



SECTION 7: IMPLEMENTATION

KEY PRIORITIES

This implementation plan is based on the analysis of community needs in Section 5, as well as the inventory of existing facilities and opportunities for new parks and facilities. The District's key priorities are as follows:

Priority 1: Repair, renovate and improve existing District facilities.

This priority addresses the need to repair and renovate the Si View facilities including the Community Center, the Pool and the Park. The facilities are aging and structurally out of date. Development of a Park Master plan and a Community Center and Pool Master Plan are critical next steps to achieving the goals of renovation and preservation.

Priority 2: Acquisition and development of new parks and recreation facilities.

As the City of North Bend contemplates lifting the moratorium on development and neighboring jurisdictions continue to grow, the demand and need for additional parks and recreation services will increase. The District will continue to work cooperatively with public agencies, non-profit organizations and other community groups to provide an adequate number of parks, facilities and programs in the Snoqualmie Valley. The two highest priorities for the District are a regional aquatics facility and a regional trails system.

Priority 3: Improve and expand recreation programs and services to meet the needs of the community.

The District must stay abreast of program trends and community needs in developing and implementing the recreation activities program. The District will work to identify partnership opportunities, including the use of other recreation facilities in the Valley to provide a comprehensive recreation program. Specific areas for program development include the addition of an outdoor education/recreation program and expansion of the cultural arts program.

Priority 4: Implement and assess future staffing needs.

As the District's facility inventory and programs continue to grow, staffing adjustments will be required. Sufficient staffing needs may be realized through interlocal agreements, contracts for services, shared staff positions or an increase in full-time equivalents (FTE's).



RESOURCES

Recommendations for facilities and services have been addressed in previous sections. In addition, a detailed list of capital improvement projects is included in Section 8. Resources to complete these projects and achieve the goals outlined in this Comprehensive Plan are included in this section.

The District has a wide variety of resources available to support the actions outlined in this plan, these include:

1. General Fund

This category includes general funds allocated for annual expenditures and capital development. The general fund is supported through a property tax levy that accounts for over 60% of the District's annual revenue. The property tax levy rate is approved annually by the Board of Commissioners.

2. Service Fees

These are comprised of fees charged by the District for programs, activities, facility rentals and other services.

3. General Obligation Bonds

An approved bond issue raises the District's property tax in order to pay off construction bonds. The tax assessment may be levied up to 20 years. Passage requires a 60% majority approval of 40% of the voters who voted in the previous election. This approach is most suitable for major projects such as the construction of a facility.

4. Revenue Bonds

Revenue from the operation of the facility pays for the capital cost and debt service. Revenue bonds do not require voter approval.

5. LOCAL Loan Program

This program, available through the State of Washington, provides low-cost loans for equipment or real estate purchases.

6. Grants

A variety of grants are available including:

King County Landmark Commission Grants (4-Culture) – A grant program managed by 4-culture to support renovation and improvements to King County historical landmark facilities.

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition Fund – A special fund created by a coalition of recreation and wildlife groups with the intent of preserving wildlife habitat and open space and developing recreation areas.



Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund – Grants provide matching funds toward the cost of land acquisition and development. This program is administered locally by the Washington State Interagency Committee (IAC) on Outdoor Recreation.

King County Youth Facilities Grants – These grants help support the improvement of youth athletic facilities including ball fields.

Starbucks Parks Grants – These grants provide funds to non-profit organizations partnering with public entities on park improvement and enhancement projects.

7. Donations/Foundations

Private donations and contributions from foundations are possible sources of asset acquisition and funding.

8. Volunteer Efforts

Volunteers including partnerships with local non-profits and other community groups can effectively contribute cash, materials and labor to parks and recreation projects.