



Boundary County Parks & Recreation

MASTER PLAN - 2022



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Boundary County Parks & Recreation

Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance the quality of lives for those living in Boundary County by providing safe, well-maintained parks and recreation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to play, to learn, and to build community.

Vision Statement

To preserve and protect our open spaces for today and tomorrow, while also encouraging health and wellbeing through recreation.

Role & Responsibilities

- Oversee and promote County-owned parks and recreation programs
- Maintain and improve facilities to meet the community's needs, safety, and security
- Ensure diversified year-round recreational opportunities and sports programs for all ages
- Serve the youth by promoting sportsmanship and talent, while also teaching skills and teamwork in a fun, yet competitive environment
- Encourage volunteer participation
- Advance recreation opportunities in cooperation with the community

Oversight & Management

- Memorial Park at the Fairgrounds
- Riverside Park at District 2
- Parks and Recreation Administration/Maintenance Facility
 - o *Maintenance Manager, maintenance crew*
- Parks & Rec Sports Program
 - o *Sports Director, volunteers*
 - o *Concessions Manager, volunteers*
- Advancing Recreation Opportunities

Stakeholders

Boundary County, City of Bonners Ferry

Goals & Objectives

A. Memorial Park & Riverside Park:

Goal 1: To provide and maintain quality facilities and amenities to;

- meet the current usage and increasing needs at both parks.
- address health, safety, and security.
- provide better accessibility for all users.
- address the lack of designated parking spaces, traffic patterns, and ADA accessibility
- accommodate increased traffic, flow, and safety, especially during events and functions.

Goal 2: Continuous improvements, upgrades, and maintenance to existing facilities in order to;

- ensure facilities meet requirements and standards
- maintain a uniform and aesthetically pleasing appearance
- provide an optimal experience for the wellbeing of the community

B. Parks & Recreation Sports Program:

Goal 1: To promote and offer diverse quality sports programs for all ages, levels, and abilities.

Goal 2: To ensure participants are learning basic fundamentals, skills, and teamwork in a fun and healthy environment with an emphasize on sportsmanship, cooperation, and mutual respect for all.

Goal 3: To offer volunteer and sponsorship opportunities for the benefit of the community.

C. Recreation in Boundary County:

Goal 1: To partner with community groups to advance recreational opportunities and promote area recreation and activities.

Memorial Park at the Fairgrounds

Description:

Facilities & Amenities Include:	Other Facilities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Playground, Swing-Set, Climbing Tower- Pavilion (multi-use)<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Basketball (seasonal)o Ice Rink (seasonal)o Reservable for Events- Gazebo/Picnic Areas- Concession Stand- Tennis Courts (2)- Soccer Fields- Football Fields- Volleyball Court- Skate Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Park & Rec Administration Office- Maintenance Shop- RV Dump Station

PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

1. Provide New Park Facilities & Amenities

- a. New Public Bathroom & Concession Building (ADA Compliant)
- b. Security & Lighting
- c. Miscellaneous Park Amenities
- d. Water Well & Watering System
- e. New Tennis & Pickleball Courts
- f. Basketball Court
- g. Other Expansion Considerations

2. Improve Parking Lot, Roadway & Pathways

- a. New Designated Parking Lot & Clearly Marked Roadway
- b. ADA Sidewalks

3. Continuous Maintenance & Improvements

- RV Dump Station
- Sports Fields, Skate Park,

Priority 1: Provide New Park Facilities & Amenities

a. Public Restroom & Concession Combo Building

Current Restroom Issue: In 2020, the public bathroom at Memorial Park was closed and deemed not suitable for use anymore. Due to age, deterioration, and inadequate conditions, the existing building will need to be demolished, sewer/water lines repaired and the structure replaced with a new ADA bathroom facility required to meet all of the current uses at the park. Portable toilets are currently being utilized as a temporary solution, but are not considered an ideal situation.

A well-designed ADA compliant public bathroom is a necessity and the most important amenity at the park. In order to accommodate the numerous sporting events, the annual fair, rodeo, Fourth of July celebration, demolition derby, concerts, and other events that happen throughout the year, it is crucial for us to provide proper ADA facilities to the public.

Concession buildings in combination with a bathroom is a cost-effective way to maximize space and shared utilities. In order to meet health/sanitation requirements for food handling, a concession stand needs hot/cold water and the proper equipment, which can be accomplished. A Concession Stand is also a great way to earn extra revenue while offering park users with more amenities while accommodating public events, tournaments, and other functions.

Current Concession Issue: In 2011, a grant was secured for a basic level 1 type concession stand. In order to meet the growing usage and health/sanitation requirements, the concession stand needs to be updated and larger to include the proper holding tanks for freshwater and wastewater, and separate sinks for washing, rinsing and sanitizing equipment.

Current concession equipment and offerings include;

- Portable Outdoor BBQ	- Hot dog machine
- Popcorn machine	- Soda, Water, Candy, Chips
- Snow cone machine	- Beverage Cooler
- Slushi machine	- Freezer (needing replaced)
	- Display Counter

In order to accommodate a Concession Stand that meets food handling requirements and allows us to offer more concession options, the following equipment is required;

- Commercial Refrigerator, Upright Freezer, Ice Maker
- Commercial Wash Basin with 3 sinks, Hand Wash Sink
- Flat Top Grill & Ventilation
- Coffee/Tea Brewer, Carafes
- Fire suppression equipment
- Counter & Storage shelving
- Heat/AC, Hot/Cold Water

Since funding is very limited, grant writing and fundraising will be required to accomplish this goal. Until enough funding can be secured, Memorial Park will not have the proper bathroom facility or Concession Stand to properly accommodate all user groups.

- Phase 1: May 2022 – building demolished, site prepped, utilities
- Phase 2: Construct new facility, equipment and fixtures
- Phase 3: Sidewalks, sprinklers, landscaping

Approximate Cost: \$285,000 - \$300,000

Current amount available: \$100,000

Project Start Date: Pending Funding

Completion Date: Pending Funding

b. Security and Lighting

Safety and security will need to be addressed to deter vandalism, graffiti, and illegal activities. New exterior security lighting, exterior cameras, automated locking systems, appropriate signage, and appropriate ADA fixtures will also need to be installed.

1. New Restroom & Concession Building
2. Pavilion Lighting
3. Parking Lot
4. Skate Park

c. Miscellaneous Park Amenities

1. Improved Fencing
2. Park Entry Sign (To be installed on new restroom building)
 1. Type: HDPE Routed – 32”x60”
3. Information Kiosk (To be installed on new restroom building)
4. Bike Racks (Located at new restroom building)
5. Commercial Garbage Cans (as needed)
6. Picnic Tables (as needed)

d. New Irrigation Well and Water Cannon

Current Issues:

e. New Tennis & Pickleball Courts

Current Issues: The Tennis Courts at Memorial Park are free for the public to use and provide a low-cost recreational opportunity for all ages and abilities. On average, these courts host at least 150 local and visiting players per week.

Pickleball is quickly becoming a popular sport. Since it is not as physically demanding as tennis, it is easier for people of all ages to learn and play. Currently, Pickleball is not available at the Park. In order to advance the sport, adding a pickleball court at the Park is necessary.

The Tennis Courts were built in 1979. Over the past 40 years, these asphalt courts have served the community well, however, due to their age, drainage concerns, and constant exposure to moisture, they are needing to be removed and completely replaced with quality courts meeting competitive play requirements.

Project Plan:

Phase 1:

- Remove mound of dirt, site prep, and utilities (Dependent on funding)
- Add 4 Pickleball Courts (1 Court = 4) (Dependent on funding)

Phase 2:

- Demolish and replace Tennis Courts - 2 Court (Dependent on funding)

Phase 3:

- Add 2 Tennis Courts (4 Tennis Courts Total) (Dependent on funding)
- Add 4 Pickleball Courts (2 Courts = 8 Pickleball) (Dependent on funding)

e. Basketball Court

f. Other New Facilities

- Acquire City-Owned Corner Lot
- Splash Pad
- Designated RV Park

Priority 2: Improve Parking Lot & Roadway and Pathways

a. New Designated Parking Lot & ADA Sidewalks

Current Issues: The current unpaved gravel roadway to and around Memorial Park is primarily considered one large parking lot. Undefined parking, combined with having no clearly defined roadways through the fairgrounds, leads to people driving and parking vehicles wherever deemed suitable, creating safety hazards, poor traffic flow, congestion, and potential damage to vehicles and property.

The repercussions of undesignated parking and clearly defined roadways include;

- Inefficient use of parking space creating limited parking
- Pedestrian and animal safety concerns
- Conflicts in use for handicapped vehicles, livestock trailers, RVs/campers & public parking
- Poor traffic flow and management, especially during peak season and events.
- Speeding and reckless driving by younger drivers.
- Considerations for designing effective traffic flow and parking arrangements;

Goal 1: Create clearly marked designated parking spaces;

1. Concrete blocks/dividers/Timber
2. Parking Lot Signage
3. Emergency vehicles, RV, Trailer, ADA spaces

Goal 2: Create clearly designated gravel roadway

1. Ensure adequate pullout and turnaround
2. Consider adding speed bumps to reduce speed, especially at busy intersections

Goal 3: Install parking lot lighting for safety and security

Goal 4: Designated ADA Sidewalks

Costs:

Completion Date: Pending Funding

Priority 3: Continuous Improvements

To ensure facilities at and around the par meet requirements and standards to:

- maintain a uniform and aesthetically pleasing appearance.
- provide an optimal experience for the wellbeing of the community.

Current facilities needing additional maintenance (listed in order):

1. Fencing
2. Playground Facility
3. Baseball Fields:
 1. Field 4
 2. Field 3
 3. Field 1
 4. Field 2
4. Sand Volleyball Court
5. Skate Park
6. RV Dump Station

Riverside Park at District 2

Riverside Park is a one-of-a-kind waterfront recreation day-use facility located in the heart of downtown Bonners Ferry along the scenic Kootenai River. The Park includes open space and a new connected trail system providing safe access and viewing opportunities along the river and wildlife pond.

Facilities & Amenities	
Park Access: Year-Round Road Access: Seasonal (Open: April 15 th - November 1 st)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-Motorized Trail System (.78 miles) - Softball Fields (2) - Fitness Stations (coming soon) - Picnic Areas & Benches (coming soon) - Interpretative Signage (coming soon) - Doggy Stations & Receptacles - Seasonal Restrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waterfront Access (fishing, viewing) - Non-motorized launch (coming soon) - Floating dock (coming soon) - Wildlife Nature Pond - Open Green Space - Designated Parking Lots (4)

PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

Priority 1: Improved Park Facilities and New Amenities

1. New Recreation Trail System with Amenities
2. Picnic and Viewing Areas
3. Lighting and Security
4. Playground

Priority 2: Maintained Roadway, Parking & Waterfront Access

1. Address and repair road to the water
2. Create better access for users and parking for boat trailers
3. Build non-motorized boat ramp
4. Install floating dock

Priority 3: Continuous Improvements

Park & Recreation Sports Programs

Priority 1: Offer Diverse Quality Sports Programs

Goal: Promote and offer diverse quality sports programs for all ages, levels and abilities.

Youth Programs:	Adult Programs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Basketball (Boys/Girls)- Baseball and Softball (Boys/Girls)- Flag Football (Boys /Girls)- Soccer (Boys/Girl)- Tee Ball (Boys/Girls)- Volleyball (Girls)- Tennis & Pickleball (Youth Camp)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tennis & Pickleball (League, Adult Camp)- Bocce

Priority 2: Teach Skills, Fundamentals, & Sportsmanship

Goal: Ensure participants are learning basic fundamentals, skills, and teamwork in a fun and healthy environment, while also emphasizing sportsmanship, cooperation, and mutual respect for all.

Priority 3: Provide Volunteer Opportunities & Sponsorships

Goal 1: Provide volunteer and sponsorship opportunities for the benefit of the community

Current volunteer opportunities including:

- Coach/assistant coaches
- Games: referee, umpire, scorekeeper
- Team Parent, Registration/Set-Up, Clean-up
- Concessions

Goal 2: Ensure volunteers are qualified and understand their role and responsibility:

Coaches Packet Includes:

- Role/Responsibility/Code of Conduct/Liability Waiver
- Background Check
- Sportsmanship Expectations and Mottos
- Additional training resources, if needed

Goal 3: Offer Sponsorship opportunities

Recreation in Boundary County

To partner with various community groups to advance recreational opportunities for all ages and promote all area recreation and health related activities (website)

Community Sports Leagues, Clubs & Opportunities

- **Basketball:** Bonners Ferry Adult Basketball, AAU Basketball
- **Baseball:** Babe Ruth / Little League
- **Dance:** The Dance Studio, Apex Fitness & Martial Arts
- **Fitness Classes:** Iron Mike's Gym, Apex Fitness & Martial Arts, Senior Hospitality Center, University of Idaho Extension Office
- **Golf:** Mirror Lake Golf Association / Summer Youth Golf Program
- **Gymnastics:** Apex Fitness & Martial Arts
- **Hiking:**
- **Martial Arts:**
 - o Brazilian Jiu Jitsu: Apex Fitness & Martial Arts
 - o Tae kwon do: Apex Fitness & Martial Arts
- **Mountain Biking:** Bike Bonners Ferry Club
- **Rowing:** Pend Oreille Rowing & Paddle Association
- **Running:**
- **Skiing:**
 - o Cross-Country: Sandpoint Nordic Club, 9B Trails
 - o Downhill: 9B Ski Club, Schweitzer Alpine Racing School, Independent Race Team
- **Softball:** 9B Adult Co-ed Softball League
- **Swimming:** Bonners Ferry City Pool
- **Tennis & Pickleball:** Boundary County Tennis Association, Panhandle and Play Tennis
- **Trap Shooting:** Bonners Ferry Trap Club
- **Volleyball:** Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League
- **Water Aerobics:** Kootenai River Inn, Bonners Ferry City Pool
- **Wrestling:** Bonners Ferry Wrestling Club

Local Bike & Pedestrian Trails

- **9B Trails:** Riverside Park, Section 16, Enchanted Forest, Mudslide Trail - www.9btrails.org