1948 Sanborn Map indicates the Yacht Club building on the site. The site is also adjacent to the former Bumble Bee Ship Yard. With all of these possible uses, there is a possibility that some environmental issues may be present on the site. Only an environmental evaluation would verify any contamination.

NOTES:

This site provides public access to the Youngs Bay and Youngs River and contains one of the only public boat ramps in the City. Statewide Planning Goal 5 requires maintenance of public access to the water which includes both physical and visual access. Prior to any sale of this property, there would need to be review and approval with Findings of Fact by the Astoria Planning Commission and City Council, as well as concurrence by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to assure that public access is maintained. At the that time, the City and DLCD could determine that access could be maintained through easements or other legal methods.

The City has numerous codes relative to this issue. The full reference to codes is attached as "Public Access to Water". The following are a few excerpt sections:

Astoria Development Code Section 3.130, Maintenance of Public Access to the Water states:

"B. Sale, Exchange or Transfer of Ownership.

The Planning Commission shall review under the provisions of ORS 271.300 through ORS 271.360, proposals for the sale, exchange or transfer of public ownership which provides access to estuarine waters.

C. Existing Public Ownership.

Existing public ownerships, rights-of-way and similar public easements which provide access to or along estuarine waters shall be retained or replaced if they are sold, exchanged or transferred. Rights-of-way may be vacated to permit redevelopment of existing developed shoreland areas provided public access across the affected site is retained."

Astoria Development Code Section 4.140. Public Access to the Estuary and its Shoreline, states:

"Standards in this subsection apply to all uses and activities in Columbia River Estuary shoreland and aquatic areas which directly or indirectly affect public access. "Public access" is used broadly here to include direct physical access to estuary aquatic areas (boat ramps, for example), aesthetic access (viewing opportunities, for example), and other facilities that provide some degree of public access to Columbia River Estuary shorelands and aquatic areas.

- 2. . . The City shall review under the provisions of ORS 271.300 through 271.360 proposals for the sale, exchange or transfer of public ownership which provides access to estuarine waters. Existing public ownerships, right-of-ways, and similar public easements which provide access to or along estuary waters shall be retained or replaced if sold, exchanged or transferred. . ."*

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.275. Parks, Recreation And Open Space Element, Policies, states:

- "12. The City will continue its efforts to improve public access to the shoreline through:*
- a. The construction of public access points, pathways, and street ends;*
 - b. The encouragement of public access projects in conjunction with private waterfront development actions, possibly through the use of local improvement districts and/or grant funds; and*
 - c. The protection of street ends and other public lands from vacation or sale where there is the potential for public access to the water. The City will work with the Division of State Lands (DSL) to determine the status of submerged and submersible lands adjacent to the City street ends."*
- "13. The City will review proposals for the vacation of public easements or rights-of-way which provide access to water areas. Existing rights-of-way and similar*

public easements which provide access to the shoreline shall be retained or replaced if they are sold, vacated, exchanged, or transferred. Rights-of-way may be vacated so long as equal or improved access is provided elsewhere. The Planning Commission will review proposals for street vacations in shoreland areas at a public hearing under the quasi-judicial hearings process."

Comprehensive Plan Section CP.185.L, REGIONAL ESTUARY AND SHORELAND POLICIES, Public Access Policies states:

"Policies in this subsection apply to all uses and activities in Columbia River Estuary shoreland and aquatic areas which directly or indirectly affect public access. "Public access" is used broadly here to include direct physical access to estuary aquatic areas (boat ramps, for example), aesthetic access (viewing opportunities, for example), and other facilities that provide some degree of public access to Columbia River Estuary shorelands and aquatic areas.

1. *The City shall review under ORS 271.080-271.230, proposals for the vacation of public easements or right-of-ways which provide access to or along estuarine waters. The City shall review under the provisions of ORS-271.300-271.360, proposals for the sale, exchange or transfer of public ownership which provides access to estuarine or ocean waters. Existing public ownerships, right-of-ways and similar public easements which provide access to or along estuarine waters shall be retained or replaced if they are sold, exchanged or transferred. Right-of-ways may be vacated to permit redevelopment of existing developed shoreland areas provided public access across the affected site is retained.*
2. *Public access in urban areas shall be preserved and enhanced through waterfront restoration and public facilities construction, and other actions consistent with Astoria's public access plan.*

(Note: Policies suggested in the Public Access Plan have been incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan Sections noted and in the Development Code Section 3.130)

3. *Proposed major shoreline developments shall not, individually or cumulatively, exclude the public from shoreline access to areas traditionally used for fishing, hunting or other shoreline activities.*
4. *Special consideration shall be given toward making the estuary accessible for the physically handicapped or disabled.*
5. *Astoria will develop and implement programs for increasing public access".*

STATEWIDE PLANNING GOALS

Goal 17, COASTAL SHORELANDS OAR 660-015-0010(2) state:

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

"6. *Local government in coordination with the Parks and Recreation Division shall develop and implement a program to provide increased public access. Existing public ownerships, rights of way, and similar public easements in coastal shorelands which provide access to or along coastal waters shall be retained or replaced if sold, exchanged or transferred. Rights of way may be vacated to permit redevelopment of shoreland areas provided public access across the affected site is retained.*"

"C. **OPEN SPACE, NATURAL AREAS AND AESTHETIC RESOURCES, AND RECREATION**

Coastal shorelands provide many areas of unique or exceptional value and benefit for open space, natural areas, and aesthetic and recreational use. The requirements of the Goals for Open Spaces, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Natural Resources (Goal 5) and Recreational Needs (Goal 8) should be carefully coordinated with the coastal shoreland planning effort. The plan should provide for appropriate public access to and recreational use of coastal waters. Public access through and the use of private property shall require the consent of the owner and is a trespass unless appropriate easements and access have been acquired in accordance with law."

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

property location map.Yacht Club

1974 Parks Inventory map

ADA self evaluation.8-15-2008

Agreement.Astoria Yacht Club.5-1-1977

Agreement.CCC.4-20-1973

Assignment of Lease.CCC.4-20-1987

After School Prog Intergov Agmt for Svc with Co and State.11-2007

Moorage Lease ML705.Yacht Club

Purchase feasibility report.6-7-1972

Chain of Title Report.includes deeds.2-1-2011

Deed.City to Davis and Brugh.B551p150.6-21-1979

Quitclaim deed.Co to City.B365 P297.5-24-1972

Deed.City Adult Student Housing.B350 p438.7-16-1971

Deed memo.3-29-1954

Weather Bureau donation of tower to City.9-30-1954

2015 aerial

Miles Crossing sewer line easement exhibits B & C

Sewer Line Easement Agreement.Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer Dist.200709945.9-20-2007

Administrative Practices.Community Hall Use Rules Sect 400

NAME OF PARK: Youngs River Falls

AKA:

ADDRESS:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Map T7N R9W Section 27, Tax Lot 500

DEDICATION STATUS PER CITY CODE 5.926:

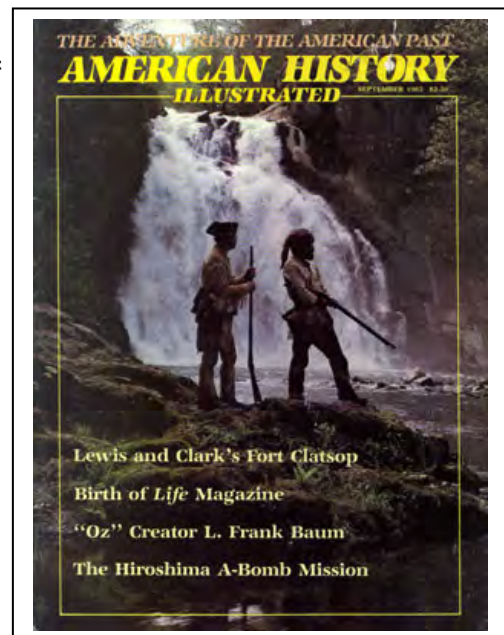
HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS:

HISTORY OF THE SITE/ SPECIAL STORIES:

Youngs River was discovered in 1792 by William Robert Broughton of the Vancouver Expedition, and named for Admiral Sir George Young of the Royal Navy, however the falls were not seen at this time. Credit to discovery of the falls lies with Sergeant Patrick Gass, a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition who was leading a hunting party on March 1, 1806 and made note of the falls in his journal. No mention was made of whether or not Lewis or Clark visited the falls themselves, and the party left Fort Clatsop within 3 weeks of the discovery of the falls.

The veiling horsetail style falls is 54' high by 45' wide. City owned area is 11.3 acres.

8-1985 *American History Illustrated* magazine cover (Volume 20, Issue 5, "This Place of Encampment") included a photo of the Falls with local Fort Clatsop National Memorial Park Rangers Curt Johnson and Dan Datillio dressed as Lewis & Clark explorers (Andrew Cier photograph).



1986 "Benji the Hunted" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. There was a scene filmed at the Falls.

1992 "Budweiser" beer advertisement was filmed at the Falls. The Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale horses were transported to the site to run up the river. The film crew was concerned that the horses would get injured running in the uneven river bed, so they wanted to lay a flat gravel path in the river for them. It took a lot of permits and

negotiations to get permission to put the gravel path in the River, but they were able to finally get the permits and had to return the River to its original condition when filming was complete.

- 1992 "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. The director fell in love with the scenery around the Falls. He had a scene written into the script to include the Falls just so that he could film there.
- 1992 "Free Willy" was filmed at various locations in Clatsop County. While filming at this site, the City movie liaison Mike Ramsdell (City Engineering Tech) showed the young actor (Jason James Richter) playing "Jessie" some of the local chalk rocks that could be used to write on other rocks. When the director saw this, he got mad as the markings the boy was making would compromise the filming of the scenes at that site.
- 1993 "Marlboro" cigarette advertisement was filmed at the Falls. The scene included chuck wagons and men on horseback. When the Marlboro man was referred to as a "cowboy", he made it clear he was not a cowboy, he was a "model".

FACILITIES HISTORY/EVOLUTION:

- 4-9-1926 Water Resources Department permit 7257 for use of the Falls for production of hydroelectric energy. Work was proposed to be completed between 1930 and 1932. Never constructed.
- 1982 Water Resources Department "non-consumption water rights" permit 63417 for construction of a diversion dam at the Falls for production of hydroelectric energy. Letter dated 6-7-1983 from Water Resources Department states permit is expired as project never completed.
- 1990 Boy Scout Charles Anderson, 682 39th Street, Astoria, conducted an Eagle Scout project to restore the trail.
- 1993 "General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Fort Clatsop National Memorial", under "Proposed Action – Alternative" states that *"The National Park Service would encourage the City of Astoria to protect the Youngs River Falls site as an important local aspect of Lewis and Clark history. Ownership of the Youngs River Falls site would be retained by the City of Astoria, but a cooperative agreement would be negotiated with the National Park Service for NPS to provide technical assistance in improving visitor and interpretive facilities at the site."*
- 1994 City and County discuss getting the NPS more involved in the management of the Falls area. Nothing in the files indicating any agreements.
- 2001 Interpretive signs were vandalized and subsequently repaired by the City.
- 2001 City had AmeriCorps volunteers repair and improve the trails.

- 2011 Astoria High School student under the guidance of Andrew Rasmussen did trail improvements as a Senior Project
- 2011 Lewis and Clark Oregon Timber (Campbell Group) donate improvements to the site. In a letter dated 12-5-2011, the Mayor thanks them for the work and requests they donate additional land for future observation platform, improved trails, loop road, and a vault restroom.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

- 9-19-2011 City Council approves a Cooperative Management Agreement with the National Park Service, Fort Clatsop NM, for cooperative management and improvements of the site. Agreement was for five years to 2016. It was noted that the site should remain in local government ownership.

DEED AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 4-17-1928 Deed, Crown Willamette Paper Co. to City, Book 123 Page 588; (map 70927-500) with reversionary clause:
“ . . . for use in construction, operation and maintenance of a municipal water supply system and municipal purposes connected therewith. Provided, however, that this deed is made upon the condition that if said property shall be abandoned by the City of Astoria, or its successors, for use in the construction, maintenance and operation of a municipal water supply system, or municipal uses connected therewith, or in case the said City of Astoria shall transfer, or attempt to transfer, the same to private interests, then, in any one of the said events, the said title hereby conveyed shall revert to the grantor, its successors or assigns. . . ”

Several surveys of the site and surrounding properties help identify the property lines:

bearings survey history.BT-1965.7-23-2004
survey.CS# 00785.8-12-1966
survey.CS# 12018 1-2 (1).3-3-2006
survey.CS# 12018 2-2 (1).3-3-2006 (for Weyerhouser and City)
survey.CS# 12291 1-23-17-2008
survey.CS# 12291 2-2.3-17-2008

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

NOTES:

Ownership of the Falls by the City is of interest to the Public Works Department due to water rights. With the reversionary clause, the property would revert to Crown Willamette Paper Co if not used for municipal water facility.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos

bearings survey history.BT-1965.7-23-2004

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water use permit 7257 for hydroelectric.4-9-1926

Youngs River Falls.hydroelectric project map.1982

Youngs River Falls.hydroelectric project.permit 63417.rejection letter 6-17-1988

County Assessor map

County Assessor map with aerial

Cooperative Management Agrmt with NPS.9-19-11 (City Council agenda)

Falls improvements.L&C OR Timber.12-2011

Deed.Crown Willamette Paper Co. Bk 123 Pg 588. 4-17-1928 (map 70927-500)

american history.8-1985 Vol 20 Issue 5 this Place of Encampment

Julie Yuill

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:13 AM
To: Julie Yuill
Subject: In 20 years (2036) our current park acreage is needed for our projected 2036 population #1

Dear Councilors,

During the last 15 years the City has continued to increase the number of parks we enjoy — even though the City has reduced (as a percentage of the General Fund) what the Parks should have been receiving to maintain employee numbers with the necessary salary increases. It is good that we have increased the number of parks, because it has allowed us to have what is necessary in each of the following categories for our expected population of 10,088 in 2020 and also in 20 years with a population of 11,710 in 2036 (therefore divide Astoria's acreage for each category by 11.7) It is this 20 years that the City believes they need to repurpose (that is sell) our parks "to maintain a 20 year supply of residential or commercial land," but as you can read We Need All the Parks in the categories listed below in 2036.

Recommended Oregon LOS (acres/1000 population)	Astoria's acreage managed by APRD	LOS for Astoria in 2036 (acres/1,000 population)
Community Parks 2.0 - 6.0	23.7	2.0 Meets recommendation
Destination Parks 20 - 30	49.5	4.2 "Meets recommendation"
Linear Parks .5 - 1.5	36.4(Riverwalk)	3.4 Exceeds recommendation
Nature Parks 2 - 6	61.3	5.2 Meets recommendation
Neighborhood Parks 1 - 2	20.1	1.7 Meets recommendation
Pocket Parks .25 - 0.5	5.5	0.5 Meets recommendation
Regional Parks 5-10	0	0 "Meets recommendation"
Regional Sports Parks 5-10	0	0 "Satisfactory"
Special Use Parks N/A	3.77	0. N/A
Urban Plaza Parks 0.1 - 0.2	0.25	0.02 Needs exists
Total 6.25-15	201.52	17.2 Exceeds recommendation because of the Riverwalk*

*Astoria's Total parks (17.2) just meets the Oregon Median LOS of 17.3 acres/1000 population (Page 32 of Park Mater Plan)

"Quote " Marks found above means "facilities managed by other agencies contributes to meeting this need."

The information found above is using the information from table 4.2 on page 32 of the of the Astoria Comprehensive Mater Plan for Parks. Instead of using the 2014 population I used the "Potential Population Growth" assumptions for 2036 found on page eight of section 2.1. As you can read we are within the range and Meet Recommendations for each category except for a large outlier — the Riverwalk and also thanks to other government agencies efforts.

Julie Yuill

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:14 AM
To: Julie Yuill
Subject: People say do not sell our Parks, but city staff says to sell #2

Dear Councilor,

"Community input from over 1,200 users of Astoria Parks and Recreation's facilities and services." (Executive Summary)

Part of these 1,200 user were those of the Focus Groups and their more than 40 subgroups that provided input (April 2016 Focus Group Summary) The only group that mentioned selling our parks was City Staff, but they are not supported by the public. This would especially be true if people understood that there is nothing in the plan that guarantees the Parks Department receiving the money from selling off our parks.

Community Input: *While the public highly favors increased staffing and revenue, they also want the City to keep and maintain unused park properties instead of selling them. They are concerned that once parkland is sold, it can never be reclaimed.*" (Approved minutes of the Astoria Parks and Recreation Mater Plan Citizens Advisory Committee April 21 2016)

"Cemetery operations: *The APRD maintenance division manages and provides all cemetery activities at Ocean View Cemetery. Prior to 2011, there was maintenance staff dedicated full-time to cemetery operations, but since then the Grounds and Facilities Coordinators, under the guidance of the Maintenance Supervisor, carry out all activities including: preparing full and cremation burials, disinterment services, selling graves, locating graves, caring for turf and ornamental plantings, and enforcing rules and regulations.*" (Page 21) It is these 100 acres that make it very difficult on parks staff — especially because each year since 2009 they have had less for their parks budget as a percentage of the City's General Fund than the previous year. It is also these 100 acres that overemphasizes the amount of "park land" we have and must maintain.

Oregon's Median Level of Service (LOS) (acres/1,000 population) is 17.3 acres. (Page 32) It is only because of our large 36.4 acres of linear parks (Riverwalk) that we exceed this amount in 2016. In 20 years (2036) we will be just under the median with 17.2 acres based on the population assumption on page 8. Just as you are being told to plan for the needed land uses in 20 years (2036) for residential or commercial you also need to maintain our park acreage in each category so Astoria will have the median park acreage found throughout Oregon. Remember as we begin building more multi-family units to meet our housing needs, we will also need all our parks for those who do not have yards.

The areas we will continue to exceed recommendations in 20 years (2036) are our number of Park Amenities shown on page 33. These are facilities like baseball, softball, and soccer fields as well as basketball and volleyball courts. As a retired teacher I feel these uses are very important, but I believe many of them can be maintained by youth group adoptions. Picnic shelters and playgrounds will also exceed recommended amounts

in 2020 and 2036 based on numbers not acreage, but I believe our neighborhoods need these small areas for a healthy community.

"Selling underutilized parkland was the main draft recommendation that did not rate favorably. Respondents strongly preferred reducing maintenance and converting underutilized parks into natural areas, or developing underutilized parks with new amenities to satisfy unmet community needs." (Page 41)

"Regarding facilities, the community has expressed that reconfiguration or alternative use is strongly preferred to sale." (Page 55)

Since there is a strong appearance that our City Staff is pushing the sale of our parks, some believe that their future "further investigation" and "additional analysis" into selling our parks would be biased. It is difficult for a "public process" to undo such staff reports.

"Investigate alternative options for the maintenance of 'non-park' land currently managed by APRD" (Page 56) This is the area of the plan that I believe the City needs to investigate further and then follow through. This would save money and free staff for other areas.

Thank you for considering this information,

George (Mick) Hague

Julie Yuill

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:18 AM
To: Julie Yuill
Subject: Parks Director agrees people said they were not in favor of selling our parks #3

Dear Councilor,

I have watched the City's input to the Parks Master Plan from the beginning and read their response as part of the 13 Focus Groups and over 40 subgroups. Our City was the only one of those that brought up the idea of selling of our parks. I therefore began concerned that this would be the push before the Planning Commission and you — even though it was not the result of the surveys or the plan itself.

I am sure you read the Daily Astorian (6-17-2016) which had the following line: "'There's nothing that the city or the parks can point to that says the citizenry is in favor of selling,' he said. Cosby said Hague is correct." (page A8)

I was and am concerned that the City will push for recommending the selling of our parks. Therefore I went back and looked at the Planning Commission's staff reports and minutes from April and May as well as the upcoming meeting's staff report with none of them mentioning the wishes of the people. My concern continues to be justified.

At this past week's Parks and Recreation Board meeting one member verbalized that she never realized that the money the City would realize from selling our parks would not go back to our Parks Department. You could tell from the faces of others that they also never understood this and it brings into question the validity of the survey for the minority of people who were in favor of selling. What would their response have been if they realized upon selling our parks that the money did not go back into the Park's Department operating budget?

Below my name is all there is in next week's Planning Commission meeting staff report about the Parks Master Plan — except for the plan itself. There is nothing within the staff report about the desire of the people to not sell our parks. Instead there is the idea that we need to sell our parks to "*to satisfy other City land use needs to maintain a 20 year supply of residential or commercial land.*" With the City in charge of "*future investigations*" and "*additional analysis*" what do you think will be the outcome? Based on the City's current thinking we might as well plan to sell all our parks "*to satisfy other City land use needs*" during the next 100 years.

Sincerely,

George (Mick) Hague

The Planning Commission agenda packet can be found at the bottom.

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**A16-03:Parks Master Plan - Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Staff Report - Addendum**

"The following finding will replace the finding in staff report A16-03 dated May 17, 2016

D. Section 10.070(A)(2) concerning Text Amendments requires that "The amendment will not adversely affect the ability of the City to satisfy land and water use needs."

*The proposed amendment does not directly affect impacts to water use needs. It does not adversely affect future land use needs. In terms of projecting future land needs, the plan identifies a higher than normal level of parkland per capita and several under-utilized sites, which warrants further investigation as to land that could be **repurposed** to satisfy other City land use needs to maintain a 20 year supply of residential or commercial land. The future designation of lands for other purpose will require additional analysis and public process separate from the proposed plan amendments to the Comprehensive Plan."*

Julie Yuill

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:20 AM
To: Julie Yuill
Subject: Even our 2020 populations shows we need our existing park = Meets Recommendation #4

Dear Astoria City Councilors,

The percentage of the general fund that the City has provided to the Parks and Recreation Department has appeared to go down every year since about 2009. While it was above 10% from the year 2000 through 2010, it has been lower since then and has continued declining every year. This decline also matches the decline in their staff. The City needs to reinvest in the parks and that was very evident from the surveys people filled out in regards to the parks in our City.

During the last 15 years the City has continued to increase the number of parks we enjoy — even though the City has reduced what the Parks should have been receiving to maintain employee numbers with the necessary salary increases. It is good that we have increased the number of parks, because it has allowed us to have what is necessary in each of the following categories for our expected 2020 population of 10,088 (therefore divide each park category total acreage by 10.1) :

Recommended Oregon LOS (acres/1000 population)	Astoria's acreage managed by APRD	LOS for Astoria in 2020 (acres/1,000 population)
Community Parks 2.0 - 6.0	23.7	2.3 Meets recommendation
Destination Parks 20 - 30	49.5	4.9 "Meets recommendation"
Linear Parks .5 - 1.5	36.4(Riverwalk)	3.6 Exceeds recommendation
Nature Parks 2 - 6	61.3	6.1 Exceeds recommendation by one tenth
Neighborhood Parks 1 - 2	20.1	2.0 Meets recommendation
Pocket Parks .25 - 0.5	5.5	0.5 Meets recommendation
Regional Parks 5-10	0	0 "Meets recommendation"
Regional Sports Parks 5-10	0	0 "Satisfactory"
Special Use Parks N/A	3.77	0.4 N/A
Urban Plaza Parks 0.1 - 0.2	0.25	0.02 Needs exists

The information found above is using the information from table 4.2 on page 32 of the of the Astoria Comprehensive Mater Plan for Parks. Instead of using the 2014 population I used the "Potential Population Growth" for 2020 found on

page eight of section 2.1. As you can read we are basically within the range for each category except for a large outlier because of the Riverwalk and also thanks to private/other government agencies efforts.

The same is true for Total Parks. If you remove the Riverwalk outlier of 36.4 acres we are very close to the range of total parks at 16.3 acres/1000 population in the year 2020. If you remove the outlier and use the Potential Population Growth for 2030 we are within the LOS range for total parks of 6.25 - 15 acres/1000 population as seen at the bottom of table 4.2.

Astoria's limited space makes it very difficult to find more parks once they are sold. If you think finding the money to maintain what we have is difficult now, I believe it will be impossible in 15 years to buy even more scarce land for needed parks. We should maintain the parks we have for future populations— even if that means letting them go to more controlled natural areas as recommended by the public in the park survey. The more we build higher density housing the more we will need City parks for the people without yards.

The area we exceed recommendations based on Table 4.4 on page 33 is active parks like baseball and softball and soccer fields. I would find it sad to remove these opportunities from our children and active adults.

Based on the table found above and using 2020 population projections we are within the guidelines—except for the Riverwalk. Please listen to the people who have said do not sell our parks. Do not justify selling parks by saying we are relatively close to parks like Fort Stevens. Those in the park's survey understood this and still said do not sell our parks.

I could support selling real estate (buildings) like the Astoria Recreational Center (ARC) as long as we maintain access to Youngs Bay.

Thank you for reading,

George (Mick) Hague

Julie Yuill

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:26 AM
To: Julie Yuill
Subject: Peoples input on not selling needs to override staff findings #5

Dear Councilors,

Re: Community input on Park Master Plan concerning not selling our parks.

As the results of the survey questions found below show there was never any consensus that the community wanted to sell what some person would decide was an under-utilized park. In fact it was just the opposite and if a park did become underutilized it was recommended that it be transitioned "into natural areas" — not sold. Even the comments following that were part of the survey for these questions (M2.1 and M2.2) do not give the impression that the public wants our existing parklands sold. Please go to the original data which can be found at the Parks and Recreation website (http://astoriaparks.com/Master_Plan.aspx) under Master Plan. There you can click on "April 2016 Focus Group Summary" where 13 Groups and more than 40 subgroups responded representing many interests. Only once was it mentioned that parks "could be repurposed or sold" and that came from the City Staff "Focus Group". This is because some city staff believes "there is an over supply of parks and recreation land relative to population and the needs assessment."

At the same Park website you can read the approved April 21st minutes of the APR Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee has the following:

- *"While the public highly favors increased staffing and revenue, they also want the City to keep and maintain unused park properties instead of selling them. They are concerned that once parkland is sold, it can never be reclaimed."*

M2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling or transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

Strongly Disagree(23) Disagree(9)

Agree(8) Strongly Agree (11)

This question was not asked in the online survey. See M2.1 and M2.2, which were introduced into the online survey to differentiate the two concepts for reducing the number of park sites that need regular maintenance.

M2.1: Create a more manageable parks system by transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

Strongly Disagree (5) Disagree (10)

Agree (21) Strongly Agree (19)

M2.2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling under-utilized parks

Strongly Disagree (16) Disagree (9)

Agree (14) Strongly Agree (8)

There is nothing on which with the City or the Parks department can point to from the surveys that justifies having you approve anything that allows the selling of our parks. To make matters worse the City does not even say where all the money would go if they did sell our parks — such as requiring it be given to the Parks and Recreation department. I again urge you to go to the original data where you will read comments like “Public space is valuable and not easily found, once sold.”

"Selling underutilized parkland was the main draft recommendation that did not rate favorably. Respondents strongly preferred reducing maintenance and converting underutilized parks into natural areas, or developing underutilized parks with new amenities to satisfy unmet community needs." (Page 41 of Draft Astoria Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan)

At the June 16, 2016 Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee meeting I heard several member express when they agreed to selling they meant it was okay to sell real estate (meaning buildings) like where they were meeting — the Astoria Recreation Center (ARC)—, but not parks.

The fact that question M2 found above was rewritten for the online version shows that they did not like the answer found above which was very strong against selling park lands. The online version, however, also did not support selling our parks and I hope you will agree with that position. The more than 40 sub groups of the Focus Groups also never mentioned selling our parks — except for city staff.

Saying these sales will be part of future public hearings will not be good enough. My experience with the Bridge Vista portion of the Riverfront Vision Plan showed that public hearings mean very little when the Councilors can point to a previous document to justify their decisions to sell. Please remember what the people have said in the original surveys as well as within the Parks Master Plan and do not let Staff Findings be what is before you in five years when you decide to sell.

Thank you for listening to the people,

George (Mick) Hague

P.S. Some believe the City staff thinks we have too much park land and is eyeing our parks to provide space for future high density housing, but it is these very users of this type of housing that needs our parks/open space more than any others in our city.

Julie Yuill

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:56 AM
To: Julie Yuill
Subject: What others beside the ARC and the Cemetery and Birch Field are poised to be sold? #6

Dear City Councilors,

Please get a list of the parks that the Parks Department might allow to be sold before approving the Finding found below which seems to open the the sale of all parks that are not encumbered with legal descriptions. You and the public deserve this information before you vote — not later. Is it limited to the ARC and the Ocean View Cemetery as well as Birch Field & Park? Chances are the answer is no, because of the open ended wording in the Finding as seen below that you will approve. Remember based on the 20 year (2036) park acreage/1000 population, as shown in my previous letter, we need our existing parks to meet our median amount of parks that are available throughout other Oregon jurisdictions.

*Finding: The proposed amendment does not directly affect impacts to water use needs. It does not adversely affect future land use needs. In terms of projecting future land needs, the plan identifies a higher than normal level of parkland per capita and several under-utilized sites, which warrants further investigation as to land that could be **repurposed** to satisfy other City land use needs to maintain a 20 year supply of residential or commercial land. The future designation of lands for other purpose will require additional analysis and public process separate from the proposed plan amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. "*

Even though the Planning Commission approved the Plan this past Tuesday evening there were some strong words and sentiment against selling our parks.

I find it sad that it wasn't until the last minutes of the last Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that they asked if the money from selling of parks would be given to the Parks Departments. They were told that there was nothing in the plan to require that and I could tell they were not pleased. **This brings into question any previous statements made about individual board members agreeing to the idea of selling our parks.**

Please keep in mind the following from the Park Mater Plan and approved minutes:

Community Input: While the public highly favors increased staffing and revenue, they also want the City to keep and maintain unused park properties instead of selling them. They are concerned that once parkland is sold, it can never be reclaimed." (Approved minutes of the Astoria Parks and Recreation Mater Plan Citizens Advisory Committee April 21 2016)

"Selling underutilized parkland was the main draft recommendation that did not rate favorably. Respondents strongly preferred reducing maintenance and

converting underutilized parks into natural areas, or developing underutilized parks with new amenities to satisfy unmet community needs." (Page 41)

"Regarding facilities, the community has expressed that reconfiguration or alternative use is strongly preferred to sale." (Page 55)

Sincerely,

George (Mick) Hague

BEFORE THE ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF ASTORIA

IN THE MATTER OF AN AMENDMENT)

FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:)
CITY WIDE, ASTORIA OR 97103)

ORDER NO. A16-03

APPLICANT: ASTORIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT,)
CITY OF ASTORIA, 1095 DUANE, ASTORIA OR 97103)

The above named applicant applied to the City for Amendment A16-03 to amend the Astoria Comprehensive Plan to include the Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, City Wide, Astoria, Oregon 97103.

A public hearing on the above entitled matter was held before the Astoria Planning Commission on May 24, 2016; and the Astoria Planning Commission closed the public hearing and rendered a decision at the June 28, 2016 meeting.

The Planning Commission found the proposed amendment to be necessary and recommends to the Astoria City Council that the proposed amendment be approved. *A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant, the staff report, and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost.*

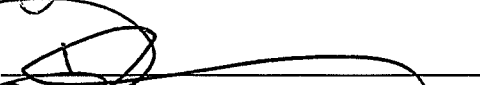
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ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 28, 2016

TO: ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: IAN SISSON, PLANNER – PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

SUBJECT: TEXT UPDATES TO ASTORIA PARKS AND RECREATION
COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

DISCUSSION

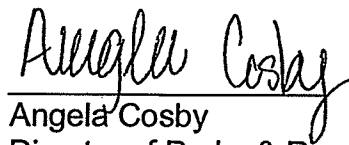
Attached are two pages highlighting text changes that have been made to the draft Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. The following changes were made:

- In section 3.5 "Indoor Facilities Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation", two facilities were identified as missing from the inventory table, and have since been added: Astoria Batting Cages at 200 Tapiola Park Loop, 6,000 square feet, in good condition; Pioneer Cemetery Mausoleum at 15th & Niagara, 150 square feet, in poor condition. This brings the total square feet for this category to 71,300 (up from 65,150).
- In section 4.2 "Parkland: Level of Service", a column has been added to the table that shows a projection for acres of parkland per 1,000 residents in Astoria in the year 2030. The calculation assumes no change in the current acreage of parkland provided by the City, and a 1% annual population growth. This column was added to help identify future system needs and can be used to help in determining the appropriate amount of parkland provided by the City.

RECOMMENDATION

The Astoria Planning Commission should include the changes as shown in their recommendation of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment, A16-03.

Submitted By:


Angela Cosby
Director of Parks & Recreation

By:


Ian Sisson
Planner, Parks & Recreation
Department

3.4 Additional Land Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Site Name	Location	Acreage
13th Street City Parking Lot	13th St & Duane St	0.2
15th Street Triangle	15th St & Marine Drive	0.2
18th Street Flower Beds	Marine Drive to Exchange St	0.1
8th Street Triangle	8th St & Marine Dr	0.1
Aquatic Center Grounds	1997 W Marine Drive	2.2
Astoria Senior Center Grounds	11th St & Exchange St	0.1
Exchange Street Parkway	17th St to 20th St	0.3
Library Parking Lot	10th St & Exchange St	0.2
Marine Drive Parkway	10th St to 23rd St	1.5
Portal Park - East	33rd St & Marine Drive	0.2
Portal Park - West	Taylor St & W Marine Drive	0.4
Smith Point Traffic Circle	Hwy 101 & Hwy 202	3.2
West Bond Street Triangle	W Bond Street & Marine Drive	0.1
Total Acreage		8.8

3.5 Indoor Facilities Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Facility/Name	Location	Square Feet	Condition
Alderbrook Hall	45th & Leif Erickson Dr	1,500	Poor
Astoria Aquatic Center	1997 Marine Dr	25,000	Fair
Astoria Batting Cages	200 Tapiola Park Loop	6,000	Good
Astoria Column/Gift Shop/Caretaker House	1 Coxcomb Dr	2,000	Fair
Astoria Recreation Center	1555 W Marine Dr	14,000	Poor
Astoria Senior Center	1111 Exchange St	6,600	Excellent
Customs House	35th & Leif Erickson Dr	500	Fair
Doughboy Monument	Columbia Ave & Marine Dr	250	Poor
Downtown Restrooms	12th & Exchange	300	Fair
Lil' Sprouts Academy*	785 Alameda Ave	6,000	Fair
Ocean View Cemetery Chapel	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	800	Fair
Ocean View Cemetery Maintenance Shop	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	1,200	Poor
Parks Maintenance Shop	1555 W Marine Dr	3,500	Poor
Pioneer Cemetery Mausoleum	15th & Niagara	150	Poor
Port of Play*	785 Alameda Ave	1,500	Fair
Shively Hall	1530 Shively Park Road	2,000	Poor
Total square feet:		71,300	

3.6 Trails Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Trail/Name	Length (miles)	Surface	Use	Condition
11th Street Steps	0.05	Paved	Moderate	Fair
Evergreen Park to Shively Park	0.2	Dirt	Low	Poor
Richard Fenscak Cathedral Tree Trail	1.3	Dirt	High	Poor
River Walk	6.4	Paved	Very High	Fair
Shively Park Loop	0.3	Paved	Moderate	Good
Tapiola Park Loop	0.5	Paved	Moderate	Good
Total mileage:	8.75			

4.2 Parkland: Level of Service

Parkland Type	Recommended Oregon LOS (acres/1,000 population)	Oregon Median LOS (acres/1,000 population)	Acres Managed by APRD (total parks)	APRD LOS in 2016 (acres/1,000 population)	LOS Status	LOS Based on Possible 2030 Population (11,143)
Community Parks	2.0 - 6.0	2.1	23.7 (2)	2.5	Meets recommendation	2.1
Destination Parks	20.0 - 30.0	-	49.5 (2)	5.2	Meets recommendation +	4.4
Linear Parks	0.5 - 1.5	0.9	36.4 (1)	3.8	Exceeds recommendation	3.3
Nature Parks	2.0 - 6.0	2.3	61.3 (10)	6.5	Exceeds recommendation	5.5
Neighborhood Parks	1.0 - 2.0	0.6	20.1 (4)	2.1	Exceeds recommendation	1.8
Pocket Parks	0.25 - 0.5	0.16	5.5 (10)	0.6	Exceeds recommendation	0.5
Regional Parks	5.0 - 10.0	9.2	0	0	Meets recommendation +	0
Regional Sports Parks	5.0 - 10.0	-	0	0	Satisfactory *	0
Special Use Parks *	N/A	1.98	3.77 (8)	0.4	N/A	0.3
Urban Plaza Parks	0.1 - 0.2	0.1	0.25 (1)^	0.03	Need exists^	0.02
Total	6.25 - 15	17.3	201.5 (38)	21.2	Exceeds recommendation	18.1

": Does not include Ocean View Cemetery (100 acres)

": Facilities managed by other agencies contribute to meeting this need.

": There is generally a lack of sufficient land area in Astoria to accommodate "Regional Sports Parks" as defined in the Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. It was determined that the need for this type of facility is met sufficiently, between a number of private and public facilities that are offered within Astoria and its surrounding communities.

": Approximately 1 acre would be added, should the City of Astoria complete the development of Heritage Square, at which point the recommendation for Urban Plaza Parks would be met.

**A16-03: Parks Master Plan – Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Staff Report - Addendum**

The following findings will replace the findings in staff report A16-03 dated May 17, 2016:

- D. Section 10.070(A)(2) concerning Text Amendments requires that *"The amendment will not adversely affect the ability of the City to satisfy land and water use needs."*

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Executive Summary

The 2016 Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan is the first known parks and recreation plan for the City of Astoria. The process involved substantial community input to evaluate current facilities and services, and create a vision and strategy for the future of the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department. This document is intended to be used and updated regularly, and to serve as the foundational guide for decision-making bodies, including Department staff, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Astoria City Council.

The Plan's first three sections give an overview of the planning process, profile of the community, and state of the Department. Section 1 describes the planning process, methods used, objectives, sources of input, and related planning documents. Section 2 provides an overview of the City of Astoria's population and economic demographics and trends, public health issues, zoning relative to parkland, and transportation network relative to parkland, to provide context for the Plan. Section 3, State of the Department, outlines the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department's organization, staffing, and budget relative to its inventory of programs and services, parkland, trails, indoor facilities, and other properties it manages.

The Plan's next two sections evaluate the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department's level of service and identify its needs. Section 4 measures Astoria's facilities and services against recommendations established by the State of Oregon such as parkland per capita, and provides information regarding recreation programs typically offered by municipal parks and recreation departments. Section 5 extends the comparison analysis to more specific planning issues in peer communities, as well as state and nation-wide. Community input from over 1,200 users of Astoria Parks and Recreation's facilities and services is also summarized in Section 5.

The final sections of the Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan outline recommended actions and a strategy for funding and implementation of the plan. Section 6 describes recommendations for maintenance, planning, communications and marketing, partnerships, operations, and capital projects. Each recommendation includes background and reference information that ties back to previous sections. Section 7, the Implementation Strategy, organizes the recommendations into a matrix that includes estimated costs, target completion dates, and responsible parties.

Key findings:

- Astorians rate parks and recreation facilities as extremely important to their quality of life.
- Despite a cost recovery rate of nearly double the national average, and a top-quartile standing for revenue generated per capita, the Department struggles to achieve the most basic level of maintenance and safety for its facilities, and personnel to support its programs.
- Major cuts to staffing in 2011, combined with a rapidly growing inventory of facilities and programs, high expectations from the community, and decreasing general fund tax support, have contributed to a significant maintenance deficit and high staff turnover.
- Astoria's parks system includes nearly double the amount of parkland per capita than peer communities nation-wide, yet operates with 25% fewer full time employees and spends 23% less per acre of parkland.
- The community prioritizes proper maintenance levels of the Department's existing facilities over new development.
- The highest priority recommendations of this plan, as identified by the Master Plan Citizen Advisory Committee, Parks Advisory Board, and the community, include: increasing staff capacity to meet level of service expectations, increasing revenues to meet level of service expectations, developing a system-wide maintenance plan, developing and connecting the trail system, and improving communications and marketing.
- Many recommendations outlined in the plan will not be possible to implement without additional staff capacity and reliable funding sources.

The Astoria Parks and Recreation Department looks forward to improving Astoria's parks and recreation system through the recommendations of this plan, and would like to thank the community it serves for an incredible level of engagement throughout the process, the Citizen Advisory Committee for its thoughtful guidance and attention to detail, the Parks Advisory Board for their support and input, and RARE participant Ian Sisson for facilitating the planning process and producing this document.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Summary**
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1.1 Summary

The creation of a City of Astoria Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan (the "Plan") was adopted as a City Council Goal for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The need for a system-wide parks and recreation master plan was identified as a priority by the City Council and Parks & Recreation Department (the "Department") staff. The Department has not had a master plan in place that provides guidance and policy direction in the past.

The Plan assesses the current inventory and conditions of parkland and facilities, measures the level of service provided by the Department, identifies community needs, and establishes a set of recommendations on these analyses, providing action items for the Department to carry out. An implementation and funding strategy was developed to guide fulfillment of the recommended actions, which encompass maintenance and operations, capital projects, communications and marketing, partnerships, and further planning initiatives.

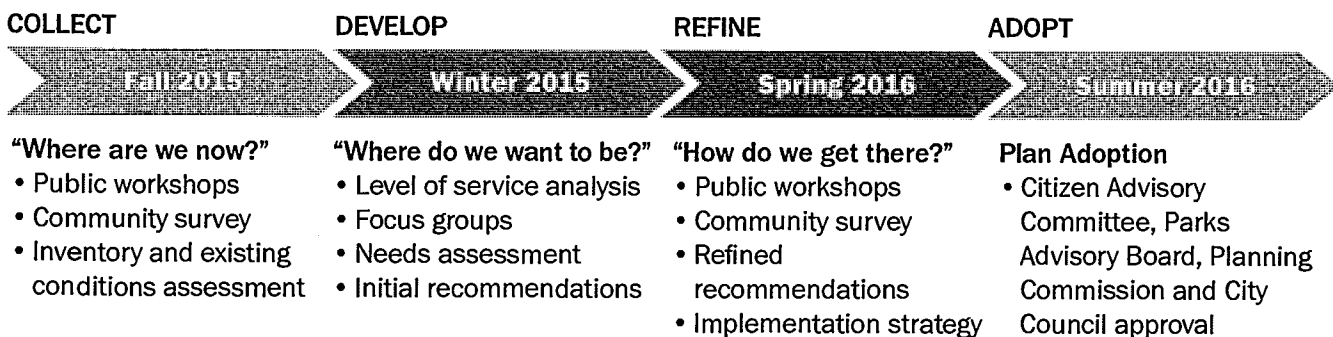
1.2 Purpose

The Plan establishes a short and long-term vision, and priorities for the Department by assessing the need for improvements, changes, and future development. The scope of the Plan includes all parks, trails, facilities and programs managed by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department, as well as maintenance and operations.

The use of, and regular updates to this Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan will allow the Department and City to make decisions based on a clear, community-shared vision for the Department, ensuring facilities and services meet the needs and interests of the community throughout time and changes in leadership. This plan will also assist in targeting funding sources for continuing to provide, and improve, Astoria's extensive and highly valued parks and recreation system.

The recommendations of this document and its strategy for implementation provide guidance for the Department over the next 10 years. The Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan is intended to be a living, working document: a viable tool that is used and updated on a regular basis.

Project scope and timeline:



1.3 Sources of input

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

- The 12-member committee was appointed by the Mayor to oversee the planning process. The CAC met monthly to represent community interests, guide community engagement strategies, review findings, and vet recommendations.

Parks Advisory Board (PAB)

- Provided feedback during monthly project updates and two work sessions.

Planning Commission

- Provided feedback during two project updates, a work session, and a public hearing.

City Council

- Provided feedback during three project updates, a work session, and a public hearing.

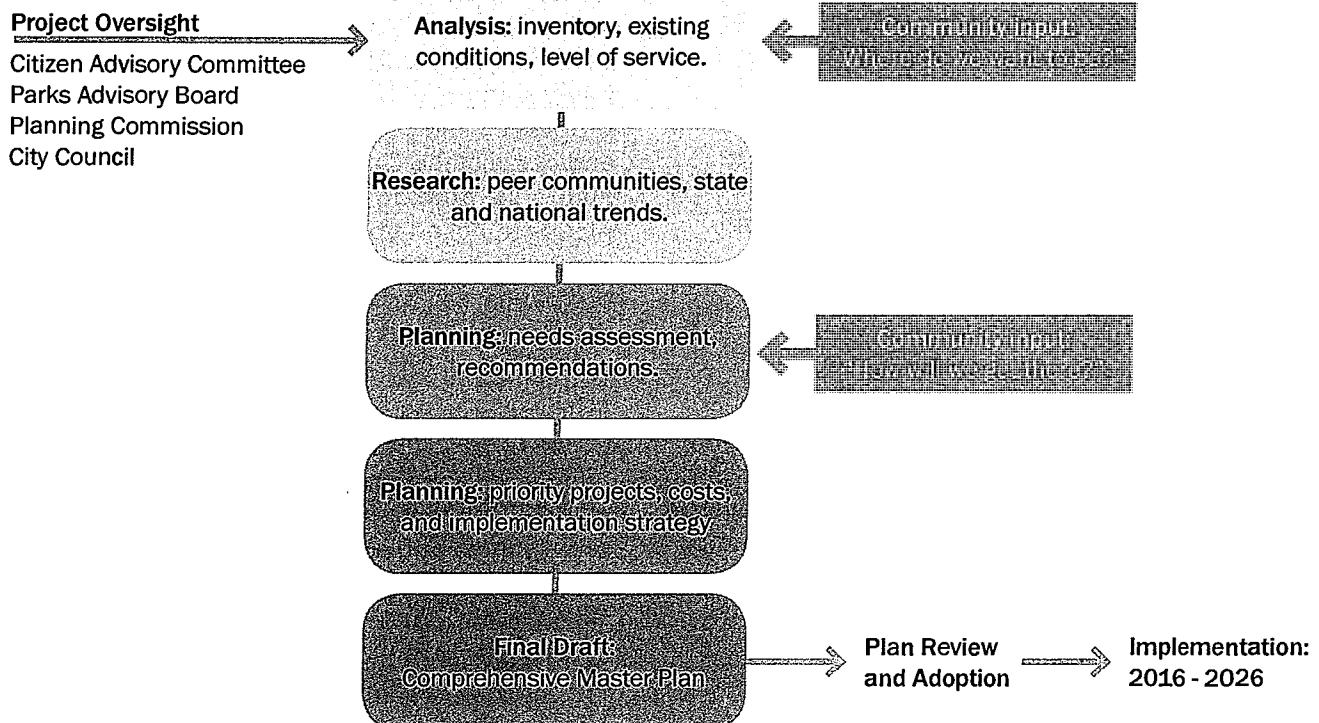
Parks & Recreation Department Staff

- Provided feedback throughout the process.

Community Outreach

- 2 public meetings, Fall 2015: 96 attended
- Online survey, Fall/Winter 2015: 885 responses
- 3 public meetings, Spring 2016: 79 attended
- Online survey, Spring 2016: 63 responses
- Stakeholder focus groups: ~120 individuals
 - Aquatic Center user organizations
 - City staff
 - Downtown businesses
 - Historic & cultural preservation
 - Lower Columbia Hispanic Council
 - Parents clubs
 - Parks, Recreation & Community Foundation
 - Public health & social service
 - Senior community
 - Service organizations
 - Teens
 - Trails & natural areas
 - Youth & adult athletics

Planning process:



1.4 Related plans

The following planning documents are useful to consider, as they contain recommendations that directly impact the Astoria Parks and Recreation system, or include helpful information that can provide guidance for future planning and decision-making.

City of Astoria Plans:

- **Administrative Practices** - General rules and regulations for specific functions and the internal operations of City departments. Section 501 is "Parks Cemetery Rules and Regulations", and Section 400 is "Property Use of Community Halls."
- **Astoria City Code** - The regulatory code of the City. Chapter 1 includes "Cemetery Regulations" and "Parks and Recreation Board" regulations. Chapter 2 includes regulations concerning plantings in sidewalk areas, tree removal in rights-of-way, etc. Chapter 5 includes "Parks Rules and Regulations" and various nuisances and other use regulations.
- **Astor-East Urban Renewal Plan** - Plan for the Astor-East Urban Renewal District (AEURD) (generally 14th to 23rd, Marine Drive to Franklin, along with several adjacent sites) which is an area identified for redevelopment with the assistance of tax increment financing. The Plan includes proposed projects, public improvements and amenities, and proposed acquisition of land. Heritage Square, portions of River Trail, 15th Street Triangle, Tidal Rock, Marine Drive Landscaping, 18th Street Landscaping, Exchange Street Parkway Landscaping, Aquatics Center, and Fort Astoria are within the AEURD.
- **Astor-West Urban Renewal Plan** - Plan for the Astor-West Urban Renewal District (AWURD) (generally Smith Point to Columbia Avenue, Pierhead Line to Alameda Avenue) which is an area identified for redevelopment with the assistance of tax increment financing. It includes proposed projects, public improvements and amenities, and proposed acquisition of land. River Trail, Smith Point, Portal Park West, Doughboy Monument, and Maritime Memorial are within the AWURD.
- **Bicycle Master Plan** - A Plan completed in 1992 that identifies existing conditions and included recommendations for future facilities for bicycles. It includes discussions and recommendations on multi-modal transportation to encourage more use of bicycles along with the need for City bicycle facilities.
- **Buildable Lands Inventory** - An inventory completed in 2011 that identifies the amount of land available for development for both residential and employment lands. It analyzes and addresses the existing conditions and projected needs of the City for a 20 year period. It identifies goals, strategies, and actions for growth during this period. This includes issues on historic preservation, open space, recreation, impacts of tourism on the area, and the anticipated demographics of the population growth.
- **Comprehensive Plan** - The vision Plan for the City created in 1979 with regular updates comprising of plans, maps, and/or reports, relating to the future economic and physical growth and development or redevelopment of the City. Section CP.260 to CP.275, "Parks, Recreation, and Open Space" identifies the issues and problems concerning parks, recreation and open space with conclusions and goals of the City. Section CP.240 to CP.255, "Historic Preservation" identifies issues and problems concerning historic properties and preservation with conclusions and goals of the City. The Comprehensive Plan is the guiding document that all other plans are based upon. When there is a conflict between another plan, code, policy, ordinance, etc. and the Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Plan shall prevail.
- **Gateway Master Plan** - The Plan and vision for development and redevelopment of the Gateway Area (generally 16th to 29th Streets and the River to Franklin Avenue) completed in 1997. It includes ideas for design review, open space, public parks, public trails, and multi-modal transportation which includes bike trails.
- **Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities Wellness Plan** - Plan completed in

2015 that identifies how various City codes, policies, and recreational facilities help the citizens to lead healthier lives. It lists current actions that comply with the Plan and makes recommendations for future activities and various code and policy amendments.

- **Historic Preservation Plan** - A Plan completed in 2008 to identify existing historic preservation activities and addressing goals and recommendations for a five year period. The Plan includes recommendations for design review and preservation of historic properties including historic City facilities.
- **Homelessness Taskforce Report** - A taskforce was formed in 2015 to address the issue of homelessness in Astoria, in an effort to better understand its causes and effects, and develop a strategy for mitigation. The report included six recommendations. One key recommendation was to invest in public restrooms that are less prone to vandalism and located in areas that are more visible. It was noted that the City spends \$50,000-75,000 annually to repair damage to public restrooms.
- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan** - The Plan completed in 2008 is a multi-jurisdictional Plan for natural hazards mitigation. It includes existing conditions, risk assessments, and the potential impacts of natural hazards on the infrastructure. It addresses the potential impacts on historic properties, transportation, and other public facilities including schools and parks. It makes recommendations on facility upgrades to reduce risks.
- **Riverfront Vision Plan** - A Plan completed in 2009 identifying the existing conditions along the Columbia River waterfront with a vision and recommendation on how this area should develop. It includes recommendations on design review, natural

features, parks and open spaces, trails, multi-modal transportation, and other public improvements. A major feature in this Plan is the River Trail and public parks along the Riverfront.

- **Trails Master Plan** - An inventory completed in 2013 of existing trails within the City with suggestions for future maintenance, improvements, and expansions.
- **Transportation System Plan** - A Plan completed in 2013 that identifies existing and proposed conditions of the multi-modal transportation system for a 20 year period. It includes recommendations on trails and bicycle activities and facilities.

Clatsop County Plans:

- **Parks and Recreational Lands Master Plan**
- **Clatsop Vision 2030: Together**

Statewide Plans:

- **Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation (SCORP) Plan**
- **Oregon Statewide Trails Plan**

2. Community Profile

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Map: City of Astoria Zoning

Map: Astoria's Transportation Network

2.1 Population, Growth Rate, and Projections

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates Astoria's population was 9,503 in 2014. The population has decreased since 1990, when it was about 10,500. Historical data shows that Astoria's population has fluctuated regularly over the decades, mostly staying around 10,000.

According to preliminary estimates for 2015, statewide population increased by 1.3 percent. From 2014 to 2015, net migration accounted for roughly 80 percent of Oregon's population growth. Estimates also show that urban areas accounted for almost two-thirds of Oregon's population increase. While Astoria is an urban area that is experiencing growth from migration and tourism, the population is not projected to change significantly within the next 15 years.

Similar to state and national trends, Astoria's retired and elderly population is growing. Services specific to the needs and interests of these groups should be considered.

The Astoria area's population can be segmented into a few general categories, as defined by ESRI's Tapestry:

"Old and Newcomers"

Transitional single renters, beginning their careers or retiring, interested in adult education and environmental causes.

"Parks and Rec"

Married couples with single family homes in well-established neighborhoods, who like to take advantage of local parks and gyms.

"The Great Outdoors"

Married couples in modest single-family homes.

Potential Population Growth

2014	9,503
2020	10,088
2030	11,143

* 2014 estimate: American Community Survey

* 2020 and 2030 projection assumes an annual growth rate of 1%, based on statewide data provided by the Portland State University Population Research Center.

Population, Sex, and Age

	Astoria	Clatsop County	Oregon
Total population	9,503	37,236	3,900,343
Male	50.60%	49.30%	49.50%
Female	49.40%	50.70%	50.50%
Under 5 years	5.60%	5.20%	5.90%
5 to 9 years	5.10%	6.00%	6.10%
10 to 14 years	4.70%	5.10%	6.20%
15 to 19 years	5.70%	6.10%	6.40%
20 to 24 years	5.00%	6.00%	6.70%
25 to 34 years	14.20%	12.00%	13.60%
35 to 44 years	12.20%	10.90%	13.00%
45 to 54 years	13.00%	14.10%	13.40%
55 to 59 years	8.80%	9.40%	7.00%
60 to 64 years	7.80%	7.20%	6.60%
65 to 74 years	9.60%	10.70%	8.50%
75 to 84 years	4.50%	4.90%	4.40%
85 years and over	3.90%	2.50%	2.10%
Median age (years)	42.6	43.8	38.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.2 Economic Indicators

According to 2014 estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau, the median household income for Astorians was \$45,104 - lower than the same figure for Clatsop County and the State of Oregon. However, Astoria's rate of unemployment was also lower. Nearly 20% of all Astorians lived below the poverty line, with 31.6% of all families with children under 18 living below the poverty line. These indicators are important to consider when establishing fees, and developing cost-saving opportunities for Astoria Parks and Recreation programs and services, as well as for planning free or low-cost programs.

Economic Indicators

	Astoria	Clatsop County	Oregon
Median household income	\$45,104	\$47,337	\$50,521
Unemployed	7.80%	8.60%	10.50%
Percent below poverty level, total:	19.90%	15.80%	16.70%
Under 18	25.50%	24.20%	22.10%
18-64	21.70%	15.60%	16.80%
65+	7.40%	7.20%	8.20%
Families with children < 18	31.60%	22.70%	42.50%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.3 Race, Origin, and Language

Similar to state and national trends, Astoria's Latino population is growing steadily. People who identify as Hispanic or Latino made up 9% of Astoria's population in 2014 - a figure which is anticipated to continue increasing. Services specific to the needs and interests of these groups, including bilingual staff and communications materials, should be considered.

Race, Origin, and Language			
	Astoria	Clatsop County	Oregon
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	9.00%	7.90%	12.1
Not Hispanic or Latino	91.00%	92.10%	87.9
White alone	82.90%	86.70%	77.60%
Black or African American alone	1.40%	0.70%	1.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.40%	0.30%	1.00%
Asian alone	2.70%	1.20%	3.80%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.10%	0.10%	0.40%
Some other race alone	0.00%	0.00%	0.20%
Two or more races	3.60%	3.20%	3.20%
Speak a language other than English: Spanish or Spanish Creole	6.80%	5.70%	8.80%
Spanish speakers who speak English "very well"	60.60%	44.10%	43.20%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.4 Public Health and Related Factors

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suggests that physical inactivity and obesity have reached epidemic proportions in the U.S. The CDC states that regular, moderate exercise has proven to reduce the risk of developing several mental and physical health issues, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, obesity, and depression. Public recreation facilities and programs that encourage physical activity among adults and children, allow parks and recreation providers to help combat community health issues and their associated costs.

The CDC provides an 'at a glance' summary of how Clatsop County compares with peer counties on a primary set of health indicators. CDC compares Clatsop County with peer counties by grouping health indicators into the following categories: 'better', 'moderate', and 'worse'. Access to parks, nature, and recreation activities are known to improve physical and mental health in a number of ways. CDC health indicators for Clatsop County, relevant to planning for Astoria's Parks and Recreation system are listed below. Clatsop County ranks:

Better, for:

- Life expectancy (male and female)
- Adult overall health status
- Adult physical activity
- Access to parks

Moderate, for:

- Coronary heart disease deaths
- Diabetes deaths
- Adult obesity
- Adult depression
- Poverty
- Housing stress
- Limited access to healthy food

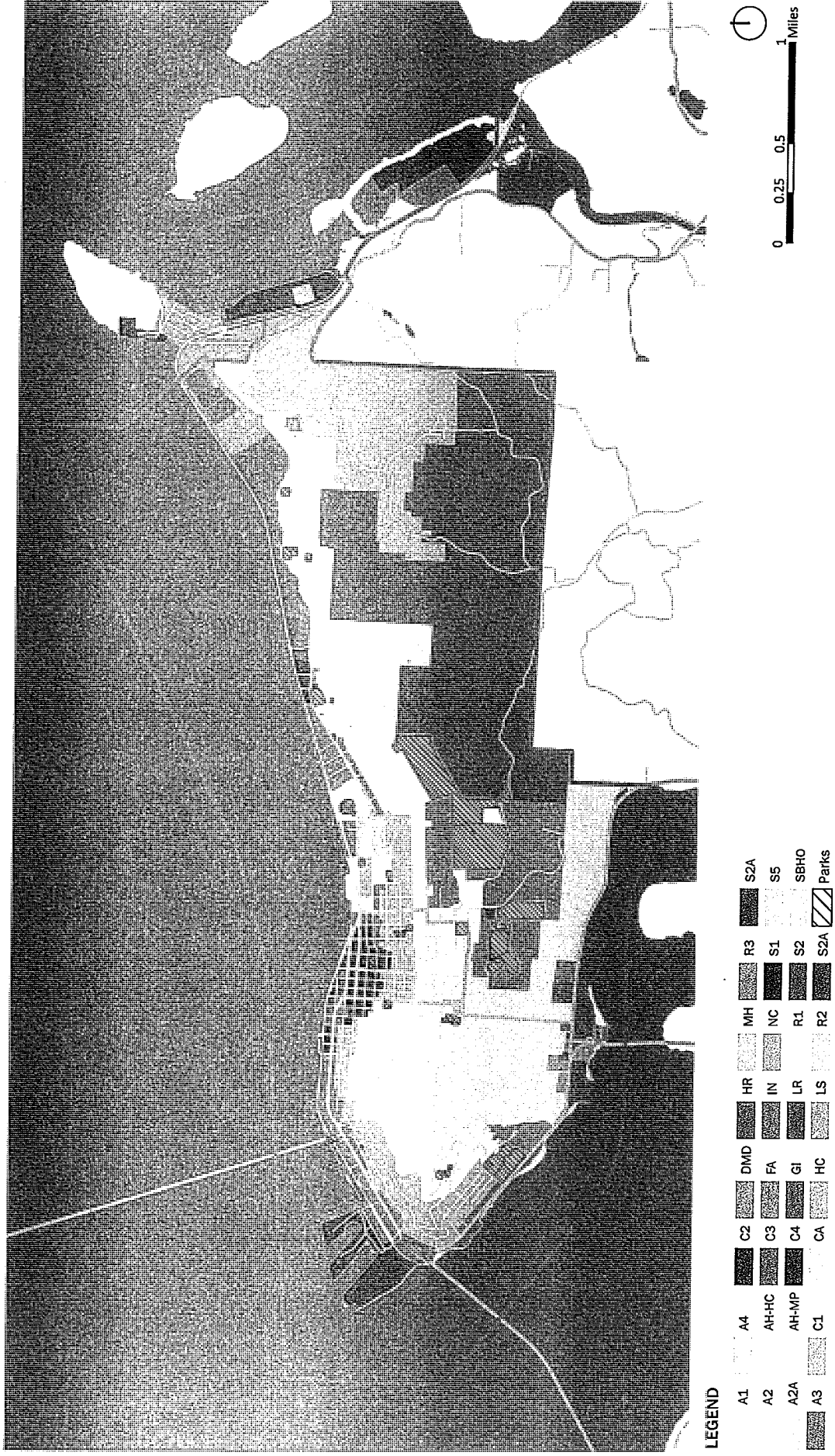
Worse, for:

- None.

Index: Zoning Abbreviations

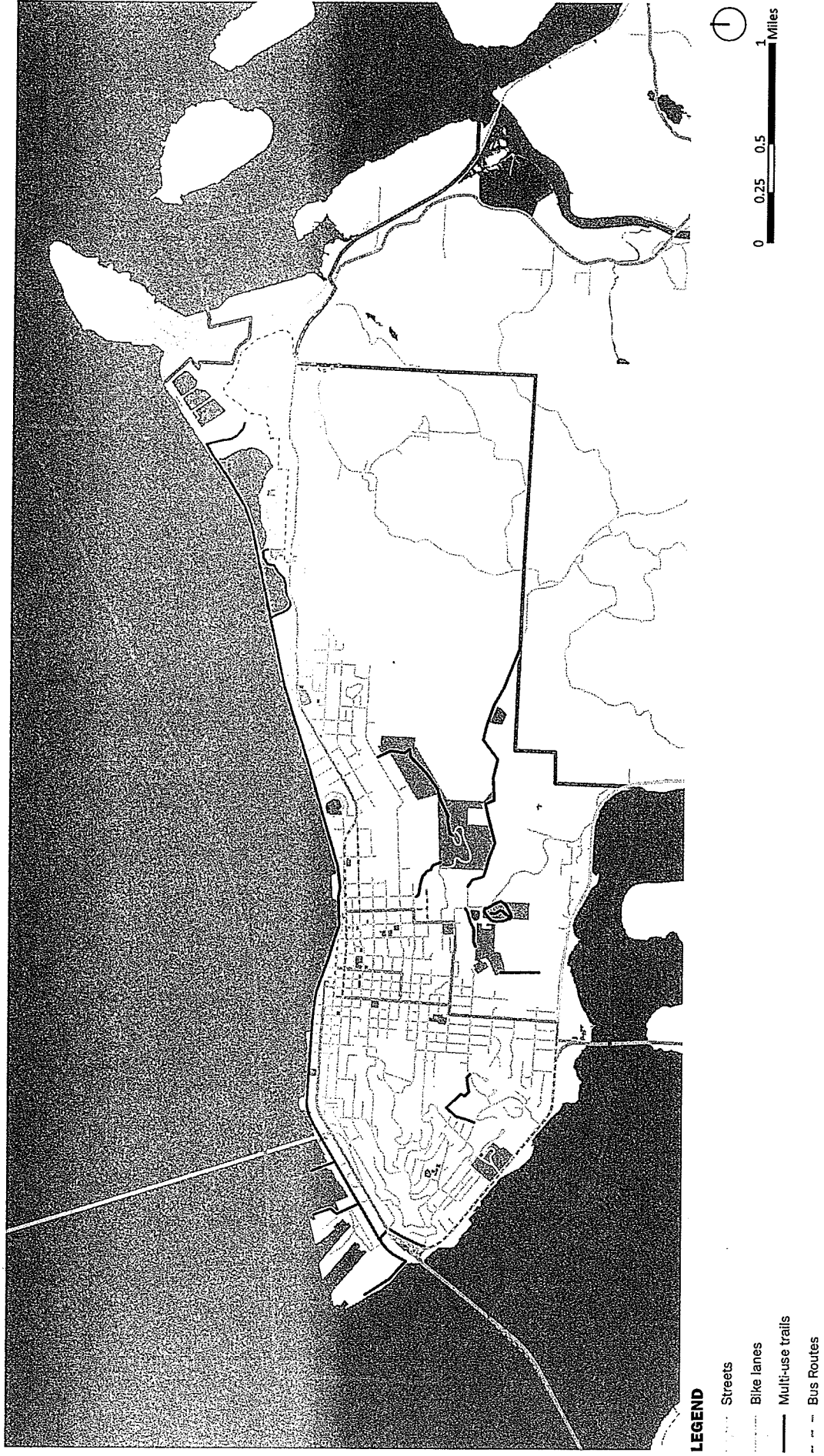
A1 - Aquatic One Development Zone
A2 - Aquatic Two Development Zone
A2A - Aquatic Two-a Development Zone
A3 - Aquatic Conservation Zone
A4 - Aquatic Natural Zone
AH-HC - Attached Housing/Health Care
AH-MP - Attached Housing (Mill Pond)
C1 - Neighborhood Commercial Zone
C2 - Tourist Commercial Zone
C3 - General Commercial Zone
C4 - Central Commercial Zone
CA - Education/Research/Health Care Campus
DMD - Dredge Material Disposal Site
FA - Family Activities
GI - General Industrial Zone
HC - Health Care
HR - Hospitality/Recreation
IN - Institutional Zone
LR - Land Reserve Zone
LS - Local Service Zone
MH - Maritime Heritage
NC - Navigation Channel
R1 - Low Density Residential Zone
R2 - Medium Density Residential Zone
R3 - High Density Residential Zone
S1 - Marine Industrial Shorelands
S2 - General Development Shorelands Zone
S2A - Tourist-oriented Shorelands Zone
S5 - Natural Shorelands Zone
SBHO - Great Blue Heron Rookery

Map: City of Astoria Zoning



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Map: Astoria's Transportation Network



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3. State of the Department

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Map: City of Astoria Parks, Trails, and Facilities

3.1 Organization, Staffing, and Funding

Organization and Staffing

The Astoria Parks and Recreation Department is organized into five divisions: Administration, Maintenance, Aquatics, Recreation, and Childcare.

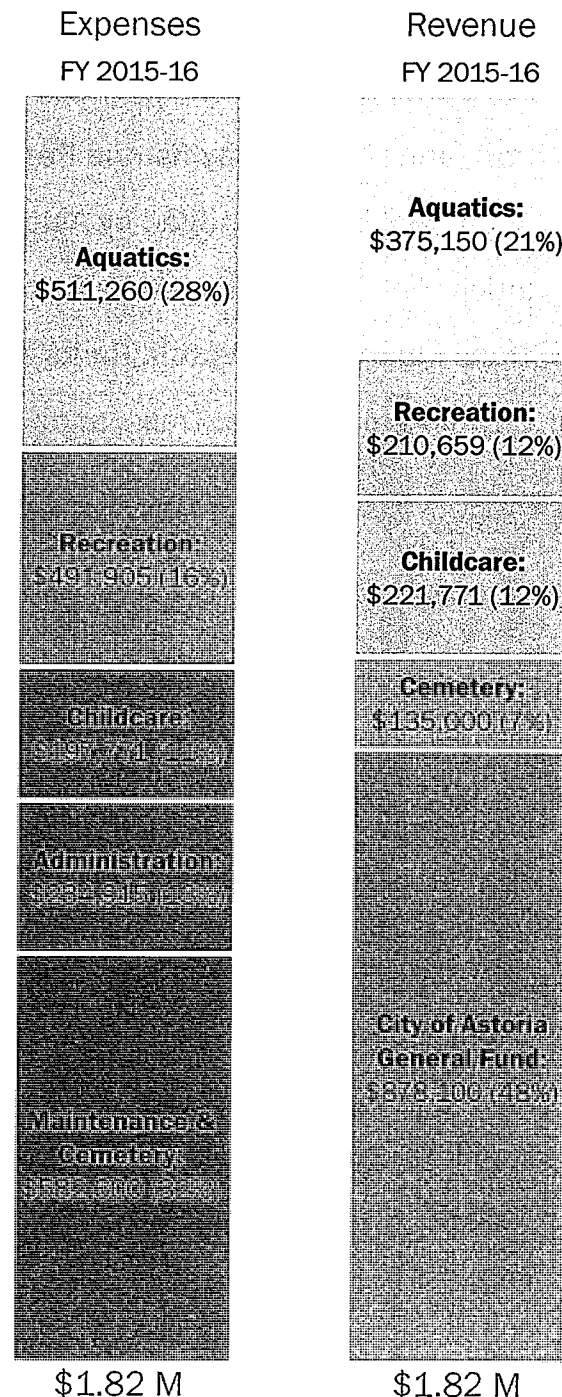
The Parks and Recreation Director leads the department by hiring and managing personnel, planning and budgeting, and coordinating with City management, the City Council, other City department heads, the Parks Advisory Board, and the community.

The Aquatics, Recreation, and Childcare divisions are led by Recreation Coordinators, who manage the Department's recreation, aquatics, and child care programs. The Maintenance division is responsible for the upkeep of about 300 acres of land, 9 miles of trails, and 12 indoor facilities, in addition to managing volunteer projects and supporting the other divisions' programs and events. The Maintenance division is led by a Maintenance Supervisor who oversees two full time positions as well as 3-6 seasonal staff.

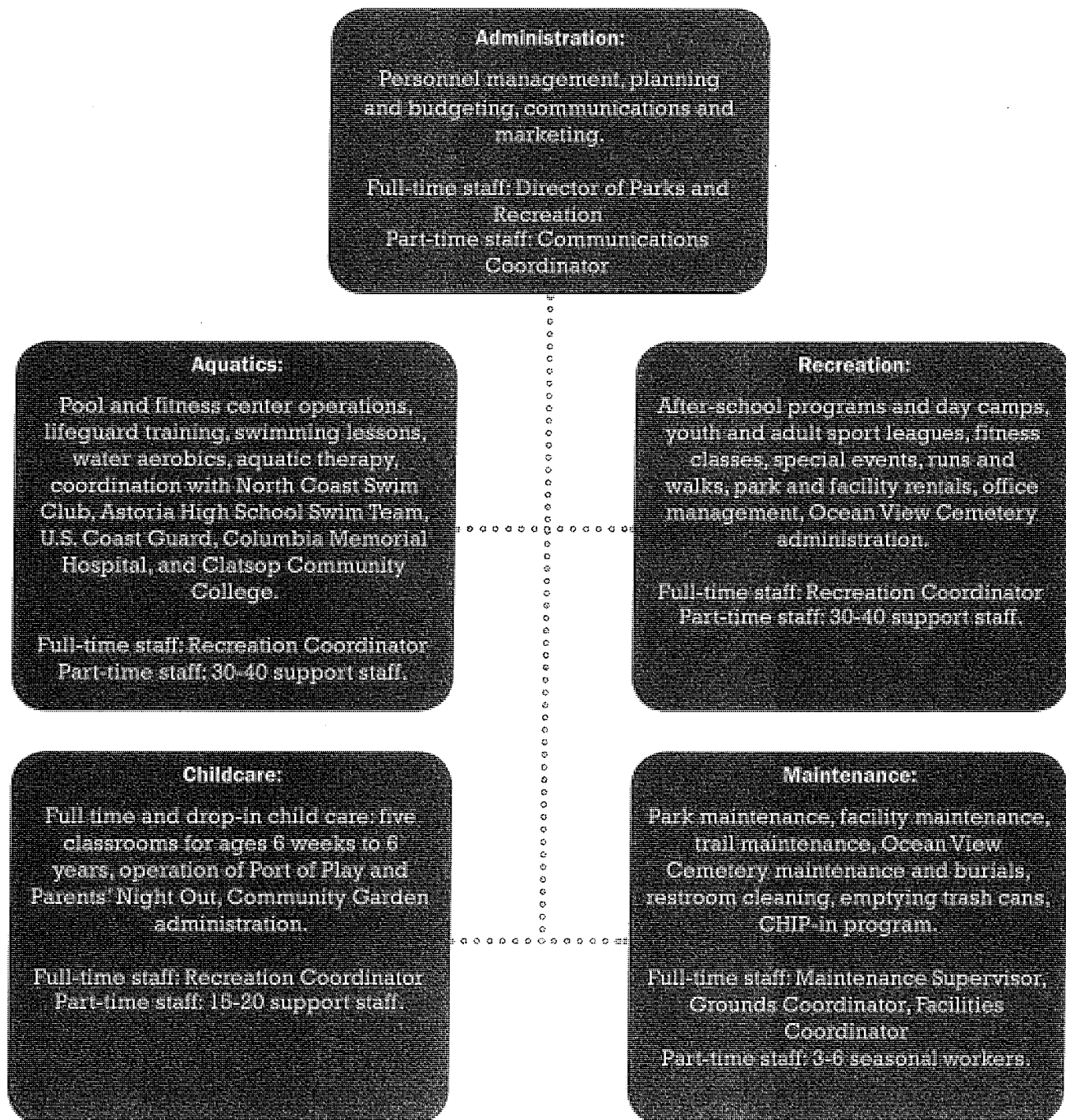
Funding

In the 2015-16 fiscal year, the operating budget for Astoria Parks and Recreation was \$1.82 million. Expenses for personnel, materials, operations, and maintenance for each division of the Department are funded in a few ways. The Aquatics, Recreation, and Childcare divisions bring in revenue through user fees. Costs that are not recovered through user fees are subsidized by the City of Astoria General Fund. In FY 2015-16, the Aquatics, Recreation, and Childcare divisions cumulatively recovered 82% of their operational costs. Administration and Maintenance generally do not bring in revenue, relying entirely on subsidies. When including expenses for administration and maintenance, the Department recovers a total of 52% of its operating budget. The nationwide median for cost recovery is 28% among parks and recreation providers serving jurisdictions with populations less than 20,000, according to the National Recreation and Parks Association's *2016 Field Report*. The upper quartile for cost recovery is 53%. The Department falls in the top of the upper quartile for revenue generation per capita.

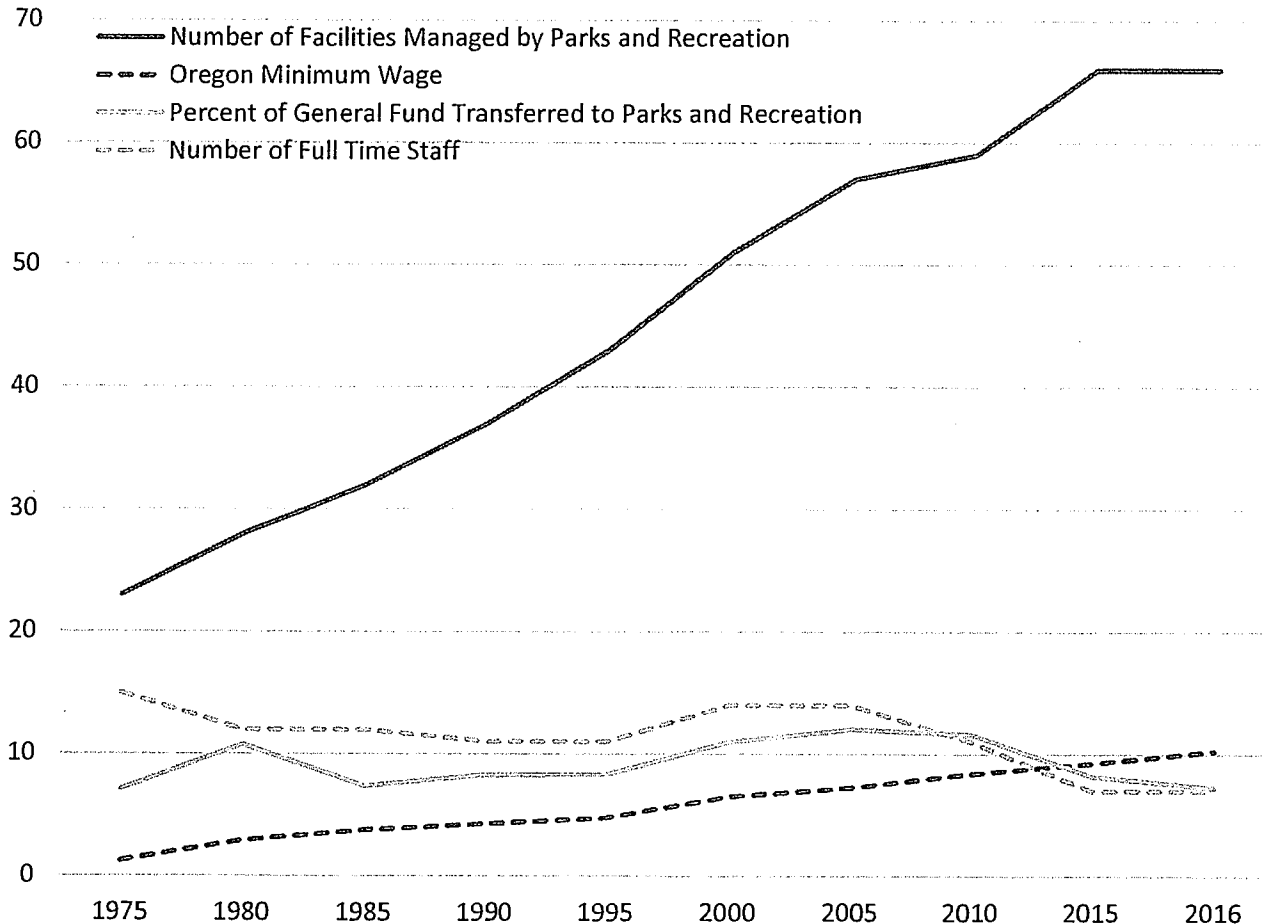
Capital projects, such as improvements to existing facilities or the development of new facilities, are typically funded by grants, donations, fundraising, and/or subsidized by the City. The City's Capital Improvement Fund and Promote Astoria Fund have funded many capital projects in the past.



Organizational chart:



Resources vs. Requirements:

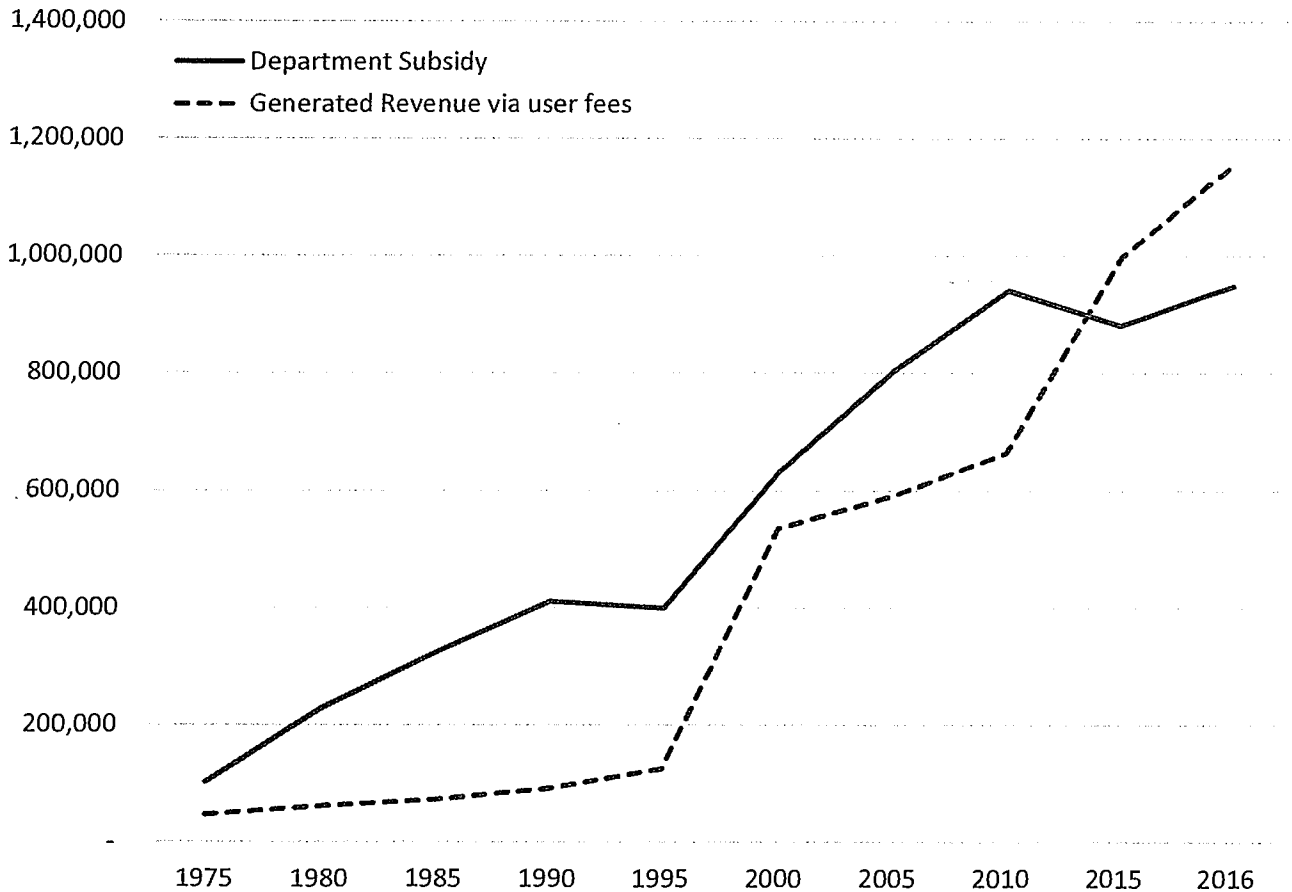


The charts above visualize the Department's requirements (labor and maintenance costs) and resources (revenues and subsidy) to depict how the cost of providing Parks and Recreation services, and resources to support them, have changed over time. The graphs show that the number of facilities and services have grown, and show how those costs have been recovered through revenues and subsidies.

What can be observed clearly is that the number of facilities managed by the Parks and Recreation Department has increased substantially since 1975. Minimum wage has also increased. These factors indicate a parks system that is increasingly more expensive and time-consuming to operate and maintain.

As the parks system has grown, staff positions across all divisions of the Department have been reduced or eliminated to compensate for rising operational costs, resulting in fewer employees responsible for a greater amount of work.

Subsidy vs. Revenue Generated:



Because administration and maintenance typically do not generate revenue, and recreation programs do not fully cover their operating costs, the Department relies on a subsidy from the City's General Fund. In FY 2015-2016, the General Fund subsidy accounted for 48% of the Department's operating budget. On average, "General Fund Tax Support" accounts for 60% of operating costs for municipal parks and recreation providers nationwide with jurisdictions serving under 20,000 residents, according to the National Recreation and Parks Association's *2016 Field Report*.

The Astoria Parks and Recreation Department instituted significant user-fee increases, of about 10-12% system-wide in late 2015 - early 2016, in an effort to compensate for increases in personnel and maintenance costs and decreases in general fund tax support.

3.2 Programs and Services Inventory

Administration

- **Department operations:**

The Parks and Recreation Director oversees department-wide planning, permitting, and budgeting, personnel management, and coordination with City leadership, commissions, other departments, and partners.

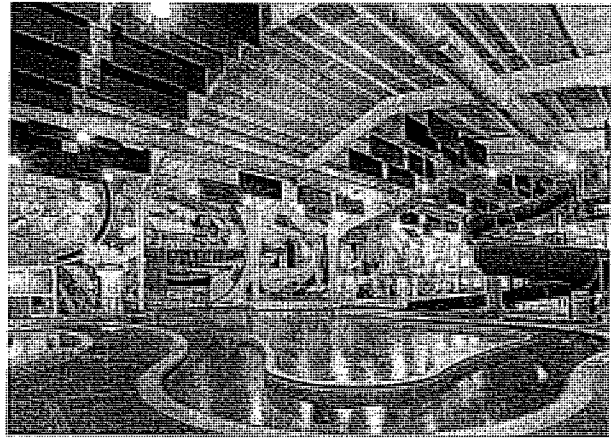
- **Communications and marketing:**

Services are carried out by a part-time Communications Coordinator, whose goal is to ensure information is distributed throughout the community effectively and efficiently. The main outlets for information are the Parks and Recreation Department's website, social media pages, and monthly newsletter.

The Parks and Recreation website contains information about the department's parks, facilities, services, staff and more. The website was revitalized in late 2015- early 2016 to improve user experience through better organization and provision of information.

Social media profiles are a key component of communications and marketing strategy, as many people now turn first to social media for information about what is happening in the community.

The Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page is a community forum featuring information on current projects, events, parks, recreation programs, photos, and more. It is updated regularly to announce updates, closures, and cancellations. A



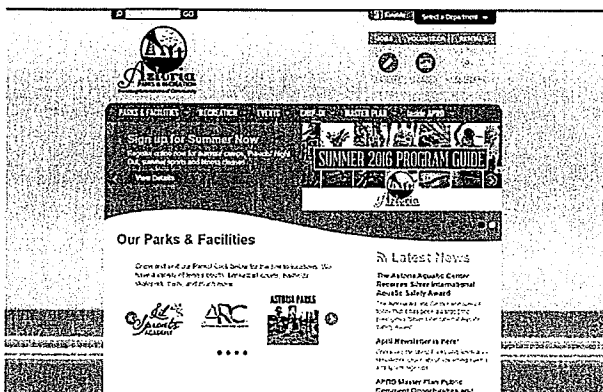
banner photo features a new APRD park or facility monthly to keep the community informed about the wealth of opportunities for recreation in Astoria.

Twitter and LinkedIn are used for posting news-related items, such as newspaper or magazine articles. These profiles are also used to promote events.

The Astoria Parks and Recreation Instagram account is updated regularly with photos of Astoria's parks and facilities, taken by staff, the community, or visitors. The hashtag #astoriaparks, as well as other related tags, allow people from all over the world to see and share photos of Astoria's parks system.

A monthly newsletter is sent via email, announcing upcoming events, promoting facilities, and highlighting accomplishments of the maintenance division. The newsletter, packed with pictures and links to further information, is distributed to nearly 2,000 community members and has an open rate of over 38%.

Other communications and marketing strategies include updating Google Maps information for APRD facilities and trails. The implementation of recreation tracking software in 2016 will allow streamlined electronic facility access, registration, and payment for users, and result in more information available to APRD that will be helpful for developing and maintaining effective information delivery.



Aquatics

- **Pool and fitness center operations:**

Staff manage access and rentals, distribute passes and register guests for programs at the 25,000 sf Astoria Aquatic Center. The facility includes a 25-yd lap pool with six lanes, a 55,000 gallon recreation pool, a 3,500 gallon hot tub, and a 2,500 gallon infant/toddler pool. Basic services at the Aquatic Center include open swimming, lap swimming, family swimming, open use of the fitness center, and facility rentals.

- **Lifeguard and water safety training:**

Lead staff at the Aquatics Center are trained instructors in lifeguard and water safety training courses, which are offered at the facility about five times each year, with about twelve students participating in each class. Those who successfully pass are eligible to be hired as lifeguards in the facility.

- **Swimming lessons:**

Group and private lessons are offered year round. Group lessons are based on age and ability and typically see 6-10 participants per class. Private swim lessons deliver one-on-one instruction based on skill level.

- **Water aerobics:**

Two different courses are offered at the Aquatics Center, three times per week. Each class averages 7-10 participants.

- **Special events:**

The Aquatics Center is a popular location for birthday parties. There are generally about 8 party rentals per month during the summer, and 3 per month during the rest of the year.

- **Coordination with North Coast Swim Club, Astoria High School Swim Team, U.S. Coast Guard, Columbia Memorial Hospital, and Clatsop Community College:**

These groups rent space in the Aquatic Center regularly, to provide recreation, therapy, training and competition space for their programs.



Recreation

- **General operations:**

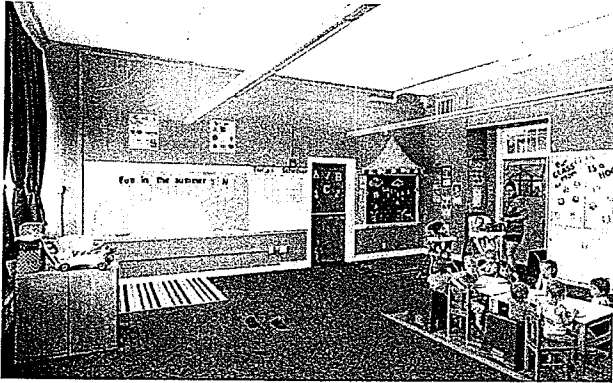
A Recreation Coordinator oversees the Astoria Recreation Center, and manage a range of services from facility access and rentals, program registration, and pass distribution. Duties of the recreation staff also include administrative work for the department, such as payment and invoice processing, as well as park, facility, and equipment rentals.

- **After-school programs and day camps:**

A daily after school program, Kids Zone, is offered to students in kindergarten through 5th grade. Students are bussed directly to the Astoria Recreation Center and picked up by their parents by 5:30 PM. A space for middle and high-school students, Teen Zone, is free to use and open on weekdays until 7:00 PM. Half and full-day themed activity camps are offered throughout the summer for kindergarten through 5th grade age-groups.

- **Youth and adult sports:**

APRD provides the only sport leagues in the area and regularly receives registrations from groups and individuals around the region. Youth sports include basketball for grades 1-6, and softball for kindergarten - 8th grade. There is also flag football for kindergarten - 3rd grade, and volleyball clinics open to grades 3-6. Gymnastics, martial arts, and tennis courses are also available. Adult sport leagues include mens, womens, and co-ed softball, womens and co-ed volleyball, and mens basketball.



Lil' Sprouts Academy / Port of Play

- **Fitness and wellness:**

APRD participates in monthly Community Health Advocacy and Resource Team (CHART) meetings to coordinate with other agencies in promoting fitness and wellness in Clatsop County. The department hosts wellness promotion events such as walks in the parks, and offers an array of 8-10 weekly adult fitness classes.

- **Special events:**

The department hosts a number of annual special events. The Father-Daughter Valentine Dance is a 20-year tradition. Kids Day in the Park is a family fun day held each July with live music, games, and treats. Other events include the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Monster Bash, and Movies in the Park.

- **Runs and walks:**

The recreation staff organizes several annual runs and walks, including the 0 K "Instant Gratification Run", New Year's Fun Run 5K, Gobbler Gallop 5K, and Run on the River (5 K, 10 K, and half marathon).

- **Park, facility, and equipment rentals:**

Shively Hall, Alderbrook Hall, and the east end of the Astoria Recreation Center are available for rental. Recreation staff also manage equipment rentals, including event tents, a sound system, projector, stage, tables and chairs, and stand-up paddle boards.

- **Ocean View Cemetery administration:**

The recreation staff oversees record management, financial tracking, software implementation, and scheduling of burials.

- **Full time and drop-in child care:**

There are five classrooms for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years old. There are over 100 children enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 50-60. Services are available on a full time, part time, and drop-in basis. Most children attend full or part time. Since 2014, there has been an extensive wait list for all age groups.

- **Port of Play operations:**

The indoor play park provides activities for children ages 1-10, depending on size and interests. Some features include a mini rock wall, tricycles, scooters, mats, and interactive play. Attendance varies depending on weather, with cold or wet weather days being the busiest.

- **Parents' Night Out:**

This program was developed to provide parents an opportunity to receive affordable childcare on date night: Saturday evenings from 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM. The program serves children age 2.5-10 years at Port of Play, where there are games, crafts, movies, and snacks. The program has grown in popularity with 20 or more children in attendance each week.

- **Special events:**

Several free events are hosted at Port of Play including Family Pumpkin Carving Night, Family Easter Egg Dyeing, and the Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration.

- **Community Garden administration:**

The community gardens, located in the Gray School complex, are managed by recreation staff in the Lil' Sprouts division. They oversee operations of the gardens, which includes registration and wait-listing for the 40 plots available.

Maintenance

- **Grounds operations:**

Encompasses all grounds maintenance activities at all APRD locations including: mowing, weed-eating, edging, hedging, garbage pick-up, irrigation, weeding, trimming, fertilizing, playground equipment maintenance, baseball/softball field maintenance and management, coordinating with contractors to provide services not available internally, etc. Work is carried out under the guidance of the Maintenance Supervisor and is managed by the Grounds Coordinator. During the mowing season (April-September), five or more temporary workers are added to the grounds workforce to provide assistance with all tasks.



- **Facilities operations:**

Includes all facilities maintenance activities at the Astoria Recreation Center, Astoria Aquatic Center, Parks Maintenance Shop, Ocean View Cemetery Chapel & Maintenance Shop, Alderbrook and Shively Halls, Downtown & Doughboy Restrooms. Facility management is shared with Astoria School District for Gray School areas used by Little Sprouts and Port of Play. Work is carried out under the guidance of the Maintenance Supervisor and is managed by the Facilities Coordinator. Areas of management include: exterior, interior, structural, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, security systems, coordinating with contractors to provide services not available internally.

- **Cemetery operations:**

The APRD maintenance division manages and provides all cemetery activities at Ocean View Cemetery. Prior to 2011, there was maintenance staff dedicated full-time to cemetery operations, but since then the Grounds and Facilities Coordinators, under the guidance of the Maintenance Supervisor, carry out all activities including: preparing full and cremation burials, disinterment services, selling graves, locating graves, caring for turf and ornamental plantings, and enforcing rules and regulations.

3.3 Parkland Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Park Name	Location	Acreage	Use	Condition
Community Parks				
Shively Park	16th & Williamsport	11.7	High	Poor
Tapiola Park	S. Denver & W. Marine	12	Very High	Fair
Destination Parks				
Astor Park	1 Coxcomb Dr	37.5	Very High	Fair
Youngs River Falls	Young's River Loop Rd	12	High	Poor
Linear Parks				
River Walk	Smith Point to Alderbrook Lagoon	36.4	Very High	Fair
Nature Parks				
6th Street River Park	6th St & River Walk	0.15	Moderate	Poor
12th Street Viewing Area	12th St & River Walk	0.05	High	Fair
14th Street River Park	14th St & River Walk	0.13	High	Poor
Alderbrook Natural Area	53rd & Alder	13.3	Low	Fair
Cathedral Tree Trail	2800 Block of Irving Avenue	47	High	Poor
Mill Pond Park	23rd & Mill Pond Ln	0.29	Low	Excellent
People's Park	16th & Marine	0.41	Low	Poor
Neighborhood Parks				
ARC Grounds	1555 W Marine Dr	3.5	Moderate	Poor
Columbia Fields*	35th & Leif Erickson	2.9	Low	Poor
Evergreen Fields	Astoria Middle School	11.7	Moderate	Poor
Fred Lindstrom Park	7th & Niagara	1.9	Very High	Fair
Pocket Parks				
9th & Astor Park	9th & Astor	0.13	Low	Poor
14th & Grand Playground	14th & Grand	0.38	Moderate	Fair
Alameda Park	Alameda & Melbourne	0.11	Low	Fair
Alameda Park Reserve	Alameda & Cumberland	0.67	Low	Good
Alderbrook Park	45th & Leif Erickson	0.62	Low	Poor
Birch Field & Park	49th & Birch	0.96	Very Low	Poor
Children's Park Playground	6th & Commercial	0.23	Low	Fair
Gray School Field*	Alameda & Chinook	0.77	Low	Poor
McClure Park	8th & Grand	0.92	Low	Poor
Violet LaPlante Park	45th & Cedar	0.69	Low	Fair
Special Use Parks				
Astoria Skate Park	S. Denver & W. Marine	0.35	Moderate	Good
Community Gardens*	Alameda & Chinook (Gray School)	0.25	Low	Good
Customs House	35th & Leif Erickson	0.5	Very Low	Fair
Fort Astoria Park	15th & Exchange	0.14	Moderate	Good
Maritime Memorial	Bay St & Marine Dr	0.24	High	Good
Ocean View Cemetery	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	100	Low	Poor
Pioneer Cemetery	15th & Niagara	2.1	Low	Fair
Post Office Park	15th & Franklin	0.11	Low	Fair
Tidal Rock Park	15th & Commercial	0.08	Very Low	Poor
Urban Plaza Parks				
Heritage Square / Garden of Surging Waves	11th & Duane	1.25	High	Fair
Total acres of parkland:		301.43		

* Site owned by the Astoria School District

3.4 Additional Land Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Site Name	Location	Acreage
13th Street City Parking Lot	13th St & Duane St	0.2
15th Street Triangle	15th St & Marine Drive	0.2
18th Street Flower Beds	Marine Drive to Exchange St	0.1
8th Street Triangle	8th St & Marine Dr	0.1
Aquatic Center Grounds	1997 W Marine Drive	2.2
Astoria Senior Center Grounds	11th St & Exchange St	0.1
Exchange Street Parkway	17th St to 20th St	0.3
Library Parking Lot	10th St & Exchange St	0.2
Marine Drive Parkway	10th St to 23rd St	1.5
Portal Park - East	33rd St & Marine Drive	0.2
Portal Park - West	Taylor St & W Marine Drive	0.4
Smith Point Traffic Circle	Hwy 101 & Hwy 202	3.2
West Bond Street Triangle	W Bond Street & Marine Drive	0.1
Total Acreage		8.8

3.5 Indoor Facilities Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Facility Name	Location	Square Feet	Condition
Alderbrook Hall	45th & Leif Erickson Dr	1,500	Poor
Astoria Aquatic Center	1997 Marine Dr	25,000	Fair
Astoria Batting Cages	200 Tapiola Park Loop	6,000	Good
Astoria Column/Gift Shop/Caretaker House	1 Coxcomb Dr	2,000	Fair
Astoria Recreation Center	1555 W Marine Dr	14,000	Poor
Astoria Senior Center	1111 Exchange St	6,600	Excellent
Customs House	35th & Leif Erickson Dr	500	Fair
Doughboy Monument	Columbia Ave & Marine Dr	250	Poor
Downtown Restrooms	12th & Exchange	300	Fair
Lil' Sprouts Academy*	785 Alameda Ave	6,000	Fair
Ocean View Cemetery Chapel	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	800	Fair
Ocean View Cemetery Maintenance Shop	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	1,200	Poor
Parks Maintenance Shop	1555 W Marine Dr	3,500	Poor
Pioneer Cemetery Mausoleum	15th & Niagara	150	Poor
Port of Play*	785 Alameda Ave	1,500	Fair
Shively Hall	1530 Shively Park Road	2,000	Poor
Total square feet:		71,300	

3.6 Trails Managed by Astoria Parks and Recreation

Trail Name	Length (miles)	Surface	Use	Condition
11th Street Steps	0.05	Paved	Moderate	Fair
Evergreen Park to Shively Park	0.2	Dirt	Low	Poor
Richard Fenscak Cathedral Tree Trail	1.3	Dirt	High	Poor
River Walk	6.4	Paved	Very High	Fair
Shively Park Loop	0.3	Paved	Moderate	Good
Tapiola Park Loop	0.5	Paved	Moderate	Good
Total mileage:	8.75			

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LEGEND

- City of Astoria Parks
- Clatsop County Parks
- Existing Trails
- Proposed Trails (2013 Trails Master Plan)
- Roads
- Buildings
- City Limits

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

4. Level of Service

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4.1 Introduction

According to the Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), *“the most effective park system to develop and manage is one made up of a variety of different types of parks, open space areas, and recreational venues, each designed to provide a specific type of recreation experience or opportunity. A park system that is classified and used properly is easier to maintain, creates fewer conflicts between user groups, and minimizes negative impacts on adjoining neighbors. A good park classification system also helps assess what facilities are available for current use and what types of parks will be needed to serve the community in the future.”*

The classification system outlined in the SCORP provides park and recreation providers with guidelines for achieving a manageable effective park system. These guidelines assist providers in evaluating the adequacy of existing parkland and facilities. Level of Service (LOS) standards are measures of the amount of public recreation parkland and facilities being provided to meet a jurisdiction's basic needs and expectations. Those needs and expectations are up to each provider to establish, through planning, visioning, and community input.

LOS standards are typically determined by comparing the existing ratio of developed park acres per 1,000 residents to the jurisdiction's desired level of parks relative to population. A gap between the two ratios identifies needed park acreage. As population grows, the objective is to provide enough acreage to maintain the jurisdiction's desired level of service. Park and

recreation facilities provided by outside agencies within the same jurisdiction are commonly factored in to LOS calculations. LOS guidelines are also critical for a jurisdiction to measure equitable access to park facilities (such as by walking, biking, or public transportation).

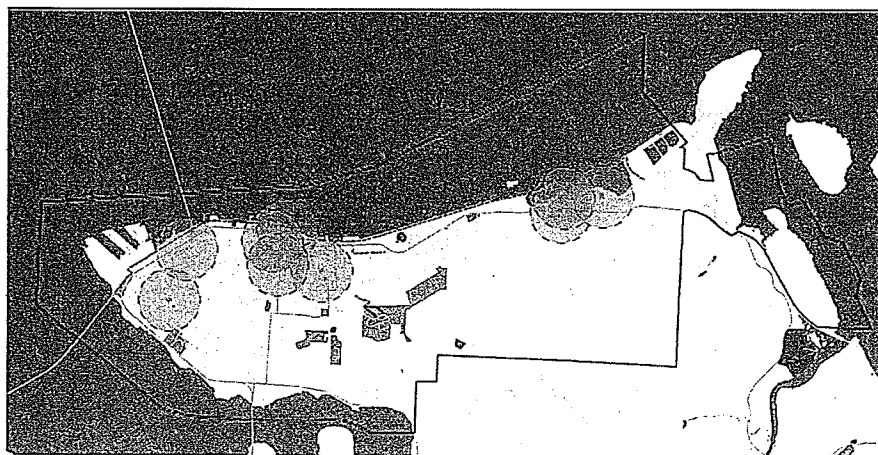
The following park classifications are defined as outlined in the SCORP. These classifications have been used to organize and evaluate service levels for Astoria's park system:

Pocket Parks

A pocket park is the smallest park classification. Pocket parks provide basic recreation opportunities on small lots, within residential areas serving an area within approximately 5-10 minutes walking time (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile). Typically less than two acres in size ($\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 acres), these parks are designed to serve residents in immediately adjacent neighborhoods. Pocket parks provide limited recreation amenities, such as playgrounds, benches, and picnic tables. Pocket parks do not normally provide off-street parking.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks provide close-to-home recreation opportunities primarily for non-supervised, non-organized recreation activities. They are located within approximately 5-10 minute walking time (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile) without crossing major thoroughfares and/or other structures and easy bicycling distance of residents. They serve up to a one-half-mile radius, and are generally 2-20 acres in size



Pocket Park service areas:

The green circles represent areas within a 5-minute walk of a pocket park. See Section 3.3 for information on which parks are included in this classification.

Neighborhood Park service areas:

The green circles represent areas within a 10-minute walk of a neighborhood park. The gray circles represent areas within a 5-minute walk of pocket parks. See Section 3.3 for information on which parks are included in these classifications.



(Service area is also influenced by neighborhood configuration and various geographical and transportation barriers). Neighborhood parks typically include amenities such as playgrounds, outdoor sports courts, sports fields, picnic tables, pathways, and multi-use open grass areas. They may or may not provide off-street parking. Neighborhood parks can, when practical, be located next to elementary schools in order to provide more efficient use of public resources.

Community Parks

Community parks are typically larger in size and serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks. Their focus is on meeting the recreation needs of several neighborhoods or large sections of the community, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. Community parks are typically 15-100 acres, depending on the spatial requirements of the facilities provided and the amount of land dedicated to natural resource protection. Community parks provide both active and passive recreation opportunities that appeal to the entire community serving an area within approximately 15 minutes driving time. While a community park may be proximate to a neighborhood and can provide typical neighborhood park amenities, they are normally designed as a “drive-to sites.” Community parks typically accommodate large numbers of people, and offer a wide variety of facilities, such as group picnic areas and large shelters, sports fields and courts, children’s play areas, swimming pools and splash pads, community gardens, extensive pathway systems,

community festival or event space, and green space or natural areas. Community parks require additional support facilities, such as off-street parking and restrooms and as such can also serve as regional trailheads.

Regional Parks

Regional parks are large parks that provide access to unique natural or cultural features and regional-scale recreation facilities. Typically 100 acres or more in size, regional parks serve areas within a 45 minute driving time. These parks often include significant green space to preserve unique natural areas, riverfront corridors, wetlands, and agricultural or forested areas. Regional parks may include properties for which there are no immediate development plans and that are situated in such a way as to primarily serve the surrounding neighborhood (land banked properties). Regional parks also may accommodate large group activities and often have infrastructure to support sporting events, festivals, and other revenue-generating events to enhance the City’s economic vitality and identity. Activities available in regional parks may include picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, trail use, etc. Regional parks include supporting facilities, such as restrooms and parking.

Urban Plaza Parks

Urban plaza parks are public gathering spaces in urban spaces that foster community interaction and civic pride. They are small in size ($\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 acres) and intensely developed. Visitors will tend to be those who are already in the neighborhood for other purposes, such as



Community Park service areas:

The green circles represent areas within a 15-minute drive of a community park. The gray circles represent parks within walking distance from pocket parks and neighborhood parks. See Section 3.3 for information on which parks are included in these classifications.

shopping, work, dining and/ or those who live in or near densely developed urban areas. Urban plaza parks typically include amenities such as drinking fountains, benches, litter receptacles, trees and shrubs, paved walkways and plazas.

Nature Parks

Nature parks are lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/ buffering. They may preserve or protect environmentally sensitive areas, such as wildlife habitats, stream and creek corridors, or unique and/or endangered plant species. Nature parks may vary in size from small parcels (less than 10 acres) to large properties of more than 200 acres. Nature parks typically serve a community-wide population and include greenways, natural areas, and preserves. Public access to natural areas may be limited at these sites, which often include wetlands, steep hillsides, or other similar spaces. Some nature parks may be managed secondarily to provide passive recreation opportunities. These sites may contain trails, interpretive displays, viewpoints, and seating areas.

Special Use Parks

The Special Use classification covers a broad range of park and recreation lands that are specialized or single- purpose in nature. Parks in this category include waterfront or ocean access parks, boat ramps, memorials, historic sites, waysides, single purpose sites used

for a particular field sport, dog parks, skate parks, or protect some significant geologic or scenic feature. Special use parks that have a community or regional draw may require supporting facilities such as parking or restrooms. Park size is dependent on the special use and can vary from very small to many acres.

Linear Parks

Linear parks include natural or built corridors that connect parks and neighborhoods, provide linkages through the city, and preserve open space. Linear parks may include abandoned railroad lines, utility rights-of-way, wildlife corridors, or elongated natural areas defined by drainage features or topographical changes, such as riparian corridors. Linear parks typically support trail-oriented activities, including walking, jogging, biking, skateboarding, and roller skating, which play a major role in health and fitness. Trails, pathways, and bikeways located in other types of park settings (e.g., neighborhood, community, natural area parks) where the trail is not the primary purpose of the park or along existing streets or roadways may be connected to, but are excluded from this park category. Linear parks typically include amenities such as rest benches, picnic tables, trailhead kiosks, parking at major trailheads, and way finding markers, but may also incorporate smaller-scale neighborhood park amenities such as play areas, picnic areas, and exercise stations. Linear park size is dependent on the corridor length and opportunity.

Trails, Pathways and Bikeways

Trails, pathways, and bikeways include a number of trail types including multi-use, pedestrian, and soft surface trails to accommodate a variety of activities such as walking, running, biking, dog walking, roller-blading, skateboarding, and horseback riding. Such trails may be located within parks or along existing streets and roadways as part of the citywide transportation system. Multi-use trails are designed for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, wheelchairs, and other non-motorized vehicle users. These trails are hard surfaced to accommodate bicycles and provide accessibility for people with disabilities. Hard surfaced pedestrian trails are generally found within smaller parks and as secondary trails within larger parks. Soft surfaced trails are composed of soft-surface materials, such as soil, crushed rock, hog fuel, and wood chips. Most soft surfaces do not provide accessibility for people with disabilities but are preferable for some recreation activities, such as running and hiking. Trails, pathways, and bikeways may include amenities such as directional and control signage, gates, benches, overlooks, drinking fountains, lighting, trailhead kiosks, and interpretive signs.

Regional Sports Parks

Regional sports parks typically consolidate heavily programmed athletic facilities for activities such as soccer, football, baseball/softball into a few strategically located sites throughout the community. Regional sports

parks could also include facilities such as race tracks, shooting ranges and equestrian areas. The location of these facilities is important due to the traffic, lighting, and noise that are often associated with them. They typically require large parking areas and restroom facilities. They also may have other park amenities, such as play areas or picnic facilities that serve non-participant family members and others while events are taking place. Regional sports parks normally require a minimum of 25 acres, with 40-80 acres being optimal.

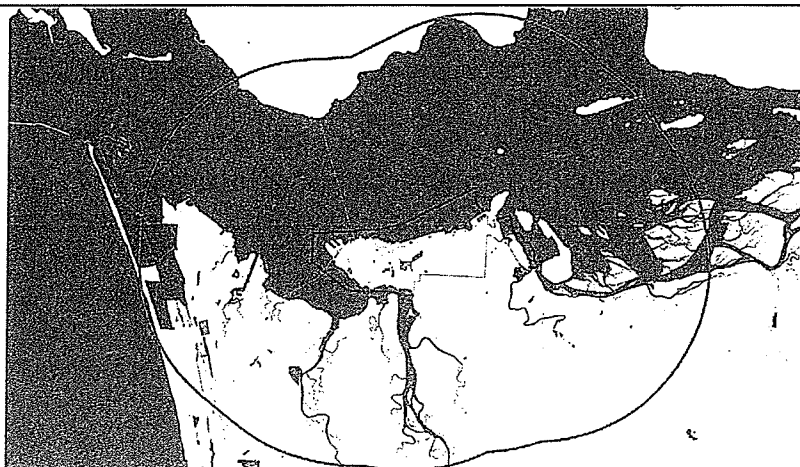
Destination Parks

Destination Parks can include the same characteristics as Regional Parks, Natural Area Parks, Special Use Parks and Linear Parks, but offer such outstanding natural, historic, scenic or recreational attractions that visitors travel more than an hour to several days, by car, to reach them. They are usually well known statewide and even nationally. They can have a wide range of acreage sizes and levels of development, but generally have a moderate to very intensive level of visitation. They can be day-use parks or can offer overnight camping or cabins. Most of the parks in the Oregon State Park system are Destination Parks. Some county and regional park systems also operate Destination Parks.

- Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2013-2017

Regional park facilities contributing to level of service:

The pink outline represents a 5-mile radius around the Astoria city limits, which includes several parks managed by other agencies that contribute to Astoria's level of service. See Section 4.5 for information on these parks and their amenities.



4.2 Parkland: Level of Service

Parkland Type	Recommended Oregon LOS (acres/1,000 population)	Oregon Median LOS (acres/1,000 population)	Acres Managed by APRD (total parks)	APRD LOS in 2016 (acres/1,000 population)	LOS Status	LOS Based on Possible 2030 Population (11,143)
Community Parks	2.0 - 6.0	2.1	23.7 (2)	2.5	Meets recommendation	2.1
Destination Parks	20.0 - 30.0	-	49.5 (2)	5.2	Meets recommendation ⁺	4.4
Linear Parks	0.5 - 1.5	0.9	36.4 (1)	3.8	Exceeds recommendation	3.3
Nature Parks	2.0 - 6.0	2.3	61.3 (10)	6.5	Exceeds recommendation	5.5
Neighborhood Parks	1.0 - 2.0	0.6	20.1 (4)	2.1	Exceeds recommendation	1.8
Pocket Parks	0.25 - 0.5	0.16	5.5 (10)	0.6	Exceeds recommendation	0.5
Regional Parks	5.0 - 10.0	9.2	0	0	Meets recommendation ⁺	0
Regional Sports Parks	5.0 - 10.0	-	0	0	Satisfactory [*]	0
Special Use Parks [*]	N/A	1.98	3.77 (8)	0.4	N/A	0.3
Urban Plaza Parks	0.1 - 0.2	0.1	0.25 (1) [^]	0.03	Need exists [^]	0.02
Total	6.25 - 15	17.3	201.5 (38)	21.2	Exceeds recommendation	18.1

"*": Does not include Ocean View Cemetery (100 acres)

"+": Facilities managed by other agencies contribute to meeting this need.

"•": There is generally a lack of sufficient land area in Astoria to accommodate "Regional Sports Parks" as defined in the Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. It was determined that the need for this type of facility is met sufficiently, between a number of private and public facilities that are offered within Astoria and its surrounding communities.

"^": Approximately 1 acre would be added, should the City of Astoria complete the development of Heritage Square, at which point the recommendation for Urban Plaza Parks would be met.

4.3 Trails: Level of Service

Trail Type	Recommended Oregon LOS (miles/1,000 population)	Total Miles Managed by APRD	LOS provided by APRD (miles/1,000 population)	Astoria LOS
Hard surface	N/A	7.25	0.76	N/A
Soft surface	N/A	1.5	0.16	N/A
Total Miles	0.5 - 1.5	8.75	0.92	Meets recommendation

4.4 Park Amenities: Level of Service

Facility Type	Recommended Oregon LOS (facilities/1,000 population)	Recommended Number of Facilities	Facilities Managed by APRD	Astoria LOS
Baseball fields	0.2	2	6	Exceeds recommendation
Softball fields	0.2	2	4	Exceeds recommendation
Basketball courts	0.2	2	5	Exceeds recommendation
Soccer fields	0.2	2	3	Exceeds recommendation
Volleyball courts	0.2	2	3	Exceeds recommendation
Tennis courts	0.35	4	4	Meets recommendation
Picnic shelters	0.3	3	8	Exceeds recommendation
Playgrounds	0.4	4	9	Exceeds recommendation
Skate parks	0.04	0-1	1	Exceeds recommendation
Off-leash dog parks	0.04	0-1	0	Meets recommendation ⁺
Boat ramp lanes	0.25	3	1	Meets recommendation ⁺
Non-motorized boat launches	0.25	3	1	Meets recommendation ⁺

"+": Facilities managed by other agencies contribute to meeting this need.

4.5 Additional Facilities Within 5 Miles of Astoria

Park Name	Acreage	Land Manager	Amenities
Fort Stevens State Park	4,700	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department	476 campsites, 11 cabins, 15 yurts, beaches, several miles of paved and natural trails, equipment rentals, restrooms and showers, interpretive programs, and special events.
Lewis and Clark National Historical Park	97	National Parks Service	Visitor center, Fort Clatsop replica, several miles of natural trails, interpretive programming, lectures and special events.
John Day County Park	54	Clatsop County	Boat launch with parking and restrooms, landscaped open space, and interpretive signage.
Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge	33,000	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Wetland reserve with hiking trails, water access, and interpretive signage.
Carruthers Park	7	City of Warrenton	Community park with open space, picnic area, playground equipment, restrooms, parking, waterfront trail access, and two large fenced-in dog park areas (one for large breeds and one for small breeds) with amenities.

4.6 Recreation Programs: Level of Service

Because there are not guidelines for recreation programs similar to the SCORP per-capita LOS recommendations for parkland, benchmarking Astoria's services to those offered by parks and recreation providers regionally and nation-wide is a method that can be used to evaluate level of service. Combined with input from the Astoria community on their interests and perceived level of service, this method helps to provide direction when determining which programs and services to offer.

NRPA Field Report

The *National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) 2016 Field Report* compiles data from parks and recreation providers nation-wide. This report is a useful tool for benchmarking Astoria's recreation programs and services.

The NRPA Field Report provides information regarding recreation programs offered by parks and recreation agencies around the country. For communities with a population of less than 20,000 people, the following programs are most common.

For comparison, programs which are provided by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department are marked with an asterisk.

Greater than two thirds of parks and recreation agencies nation-wide offer:

- *Fitness enhancement classes
- *Health and wellness education
- *Team sports

Between one and two thirds of parks and recreation agencies nation-wide offer:

- *Aquatics
- Individual sports
- *Martial arts
- Performing arts
- *Safety training
- Social recreation events
- *Themed special events
- Trips and tours
- Visual arts

Less than one third of parks and recreation agencies nation-wide offer:

- Cultural crafts
- Golf
- Natural and cultural history activities
- Racquet sports

Oregon SCORP

The *Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2013-2017)* defines the mission and duties of municipal parks and recreation providers as “To provide natural areas, high quality park and recreation facilities, services and programs that meet the needs of the diverse communities it serves... Local recreation providers tend to be more heavily involved in recreation and leisure programming to address a wider variety of public leisure needs. All municipal recreation providers, large or small, are faced with the task of providing their citizens the full range of recreational opportunities. Programs may include team sports, individual sports, outdoor recreation, summer recreation programs and camps, before and after-school programs, instructional classes, concerts, cultural exhibits, special events, and special programs for people with disabilities.”

SCORP includes the results from an extensive 2011 statewide survey of participation and preferences for outdoor recreation.

Participation rates for the following activities were highest:

- Sightseeing
- Picnicking
- Relaxing, hanging out, escaping heat, noise, etc.
- Day hiking or walking for pleasure
- General play at a park or playground
- Attending outdoor concerts, fairs, and festivals
- Visiting historic sites

Outdoor team and individual sports were noted as activities with stagnating or declining participation.

Based on these findings, as well as input collected from the Astoria community (outlined in the following chapter), Astoria’s current level of service for recreation programs is adequate. Future program and service offerings should continue to be evaluated based on benchmarking and community input.

5. Needs assessment

- 5.1 Community Input**
- 5.2 National, State, and Local Trends**
- 5.3 Peer Community Analysis**

5.1 Community Input

A high level of public engagement was established as a goal for this planning project. Effort was made to involve as many Astoria citizens and users of Astoria's Parks and Recreation system as possible, in order to strengthen the plan's findings, effectiveness, and support. There was unprecedented participation throughout the project: over 1,200 individuals were involved through various opportunities. The following is a summary of methods and findings.

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

The 12-member CAC was appointed by the Mayor to oversee the planning process. The committee was composed of community members involved with parks, recreation, stewardship, and strategic planning, and met monthly to represent community interests, guide community engagement strategies, review findings, and vet recommendations.

Parks Advisory Board (PAB)

Provided feedback during monthly project updates and two work sessions.

Planning Commission

Provided feedback during two project updates, a work session, and a public hearing.

City Council

Provided feedback during three project updates, a work session, and a public hearing.



Parks & Recreation Department Staff

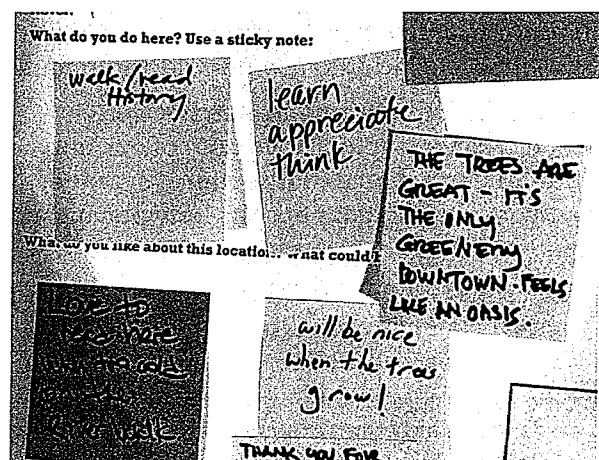
Staff provided insight throughout the process, and were interviewed at the beginning of the first project phase to discuss issues and opportunities, and identify goals and needs. The most common themes from staff interviews were:

- The community is upset about poorly maintained facilities and the department is struggling to keep up.
- Current staff are being stretched very thin, and it is increasingly difficult to hire, train, and retain support staff due to low unemployment and higher wages needed to attract qualified interest.
- It is increasingly difficult to provide quality services when demands are high and resources are low.
- There is a perceived lack of knowledge in the community about the full scope of services that are offered by the department, and the challenges the department faces in providing quality services.
- The Astoria parks and recreation system has incredible potential if the department can find a way to support it.
- Having one central recreation facility would improve community service and satisfaction, and allow the department to operate more effectively.
- The current employment classification of some positions is not sufficient in providing staff the opportunity to do their jobs effectively. The Department could reconfigure certain positions to help resolve many staffing issues and retain quality staff.
- Improved communications and marketing would increase participation, transparency, and satisfaction with services.

Fall 2015 Public Meetings

A workshop designed to collect information from the community was hosted on two occasions in November 2015. Interactive stations were set up to describe the planning process, provide an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department, and gather information about what facilities and services were most used. Additional stations asked the community to identify issues and opportunities, visions for the future of the parks system, and priorities for investment. Between the two meetings, 96 individuals participated. The most common themes from the Fall 2015 Public Meetings were:

- Improving maintenance at existing facilities is a top priority.
- Improve trail maintenance, develop trail connections, and provide directional signs.
- Collect revenue from tourism taxes to fund maintenance.
- Amenities such as lighting, water fountains, fitness equipment, and restrooms are desired along the River Walk.
- Improving safety should be a priority in areas where there is a high prevalence of loitering and illegal camping, especially along the River Walk.
- Address staffing shortages and extend the hours at the Aquatic Center.
- Provide outdoor and indoor recreation equipment for those with limited mobility.
- Designate an area or build a facility where dog owners can let dogs off-leash.
- Combine the recreation and aquatics facilities.
- New development should include more indoor recreation space for teens and adults, and adventure sports such as climbing and mountain biking.
- Top priorities for budget allocations were: the River Walk, trails, the Aquatic Center, maintenance of current facilities, a dog park, natural areas, and restrooms.



Winter 2015 Survey

A survey was developed to collect additional feedback in the early stages of the planning process. Similar to the Fall 2015 Public Meetings, the Winter 2015 Survey asked questions about program and facility use, issues and opportunities, visions for the future of the parks system, and priorities for investment. The survey was provided online for a period of 40 days, and was also made available in print at various Parks and Recreation facilities as well as other locations around the City. 881 responses were logged online, and a handful of responses were collected in print. A full summary of the Winter 2015 Survey can be found in the Appendix of this document.

- Generally, survey respondents strongly associated access to parks and recreation facilities with their quality of life, and were somewhat to mostly satisfied with opportunities in Astoria.
- Services specific to all segments of the population were rated as equally important.
- The highest-ranked existing services were fitness programs and facilities, maintenance of current facilities, playgrounds, natural and scenic viewing areas, trails, and youth programs.
- Top priorities for parkland investments were playground equipment and maintenance of current facilities.
- Proper maintenance of existing facilities should occur prior to any new development.
- Priorities for investments in trails were maintenance and improvement of existing trails, information and directional signage, and developing connections between existing trails.
- Regarding indoor facilities, the top priorities for investment were maintenance at the Aquatic Center and Recreation Center, the provision and maintenance of public restrooms, and the provision and maintenance of Port of Play.
- Providing access to indoor sport courts and combining the existing indoor recreation facilities rated favorably and were mentioned frequently in survey comments.
- When asked about priorities for investment in programs and services, respondents rated extending hours at the Aquatic Center as a top priority. Expansion of other programs and services did not garner strong support.
- Respondents were happy with the services offered but felt that many were too expensive, particularly programs and passes at the Aquatic Center and Recreation Center.
- There was a common request for improved communications and marketing. Many respondents were unaware of the facilities and services offered by the Department, when and where events were held, and how to register.

Stakeholder Focus Groups:

Department Staff, Citizen Advisory Committee, and Park Advisory Board members helped to identify specific partners, users, and interest groups to interview for collecting more targeted feedback regarding issues and opportunities to consider. Over 100 individuals attended stakeholder focus group meetings, which took place in January-February 2016, and lasted 45-60 minutes. The meetings consisted of a short presentation on the planning process and objectives, and 30 or more minutes of discussion. The following stakeholder groups were identified and interviewed. A summary of specific input collected during the meetings can be found in the Appendix of this document.

- **Aquatic Center user organizations** | Astoria High School, Clatsop Community College, Columbia Memorial Hospital, North Coast Swim Club, US Coast Guard
- **City staff** | Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Public Works
- **Downtown businesses** | Astoria Downtown Historic District Association (ADHDA)
- **Historic & cultural preservation** | Clatsop County Historical Society, Clatsop Community College, Lower Columbia Preservation Society, other independent local historians.
- **Latino Community** | Lower Columbia Hispanic Council
- **Parents clubs** | MOMS Club, Astor Parents Club, Lewis & Clark Parents Club, AMS Parents Club

- **Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation**
- **Public health & social service** | Clatsop County Public Health, Astoria Warming Center
- **Senior Community** | Members, leadership, and board members of the Astoria Senior Center
- **Service organizations** | Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Boy Scouts, Friends of the Astoria Column, Friends of the Astoria Armory, Friends of McClure Park
- **Teens** | Astoria High School Leadership Class and Student Council
- **Trails & natural areas** | National Parks Service, North Coast Watershed Council, North Coast Trail Alliance, NW Coast Trails Coalition, and other independent local horticulturists, arborists, and trail builders.
- **Youth & adult athletics** | Astoria Cal Ripken Baseball, Astoria Babe Ruth Baseball, Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association, Sunset Empire Parks & Recreation District, coaches from Astoria Parks & Recreation programs.

Spring 2016 Input Period

By Spring 2016, input from over 1,100 community members had been collected and processed. An inventory and existing conditions assessment, Level of Service analysis, and research of peer community, state, and national trends had also been completed. With the guidance of the Citizen Advisory Committee, draft recommendations were developed based on the findings of those initial project phases.

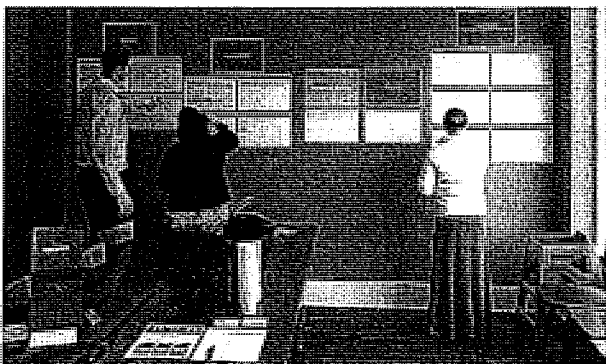
In April 2016, the findings and draft recommendations were provided to the public for review and comment. Three open house meetings



with informational and interactive exhibits were hosted at different times and venues. An online version of the information and input activities was also developed to extend the input period and collect additional feedback.

About 120 people participated in the open house meetings and online survey, which were designed to update the community on the planning process, identify findings and draft recommendations, verify that the draft recommendations were supported by the community, and ask which recommendations were top priorities. A full summary of results from the Spring 2016 Input Period can be found in the Appendix of this document.

- Draft recommendations were organized into six categories: maintenance, planning initiatives, communications and marketing, partnerships, operations, and capital projects.
- Generally, the community strongly agreed with most of the draft recommendations, and thought many should be high priorities.
- Selling underutilized parkland was the main draft recommendation that did not rate favorably. Respondents strongly preferred reducing maintenance and converting underutilized parks into natural areas, or developing underutilized parks with new amenities to satisfy unmet community needs.
- The top two priorities, by a fair margin, were increases in staffing levels and revenues to support higher quality services. Also rated highly were concentrating maintenance efforts on “priority” parks, and repairing, upgrading, and replacing playground equipment at key neighborhood parks.



5.2 National, State, and Local Trends

A useful method for assessing parks and recreation needs is research of national, state, and local trends in the industry. This provides a glimpse into what and how, facilities and services are provided by other parks and recreation agencies. This research can be used when determining Astoria's future system needs, including which types of facilities and services should be offered, level of service objectives, and how to fund and maintain the system into the future.

National Trends

The *National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) 2016 Field Report* compiles data from parks and recreation providers nation-wide. This report is a useful tool for benchmarking Astoria's recreation programs and services. The following is a comparison of Astoria Parks and Recreation Department facilities and services with nation-wide median values for agencies serving jurisdictions with populations under 20,000:

Number of park facilities:

- Nation: 1,335 residents per park
- Astoria: 271 residents per park

Acres of parkland:

- Nation: 10.6 acres per 1,000 residents
- Astoria: 21.1 acres per 1,000 residents

Full time employees:

- Nation: 9.3 per 10,000 residents
- Astoria: 7 per 10,000 residents

Operating Expenditures per Acre of Park and Non-Park Sites:

- Nation: \$7,644
- Astoria: \$5,910

Top program offerings:

- Team sports
- Fitness enhancement
- Health and wellness education

These findings demonstrate that Astoria has significantly more acres of parkland per capita, fewer full time employees, and substantially lower operating expenditures per acre of parkland

compared with jurisdictions of a similar size. This underscores community input outlined in section 5.1 regarding maintenance and staffing challenges.

Statewide Trends

The *Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2013-2017 (SCORP)* identifies "Top statewide issues to address":

- Provide adequate funds for routine and preventative maintenance and repair of facilities.
- Fund major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities at the end of their useful life.
- Add more recreational trails and better trail connectivity between parks and communities.
- Recognize and strengthen park and recreation's role in increasing physical activity in Oregon's population.
- Recommend a standard set of sustainable park practices for outdoor recreation providers.

Key findings for Oregon's aging population:

- Oregon's recreation managers can expect substantial increases in the number of visitors with a physical or mental disability using their recreational facilities and services in the coming years as Boomers increase in age.
- Priority should be given to trails, picnic areas, sightseeing areas, and historic sites in terms of where resources should be directed for providing accessibility accommodations.

Key findings for Oregon's youth population:

- Preferred recreational activities for urban youth include outdoor sports, riding bikes, viewing nature and wildlife, dancing, and playing with dogs.
- A reported barrier to participating is that either their family doesn't go outside or nobody pushes them to go outside.
- Youth report that programs that focus on the arts, music, and social events would encourage more kids to go outside and into parks.

Key findings for Oregon's ethnic minorities:

- Recruit a more diverse staff.
- Target marketing information at ethnic groups in appropriate media and languages. Having literature and information available in multiple languages would help encourage use at outdoor recreation areas. According to participants, information should be distributed through existing ethnic organizations.
- The most important thing park managers can do to help them participate in outdoor recreation: provide clean facilities and restrooms, reduce user fees and keep services affordable, proper park and trail maintenance, access to better information, accessible facilities for disabled and limited mobility.
- Highest priorities for future investment: dirt/soft surface walking trails, public water access, nature and wildlife viewing areas, children's playground areas made of natural materials, picnic areas and shelters for small groups, off-street bicycle trails and paths, community gardens, and off-leash dog areas.
- Lowest priorities for future investment: outdoor tennis courts, basketball courts, baseball/softball fields, and multi-use sport fields.

Priorities for Community Providers:

- Community trail systems
- Children's playgrounds
- Acquisition of trail corridors
- Trails connected to public lands
- Public restroom facilities
- Picnicking / day-use facilities

The *Oregon Statewide Recreation Trails Plan: 2016-2025* identifies Repair of major trail damage as the highest trail funding priority by survey respondents. Such projects involve extensive trail repair (e.g., resurfacing of asphalt trails or complete replacement, regrading, and resurfacing of all trails) needed to bring a facility up to standards suitable for public use. The Trails Plan also identifies:

Statewide Non-Motorized Trail Funding Priorities:

- Connecting trails into larger trail systems.
- More signs/ trail wayfinding.
- Repair of major trail damage.

Statewide Non-Motorized Trail Management Issues:

- Need for trails connecting public places: trails projects that connect communities to each other; provide connections between existing trails; close a gap within an existing trail; provide links to trails outside Urban Growth Boundaries; provide access to parks and open space; and provide access to facilities such as schools, libraries, indoor recreation facilities, and businesses.
- Need for improved trail maintenance. Trail maintenance includes routine trail maintenance and trail rehabilitation/restoration. Routine maintenance includes work conducted on a frequent basis in order to keep a trail in its originally constructed serviceable standards (e.g., mowing, tree and brush pruning, leaf and debris removal, cleaning and repair of drainage structures), and repairs to signs and other amenities. Trail rehabilitation/restoration involves extensive trail repair.
- Need for trail signs. Trail users require a number of different types of signs to safely and enjoyably pursue their trail experience. Location signs that lead people to trailheads and parking areas, directional signs along the trail, destination signs to let people know they have reached end points, interpretive signs that describe the natural or cultural history of the area, and regulatory signs that explain the dos and don'ts of the area are important trail components.

Regional Non-Motorized Trail Priorities for New Development:

- Walking/hiking
- Biking, hard surface
- Running/jogging
- Walking/running, dog off-leash.

Clatsop County Trends

The *Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2013-2017 (SCORP)* identifies county-specific needs based on extensive survey data. For Clatsop County, the following priorities were identified:

- Dirt/soft surface walking trails and paths
- Public access sites to waterways
- Picnic areas and shelters for small groups
- Off-street bicycle trails and pathways
- Nature and wildlife viewing areas
- Children's playgrounds and play areas made out of natural materials
- Paved/hard surface walking trails and paths

In 2015, the *Clatsop Vision 2030 Together* plan was developed by Clatsop County. The plan identified current trends, a vision for the future, and anticipated issues that would be faced. The planning process involved research and community input, and resulted in a set of strategies to fulfill the vision for Clatsop County in 2030. Below is a selection of those strategies and goals relevant to parks and recreation facilities and services. The 2030 Vision also outlines Clatsop County's role in each strategy which are included for reference.

- **Arts as economic development:** advance arts and crafts, culture and historic preservation as key economic development strategies for the county. Potential County role: partner.
- **Arts and cultural destinations:** advance downtown Astoria, Seaside, and Cannon Beach as tourist, arts and cultural destinations. Potential County role: support.
- **River Walk and Prom enhancement:** encourage the maintenance and further enhancement of the Astoria River Walk and the Seaside Prom. Potential County role: support.
- **Health and wellness strategy:** develop a comprehensive strategy and programs to improve public health and wellness through education, lifestyle, nutrition, and access to

health care. Potential County role: lead.

- **Active living education:** promote public education on "active living" and the benefits of healthy eating and lifestyles. Potential County role: lead.
- **Affordable childcare:** expand access to affordable childcare for low-wage workers and the working poor. Potential County role: lead.
- **Services for older adults:** improve and enhance appropriate, useful programs and services for older adults and retired people. Potential County role: partner.
- **Community involvement and volunteerism:** support expanded and increased community involvement and volunteerism county-wide. Potential County role: support.
- **Latino population integration:** promote awareness and programs to better integrate County's growing Latino population into the community. Potential County role: partner.
- **Activities for youth:** partner with municipal and state entities to expand or improve recreational and educational programs and activities for youth. Potential County role: partner.
- **Natural areas, fish and wildlife habitat protection:** maintain and protect natural areas of all types for fish and wildlife habitat and corridors, as well as public access, enjoyment and recreation. Potential County role: partner.
- **Alternative modes of transportation:** support increased public education and awareness on the use of alternative modes of transportation and promote its use. Potential County role: support.
- **Parks and green spaces in new development:** incorporate green spaces, parks, natural areas, and wildlife migration corridor planning in all new development. Potential County role: partner.
- **Pedestrian and bicycle programs and amenities:** improve and enhance pedestrian and bicycle programs and amenities. Potential County role: partner.

5.3 Peer Community Analysis

Five Oregon parks and recreation providers were identified by Department staff, the Citizen Advisory Committee, and Parks Advisory Board to compare and contrast with Astoria. Each community was intended to serve as an example and point of comparison for how parks and recreation services are provided in similar jurisdictions. Communities were selected based on characteristics such as population, region, geography, jurisdiction type, and tourism.

Research on facilities and services provided, organizational structure, staffing, budgeting, and funding sources is included. This analysis can be used to inform policymakers of how other agencies go about providing parks and recreation services, and assist in planning for appropriate levels of service, new funding sources and operational methods.

Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

The Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC) is the caretaker of 785 acres of parkland and 26 miles of trails in Ashland and offers a variety recreational opportunities, as well as facility and park rentals.

- Advertising and sponsorship program for seasonal recreation guides and special events.
- A five percent food and beverage tax was established in Ashland in 1990. APRC receives \$0.01 for every \$0.05 collected, which amounted to \$520,000 in 2014-15.
- Youth and adult sport leagues are provided by the City of Medford, and advertised for in the APRC quarterly guide.
- 18 parks/properties that are designate “dog friendly”, one of which is a two-acre fenced-in area where dogs can run off leash and socialize with other dogs
- The Volunteer in Parks (VIP) program provides various volunteer opportunities to choose from, including working in parks and trails, the North Mountain Park Nature Center, special events, seasonal options and student projects.

City of Newport Parks and Recreation Department

Newport is often used as a comparison city for Astoria because of its similarity in size, population, geography, industry, and tourism. The City of Newport provides parks and recreation services to its constituents through its Parks and Recreation Department.

- Newport’s 45,000 sf recreation center is its most visited facility, with two gymnasiums, a large fitness center with cardio equipment and free weights, indoor running track, fitness and dance studios, a large multipurpose room with a kitchen, a classroom/meeting room, and indoor play equipment.
- A 22,000 sf addition to the recreation center facility will replace Newport’s existing aquatics center. The new addition will include an 8-lane 25-yd pool with 1m diving board, spectator seating, therapeutic/activity pool, hot tub, water slide, offices, storage, and locker rooms. Construction began in Fall of 2015, and the estimated cost of the addition is \$8.25 M. Newport residents passed a bond to fund the facility. Property owners will pay \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, about \$90 annually for the average household.
- The relocation of the aquatic center facility to the recreation center site will add to Newport’s civic complex, which also includes the Newport Senior Center and City Hall, and about 210 parking spaces.
- It is a goal of the City Council to update the City of Newport Parks Master Plan, which has been included in the budget FY 2016-17.
- The Community Development Department is investigating the possibility of developing a network of walking and mountain biking trails at the City’s water reservoir site.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is planning a bicycle pump track adjacent to its dog park, to be about 150’ x 150’. A tree master plan has also been proposed.

City of St. Helens Parks Department

- The St. Helens Parks Department is a division of the City's Public Works Department. A Parks & Grounds crew is responsible for maintenance of all parkland, as well as street trees and green spaces within public rights-of-way.
- St. Helens also relies on the Columbia County Community Corrections Crew for maintenance tasks, typically one day per week year-round. Tasks include mowing, trimming, weed eating, and litter pickup.
- The 2014 Parks and Trails Master Plan recommended an increase of the Parks & Grounds crew to a minimum 5.0 FTE year-round, with a total of 10.0 FTE as seasonal help in the spring and summer months.
- The City of St. Helens' location on the Columbia River permeates nearly every aspect of the small town, from tourism to economic development to transportation. As the popularity of recreation along the lower Columbia River increases, the City of St. Helens may act as a land refuge for many members of the non-motorized boating community looking for a place to rest, eat, or sleep.
- The 2014 Parks and Trails Plan proposes building 10.17 miles of additional trails to create new experiences and link the existing system.
- St. Helens, with its proximity to Portland, is projected to grow significantly by 2020, and if the park system remains the same acreage, it will fall short of the recommended level of service for nearly every park classification. The 2014 master plan recommended adding 26.3 acres of parkland in the form of a nature park and a community park.

Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District

The Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District (HRVPRD) was formed in 1988 to continue the operations of an Aquatic Center and supporting programs. The pool was originally owned and maintained by the City of Hood River.

- The district's permanent tax rate of \$0.34 per thousand dollars of property value has guaranteed the operating budget for the well-used facility.
- The District's role has expanded from operating the Hood River Aquatic Center to meeting a variety of the community parks and recreational needs. Currently, HRVPRD provides the Aquatic Center, Skate Park, disc golf course, three neighborhood parks, and the 4-mile Indian Creek Trail. Many other local parks are managed by the port, city or county of Hood River.
- HRVPRD is finalizing a continuous loop trail system that joins into county trails. A slow but steady process of sharing the trail vision with the community and obtaining the necessary easements is working well. Adjacent property owners are becoming partners in bringing the trail to life.

Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation District

The Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation District (SEPRD) was established in 1969 to fund the Sunset Pool facility. Duties have grown to encompass a variety of aquatic and dry-land recreation programs, after-school care, and special events.

- District boundaries are the same as Seaside School District #10, excluding the city limits of Gearhart and Cannon Beach.
- An elected board consists of 5 members who serve four-year terms.
- Vision: "We lead our community toward a healthy, active lifestyle and foster a sense of community thorough inclusive, sustainable, educational and recreational programs."
- Rates are structured based on residence within or outside of the District.

	Astoria Parks and Recreation Department	Ashland Parks and Recreation Department	Newport Parks and Recreation Department	St. Helens Parks Department	Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District	Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District
Service area	10.1 sq mi	6.6 sq mi	10.6 sq mi	5.5 sq mi	530 sq mi	200 sq mi
Service area population	9,503	20,366	10,117	12,883	21,202	11,627
Operations model	City department	City department	City department	Division of City Public Works Department	Regional park and recreation district	Regional park and recreation district
Park sites managed	36	35	13	12	6	3
Land managed	301 acres	728 acres	50 acres	103 acres	50 acres	6 acres
Miles of trails managed	8.8 miles	41 miles	1 mile	6.5 miles	4 miles	None
Park facilities	Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; skate park; community garden; natural areas; riverfront trail and parks; historic and cultural sites; historic cemetery.	Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; skate park; 9-hole golf course; dog friendly areas; fenced-in dog park; four community gardens; seasonal ice rink.	Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; picnic shelters; charcoal grills; a small amphitheater; skate park; 2 fenced-in dog parks; nature trails; community garden; Japanese garden.	Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; skate park; splash pad; 18-hole disc golf course; dog friendly areas; covered picnic areas with power, water, and charcoal grills; beachfront; nature trails; fitness trail with exercise stations; BMX pump track; community garden; two camping areas.	Playgrounds; sport courts; open space; 9-hole disc golf course; skate and BMX park; nature trails.	Skate park, community gardens, and synthetic turf field complex (all owned by City of Seaside, adjacent to and managed by SEPRD).
Indoor facilities	Aquatics center, recreation center, childcare center, indoor playground, two community halls, four public restroom facilities, parks maintenance facility, cemetery maintenance facility and chapel.	Aquatics center, recreation center, nature center, senior center, five community halls, public restroom facilities.	Aquatics center, recreation center, concession stand, three public restroom facilities.	Four public restroom facilities (two with showers), two concession stands.	Aquatics center, park restroom facility.	Combined aquatics and recreation center, youth and community center.
Recreation programs	Swimming lessons, aquatic and dryland fitness, runs and walks, special events, youth and adult sport leagues, early childcare, K-8 after school programs, summer day camps.	Swimming lessons, aquatic and dryland fitness, special events, senior programs, adapted programs, arts and life skills, music and dance, sustainable living and gardening, nature, culture, and history interpretation.	Swimming lessons, aquatic and dryland fitness, special events, senior programs, youth and adult sport leagues, K-8 after school programs, summer day camps.	None	Swimming lessons, aquatic fitness, parties and special events, kayak roll sessions, kayak water polo.	Swimming lessons, aquatic and dryland fitness, special events, senior programs, K-8 after school programs, arts and life skills.
Number of employees	7 full time, 75-100 part time support, 3-6 seasonal maintenance support	38 full time, 6-8 seasonal support	8 full time, 10-12 part time support	3 full time, 1 part time support, 5-6 seasonal support	4 full time, 20-30 part time support	7 full time, 14 part time support
Operating budget	\$1.82 M	\$6.3 M	\$2.3 M	\$233,250 for parkland maintenance	\$3.7 M	\$2.56 M
Subsidy received	48% from City general funds	83% from City general funds	49% from City general funds	100% from City general funds	\$0.34 per 1,000 assessed property value within District boundaries	\$0.92 per 1,000 assessed property value within District boundaries
Other funding sources	City capital improvement funds; transient room tax funds (amount varies); Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation fundraising.	Food and beverage tax (20% of total collected is transferred to Parks and Recreation); System Development Charges, City capital improvement funds.	Transient room tax, System Development Charges, City capital improvement funds.	System Development Charges, City Public Works budgets for Grounds and Water + Sewer, City capital improvement funds.	System Development Charges	City of Seaside, timber tax.
Notes	The Maintenance Division also manages an additional 13 non-park properties (about 9 acres).	The Department is overseen by a 5-member elected City commission	Maintenance /custodial services are managed by the Public Works Department. \$563,000 for those services is included in the operating budget and subsidy above.	St. Helens is considering a utility fee or maintenance district for parks.	HRVPRD is developing a continuous loop trail system and fenced-in dog park in Hood River.	SEPRD identified nearly \$170,000 in deferred maintenance at its aquatics and recreation facility in FY 2015-16 budgets.

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6. Recommendations

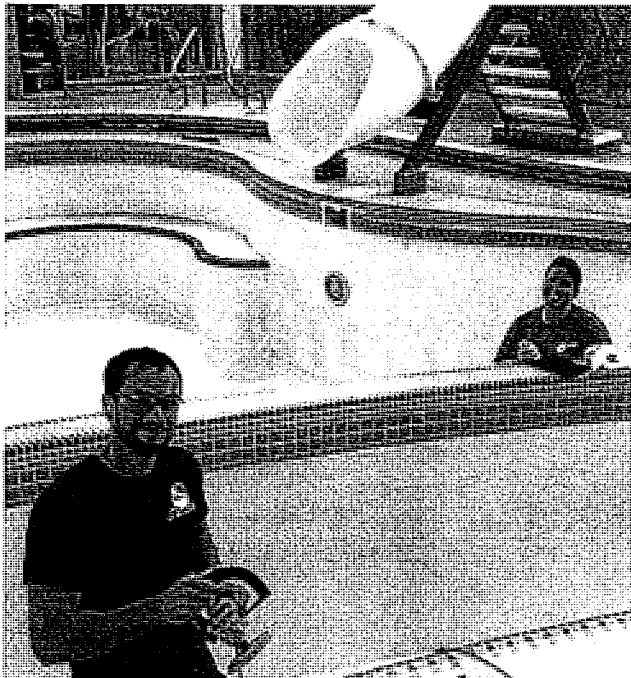
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6.1 Introduction

The recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan are a result of the preceding community profile, inventory of facilities and services, evaluation of existing conditions, level of service analysis, and needs assessment. They establish goals and actions to guide investments and decision-making for the next ten years. The following chapter outlines a strategy for implementing these recommendations, including cost estimates and target completion dates.

Draft recommendations were developed in coordination with Parks and Recreation Department staff, the Citizen Advisory Committee, and Parks Advisory Board. The draft recommendations were then presented to the public to measure support and evaluate prioritization. That input was presented to Staff, the Citizen Advisory Committee, and Parks Advisory Board, and used to refine the recommendations prior to work sessions with the City of Astoria Planning Commission and City Council on the draft Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.

Recommendations are divided into six categories: Maintenance, Planning, Communications and Marketing, Partnerships, Operations, and Capital Projects.



6.2 Maintenance

Develop a Parks and Facilities Maintenance Plan

Nationwide, maintaining parks facilities is a challenge, and agencies are experiencing a growing backlog of deferred maintenance. In Oregon, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) identifies providing adequate funds for routine and preventative maintenance and repair of facilities, and funding major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities at the end of their useful life, as “top statewide issues to address.”

Astorians have expressed that they are disappointed with the conditions and upkeep of the Parks and Recreation Department’s parks and facilities. Many comments collected during surveys and public meetings identified maintenance of existing parks and facilities as a top priority, and that acceptable maintenance levels should be achieved before planning for any new development.

Actions:

- Establish standards for level of care at each park, trail, and indoor facility
- Identify and prioritize the backlog of deferred maintenance tasks
- Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all built and natural historic features
- Utilize computer software to record and track parkland and facility conditions, maintenance needs, scheduling, amenities, and part numbers
- Prioritize sustainability and energy efficiency. Develop a strategy for improvement in those areas
- Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all tree and plant species
- Incorporate estimates for the maintenance costs of proposed development, such as the trails included in the 2013 Trails Master Plan, and the development of Heritage Square.
- Update the Parks & Recreation Facilities Maintenance Plan at regular intervals.



Increase Community Stewardship

The SCORP recommends parks and recreation providers identify reliable sources of financial and in-kind support. Community organizations and volunteers can provide valuable assistance in funding and completing maintenance tasks and development projects.

Astoria Parks and Recreation currently utilizes its Citizens Helping Improve Parks (CHIP-in) program and a handful of “friends” groups to mitigate low staff capacity for maintenance needs, but could improve those programs to receive more stable and robust support from the community.

Actions:

- Develop and maintain a public online database of projects which need volunteer assistance or could be completed by volunteers
- Continue to grow the CHIP-In program, focusing on methods to improve volunteer recruitment and increase retention
- Establish a formal “Friends of the Parks” program and develop a contract with guidelines and expectations.
- Establish a formal “Adopt-A-Park” program and develop a contract with guidelines and expectations.
- Ensure internal staff capacity is available to oversee projects and carry out continued maintenance required for any improvements or new development.

6.3 Planning

Capital Improvement Plan

A capital improvement plan would outline and organize the Department’s capital projects, and improve effectiveness in funding and implementation. It would also allow the Department to phase project timelines strategically and account for things like the ongoing maintenance costs of improvements and new development.

Actions:

- Develop a plan and implementation strategy
- Include long-term maintenance requirements for each project
- Prioritize projects based on community support and availability of funding

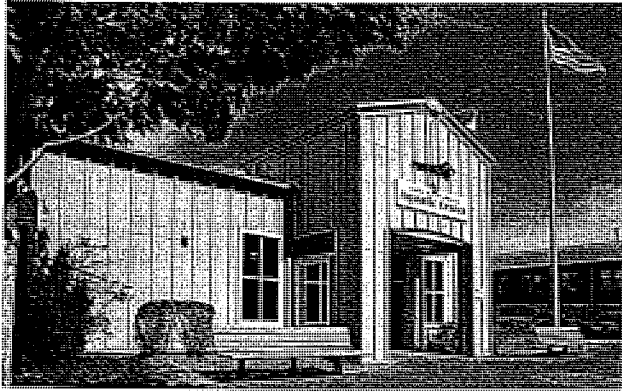
Ocean View Cemetery Master Plan

Operating a 100-acre historic cemetery located in Warrenton has proven challenging over the past five years. Prior to 2011, there were one or more full time maintenance staff located at Ocean View Cemetery and dedicated to operations, burials, and maintenance. Since staffing cuts have been made, operations and maintenance at the cemetery have suffered. The community has raised concerns about conditions at the cemetery. Perpetual care of burial sites is guaranteed as part of the cemetery deed purchase. Some community members believe maintaining the cemetery should be a high priority, while others agree but believe operations of the facility should not be a core service of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Implementation of a new online GIS portal will allow visitors to easily locate information and burial sites, saving the department time on record keeping and answering questions. Additional planning will help to develop strategies for improving cemetery operations and maintenance to a level that meets public expectations.

Actions:

- Address funding sources, operations and maintenance, and future site development
- Complete this project prior to any new development at the cemetery



Combined Recreation Center Feasibility Study

There are three primary indoor recreation facilities managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff and community members have expressed frustration with having separate facilities on opposite sides of the city, the lack of fitness studios at the Aquatics Center, and the lack of showers and locker rooms to support the fitness studios at the Recreation Center. A commonly suggested solution was to consolidate the facilities at a single, central location. This solution has the potential to improve the Department's efficiency by requiring fewer staff and improving interdepartmental communication. It would also increase customer satisfaction, especially for families, by having all recreation needs under one roof.

Actions:

- Evaluate consolidation of APRD-managed indoor recreation facilities into a single site
- Evaluate the Astoria Aquatic Center's capacity to be expanded to include the amenities currently provided at the Astoria Recreation Center and Port of Play
- Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of selling the Astoria Recreation Center, and consider the requirement to retain public access to Youngs Bay
- Assess the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating facilities, including staffing, facility maintenance, parking, and customer satisfaction
- Evaluate a range of development scenarios, with consideration given to other providers of indoor recreation facilities in Astoria

- Evaluate options for retaining or relocating parks maintenance facilities in scenarios that would include the sale of the Astoria Recreation Center facility

Site-specific Park Improvement Plans

Many park sites managed by the Department are in need of more than basic maintenance. Several facilities are under-utilized, past their useful lives, inaccessible to those with limited mobility, or in neighborhoods with changing needs. Site-specific planning will allow the Department to develop design strategies and cost estimates for improving landscape features and park amenities.

Sites:

- 9th & Astor Park
- Alderbrook Natural Area
- Alderbrook Park
- Astor Park (coordinate with Friends of the Astoria Column)
- McClure Park (coordinate with Friends of McClure Park)
- Shively Park
- Tidal Rock Park

Parks & Recreation Department Involvement in Related City of Astoria Planning Initiatives

In order to ensure that the Parks and Recreation Department's planning initiatives mesh well with other City initiatives, and that City initiatives are in stride with the Parks and Recreation Department's planning initiatives and staff capacity, communication and collaboration between departments is critical.

Actions:

- Provide guidance for any open space development proposed at Heritage Square
- Provide guidance for implementation of proposed open space in the Riverfront Vision Plan
- Provide guidance for any other planning proposals that would require APRD resources to construct, operate, or maintain

Review and Update the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan

The Plan should be reviewed and updated at regular intervals to ensure that its contents and strategies are current with the needs of the Department and community.

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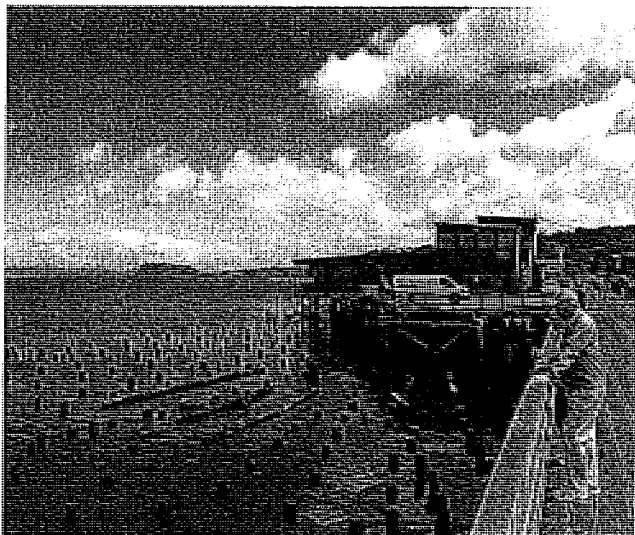
- Review the Plan every 3-5 years
- Update the Plan in 5-10 years

Review and Update the City of Astoria Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element

The City of Astoria Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element, Goals and Policies, should be updated to reflect the contents of this document. The Comprehensive Plan map, c. 1978, should also be updated to reflect the current inventory, location, and boundaries of parkland. Establishing official boundaries for each park facility is important for future planning, development, and enforcement of Department policies.

Actions:

- Update policies and goals
- Update map



6.4 Communications and Marketing

Develop an Annual Communications and Marketing Plan

This plan would assess the Department's various methods of information delivery annually, to reach and maintain benchmarks for communications and marketing established by the Department and community.

Actions:

- Measure the impact that communications and marketing strategies have on attendance, program registration, customer satisfaction, and revenue. Use this information to develop a plan annually.

Visitor and Non-Resident Use Study

Visitor use studies can be used to measure the usage of public facilities and assess resulting impacts, from increased maintenance demands and strain on infrastructure, to job creation and retail sales. Astoria has many popular tourist attractions, visited annually by hundreds of thousands of people from around the world. Visits to Astoria often include strolls along the River Walk, climbs to the top of the Astoria Column, and pit-stops at the Downtown Restrooms during Sunday Market. In addition, Astoria's recreation facilities, programs, and special events are some of the only provided in a substantial vicinity, drawing regular participation from residents of northern Clatsop County and southern Pacific County in Washington.

The information collected from the study could then be used to evaluate revenue streams that would support the Department's magnitude of services to non-Astoria citizens.

Actions:

- Track, measure, and record the use of parks, trails, facilities and programs by user type (residents, non-residents, visitors).
- Assess the impact of tourism on Parks & Recreation facilities.
- Assess the value Parks & Recreation facilities and events bring to the area's economy through sales and job creation.

Increase Community Awareness of Parks and Recreation Facilities and Services

Survey and public meeting results showed a strong desire for better delivery of information from the Parks and Recreation Department about its facilities and services. These results tended to occur more frequently in late 2015. A part-time Communications Coordinator was hired around the same time, and by early 2016 there were fewer negative and more positive responses regarding information delivery, particularly the Department website and social media profiles. Progress is being made, but it will need to be sustained, and there are still many areas with room for improvement. Staff continue to express a need for more effective communication with the public, and it remains a priority.

Actions:

- Continue to develop and improve the Astoria Parks & Recreation website, social media pages, and periodicals.
- Provide materials in print at key locations such as schools, the Astoria Senior Center, Astoria Library, Chamber of Commerce, and other public facilities, community organizations, and healthcare providers.
- Provide communications and marketing materials in Spanish and coordinate with local community groups such as the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council and Lower Columbia Tourism Committee.
- Increase awareness of scholarship opportunities, discounts, giveaways and free events.
- Increase awareness of the Parks and Recreation Department's operations, amenities, and services.



6.5 Partnerships

Evaluate Partnership Agreements for Shared Facility Use and Maintenance

The Parks and Recreation Department manages a handful of properties that are used regularly by other organizations. The Department also uses facilities owned by other agencies, for its own programs. In many cases, agreements are made fully or partially on an exchange of services, such as shared maintenance.

Actions:

- Evaluate existing agreements to ensure a fair balance
- Establish new or more formal agreements where appropriate

Review and Honor Agreements with Granting Agencies

Grants for parks and recreation facilities or services typically come with stipulations regarding how funds are to be directed, and how land is to be used.

Actions:

- Ensure all existing agreements continue to be honored, especially where funds have been granted with contracts that require particular uses and/or amenities

Coordinate with Other Local Parks and Recreation Providers

Northern Clatsop County and Southern Pacific County are ripe with recreational land managers, environmental associations, public health providers, educators, historic preservation groups, and community organizations. This provides a wealth of opportunities for coordination. Communication and partnerships with outside organizations can also be an effective strategy for finding better ways to meet the community's parks and recreation needs.

6.6 Operations

Balance Staff Capacity with Quality and Level of Service Benchmarks

Community input gathered during the planning process demonstrated that parks and recreation facilities and services were a critical component to respondents' quality of life. Results also demonstrated that the community has higher expectations for quality of services and maintenance of facilities than current levels. In addition, the Department provides a larger scope of services with fewer full time staff than national averages and peer communities (see sections 5.2 and 5.3 for more information).

Actions:

- Achieve target staffing levels to meet current needs
- Provide competitive wages and benefits to improve hiring and retention
- Employ a sufficient level of part and full time staff to meet quality and level of service needs
- Contract for services that cannot reasonably be provided by Department staff
- Provide a safe and healthy work environment

Increase Revenues to Meet Quality and Level of Service Benchmarks

Community input gathered during the planning process shows that the community has higher expectations for quality of services and maintenance than current levels.

The Oregon SCORP lists, "provide adequate funds for routine and preventative maintenance and repair of facilities", "fund major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities at the end of their useful life" as "Top Statewide Issues to Address." Although the Department's cost recovery is nearly double the national median, its operating budget per acre of parkland is significantly lower than national averages and peer communities (see sections 3.1, 5.2 and 5.3 for more information).

In order to reach and sustain quality and level of service benchmarks, appropriate and reliable revenue sources will need to be in place.

Actions:

- Adjust program and user fees at regular intervals to keep up with changes in operations and maintenance costs
- Evaluate and implement new revenue sources to support operations and maintenance costs, such as utility fees, business license fees, a parks and recreation taxing district, a cemetery taxing district, increased non-resident user fees, and/or greenway fees for businesses along the River Walk
- Evaluate and implement new revenue sources to support capital projects, such as system development charges (SDCs), grants, Parks & Recreation Endowment Fund; and/or a food and beverage tax.
- Request Promote Astoria Funds for building, improving, and maintaining facilities that benefit citywide beautification and tourism.
- Leverage public/private partnerships to reduce requirements or share costs
- Leverage communications and marketing strategies to increase revenue

Prioritize Core Services

While highly valued by the community, the Department's scope of facilities and services is vast, and some components are scarcely used. In order to operate as effectively as possible, and sustain high levels of service, the Department should identify and evaluate options for underutilized facilities and services. Regarding facilities, the community has expressed that reconfiguration or alternative use is strongly preferred to sale.

Actions:

- Use the Parks and Recreation Department's mission statement, goals, Comprehensive Master Plan, and community input to determine what "core" facilities and services should encompass
- Evaluate reconfiguration or sale of underutilized facilities in areas that are currently over-served, to allow more resources to be allocated to core services. The evaluation should include which facilities would be eligible, total funds to be gained

or saved by the Department, personnel hours saved, intended use of the facility after reconfiguration or sale, and public comment.

- Evaluate the reduction or elimination of underutilized programs, or programs that are determined to be outside of the core
- Investigate alternative options for the maintenance of “non-park” land currently managed by APRD

Establish Hours of Operation that Meet Community Needs

Due to staff and funding restrictions, the hours of operation at the Astoria Aquatic Center were reduced in 2015. A common theme of community input results was that the Center should be open later in the evening on weekdays and earlier in the morning on weekends.

Actions:

- Extend the hours of operation at the Astoria Aquatics Center to better meet community needs while ensuring appropriate staff and funding capacity.

6.7 Capital Projects

Install Additional Lighting Along the River Walk

The River Walk is one of Astoria's most-visited park facilities, used for transportation, exercise, and leisure at all hours of day and night. Irregular surfaces, changes in path direction, loitering, and



illegal camping contribute to poor conditions for safety at night in stretches of the linear park and trail system. Lighting would help improve this.

Actions:

- Determine appropriate fixtures and locations with the goal of improving safety from 17th Street to 39th Street.

Add, Remove, Replace, or Repair Playground Equipment

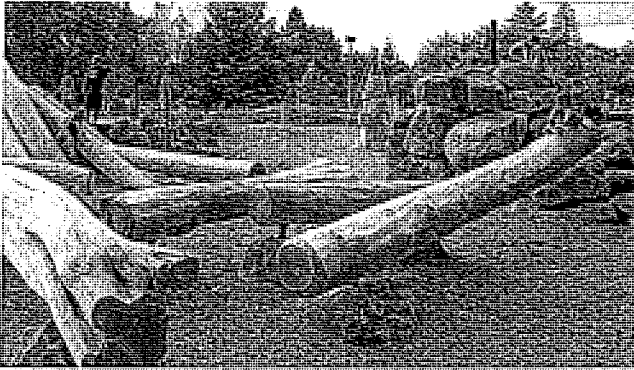
Playground equipment was identified as a priority for investment by Oregon's Statewide Outdoor Comprehensive Recreation Plan 2013-17 (SCORP), and also by community input gathered during this planning process. The Department manages a handful of large playground facilities that are highly utilized. Others are smaller and highly underutilized, due to size, amenities, location or outdated equipment. Additionally, there are few facilities that sufficiently accommodate visitors with limited mobility. Evaluating the Department's network of playground facilities would inform decisions for where equipment should be added, removed, replaced, or repaired.

Actions:

- Provide play equipment near residential neighborhoods
- Ensure equitable access to parks with safe play equipment
- Ensure play equipment meets ADA requirements for access and use

Designate an Off-Leash Dog Area(s)

Dog ownership is common in Astoria, and many of its residential neighborhoods are dense, with small or no lawn areas. This has been a factor contributing to strong support for large public spaces to run dogs off-leash, such as a marked open areas or fenced areas, possibly with additional amenities. Visitors to Astoria often travel with canine companions as well, and search for places to let them run. The Astoria Dog Park Friends formed to advocate for an off-leash dog facility. There is some opposition in the community to this proposal, which makes finding an appropriate location challenging.



Actions:

- Provide a designated off-leash dog area or areas within existing parkland, with signage and waste bags
- Design and construct a fenced-in dog area with amenities within existing parkland

Install A Permanent Restroom Facility at Fred Lindstrom Park

Fred Lindstrom Park's amenities and location make it a popular destination for families throughout the year. With sport courts, a large playground, benches and picnic tables, there is plenty to keep visitors occupied. The community has expressed that a temporary portable restroom facility placed at the park during the summer months is not sufficient, and that a permanent facility would be preferred.

Actions:

- Determine specific location and type of facility

Install Additional Restroom Facilities Along the River Walk

A growing need for public restroom facilities along the River Walk has been identified by many community members and organizations. Suggested locations were near 9th & Astor Park and People's Park.

Actions:

- Determine specific locations and type of facility

Implement the 2013 Trails Master Plan

The *Oregon SCORP* identifies "add more recreational trails and better trail connectivity between parks and communities" as one of its "Top Statewide Issues to Address." The *Oregon Statewide Recreation Trails Master Plan* lists connecting trails into larger trail systems, more signs/ trail wayfinding, and repair of major trail damage as "Statewide Non-Motorized Trail Funding Priorities."

Astorians are also very interested in a larger, more connected, better maintained, and easier-to-navigate trail system. The *City of Astoria Trails Master Plan, 2013* was developed by the Community Development Department and outlines a 20-year vision for trails and trail connections in Astoria.

Actions:

- See the 2013 Trails Master Plan Map, Goals, and Objectives

Improve Signage System-Wide

Clear, attractive, and consistent signage to better identify Parks and Recreation facilities, direct visitors to other attractions, communicate hours and regulations, and interpret natural, cultural, and historic features, would improve the experiences of locals and visitors alike.

Actions:

- Install wayfinding signage (refer to 2015 Wayfinding Concept Plan)
- Install park identification signage
- Install additional interpretive signage
- Ensure sign character and location is consistent system-wide



7. Implementation and Funding

7.1 Introduction

Table: Implementation and Funding Strategy

7.1 Introduction

The preceding chapters of the *Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, 2016* assess the current inventory and conditions of parkland and facilities, measure the level of service provided by the Department, identify community needs, and provides a set of recommendations on these analyses, including action items for the Department to carry out over the next 10 years. An implementation and funding strategy was developed to guide fulfillment of the recommended actions, which encompass maintenance and operations, capital projects, communications and marketing, partnerships, and further planning initiatives.

The scope of the Plan's recommendations includes all parks, trails, facilities and programs managed by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department, as well as maintenance and operations.

The development and regular updates, of the Implementation and Funding Strategy will allow the Department and City to make decisions based on a clear, community-shared vision for the Department, ensuring facilities and services meet the needs and interests of the community throughout time and changes in leadership. This plan will also assist in targeting resources for continuing to provide, and improve, Astoria's extensive and highly valued parks and recreation system.

The Strategy is intended to be a living, working document: a viable tool that is used, reviewed, and updated on a regular basis.

The *Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: 2013-2017* "Guide to Community Park and Recreation Planning" recommends the following items be considered when developing a strategy for plan implementation, in order to make planning documents as effective and useful as possible:

- What actions are the highest priorities to implement within the next 1-2 years?
- What small actions could make substantial progress toward larger goals?
- Which actions would allow results to be seen by the public within the first year of plan implementation?
- Which actions would benefit many segments of the community vs. niche user groups/special interests?
- Which actions could be carried out with existing funding? Which would require new funding sources?
- In order to establish accountability, the implementation strategy should have the following: specific actions that can clearly be identified as 'accomplished' or 'not accomplished', specific people or entities responsible for carrying out each action, and reasonable but specific deadlines.
- The implementation strategy can be reviewed and updated on a regular basis (many communities do this annually, concurrent with the budget cycle).

The following pages summarize the Implementation and Funding Strategy of this Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. Each page corresponds with the Recommendations categories outlined in Section 6 of this document.

Maintenance

Recommendation	Page	Timeframe	Actions	Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Develop a Parks and Facilities Maintenance Plan	50	1-2 years	<p>Establish standards for level of care at each park, trail, and indoor facility</p> <p>Identify and prioritize the backlog of deferred maintenance tasks</p> <p>Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all built and natural historic features</p> <p>Utilize computer software to record and track parkland and facility conditions, maintenance needs, scheduling, amenities, and part numbers</p> <p>Prioritize sustainability and energy efficiency. Develop a strategy for improvement in those areas</p> <p>Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all tree and plant species</p> <p>Incorporate estimates for the maintenance costs of proposed development, such as the trails included in the 2013 Trails Master Plan, and the development of Heritage Square.</p> <p>Update the Parks & Recreation Facilities Maintenance Plan at regular intervals.</p>	2018: update every 3-5 years	\$50,000 - \$75,000	Parks & Recreation Fund; Capital Improvement Fund; OPRD grants	<p>Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor*</p> <p>Partners: Master gardeners, Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, North Coast Watershed Association, Clatsop Community College Historic Preservation, Lower Columbia Preservation Society, Clatsop County Historical Society, Tongue Point Job Corps, National Park Service.</p>
Increase community stewardship	51	Ongoing	<p>Develop and maintain a public online database of projects which need volunteer assistance or could be completed by volunteers</p> <p>Continue to grow the CHIP-In program, focusing on methods to improve volunteer recruitment and increase retention</p> <p>Establish a formal "Friends of the Parks" program and develop a contract with guidelines and expectations.</p> <p>Establish a formal "Adopt-A-Park" program and develop a contract with guidelines and expectations.</p> <p>Ensure internal staff capacity is available to oversee projects and carry out continued maintenance required for any improvements or new development.</p>	<p>2017</p> <p>Review progress annually</p> <p>2017</p> <p>2017</p> <p>Review project by project</p>	Varies based on staff time	Parks & Recreation Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; OPRD grants	<p>Project Lead: Volunteer Coordinator*</p> <p>Support: Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor.</p>

*Note: Additional staff capacity is needed to implement this recommendation

Planning

Recommendation		Page	Timeframe	Actions		Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners	
Capital Improvement Plan	51	Ongoing		Develop a plan and implementation strategy	Include long-term maintenance requirements for each project	Develop by 2017, then update annually	Varies based on staff time	Parks & Recreation Fund; Capital Improvement Fund	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor*; Recreation Coordinators*	
Ocean View Cemetery Master Plan	51	1-2 years		Address funding sources, operations and maintenance, and future site development	Prioritize projects based on community support and availability of funding	2017	\$50,000 - \$75,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor* Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department	
Combined Recreation Center Feasibility Study	52	6-9 years		Evaluate consolidation of APRD-managed indoor recreation facilities into a single site	Complete this project prior to any new development	2020	\$30,000 - \$50,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director. Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department Partners;	
Site-specific park improvement plans	52	3-5 years		Evaluate the Astoria Aquatic Center's capacity to be expanded to include the amenities currently provided at the Astoria Recreation Center and Port of Play	Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of selling the Astoria Recreation Center, and consider the requirement to retain public access to Youngs Bay	2019	\$20,000 - \$50,000 per plan	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor* Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department	
Parks and Recreation Department involvement in related City of Astoria planning initiatives	52	Ongoing		Assess the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating facilities, including staffing, facility maintenance, parking, and customer satisfaction	Provide guidance for any open space development proposed at Heritage Square	Review on a project by project basis	Varies based on staff time	City of Astoria General Fund	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor. Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; All City Departments	
Review and update the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan	53	Ongoing		Evaluate a range of development scenarios, with consideration given to other providers of indoor recreation facilities in Astoria	Provide guidance for any other planning proposals that would require APRD resources to construct, operate, or maintain	2020	Varies based on staff time	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director.* Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department	
Update the City of Astoria Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element	53	1-2 years		Evaluate options for retaining or relocating parks maintenance facilities in scenarios that would include the sale of the Astoria Recreation Center facility	Update the Plan every 5-10 years	2018	Varies based on staff time	City of Astoria General Fund	Project Lead: Community Development Director Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; Community Development Department	

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Communications and Marketing

Recommendation		Page	Timeframe	Actions	Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Develop an Annual Communications and Marketing Plan	53	Ongoing	Measure the impact that communications and marketing strategies have on attendance, program registration, customer satisfaction, and revenue. Use this information to develop a plan annually.		Develop plan by 2017, then update annually	\$5,000 - \$10,000	Parks & Recreation Fund	Project Lead: Communications Coordinator* Support: Parks & Recreation Director
Visitor and non-resident use study	53	3-5 years	Track, measure, and record the use of parks, trails, facilities and programs by user type (residents, non-residents, visitors). Assess the impact of tourism on Parks & Recreation facilities. Assess the value Parks & Recreation facilities and events bring to the area's economy through sales and job creation. Continue to develop and improve the Astoria Parks & Recreation website, social media pages, and periodicals. Provide materials in print at key locations such as schools, the Astoria Senior Center, Astoria Library, Chamber of Commerce, and other public facilities, community organizations, and healthcare providers.		2020	\$30,000 - \$50,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	Project Lead: Communications Coordinator* Support: Parks & Recreation Director
Increase community awareness of parks and recreation facilities and services	54	Ongoing	Provide communications and marketing materials in Spanish and coordinate with local community groups such as the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council and Lower Columbia Tourism Committee. Increase awareness of scholarship opportunities, discounts, giveaways and free events. Increase awareness of the Parks and Recreation Department's operations, amenities, and services.	Evaluate annually, concurrent with Communications and Marketing Plan		Varies based on staff time.	Parks & Recreation Fund	Project Lead: Communications Coordinator* Support: Parks & Recreation Director. Partners: Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation

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Partnerships

Recommendation		Page	Timeframe	Actions		Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners	
Evaluate agreements with existing partners for shared maintenance and/or use of facilities	54	Ongoing		Evaluate existing agreements to ensure a fair balance		First review by 2017; then evaluate annually	Varies based on staff time.	Parks & Recreation Fund	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director*, Maintenance Supervisor* Support: Recreation Coordinator(s); Parks Advisory Board	
				Establish new or more formal agreements where appropriate						
Review and honor agreements with granting agencies	54	Ongoing		Ensure all existing agreements continue to be honored, especially where funds have been granted with contracts that require particular uses and/or amenities		Evaluate annually	N/A	N/A	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director*	
Coordinate with other local recreation providers	54	Ongoing		Build and pursue new partnerships with other local parks and recreation providers Collaborate to meet shared goals, and reduce gaps or overlaps in services		Evaluate annually	Varies based on staff time.	Parks & Recreation Fund	Recreation Coordinator(s)*; Parks & Recreation Director*	

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Operations

Recommendation		Page	Timeframe	Actions		Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Balance staff capacity with quality and level of service benchmarks	SS	1-2 years	Ongoing	Achieve target staffing levels to meet current needs		2017	TBD	Parks & Recreation Fund; Capital Improvement Fund	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director. Support: Maintenance Supervisor; Recreation Coordinators; Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager
		Provide competitive wages and benefits to improve hiring and retention		Review annually concurrent with budget cycle					
Increase revenues to meet quality and level of service benchmarks	SS	Ongoing	Employ a sufficient level of part and full time staff to meet quality and level of service needs		Annual	2017	Parks & Recreation Fund; TBD	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director. Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager; Community Development Department	
			Contract for services that cannot reasonably be provided by Department staff						2017
	SS	Ongoing	Provide a safe and healthy work environment		Annual	2017	Parks & Recreation Fund; TBD	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director. Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager; Community Development Department	
			Adjust program and user fees at regular intervals to keep up with changes in operations and maintenance costs						2017
	SS	Ongoing	Evaluate and implement new revenue sources to support operations and maintenance costs, such as utility fees, business license fees, a parks and recreation taxing district, a cemetery taxing district, increased non-resident user fees, and/or gateway fees for businesses along the River Walk		Annual	2017	Parks & Recreation Fund; TBD	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director. Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager; Community Development Department	
			Evaluate and implement new revenue sources to support capital projects, such as system development charges (SDCs), grants, Parks & Recreation Endowment Fund; and/or a food and beverage tax.						2017
Prioritize "core" services by reconfiguring or eliminating underutilized facilities and/or programs	SS	Ongoing	Request Promote Astoria Funds for building, improving, and maintaining facilities that benefit citywide beautification and tourism.		Annual	2017	Parks & Recreation Fund; TBD	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director. Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager; Community Development Department	
			Leverage public/private partnerships to reduce requirements or share costs						2017
	SS	Ongoing	Leverage communications and marketing strategies to increase revenue		Annual	2017	Parks & Recreation Fund; TBD	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director. Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager; Community Development Department	
			Use the Parks and Recreation Department's mission statement, goals, Comprehensive Master Plan, and community input to determine what "core" services should encompass						2017
	SS	Ongoing	Evaluate reconfiguration or sale of underutilized facilities in areas that are currently over-served, to allow more resources to be allocated to core services. The evaluation should include which facilities would be eligible, total funds to be gained or saved by the Department, personnel hours saved, intended use of the facility after reconfiguration or sale, and public comment.		Annual	2017	Parks & Recreation Fund; TBD	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director. Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager; Community Development Department	
			Evaluate the reduction or elimination of underutilized programs, or programs that are determined to be outside of the core						2017
Establish hours of operations to meet community needs	56	1-2 years	Investigate alternative options for the maintenance of "non-park" land currently managed by APRD		Annual	2017	Parks & Recreation Fund; TBD	Project Lead: Parks & Recreation Director. Support: Parks Advisory Board; City Council; City Manager; Community Development Department	
			Extend the hours of operation at the Astoria Aquatics Center to better meet community needs while ensuring appropriate staff and funding capacity.						2017
***: Additional staff capacity is needed to implement this recommendation.									

Capital Projects

Recommendation	Page	Timeframe	Actions	Target Completion	Cost	Funding Sources	Project Lead / Support / Partners
Install additional lighting along the River Walk	56	3-5 years	Determine appropriate fixtures and locations with the goal of improving safety from 17th Street to 39th Street.	2021	\$1 M - \$1.5 M	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor* <u>Support:</u> Public Works; Engineering Department
Add, remove, replace, or repair playground equipment	56	1-2 years	Provides play equipment near residential neighborhoods Ensure equitable access to parks with safe play equipment Ensure play equipment meets ADA requirements for access and use	2018	\$250,000 - \$750,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor* <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board
Designate off-leash dog area(s)	56	1-2 years 6-9 years	Provide a designated off-leash dog area or areas within existing parkland, with signage and waste bags Design and construct a fenced-in dog area with amenities within existing parkland	2018 2025	\$1,000 - \$5,000 Varies based on size and amenities	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; City General Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director*; Maintenance Supervisor* <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; Astoria Dog Park Friends; Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation
Install a permanent restroom facility at Fred Lindstrom Park	57	3-5 years	Determine specific location and type of facility	2019	\$150,000 - \$200,000	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; Public Works; MOMS Club; Astoria Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation
Install permanent restroom facilities along the River Walk at People's Park and 9th & Astor Park	57	3-5 years	Determine specific location and type of facility	2019	\$150,000 - \$200,000 each	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; Public Works
Implement the 2013 Trails Master Plan	57	10-15 years	See the 2013 Trails Master Plan Map, Goals, and Objectives	Review progress annually	Varies	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> TBD. <u>Support:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor; Parks Advisory Board; Public Works; Community Development Department
Improve signage system-wide	57	3-5 years	Install wayfinding signage (refer to 2015 Wayfinding Concept Plan) Install park identification signage Install additional interpretive signage Ensure sign character and location is consistent system-wide	2018	TBD	Capital Improvement Fund; Promote Astoria Fund; Grants	<u>Project Lead:</u> Parks & Recreation Director; Maintenance Supervisor. <u>Support:</u> Parks Advisory Board; Public Works, Community Development Department <u>Partners:</u> Astoria Downtown Historic District Association

*Note: Additional staff capacity is needed to implement this recommendation

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Sherri Williams

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 3:33 PM
To: Sherri Williams
Subject: Planning Commission letter on Master Park Plan

Dear Astoria Planning Commission member,

Re: Community input on Park Master Plan concerning not selling our parks.

As the results of the survey questions found below show there was never any consensus that the community wanted to sell what some person would decide was an under-utilized park. In fact it was just the opposite and if a park did become underutilized it was recommended that it be transitioned "into natural areas" — not sold. Even the comments following that were part of the survey for these questions (M2.1 and M2.2) do not give the impression that the public wants our existing parklands sold. Please go to the original data which can be found at the Parks and Recreation website (http://astoriaparks.com/Master_Plan.aspx) under Master Plan. There you can click on "April 2016 Focus Group Summary" where 13 Groups and more than 40 subgroups responded representing many interests. Only once was it mentioned that parks "could be repurposed or sold" and that came from the City Staff "Focus Group". This is because some city staff believes "there is an over supply of parks and recreation land relative to population and the needs assessment."

At the same Park website you can read the approved April 21st minutes of the APR Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee has the following:

- *"While the public highly favors increased staffing and revenue, they also want the City to keep and maintain unused park properties instead of selling them. They are concerned that once parkland is sold, it can never be reclaimed."*

12. Create a more manageable parks system by selling or transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

Strongly Disagree(23) Disagree(9)

Agree(8) Strongly Agree (11)

This question was not asked in the online survey. See M2.1 and M2.2, which were introduced into the online survey to differentiate the two concepts for reducing the number of park sites that need regular maintenance.

M2.1: Create a more manageable parks system by transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

Strongly Disagree (5) Disagree (10)

Agree (21) Strongly Agree (19)

M2.2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling under-utilized parks

Strongly Disagree (16) Disagree (9)

Agree (14) Strongly Agree (8)

There is nothing on which with the City or the Parks department can point to from the surveys that justifies having you approve anything that allows the selling of our parks. To make matters worse the City does not even say where all the money would go if they did sell our parks — such as requiring it be given to the Parks and Recreation department. I again urge you to go to the original data where you will read comments like “Public space is valuable and not easily found, once sold.”

"Selling underutilized parkland was the main draft recommendation that did not rate favorably. Respondents strongly preferred reducing maintenance and converting underutilized parks into natural areas, or developing underutilized parks with new amenities to satisfy unmet community needs." (Page 41 of Draft Astoria Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan)

At the June 16, 2016 Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee meeting I heard several member express when they agreed to selling they meant it was okay to sell real estate (meaning buildings) like where they were meeting — the Astoria Recreation Center (ARC)—, but not parks.

I was recently told the following finding that was before you last month's at your only open public hearing on the Park Master Plan (IV Finding of Fact item D) was “incorrect” and “transposed”, but it still raises concern.

"IV D. Section 10.070(A)(2) concerning Text Amendments requires that "The amendment will not adversely affect the ability of the City to satisfy land and water use needs"

"Finding: The proposed amendment does not directly address impacts to water use needs. However, it does not address land needs by concluding that no additional land is necessary and excess parks or open space that is designated in the future by the City Council can be disposed and reallocated to benefit future lands needs for residential or commercial purposes. This determination can occur separately or as part of the plan amendment decision."

I believe the parks department doesn't approve of the wording of this Finding as written and has recommended changes. I would appreciate knowing if you will need to reopen the public hearing to correct this Finding?

The fact that question M2 found above was rewritten for the online version shows that they did not like the answer found above which was very strong against selling park lands. The online version, however, also did not support selling our parks and I hope you will agree with that position. The more than 40 sub groups of the Focus Groups also never mentioned selling our parks — except for city staff.

Saying these sales will be part of future public hearings will not be good enough. My experience with the Bridge Vista portion of the Riverfront Vision Plan showed that public hearings mean very little when the Councilors can point to a previous document to justify their decisions to sell.

Please remove any reference to selling our parks from your recommendation to City Council. The people need you to represent them.

Thank you for listening to the people,

George (Mick) Hague

S. Some believe the City staff thinks we have too much park land and is eyeing our parks to provide space for future high density housing, but it is these very users of this type of housing that needs our parks/open space more than any others in our city.

Sherri Williams

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 4:49 PM
To: Sherri Williams
Subject: Astoria Does Not Have too much Park Land for our projected populations.

Dear Astoria Planning Commissioners,

The percentage of the general fund that the City has provided to the Parks and Recreation Department has appeared to go down every year since about 2009. While it was above 10% from the year 2000 through 2010, it has been lower since then and has continued declining every year. This decline also matches the decline in their staff. The City needs to reinvest in the parks and that was very evident from the surveys people filled out in regards to the parks in our City.

During the last 15 years the City has continued to increase the number of parks we enjoy — even though the City has reduced what the Parks should have been receiving to maintain employee numbers with the necessary salary increases. It is good that we have increased the number of parks, because it has allowed us to have what is necessary in each of the following categories for our expected 2020 population of 10,088 (therefore divide each park category total acreage by 0.1) :

Recommended Oregon LOS (acres/1000 population)	Astoria's acreage managed by APRD	LOS for Astoria in 2020 (acres/1,000 population)
Community Parks 2.0 - 6.0	23.7	2.3 Meets recommendation
Destination Parks 20 - 30	49.5	4.9 "Meets recommendation"
Near Parks .5 - 1.5	36.4(Riverwalk)	3.6 Exceeds recommendation
Nature Parks 2 - 6	61.3	6.1 Exceeds recommendation by one tenth
Neighborhood Parks 1 - 2	20.1	2.0 Meets recommendation
Pocket Parks .25 - 0.5	5.5	0.5 Meets recommendation
Regional Parks 5-10	0	0 "Meets recommendation"
Regional Sports Parks 5-10	0	0 "Satisfactory"
Special Use Parks N/A	3.77	0.4 N/A
Urban Plaza Parks 0.1 - 0.2	0.25	0.02 Needs exists

The information found above is using the information from table 4.2 on page 32 of the Astoria Comprehensive Interim Plan for Parks. Instead of using the 2014 population I used the "Potential Population Growth" for 2020 found on page eight of section 2.1. As you can read we are basically within the range for each category except for a large outlier because of the Riverwalk and also thanks to private/other government agencies efforts.

The same is true for Total Parks. If you remove the Riverwalk outlier of 36.4 acres we are very close to the range of total parks at 16.3 acres/1000 population in the year 2020. If you remove the outlier and use the Potential Population Growth for 2030 we are within the LOS range for total parks of 6.25 - 15 acres/1000 population as seen at the bottom of table 4.2.

Astoria's limited space makes it very difficult to find more parks once they are sold. If you think finding the money to maintain what we have is difficult now, I believe it will be impossible in 15 years to buy even more scarce land for needed parks. We should maintain the parks we have for future populations— even if that means letting them go to more controlled natural areas as recommended by the public in the park survey. The more we build higher density housing the more we will need City parks for the people without yards.

The area we exceed recommendations based on Table 4.4 on page 33 is active parks like baseball and softball and soccer fields. I would find it sad to remove these opportunities from our children and active adults.

Based on the table found above and using 2020 population projections we are within the guidelines—except for the Riverwalk. Please listen to the people who have said do not sell our parks. Do not justify selling parks by saying we are relatively close to parks like Fort Stevens. Those in the park's survey understood this and still said do not sell our parks.

I could support selling real estate (buildings) like the Astoria Recreational Center (ARC) as long as we maintain access to Youngs Bay.

Thank you for reading,

George (Mick) Hague

Sherri Williams

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 3:55 PM
To: Sherri Williams
Subject: 1st of two letters for Planning Commissioners = Please consider the following before voting to allow the selling of our parks at tonight's meeting

Good evening Planning Commissioners,

I hope you read my previous emails on the Park Master Plan and will use this one to further understand more about our community's input as well as the amount of parks we have in Astoria. The page numbers in parentheses are from the Parks Master Plan.

"Community input from over 1,200 users of Astoria Parks and Recreation's facilities and services." (Executive Summary)

Part of these 1,200 user were those of the Focus Groups and their more than 40 subgroups that provided input (April 2016 Focus Group Summary) The only group that mentioned selling our parks was City Staff, but they are not supported by the public. This would especially be true if people understood that there is nothing in the plan that guarantees the Parks Department receiving the money from selling off our parks.

Community Input: *While the public highly favors increased staffing and revenue, they also want the City to keep and maintain unused park properties instead of selling them. They are concerned that once parkland is sold, it can never be reclaimed.*" (Approved minutes of the Astoria Parks and Recreation Mater Plan Citizens Advisory Committee April 21 2016)

"Cemetery operations: *The APRD maintenance division manages and provides all cemetery activities at Ocean View Cemetery. Prior to 2011, there was maintenance staff dedicated full-time to cemetery operations, but since then the Grounds and Facilities Coordinators, under the guidance of the Maintenance Supervisor, carry out all activities including: preparing full and cremation burials, disinterment services, selling graves, locating graves, caring for turf and ornamental plantings, and enforcing rules and regulations.*" (Page 21) It is these 100 acres that make it very difficult on parks staff — especially because each year since 2009 they have had less for their parks budget as a percentage of the City's General Fund than the previous year. It is also these 100 acres that overemphasizes the amount of "park land" we have and must maintain.

Oregon's Median Level of Service (LOS) of parks (acres/1,000 population) is 17.3 acres. (Page 32) It is only because of our large 36.4 acres of linear parks (Riverwalk) that we exceed this amount in 2016. In 20 years (2036) we will be just under the median with 17.2 acres based on the population assumption on page 8. Just as you are being told to plan for the needed land uses in 20 years (2036) for residential or commercial you also

need to maintain our park acreage in each category so Astoria will have the median park acreage found throughout Oregon. Remember as we begin building more multi-family units to meet our housing needs, we will also need all our parks for those who do not have yards.

The areas we will continue to exceed recommendations in 20 years (2036) are our number of Park Amenities shown on page 33. These are facilities like baseball, softball, and soccer fields as well as basketball and volleyball courts. As a retired teacher I feel these uses are very important, but I believe many of them can be maintained by youth group adoptions. Picnic shelters and playgrounds will also exceed recommended amounts in 2020 and 2036 based on numbers not acreage, but I believe our neighborhoods need these small areas for a healthy community.

"Selling underutilized parkland was the main draft recommendation that did not rate favorably. Respondents strongly preferred reducing maintenance and converting underutilized parks into natural areas, or developing underutilized parks with new amenities to satisfy unmet community needs." (Page 41)

"Regarding facilities, the community has expressed that reconfiguration or alternative use is strongly preferred to sale." (Page 55)

Since there is a strong appearance that our City Staff is pushing the sale of our parks, some believe that their future "further investigation" and "additional analysis" into selling our parks would be biased. It is difficult for a "public process" to undo such staff reports.

"Investigate alternative options for the maintenance of 'non-park' land currently managed by APRD" (Page 56) This is the area of the plan that I believe the City needs to investigate further and then follow through. This would save money and free staff for other areas.

Thank you for considering this information,

George (Mick) Hague

Sherri Williams

From: George Hague <gbhague@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 3:56 PM
To: Sherri Williams
Subject: 2nd of two letter for tonights Planning Commission

During the last 15 years the City has continued to increase the number of parks we enjoy — even though the City has reduced what the Parks should have been receiving to maintain employee numbers with the necessary salary increases. It is good that we have increased the number of parks, because it has allowed us to have what is necessary in each of the following categories for our expected population of 10,088 in 2020 and also 11,710 in 20 years (therefore divide Astoria's acreage for each category by 11.7) It is this 20 years that the City believes they need to repurpose (that is sell) our parks "to maintain a 20 year supply of residential or commercial land," but as you can read we need all the parks in the categories listed below.

Recommended Oregon LOS (acres/1000 population)	Astoria's acreage managed by APRD	LOS for Astoria in 2036 (acres/1,000 population)
Community Parks 2.0 - 6.0	23.7	2.0 Meets recommendation
Destination Parks 20 - 30	49.5	4.2 "Meets recommendation"
Linear Parks .5 - 1.5	36.4(Riverwalk)	3.4 Exceeds recommendation
Nature Parks 2 - 6	61.3	5.2 Meets recommendation
Neighborhood Parks 1 - 2	20.1	1.7 Meets recommendation
Pocket Parks .25 - 0.5	5.5	0.5 Meets recommendation
Regional Parks 5-10	0	0 "Meets recommendation"
Regional Sports Parks 5-10	0	0 "Satisfactory"
Special Use Parks N/A	3.77	0. N/A
Urban Plaza Parks 0.1 - 0.2	0.25	0.02 Needs exists
Total 6.25-15	201.52	17.2 Exceeds recommendation because of the Riverwalk*

*Astoria's Total parks just meets the Oregon Median LOS of 17.3 acres/1000 population (Page 32 of Park Mater Plan)

"Quote " Marks found above means "facilities managed by other agencies contributes to meeting this need."

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

May 17, 2016

TO: ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: KEVIN A. CRONIN, AICP, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT REQUEST (A16-03) BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR TO AMEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR ADDITION OF PARKS
AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

I. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- A. Applicant: Ian Sisson
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Astoria
1997 West Marine Drive
Astoria OR 97103
- B. Request: Amend the Astoria Comprehensive Plan to add the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- C. Location: Citywide
- D. Previous Applications: Not applicable

II. BACKGROUND

The City Council set a FY 2015-16 goal to “Develop a City of Astoria parks master plan.” In August 2015 the Parks and Recreation Department began the development of a new master plan to guide new facilities, investment, maintenance, and operations of parks, recreation, open space, trails, and other park related resources. This is the first known master plan for a park system that has existed for over a hundred years. The new master plan meticulously identifies the existing inventory of assets, calibrates existing and planned levels of service, determines future needs, and makes recommendations to implement the master plan over a 15 year period. The process included extensive public involvement: surveys, focus groups, open houses, a Mayor appointed citizen advisory committee, and various City Board and Commission input.

The proposed text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is to adopt the Parks Master Plan as a land use document to guide parks and open space land needs for the next fifteen years. The Statewide Land Use Planning Goals include 19 goals that guide how cities and counties manage growth and natural resources. Specifically, Goal 5: Natural

Resources and Open Space and Goal 8: Recreation needs to be addressed in a Comprehensive Plan. The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan CP. 260 – CP.275 has not been substantially updated since the original plan was adopted in 1981. However, the Plan was updated after the Trails Master Plan was completed in 2006.

One of the key conclusions of the master plan is to manage the existing inventory of land more efficiently and not add additional parks and open space. Therefore, the proposed amendment doesn't contemplate the addition of new lands within the existing urban growth boundary. In the future, the City will consider reallocating existing lands to repurpose for other land needs where there is a deficit based on the Buildable Lands Inventory.

The proposed amendment to the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan will be as follows:

23. The City should use the Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan (2016) to guide future decisions for land use, public investment, and determining community needs.

III. PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

A. Astoria Planning Commission

The Planning Commission held a work session open to the public on April 26 where the Commission reviewed the purpose and intent of the master plan. In accordance with Section 9.020, a notice of public hearing was published in the *Daily Astorian* on May 17, 2016. The proposed amendment is legislative (Type IV) as it applies citywide. Finally, notice of Planning Commission meetings is also broadcast via email to those on an interested parties list.

B. City Council

The City Council is expected to hold a public hearing on July 5, 2016 if the Planning Commission recommends approval of the amendment.

IV. FINDINGS OF FACT

- A. Development Code Section 10.020.A states that *"an amendment to the text of the Development Code or the Comprehensive Plan may be initiated by the City Council; Planning Commission, the Community Development Director, a person owning property in the City, or a City resident."*

Finding: The proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is being initiated by the Community Development Director.

- B. Section 10.050(A) states that *"The following amendment actions are considered legislative under this Code:*

1. *An amendment to the text of the Development Code or Comprehensive Plan.*

Finding: The proposed amendment is to add text of the Comprehensive Plan Parks and Open Space Element. The amendment would reference the new Parks Master Plan but does not propose any other changes to the goals and policies section. The proposed amendment is applicable to the entire Comprehensive Plan and therefore a citywide policy. Processing as a legislative action is required.

- C. Section 10.070(A)(1) concerning Text Amendments, requires that *"The amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan."*

1. CP.005(5), General Plan Philosophy and Policy Statement states that local comprehensive plans *"Shall be regularly reviewed, and, if necessary, revised to keep them consistent with the changing needs and desires of the public they are designed to serve."*

Finding: The City Council adopted a FY 15-16 goal to develop a Parks Master Plan. The Community Development Director initiated the text amendment to comply with land use planning goals.

2. CP.015(1), General Land & Water Goals states that *"It is the primary goal of the Comprehensive Plan to maintain Astoria's existing character by encouraging a compact urban form, by strengthening the downtown core and waterfront areas, and by protecting the residential and historic character of the City's neighborhoods. It is the intent of the Plan to promote Astoria as the commercial, industrial, tourist, and cultural center of the area."*

Finding: The proposed amendment outlines the future development of a parks and recreation system in support of a compact urban form providing a balance of services to tourists and local residents alike. The proposed ordinance is intended to provide the guidance to help achieve these goals.

3. CP.470(1), Citizen Involvement states that *"Citizens, including residents and property owners, shall have the opportunity to be involved in all phases of the planning efforts of the City, including collection of data and the development of policies."*

Finding: The development of the master plan was completed with unprecedented public involvement. In addition to a work session, the Planning Commission received a presentation on March 22. Notices were sent to interested parties via an email list, and posted to the City website. Anyone interested in the proposed changes was encouraged to submit suggestions and comments.

- D. Section 10.070(A)(2) concerning Text Amendments requires that *"The amendment will not adversely affect the ability of the City to satisfy land and water use needs."*

Finding: The proposed amendment does not directly address impacts to water use needs. However, it does address land needs by concluding that no additional land is necessary and any excess parks or open space that is designated in the future by the City Council can be disposed and reallocated to benefit future land needs for residential or commercial purposes. This determination can occur separately or as part of the plan amendment decision.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as well as implements a City Council goal. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend adoption of the proposed amendment to the City Council and schedule a public hearing to take public comment.

THE ASTORIA PARKS & RECREATION
COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN
DATED 6/16/16
SUBMITTED TO THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
ON MAY 24, 2016
IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

PLEASE CONTACT THE
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