



**Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 5:00 PM  
Zoom and Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. [Approve Minutes of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – February 25, 2026](#)  
[Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair](#)  
[Time Estimate: 5 minutes](#)

**MEETING ITEMS**

2. [Recreation Programming Debrief \(Update\)](#)  
[Presenter: Tammy Connolly, Parks and Recreation Coordinator](#)  
[Time Estimate: 15 minutes](#)
3. [Metropolitan Park District \(Discussion\)](#)  
[Presenter: Randy Curtis, Former Parks & Recreation Commissioner](#)  
[Time Estimate: 20 minutes](#)

4. [Regional Parks Funding Task Team \(Update\)](#)  
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director  
[Time Estimate: 20 minutes](#)
5. [Commission Subcommittees \(Update\)](#)  
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director  
[Time Estimate: 10 minutes](#)
6. Parks Projects Updates (Update)  
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director  
Time Estimate: 15 minutes

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

7. Commissioners Updates  
Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair  
Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

#### **CLOSE OF MEETING**



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**CALL TO ORDER**

**Meeting was called to order at 5 pm by Commissioner Burton**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Ellen Burton, Jenny Wu, Jason Irving, Bud Henson, Adam Stadtlander, Alicia Brazington

Absent:

Excused: Katy Daane, Tim Hein

Staff: Chris Witkowski, Jacquie Hill

Presenters: Susan Palmer, Parks and Recreation Coordinator; Matt Piccone, Green Works; Scott Collins Public Works Director

Public: Cassi Marshall Camas Parks Foundation, Christine Wright with SUP Rentals

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cassi Marshall, Camas, gave a quick update on Parks Foundation news.

Christine Wright with Sweet Water SUP commented on their partnership with Camas Parks.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Agenda Item Approve Minutes of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – January 28, 2026  
Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair  
Time Estimate: 5 minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Henson, there was a second, passed unanimously

**MEETING ITEMS**

2. Parks & Recreation Facility Bookings Debrief (Update)  
Presenter: Susan Palmer, Parks and Recreation Coordinator  
Time Estimate: 15 minutes

Palmer presented on revenue, reservations, operation and maintenance expenses for Lacamas Lodge, Camas Community Center and Fallen Leaf Lake Shelter.

3. Legacy Lands Draft Master Plan (Discussion)  
Presenter: Matt Piccone, Greenworks  
Time Estimate: 60 minutes

Piccone presented on Legacy Lands project starting with the Key Plan Themes, and then continued with the North Shore Subarea Plan, Amenity Economic Assessment Summary, and Levels of Impact. Piccone went on to talk about the concept plan, the circulation plan, and the habitat management framework. Discussion ensued in each area: A) Club House & Gun Range, B) Pomaria House, C) Leadbetter-Pittock House, D) Equestrian Barn, E) Nature Zone, F) NE Fields, and G) NW Fields. Piccone went on to discuss the phasing and implementation plans. Witkowski asked Commissioners to review the document and submit any feedback over the next two weeks.

4. SR500/NE Everett St Improvements (Update)  
 Presenter: Scott Collins, Public Works Director  
 Time Estimate: 30 minutes

Collins began with thanking the Commission for their support on this project and went on to present the existing conditions of SR500/Everett Street Corridor. He went on to share on Phase 1 – NE 35<sup>th</sup> Ave to NE 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave, shared roadway cross section of proposed plans, safety benefits with the upgrades, the proposed schedule, and cost estimate/funding. Collins went on to briefly share phase 2, 3 and 4. Witkowski addressed some questions from the Commissioners.

5. Parks Projects Updates (Update)  
 Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director  
 Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Witkowski updated the Commission on Crown Park playground, splash pad and Grand Re-Opening celebration. He went on to share that the sports field assessment report has been presented to Council and the project is wrapped up and ready for implementation, shared the RCO grant is open and ready to work on. Witkowski went on to share that by next commission meeting he will have an update on regional funding, recent arson at Goot Park. Witkowski and Parks Coordinator Jacquie Hill will present Hometown Holidays debrief to council on March 2. WRPA conference is happening at the end of April, two Parks Coordinators are going and Witkowski offered one spot for a commissioner to go as well.

## PROJECT UPDATES

## OTHER ITEMS

6. Commissioner Updates  
 Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair  
 Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

No commissioner updates currently.

Burton reviewed tonight's agenda and action items for the commission.

## CLOSE OF MEETING

Burton adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm



# 2025 RECREATION PROGRAM REVIEW

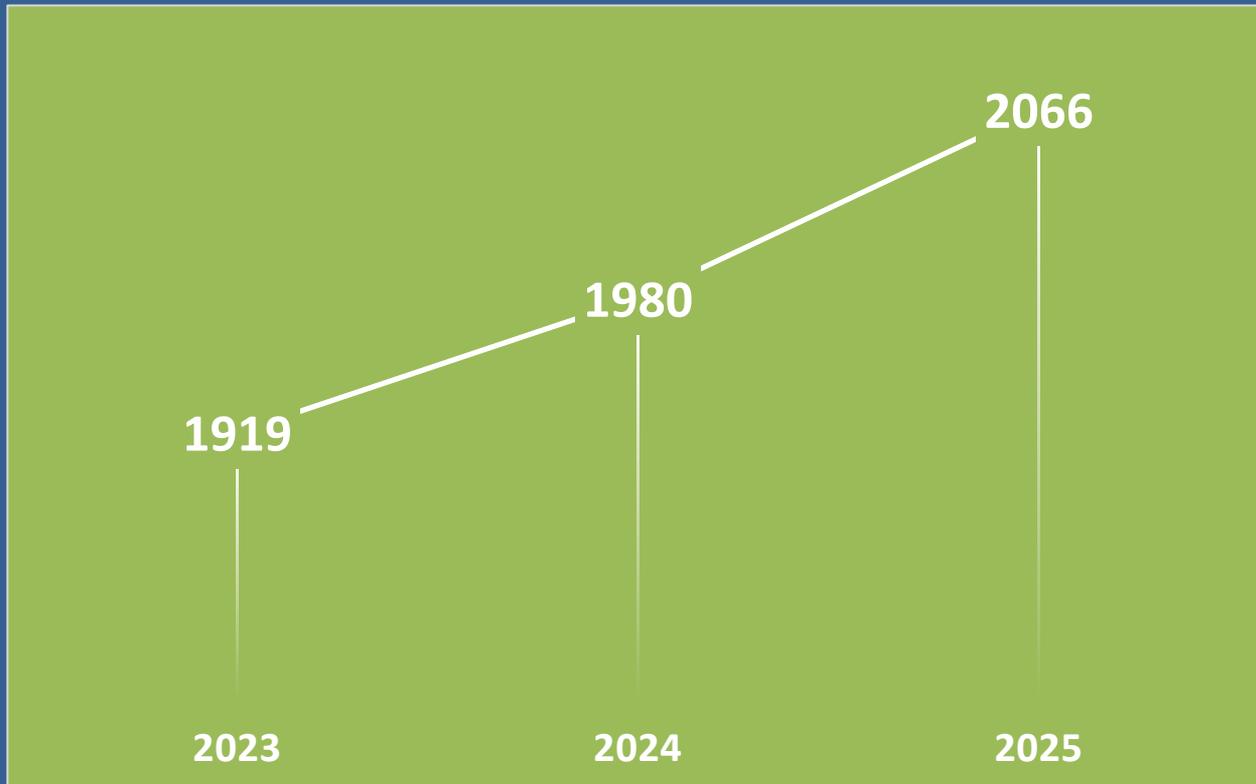
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## 2025 TOTAL # OF CLASS HOURS

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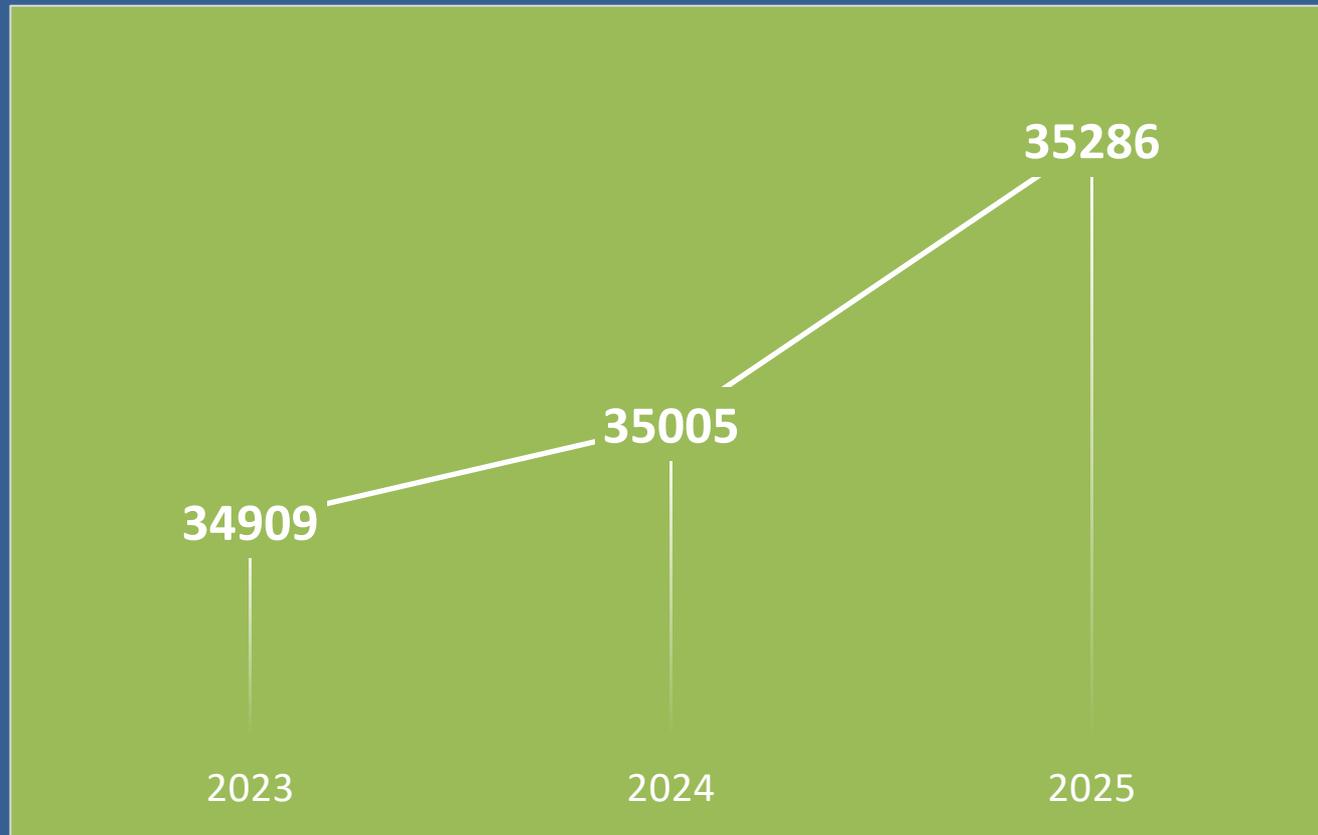
This is counting every hour that a class meets.

Example: Tai Chi meets for  
8-1 hour classes per month so  
Tai Chi is counted as 8 hours or **24 hours per quarter.**

Breathwork with Emily Olson meets one evening per quarter so her class is  
counted as  
**2 class hours per quarter.**

## 2025 TOTAL PARTICIPANT HOURS

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This is counting every hour a person is participating in a class.

Example: Jenny attends Tai Chi 8 times per month so Jenny is counted as 8 hours each month or **24 hours per quarter.**

Alicia attends Breathwork with Emily Olson which meets one evening for 2 hours per quarter so Alicia is counted as **2 participant hours per quarter.**

# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

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**Kiley's Mountain Tops classes  
DOUBLED participant hours  
from 2024.  
2024 = 936, 2025 = 1,776**



**Megan's Pilates classes MORE  
THAN DOUBLED participant  
hours from 2024.  
2024 = 240, 2025 = 612**

## 2025 FREE CLASSES

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**THESE CLASSES WERE OFFERED FREE TO THE COMMUNITY.**

**Women's Self Defense  
Sponsored by Camas Parks  
Foundation**

**Classes Offered: 3**

**Class Participants: 36**

**Fitness for Seniors Sponsored  
by Washington Department of  
Health & Social Services**

**Classes Offered: 156**

**Class Participants: 3120**



# WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026

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**Nervous System Reset with  
Breathwork & Reiki with Siri**



**Ecstatic Dance and Breathwork  
with Gisela**



**Summer Camp back at Crown Park**

# PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



## SENIOR CITIZEN & YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Offered through generous grants from the Parks Foundation of Clark County and the Camas Parks Foundation. Assistance is available to youth & senior citizen participants with financial need who live in our community. Camas Parks & Recreation receives funds from various organizations to support our scholarship program. Youth in the community who are interested in participating in a program offered through our department are encouraged to apply.

To receive a scholarship application:  
<https://www.cityofcamas.us/parksrec>

- Call 360-834-5307 to have it mailed to you
- Visit the Lacamas Lake Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road to pick one up
- Email [tconnolly@cityofcamas.us](mailto:tconnolly@cityofcamas.us) to have one emailed to you.



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# 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarships Provided: 7 youth  
(down from 10 in 2024)

Donated Value: \$1,140

Provided by Camas Parks  
Foundation

Additional Program Support  
for 2026:

Quarterly Women's Self  
Defense Classes

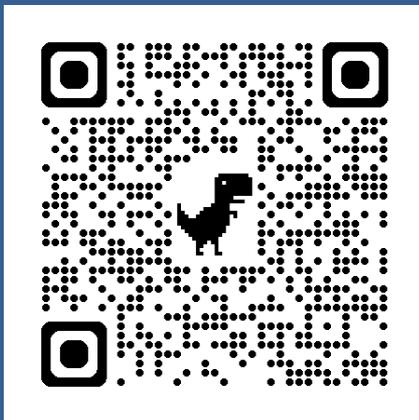
Cost: \$150 per class,  
maximum of 15 students per  
class

# WANT TO KEEP UP TO DATE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

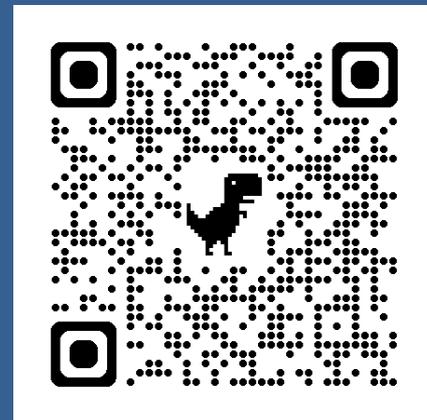
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## FACEBOOK



## INSTAGRAM



# Park and Recreation Growth Assessment Community Roundtable Discussion About the Future of Parks

January 27, 2019

## Introduction

The City of Camas is taking a proactive look at park, trail and recreation funding for the future of our community. This discussion includes an exciting opportunity to create sustainable funding for our system. The committee that has been working on this topic since late 2017, invited a broad group of community stakeholders to an in-depth roundtable discussion to help the city better understand community priorities.

This document provides an overview of the questions raised during the meeting and important clarifications to consider as the committee refines the messages about the challenge and the recommended solution. Attached are the presentation and a tally of responses to the exercise.

## Questions and Requested Clarifications

- Work on the short and clear description of the problem
  - How much more is needed to bring maintenance of the system to adequate?
  - What are the new projects that would be funded?
  - What is most impressive or unique? "Make it wow us"
- Explain what qualifies as a trail in the inventory
  - Formal, city-maintained trails
  - County trails
  - Soft-surface or informal trails
- How much of the general fund is spent on parks?
  - What are the other priorities funded over parks?
- Is there a way to exempt low-income households from any new tax?
- How does the growth of Camas impact the costs and revenue assumptions?
- What could Camas get if the existing parks budget of \$1.2million was freed up by a new district?
  - What other priorities could be funded?
- Is there a timeline for the use of impact fees charged to new development
- Who is responsible for prioritizing projects?

- What are the options for a Metropolitan Park District
  - o Board make up, structure
  - o Boundary
  - o How is the rate set?
- Can we implement a higher MPD rate now and bank some money?
- Are there cities of a similar size that do a great job? Can we replicate them?
- How is a MPD different than a bond or operating levy?

These questions are similar to those asked by the PRGA committee during their work last year. MIG created a series of technical memos about the City's budget, Metropolitan Park District details and alternative maintenance structures.

#### Suggestions

- Can the selection and implementation of new projects be guided by data about use or demand?
  - Clearly connect maintenance funding to new projects
  - Start with linking existing trails, then look to expand system
  - Project details will get people more excited
  - Start with taking care of what we have
  - Explain the cost of the possible district rate in terms of an amount for a typical home
    - o Include the context of the other taxes (School District, City, etc.) to make the full picture more clear
  - Make better use of volunteers
  - Create low-maintenance spaces
  - Pay-as-you-go, let voters approve additions to park system
- #### Important Ideas and Projects
- Community Center
    - o Kitchen
    - o Aquatics
    - o Year-round recreation
  - Lacamas Lake Trails (T-1 and T-3)
  - Take care of what we have!
    - o Repairing and reinvesting

## Roundtable Project Priority Ratings

Project Title	Description	Capital Cost (to build)	Additional Maintenance Cost (\$ = Low, \$\$ = Medium, \$\$\$ = High)	Check up to five (5) projects that are most important to YOU	Check up to five (5) projects that are most important to <u>THE COMMUNITY</u>
Ash Creek Park	Develop neighborhood park site already owned by the City.	\$1,000,000	\$\$	4	
Community Center Renovation	Upgrade existing community center to extend useful life.	\$500,000	\$	10	10
Crown Park	Improvements to Crown Park resulting from the master plan.	\$5,200,000	\$	25	27
Dog Park	Acquire and develop a dog park site	\$250,000	\$	12	14
Fallen Leaf Park	Improvements to Fallen Leaf Park resulting from the master plan.	\$2,540,000	\$\$	10	13
Future Community/Aquatics Facility	Long-standing desire in the community for an indoor aquatics facility with community center space.	\$25,000,000	\$\$\$	21	19
Heritage Park entrance upgrades	Improve safe access to Heritage Park and expand seasonal parking.	\$1,500,000	\$	3	5
Mill Ditch Trail	Build trail connecting Round Lake to downtown (T-9 on map).	\$1,225,000	\$	11	5
North Shore Trailhead	New trailhead with parking and restroom to access the Curry trail extension.	\$1,000,000	\$	9	6
Ostenson Canyon Park	Develop neighborhood park site already owned by the City.	\$2,500,000	\$\$	2	
Proposed Neighborhood Park (NP-1)	Acquire and Develop a neighborhood park (see map for location)	\$3,375,000	\$\$	1	
Proposed Neighborhood Park (NP-11)	Acquire and Develop a neighborhood park (see map for location)	\$3,375,000	\$\$		

Proposed Neighborhood Park (NP-16) North Shore	Acquire and Develop a neighborhood park (see map for location)	\$3,000,000	\$\$		
Proposed Neighborhood Park (NP-17) North Shore	Acquire and Develop a neighborhood park (see map for location)	\$3,375,000	\$\$		
Proposed Neighborhood Park (NP-18)	Acquire and Develop a neighborhood park (see map for location)	\$3,375,000	\$\$		
Proposed Neighborhood Park (NP-19)	Acquire and Develop a neighborhood park (see map for location)	\$3,375,000	\$\$		
Proposed Sports Complex (SU-13)	Acquire and Develop a park focused on sports fields for competition/league play	\$10,000,000	\$\$\$	5	9
Trail Development (T-1)	Develop portions of north-south connection from the west end of Lacamas Lake to Washougal River Greenway	\$100,000	\$	16	6
Trail Development (T-3) North Shore	Convert existing road to recreational trail	\$1,250,000	\$	26	17
Open Space and Park Acquisition and Development	Opportunity-based open space and park land acquisition beyond identified sites.	\$6,000,000	\$	10	7
Trail and Trail Head Development	Various locations, connecting trails and improving access.	\$3,150,000	\$	7	1
Major Capital Improvements	Reinvesting in existing parks, replacing damaged and out-of-date elements.	\$1,350,000	N/A	11	11
Wildlife League Clean-up and Development	Funding approved, underway	\$2,500,000	\$\$	5	2
Legacy Lands Acquisition	Funding approved, underway	\$8,800,000	\$\$	10	7

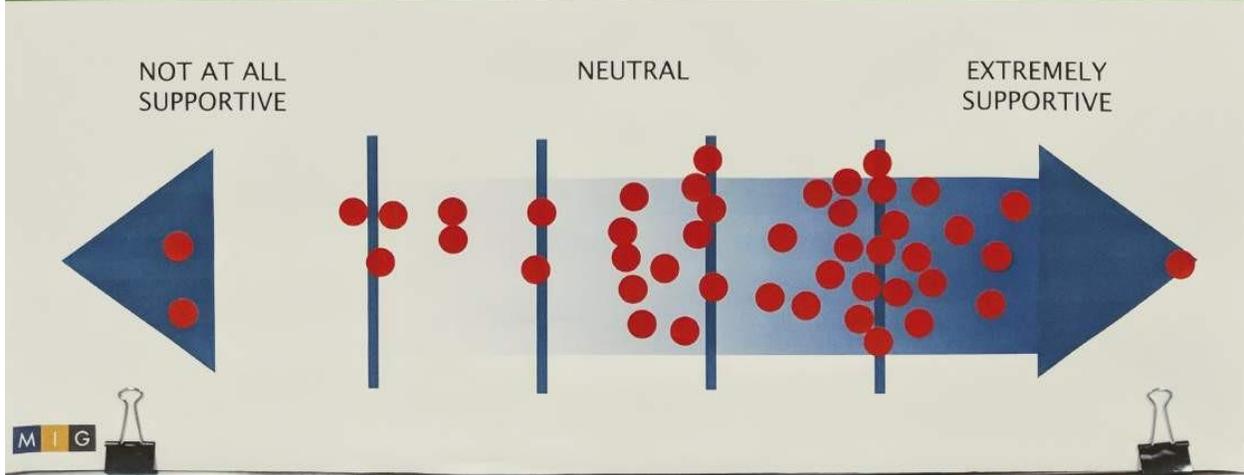
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# Roundtable Discussion About the Future of Parks



**Is a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) a good idea for Camas?**  
How supportive are YOU of new resources specifically for maintenance and operations of Camas parks, trails and recreation facilities?

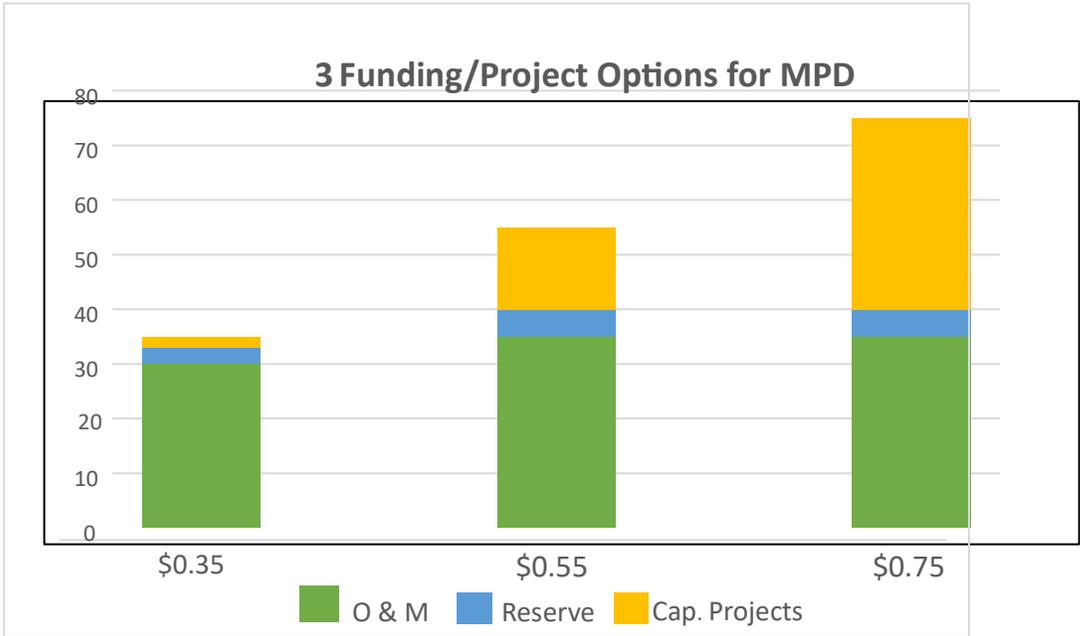
Please place a dot in the area of the scale that represents your opinion.



Example Only

**Project and Funding Impact for an MPD**

The following graph illustrates 3 options for funding the creation of a Metropolitan Parks District. The taxing options and project list is based partly on feedback the committee received at the January 2019 Roundtable event. Operations and Maintenance was the top priority.



**Option A**  
 O&M= \$1,133,030  
 Reserve= \$113,301  
 Projects= \$75,534

**Option B**  
 O&M= \$1,321,845  
 Reserve= \$188,836  
 Projects- \$566,505

**Option C**  
 O&M= \$1,321,845  
 Reserve= \$188,836  
 Projects= 1,321,845

<u>Tax Impact for \$500,000 home</u>		
Option A = \$175/year	Option B = \$275/year	Option C = \$375/year

A Projects	B Projects	C Projects
Trail Connections (2miles)	Park acquisition (15 ac)	Crown Park (ph. II)
New Playground Eq.	Parks development (10 ac)	New trail development (15mi.)
Open Sp. Resource Assess.	Crown Park (ph. 1)	Fallen Leaf Park
	Trail development (5 mi)	Park acquisition incl. N.S (30 ac)
		Heritage Park upgrades
		Park development (30 ac)
		**Community/aquatics ctr

\*\* Partial funding only depending cost and partnerships. Additional bond approval may be required



## Park and Recreation Commission findings and recommendations

**May 14, 2018**

### Introduction

In 2017 the Camas Parks and Recreation Commission was tasked by the Mayor and City Administrator to explore funding options for the parks and recreation system. An ad-hoc committee made up of representatives from City Council, the Commission, City and Camas school district staff, was convened to assess the long-term funding issues and recommend a solution. The goal was to address funding challenges to the year 2035.

Camas Park and Recreation Growth Assessment Ad Hoc Committee (PRGA)

Name	Affiliation
David Gast	Parks and Recreation Commission
Jerry Acheson	City Parks and Recreation
Melissa Smith	City Council
Pete Capell	City Administrator
Randy Curtis	Parks and Recreation Commission
Steve Marshall	Camas/Washougal School District Staff
Tim Hazen	Community Member

### The Problem:

Camas has insufficient operations and maintenance funding to support the existing park system. As we look to the future, the development of new park, trail and facility development will be constrained by the lack of new funding.

- Over the years, the community has come to expect a high level of park, trail and open space maintenance. Current resources and staffing levels are struggling to maintain this level of service.

- The escalation of City costs, particularly for operations and maintenance, exceeds the (capped) growth in tax and fee revenue. Parks and recreation funding has not grown enough to cover the increase in staffing costs and the additional acreage in the system.
- The City Council has chosen to avoid making this problem worse by not using city resources to build more parks and facilities until additional resources for maintenance are identified.
- Expansion of the system, both south and north of Lacamas Lake, will require additional maintenance and operations resources.
- Park revenue derived from user fees, rental and donations only covers approximately 18% of the total baseline budget costs required to operate the park and recreation system.

### **What is an MPD and how would it impact the City?**

After looking at multiple funding options, a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) is the only tool identified that can commit new operating resources to the long-term support of the parks and recreation system. The biggest challenge in creating an MPD is the willingness of taxpayers to vote in a new tax. Other considerations and benefits include:

- The MPD is subject to compression as a junior taxing district.
  - An MPD offer dedicated park and recreation funding.
- The district boundary should be contiguous with the city limits. This allows the City Council to serve as the district board.
- Creation of an MPD gives the Council a new tool to fund major capital projects i.e. aquatics or community center, using voter approved bonds.
- The MPD would be formed by a (50% +1) vote of the citizens
- Funds can be used for both operations, maintenance and capital projects.
- The initial MPD vote could include a tax rate of up to \$0.75/\$1,000 assessed value.
- A \$0.75 tax rate would generate \$2,832,525 annually.
- The MPD will have authority to issue bonds in addition to the \$0.75 rate. Construction bonds could be authorized with the formation of the MPD or funded at a later date in a separate election.
- There will be an initial surplus of funds between what is needed to maintain the system now and what will be needed to maintain the future system. This could be used to pay for selected capital improvements in the meanwhile, reducing capital spending as maintenance costs increase.

### **Key Considerations for City Council**

The PRGA committee halted its work on this project because they felt it was vitally important to obtain City Council direction and feedback on the MPD concept outlined in this report.

There is considerable detailed work yet to be done by city staff and the committee including defining the taxing structure, policies and projects that would benefit from the creation of an MPD. The PRGA committee submitted a preliminary report (including resource documents) to the Parks Commission and requested that we forward our findings and conclusions to the City Council. On their behalf, the Commission conducted our review on May 14, 2018, and hereby forwards it to the Council for guidance and direction.

Listed below, are some of the critical issues that we would like the Council to address:

1. Based on the information provided in this report, does the Council support the efforts of the Parks Commission to proceed with work necessary to take a proposed MPD to the Camas voters?
2. Should all or a portion of the current general fund support for parks and recreation be committed to Parks or reallocated for other non-park programs?
3. ~~Should current capital funding sources (such as Real Estate Excise Tax) continue to be committed to park projects?~~
4. ~~Are there specific projects or service levels that the Council feels should be included in the MPD funding?~~
5. ~~Public education and polling is critical to gaining community support. Do you have specific ideas or interests that should be included in this effort?~~
6. Election timing for proposing an MPD may be important to success. The Commission recommends a vote in April of 2019. This will give us time to finalize the MPD project list, taxing structure and the educational campaign. It will also coincide with a projected reduction in the property owners 2018 tax bills and precedes a planned school bond measure in 2021. Do you agree?
7. **Does the Council have any specific concerns or interests that should be addressed by the PRGA committee?**
8. ~~The MPD will have its own additional authority to issue bonds. This could be authorized with the formation of the MPD, if the cost of said projects were available, or funded at a later date in a separate election.~~
9. ~~Are there any projects that are currently under consideration, but are on hold because we lack either capital dollars or operation and maintenance funds to complete the project?~~

### **Proposed Action**

Subject to receiving additional feedback and guidance from the City Council, we recommend the following steps to move forward.

1. Direct staff to refine the specifics of projects and costs, final details of the MPD tax structure and a strategy for public information campaign in collaboration with the commission and the PRGA committee. This is an opportunity to inform and draw additional stakeholders into the discussion.
2. Direct staff to conduct recommended public opinion research to learn more details about support for an MPD.



# Roundtable Discussion About the Future of Parks

**Is a Metropolitan Park District (MPD)  
a good idea for Camas?**

2019

# What is a Metropolitan Park District?

- It's often called a "Junior Tax District"
- Funding is dedicated to Parks & Rec.
- It is formed by voter approval (50% + 1)
- Maximum tax rate of \$0.75/1000
- May also issue construction bonds

# Why Create an MPD?

- **Current funding is inadequate**
- **Take care of what we have**
- **Meet new operating Standards**
- **Dedicated funding for Operations and Maintenance**
- **Implement recommendations of the PROS plan.**

# **What was the process used to solicit public input?**

- **Schedule a public forum**
- **Send out special invitations**
- **Educate (what is an MPD?)**
- **What options do we have?**
- **What are your interests?**

# Objectives for the public forum

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- **Explain what is an MPD?**
- **Provide understanding of current system**
- **How are parks funded now**
- **What are current challenges**
- **Advantages and Disadvantages**
- **Breakout into small groups (Q&A)**

# What did we learn from the Public Forum?

*See Priorities Worksheet with 24 projects. Participants identified their top 5 personal and community projects.*

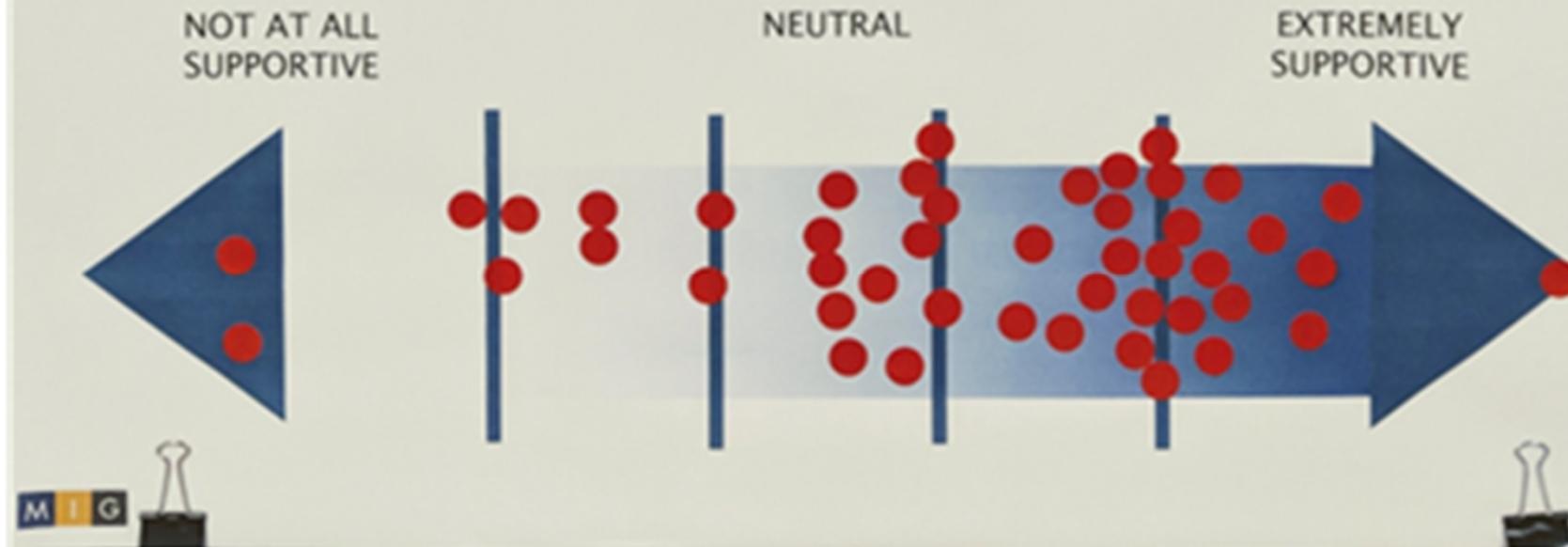
# Top projects

- **Improvements to Crown Park**
- **Indoor Aquatics/Comm. Ctr.**
- **Trail development - N. Shore**
- **Dog Park**
- **New trails**
- **Updating old park elements (equip.)**

# Results / Next Steps

Is a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) a good idea for Camas?  
How supportive are YOU of new resources specifically for maintenance  
and operations of Camas parks, trails and recreation facilities?

Please place a dot in the area of the scale that represents your opinion.



# Take feedback from Public Forum and develop a funding model with options:

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## Number one question?

- What is the cost?
- What value do we get?

# 3 Funding Options for MPD

## Option A (\$0.35)

O&M= \$1,133,030  
Reserve= \$113,301  
Projects= \$75,534

## Option B (\$0.55)

O&M= \$1,321,845  
Reserve= \$188,836  
Projects= \$566,505

## Option C (\$0.75)

O&M= \$1,321,845  
Reserves= \$188,836  
Projects= \$1,321,845

## Cost for \$500,000 AV

A= \$175/yr

B= \$275/yr

C= \$375/yr

# Project list for each option

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A Projects (0.35)	B Projects (0.55)	C Projects (0.75)
Trail connections (2 mi)	Trail devel. (5 mi)	New trail devel. 15 mi)
New playground eq.	Parks devel. 10ac	Fallen Leaf Park
Open sp. assessment	Crown Park (ph. 1)	Crown Park (Ph II)
	Park acquisition 15ac	Parks Acquisition (30ac)
		Heritage Park upgrades
		Park devel. (30 ac)
		Aquatics / Comm. Ctr*

\* O&M funding only

# Final Steps

## **Break down Parks/Public Works budget**

- **General Fd. Property Tax revenue**
- **Revenue fees, assessments, grants etc.**

## **Schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Forum**

## **Select funding option that meets Community needs**

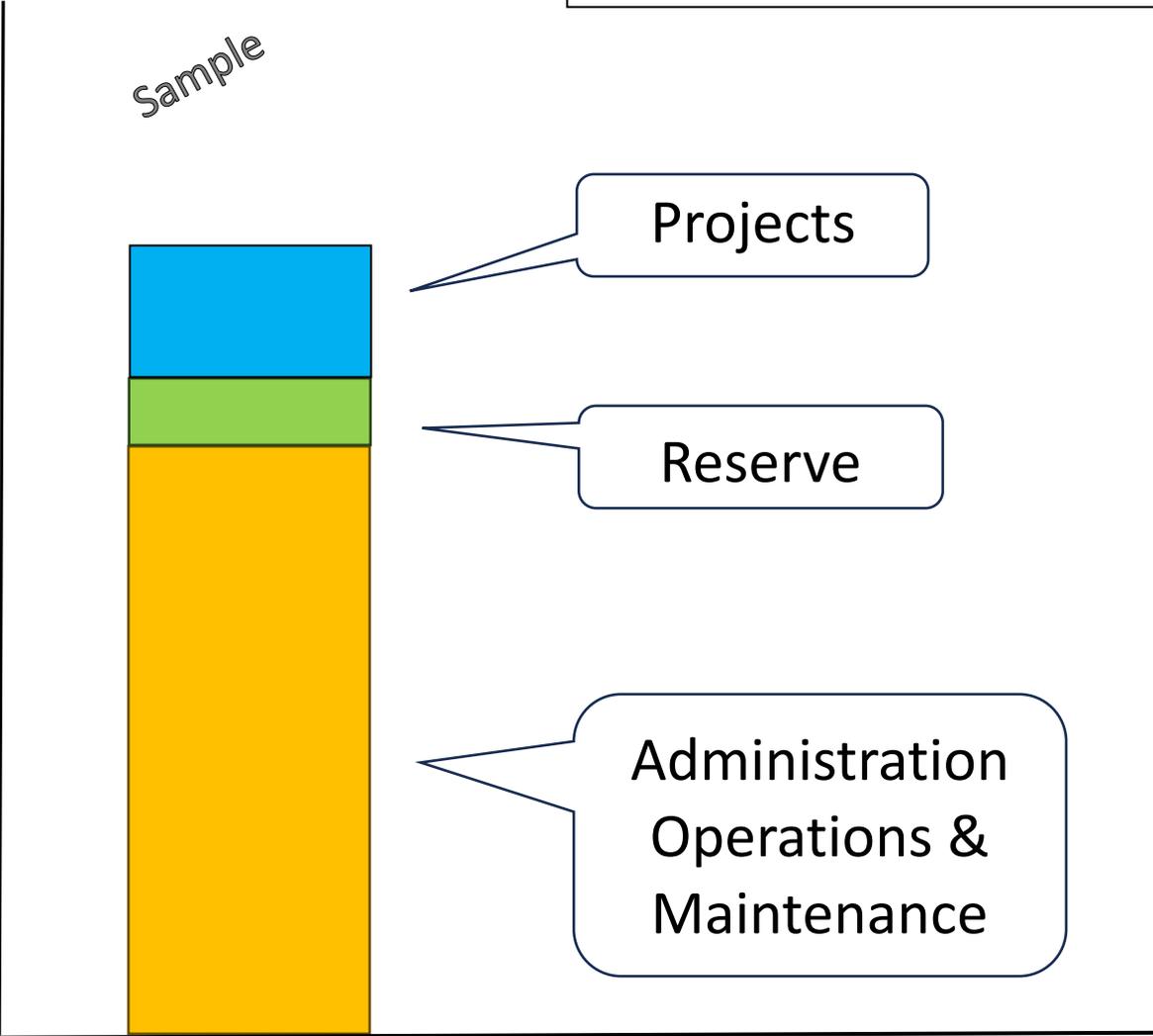
- **Lowest possible tax impact**
- **Highest administrative/project/maintenance value**

# Updated MPD Funding Model

$\$0.38/1,000 = \$3,439,000$  Item 3.

Ea.  $\$0.01/1,000 = \$90,000$

-  Funded @  $\$0.38/1,000$
-  Funded @  $\$0.40/1,000$
-  Funded @  $\$0.45/1,000$

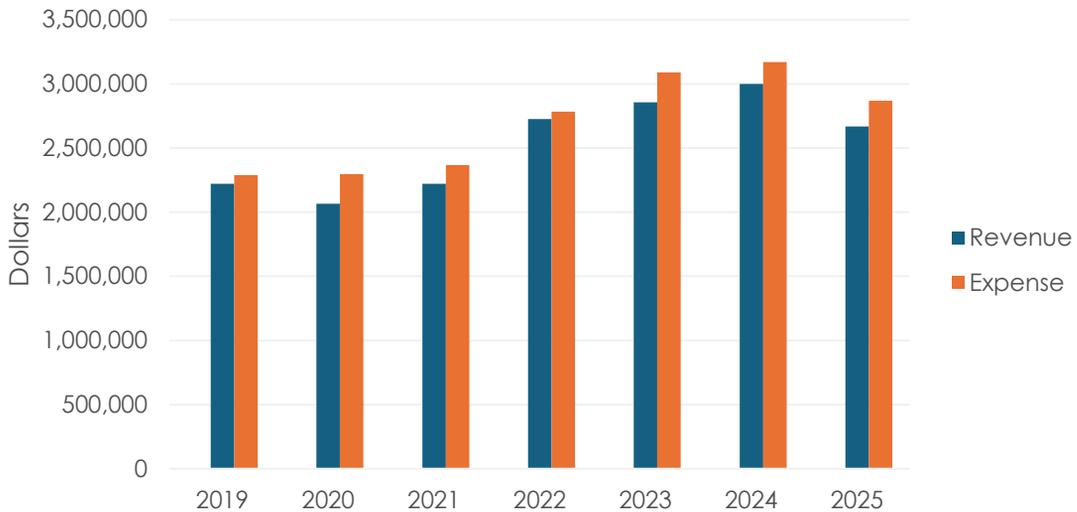


## Urgent Need

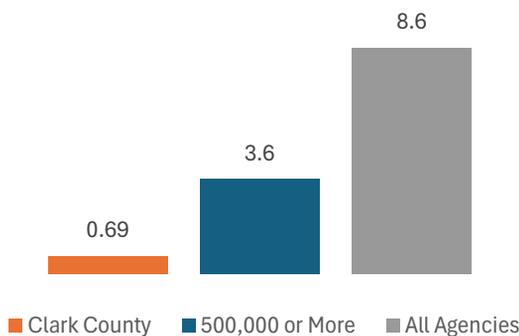


Clark County Parks and Nature has expanded to meet booming population growth over the past 20 years. But the services have been spread too thin without additional funding for park maintenance and operations. For the past 5 years, the County has had to use reserve funds just to cover the basic services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

### Regional Parks Revenue and Expenditures



### FTE per 10,000 residents compared to national median



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



# Regional Parks System Gaps

## 2024 data

### Growth

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

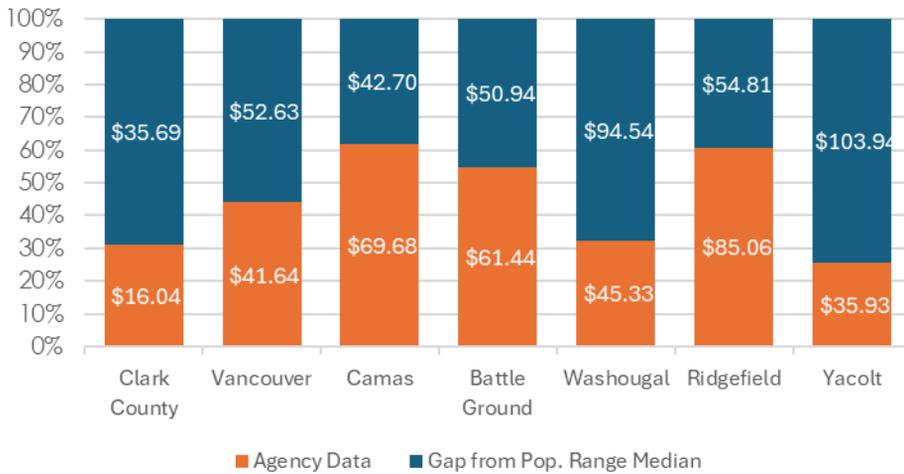
34%

Projected increase over the next 20 years

County population to be 718,154 in 2045



Parks Operating Expenditures per Capita



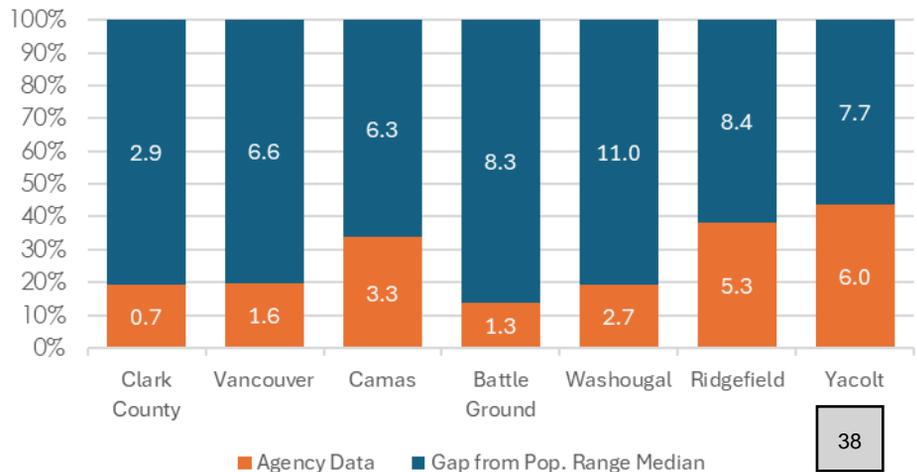
All park systems are below the national median for operating expenditures of similar populations.



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



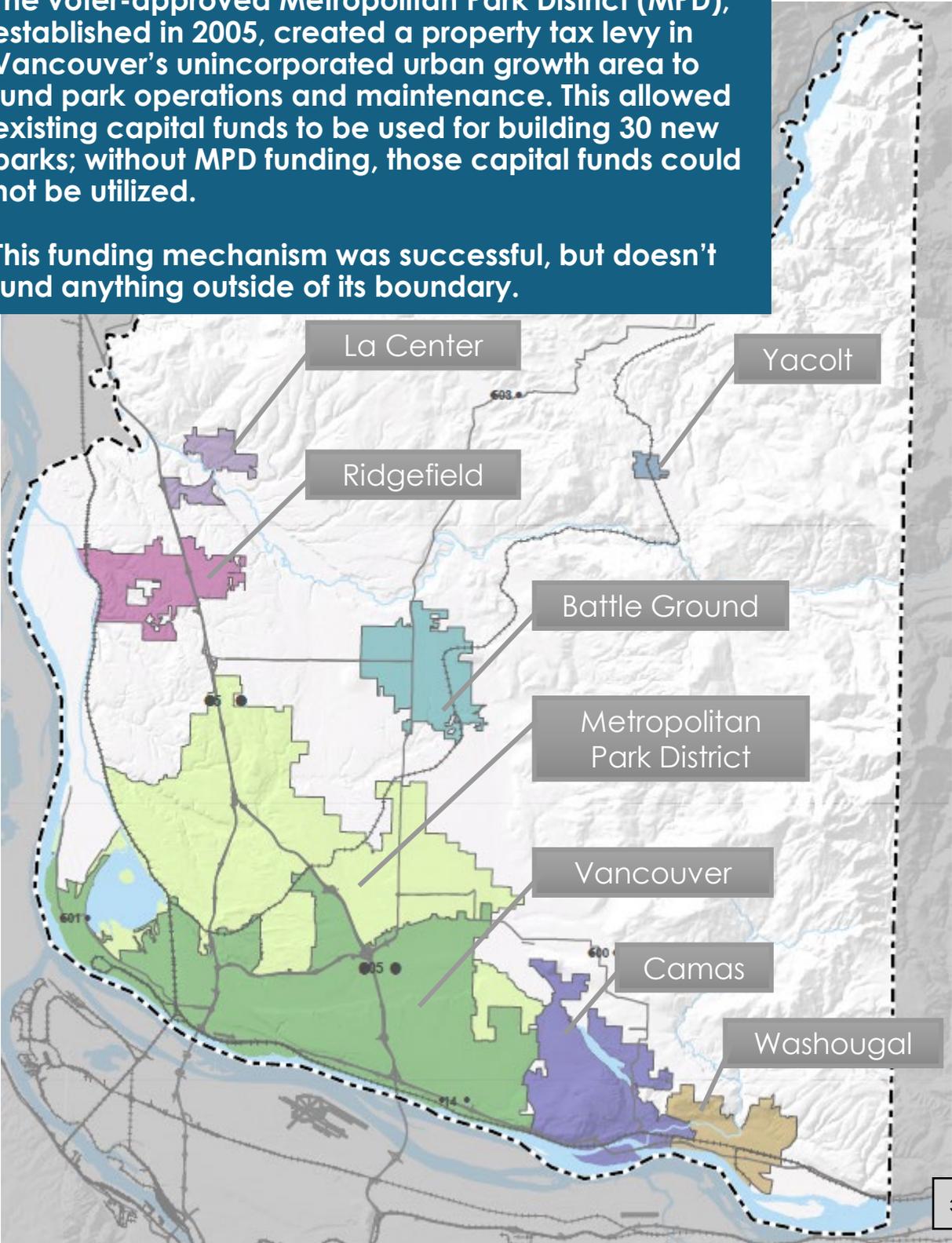
FTE per 10,000 residents



# Metropolitan Park District

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

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



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**Year End Report**

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**2027/28 Budget Prep**

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