EMPD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2027–2032
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF PARKS & RECREATION

EASTMONT METRO PARKS & RECREATION
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COMMUNITY REVIEW
OCTOBER 2026

Draft 2027–2032 Comprehensive Plan

COMMUNITY INPUT | KEY FINDINGS

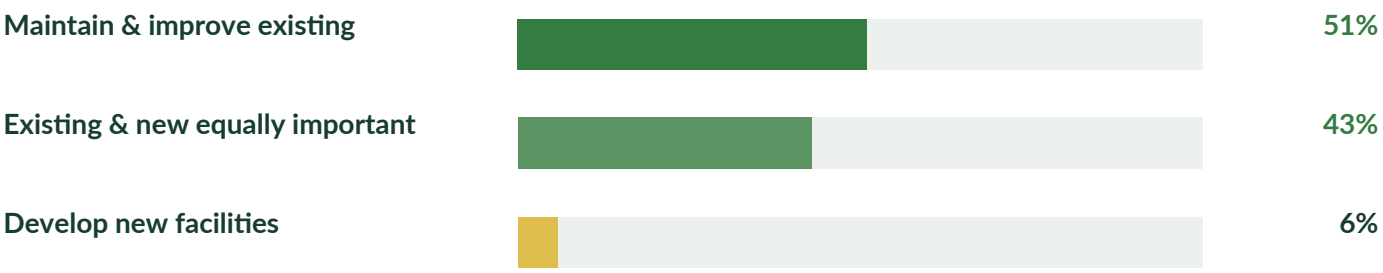
The draft reflects community survey results, public outreach, Steering Committee input, and facility needs. It establishes a direction for future parks and recreation decisions.

COMMUNITY SURVEY AT A GLANCE

531	69%	87%	91%
community survey responses	of residency-question respondents lived in the District	rated condition and maintenance good or excellent	rated Aquatic Center investment important or very important

A CLEAR DIRECTION FOR FUTURE INVESTMENT

94% placed at least equal importance on maintaining and improving existing facilities.



PRIORITIES HEARD ACROSS THE SURVEY







EXISTING PARKS & FACILITIES

Maintain parks and improve everyday amenities and accessibility.

EASTMONT AQUATIC CENTER

Continue caring for and modernizing this important regional facility.

TRAILS & RECREATION

Support walking, biking, and recreation opportunities for all ages.

HOW THE DRAFT RESPONDS The plan provides guidance, not guaranteed projects. Future investments will require evaluation, resources, and Board consideration.

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Your Guide to Reviewing the Draft

YOU DO NOT NEED TO READ THE ENTIRE PLAN TO PARTICIPATE

Start with the sections that matter most to you. The full draft, supporting information, and online comment form are available on the project website.

WHERE TO LOOK IN THE DRAFT

Goals & Objectives	Pages 4–5
Individual Parks & Facilities	Pages 7–19
Eastmont Aquatic Center	Page 17 + goals on page 4
Cherryhill Park	Page 11
27th Street Property	Page 19
Community Outreach & Survey	Pages 27–32
Needs & Priorities	Pages 33–34
6-Year Capital Improvement Program	Pages 35–36
Complete Survey Results	Appendix B, page 45 onward

WHAT KIND OF COMMENTS ARE HELPFUL?

This is not another survey. Tell EMPD what the draft gets right, what may have been missed, or what needs clarification or reconsideration. Supportive comments are welcome, too.

HOW YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE USED

01 **PUBLIC INPUT** Comments are welcome at the October 19 Board meeting (3 minutes per speaker) or in writing through November 13.

02 **REVIEW & REFINE** The project team will consider feedback and Steering Committee discussions and identify proposed revisions to the draft.

03 **BOARD CONSIDERATION** Recommended changes will go to the Board. Written comments will receive responses after the deadline.

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

REVIEW THE DRAFT & COMMENT ONLINE

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Spanish-language assistance or comments:

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SCAN TO COMMENT

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PROJECT TEAM

EASTMONT Parks & Rec

ENGAGE NCW

PROJECT PURSUIT

What Is a Comprehensive Plan?

A long-term roadmap for Eastmont parks, recreation, and facilities

Sets priorities

Identifies community needs and establishes long-term direction for parks, recreation, and facilities.

Guides decisions

Helps the Board consider investments and projects. The plan is a guide—not a commitment to complete every project.

Builds on community input

Uses survey results, public comments, and other feedback to shape the draft and inform future Board decisions.



Planning for Future Investments

Identifying priorities helps EMPD pursue opportunities

GRANTS

The plan helps position EMPD to pursue grant funding.

LEVIES

Local levies are another source of funding for District operations and improvements.

BUDGET REALITIES

EMPD balances community priorities with available resources.

LONG-TERM WORK

Projects require more planning, funding, and time before moving forward.

The plan is a guide—not a commitment that every project will be funded.

How We Got Here

Five steps from community outreach to a final plan

1

LEARN

Spring 2026

Website, mailers, media and drop-in sessions

2

SHARE INPUT

Summer 2026

531 survey responses and additional outreach

3

DRAFT PLAN

Summer–Fall

Used community input to develop the Draft Plan

4

REVIEW & REFINE

Fall 2026

CURRENT STEP: public review and comments

5

FINAL PLAN

Winter

Review comments and bring the plan to the Board

We are here: review the draft and share comments through November 13.

Steering Committee: A Community Connection

Advisory perspectives at key milestones throughout the process

SHAPED THE SURVEY

Members helped develop and review the community survey.

REPRESENTED THEIR NETWORKS

Brought perspectives from constituents, members, and organizations.

KEPT US ACCOUNTABLE

Reviewed progress and raised questions at key milestones.

REVIEWING THE DRAFT

Providing feedback now, with another meeting planned.

2 meetings to date • Advisory role • Potential foundation for future partnerships

Thank You to Our Steering Committee

Participating community organizations and agency partners

- Chelan Douglas Land Trust
- Chelan Douglas Health District
- Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
- City of East Wenatchee
- Columbia Valley Futsal
- Douglas County Land Services
- EHS School District
- EHS Swimming
- Eastmont Youth Baseball
- Our Valley Our Future
- TREAD
- Velocity Swimming
- Wenatchee Futbol Academy

Thank you for bringing community perspectives into the planning process.

Community Survey: Who Responded & How They Use Eastmont Parks

Survey participation, visits, amenities and recreation activities

531

TOTAL RESPONSES







69%

of respondents answering the residency question lived within EMPD boundaries

Parks, facilities & recreation the community uses

POPULAR FACILITIES

Eastmont Community Park (384)
Aquatic Center (295)
4-Plex Ball Fields (152)
Kenroy Park (107)

AMENITIES & ACTIVITIES

Walking trails, Loop Trail*, pickleball courts, playgrounds, splash pad and sports fields

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Aquatics (189); youth sports (135)
Family activities/events (40)
Fitness/wellness (37)

*EMPD does not own the Apple Capital Loop Trail. Program counts reflect respondents reporting current participation.

Community Experience: Strong Ratings

Respondents rated existing facilities positively and found access easy

87%

GOOD OR EXCELLENT

Rated the condition and maintenance of EMPD parks and facilities good or excellent.

91%

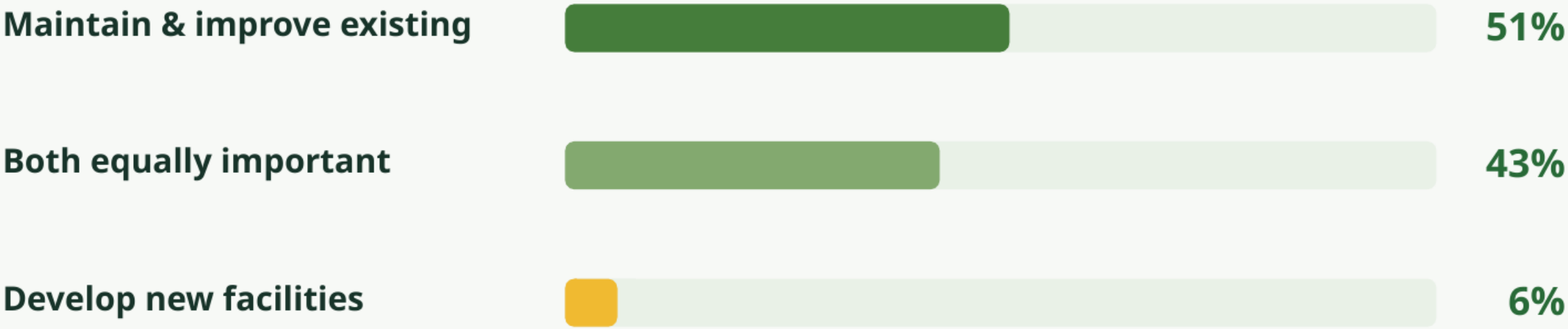
EASY TO ACCESS

Said parks and recreation opportunities were very or somewhat easy to access.

Written comments added context for lower ratings and identified concerns for EMPD staff review.

A Clear Direction for Future Investment

Respondents placed strong emphasis on caring for existing facilities



94% placed at least equal importance on maintaining and improving existing assets.

What the Community Prioritized

The same themes appeared across multiple survey questions



EXISTING PARKS & FACILITIES

Maintain, improve, and invest in the assets EMPD already has.

22% chose improvements to existing parks as a future investment.



EASTMONT AQUATIC CENTER

Continue maintenance, improvement, and modernization.

91% said continued investment was important or very important.



TRAILS & PATHWAYS

Walking, hiking, biking, and everyday connections matter.

15% selected additional trails and pathways for future investment.

What We Heard & How We Addressed It

Connecting community priorities to the draft Comprehensive Plan

WHAT WE HEARD	HOW THE DRAFT ADDRESSES IT
Maintain and improve existing parks	Identifies maintenance, facility needs and future improvement priorities
Continue investing in the Aquatic Center	Addresses maintenance, modernization and the facility's long-term role
Trails, pathways and everyday amenities	Considers access, park amenities and opportunities for coordination
Recreation opportunities for all ages	Addresses recreation needs and programming considerations
Dog parks & off-leash recreation	Community interest noted; no specific dog park project in this draft, but future consideration remains possible.

Not every community suggestion becomes a specific project. Other ideas can be considered in the future.

Eastmont Aquatic Center: Investing in Its Future

Continued investment matters—while protecting the facility's regional role



IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS

Significant HVAC and mechanical improvements have been completed. While not always visible, they are essential to keeping the facility operating well.

REGIONAL AQUATIC FACILITY

Supports school district use, swim teams, year-round programs, and youth and adult aquatics.

INVEST IN ITS CORE PURPOSE

Continue maintaining and modernizing the facility while considering improvements that support its role as a regional aquatic center.

91% rated continued Aquatic Center investment important or very important.

Other Community Priorities & Opportunities

Community feedback highlighted additional recreation needs and everyday park amenities



TRAILS & PATHWAYS

Residents value walking, hiking and biking opportunities and want better connections and access.

APPLE CAPITAL LOOP TRAIL

EMPD does not own the trail. It has limited contracted upkeep duties; other agencies handle broader improvements.

EVERYDAY PARK AMENITIES

Restrooms, shade, picnic areas, lighting, walking paths and accessibility contribute to a better park experience.

RECREATION FOR ALL AGES

Explore recreation programs and activities that serve people of all ages, abilities and interests.

Public Comment & Next Steps

Your feedback continues to inform the Comprehensive Plan

TONIGHT: PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board is here to listen to community feedback.

3 minutes per speaker.

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS

Through Friday, November 13, 2026

Share what is working, what is missing, or what needs reconsideration.

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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The project team will review feedback, prepare proposed revisions for Board consideration, and respond to written comments after November 13.

Thank you for helping shape the future of Eastmont Parks & Recreation!