Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan

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Our mission is to enrich the quality of life for community members by providing recreational and educational facilities, activities and experiences.

Our 6-Year Guidebook

(2027–2032)

This updated **Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan** is our roadmap for the next six years. Built directly on community feedback, it guides how Eastmont Parks will maintain and improve our parks, trails, and recreation programs so they can be enjoyed by everyone now and for future generations.

By the Numbers:

- **531** community survey responses helped shape this plan.
- **89%** of you rated the condition of our parks and facilities as "Good" or "Excellent."
- **48+** acres of beautiful neighborhood and community parkland for you.

What We Heard Are Your Top 5 Priorities:

1. Nearly 90% of you told us that maintaining and improving our existing parks and facilities is your highest priority. We will focus our future capital funding efforts there.
2. The Eastmont Aquatic Center is the heart of year-round water recreation. You said this is the #1 facility needing continued, dedicated investment, and we are committed to keeping it running smoothly with critical upgrades.
3. You want the basics done right. Over the next six years, we are prioritizing investments in restrooms; more shade and seating; and more accessible walking paths.
4. The Apple Capital Loop Trail is a regional treasure. We will continue our strong partnership with the City and County to maintain the east side of the trail.
5. Our sports leagues and recreational programs are growing faster than our shared gym spaces allow. Over the next six years, we will be exploring the feasibility of a dedicated, multi-use indoor recreation center to provide year-round fitness and play for all ages.

Here is a sneak peek at a couple of major projects we are working on:

- **Eastmont Aquatic Center Upgrades:** Replacing the aging roof and expanding the existing parking lot.
- **Eastmont Community Park:** Resurfacing the fading futsal field and repaving pathways to ensure they are accessible to everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to be a part of this community planning process. **Your input matters, and we appreciate your continued involvement as we chart the future of Eastmont Parks.**

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Introduction

Overview

The Eastmont Metropolitan Parks District (Eastmont Parks) is situated along the eastern banks of the Columbia River, framed by the dramatic foothills of the Cascade Mountains to the west and the expansive agricultural plateaus of Douglas County to the east. Eastmont Parks encompasses the vibrant communities of East Wenatchee, portions of Rock Island, and surrounding unincorporated Douglas County. The region's arid, sunny climate—boasting nearly 300 days of sunshine per year—makes outdoor recreation an integral element of daily life and culture for residents.

Eastmont Parks owns and operates a vital system of parks, trails, and indoor facilities, including Eastmont Community Park (26 acres), Kenroy Park (5 acres), Tedford Park (11 acres), Pangborn-Herndon Memorial Park (0.5 acres), Cherryhill Park (2.46 acres), the Eastmont Community Center, and the Eastmont Aquatic Center. These facilities serve as central gathering places for youth sports, family gatherings, wellness activities, and passive outdoor leisure.

As suburban development continues to expand eastward along the Grant Road corridor toward Pangborn Memorial Airport, the demand on Eastmont Parks' existing facilities and infrastructure grows. Balancing the preservation and maintenance of existing park assets with the need for expanded indoor recreation and trail connectivity is essential to sustaining the high quality of life that residents enjoy.

Purpose



This Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan (Plan) serves as Eastmont Parks' primary strategic framework for the acquisition, development, modernization, and maintenance of its park system, trails, open spaces, and recreation programs over the next six years. Where this document refers to "park and recreation facilities," it encompasses developed parks, natural open spaces, linear trails, aquatic spaces, and indoor community centers.

This Plan updates and builds upon the previously approved 2014–2019 and 2020–2026 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plans. It is designed to satisfy the planning guidelines established by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) as outlined in Manual 2: Planning Policies and Guidelines. Formal certification of this plan by the RCO maintains Eastmont Parks' eligibility to compete for state outdoor recreation, conservation, and facility development grants through 2032.

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Background

Planning Service Area

The planning service area for Eastmont Parks covers approximately 52,000 acres, sharing a boundary that roughly mirrors the Eastmont School District No. 206. This service area encompasses:

- The City of East Wenatchee
- Portions of the City of Rock Island
- Unincorporated Douglas County neighborhoods

Because Eastmont Parks manages major regional amenities—such as the Eastmont Aquatic Center and the east side of the Apple Capital Loop Trail—the functional service area extends beyond its tax boundaries. Eastmont Parks regularly hosts visitors and participants from the City of Wenatchee, Chelan County, and the broader Wenatchee Valley. Managing these high-use assets requires close interagency coordination with partner organizations, including Douglas County, the City of East Wenatchee, Chelan County PUD, local school districts, and both private and non-profit organizations.

Community Profile

Understanding local demographics and community feedback ensures that future capital investments directly reflect the evolving needs of area residents.

- **Population & Growth:** Eastmont Parks shares a coterminous service boundary with the School District. It encompasses the entire incorporated City of East Wenatchee alongside the surrounding unincorporated areas of Douglas County (such as the East Wenatchee Bench). The April 1, 2026, population estimates released by the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) list the figures for these coterminous and overlapping jurisdictions in Douglas County.

  2026 OFM Population Estimates
  - *City of East Wenatchee*: 14,330 residents
  - *Eastmont School District (and Eastmont Parks' Boundary)*: 35,900 residents

  Residential growth continues along major arterial corridors like Grant Road, driving the need for walkable neighborhood parks in expanding subdivisions.

- **Household Demographics:** According to community survey data, Eastmont Parks serves a diverse multi-generational population. Households with adults aged 19–54 and 55+ represent the largest share of park users, while families with school-aged children (ages 6–18) represent a core driver of youth sports and aquatic programming.

- **Community Values & Priorities:** Input gathered during the Summer 2026 Community Survey (531 responses) revealed a strong public consensus:
  - High Satisfaction: Nearly 90% of residents rate the condition and upkeep of Eastmont Parks' facilities as "Good" or "Excellent."

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- Prioritizing Existing Assets: 44% of respondents want funding focused strictly on maintaining and improving existing parks before building new ones, while 46% believe both are equally important.
- Aquatic Center Modernization: The Eastmont Aquatic Center is identified as the Eastmont Parks' single highest priority asset, with 69% rating continued investment and modernization as "Very Important."
- Everyday Amenities & Indoor Space: Walking trails, updated restrooms, shade structures, and expanding indoor fitness/walking spaces represent top community demands.

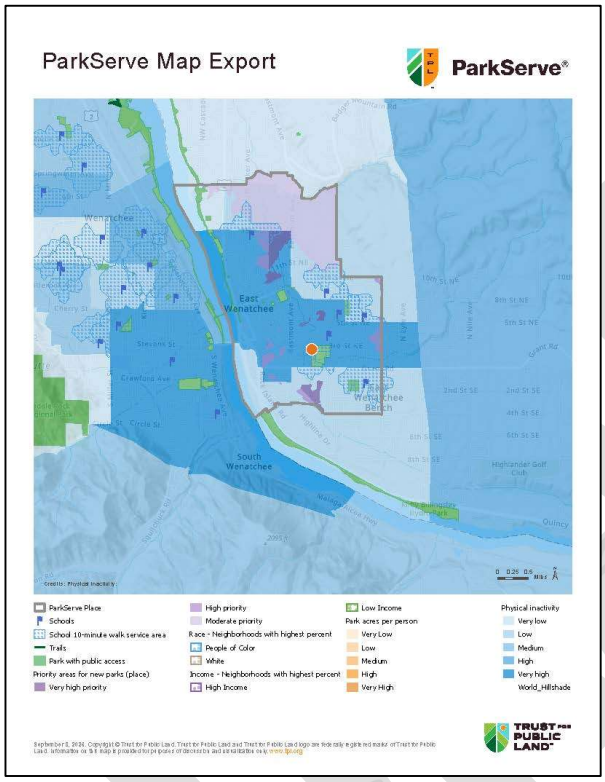


Figure 1. ParkServe® map showing the level of physical inactivity in Eastmont Parks' service area.

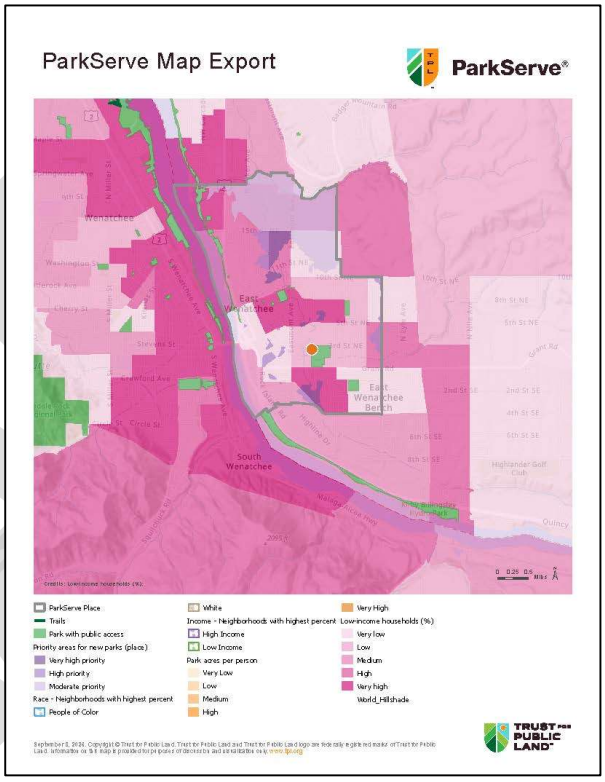


Figure 2. ParkServe® map low-income households within Eastmont Parks' service area.

Goals and Objectives

To meet the community's needs, the following goals and objectives have been established by Eastmont Parks. These statements reflect our mission to enrich the quality of life for community members by providing recreational facilities, activities, and experiences.

Park Maintenance and Assets

Goal PR 1: Over the next six years, prioritize the care, safety, and physical upkeep of existing parks and facilities before pursuing new land developments

- **Policy PR 1.1:** Focus capital reinvestment for the next six years on maintaining and modernizing existing parks and facilities assets.
- **Policy PR 1.2:** Upgrade high-demand everyday park amenities across all properties, prioritizing clean permanent restrooms, accessible shade structures, picnic areas, and perimeter walking paths.
- **Policy PR 1.3:** Maintain a high standard of park safety and security by upgrading lighting, park furnishings, and hazard mitigation in high-use areas.
- **Policy PR 1.4:** To the extent feasible, ensure all park facilities, playgrounds, and pathways meet or exceed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards.

Aquatics and Indoor Recreation

Goal PR 2: Preserve and modernize the Eastmont Aquatic Center as the District's primary recreation asset, while exploring feasible indoor recreation opportunities

- **Policy PR 2.1:** Rank capital improvements to the Eastmont Aquatic Center as the District's highest priority project to address critical facility needs.
- **Policy PR 2.2:** Support the continued long-term operation, maintenance, and modernization of the Aquatic Center. [CIP: 2027-2032]
- **Policy PR 2.3:** Maximize public usage of the Eastmont Metropolitan Community Center for multi-purpose programs, family activities, and community gatherings by 2032.
- **Policy PR 2.4:** Evaluate feasibility, community partnerships, and funding strategies for a future indoor recreation space featuring walking tracks, indoor fitness areas, and multi-purpose courts to support year-round active living.

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Trails, Connectivity, and Environment

Goal PR 3: Enhance regional and local trail networks, promote non-motorized connectivity, and preserve natural habitats when possible

- **Policy PR 3.1:** Maintain the east side corridor of the Apple Capital Loop Trail through effective interlocal maintenance agreements.
- **Policy PR 3.2:** Expand internal walking paths, trail linkages, and bike infrastructure to connect neighborhood parks to schools and regional trail corridors.
- **Policy PR 3.3:** Practice environmentally sound stewardship by utilizing low-impact development, drought-tolerant landscaping (xeriscaping), and water-efficient irrigation systems in park designs. [CIP: Pangborn-Herndon Upgrades, 2031-2032]

Recreation Programming and Community Building

Goal PR 4: Provide multi-generational recreational programs that foster health, wellness, and social connection for residents of all ages

- **Policy PR 4.1:** Expand indoor and year-round recreation opportunities specifically tailored to address identified service gaps.
- **Policy PR 4.2:** Continue offering high-quality youth sports leagues, instructional camps, and summer day camps that remain affordable and accessible to local families.
- **Policy PR 4.3:** Collaborate with key community partners to expand program offerings and eliminate health disparities.
- **Policy PR 4.4:** Utilize diverse communication channels to ensure equitable community awareness of programs and facilities.

Financial Sustainability and Grant Readiness

Goal PR 5: Ensure long-term fiscal health, transparent governance, and maximum grant eligibility to execute planned capital projects

- **Policy PR 5.1:** Maintain a 6-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that directly reflects community priorities and is reviewed annually by the Parks Board and Staff.
- **Policy PR 5.2:** Aggressively pursue state and federal grant opportunities to leverage local tax dollars. [CIP: 2028-2032]
- **Policy PR 5.3:** Maintain active interlocal agreements to share resources and coordinate regional facility maintenance.
- **Policy PR 5.4:** Periodically evaluate facility user fees, concessions, and commercial rental rates to balance cost recovery with affordable community access.

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Inventory of Parks, Facilities, and Open Spaces

Overview

Eastmont Parks serves an area of approximately 52,000 acres, sharing boundaries that roughly mirror the Eastmont School District. The Parks District encompasses the City of East Wenatchee, portions of the City of Rock Island, and surrounding areas of unincorporated Douglas County.

Eastmont Parks directly owns and manages 44.96 developed park acres across five primary park sites, an indoor community center, and an indoor aquatic facility.

In addition to Eastmont Parks' facilities, residents benefit from public recreational lands provided by the City of East Wenatchee, the City of Rock Island, Eastmont School District, Chelan County PUD, Washington State Parks, and local private/non-profit recreation providers.

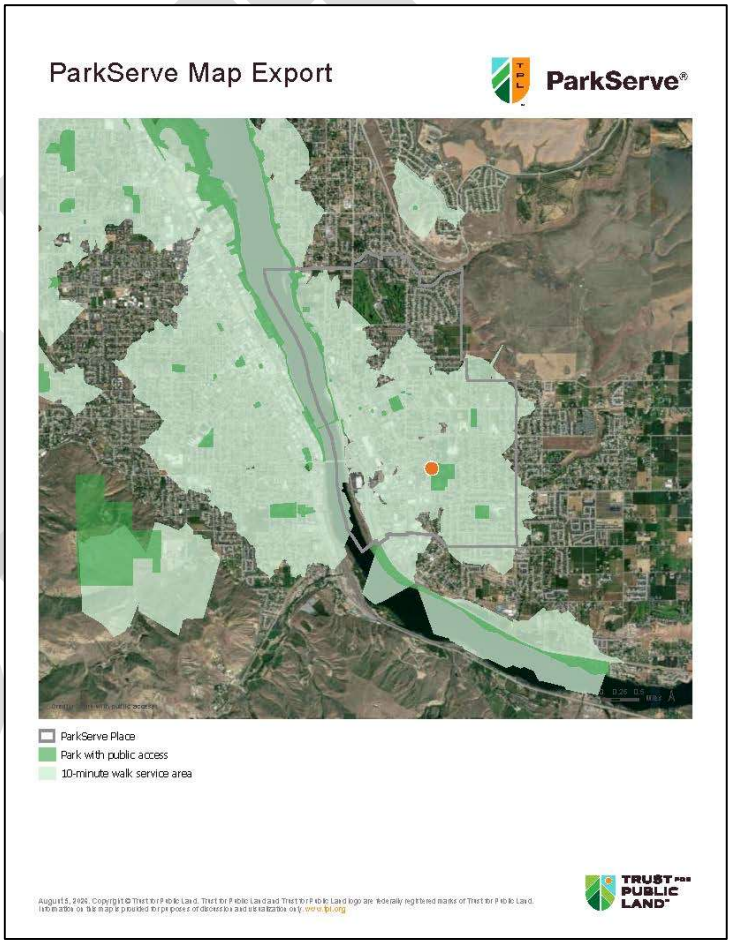


Figure 3. ParkServe® map showing parks with public access and services areas within a 10-minute walk radius.



Classifications

To effectively manage assets and evaluate Level of Service (LOS), Eastmont Parks categorizes its properties using standard industry classifications adapted from RCO and National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards.

Mini Park

Small public parks (up to 1 acre) designed for light to moderate day-use serving neighborhoods within a quarter-mile walking radius. Off-street pedestrian access is emphasized, with minimal or no on-site parking. Typical amenities include seating areas, scenic overlooks, play structures, and landscaping.

- Pangborn-Herndon Memorial Park (0.5 acres)

Neighborhood Park

Medium-sized parks (5 to 15 acres) providing informal active and passive recreation within a mile walking distance of residential areas. Typical amenities include playgrounds, sport courts, open turf, picnic shelters, and paths.

- Kenroy Park (5.0 acres), Tedford Park (11.0 acres), Cherryhill Park (2.46 acres)

Open Space and Conservation Areas

Undeveloped public lands, wetlands, or natural corridors managed primarily for environmental protection, passive enjoyment, and wildlife viewing.

- 27th Street (3.05 acres)

Community Park

Medium-to-large parks (30 to 50 acres) designed to serve the entire district population and host programmed sports, large events, and multi-generational recreation. Located with direct access from major arterials, ample on-site parking, restrooms, and diverse active/passive facilities.

- Eastmont Community Park (26.0 acres)

Special Use Facility

Single-purpose or specialized recreational properties designed to serve targeted user groups or community-wide needs. Size varies based on operational scope.

- Eastmont Aquatic Center (11,700 sq. ft.), Eastmont Community Center (4,320 sq. ft.)

Pathways and Trails

Built corridors providing non-motorized transportation and recreation. Multi-use paths and trails connect parks, schools, neighborhoods, and regional riverfront corridors.

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Inventory Summary Map

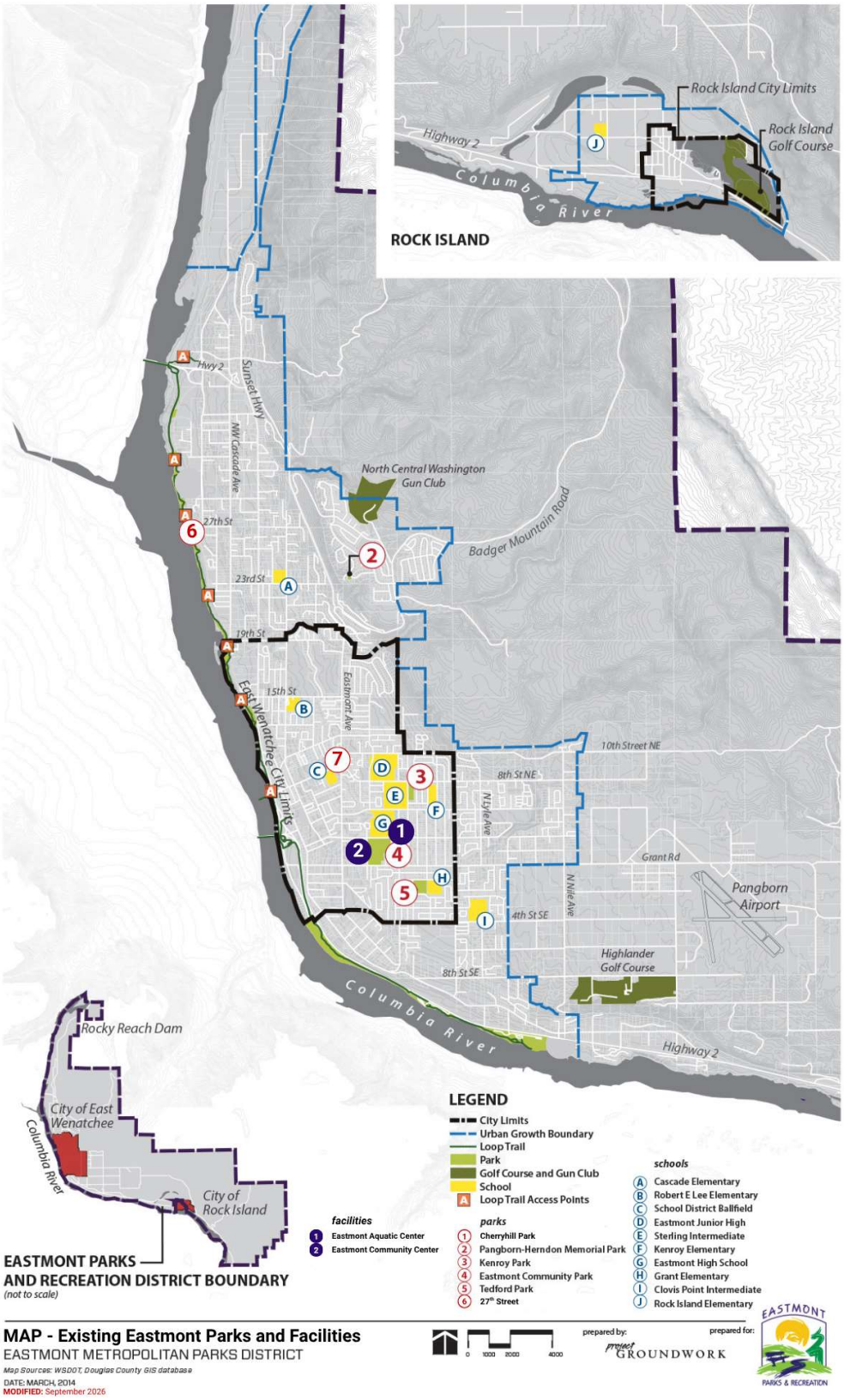


Figure 4. Overview map showing Eastmont Parks' district boundaries and park locations.

Pangborn-Herndon Memorial Park

- **Location:** 2326 Grand Avenue (Fancher Heights), East Wenatchee, WA 98802
- **Size:** 0.5 Acres | **Classification:** Mini Park

Dedicated in honor of aviators Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, who completed the world's first non-stop trans-Pacific flight from Misawa, Japan, and landed at nearby Fancher Field on October 5, 1931. The park features a stone memorial overlook with an informational brass plaque commemorating this historical milestone.

Facilities & Amenities: Stone memorial overlook plaza with historical plaque, open green space area, scenic viewpoint overlooking the Wenatchee Valley, nine paved off-street parking stalls, bollard lighting, drinking fountain, benches, and pet waste station.

Condition Assessment: Overall condition is Good to Very Good. Hardscape and memorial elements are well-preserved.

AMENITY (QTY)	CONDITION
Lawn	Fair
Memorial Overlook	Very Good
Bench (2)	Good
Trash Receptacle (4)	Very Good
Pet Waste Station (1)	Good
Drinking Fountain (1)	Good
Parking (Lot)	Very Good
Lighting	Good

Proposed Improvements: Maintenance goals focus on water conservation and passive seating upgrades including converting sections of grass areas into water-efficient xeriscape landscaping and installing additional picnic tables, park benches, and plaza hardscape seating.



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Cherryhill Park

- **Location:** 477 NE 9th Street, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
- **Size:** 2.46 Acres | **Classification:** Neighborhood Park

Officially conveyed to Eastmont Parks in March 2022, Cherryhill Park represents East Wenatchee's first new public park in over 50 years. The park was developed to address critical park equity gaps, providing a safe, walkable green space within a 10-minute walk (half mile) for more than 3,100 neighborhood residents, including over 750 children.

The 2.46-acre site operated as a commercial cherry orchard from the 1930s until 2008. To address historical lead and arsenic soil contamination from legacy pesticide use, the Trust for Public Land partnered with Eastmont Parks, City of East Wenatchee, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and local stakeholders to secure a $500,000 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant. Utilizing an innovative "keep it local, keep it simple" engineering design, contaminated soils were safely sculpted into rolling landscape mounds and capped with clean, site-mined soil and native, restorative wildflower and grass plantings.

Directly bordering the Columbia Valley Community Health (CVCH) primary care facility, Cherryhill Park serves as a natural extension for community wellness, outdoor prescription exercise, passive relaxation, and neighborhood play. Major funding partners also included CVCH, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), Icicle Fund, North Central Washington Community Foundation, and dozens of local private donors.

Facilities & Amenities: An ADA-accessible paved loop trail weaves around landscape mounds (connecting directly to the NE 9th Street sidewalk network) and gravel "adventure trails". The open space includes rolling grassy turf hills for informal games, neighborhood gatherings, and dog-friendly recreation. Shaded rest areas are equipped with benches. The park features native wildflower meadow caps. There is a permanent covered picnic structure to enhance user comfort.

AMENITY (QTY)	CONDITION
Native Meadow	Very Good
Picnic Shelter (1)	Very Good
Picnic Table (2)	Very Good
Bench (3)	Very Good
Trash Receptacle (2)	Very Good
Pet Waste Station (1)	Very Good
Portable Restroom (1)	Good
Fence (Perimeter)	Very Good
Parking (Lot)	Very Good
Parking (ADA) (2)	Very Good
Trails (Paved & Gravel)	Very Good

Condition Assessment: For a newly developed open space the overall rating is very good. Remediated grounds include a clean soil cap, turf, and native wildflower plantings are healthy, well-maintained, and function as designed. The pathways and trails are in excellent condition with paved ADA loop trails and gravel adventure paths were recently constructed and are in like-new condition.

Benches and trash receptacles at the site are functional and in good condition. There is a portable restroom located in the paved parking lot directly off 9th Street.

Proposed Improvements: Based on survey feedback, residents want more passive and active amenities such as:

- A neighborhood playground and age-appropriate play equipment on designated non-disturbing capped areas.
- Educational displays detailing the site's historical transition from a historic cherry orchard to a remediated public park.
- Additional benches and a drinking fountain with a pet hydration station.
- Family-friendly and ADA-accessible, permanent flush restroom structure.


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Kenroy Park

- **Location:** N. James Avenue & 8th Street, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
- **Size:** 5.0 Acres | **Classification:** Neighborhood Park

Located in central East Wenatchee directly adjacent to Sterling Middle School, Kenroy Park is a popular neighborhood park that provides informal active and passive recreation for surrounding families, middle school students, and local youth sports teams.

The land for Kenroy Park was generously donated in 1960 by Kenneth Randle and Roy McMahon. Over the decades, community partnerships have played a vital role in shaping the park's features. Local community members raised funds to construct the original "skate pad" for Wenatchee Valley Skate Parks, and the Apple Valley Kiwanis donated the park's swing set. More recently, Eastmont Parks completed major accessibility and recreation upgrades, adding an inclusive playground, a concrete skate park, and paved ADA parking stalls.

Skate Park Safety
The skate area is non-supervised; users skate at their own risk. Protective equipment—including helmets, knee, elbow, and wrist guards—is strongly recommended. Glass containers and unapproved temporary obstacles (such as makeshift ramps or jumps) are strictly prohibited. Competitive or demonstration events require prior authorization and a Special Events Permit from Eastmont Parks (Call (509) 884-8015 for more info). Eastmont Parks reserves the right to restrict entry or ask individuals to leave for disorderly conduct or safety violations.

Facilities & Amenities: ADA-inclusive playground, concrete skate park, and a flexible open turf field used for youth soccer or open play, two covered picnic shelters, eight picnic tables and park benches, one portable restroom enclosure, pet waste station, trash receptacles, four paved ADA off-street parking stalls with additional on-street parking surrounding the park perimeter.

Condition Assessment: Overall rating is Fair to Very Good. The ADA-inclusive play structure and concrete skate park are in excellent physical condition and see heavy daily use. The paved ADA parking stalls and open green space are well-maintained. The picnic tables and shelters are Fair to Good.

Proposed Improvements: This neighborhood park serves localized residential zones within a half mile to one-mile walking radius. Investments target basic operational amenities such as:

- Construct a permanent, ADA-accessible flush restroom building.
- Install energy-efficient security to enhance evening safety and deter vandalism.
- Modernize aging picnic tables and add benches with shade near play areas.
- Perform tree canopy maintenance and plant replacement shade trees.

AMENITY (QTY)	CONDITION
Lawn	Fair
Skate Park (1)	Good
Playground (1)	Good
Picnic Shelter (4)	Good
Picnic Table (8)	Fair
Bench (2)	Good
Trash Receptacle (5)	Good
Pet Waste Station (4)	Good
Portable Restroom (3)	Fair
Parking (On-Street)	Fair
Parking (ADA) (4)	Very Good

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Tedford Park

- **Location:** 1st Street SE (between Jarvis Ave & June Ave), East Wenatchee, WA 98802
- **Size:** 11.0 Acres | **Classification:** Neighborhood Park

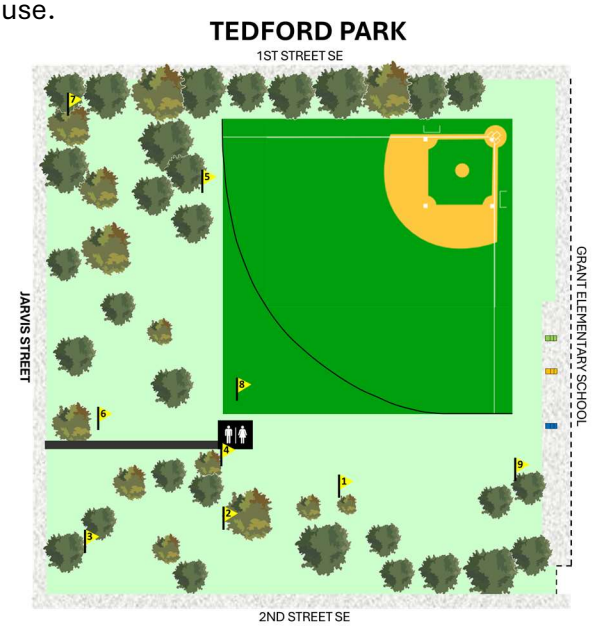
The land for Tedford Park was donated in 1960 by Duane Tedford in memory of his father, Roy Tedford. This 11-acre facility is primarily used by organized sports and the neighborhood. Situated directly adjacent to Grant Elementary School, Tedford Park serves as an essential neighborhood park and youth sports site for the surrounding residential area. Greater Wenatchee Babe Ruth and local AAU baseball teams are the primary users of this field. In recent years, Eastmont Parks installed a permanent ball field fence and added a 9-hole disc golf course that integrated passive turf areas into an active recreation destination.

Facilities & Amenities: One full-size baseball/softball field with dugouts and bleachers, 9-hole disc golf course, multi-purpose open turf play field, picnic tables, one permanent restroom building, spectator bleachers, pet waste stations, and mature shade trees.

Condition Assessment: Overall condition is Good. Turf and mature trees are well-maintained. Tedford serves as a vital youth sports venue (Babe Ruth/AAU baseball) and disc golf location adjacent to Grant Elementary. Community feedback prioritized basic spectator amenities and extended seasonal use.

Proposed Improvements:
Recommended improvements include adding a picnic shelter, field lighting for extended seasonal play, more park benches, and installing drinking fountains with pet bowls or water bottle filler.

AMENITY (QTY)	CONDITION
Lawn	Good
Baseball Field (1)	Good
Disc Golf Course	Good
Picnic Table (1)	Good
Trash Receptacle (10)	Good
Pet Waste Station (4)	Good
Restroom (3)	Good
Parking (On-Street)	Fair



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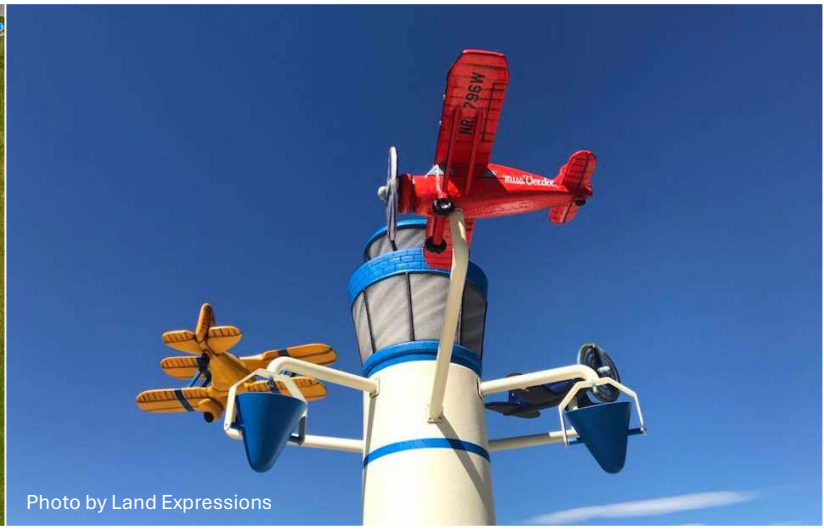


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Eastmont Community Park

- **Location:** 255 N. Georgia Avenue & Grant Road, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
- **Size:** 26.0 Acres | **Classification:** Community Park

Eastmont Community Park sits centrally within East Wenatchee adjacent to Eastmont High School. Over the past two decades, the park has evolved into a comprehensive athletic and family recreation hub, benefiting from major additions including a 4-plex baseball complex, pickleball courts, an inclusive playground, a splash pad, a futsal field, and a pump track (Wenatchee Valley's first paved mountain bike pump track).

AMENITY (QTY)	CONDITION
Lawn	Fair
Soccer Field (1)	Fair
Futsal Field (1)	Poor
Baseball Field (4)	Good
Basketball Court (2)	Good
Tennis Court (2)	Good
Pickleball Court (6)	Good
Pump Track (1)	Good
Fitness Court (1)	Very Good
Playground (1)	Good
Splash Pad (1)	Very Good
Picnic Shelter (4)	Good
Picnic Table (24)	Good
Bench (11)	Good
Trash Receptacle (50)	Good
Drinking Fountain (5)	Fair
Pet Waste Station (5)	Good
Restroom (3)	Fair
Concession Stand (1)	Good
Administration Building (1)	Good
Shop Compound (1)	Very Good
Trails (Paved)	Poor/Very Good
Parking (On-Street)	Good

Facilities & Amenities: Four baseball fields (lighted complex with concession stand and crow's nest), soccer field, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, six pickleball courts, inclusive playground, splash pad, futsal field, pump track, four reservable picnic shelters, three restroom buildings, administrative office building, maintenance shop compound, perimeter asphalt walking paths, and expansive shade trees.

Condition Assessment: Facilities range from Fair to Very Good. Recent investments have modernized play areas and sports courts.

Proposed Improvements: As one of the most-visited parks in the district, anticipated enhancements include installing energy-efficient LED lighting, resurfacing the futsal field, finish repaving asphalt pathways to remove ADA barriers, planting shade trees, constructing additional shade structures near play areas, updating existing picnic shelters, and upgrading the batting cages.

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Eastmont Aquatic Center

- **Location:** 980 3rd Street, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
- **Footprint:** 11,700 Sq. Ft. Indoor Facility | **Classification:** Special Use Facility

Originally constructed to serve year-round aquatics in Douglas and Chelan counties in 1973, the Aquatic Center is owned and operated by Eastmont Parks. Retaining this resource is vitally important for the community. In 2016, voters approved a $3.5 million Unlimited Tax General Obligation (UTGO) bond to fund a facility modernization, completed in 2019 (window replacements, entryway addition, HVAC and mechanical room overhauls, and locker room upgrades). In June 2020, Eastmont Parks took over management and operations of the Eastmont Aquatic Center after two decades of pool management by the Wenatchee Valley YMCA. Ranked as the district's highest priority asset, with 69% of survey respondents rating continued modernization as "Very Important".

Facilities & Amenities: Indoor lap pool, deep-water tank, spectator viewing area, public restrooms and shower locker rooms, administrative offices, and a dedicated parking lot.

Condition & Maintenance Summary: Facilities are in good condition following the 2019 overhaul. Most recently the stormwater drainage for the south-wall was mitigated in the near-term. Outstanding capital maintenance needs include roof and gutter system replacement and parking lot expansion to accommodate peak lap swim and lesson hours.

AMENITY (QTY)	CONDITION
Lawn	Fair
Aquatic Facility (1)	Fair
Parking (Lot)	Good
Parking (ADA) (2)	Good

Proposed Improvements: Roof and gutter system replacement, expand and repave the main parking lot to increase capacity, address south-wall stormwater leak, and continue to modernize mechanical systems (e.g., HVAC).

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Eastmont Community Center

- **Location:** 230 N. Georgia Avenue, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
- **Footprint:** 4,320 Sq. Ft. Building | **Classification:** Special Use Facility

Purchased by Eastmont Parks in 2019 through the USDA Rural Development Loan Program, this former church facility was acquired to fill a major gap in indoor community gathering space within East Wenatchee. Recent capital upgrades include exterior siding replacement, new electrical/lighting systems, interior flooring, converting the kitchen into a certified instructional classroom, and installing double-door accessible entries and energy-efficient windows

Facilities & Amenities: Main assembly hall, two administrative offices, nursery room, instructional kitchen space, technology room, and restrooms.

Condition & Maintenance Summary: Overall condition is Good. Recent capital upgrades include exterior siding replacement, new electrical/lighting systems, interior flooring, converting the kitchen into a certified instructional classroom, and installing double-door accessible entries and energy-efficient windows

AMENITY (QTY)	CONDITION
Community Center Facility (1)	Very Good
Parking (Lot)	Poor
Parking (ADA) (1)	Poor

Proposed Improvements: With Phase 1 interior updates complete, Phase 2 focuses on exterior improvements such as resurface, restripe, and expand the main parking lot and ADA stalls; and upgrade technology infrastructure to support multi-generational classes, senior activities, and youth programs.





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27th Street

- **Location:** No Situs (bottom of 27th Street NW)
- **Size:** 3.05 acres | **Classification:** Open Space Area (Shoreline)

In 2023, Eastmont Parks purchased two separate parcels of undeveloped land located at the bottom of 27th Street NW. The property is directly adjacent to and runs parallel along the Apple Capital Loop Trail.

In conjunction with local and regional partners (e.g., Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, TREAD, City of East Wenatchee, etc.), Eastmont Parks' would like to develop a master plan for the property to establish passive amenities and soft-surface neighborhood access trails connecting to the main Apple Capital Loop Trail with the intent to preserve and maintain the natural habitat of the open space area.

Facilities & Amenities: None - undeveloped land.

Condition Assessment: Undeveloped land.

Proposed Improvements: To be determined later by Parks Board and Staff with input from the community. Potential improvements include trash and pet waste receptacles, soft-surface and natural pathways, and a vault toilet.

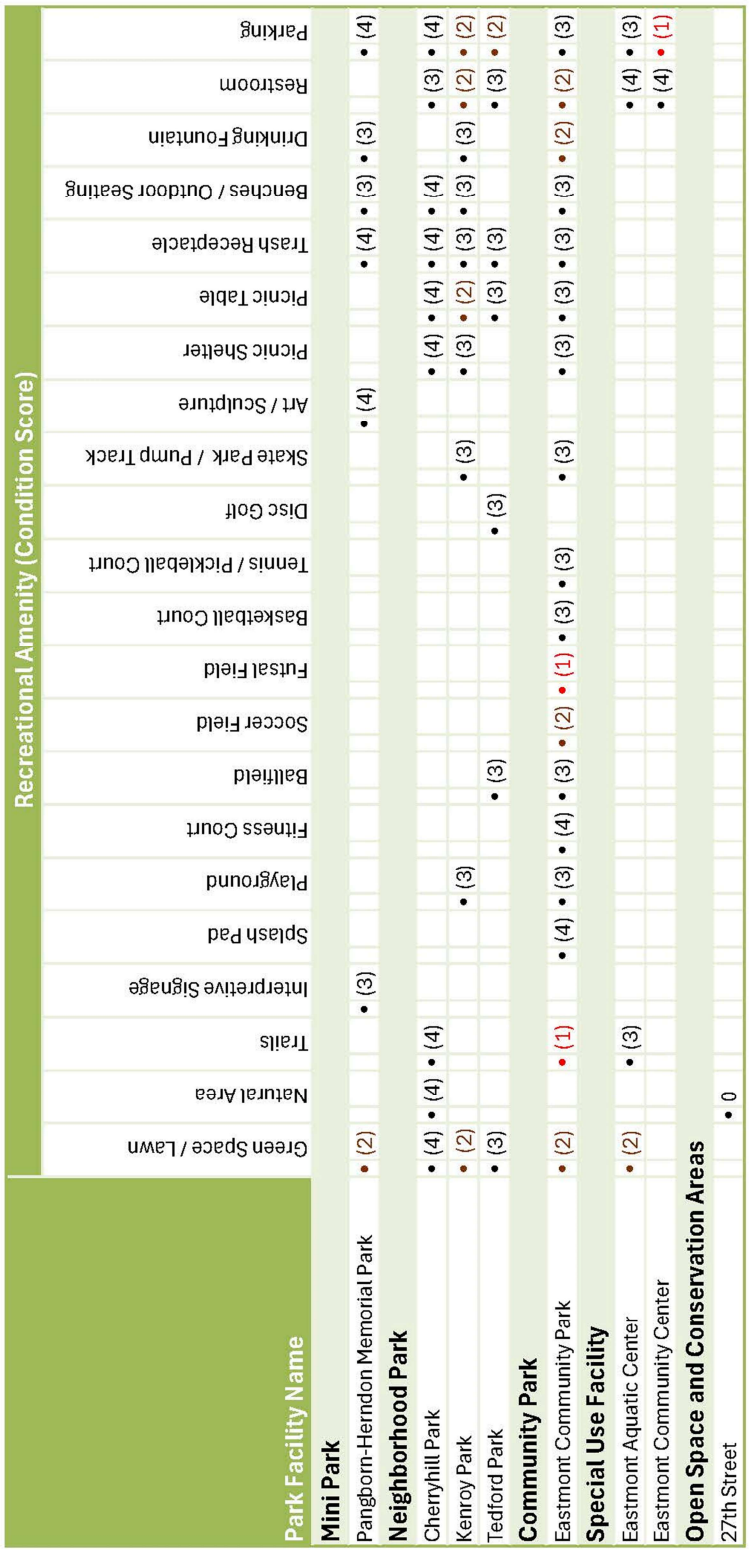
AMENITY (QTY)	CONDITION
Undeveloped Land	n/a

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Conditions Assessment of Recreational Amenities



Park Facility Name	Green Space / Lawn	Natural Area	Trails	Interpretive Signage	Splash Pad	Playground	Fitness Court	Ballfield	Soccer Field	Futsal Field	Basketball Court	Tennis / Pickleball Court	Disc Golf	Skate Park / Pump Track	Art / Sculpture	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Table	Trash Receptacle	Benches / Outdoor Seating	Drinking Fountain	Restroom	Parking
Mini Park																						
Pangborn-Herndon Memorial Park	• (2)			• (3)											• (4)			• (4)	• (3)	• (3)		• (4)
Neighborhood Park																						
Cherryhill Park	• (4)	• (4)	• (4)													• (4)	• (4)	• (4)	• (4)		• (3)	• (4)
Kenroy Park	• (2)					• (3)								• (3)		• (3)	• (2)	• (3)	• (3)	• (3)	• (2)	• (2)
Tedford Park	• (3)							• (3)					• (3)				• (3)	• (3)			• (3)	• (2)
Community Park																						
Eastmont Community Park	• (2)		• (1)		• (4)	• (3)	• (4)	• (3)	• (2)	• (1)	• (3)	• (3)		• (3)		• (3)	• (3)	• (3)	• (3)	• (2)	• (2)	• (3)
Special Use Facility																						
Eastmont Aquatic Center	• (2)		• (3)																		• (4)	• (3)
Eastmont Community Center																					• (4)	• (1)
Open Space and Conservation Areas																						
27th Street	• 0																					

Condition Assessment Summary

Parks Staff evaluate facility conditions annually on a standard 5-point rating scale:

- **5 = Exceptional:** Like new; minimal to no maintenance required.
- **4 = Very Good:** Minor routine maintenance needs.
- **3 = Good:** Routine wear; average maintenance needs.
- **2 = Fair:** Recurring maintenance needs; repair or renovation needed in short-term.
- **1 = Poor:** Unsafe, severely deteriorated, or needs immediate replacement (i.e., critical).
- **0 = n/a:** Not applicable.

Figure 5. Eastmont Parks' Facility Matrix



Other Public Lands

Residents benefit from public lands owned and operated by municipal, county, state, and school district partners.

City of East Wenatchee

Municipal Parks

The City of East Wenatchee owns 1.4 acres of small urban park spaces (Gateway Park, Misawa Park, and Ballard Park) and 2 acres of Columbia River trail access land. Misawa Park features traditional Japanese garden design celebrating East Wenatchee's sister-city relationship with Misawa, Japan (origin of the 1931 trans-Pacific flight).

- **Apple Capital Loop Trail:** ~10 miles of linear trail corridor

City of Rock Island

Parks & Public Lakes

Located in the southern portion of the Eastmont Parks' boundary, the City of Rock Island offers unique water-based natural open spaces:

- **Big Bow Lake:** 53.0 acres total (20.7-acre water body).
- **Hideaway Lake (17 ac), Putters Lake (45 ac), Hammond Lake (40 ac), & Pit Lake (4 ac):** Natural open space lakes providing passive recreation, warm-water fishing, and wildlife viewing.
- **Rock Island Golf Course:** 1.2-acre municipal property.

Chelan County PUD

Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park

Owned and operated by Chelan County PUD as public shoreline access and recreation mitigation for Rock Island Dam. Hydro Park serves as a major regional destination featuring a public boat launch, group picnic shelters, baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, paved walking trails, swim area, and extensive parking.

- **Location:** East Shoreline of Columbia River (south of East Wenatchee)
- **Size:** 70 Total Acres (44.7 Developed Acres)

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Washington State Parks

Lincoln Rock State Park

Located along the Rocky Reach Reservoir on the Columbia River, Lincoln Rock State Park provides high-capacity regional recreation including full-hookup campsites, cabin rentals, boat ramps, swim beaches, playground equipment, tennis/sports courts, and group picnic facilities.

- **Location:** 13263 SR 2, Douglas County (north of East Wenatchee)
- **Size:** 73.7 Developed Acres

Eastmont School District No. 206

Eastmont School District manages approximately 37 acres of recreational land across 10 school sites within Eastmont Parks' boundaries:

- Elementary Schools: Cascade, Clovis, Grant, Kenroy, Lee, and Rock Island Elementary Schools feature youth sports fields, playgrounds, and outdoor basketball courts.
- Middle & High Schools: Sterling Middle School, Eastmont Junior High, Eastmont High School, and the 9th Street Ball Field complex provide high-capacity athletic fields, tennis courts, track facilities, and gymnasiums.

Operational Context: While school facilities provide vital space for community youth sports, school programs maintain primary priority, limiting available evening/weekend gym capacity for public recreation.

Other Regional Lands and Spaces

Private businesses, non-profit organizations, and natural resource agencies complement Eastmont Parks' public park system:

- **Wenatchee Valley Super Oval:** Located in Douglas County, this 1/4-mile paved oval racetrack serves as a major regional motor sports venue.
- **Highlander Golf Club:** An 18-hole public golf championship course located on the bluffs of East Wenatchee overlooking the Columbia River.
- **North Central Washington Gun Club:** A private/semi-private target shooting facility in Douglas County.
- **Clovis Interpretive Site (Planned):** A 1-acre property set aside by Douglas County near Pangborn Memorial Airport to interpret the internationally significant Clovis Cache archaeological discovery. Collaborative partnerships with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation are continuing to be explored in support of historical interpretation at this site.
- **Environmentally Sensitive Shoreline Areas:** Eastmont Parks' western boundary along the Columbia River contains critical wildlife habitat and eagle perch sites regulated under the Douglas County Shoreline Master Program:
  1. Cottonwoods Grove (SR 97/2): Productive riparian habitat and bald eagle winter perch area.
  2. Cox's Pond: Crescent-shaped slough providing Great Blue Heron nesting and migratory waterfowl habitat.
  3. Porter's Pond and Sand Canyon Drainage: Natural wetland corridor extending east to 1,400-foot elevation.
  4. Blue Grade/South of Odabashian Bridge: Riparian drainage corridor along the northern loop trail.

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Inventory of Recreation Programs and Activities

Overview

Eastmont Parks provides a diverse range of recreational, athletic, and educational activities designed to foster healthy lifestyles, community connection, and life-long learning for residents of all ages.

While Eastmont Parks' outdoor park system provides space for drop-in recreation, our structured programs offer guided activities—ranging from youth sports leagues and instructional camps to adult athletic leagues, creative arts, and community events.

Evaluating current program supply, historical participation trends, and facility capacity constraints is essential to establishing a baseline for the 2027–2032 planning horizon.

Program Recreation at a Glance

- Program Categories: Youth Leagues, Adult Athletics, Seasonal Camps, Enrichment
- Historical Peak Participation: 1,200+ annual youth & adult sports participants
- Core Constraint: High reliance on Eastmont School District's gymnasiums
- Primary Need: Dedicated indoor recreation space to expand year-round

Existing Recreation Programs

Eastmont Parks categorizes its organized recreation offerings into four core service areas:

Youth Sports & Instructional Leagues

- 1st & 2nd Grade Youth Basketball: An instructional league introducing young children to basic basketball fundamentals, teamwork, and sportsmanship with weekly practices and games.
- 3rd–6th Grade Youth Basketball League: A recreational league focused on skill development and game strategy, divided into 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade boys' and girls' divisions.
- Instructional Youth Volleyball League: An introductory skill-building league for youth featuring twice-weekly practices and structured scrimmage play.

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Youth Camps & Clinics

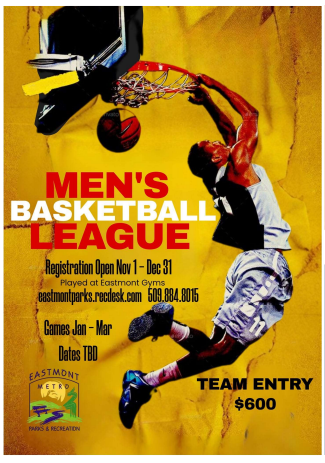
- Summer Day Camp: A weekly themed day camp for children ages 6–11 focused on group games, outdoor exploration, arts and crafts, and local field trips. Designed with affordable registration fees to ensure broad community accessibility.
- Sports Specialized Camps:
  - *Spring Break Basketball Camp (Ages 8–18)*: Fundamentals camp covering dribbling, passing, shooting, and defensive principles.
  - *Wildcat Tennis Camp (Ages 6–18)*: Beginner to intermediate instruction focusing on stroke mechanics, match strategy, and conditioning.
  - *Challenger International Soccer Camp (Ages 4–16)*: Partner camp featuring international coaches delivering age-tailored footwork and technical skills.
  - *Cheerleading Camp (Ages 6–14)*: Introductory camp teaching cheers, motion drills, dance routines, and team building.
  - *Golf Camp (Ages 8–18)*: Entry-level golf instruction covering rules, etiquette, swinging mechanics, and short-game play.
  - *Skateboarding Camp (Ages 8–18)*: Taught at Kenroy Park skate park, covering basic board control to intermediate tricks.

Adult Athletic Leagues

- Men's Basketball League**:** Offered in both recreational and competitive divisions, providing teams with an 8-game regular season followed by single-elimination post-season playoffs.
- Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League**:** Features recreational and competitive divisions with an 11-game regular season schedule and post-season championship tournament.
- Adult Lawn & Field Sports (Seasonal)**:** Periodic recreational leagues including Kickball, Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Pickleball tournaments.

Community Enrichment & Regional Events

- Eastmont Winter Classic AAU Basketball Tournament: A premier regional Pacific Northwest youth basketball tournament (grades 3rd–8th) drawing traveling teams and families from across Washington State.
- Contracted Art Classes: Year-round creative art sessions contracted with local instruction partners covering diverse artistic mediums and techniques.











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Table 1. Recreation Program Participation (2023 – 2025)

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY	2023	2024	2025	3-YR GROWTH TREND
Youth Basketball (All Grades)	524	339	416	Fluctuating registration; limited by gym availability
Youth Volleyball (Instructional)	41	46	No Data	Program tracking gap in 2025 records
Summer Day Camp (Weekly Total)	430	382	392	Sustained high demand; steady participation
Youth Specialty Camps (Tennis/Soccer)	16	61	18	Highly variable based on contracted partner availability
Adult Leagues (Basketball/Volleyball)	15	164	230	Massive 1433% growth; extreme demand for adult sports
Youth Pickleball Camps	0	23	39	Emerging popularity
Community Center Enrichment Classes	43	61	64	Steady growth in Pilates, cooking, and art classes
TOTAL ANNUAL PARTICIPATION	1,069	1,076	1,159	
Note: Program and activity data from 2019 – 2022 was skewed, irregular, or disproportionate to historical years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, data from 2023 forward has been included for more accurate reporting.				

Eastmont Parks' programming reveals a critical structural challenge: **program growth is currently capped by a lack of District-owned indoor recreation space.**

The Indoor Facility Challenge

- **High Demand:** Community growth drives record youth/adult league registration.
- **Facility Dependency:** Eastmont Parks relies heavily on Eastmont School District gyms.
- **Scheduling Bumps:** School sports maintain priority, causing cancellations.
- **The Solution:** A dedicated Recreation Center to ensure reliable space.

Key Operational Insights

School Gym Dependency: Because Eastmont Parks does not own a dedicated multi-court gymnasium, indoor programs rely almost entirely on interlocal facility-use agreements.

Scheduling Conflicts & Cancellations: School District athletic practices and extracurricular events naturally take priority. Unforeseen school schedule changes frequently result in bumped Eastmont Parks practices or sudden program cancellations, creating frustration for local families and limiting total program capacity.

Emerging Demographic Demands: While traditional youth sports remain vital, the 2026 Community Survey revealed significant demand for teen activity spaces (12%), indoor walking/fitness spaces (17%/15%), and senior activity programs (11%). Meeting these multi-generational needs requires dedicated, year-round indoor facilities that Eastmont Parks directly controls.

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Existing Aquatic Programs

The Eastmont Aquatic Center serves as a vital year-round recreational asset for community members of all ages. Owned and managed directly by Eastmont Parks, the facility offers a robust mix of structured instruction, competitive training, fitness classes, and open leisure swimming.

Aquatics Schedule & Drop-In Opportunities

- Lap Swim & Water Walking: Offered daily in dedicated blocks spanning early morning, mid-day, and evening hours.
- Open & Social Swimming: Features public open swim sessions on Saturday afternoons, alongside a dedicated Brave Warrior Social Swim designed for inclusive family recreation.
- Fitness & Specialty Aquatics: Hosts morning Deep Water Aerobics (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and afternoon Shallow Water Aerobics (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday), with class sizes capped at 20 participants to ensure instructor access and safety.
- Partner & Competitive Swimming: Serves as the primary home pool for the Eastmont High School Swim Team, the Velocity Swim Team, and local Masters Swim groups.
- Facility Rentals: The indoor aquatic facility is available for private party reservations during dedicated weekend blocks.

Swim Instruction & Adaptive Programs

- Group Swim Lessons: Offered in month-long sessions (8 classes in total across 4 weeks) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Lessons are structured across five progressive skill levels—ranging from Level 1 water comfort and floating to Level 5 advanced stroke refinement and diving techniques. Because pool space is shared with competitive youth teams, registration availability opens monthly on set dates and fills rapidly.
- Adaptive Swim Instruction: Led by Swim Angelfish Certified instructors to accommodate swimmers with specialized needs. Due to high community demand, adaptive lessons are coordinated via direct application.

Wenatchee Valley Summer Swim League

- Youth Competitive Swimming: A seasonal summer program for youth ages 5 to 18 who can swim 25 yards independently. Led by expert coaching staff, participants train four days a week (divided into 9 & under and 10 & older practice groups) and compete against neighboring regional teams. Parent participation is an essential component, supporting local meet operations through timing, staging, judging, and officiating.

Table 2. Registered Aquatics Program Participation (2023 – 2025)

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY	2023	2024	2025	3-YR GROWTH TREND
Select Programming for Lessons, Aerobics and Classes (All Ages)	~3,518	~1,044	~561	Fluctuating registration; limited by program frequency, availability and reporting

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Public Involvement

Overview

Public involvement is the cornerstone of Eastmont Parks' planning process. This plan was developed through a broad, inclusive, and transparent community engagement process.

By inviting community members, local stakeholders, and partner organizations to share their vision, Eastmont Parks ensures that capital investments, maintenance priorities, and recreation programs directly reflect the authentic needs and values of residents.



Figure 6. Info card regarding the Park's Plan update.

Public Engagement Timelines and Methodology

Eastmont Parks utilized a multi-channel outreach strategy to ensure that diverse demographic groups, families, seniors, teens, and non-English speaking residents had ample opportunity to participate. Engagement methods spanned early stakeholder sessions, in-person community drop-in events, bilingual online and paper surveys, and Steering Committee review meetings.

MAY 2026	JULY 2026	SEPTEMBER 2026
In-Person Drop Ins: • May 27 at Kenroy Park • May 28 at Eastmont Community Park	**Community Survey:** • Open July 1 – 31 • Online and Paper	**Steering Committee:** • Status Check-In • Survey Review • Draft Plan Update

In-Person Community Drop-In Sessions

To capture early qualitative feedback before launching the broad community survey, Eastmont Parks hosted two interactive, outdoor drop-in sessions:

- Kenroy Park: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 | 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Eastmont Community Park: Thursday, May 28, 2026 | 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

These open-house sessions allowed residents to converse directly with Parks Staff and consultants, review preliminary park concepts, ask questions, and share site-specific ideas for park improvements.

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Community-Wide Survey

The primary quantitative engagement tool was a district-wide survey conducted throughout July 2026.

- Survey Duration: Open for 31 days (July 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026).
- Accessibility & Formats: To remove barriers to participation, the 6-to-8-minute survey was published online via Jotform and made available in printed paper format at the Eastmont Community Center.
- Bilingual Outreach: To serve the region's diverse population, the survey was provided in both English and Spanish.
- Participation: The survey yielded 531 completed responses (527 English and 4 Spanish), providing a statistically strong sample size for guiding the 6-year strategic plan.



Figure 7. Informational flyer inviting people to participate in the community survey.

Strategic Outreach Channels

To maximize public reach across East Wenatchee and unincorporated Douglas County, Eastmont Parks promoted engagement opportunities through a variety of digital and traditional media:

- Direct email updates
- Social media campaigns
- Word of mouth/friends and family
- Eastmont Parks' website
- Printed programs and mailers
- Partner agency communications
- Local newspaper & radio ads

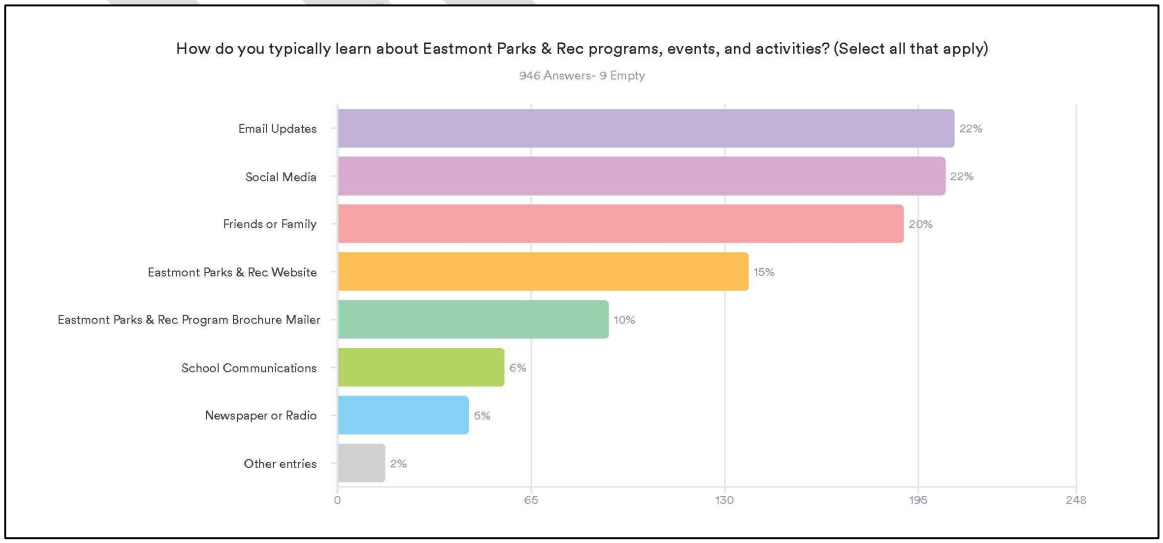


Figure 8. Chart illustrates the primary communication channels through which residents receive news and updates regarding Eastmont Parks.

Steering Committee & Advisory Engagement
A dedicated Steering Committee comprising local stakeholders, community partners, and regional representatives was formed to assist in the planning process. The Steering Committee met periodically throughout the spring and summer of 2026 to review community feedback, evaluate level-of-service gaps, and shape draft plan recommendations.

Following the close of the survey on July 31, 2026, the committee convened in early September 2026 to review final survey findings, discuss the statues of the draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Comprehensive Plan prior to broader public review.

Community Survey Results and Public Sentiment

The Summer 2026 survey results yielded high public consistency. As participation grew from initial responses to the final count of 531, key priorities remained stable, confirming strong community alignment.

Key Findings

High Satisfaction with District Upkeep
Residents strongly value their parks and recreation facilities. 89% of respondents rated the overall condition and maintenance of Eastmont Parks' facilities as Good (57%) or Excellent (32%), with only 10% rating conditions as Fair and 1% as Poor. Furthermore, 90% reported that accessing parks and recreation opportunities is Very Easy (64%) or Somewhat Easy (26%) for their households.

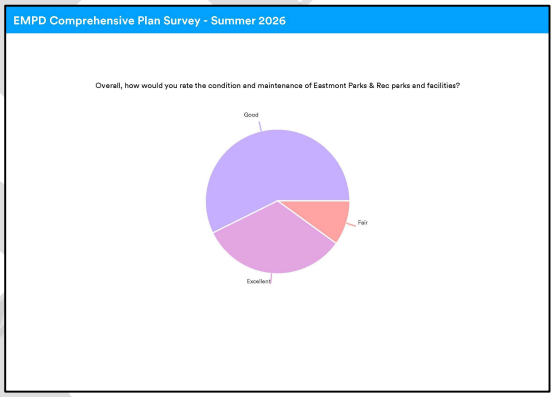


Figure 9. Breakdown of public response rating Eastmont Parks' facility conditions as 89% Good or Excellent.

Priority #1: Take Care of Existing Assets
When asked how Eastmont Parks should allocate future funding over the next six years, the community sent a clear message to maintain and improve what we have first:

- **44%** want funding focused exclusively on maintaining and improving existing parks and facilities.
- **46%** believe maintaining existing parks and developing new parks are equally important.
- **10%** feel greater emphasis should be placed on developing new parks.

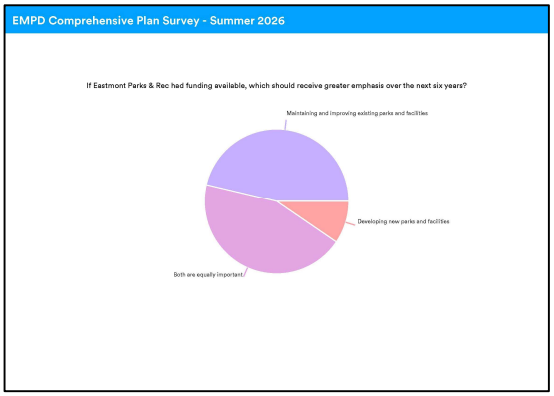


Figure 10. Public sentiment on future funding focus: 90% support prioritizing or balancing the maintenance of existing facilities.

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Ensuring Every Voice is Heard. While the survey received a strong overall response, participation data showed a gap. Nearly 46% of the School District's student population is Hispanic or Latino, yet only four Spanish surveys were completed. To ensure the draft Plan reflects the entire community, Eastmont Parks provided a Spanish-translated copy for public comment so that every neighbor had an opportunity to help shape the future of our community parks and facilities.

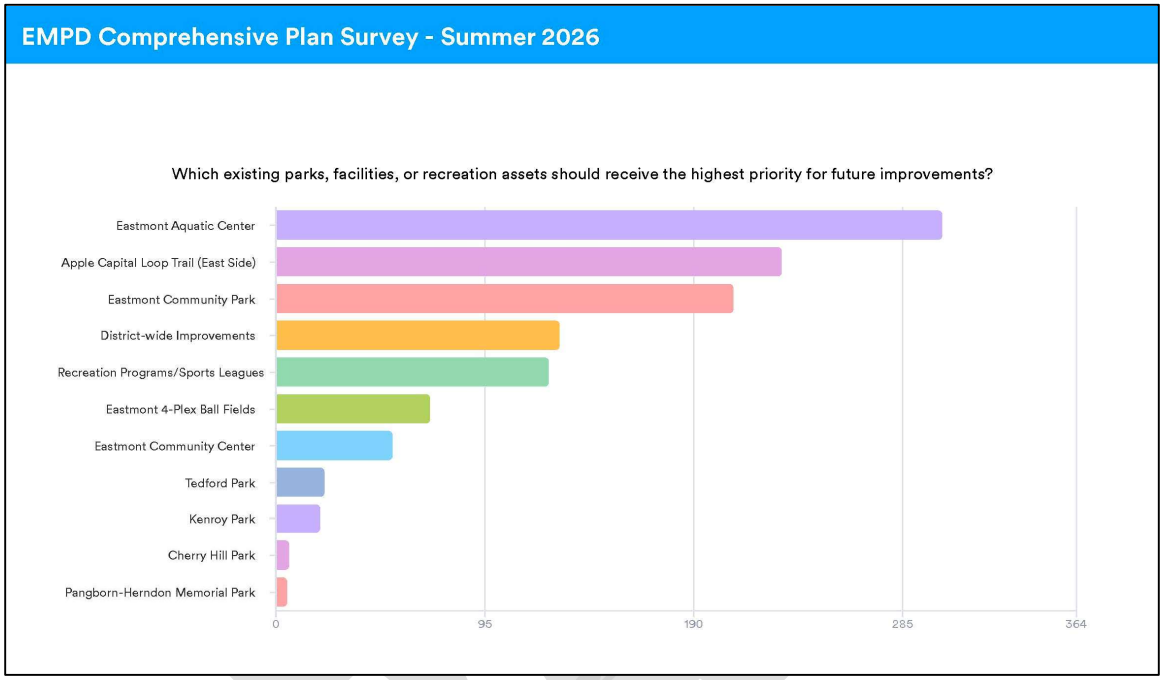


Figure 11. Question and answers from the public survey prioritizing improvements for future capital efforts.

Highest Priority Facility: Eastmont Aquatic Center

Across multiple survey questions and narrative comments, the Eastmont Aquatic Center emerged as the community's single highest priority asset:

- **69%** of respondents stated that continued investment in modernizing and maintaining the Aquatic Center is "Very Important," with an additional 22% rating it as "Important".
- **26%** identified the Aquatic Center as the highest priority existing facility for future improvements.
- **23%** selected aquatic facility improvements as the specific future capital investment they would most support.



IMPORTANT NOTE: While the community identified the Apple Capital Loop Trail as a high priority, trail improvements are outside of Eastmont Park's jurisdiction as the eastside corridor is owned jointly by Douglas County and the City of East Wenatchee. Since 2001, Eastmont Parks has performed general trail maintenance for a section of trail through an interlocal agreement with the city.



The Community Expressed a High Value for Trails and Foundational Recreation Amenities

Residents make full use of walking trails and everyday park amenities like restrooms, playgrounds, and picnic shelters.

- Top Facilities Visited: Eastmont Community Park (32% responses), Eastmont Aquatic Center (24%), and the Apple Capital Loop Trail (17% usage) lead district visitation.
- Top Requested Improvements: When asked what specific amenity improvements are most important, residents prioritized:

1. Aquatic Center Improvements
2. General maintenance and upkeep
3. Restroom renovations and additions
4. Shade structures and covered picnic areas
5. Safety, lighting, and security enhancements
6. Walking paths and trails

Residents Desire Recreation for All Stages of Life

While youth sports remain a core component of Eastmont Parks' programming (with 0–5 and 6–12 age group needs rated as well-served), survey feedback highlighted significant interest in expanding indoor, year-round recreation opportunities for teens (ages 13–18), adults, and older adults (ages 55+).

If Eastmont Parks were to pursue a multi-use indoor recreation center, the community's top requested features include:

- Indoor walking/running track
- Indoor fitness and exercise space
- Dedicated activity space for teens
- Gymnasium courts
- Senior activity space
- Child play areas

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Demand and Need Analysis

The Demand and Need Analysis aligns Eastmont Parks' current inventory with the public's stated priorities, establishing a clear direction for capital improvements.

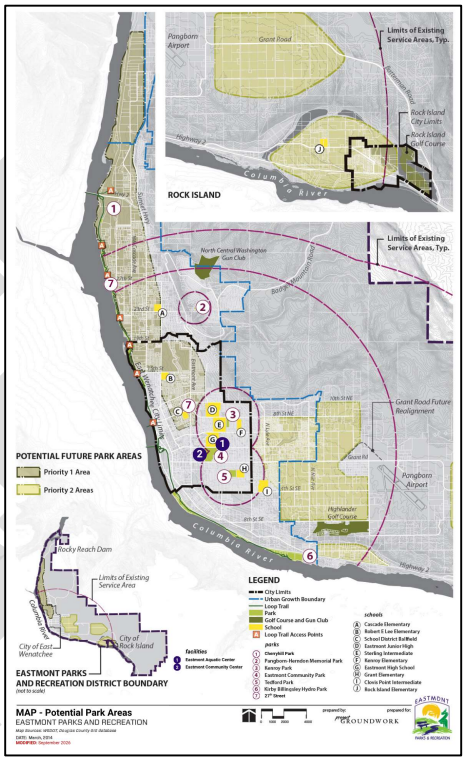


Figure 12. Map of priority areas for a potential new recreational facility.

Key Findings and Community Demand

- **Prioritizing Existing Assets:** 44% of residents explicitly prioritized maintaining and improving existing facilities over building new ones, while another 46% felt both are equally important. Nearly 90% of respondents currently rate park conditions as good or excellent, and maintaining this standard is a top demand.
- **Eastmont Aquatic Center:** The Aquatic Center is the highest priority asset in the district. 69% of residents stated that continued investment and modernization of this facility is 'Very Important', and 23% identified aquatic facility improvements as the future investment they would most support.
- **Trails and Passive Recreation:** The Apple Capital Loop Trail is heavily utilized (17% of respondents visited recently). Walking paths and trails represent the highest demand for new recreation opportunities.
- **Basic Park Amenities:** Community members place a high value on foundational amenities. Upgrading restrooms (13% support) and shade/picnic areas (9% support) were identified as critical improvement needs.
- **Multi-Generational Programming:** There is a notable demand for indoor fitness spaces, walking tracks, and programming tailored to teens, adults, and older adults, expanding beyond traditional youth sports.

Level of Service (LOS) Evaluation

A "level of service" refers to the amount and quality of recreation facilities necessary to meet current and future community needs. EMPD utilizes the Level of Service Tool provided by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to evaluate our system across three categories: Quantity, Quality, and Distribution/Access.

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The following matrix grades our park system on an A through E scale to help inform our 6-year Capital Improvement Program.

Indicators and Criteria	Grade
QUANTITY CRITERIA	
Number of Parks and Recreation Facilities. Eastmont Parks maintains a level-of-service goal of 6.0 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Based on our owned acreage combined with regional partner assets, the district provides ~5.93 acres per 1,000 residents. This results in a 1.1% gap (2.4 acres) compared to the target goal.	**A** *(<10% gap)*
Facilities Supporting Active Recreation Opportunities. "Active recreation" includes human-powered activities such as sports fields, courts, walking paths, playgrounds, splash pads, and pump tracks. Approximately 52% of Eastmont Parks' total inventory footprint directly supports active recreation opportunities.	**B** *(51%–60% active)*
Facility Capacity. Outdoor sports fields and community park amenities meet standard seasonal demand well. Heavy reliance on school district gyms limits indoor sports league capacity. Overall, current facilities meet ~48% of peak community demand.	**C** *(46%–60% of demand met)*
QUALITY CRITERIA	
Agency-Based Assessment. Parks Staff evaluate facility conditions annually. While recent investments modernized play structures and sports courts, aging pedestrian pathways, restroom roofs, and irrigation systems place overall site functionality at 63% under full design and safety guidelines.	**B** *(61%–80% fully functional)*
Public Satisfaction. In the 2026 Community Survey, 89% of respondents rated the overall condition and maintenance of our parks and facilities as "Good" (57%) or "Excellent" (32%).	**A** *(>65% public satisfaction)*
DISTRIBUTION AND ACCESS CRITERIA	
Population within Service Areas. Geographic mapping confirms that 87% of the district's population resides within 5 miles of a community park or regional trail corridor.	**A** *(>75% of population within service area)*
Access. 90% of survey respondents report that accessing parks by vehicle is easy. In addition, Link Transit provides 100% fare-free public bus service throughout Eastmont Parks' service area.	**A** *(>80% accessible)*

What These Grades Tell Us

- **Our Community Loves What We Have:** Public satisfaction increased from 72% in 2019 to 89% in 2026. This supports Eastmont Parks' strategy of focusing resources on maintaining and improving existing parks before building brand-new ones.
- **We Need More Indoor Elbow Room:** While our parkland grade is an A, overall facility capacity grade is stuck at a C (48%). We don't own a multi-court gym, so winter sports leagues are frequently bumped or capped by school district schedules.
- **Walkability:** As residential growth moves eastward along Grant Road toward the airport, building internal walking paths and connecting neighborhood sidewalks to parks will be critical.

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Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Eastmont Parks' facilities are generally funded through its operating budget which is mostly derived from general property taxes through a levy lid lift and user fees (e.g., programming, rentals, etc.). A critical component of Eastmont Parks' financial capacity is the ongoing operation and maintenance costs to manage existing recreational facilities. The table below summarizes the estimated annual operational and maintenance costs required to sustain existing recreational facilities as reflected in the Inventory Summary of this Plan.

Table 4. Estimated Annual Maintenance & Operational (M&O) Costs

Facility Name	Size	Annual M&O Cost
Pangborn-Herndon Memorial Park	0.5 acres	$3,000.00
Cherryhill Park	2.46 acres	$24,600.00
Kenroy Park	5 acres	$32,000.00
Tedford Park	11 acres	$70,000.00
Eastmont Community Park	26 acres	$200,000.00
Eastmont Aquatic Center	0.27 acres (11,700 SF)	$585,000.00
Eastmont Community Center	0.32 acres (4,320 SF)	$64,800.00
27th Street	3.05 acres	$1,000.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL M&O COST	$980,400.00

Throughout this Plan, numerous proposed improvements, upgrades, or renovations have been identified for Eastmont Parks' recreational facilities. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) outlines multiple projects focused on park improvements identified by the Parks Board guided with input from Parks Staff and the community. The 6-Year CIP list outlines priority projects designed to achieve and/or implement the goals and policies of this Plan. This list is intended to be adaptive and may be amended annually to ensure capital investments remain aligned with Eastmont Parks' and the community's long-term vision and available funding opportunities.

The CIP outlines Eastmont Parks' proposed projects planned for the next six years, ensuring resources are allocated effectively to meet facility needs and priorities identified by the community.

Table 5. 6-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Eastmont Parks

Project Name (Description)	**Cost Estimate** (Fund Source)	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Eastmont Aquatic Center Drainage Renovation (Mitigate south-wall drainage)	$25,000 (General Fund)	$25k					
Eastmont Aquatic Center Roof Renovation (Replace roof & gutter system)	$1,000,000 (General Fund, Loan, Bond)	$10k	$990k				
Eastmont Community Park Futsal Field Redevelopment★ (Resurface futsal court)	$100,000 (General Fund, Donation, Grant)	$100k					
Eastmont Community Park Pathway Renovation★ (Replace aging pathways for ADA accessible connections)	$200,000 (General Fund, WWRP)	$8k	$8k	$8k	$44k	$132k	
Eastmont Aquatic Center System Modernization	$300,000 (General Fund, Loan, Bond)	$10k	$10k	$10k	$10k	$10k	$10k+
Eastmont Aquatic Center Parking Redevelopment★ (Expand and repave parking lot)	$250,000	$10k	$10k	$10k	$50k	$170k	
Eastmont Community Park Shade Development★ (Install shade near play areas)	$30,000 (General Fund, WWRP)		$5k	$5k	$20k		
Eastmont Community Park Athletics Redevelopment★ (Upgrading batting cages)	$150,000 (General Fund, YAF)				$50k	$50k	$50k
Trail Development & Accessibility Renovations★	$100,000 (General Fund, Donation, WWRP)				$10k	$10k	$80k
District-Wide Shade Upgrades★	$50,000 (General Fund, WWRP)	$5k	$5k	$5k	$5k	$5k	$5k
Eastmont Community Center Parking Improvements (Replace and expand off-street parking lot)	$140,000 (General Fund, USDA, Bond, Loan)	$2.5k	$2.5k	$2.5k	$2.5k	$2.5k	$2.5k
Eastmont Community Center Technology Upgrades	$60,000				$5k	$5k	$5k+
Tedford Park Development + Renovation★	$210,000 (General Fund, YAF, WWRP)				$5k	$5k	$5k+
Kenroy Park Development★ (Install flushable restroom)	$650,000 (General Fund, WWRP)	$20k	$20k	$20k	$20k	$50k	$520k
Kenroy Park Renovation★ (Tree risk management, security lighting, and amenity updates)	$85,000 (General Fund, YAF, WWRP)	$2.5k	$2.5k	$2.5k	$2.5k	$19.5k	$55.5k
Cherryhill Park Development★ (Install flushable restroom)	$650,000 (General Fund, WWRP)	$20k	$20k	$20k	$20k	$50k	$520k
Cherryhill Park Development★ (New playground, more seating, amenities and historical signage)	$750,000 (General Fund, LWCF WWRP)	$7.5k	$7.5k	$7.5k	$7.5k	$20k	$700k
27th Street Planning (Draft a preliminary master plan for site)	$30,000 (General Fund)	$2.5k	$2.5k	$2.5k	$2.5k	$5k	$15k
Pangborn-Herndon Renovation (Drought-tolerant landscaping)	$10,000 (General Fund)					$5k	$5k
Recreation Center Planning (Feasibility Study)	$35,000 (General Fund)					$5k	$30k

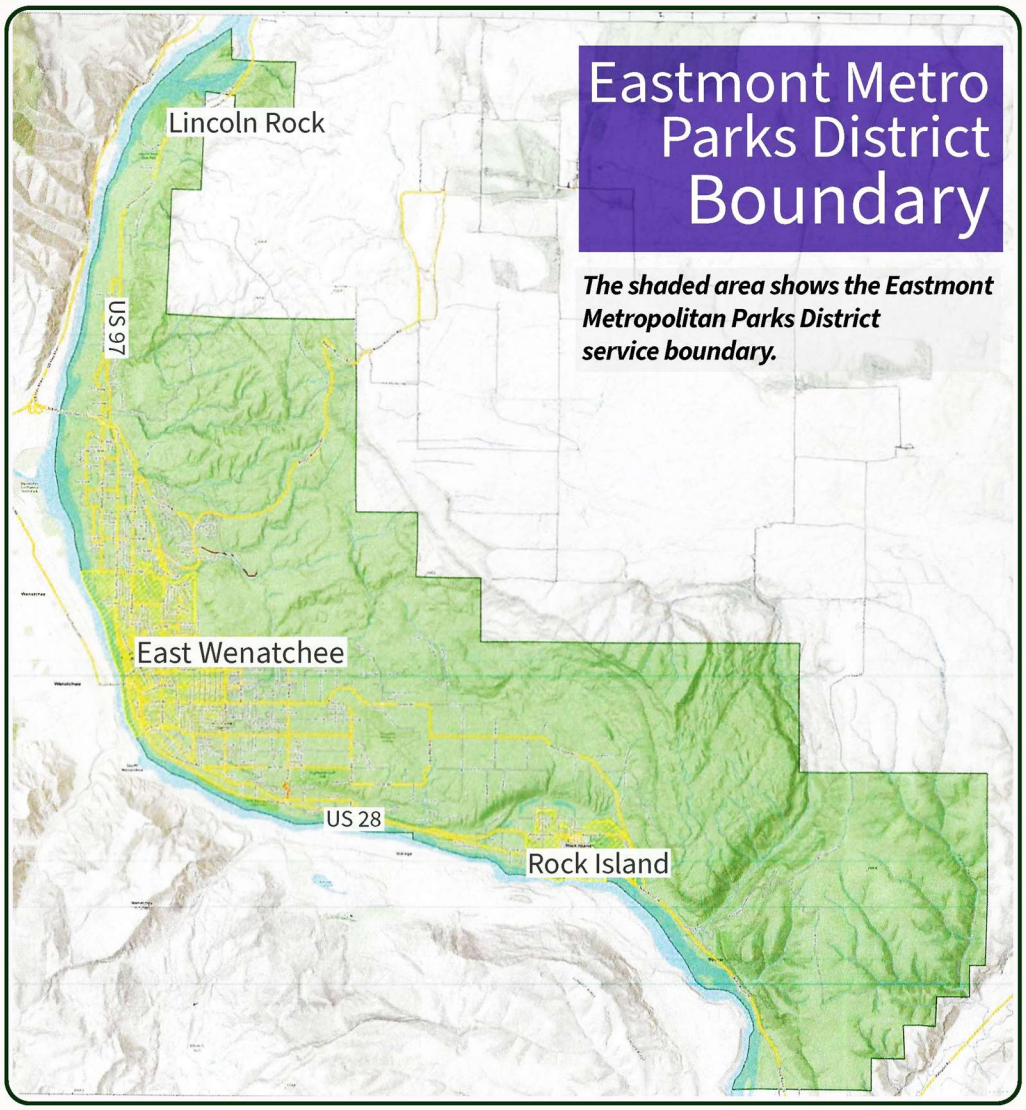
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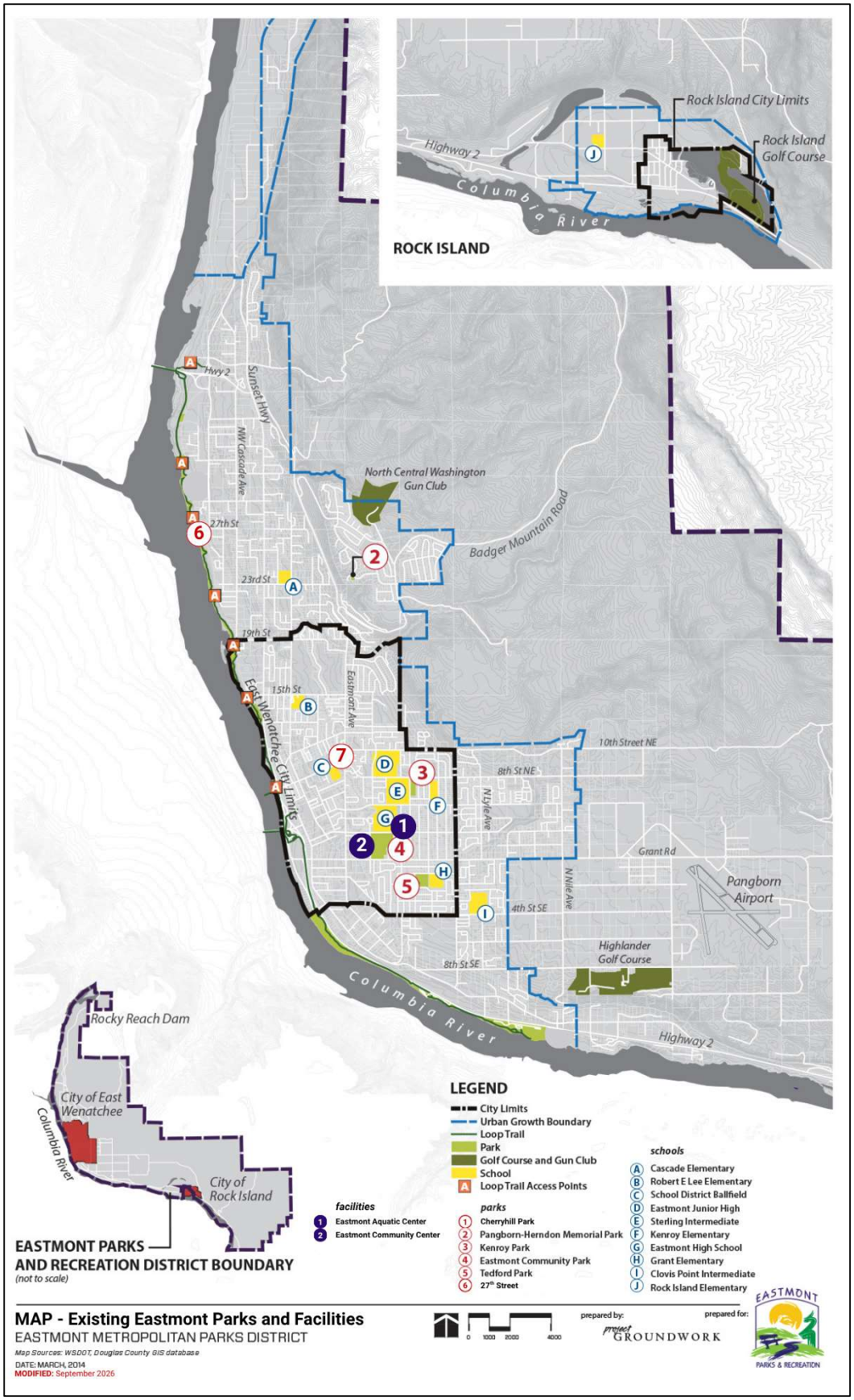
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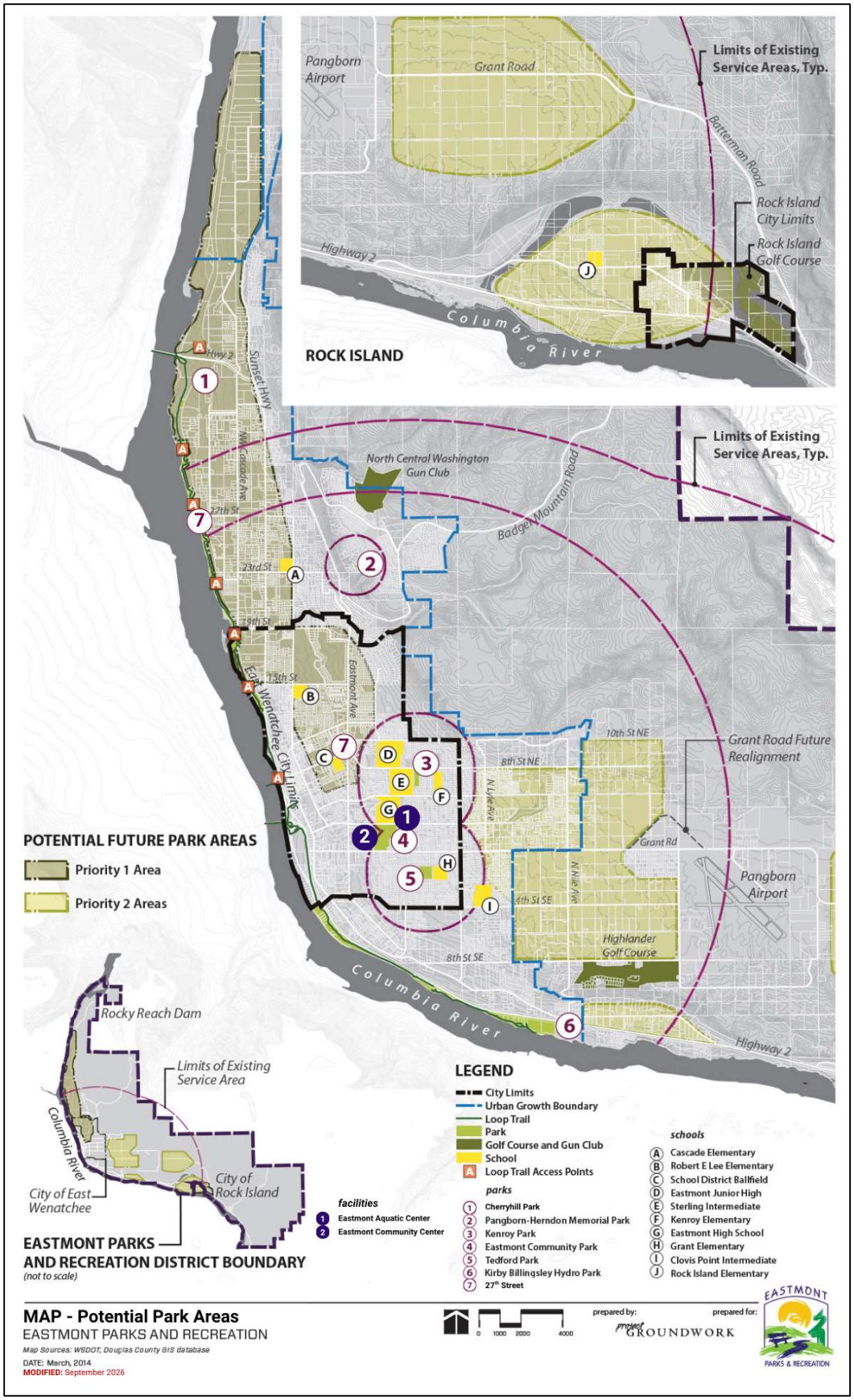
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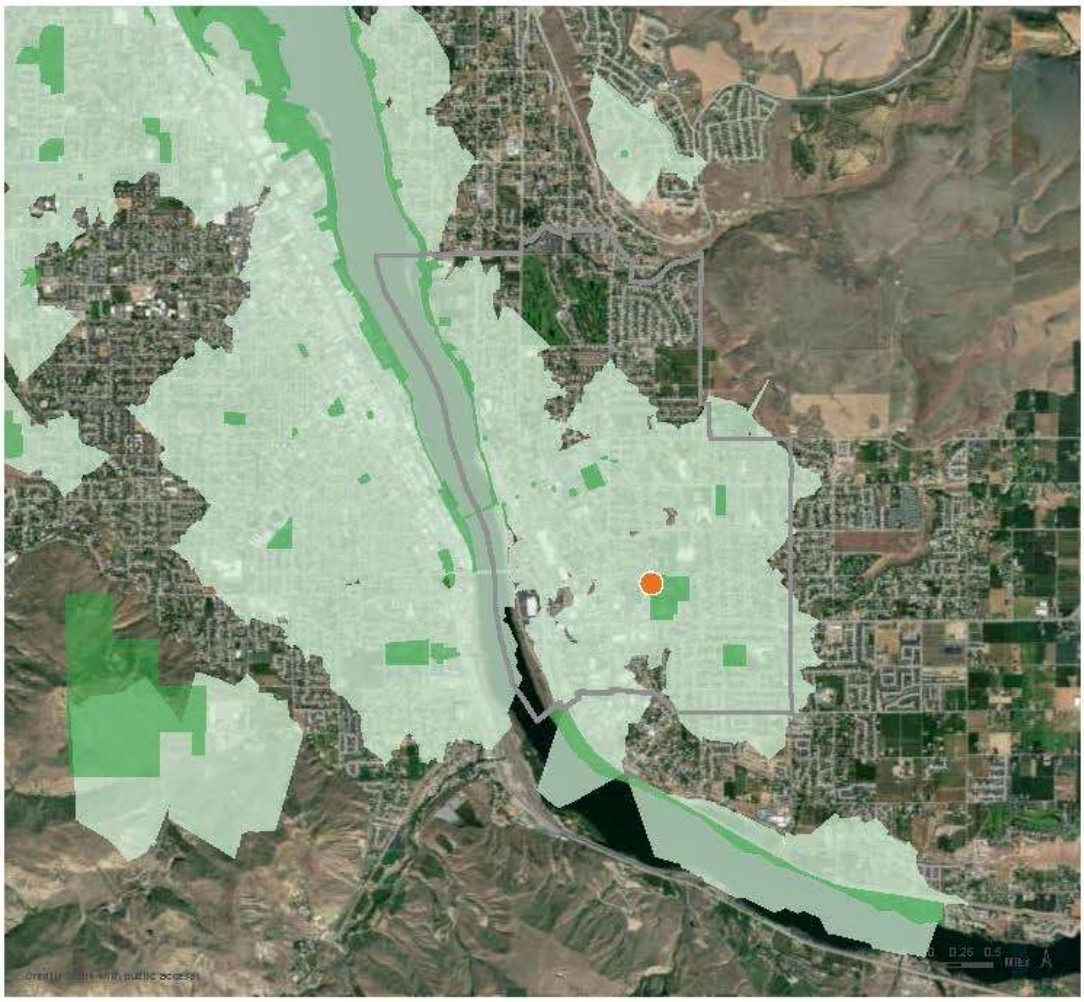
EASTMONT METRO PARKS & RECREATION
EASTMONT Parks & Rec


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Rock Island City Limits
Rock Island Golf Course
Highway 2
Columbia River
Hwy 2
Sunset Hwy
NW Cascade Ave
North Central Washington Gun Club
Badger Mountain Road
27th St
23rd St
19th St
15th St
Eastmont Ave
East Wenatchee City Limits
10th Street NE
8th St NE
N Nile Ave
Grant Rd
Pangborn Airport
4th St SE
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Highway 2
Rocky Reach Dam
City of East Wenatchee
Columbia River
City of Rock Island
EASTMONT PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT BOUNDARY
(not to scale)
facilities
1 Eastmont Aquatic Center
2 Eastmont Community Center
LEGEND
City Limits
Urban Growth Boundary
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Park
Golf Course and Gun Club
School
Loop Trail Access Points
parks
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2 Pangborn-Herndon Memorial Park
3 Kenroy Park
4 Eastmont Community Park
5 Tedford Park
6 27th Street
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C School District Ballfield
D Eastmont Junior High
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F Kenroy Elementary
G Eastmont High School
H Grant Elementary
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MAP - Existing Eastmont Parks and Facilities
EASTMONT METROPOLITAN PARKS DISTRICT
Map Sources: WSDOT, Douglas County GIS database
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Pangborn Airport
Grant Road
Limits of Existing Service Areas, Typ.
Batterman Road
Rock Island City Limits
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Highway 2
Columbia River
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Grant Rd
N Nile Ave
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Highlander Golf Course
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Columbia River
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POTENTIAL FUTURE PARK AREAS
Priority 1 Area
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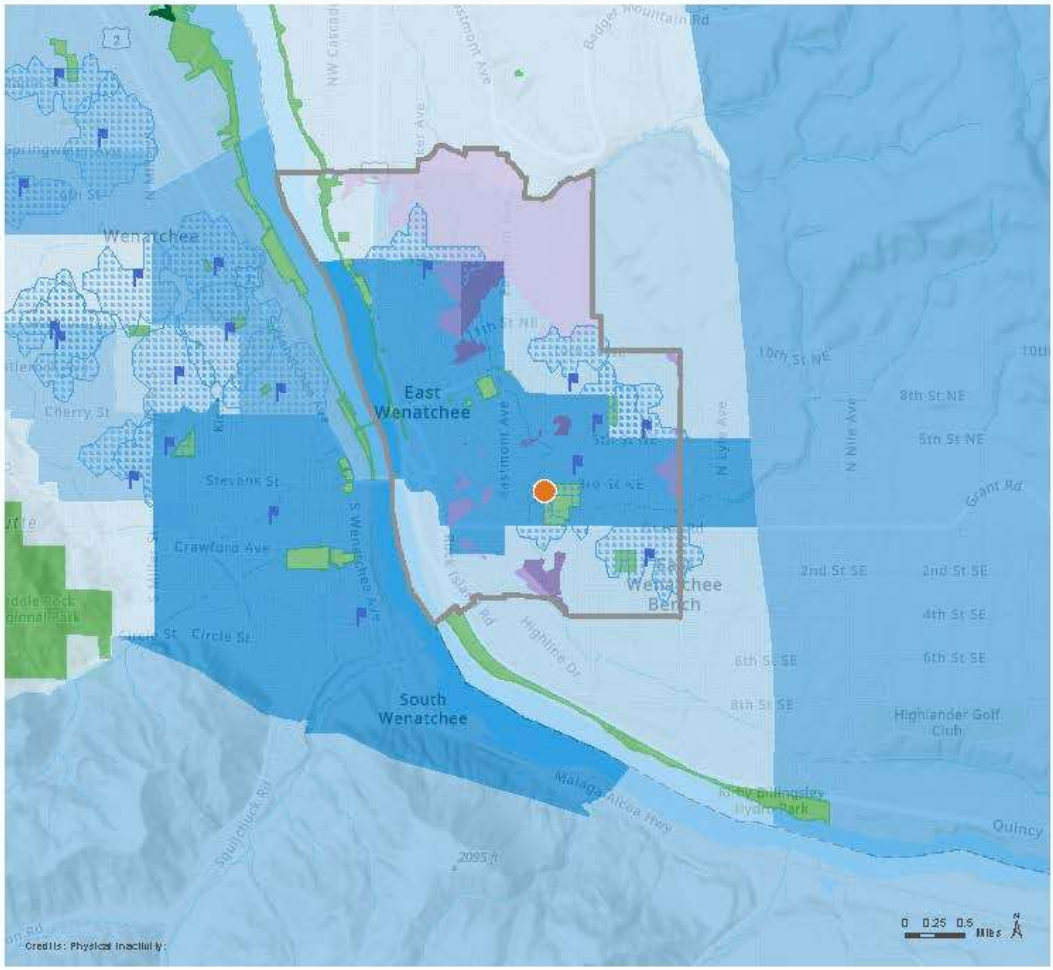
ParkServe Place
Park with public access
10-minute walk service area

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ParkServe Place
Schools
School 10-minute walk service area
Trails
Park with public access

Priority areas for new parks (place)
Very high priority
High priority
Moderate priority

Race - Neighborhoods with highest percent
People of Color
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Income - Neighborhoods with highest percent
High Income
Low Income

Park acres per person
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Low
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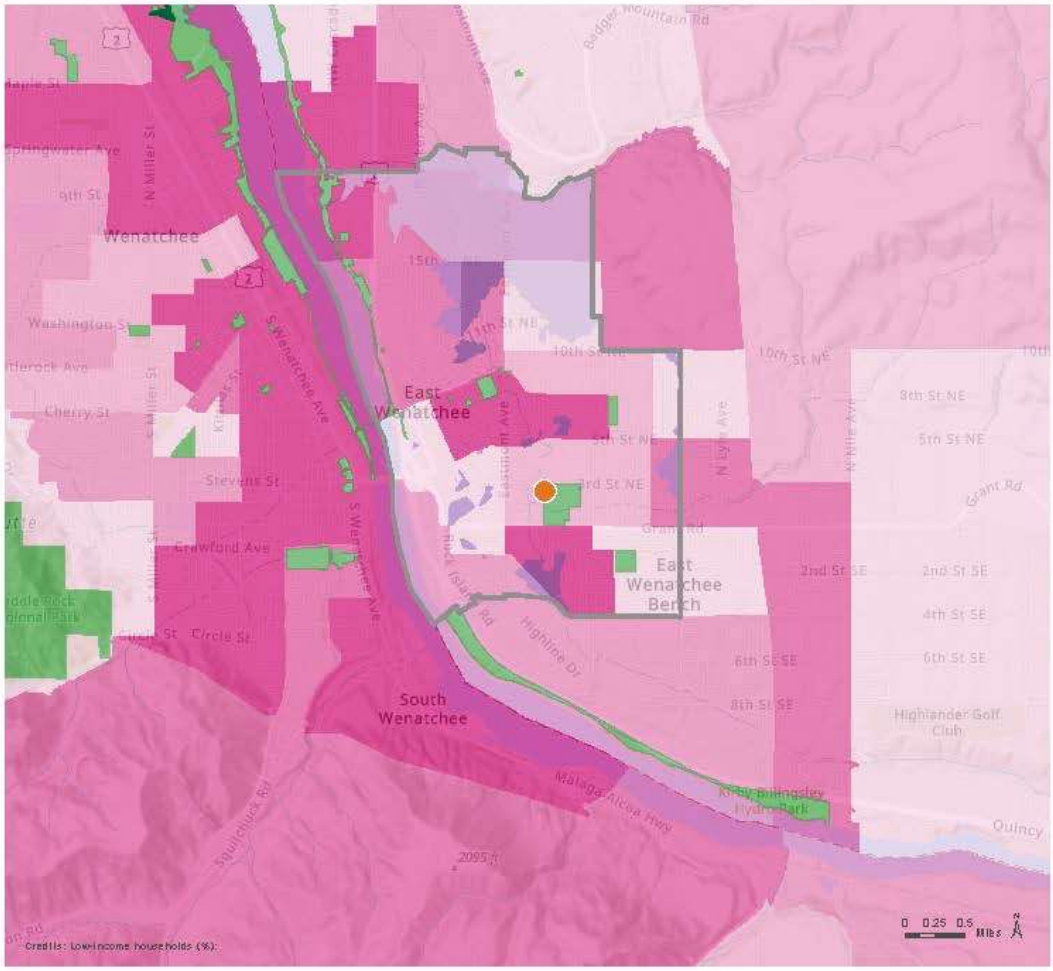
Physical inactivity
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Low-income households (%)
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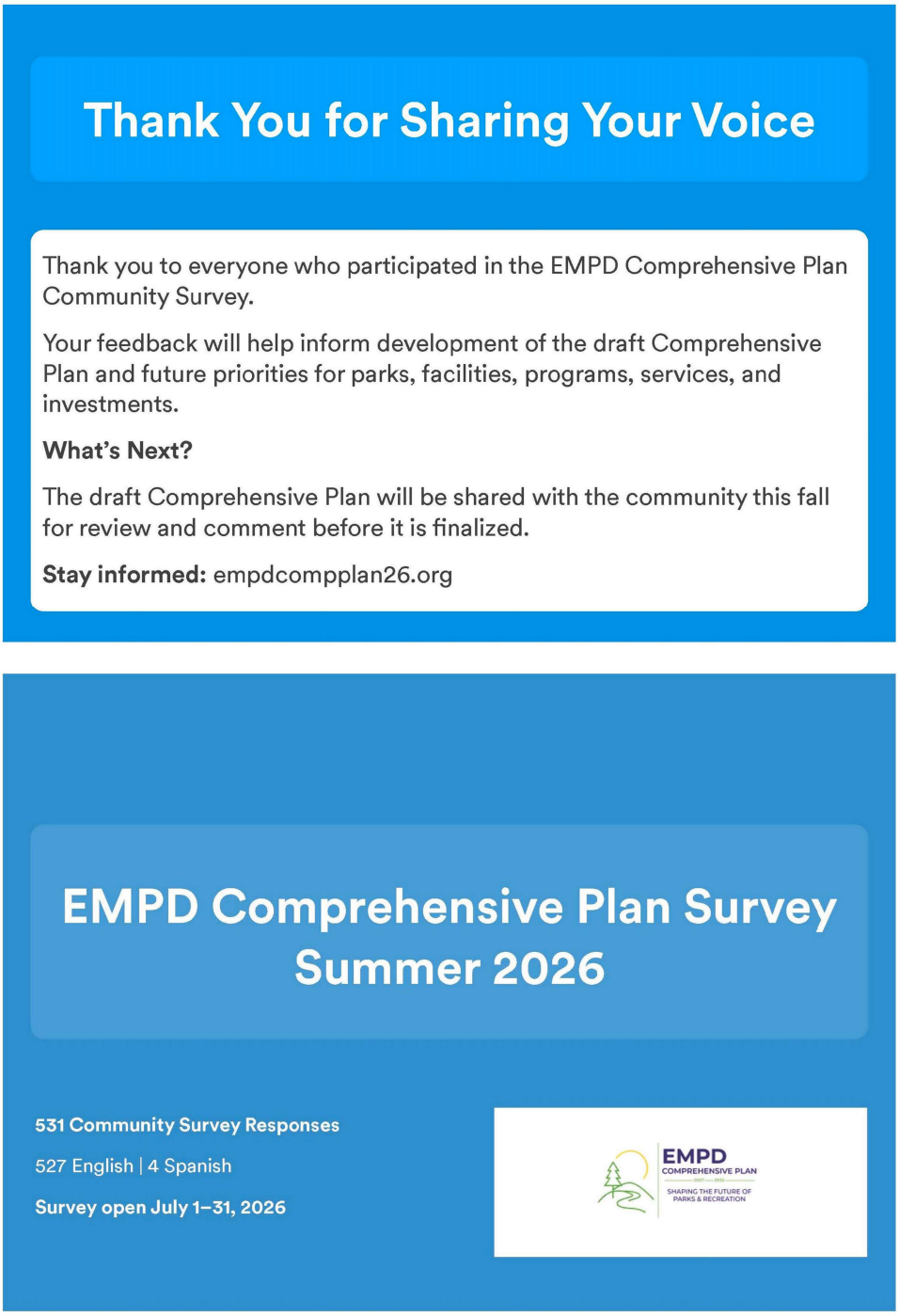
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Appendix B: 2026 Community Survey Overview

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Thank You for Sharing Your Voice
Thank you to everyone who participated in the EMPD Comprehensive Plan Community Survey.
Your feedback will help inform development of the draft Comprehensive Plan and future priorities for parks, facilities, programs, services, and investments.
What's Next?
The draft Comprehensive Plan will be shared with the community this fall for review and comment before it is finalized.
Stay informed: empdcompplan26.org
EMPD Comprehensive Plan Survey Summer 2026
531 Community Survey Responses
527 English | 4 Spanish
Survey open July 1–31, 2026
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Survey Overview

The Eastmont Metropolitan Parks District Community Survey was conducted as part of the 2027–2032 Comprehensive Plan update to better understand how the community uses and values parks, facilities, programs, and recreation opportunities—and what should be prioritized for the future.

The survey was open July 1–31, 2026, and received **531 responses**.

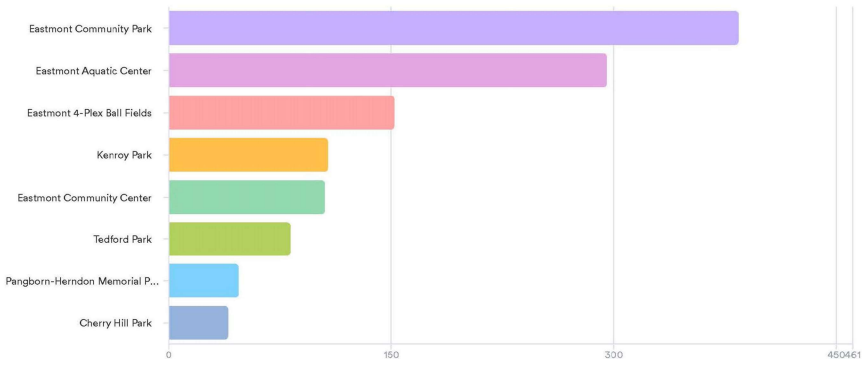
Community feedback will help inform development of the draft Comprehensive Plan and future priorities for parks, facilities, programs, services, and investments.

What We Heard

- **The community values Eastmont Parks & Recreation.** Respondents expressed strong overall satisfaction with existing parks and facilities.
- **Maintaining and improving existing assets is a top priority.** The community consistently emphasized taking care of what EMPD already has.
- **The Eastmont Aquatic Center stands out as a major priority.** Continued investment in maintaining, improving, and modernizing the facility received strong support.
- **Trails and everyday park amenities matter.** Walking paths, restrooms, shade, picnic areas, and other practical improvements ranked highly.
- **Recreation opportunities for all ages are important.** Respondents identified needs for additional opportunities for teens, adults, and older adults.

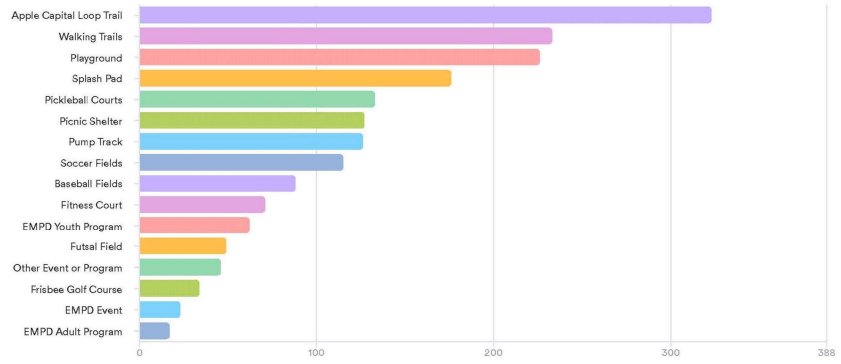
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Which Eastmont Parks & Rec parks and facilities have you visited during the past 12 months?



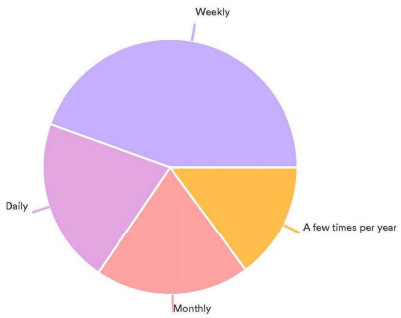
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Which Eastmont Parks & Rec recreation amenities have you used during the past 12 months?



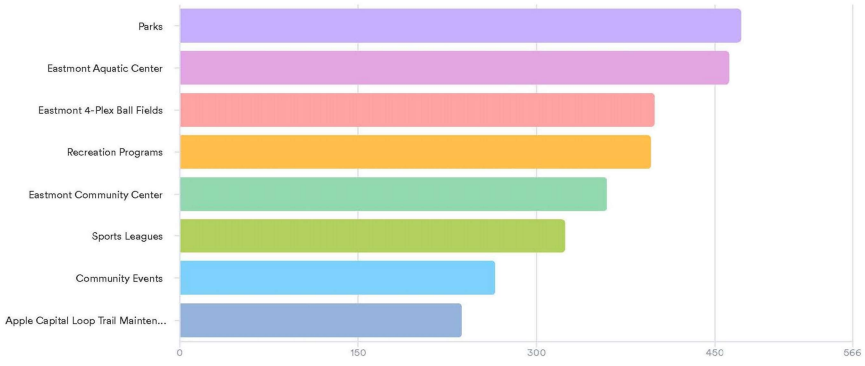
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How often do you or members of your household use Eastmont Parks & Rec parks, facilities, trails, or recreation programs?



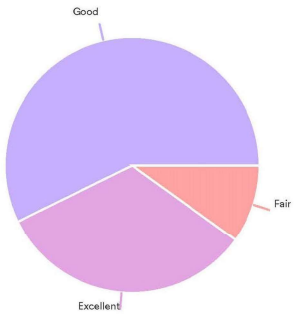
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Before today, which of the following were you aware that Eastmont Parks & Rec provides or manages?



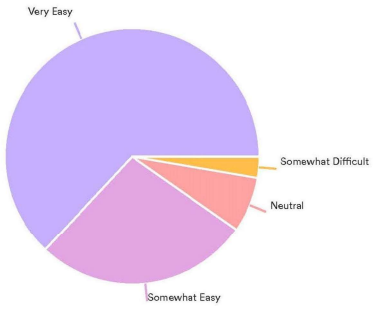
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Overall, how would you rate the condition and maintenance of Eastmont Parks & Rec parks and facilities?



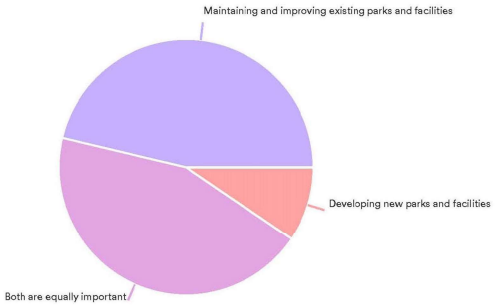
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How easy is it for your household to access parks and recreation opportunities?



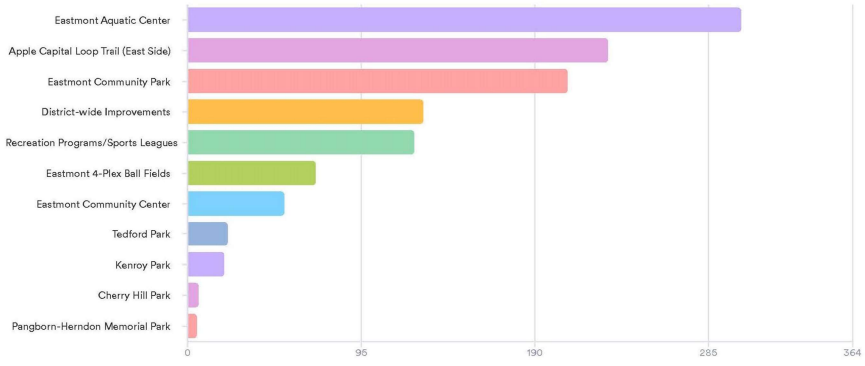
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If Eastmont Parks & Rec had funding available, which should receive greater emphasis over the next six years?

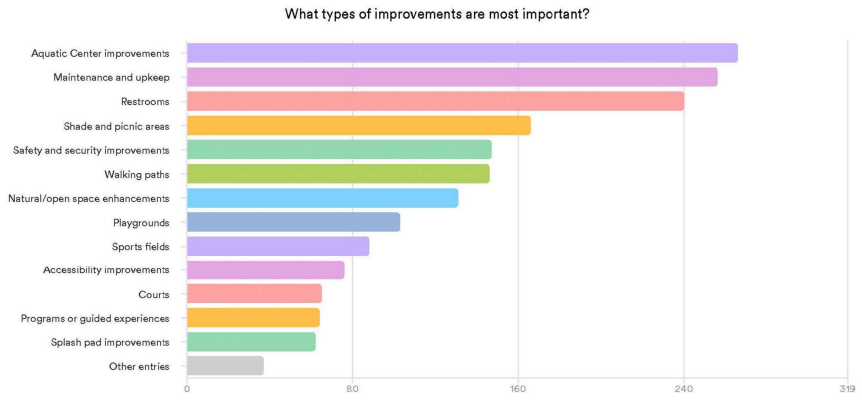


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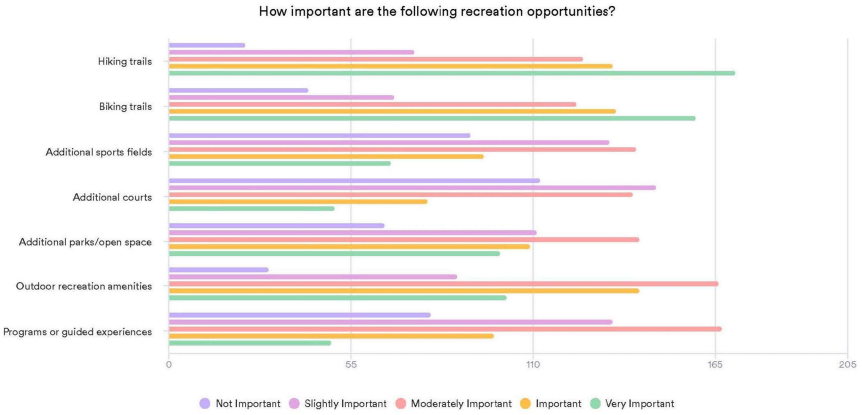
Which existing parks, facilities, or recreation assets should receive the highest priority for future improvements?



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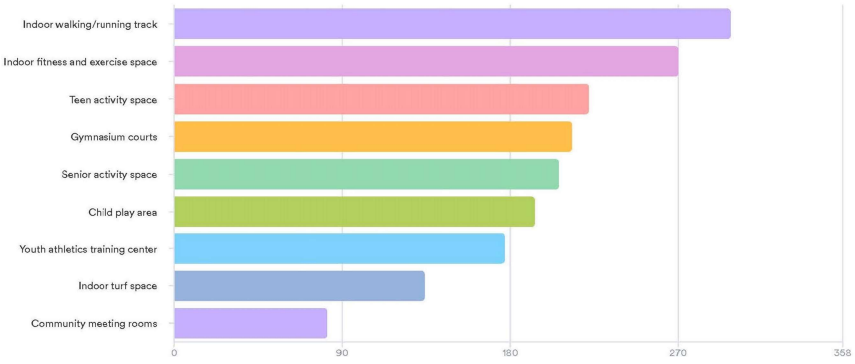


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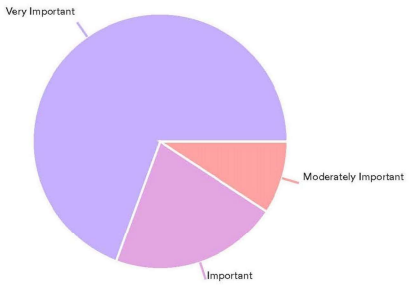
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If EMPD were to pursue an indoor recreation center, which features would be most important?



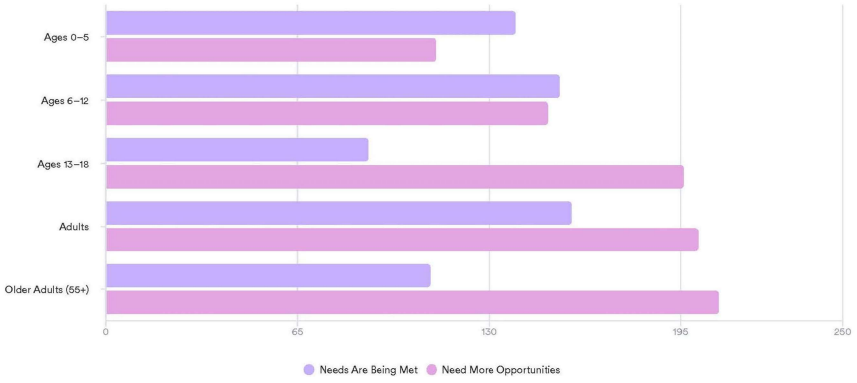
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How important is continued investment in maintaining, improving, or modernizing the Eastmont Aquatic Center over the next six years?



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In your opinion, how well are recreation opportunities meeting the needs of each age group?

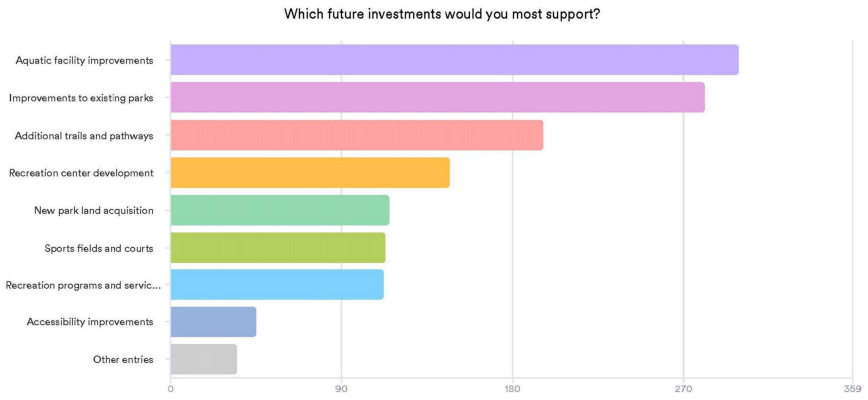


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Which types of programs would you or your household be most interested in?



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