



SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Si View Metropolitan Park District is to work in partnership with the community to preserve historic Si View Park and provide opportunities to enhance the quality of life through the facilitation of recreation programs and parks in the Snoqualmie Valley.

INTRODUCTION

A community set in the extraordinary surroundings of the Snoqualmie Valley should strive for more than ordinary parks, recreation and community services. To provide a variety of opportunities that capitalize on the remarkable resources and unique characteristics of our area, the Si View Metropolitan Park District (District) must create a vision for the future of parks and recreation in the Snoqualmie Valley.

Generally speaking, parks and recreation services are considered good things. Parks and recreation contribute to our landscape, our health, our community and our overall quality of life. It takes resources, however to provide parks and recreation services and because resources are limited, the District must plan ahead for their use. The anticipated growth in our area demands good planning to preserve both our quality of life and to ensure a strong parks and recreation system for future generations.

PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

The District was formed in 2003, and therefore this is the District's first Comprehensive Plan (Plan). The purpose of this Plan is to provide a tool for existing and future public officials, staff and private citizens to plan for the future needs of the community. This Plan provides a logical, consistent, and purposeful approach to managing parks and recreation services in our area. It will be used to guide public policy and development decisions while preserving and enhancing the quality of life that makes the Snoqualmie Valley a special place to live, work and visit.

This Plan offers an inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities and programs, discussion of key issues, and recommendations involving all facets of park and recreation service delivery. This plan will also maintain the District's eligibility for state and federal funds that are administered by the Washington Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

The specific elements of the plan include:

- An analysis of the community's population and setting.
- An analysis of existing parks, open space areas and trail facilities.
- An analysis of current District operations.



- An assessment of the community’s recreation and facility needs.
- Recommendations for intergovernmental cooperation and partnerships.
- Recommendations for the acquisition and development of parks, open space and trails within the District.
- Recommendations related to management, administration and other aspects of providing park and recreation services.
- Recommendations for funding and implementing this Plan.

PLANNING PROCESS

The planning process consisted of four basic steps. The first step involved a facility assessment of the Si View Community Center and Pool. The facility assessment was done in stages using both professional engineers and consultants to identify, prioritize and provide cost estimates for future facility improvements. This information was used to guide the development of the capital improvement program.

The second step involved a District-wide public survey that was administered by Leisure Vision, a polling firm with national experience in community park and recreation surveys. Questions ranged from the types of recreation programs people are interested in, to the need for additional parks and recreation facilities in the Snoqualmie Valley. Additionally, respondents were asked to quantify their support for the renovation of existing District facilities and/or the development of new parks and recreation facilities.

The third step in the process was to assess the parks and recreation services currently offered by the District and to determine what modifications to the levels of service are warranted. This determination was based on public meetings, the District-wide survey, input from the Board of Commissioners, consultation with user groups and input from District staff.

The fourth step was to establish goals and a timeline for the implementation of this Plan. These include recommendations for improving and expanding park and recreation services in the District in addition to a series of implementation strategies for funding and managing the actions of the District for the next six years.

RESPONSIBILITY

The District is authorized to hold the powers provided in RCW 35.61, including, but not limited to, the authority to govern the District and to levy a general tax on all property located in the District.