

3 Inventory & Assessment



Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

The City of Liberty Lake provides a variety of park spaces, recreational opportunities, and large community events for its residents and visitors. The City has focused on developing the parks system to suit the community's needs and values of expanded access and opportunities, environmental protection, and well-maintained facilities. In total, Liberty Lakes parks system includes over 80 acres of community and neighborhood parks and recreational fields, as well as a 9-hole golf course and driving range with a modern clubhouse and pro shop. Approximately 35 miles of sidewalks and trails and 20 miles of bike lanes add connections to the system.

This section catalogues and assesses the current conditions of all publicly accessible park spaces and facilities. It identifies the assets that the City of Liberty Lake currently owns, manages, and/or maintains, and evaluates them to identify whether they meet or exceed park development standards and safety criteria, or pose liability and risk concerns. A list and description of existing recreational programming offered by the city or through its partners is then compared with programming that is offered by communities of a similar population. The Liberty Lake Parks and Recreation department may then identify which programs it offers that are less commonly available in other communities and which ones are not available in Liberty Lake, but which are more prevalent elsewhere.

Process

The following steps were executed to capture the institutional knowledge of City staff, while allowing the consultant team to observe and assess each park and trail component:

1) **Inventory and build maps** of the existing parks.
2) **Develop a detailed inventory of each park** from the previous planning process, geospatial sources, and city asset management resources.
3) **Perform site tours and field investigations.**
4) **Update each park map and inventory form.**
5) **Assigning an assessment rating** for each park element or category. The overall park assessment was an average of the available individual assessments.



Parks Classifications

Classification systems provide a standardized method to develop, organize, operate, and manage parks based on certain criteria, which can include factors such as their size, ecological importance, recreational opportunities provided, historical or cultural significance, placemaking potential, economic development, and ability to support conservation & climate resiliency goals.

The Liberty Lake parks system facilities may be classified into five types which are typically used by municipalities of a similar size. The following definitions are based upon the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office and Washington State Parks guidelines.

Neighborhood Park

- **Typical Size:** Less than 10 Acres.
- **Existing Neighborhood Parks:** River Rock Park, Half Moon Park, Little Bear Park, Five Fingers Park, Pumphouse Park, Blueridge Ave Park, Harrier Lane Park, Osprey Lane Park, Legacy Ridge Parks.

Neighborhood parks are generally considered the basic unit of traditional park systems. They are small park areas designed for unstructured play and limited active and passive recreation. They are intended to serve residential areas within short walking distance (up to a ½-mile radius) of the park and are geographically distributed throughout the residential areas of Liberty Lake. The developed neighborhood parks include amenities such as pedestrian paths, picnic tables, benches, play equipment, a multi-use open field for youth soccer and baseball, sport courts or multi-purpose paved areas, and landscaping and irrigation. Liberty Lake's neighborhood parks are accessible from the surrounding neighborhood and are too small to have off-street parking. Some have restroom facilities available.

Community Park

- **Typical Size:** Greater than 10 Acres.
- **Existing Community Parks:** Orchard Park, Pavillion Park, Rocky Hill Park.

Community parks are larger sites developed for organized play, contain a wider array of facilities and, as a result, appeal to a more diverse group of users. They are often more activated than neighborhood parks, including amenities such as athletic fields and sport courts, large play areas, internal trail networks and some specialized uses such as Pavillion Park's skate park and stage pavilion. These parks meet the needs of an entire local community by serving a larger area and offering more facilities than neighborhood parks. As they serve a larger area and host regional events, parking and restroom facilities are provided.

Special Use Park

- **Size:** Varies depending on use.
- **Existing Special Use Parks:** Town Square Park, Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum, Liberty Lake "The Diamonds" Ballfields, Trailhead Golf Course, Meadow Wood Golf Course, Liberty Lake Golf Course.

Special facilities include single-purpose recreational areas such as skateparks and display gardens, along with indoor community recreation centers and public plazas in or near the downtown core. Additionally, publicly accessible sport fields and play areas of public schools are classified as special facilities; while they often serve as proxies to public parks, school sites have restricted daytime access and offer limited recreational use during non-school hours. No standards based on acreage are proposed concerning special facilities, since facility size is a function of the specific use.

Natural Area (or Nature Parks)

- **Existing Natural Areas:** Liberty Lake Conservation Area, Mackenzie Natural Area, Saltese Uplands Conservation Area.

Natural areas are preserved to maintain the ecological integrity and natural character of a site, with management practices focused on protecting critical ecosystems such as riparian corridors, wetlands, and upland forests. These areas support biodiversity by preserving native habitat and providing essential fish and wildlife refuge. To minimize environmental impact, recreational use is generally limited to low-impact activities such as walking, nature observation, and fishing, with horseback riding permitted in designated locations. Site management prioritizes ecological restoration, habitat conservation, and long-term environmental stewardship.

Trails, Bikeways, and Pathways

Trails are non-motorized transportation networks separated from roads. Trails can be developed to accommodate multiple uses or shared uses, such as pedestrians, in line skaters, and bicyclists. Bikeways are different than trails in that their principal focus is on safe and efficient non-motorized transportation. Bikeways & pathways serve distinctly different user groups than trail users. For shared-use trails, it is important that the alignment and cross sections be designed with flexibility to accommodate higher speeds, passing zones and greater widths. Surfaces will vary with intended use and environmental considerations.



Park System Overview

There are more than 30 parks and open spaces in and around Liberty Lake, totaling over 4,900 acres of public lands. These areas are owned and managed by a mix of entities, including the City of Liberty Lake, various Homeowners Associations (HOAs), the Spokane County and Washington State Parks systems, and the Central Valley School District.

The parks fall into several categories reflecting their size, function, and ownership. The City of Liberty Lake owns and/or co-maintains ten park areas: Three community parks: Orchard, Pavillion, and Rocky Hill; Three special use parks: Town Square Park, Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum, and Trailhead Golf Course; Three school ballfield and playground areas: "The Diamonds" ballfields, Liberty Creek Elementary field, and Liberty Lake Elementary field; and the portion of Centennial Trail State Park passing through the city. Collectively, these public areas represent over 190 acres of public recreation spaces and about nine-and-a-quarter miles of trails and paths.

Within residential neighborhoods, nine HOA-managed neighborhood pocket parks provide smaller-scale recreational spaces, totaling about 23.8 acres and two and a third miles of trails, primarily serving nearby residents.

In addition to Trailhead, the two public, fee-based Spokane County golf courses add 273.2 of premier golf facilities to the city.

Beyond city limits, the regional park system, operated mainly by Spokane County and Washington State Parks, provides the largest share of parkland—more than 4,288 acres and 20 miles of trails—including major destinations such as Liberty Lake Regional Park, Gateway Park, and the Saltese Uplands Conservation Area.

This chapter provides a detailed inventory and assessment of the city-owned parks. Regional parks and open spaces are described in the last section of the chapter.

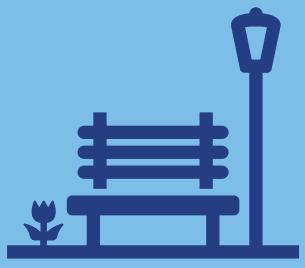
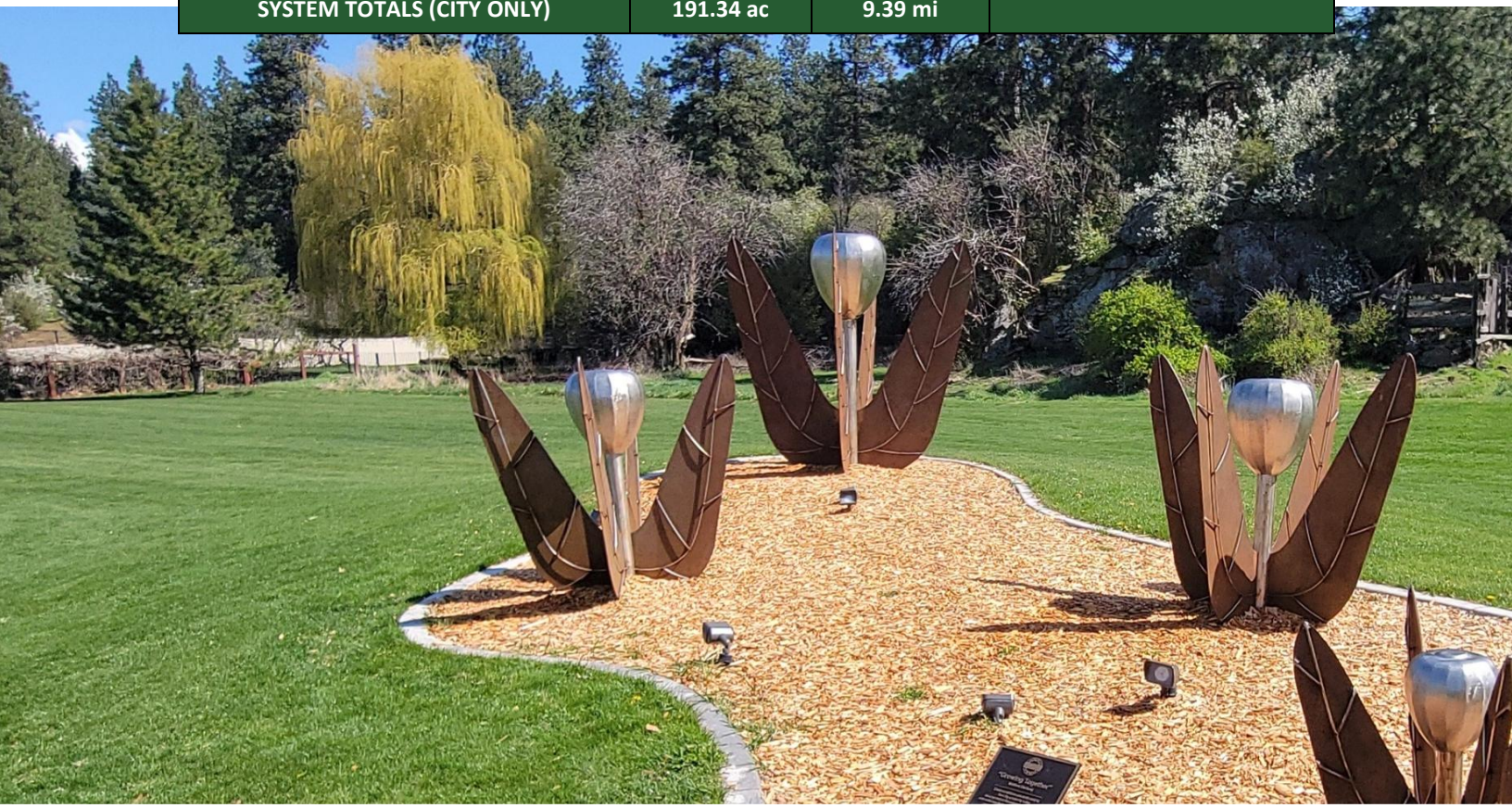


Table 3-1: Existing Parks and Open Spaces

Park	Acreage	Trail Miles	Ownership/Management
Community Parks			
Orchard Park	11.86	1.4	City
Pavillion Park	13.09	0.7	City
Rocky Hill Park	13.99	0.8	City
TOTALS	**38.94 ac**	**2.84 mi**	-
Open Spaces			
Open Spaces in the City limits	126.76 ac	0 mi	Public
Neighborhood Parks			
Blueridge Ave Park	1.27	0	HOA with public access
Five Fingers Park	0.8	0	HOA with public access
Half Moon Park	2.9	0	HOA with public access
Harrier Ln Park	0.3	0	HOA with public access
Legacy Ridge Parks (3 gated parks and trails)	12.0	1.83	HOA with public access
Little Bear Park	0.4	0	HOA with public access
Osprey Ln Park	0.6	0	HOA with public access
Pumphouse Park	0.6	0	HOA with public access
River Rock Park	4.9	0.5	HOA with public access
TOTALS	**23.77 ac**	**2.33 mi**	-
Regional Parks			
Centennial Trail (Liberty Lake segment)	51.66	2.75	Co-managed with State Parks
Gateway Conservation Area	7.0	0.3	Spokane County
Gateway Regional Park	30.0	1.09	Spokane County
Mackenzie Natural Area	110.0	2.41	Spokane County
Liberty Lake Regional Park (Day Use Park Area)	6.13	0	Spokane County
Liberty Lake Regional Park (Natural Area)	3,584.87	8.9	Spokane County
Saltese Uplands Conservation Area	606.0	7.0	Spokane County
S.C.R.A.P.S. Dog Park	3.0	0	Spokane County
TOTALS	**4,398.66 ac**	**22.45 mi**	-

School Ballfields			
Liberty Lake “The Diamonds” Ballfields	9.09	0.15	City
Liberty Creek Elementary	3.96	0	Shared-use Maintenance w/ Central Valley School District
Liberty Lake Elementary	4.97	0	Shared-use Maintenance w/ Central Valley School District
TOTALS	**18.02 ac**	**0.15 mi**	-
Special Use Parks			
Liberty Lake Golf Course	124.8	0	Spokane County
MeadowWood Golf Course	148.4	0	Spokane County
Nature's Place Arboretum	2.8	0.27	City
Town Square Park	6.3	0.25	City
Trailhead Golf Course	55.07	0.8	City
TOTALS	**337.37 ac**	**1.32 mi**	-
SYSTEM TOTALS	**4,935.77 ac**	**29.09 mi**	-
SYSTEM TOTALS (CITY ONLY)	**191.34 ac**	**9.39 mi**	





Assessment Methodology & System Map

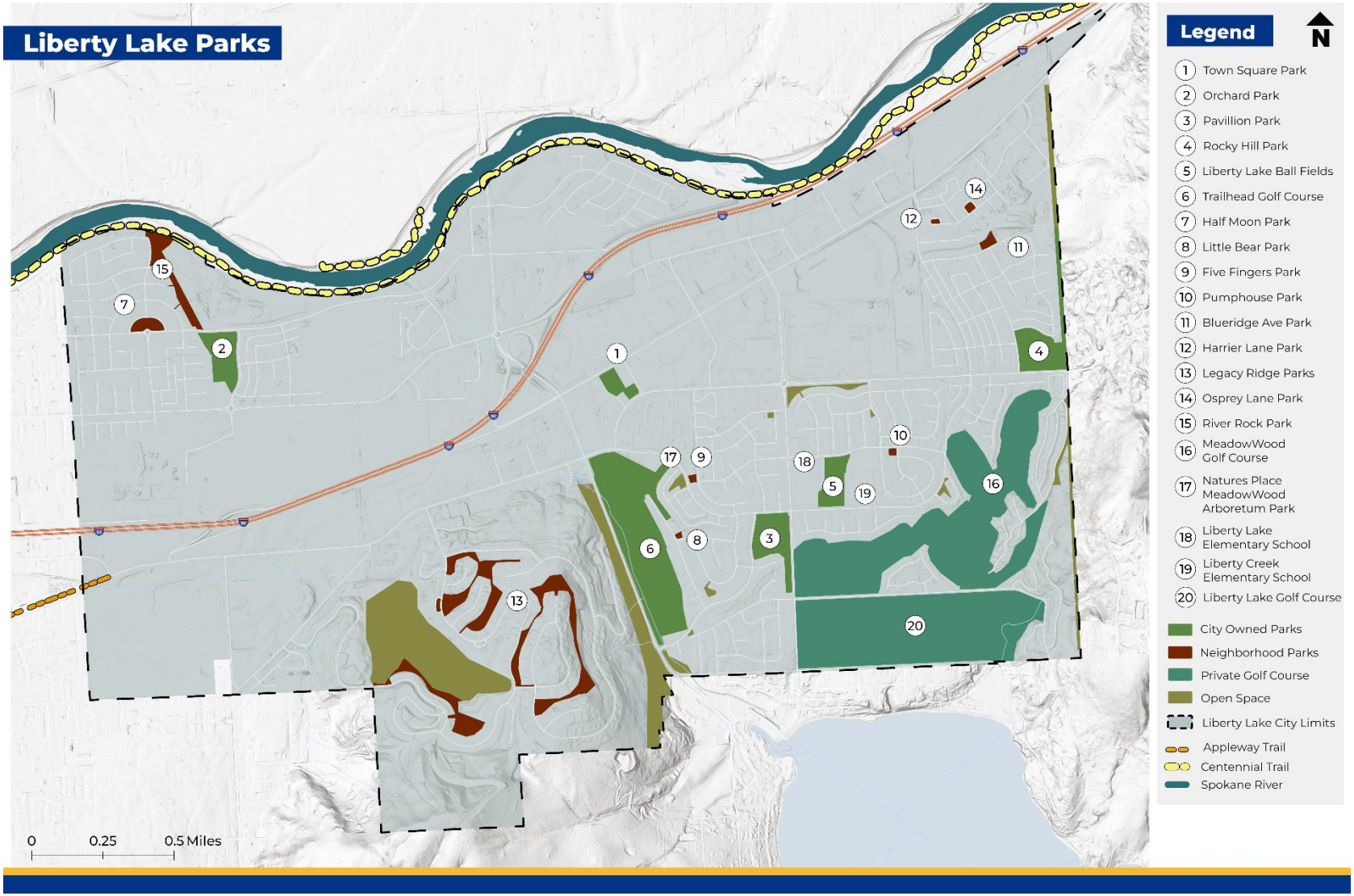
Modeled after the Recreation and Conservation Office's suggested Level of Service (LOS) grading system and NRPA's system level approach, a custom assessment methodology was applied to quantitatively rate the condition of each park's infrastructure including its amenities, recreational facilities, buildings, and parking lots, if applicable. Based on the evaluations of all the individual elements, an overall assessment for each park was calculated by averaging the individual ratings and weighting by each asset's maintenance cost. The methodology used in this report is rated on scale from 5 to 1, from high to low, across several different criteria as described in Table 3-2 below.

Table 3-2: Quantitative Rating System of Park Facility Conditions

Rating	Description
5	Perfect condition with a long-life cycle and no risk or liability issues.
4	Condition is very good with only minor cosmetic or maintenance issues observed.
3	Condition is fair with some major cosmetic or maintenance issues that create minor liability concerns.
2	Condition is poor with major structural, cosmetic, maintenance, and liability issues observed.
1	Major liability and structural failures present and imminent. Needs to be closed.



Figure 3-1: Parks System Map





Liberty Lake Park Profiles

Orchard Park

Orchard Park is a newly established community park located in the northwest area of Liberty Lake. It serves not only the River District neighborhood, but also the wider community by hosting several community events throughout the year. The approximately 12-acre park functions as a major community gathering space, hosting seasonal events, recreational programming, and informal daily use. Key amenities include a destination playground and seasonal splash pad, multi-sport courts, reservable picnic shelters, a large event pavilion, open lawn areas, and a park building with restrooms and storage facilities.

The playground is designed to reflect the local Inland Northwest landscape by incorporating custom equipment and thematic elements. Play opportunities are organized into three primary zones: a large adventure play area for children ages 5–12, a separate toddler play zone with age-appropriate equipment, and an interactive musical play area. Inclusive design features, sensory play components, communication boards, and accessible surfacing support use by children of varying abilities. Adjacent to the playground, the splash pad operates daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day (10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and serves as a major warm-weather attraction.

Orchard Park also provides diverse recreational infrastructure beyond children's play. The site includes four tennis courts convertible to eight pickleball courts, a full-size basketball court, reservable picnic shelters, and a large pavilion suitable for community gatherings. The three reservable shelters vary in size and function: the North Shelter near the playground and splash pad receives the highest daily use; the centrally located "Depot" shelter accommodates large gatherings and includes lighting and a nearby water bottle filling station; and the South Shelter provides convenient access to parking, open lawn areas, and has a charcoal grill station.

Additional family-oriented amenities include a story walk along the park path, shaded seating areas, interpretive elements, public art features, and extensive pedestrian circulation routes that encourage walking and informal social interaction. Orchard Park is also a focal point for community events such as the annual Winter Wonderland holiday light display and the summer "Touch-A-Truck" event hosted with the library, reinforcing its role as both a neighborhood park and a citywide destination.

Table 3-3: Orchard Park Profile

Aspect	Description
Location	20298 E Indiana Ave
Size	11.86 Acres
Classification	Community Park
History	Established in 2018
Grass/Lawn Area	8 Acres
Paths Length	1.4 Miles
Landscaping/Beds	14,000 SqFt
	Overall Condition Rating: 4



Figure 3-2: Orchard Park Existing Conditions Map

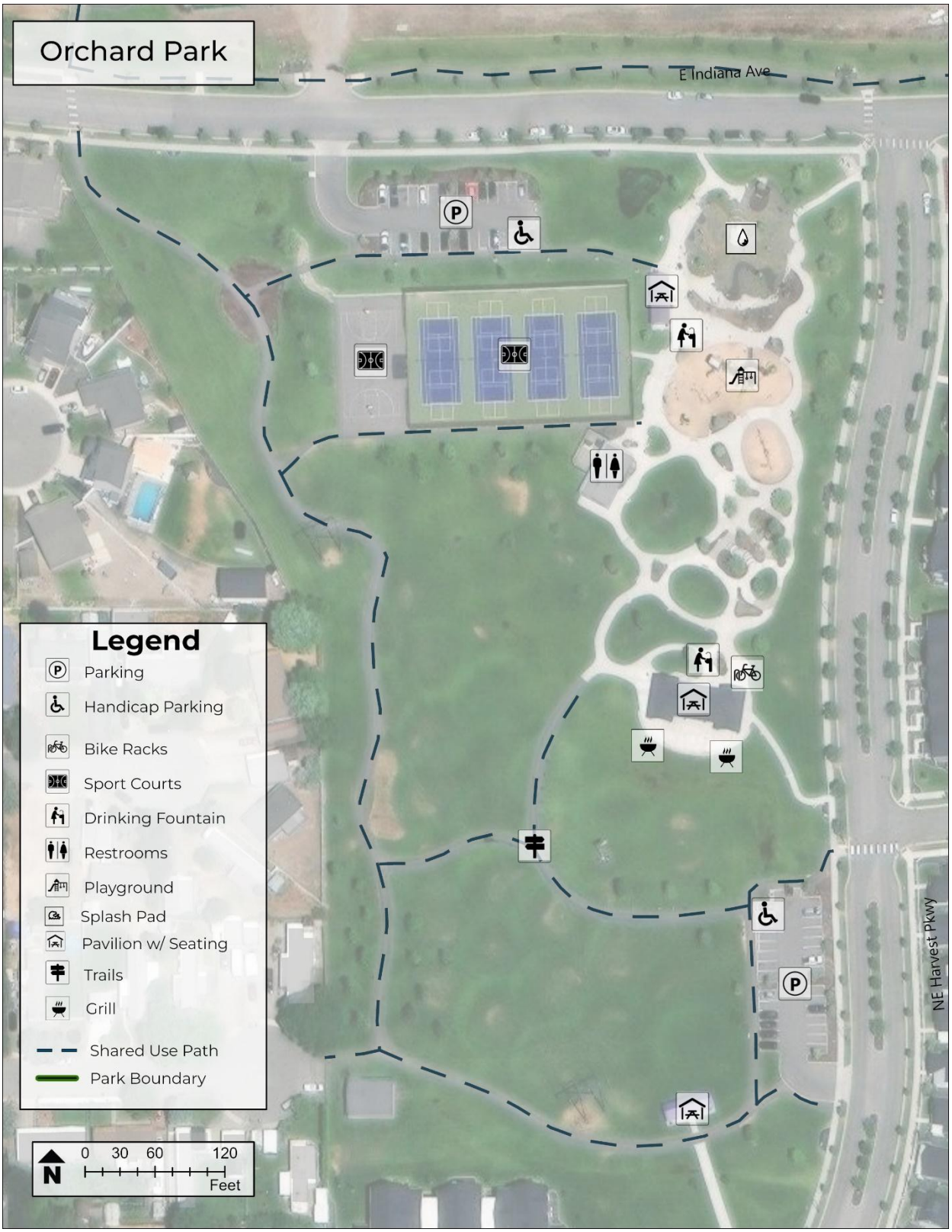


Table 3-4: Orchard Park Existing Conditions Inventory

Amenity, Facility, or Structure	Rating	Last Updated	Renovation Schedule	Notes
Amenities				
Bike Rack	4	2018	15 Years	
Bench	4	2018	15 Years	
Picnic Tables	4	2018	15 Years	24 Tables are distributed under the covered shelters.
Bollards/Lighting	4	2018	20 Years	
Drinking Fountain	4	2018	10-15 Years	
Recreation				
Basketball Court (Full)	4	2018	25 Years	
Multi-use Field	4	2018	N/A	Used for soccer, football, and other activities.
Tennis / Pickleball Sport Courts	3.5	2018	25 Years	Surface cracks present.
Splash Pad	4	2018	10-15 Years	
Playground	4	2018	30 Years	Large playground for ages 5-12, smaller tot playset, swing set
Structures				
Picnic Shelters	4	2018	30 Years	
Restroom Building	4	2018	20-30 Years	
Storage Building	4	2018	20-30 Years	
Parking/Access				
Parking (QTY 50)	3	2018	30 Years	Drainage issues in SE lot.
ADA Parking (QTY 4)	3	2018	30 Years	4 ADA designated spaces.
Off-Street Parking (QTY 54)	4	2018	30 Years	54 total off-street spaces, split between a northern lot accessed from E Indiana Ave and a central lot accessed from N Harvest Parkway.

Pavillion Park

Pavillion Park is Liberty Lake's premier and most historically significant community park, serving as a primary gathering space for residents and visitors throughout the region. The park hosts many of the city's largest civic celebrations, cultural events, and recreational activities, reinforcing its role as both a community focal point and regional destination. The Pavillion Structure, which serves as the visual and cultural centerpiece of the park, is a replica of the original early 20th-century dance pavilion and reflects the community's historic roots as a recreation destination. Additional commemorative features include memorials dedicated to founding Liberty Lake families, a veteran's memorial, and the Air Force Station Fallen Heroes Circuit Course, all of which contribute to the park's civic identity and heritage value.

The park offers a diverse range of recreational amenities designed to serve multiple age groups and activity interests. Facilities include a skate park, a full-size basketball court featuring a mural on the playing surface, a diamond athletic field with backstop and spectator seating, tennis courts convertible to pickleball use, and a seasonal splash pad and playground area. Public art installations, such as the Rose Garden Steel Arbor, the veterans "Never Forget" memorial, and a mural honoring the site's historic carousel, enhance the park's cultural character while supporting placemaking and community identity.

Pavillion Park is also the city's primary venue for community events and performances. Annual traditions include the Memorial Day ceremony and luminary tribute, the Liberty Lake Kiwanis Yard Sale weekend with vendors and community activities, the Fourth of July concert and fireworks celebration, and free summer outdoor movie nights. Cultural programming further includes performances such as Shakespeare in the Parks and the Lud Kramer Memorial Concert featuring the Spokane Symphony, held in the park's amphitheater setting. These events, combined with the park's recreational amenities and historical features, position Pavillion Park as a central hub for recreation, community gathering, and cultural expression within Liberty Lake.

Table 3-5: Pavillion Park Profile

Aspect	Description
Location	727 N Molter Rd
Size	13.09 Acres
Classification	Community Park
History	Established in 1995
Grass/Lawn Area	9.5 Acres
Paths Length	0.7 Miles
Landscaping/Beds	1,000 SqFt
Irrigation Schedule	7 ½ - 10 Hours / Week
	Overall Condition Rating: 3.5

Figure 3-3: Pavillion Park Existing Conditions Map

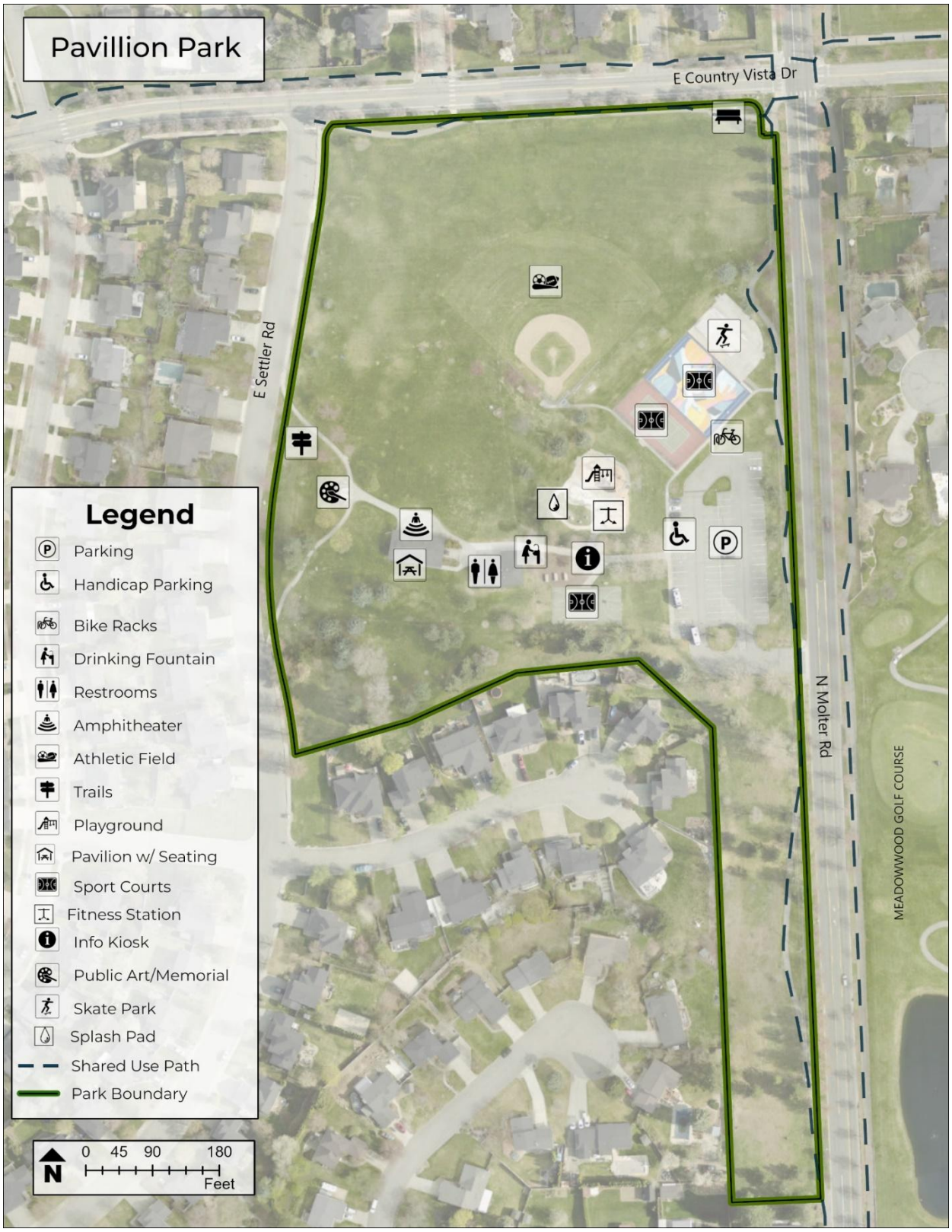


Table 3- 6: Pavillion Park Existing Conditions Inventory

Amenity, Facility, or Structure	Rating	Last Updated	Renovation Schedule	Notes
Amenities				
Amphitheater	4	1999	N/A	
Bike Rack	4	-	15 Years	
Benches	4	2013	15 Years	
Picnic Tables	4	2013	15 Years	3 tables are newer and were an Eagle Scout project.
Bollards/Lighting	4	2013	20 Years	Walkway bollard style exterior lighting. (2) dual pole lighting in parking lot. (1) single pole light in parking lot. (5) exterior lights mounted on restroom building. One motion light.
Drinking Fountain	4	-	10-15 Years	
Bulletin Board	4	-	N/A	
Recreation				
Basketball Courts (Full)	3.5	2023	5-25 Years	The 2 Hooptown courts were updated in 2023 with new backboards and court mural. The court near the concessions building was built in 1994.
Multi-use Field	4	1995	N/A	Used for youth soccer.
Tennis/Pickleball Court	2	1994	0-5 Years	Approaching End of its expected use.
Fitness Station	4	2014	15 Years	Fallen Heroes Circuit Course - Specialized Outdoor Equipment.
Playground	2	1994	0-5 Years	No swings, needs overall upgrading.
Skate Park	4	2009	10 Years	Mural added in 2023.
Baseball Field	4	2009	15 Years	Fenced batting area and uncovered bleachers.
Splash Pad	4	2013	10-15 Years	
Disc Golf Course	4	-	N/A	4 Holes with baskets in good condition.
Structures				
Pavilion	2.5	1996	0-5 Years	Railing and lighting are original. Roof shingles were recently replaced.

Restroom/ Concessions Building	3.5	2018	15-25 Years	Operated by Kiwanis, outdated plumbing. Roofing, skylights, and paint finishes updated in 2013. Exterior surveillance cameras added in 2017. Water heater replaced in 2018.
Security System	4	2017	15 Years	Exterior surveillance system attached to concessions/restroom building.
Parking/Access				
Parking (QTY 79)	2.5	1996	0-5 Years	Surface is mostly original and will require improvements.
ADA Parking (QTY 4)	2.5	1996	0-5 Years	



Rocky Hill Park

Rocky Hill Park is a 14-acre park accessed by east Mission Avenue and located on the eastern edge of Liberty Lake. The park gets its name from a large, natural hill where parkgoers can hike up unpaved trails to a viewing platform overlooking the park lawns and surrounding areas. This hill originally belonged to the 310-acre Rocky Hill Farmstead, which was subdivided into the parkland and adjacent residential neighborhood. The historic Domrese Barn, constructed in 1948, still remains on the site today and commemorates Liberty Lake's agricultural heritage through the Historic Barn Register. Recreational facilities in the park offer opportunities for people of all ages. There is a full basketball court and two tennis courts. The tennis courts can be adapted for pickleball using temporary nets that are stored in an on-site equipment locker. Next to the tennis courts is a community garden with 16 raised beds. The playground area has a covered playset with slides, a swing set, and a fitness zone with non-motorized exercise equipment. Benches line this area, along with a covered picnic area for gatherings and parental observation. A seasonal concessions stand called the "Snack Shack" provides a food option during the summer. A multi-acre open lawn area is used for youth soccer programming with nets brought out in the summer and fall seasons. Upon entering the park from the parking lot area, visitors can use ADA-accessible restrooms, a bike rack, and waste receptacles and find community information on a bulletin board display.

Table 3-7: Rocky Hill Park Profile

Aspect	Description
Location	24901 E Mission Ave
Size	13.99 Acres
Classification	Community Park
History	Established in 2010; Historic Domrese barn dated 1948
Grass/Lawn Area	9 Acres
Paths Length	0.8 Miles
Landscaping/Beds	450 SqFt
	Overall Condition Rating: 3.5

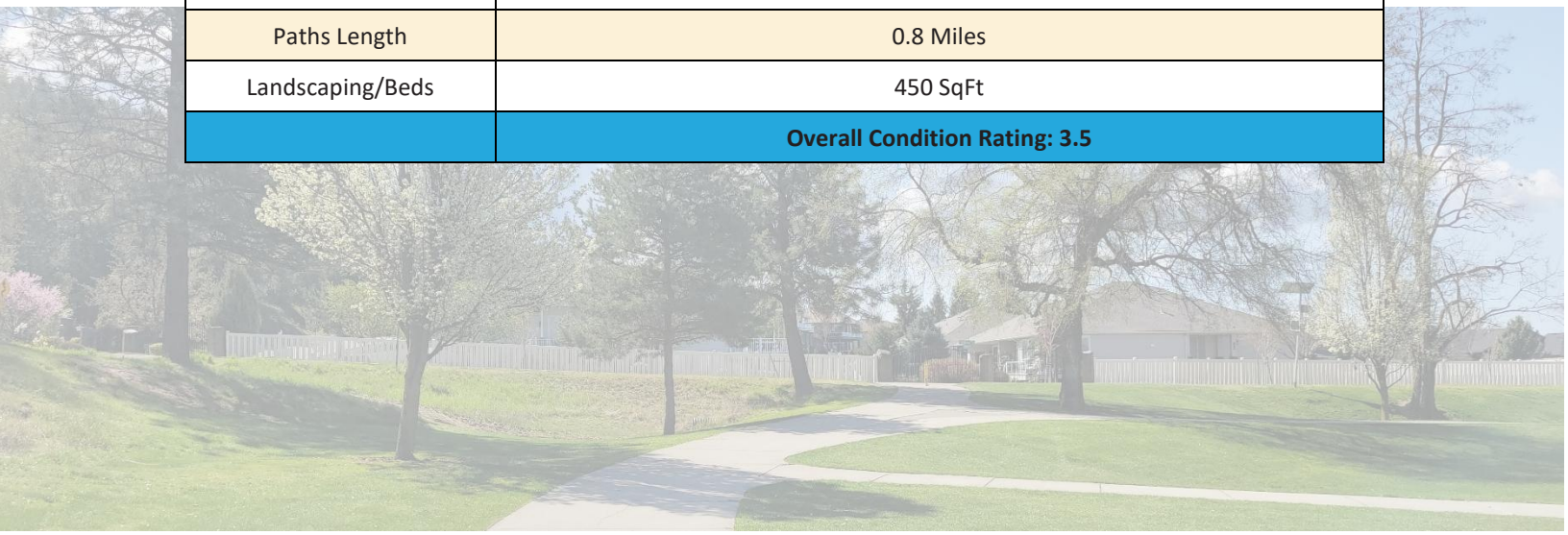


Figure 3-4: Rocky Hill Park Existing Conditions Map



Table 3-8: Rocky Hill Park Existing Conditions Inventory

Amenity, Facility, or Structure	Rating	Last Updated	Renovation Schedule	Notes
Amenities				
Bike Rack	4	2010	15 Years	
Bench	4	2010	15 Years	
Picnic Tables	4	2010	15 Years	
Bollards/Lighting	4	2010	20 Years	
Drinking Fountain	4	2010	10-15 Years	
Community Garden	4	2010	N/A	Total of 16 4’ x 8’ Plots.
Recreation				
Basketball Court (Full)	2	2009	0-5 Years	Approaching the end of expected useful life. Action: Replace playing surface.
Multi-use Field	4	2009	N/A	
Tennis / Pickleball Court Area	5	2010	0-5 Years	Fenced area with 2 courts and tennis nets and a pickleball nets storage locker. Court area was resurfaced in 2025.
Fitness Station	4	2013	8-10 Years	Fallen Heroes Circuit Course workout equipment.
Playground	3	2010	5-10 Years	Anticipated playground replacement in 2030 per the adopted CFP.
Structures				
Picnic Shelter	4	2010	7-10 Years	Branch wiring scheduled for repair in 2025.
Historic Barn	3.5	2015*	Varies**	Historic Structure. Lighting, wiring, surveillance, and sliding door replaced/added in 2015.
Storage Building	4	2010	20-30 Years	
Overlook Platform	4	2010	15 Years	
Restroom Building	3	2010	10-15 Years	Lighting and interior paint due for update.
Snack Shack	3.5	2012	20 Years	Interior re-painting assigned as a medium priority.
Parking/Access				
Parking (QTY 17)	4	2008	20 Years	17 parking spaces.
ADA Parking (QTY 2)	4	2008	20 Years	2 parking spaces.

** Walls, roofing and doors are original | ** Varies due to ongoing maintenance and upkeep.*

Town Square Park

Town Square Park is located in Liberty Lake's central business district and is most known for hosting the Liberty Lake Farmer's Market. The market operates seasonally from May to October and has the expressed vision of providing Liberty Lake residents with high quality local food products while also being a catalyst for community buy-in and a platform for younger people to incubate their agricultural businesses.

In its current form as a multi-purpose urban plaza and green space and host of the farmer's market, Town Square Park may be considered as a special use park. There have been proposals, however, to adopt a Master Plan to fully develop the remaining 4.55 acres of adjacent open space. The master planning process has been deferred to 2026, with this Parks & Recreation Master Plan being intended to inform the Town Square Master Plan, which in turn will inform future budgeting, phasing, design and construction of capital facilities improvements to the park.

Table 3-9: Town Square Park Profile

Aspect	Description
Location	1421 N Meadowwood Ln
Size	1.75 developed acres, 4.55 undeveloped acres (6.3 acres total)
Classification	Special Use
History	Established in 2014
Grass/Lawn Area	0.5 Acres
Paths Length	0.25 Miles
Landscaping/Beds	3,350 SqFt
	Overall Condition Rating: 4



Figure 3-5: Town Square Park Existing Conditions Map

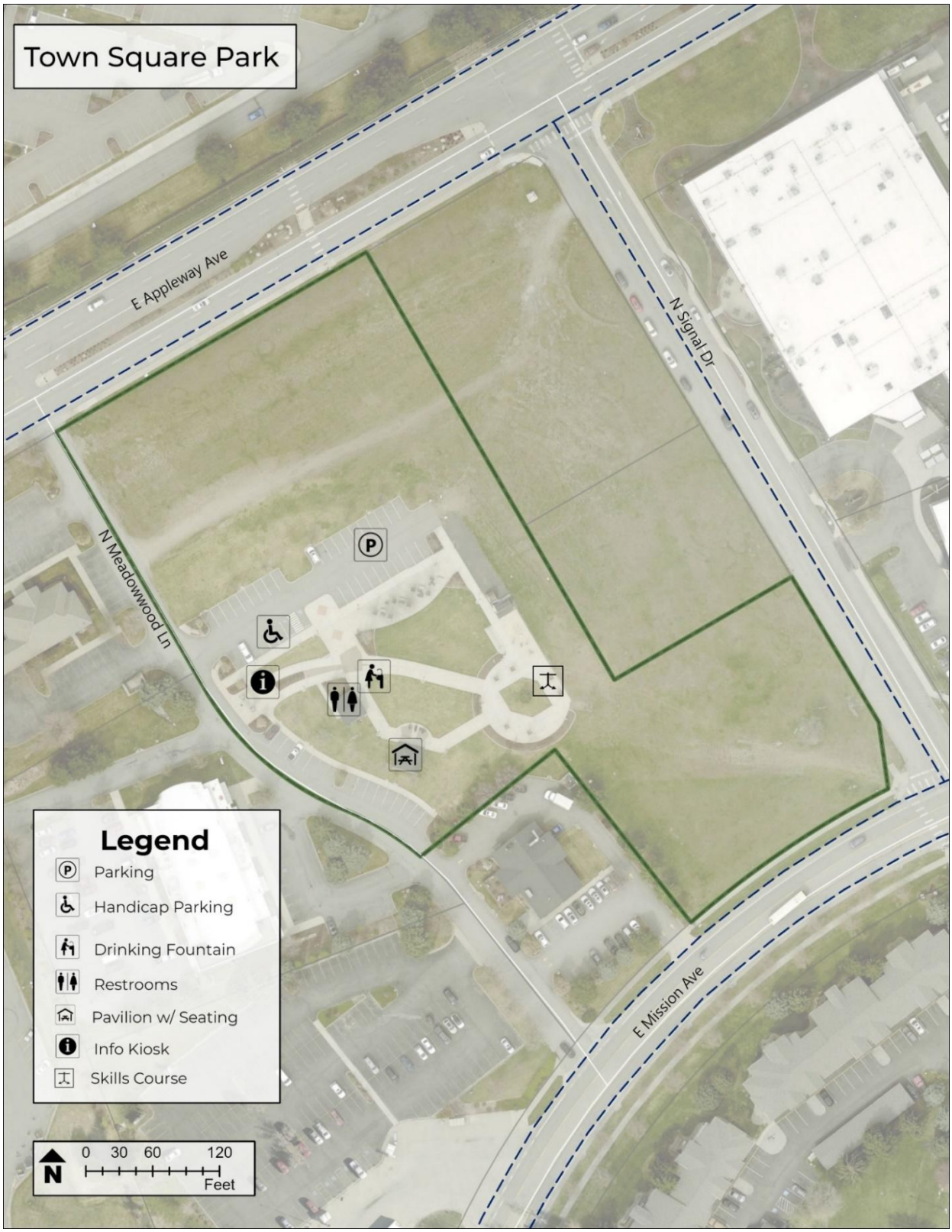


Table 3-10: Town Square Park Existing Conditions Inventory

Amenity, Facility, or Structure	Rating	Last Updated	Renovation Schedule	Notes
Amenities				
Bike Rack	4	2014	15 Years	
Benches	4	2014	15 Years	
Trash Receptacle	4	2014	10 Years	Functional art piece in good condition.
Picnic Tables	4	2014	15 Years	
Site Lighting	4	2014	10 Years	LED Pole lighting with power outlets.
Drinking Fountain	4	2014	10-15 Years	
Recreation				
Fitness Station	4	2015	10 Years	Fallen Heroes Circuit Course.
Structures				
Picnic Shelter	4	2014	10-15 Years	
Gateway Sign/ Trellis	4	2014	20 Years	
Restroom Building	4	2014	Varies	Routine maintenance of electrical wiring, lighting, plumbing, and paint.
Security System	4	2014	5-10 years	
Parking/Access				
Parking (QTY 53)	4	2014	30 Years	53 total stalls.
ADA Parking (QTY 2)	4	2014	30 Years	2 dedicated stalls.
EV Charging (QTY 2)	4	2014	15 Years	2 dedicated stalls and charging units.



Liberty Lake "The Diamonds" Ballfields

Located between the Liberty Creek and Liberty Lake Elementary school buildings, the Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains two baseball and softball diamonds. These may be reserved according to a fee schedule on a first-come, first-served basis. The site hosts Liberty Lake-Spokane Valley Little League games, which draw in large numbers of players, coaches and families. Facilities which accommodate this include restrooms, concessions, bleachers, and two dedicated parking areas.

Table 3-11: "The Diamonds" Profile

Aspect	Description
Location	23900 E Boone Ave
Size	9.1 Acres
Classification	Special Use (Outdoor Sports Complex)
History	Established in 2014 via CVSD partnership
Grass/Lawn Area	6 Acres
Paths Length	0.15 Miles
Landscaping/Beds	4,150 SqFt
	Overall Condition Rating: 4



Figure 3-6: "The Diamonds" Existing Conditions Map



Table 3-12: "The Diamonds" Existing Conditions Inventory

Amenity, Facility, or Structure	Rating	Last Updated	Renovation Schedule	Notes
Amenities				
Bleacher	4	2014	15 Years	
Picnic Table	4	2014	15 Years	
Bollards/Lighting	4	2015	10 Years	
Recreation				
60' U-10 Baseball Diamond	4	2014	20 Years	
90' U-14 Baseball Diamond	4	2014	20 Years	
Structures				
Dugout	4	2014	10 Years	
Backstop/ Fencing	4	2014	10 Years	
Restroom	4	2014	15 Years	
Storage Shed	4	2014	15 Years	
Security Cameras	4	2015	10 Years	
Parking/Access				
Parking (QTY 130)	4	2014	20 Years	130 total.
ADA Parking (QTY 9)	4	2014	20 Years	9 Stalls.

Trailhead Golf Course

Trailhead Golf Course is an executive nine-hole course, which opened in 1973. When constructed, it was the only mid-length executive course in the Northwest. The city purchased the course in 2002 and has restored it to its original pristine condition. The original clubhouse building was demolished and replaced with a new building, which opened in August of 2023. The adjoining parking lot area was resurfaced and landscaped at the same time. The new facility contains a new pro shop, virtual golf simulation bay, a large 1,400 square foot outdoor deck, and a multi-purpose conference room that can accommodate up to 100 people. A new restaurant located on the east side of the main level is scheduled to open in 2025.

The course itself is a Par 33 course with four Par 3's, four full-length Par 4's and one Par 5, with four sets of tees to choose from. The longest set of tees is at 2,548 yards and the shortest is at 1,715 yards. The 55-acre course offers spacious, tree-lined fairways, fourteen bunkers, and one lake. The relatively flat course appeals to beginners, advanced beginners, and golfers who don't have the time to play a full round of 18 holes. Trailhead's practice facility consists of fourteen mat hitting stalls, ten of which are covered and newly enclosed on the back, and five are heated for those inclement weather practice sessions. The grass hitting area was improved in the Spring of 2014 with twice as much hitting area and there are three practice chipping/putting greens, one greenside, and one fairway bunker. The course accommodates weekly programming for both a men's and a women's 9-hole golf club. Social events are hosted on the course, such as the 22-par Men's Glow Golf tournament and the Ladies' President's Club Tournament, Club Championship, and year end awards banquet.

Amenities include: a nine-hole golf course, a driving range, a golf pro shop, a restaurant (opened in 2025), two golf simulation bays, the Rotary Room Event Center, and restroom facilities.

Table 3-13: Trailhead Golf Course Profile

Aspect	Description
Location	22302 E Country Vista Dr
Size	55.07 Acres
Classification	Special Use (Golf Course and Driving Range)
History	Opened in 1973 and purchased by the city in 2002.
Grass/Lawn Area	48 Acres
Paths Length	0.8 Miles
Landscaping/Beds	11,000 SqFt
	Overall Condition Rating: 5

Figure 3-7: Trailhead Golf Course Existing Conditions Map



Table 3-14: Trailhead Golf Course Existing Conditions Inventory

Amenity, Facility, or Structure	Rating	Last Updated	Renovation Schedule	Notes
Structures				
Clubhouse	5	2023	25+ Years	New facility opened in 2023.
Driving Range Structure/ Backstop Fence	4		Varies	
Parking/Access				
Parking (QTY 63)	5	2023	30 Years	Resurfaced in 2023.
ADA Parking (QTY 5)	5	2023	30 Years	



Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum Park

Located just east of City Hall and behind the Trailhead driving range, Nature's Place at MeadowWood Park is a linear park which provides several amenities as well as a meaningful trail connection. The path offers a non-motorized shortcut which connects the lower neighborhood, on and adjacent to North Garry Drive, to Country Vista Drive and the Central Business District. Upon entering the park from Country Vista Drive, there is a sensory garden, donated through contributions for the Lions Club. At the beginning of the pathway, there is a historic marker commemorating Stephen Liberty, an original settler of the Liberty Lake area and advocate for local tribes, for whom the Lake and the City get their namesake. The park also offers one of the four Fallen Heroes workout equipment stations. Further down the path, there is a community garden with 22 plots. These are managed by the Parks and Recreation coordinator and may be reserved for a one-time fee by Liberty Lake residents on a seasonal, first-come, first-served basis. In addition to the paved path, meandering gravel walkways weave around the ornamental trees. Several patios with picnic tables dot this area. Benches line the paved path donated by partners and private parties.

Table 3-15: Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum Park Profile

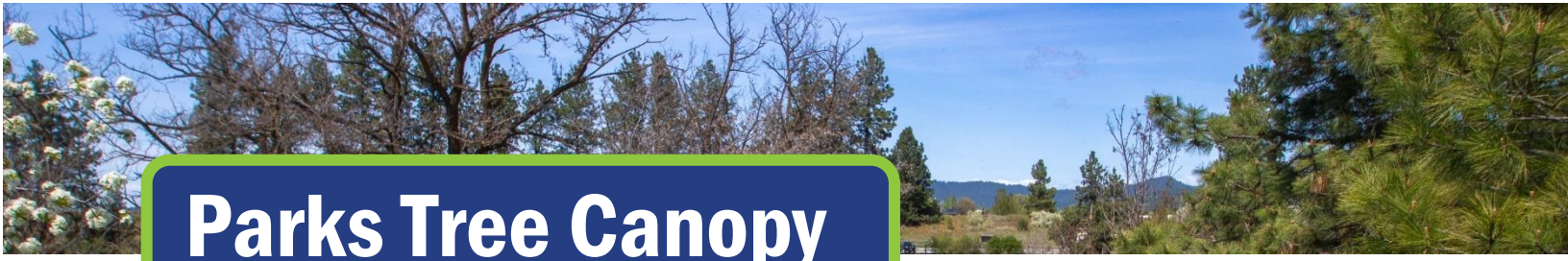
Aspect	Description
Location	Between Country Vista Dr. and Garry Dr.
Size	2.8 Acres
Classification	Special Use (Arboretum)
History	Established in 2008
Landscaping/Beds	22 Plots
	Overall Condition Rating: 4

Table 3-16: Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum Existing Conditions Inventory

Amenity, Facility, or Structure	Rating	Last Updated	Renovation Schedule	Notes
Community Garden	4	2012	N/A	22 Plots.
Fitness Equipment	4	2016	10 Years	Part of the Fallen Heroes Circuit Course.
Parking	4	2008	30 Years	3 off-street spaces.

Figure 3-8: Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum Park Existing Conditions Map





Parks Tree Canopy

This Parks and Recreation Master Plan functions as the parks and recreation element of the 2026 Liberty Lake Comprehensive Plan update. The Growth Management Act was amended in 2023 to require fully-planning communities to conduct an evaluation of the tree canopy coverage within the urban growth area (see: RCW 36.70A.070(8)(c)). As full funding to assist with this analysis has not been provided, a preliminary assessment of the tree canopy is provided here as a starting point for future analysis and decision-making to plan for and fund tree planting efforts.

Liberty Lake Values Trees

Liberty Lake is a community which deeply values its trees for their many benefits to the environment, economy, community health, and beauty. The city has achieved the Arbor Foundation's Tree City USA designation for the past 24 years. City staff and community members participate in tree plantings each year in observance of Arbor Day. The city has an established five-member tree board and a newly hired urban forester specialist. The city adopted a City Tree Ordinance and the City Development Code regulates public street tree plantings and oversight. For example, planting street trees is required of all developments that are subject to land division or site design review.

Trees For Climate Adaptation

Wildfire smoke is an increasing concern for outdoor recreation, especially in the Columbia Plateau Basin and the greater Western U.S. In recent years, fires burning throughout eastern Washington, north Idaho, and British Columbia have led to more frequent poor air quality during summer. These events blanket the region with fine particulate matter, posing health risks and limiting outdoor access. Smoke presents challenges for outdoor recreation, particularly for vulnerable groups like children, older adults, and those with respiratory conditions. Even healthy individuals often avoid outdoor spaces during heavy smoke, reducing park use.

The urban forest and other green infrastructure installations can significantly contribute to filtering pollutants and improving air quality. Reforestation and urban greening, such as planting trees that absorb particulate matter, create natural air quality buffers.

Public awareness campaigns on minimizing health risks and integrating green infrastructure into park planning further support long-term climate resilience. By incorporating forests, green spaces, and innovative facilities, communities can improve air quality, ensure safe outdoor access, and protect public health amid growing environmental challenges.

Liberty Lake Parks and Open Space Current Tree Canopy

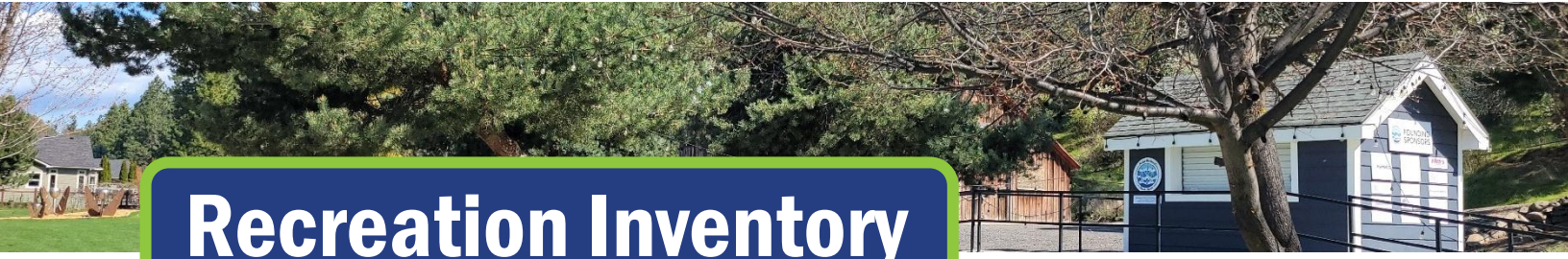
The Department of Natural Resource's Tree Equity Score tool estimates distribution for neighborhood block groups and offers tree canopy coverage for individual parks and open spaces is estimated using high-resolution land cover satellite imagery. The Tree Equity Score measures how well the benefits of trees are reaching communities living on low-incomes, communities of color and others disproportionately impacted by extreme heat and other environmental hazards.

Table 3-17: Parks and Open Space Tree Canopy Coverage & Neighborhood Equity Scores

Park / Open Space	Existing Tree Canopy Coverage	Unsuitable Area for Tree Planting	Potential Tree Canopy Coverage	Neighborhood Current Equity Score	Target Score
Rocky Hill Park	14%	11%	75%	63	68
Orchard Park	1%	28%	71%	68	73
Pavillion Park	12%	15%	73%	73	78
Town Square Park	3%	23%	74%	73	78
Nature's Place Arboretum	7%	15%	78%	73	78
Ballfields	0%	75%	25%	83	88

Source: Tree Equity Score Analyzer, American Forests and Washington DNR, 2025.

Preliminary analysis shows that many city-owned parks have low existing tree canopy coverage compared to their potential coverage. Parks like Orchard Park and Town Square Park are reported to have lower tree coverage as these are areas with ongoing development and tree planting efforts, with younger existing trees that have smaller crowns. Rocky Hill Park and Orchard Park are located in surrounding neighborhoods with the lowest current presence of trees and higher socio-economic vulnerability metrics. As these areas continue to develop, high priority should be placed upon tree plantings to address these disparities.



Recreation Inventory

Existing Programs

The city of Liberty Lake's Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of programs and events for people to participate in. The city contracts with Skyhawks Sports Academy to operate seasonal sports camps and clinics, and year-round after school programs using city-owned parks and facilities. The following list is a broad description of recreational programs and services available in the City of Liberty Lake:

- Baseball/Softball
- Basketball (Skyhawks)
- Cheerleading Camp (Skyhawks)
- Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp
- Flag Football (Skyhawks)
- Frisbee Golf
- Youth Tennis Lessons and Clinics (Skyhawks)
- Golf Lessons (Skyhawks and Trailhead)
- Golf Clubs and Tournaments (Trailhead)
- Gravity Cart Race (Rotary Club)
- Hiking
- Lacrosse (Skyhawks)
- Pickleball (Skyhawks)
- Skyhawk's Sports Camps
- River Rafting Tour
- Skateboarding
- Soccer
- Tennis (Skyhawks)
- Virtual Golf (Trailhead)
- Volleyball (Skyhawks)
- Gardening

Private indoor facilities currently meet demand for additional year-round programming. Many Liberty Lake residents use the HUB Sports Center facility. They are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. This 66,670 square foot indoor space is multi-purpose, supporting regional sports camps and tournaments for youth basketball, volleyball, boxing, wrestling, and judo. For a small admissions fee, the courts may also be configured for drop-in pickleball and badminton time slots. There is a batting cage for individual or team baseball and softball training. Birthday parties, corporate events, and community exercise classes can be hosted in the HUB's multi-purpose rooms and studios.

HUB Sports Center is currently in the process of construction and fundraising to expand its outdoor fields. The "Fields For Our Future" campaign seeks to add a total of 5 synthetic turf fields, pickleball and tennis courts, and a playground area. Restrooms, stadium lighting, and an expanded 280-stall parking lot will support these spaces. These facilities will expand the HUB's current programming which currently serves over 185,000 youth and families annually. The multi-sport fields will facilitate flag football, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, and ultimate frisbee camps and events.

An after-school program called HUB 360 serves 6-8th graders after-school on school days. Staff mentor students with their schoolwork, provide snacks, teach them about healthy living, and provide an opportunity to experience a variety of sports. Community businesses and individuals come and share their expertise in skills, trades, industries and/or talents with the students.

The Liberty Lake Athletic Club is a fitness facility and community center which offers a wide variety of programming. There is a full-size basketball gymnasium, a cardio machine floor, weight room, golf simulator, steam room, and dry saunas. Members may also register for personal training and a variety of fitness classes scheduled throughout the week. Drop-in daycare services are available for children to participate in supervised play while parents and guardians use the rest of the facilities and services.

The Athletic Club used to offer a lap swimming pool and hot tub which hosted swimming lessons and a swim team. The pool was decommissioned in 2024, ending the aquatics programs which were offered and leaving the community without a local indoor facility.

Liberty Lake residents also make use of the Spokane Valley YMCA of the Inland Northwest. This 48,000 sq. ft. facility is a regional destination for families, teens and youth and is located about 7 miles west of Liberty Lake's commercial center. The Valley YMCA offers many recreational amenities and programs that are otherwise not offered by Liberty Lake parks and recreation. These amenities include a large, indoor aquatics area with a lap pool, water slides, sauna, and jacuzzi. The facility has an indoor climbing wall and spacious fitness floor with free weights and machines. Childcare is also available for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years old. Exercise classes and social events are offered for seniors. The facility also offers birthday party room reservations.

NRPA Recreational Programming Comparison

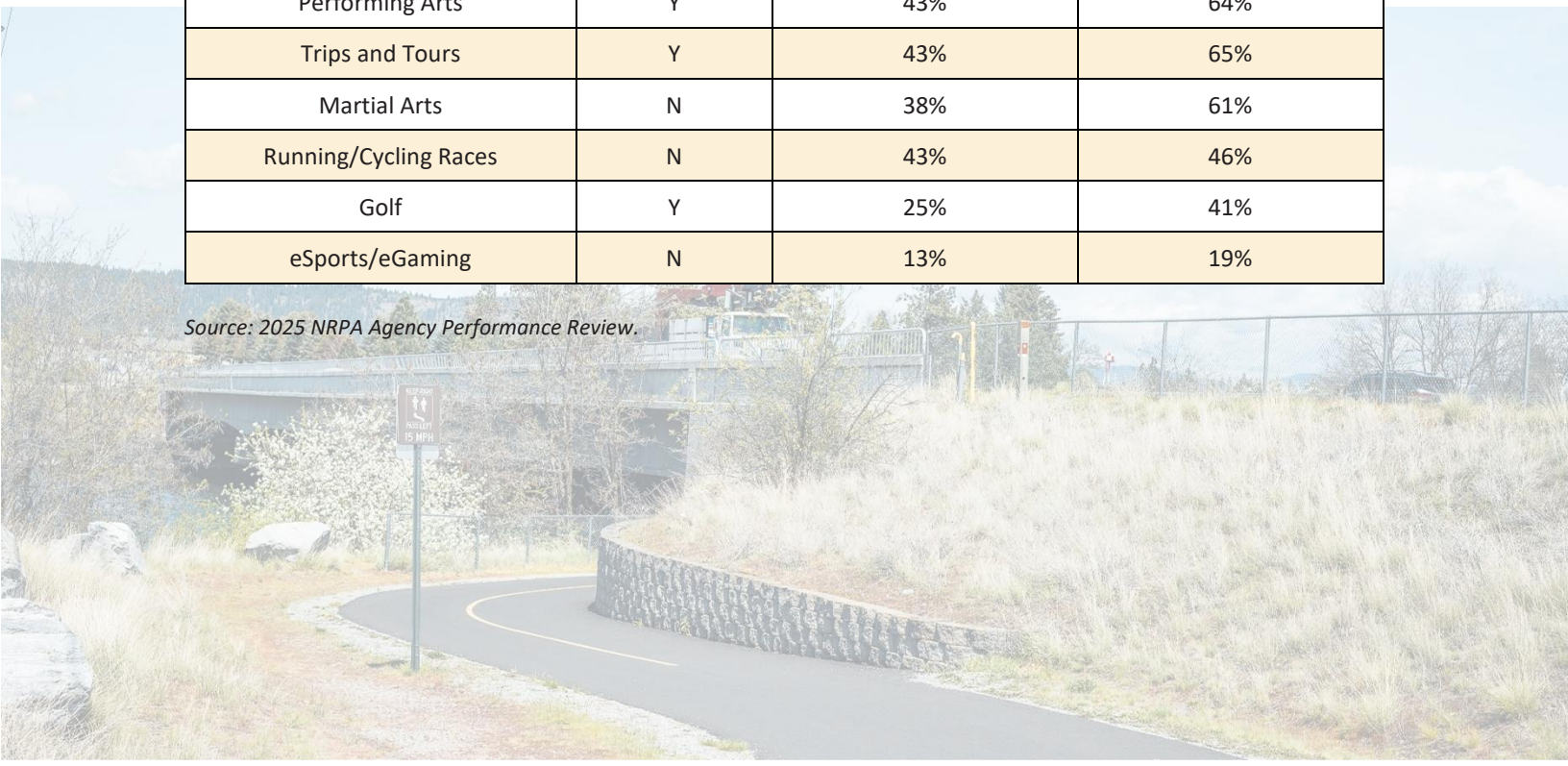
The existing programming offered by Liberty Lake's parks and recreation department might be compared to national averages based on the National Recreation and Park Association's 2025 Agency Performance Review. As of 2025, Liberty Lake is estimated to have a current population of 14,110 and is projected to grow to a population of 21,934 by 2046. Liberty Lake's current programming can then be compared to the percentage of communities of a similar size who offer each program. As Liberty Lake anticipates future growth, an additional comparison can be made to communities with a population above 20,000, knowing that an increased variety and increasingly diverse population base will have different needs and desires for programming than might currently exist.

Liberty Lake's current parks and recreation programming aligns strongly with the most commonly offered program types among similarly sized communities nationwide, particularly those that emphasize community-building, recreation, and special events. Based on the National Recreation and Park Association 2025 Agency Performance Review, Liberty Lake performs at or above national norms for several core program areas that are typically considered foundational for smaller park and recreation agencies.

Table 3-18: Programs Offered by Parks & Recreation Department Comparison

Program Offered	Does LL Offer This Program?	% of Agencies with < 20,000 Population w/these Programs	% of Agencies with 20,000-49,999 Population w/ these programs
Themed Special Events	Y	85%	93%
Social Recreation Events	Y	82%	90%
Team Sports	Y	81%	90%
Health and Wellness Education	N	69%	80%
Fitness Classes	N	72%	84%
Individual Sports	Y	64%	77%
Racquet Sports	Y	63%	79%
Safety Training	N	59%	67%
Natural/Cultural History Activities	N	44%	63%
Aquatics	N	50%	62%
Cultural Crafts	N	46%	65%
Visual Arts	N	46%	61%
Performing Arts	Y	43%	64%
Trips and Tours	Y	43%	65%
Martial Arts	N	38%	61%
Running/Cycling Races	N	43%	46%
Golf	Y	25%	41%
eSports/eGaming	N	13%	19%

Source: 2025 NRPA Agency Performance Review.



Liberty Lake offers themed special events, social recreation events, and team sports, all of which are provided by more than 80 percent of agencies serving populations under 20,000. These program types represent the strongest area of alignment between Liberty Lake and national practice and reflect a focus on inclusive, high-participation activities that foster community identity and social interaction. As Liberty Lake grows toward the 20,000-resident threshold, these offerings will continue to align well with expectations for larger peer communities, where participation rates for these same programs increase to approximately 90 percent or more of agencies.

The City also performs well in individual sports, racquet sports, performing arts, trips and tours, and golf programming, all of which are less universally offered nationwide but remain common among mid-sized agencies. Liberty Lake's provision of these programs places it at or above the national average for communities under 20,000 residents and positions the City favorably for future growth. Notably, performing arts and trips/tours are offered by fewer than half of agencies in the under-20,000 category, suggesting that Liberty Lake already provides a broader program mix than many comparable jurisdictions.

Where Liberty Lake differs most from national averages is in the absence of several program types that become increasingly common as communities grow. Health and wellness programs, fitness classes, safety training, aquatics, arts and crafts, visual arts, and natural or cultural history activities are offered by a majority of agencies nationwide, even among communities under 20,000 residents. The gap widens further when compared to agencies serving populations between 20,000 and 49,999, where participation rates for many of these programs approach or exceed 60 to 80 percent. These categories often reflect more specialized programming that requires additional staffing, facilities, or partnerships, and they are commonly introduced as agencies mature and diversify their service delivery.

The lack of health- and wellness-oriented programming is particularly notable, as nearly 70 percent of smaller agencies and 80 percent of mid-sized agencies offer such programs nationally. Similarly, fitness classes are provided by nearly three-quarters of agencies serving populations under 20,000 and by more than 80 percent of agencies in the next population tier. As Liberty Lake's population ages and becomes more diverse, demand for these types of programs is likely to increase, especially among older adults and residents seeking low-impact, preventative health opportunities.



Table 3-19: Targeted Programs Offered by Parks & Recreation Department Comparison

Program Offered	Does LL Offer This Program?	Program Name	% of Agencies with < 20,000 Population w/these Programs	% of Agencies with 20,000-49,999 Population w/ these programs
Summer Camp	Y	Skyhawks Sports Day Camps	63%	85%
Senior Programs	N	--	60%	78%
Teen Programs	N	--	46%	66%
Programs For People With Disabilities	N*	Gravity Cart Race event in Pavillion Park operated by Rotary Club	35%	64%
STEM Programs	N*	Offered by Library	41%	51%
After-School Programs	Y	Fall sports camps	47%	41%
Preschool	N	--	24%	34%
Before-School Programs	N	--	16%	16%
Full Daycare	N	--	8%	2%

Source: 2025 NRPA Agency Performance Review.

Targeted programming for specific age groups and populations including children, teens, older adults, and people with disabilities is an important indicator of how a parks and recreation system responds to diverse community needs.

Liberty Lake demonstrates its strongest alignment with national norms in youth-oriented programming, particularly through summer camps and after-school programs. The City offers summer camp programming through Skyhawks Sports Day Camps, aligning with the 63 percent of agencies under 20,000 residents that provide similar programs. This positions Liberty Lake well for future growth. After-school programming is also offered, primarily through fall sports camps, exceeding the benchmark for communities under 20,000 residents (47 percent) and remaining competitive with larger peer communities. These programs reflect a strong focus on serving families with children and meeting seasonal childcare and enrichment needs.

In contrast, Liberty Lake currently does not offer teen-specific or senior-focused programs through its parks and recreation department. Nationally, 60 percent of agencies serving populations under 20,000 residents offer senior programs, and nearly half offer teen programs, with participation increasing significantly in the next population tier.

As Liberty Lake grows and its demographic profile evolves, particularly with an aging population, these program gaps may become more pronounced. Peer agencies of similar size increasingly provide age-specific programming to support social connection, health, and lifelong recreation, especially for older adults.

Programs for people with disabilities and STEM-focused programming are noted with asterisks, indicating that while these opportunities exist in Liberty Lake, they are not directly administered by the parks and recreation department. Examples include special events hosted by partner organizations such as the Rotary Club or programming offered through the library. Nationally, approximately 35 percent of smaller agencies and nearly two-thirds of mid-sized agencies offer disability-focused programs directly. While Liberty Lake benefits from strong community partnerships that help meet these needs, reliance on external providers suggests an opportunity for more formal coordination, expansion, or direct program delivery as demand increases.

Liberty Lake does not currently provide preschool, before school, or full daycare programming, which is consistent with national trends showing lower participation rates for these services among smaller agencies. Even among communities under 20,000 residents, fewer than one-quarter offer preschool programs, and fewer than 10 percent offer full daycare. However, as Liberty Lake transitions into the 20,000–49,999 population range, expectations for broader childcare and youth support services—particularly before- and after-school programming—may increase, even if delivered through partnerships rather than direct operation.

Overall, Liberty Lake's parks and recreation programming reflects a strong foundation that is well aligned with national norms for smaller communities, particularly in event-based activities, general recreation, and youth-focused programming. As the City approaches and surpasses a population of 20,000 residents, NRPA benchmarks indicate growing expectations for a broader and more inclusive program portfolio, including expanded health and wellness, educational, arts-based, and age-specific offerings. Strategic expansion—through a combination of direct service delivery and strengthened partnerships with schools, nonprofits, and community organizations—would position Liberty Lake to remain competitive with peer communities while responding to the evolving needs of older adults, teens, people with disabilities, and a more diverse population overall.

Regional Recreation Amenities

In addition to citywide facilities, Liberty Lake residents have access to and make use of nearby recreational areas facilities which offer additional, unique opportunities not available in the city itself (*see Figure 3-9, Page 87*).

Liberty Lake Regional Park – Spokane County

The most widely used of these parks is the **Liberty Lake Regional Park** which is administered by Spokane County. The Regional Park provides 3,591 acres of wetlands, lake shore, montane forest, irrigated lawn areas, ORV Park and more. The park offers the only public access to Liberty Lake, complete with a fishing dock, swimming beach, restrooms, and reservable picnic shelters. There is a seasonal campground area with cabins, pull-through RV sites, group sites and tent sites available for reservation through the County website. Beyond the campground is an expansive conservation area compassing Liberty Creek and surrounding forests and wetland area flanking the slopes of Mica Peak. The 8.3-mile Liberty Lake Loop Trail is frequented by day hikers and backcountry campers, with portions of it also being accessible by horseback riding.

Centennial Trail – Washington State Parks

The **Spokane River Centennial Trail** is a 40-mile paved pathway stretching from Nine Mile Falls through downtown Spokane to the Idaho state line, connecting neighborhoods, parks, and natural landmarks along the river. It serves more than 2.5 million users each year, including thousands of Liberty Lake residents--from families out for a walk to cyclists training for long rides. According to this plan's community survey, 86.7% of survey participants use the Trail at least semi-regularly.

The trail prominently features the Spokane River throughout. The Spokane River corridor is ecologically important, has significant potential for interpretive purposes, provides outstanding scenic beauty, tranquil surroundings and valuable historic and prehistoric features, and is uniquely held in public ownership for more than 39 miles of its length. It is the common thread that links governments, communities and neighborhoods together, and has, for many thousands of years, been the corridor for commerce in the area and provides significant recreational opportunities.



In Liberty Lake, the Trail and Spokane River corridor are adjacent to the master-planned River District Neighborhood. Currently, the Trail is primarily accessed from a developed parking area at N Harvard Road. There is also a paved, public pathway which links the west side of the District and the Orchard Park path system to the Trail. The Trutina 55 and older community also has a paved linkage, along with several private residences. The central portion of the District is planned to add at least three paths which will link the E Indiana Ave to the Trail. A new park adjacent to the N Harvard Road trailhead is planned as a gateway to the Trail and transitional space between it and the commercial center.

The City of Spokane Parks & Recreation Department facilitates a cooperative management agreement between Washington State Parks, Spokane County, City of Spokane, City of Spokane Valley, and Liberty Lake.

Liberty Lake is responsible for management of adjacent city-owned or leased buffer lands and maintenance and law enforcement on or within the Trail corridor along, adjacent and/or within its municipal boundaries (current and future). The fiscal impact of the agreement is an annual commitment of $20,000 from the City's capital improvement budget. An additional $1,500 in supplies and $700 for professional services is also set aside annually.

Appleway Trail – Spokane Valley

The **Appleway Trail** is a 5.8 mile shared-use, paved path that currently provides a continuous, non-motorized connection through the center of Spokane Valley. This trail is designed to provide all-abilities access for pedestrians, bicyclists and other users.

The trail is constructed on the old Milwaukee Railroad right of way, an east-to-west urban space that parallels the Sprague Avenue corridor. It begins at N. Farr Road and Appleway Blvd. It travels east along Appleway to University Road, where it then utilizes the railroad right-of-way to Tschirley, just to the west of Liberty Lake.

There is substantial interest in expanding the Appleway Trail to form a connection with Liberty Lake's trail and shared-use path network. Concurrent with preservation and enhancement work on Country Vista Rd, the existing sidewalk from the west city limits to Kramer Parkway is scheduled for widening improvements to extend the Trail.

Saltese Uplands Conservation Area – Spokane County

The **Saltese Uplands Conservation Area** is a 606-acre recreation site and natural area, located about 2.5 miles from Liberty Lake's central commercial district. Low-impact activities are enjoyed in the interest of preserving the shrub steppe habitat. These include hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, dog walking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Over 7 miles of trail wind throughout the property, exploring canyons that embrace year-round springs and climbing ridge tops with views of Liberty Lake, Mount Spokane, and Saltese Flats. Because of its openness, the Saltese Uplands is a great place to view wildlife. White-tailed deer, badger, coyote, and bobcats have been sighted. There is also a notable concentration of raptors (hawks, eagles, etc.) that use the updrafts created by the topography of the "uplands" to hunt throughout the conservation area and adjacent Saltese Flats.

Due to its close proximity, this conservation area is frequented by many Liberty Lake residents looking to recreate in and enjoy its natural beauty. There are two access points on S Henry Rd: One at the hiking and equestrian trailhead and another at the wetland trailhead. Though just outside of city limits, this public park, in addition to the Regional Park, offers high quality experiences in undeveloped nature that cannot be found within the city.

Gateway Regional Park, Conservation Area, and Dog Park

Overlooking the Spokane River near the State border with Idaho, **Gateway Regional Park** is located on the Spokane River and bordered by Interstate 90 to the south. The parking area and trail head are located about 4 miles from Liberty Lake's commercial center. In 2004, Spokane County Parks and Recreation acquired the 30-acre park that includes over 2,000 feet of shoreline for a new regional park with funding assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). An additional 20 acres of the area is leased for WSDOT. This area is linked to the Centennial Trail system.

Contiguous with the Regional Park is an additional 7-acre property named the **Gateway Conservation Area.** This open space preserves riparian habitat along the river corridor and it accessed by non-motorized hiking and equestrian trails. The area is used for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and fishing.

The **Patricia Simonet Laughing Dog Park,** colloquially known as the **S.C.R.A.P.S. Dog Park,** is a 3-acre, fenced open space located within the Gateway Regional Park. It opened in 2006 as Spokane County's first dog park, made possible through a partnership between the S.C.R.A.P.S. agency and the County's Parks and Recreation Department. The park is run by dog-loving volunteers and funded solely by donations. The park features dog waste bag dispensers, dog play equipment, and covered picnic tables. This park is currently one of the only enclosed areas for Liberty Lake dog-owners to access.

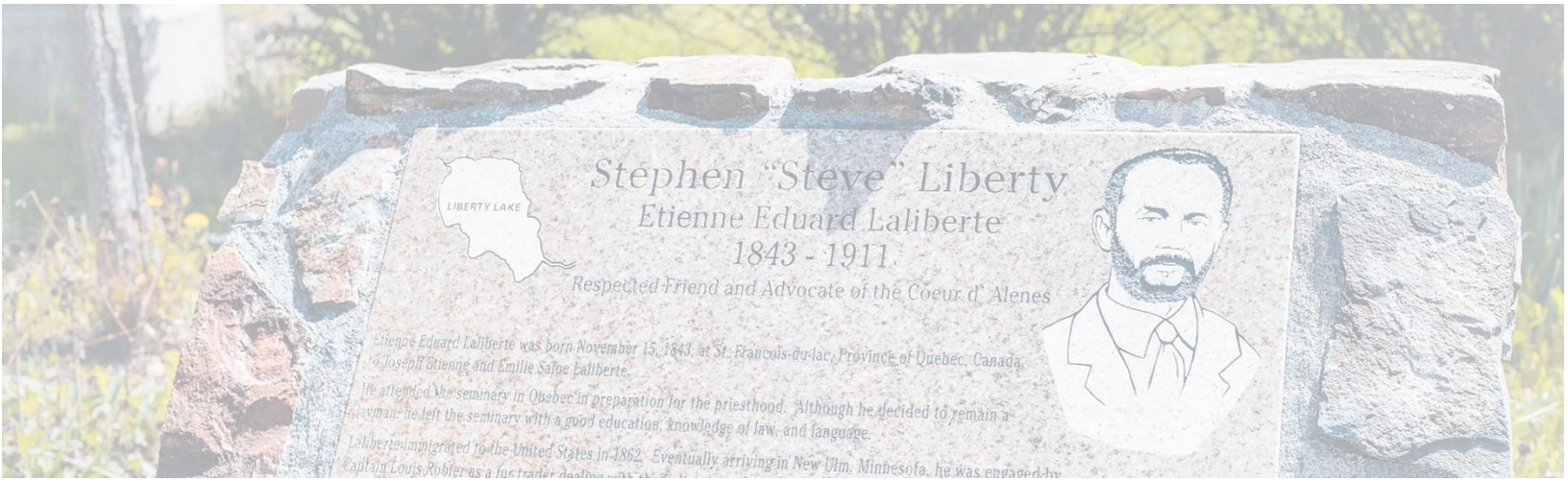
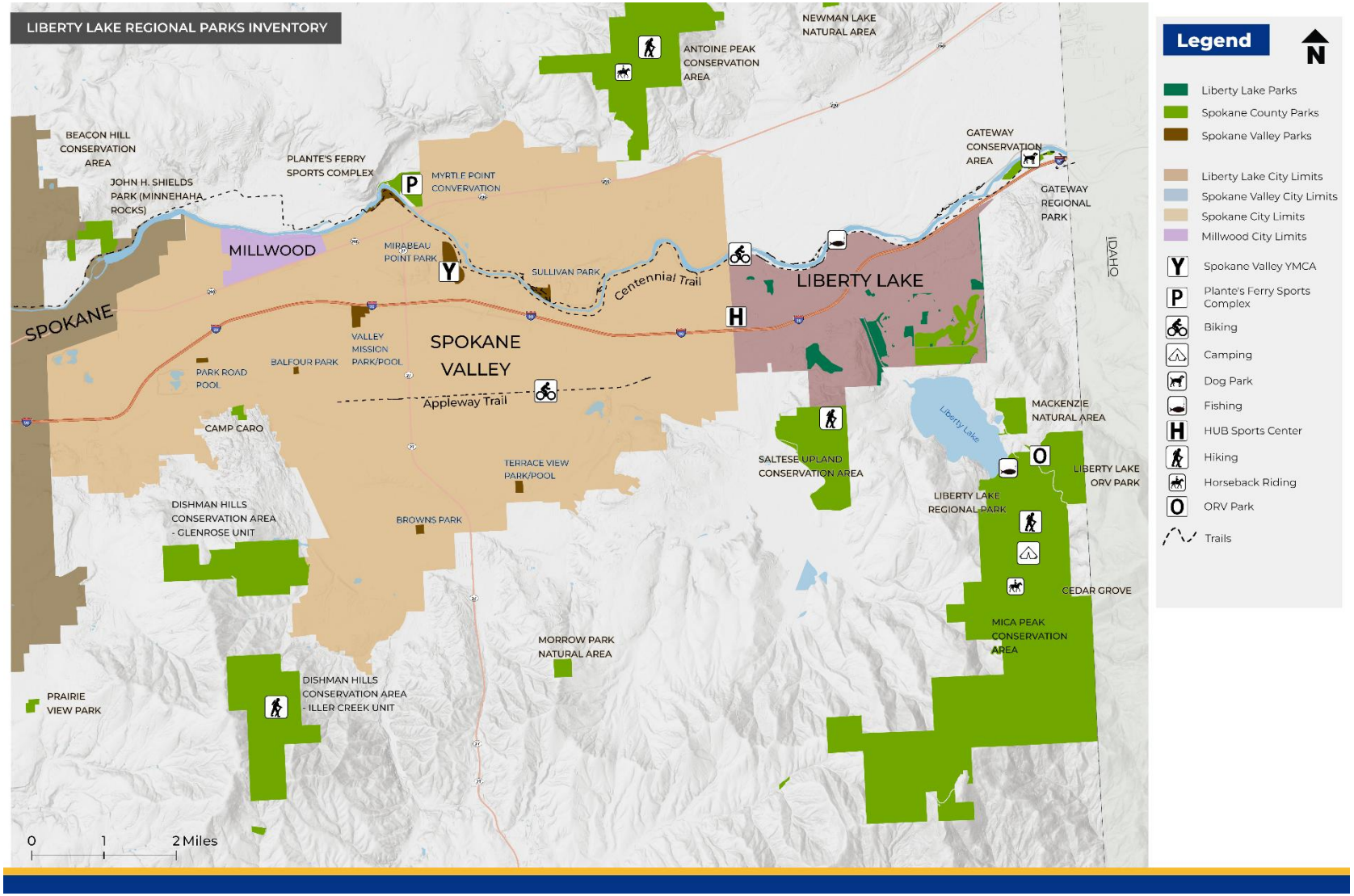
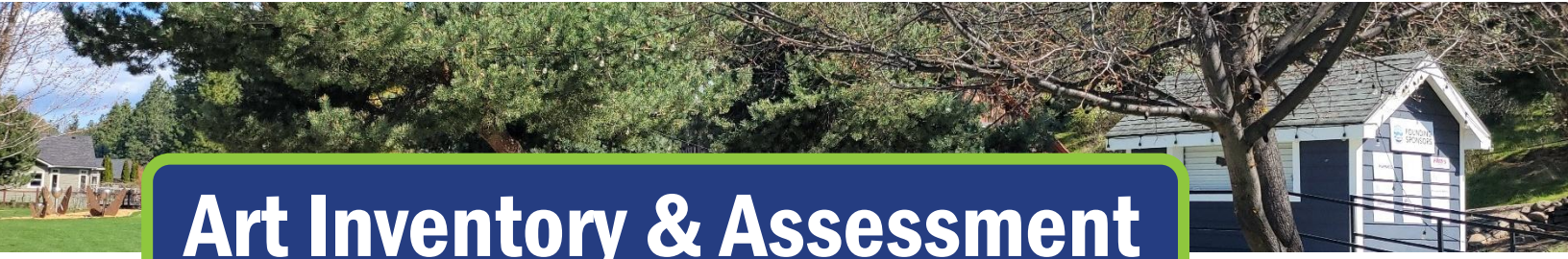


Figure 3-9: Regional Recreational Activities and Facilities





Art Inventory & Assessment

Introduction

This section provides a full inventory and assessment of Liberty Lake's Public Art located throughout the city. Understanding and analyzing this information will be vital for ensuring Liberty Lake has a comprehensive public art collection to enjoy for years to come.

To fully assess the art objectives in the city, a review of the 2018 Liberty Lake Parks & Arts Commission 5-Year Strategic Plan was conducted. The Strategic Plan identified key categories of art that are important to the city. Using these categories in the analysis provides a strong foundation for the inventory and gap analysis process.

Art Categories

1) **Functional Art** – beautification projects, fences, bike racks, benches, and other.
2) **Interactive Art** – art that actively engages the community such as playground equipment, story boards, festivals and other.
3) **Statement Pieces** – roundabouts, parks, statues, panels and other.
4) **Programming** – community theater, civic theater, literacy, dance, and other.
5) **Parks and Trails** – enhancement to existing and new parks and trails within the community.

To further inform the art inventory and assessment, a review of the 2019 goals developed by the City of Liberty Lake Parks and Arts Commission's Public Art Policy and Procedures document. Similar to the art categories, they help create a more accurate inventory of public art in Liberty Lake and distinguish between the impact each art piece has on the community.



Goals

1) Establish a diverse collection of public artworks.
2) Create works of public art with the cooperation of the community.
3) Involve local, regional and national artists of diverse backgrounds.
4) Consider economic development and cultural tourism when advocating for public art.
5) Encourage public dialogue and community involvement.
6) Incorporate art and design projects of the highest quality throughout the community, creating a museum without walls and making art accessible to all.
7) Provide a legacy of art and culture for future generations

Table 3-20 presents an inventory collection of current public art in Liberty Lake, including box wraps, murals, functional art, sculptures, and other mediums. For each piece, the table includes a picture of the art piece, the name or title of the art piece, link to the image and details on the city website, its location within the city, and a reference to the strategic plan goal it best corresponds with , the type of art installation, and the art category it is associated with (*1–5, see reference above*). The table also indicates the art piece's key audience, the degree it is visible by the community and visitors, its condition, the artist, and value of the art piece.



Table 3-20: Liberty Lake Public Art Inventory & Assessment

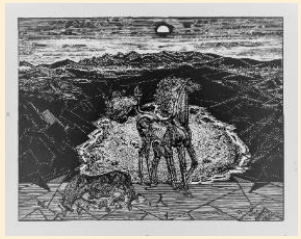
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	Country Vista & Henry	♦ NW Corner of Country Vista Dr. & N. Henry Ln ♦ 47.66402, -117.13247	2	Box Wrap	1	♦ Auto-oriented ♦ High Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Light wear	(Local) STCU Sponsored, Ridgeline High School Art Students	$1,864.50
	Four Seasons Mother Earth	♦ Corner of Signal Rd. & Appleway Ave. ♦ 47.67289, -117.10171	2	Box Wrap	1	♦ Auto-oriented ♦ High Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Light wear	(Local) STCU Sponsored, Stacie Boyer	$973.78
	Historical Images	♦ 727 N. Molter Rd. Liberty Lake, WA 99019 ♦ 47.6631, -117.09078	1	Box Wrap	1	♦ -Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Heavy Wear	(Local) Parks and Arts Commission	$979.00

	Indiana & Harvard	♦ SE Corner Harvard Road and Indiana Avenue ♦ 47.678502, -117.110935	2	Box Wrap	1	♦ Auto-oriented ♦ High Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Light wear	STCU Sponsored, Artist Unknown	$1,864.50
	Liberty Lake Students	♦ SE Corner of E. Country Vista Dr. & N. Liberty Lake Rd. ♦ 47.66801, -117.10469	2	Box Wrap	1	♦ Auto-oriented ♦ High Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Light wear	(Local) STCU Sponsored, Liberty Lake Elementary Students	$1,598.48
	Ridin' A Rainbow	♦ Corner of Molter & Appleway ♦ 47.67682, -117.09013	2	Box Wrap	1	♦ Auto-oriented ♦ High Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Light wear	STCU Sponsored, Debbie McCulley	$973.78
	Sun Flight	♦ Town Square Park, Entrance ♦ 47.67182, -117.1031	3	Box Wrap	1 & 3	♦ Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Light wear	(Local) Stacie Boyer	$650.00
	Sunflowers	♦ Appleway & Madison ♦ 47.67488, -117.09577	2	Box Wrap	1	♦ Auto-oriented ♦ High Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Light wear	(Local) STCU Sponsored, Frankie Benka	$999.58

	Starry Night	♦ SW Corner of E. Appleway Ave. & N. Liberty Lake Rd. ♦ 47.67106, -117.10665	2	Box Wrap	1	♦ Auto-oriented ♦ High Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Light wear	(Local) STCU Sponsored, Liberty Creek Elementary Students	$1,598.48
	The Race	♦ Orchard Park, Tennis Courts ♦ 47.67492, -117.13145	3	Box Wrap	1	♦ Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Light wear	(Local) Debbie Hughbanks (artist paid $350)	$573.30
	Pavillion Mural	♦ 727 N. Molter Rd. Liberty Lake, WA ♦ Pavillion Park, Concession Stand/ Restroom Structure ♦ 47.66316, -117.09144	6	Mural	1 & 3	♦ Park User ♦ High Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Maintenance could be difficult if graffiti is present ♦ Heavy Wear	(Local) Rolf & Peter Goetzinger	$10,000.00
	Skate City	♦ 727 N. Molter Rd. Liberty Lake, WA ♦ Pavillion Park, Skate Park ♦ 47.6639, -117.09004	6	Mural	1, 2, & 3	♦ Park User ♦ High Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Maintenance could be difficult if graffiti is present ♦ Moderate Wear	(Local) Joshua Thomas	$9,000.00

	We Got This	♦ 727 N. Molter Rd. Liberty Lake, WA ♦ Basketball Court at Pavillion Park ♦ 47.66375, -117.09021	6	Mural	1, 2, & 3	♦ Park User ♦ High Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Maintenance could be difficult if graffiti is present ♦ Light wear	(Local) Danielle Davis	$16,000.00
	Orchard Park Story Walk	♦ Orchard Park ♦ 47.674043, -117.132332	3	Functional	1	♦ Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Routine cleanings will be needed to read the sign ♦ Light wear	(Local) Spokane Valley Tech Students	$6,000.00
	Rocky Hill Park Story Walk	♦ Rocky Hill Park ♦ 47.671797, -117.069876	3	Functional	1	♦ Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Routine cleanings will be needed to read the sign ♦ Light wear	(Local) Spokane Valley Tech Students	$6,855.87
	Town Square Park Waste Receptacles	♦ Town Square Park ♦ 47.671445, -117.102427	1	Functional	1	♦ Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Fair condition ♦ Cleanings and paint touch-ups will be needed soon ♦ Moderate Wear	Unknown	Unknown
	Town Square Park Bike Racks	♦ Town Square Park ♦ 47.671618, -117.101937	1	Functional	1	♦ Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Moderate Wear	Unknown	Unknown

	Paver Memorial Project	♦ In the Arboretum next to City Hall ♦ 47.666759, -117.099632	2	Functional	1	♦ Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Moderate Wear	Donated by: Liberty Lake Lion's Club Designed by: (Local) Haase Landscape	$16,300.00
	Art at Trailhead	♦ 22302 E. Country Vista Dr. Liberty Lake, WA ♦ Trailhead Golf Course Event Center ♦ 47.66755, -117.10307	3	Other Mediums	3	♦ Foot Traffic ♦ Poor Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Only maintenance is dusting ♦ Light wear	(Local) Ridgeline High school students, Matt Jarvis, London Jeffries, Vi Quach, Savannah Woodruff, Jack Ross, and Mikayla Clark	N/A
	Everyone Has Value.	♦ 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. Liberty Lake, WA ♦ City of Liberty Lake City Hall ♦ 47.66769, -117.10019	4	Other Mediums	3	♦ Foot Traffic ♦ Poor Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Only maintenance is dusting ♦ Light wear	(Local) Sindu Surapaneni	Unknown

	Never Forget	♦ 20298 E. Indiana Ave. ♦ Orchard Park, Flag Pole ♦ 47.67367, -117.13145	2	Other Mediums	3	♦ Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Easy maintenance ♦ Heavy Wear	Donated by: (Local) Daughters of the American Revolution	$922.00
	Requiem to the Horses	♦ 22710 E. Country Vista Drive. Liberty Lake, WA ♦ Council Chambers, Liberty Lake City Hall ♦ 47.6676, -117.10014	3	Other Mediums	3	♦ Foot Traffic ♦ Poor Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Only maintenance is dusting ♦ Heavy Wear	Gennady Klyushin	$7,500.00
	Family Pieces	♦ 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. Liberty Lake, WA ♦ Liberty Lake City Hall ♦ 47.66762, -117.09997	3	Sculptures	3	♦ Foot Traffic ♦ Poor Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Only maintenance is dusting ♦ Moderate Wear	(Local) Richard Warrington	$25,000.00

	Growing Together	♦ 24901 E. Mission Ave. Liberty Lake, WA ♦ Rocky Hill Park ♦ 47.67218, -117.0687	6	Sculptures	3	♦ Park User ♦ High Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Routine cleanings and landscape are required ♦ Heavy Wear	(Local) Matthew Dockrey	$20,000.00
	Orchard Park Splashpad	♦ 20298 E Indiana Ave, Liberty Lake ♦ Orchard Park ♦ 47.675111, -117.130956	6	Other Medium	2	♦ Park User ♦ High Visibility	♦ Great Condition ♦ Routine cleanings and mechanical fixes are required ♦ Light wear	(Local) SPVV Landscape Architects, Cortner Architectural Company, and Coffman Engineers	Unknown
	Rose Garden Steel Arbor	♦ 727 N. Molter Rd. Liberty Lake, WA ♦ Pavillion Park ♦ 47.663409, -117.092170	6	Sculpture	1	♦ Park User ♦ Moderate Visibility	♦ Good Condition ♦ Routine cleanings and landscape are required ♦ Heavy Wear	Rolf Goetzinger	Unknown

Public Art in the Parks

Liberty Lake currently has 25 pieces of public art distributed throughout their city. There are four in Orchard Park, four in Pavillion Park, two in Rocky Hill Park, two in or around Town Square Park, two in or around Trailhead Golf Course, and four in or around Arboretum Park. The other 5 are in the city of Liberty Lake, outside of designated parks.

To fully assess the diversity of art and identify gaps, the city's art collection was analyzed further considering the following factors to best determine how well the art collection meets the vision for art within the community.

Art Assessment Considerations:

- Goal
- Type of art
- Category
- Price/value

The city of Liberty Lake Parks and Arts Commission prepared 7 goals when writing the Public Art Policy and Procedures document in 2019. Including:

1) Establish a diverse collection of public artworks.
2) Create works of public art with the cooperation of the community.
3) Involve local, regional and national artists of diverse backgrounds.
4) Consider economic development and cultural tourism when advocating for public art.
5) Encourage public dialogue and community involvement.
6) Incorporate art and design projects of the highest quality throughout the community, creating a museum without walls and making art accessible to all.
7) Provide a legacy of art and culture for future generations.

Nine art pieces meet Goal 2 criteria, goal 3 has seven art pieces in alignment, and goal 6 is represented by five art pieces. There are 5 different types of art represented among the city collection of art pieces, these include: box wraps (9), functional art (4), murals (3), other mediums (5), and sculptures (2). Other mediums include framed illustrated pieces and park equipment.

Seven of the nine box wraps are sponsored by STCU, and five of those are designed by local artists. In addition, art categories were created with the Liberty Lake Parks & Arts Commission 5-Year Strategic Plan in 2018. Including:

1) **Functional Art** – beautification projects, fences, bike racks, benches, and other.
2) **Interactive Art** – art that actively engages the community such as playground equipment, story boards, festivals and other.
3) **Statement Pieces** – roundabouts, parks, statues, panels and other.
4) **Programming** – community theater, civic theater, literacy, dance, and other.
5) **Parks and Trails** – enhancement to existing and new parks and trails within the community.

Categories 4 and 5 refer to recreational programming, and parks and trails so they are not fully applicable to use in the art assessment.

The majority of art pieces are categorized as functional art (18) with statement pieces following behind (10). The average price/value for public art pieces in Liberty Lake is about $6,500 with the lowest being $573.33 and the highest $25,000.

Figure 3-10: Public Art Types Present in Liberty Lake

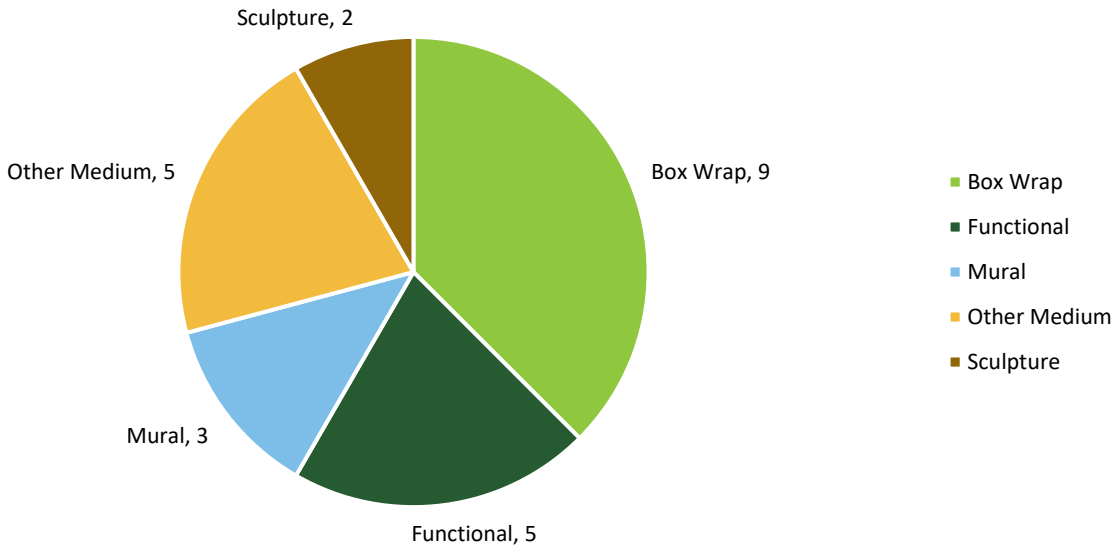


Table 3-21: Public Art Pieces in Liberty Lake's Parks

Park Name	Number of Art Pieces
Orchard Park	4
Pavillion Park	5
Rocky Hill Park	2
Town Square Park	3
Trailhead Golf Course	2
Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum	4

Public Art Recommendations

The Liberty Lake art inventory demonstrates a strong and growing collection of community-centered artwork distributed through parks and corridors as well as civic spaces. The following recommendations are pulled directly from the plan's comprehensive public engagement and analysis of the current public art system. They are intended to guide future investment, improve balance across art types, and ensure continued alignment with the city's public art goals and strategic plan categories.

Recommendation 1: Diversify and Expand the Public Art Collection

The current inventory is largely composed of box wraps and functional art elements. While these installations are successful and well-maintained, expanding the range of mediums and scales will strengthen the overall diversity of the collection.

Future efforts should prioritize:

- Additional large-scale sculptures in highly visible park locations.
- Permanent landmark installations that create recognizable gathering points.
- Interactive elements that invite touch, movement, or participation.
- Decorative enhancements to site furnishings such as benches, planters, and receptacles.

Broadening the portfolio will help advance the goal of establishing a diverse and balanced public art collection in Liberty Lake.

Recommendation 2: Align Future Art with Community Identity and Themes

Community engagement identified nature, local history, including Native heritage, culture, and shared values as top priorities. Future public art investments should intentionally reflect Liberty Lake's environmental setting and cultural identity.

Opportunities include:

- Nature-inspired installations along trails and park entryways.
- Interpretive art acknowledging Indigenous history and local heritage.
- Sculptural or mural elements celebrating wildlife, water, and regional landscapes.
- Art that reflects inclusivity and shared community values.

Intentional thematic alignment will strengthen the City's goal of creating a museum without walls and ensure the collection reflects Liberty Lake's character.

Recommendation 3: Prioritize Strategic Placement and Long-Term Stewardship

Survey feedback identified preferred locations for future public art in central gathering spaces, park entryways, and along trails and pathways. Coordinating art placement with park improvements and capital projects will maximize visibility and impact.

Future implementation should:

- Integrate art into gateway features and high-traffic plazas.
- Coordinate installations with planned park and trail upgrades.
- Establish routine condition assessments and maintenance planning.
- Budget for restoration and lifecycle costs as the collection grows.

Strategic siting and proactive maintenance will ensure public art remains visible, accessible, and well cared for over time.

Together, these recommendations provide a focused framework for strengthening Liberty Lake's public art program while preserving the community-centered partnerships and high-quality installations that define the current collection.

Orchard Park

Orchard Park has four art pieces scattered throughout the area. There is an electrical box wrap, story walk, military remembrance, and functional play equipment. These were all created between 2018 and 2023 and two were donated to the city of Liberty Lake. There are two functional pieces of art, one interactive piece, and one statement piece.

Table 3-22: Public Art in Orchard Park

Art Title	Description	Artist	Year Created	Donated By	Art Type
"The Race"	Electrical Box Wrap	Debbie Hughbanks	2019	n/a	Functional, Box Wrap
Rocky Hill Park Story Walk	Story Walk	Spokane Valley Tech Students	2023	Liberty Lake Kiwanis	Functional
"Never Forget"	Military Remembrance	Unknown	2023	Daughters of the American Revolution	Statement Piece, Other Medium
Orchard Park Splashpad	Functional Play Equipment	SPVV Landscape Architects	2018	n/a	Interactive Art, Other Medium

Figure 3-11: Orchard Park Public Art Inventory



Pavillion Park

Pavillion Park also has five pieces of public art, which are a mix of functional art, interactive art, and statement pieces. There are two Hooptown inspired art pieces - a court mural, and painted backboards – there are also two mural art pieces in the park, and a sculpture. Three of the art pieces were installed in 2023, one in 2020, and the other in 2016. They are functional, interactive, and statement art pieces.

Table 3-23: Public Art in Pavillion Park

Art Title	Description	Artist	Year Created	Donated By	Art Type
"We Got This"	Hooptown Court Mural	Danielle Davis	2023	n/a	Functional, Interactive, Statement, Mural
Untitled	Hooptown Backboards	Spokane Hoopfest	2023	Spokane Hoopfest	Interactive
"Skate City"	Mural/Graffiti Style	Joshua Thomas	2023	n/a	Functional, Interactive, Statement, Mural
Untitled	Mural depicting a carousel	Rolf and Peter Goetzinger	2020	Ross and Kelli Schneidmiler	Functional, Statement, Mural
Rose Garden Steel Arbor	Steel Trellis	Rolf Goetzinger	2016	n/a	Functional, Statement



Figure 3-12: Pavillion Park Public Art Inventory



Rocky Hill Park

There are two art pieces in Rocky Hill Park, including a sculpture and a story walk created in 2021 and in 2019. They represent functional art and statement pieces. The Story Walk was designed by Spokane Valley Tech Students and was donated by Liberty Lake Kiwanis.

Table 3-24: Public Art in Rocky Hill Park

Art Title	Description	Artist	Year Created	Donated By	Art Type
"Growing Together"	Liberty Lake Together Art, Sculpture	Matthey Dockrey	2021	n/a	Statement, Sculpture
Untitled	StoryWalk	Spokane Valley Tech Students	2019	Liberty Lake Kiwanis	Functional

Figure 3-13: Rocky Hill Public Art Inventory



Town Square Park

There are three public art pieces in Town Square Park. At the entrance, there is a wrapped electrical box and throughout the park there are two functional pieces, painted waste receptacles and bike racks designed to look like cyclists.

Table 3-25: Public Art in Rocky Hill Park

Art Title	Description	Artist	Year Created	Donated By	Art Type
"Sun Flight"	Mural Art/ Electrical Box Wrap	Stacie Boyer	2019	Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary	Functional, Statement, Box Wrap
Waste Receptacles	Functional	Unknown	?	n/a	Functional
Bike Racks	Functional	Unknown	?	n/a	Functional

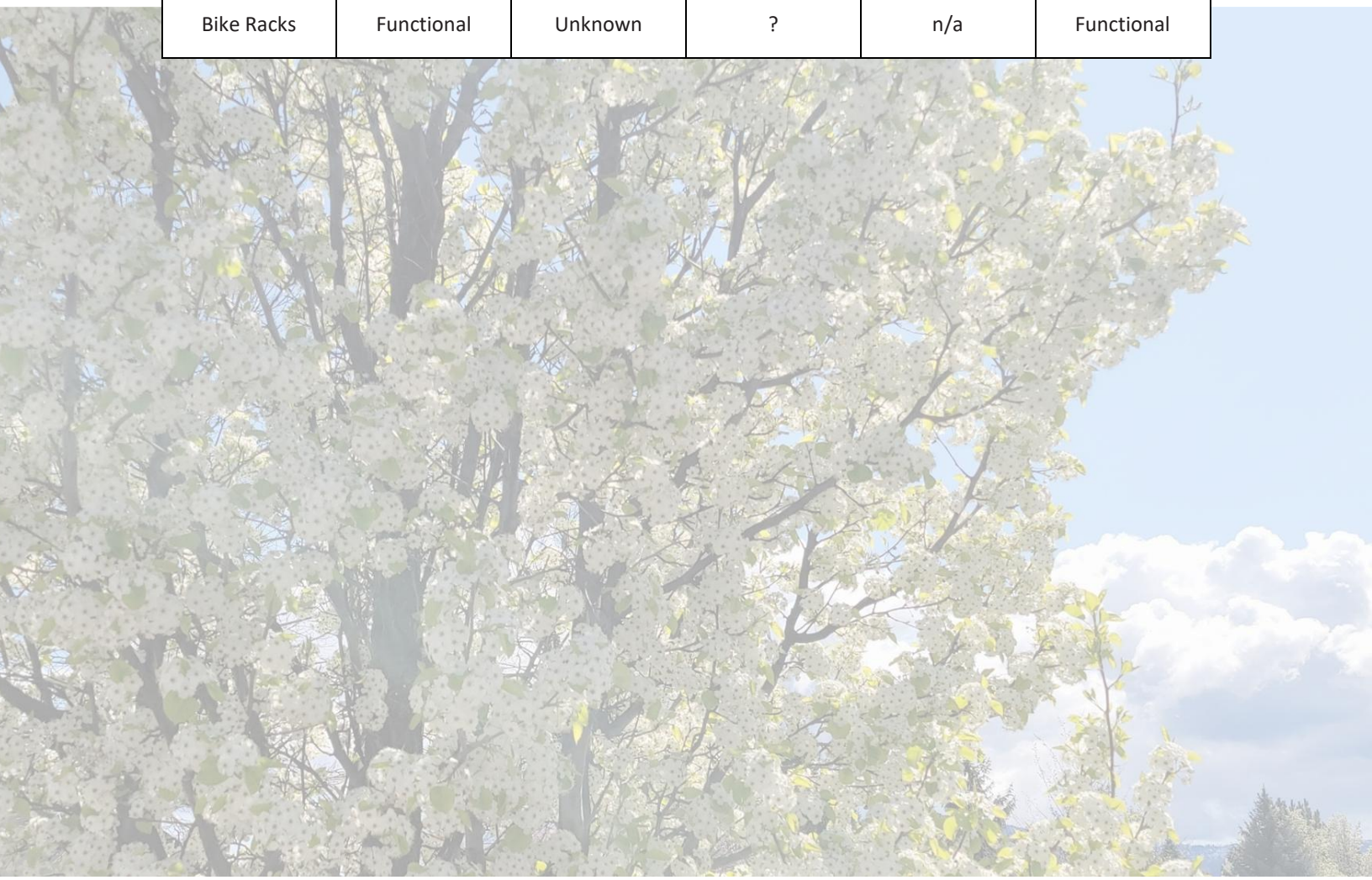


Figure 3-14: Town Square Park Public Art Inventory



Trailhead Golf Course

There are two public art pieces in and around the Trailhead Golf Course. The first is located inside the Trailhead Event Center Wall and the other at the E Corner Liberty Lake Road and Country Vista Drive. They represent statement pieces, functional, and statement art and were created in 2018 and in 2024.

Table 3-26: Public Art in Trailhead Golf Course

Art Title	Description	Artist	Year Created	Donated By	Art Type
Art at Trailhead	Rotating Art Program	Ridgeline High school students, Matt Jarvis, London Jeffries, Vi Quach, Savannah Woodruff, Jack Ross, and Mikayla Clark	2024	n/a	Statement, Art
Liberty Lake Students	Mural Art/ Electrical Box Wrap	Liberty Lake Elementary Students	2018	STCU	Functional, Statement, Box Wrap



Figure 3-15: Trailhead Golf Course Public Art Inventory



Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum

There is one art piece located in the arboretum and three others nearby inside Liberty Lake City Hall. There is a memorial, sculpture, historical piece, and painting that were created in 2024, 2019, and 2018. Three of the public art pieces are statement pieces with the paver memorial project being defined as functional art piece.

Table 3-27: Public Art in Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum

Art Title	Description	Artist	Year Created	Donated By	Art Type
Paver Memorial Project	Memorial	Haase Landscape	2024	Liberty Lake Lion's Club	Functional, other medium
"Family Pieces"	Sculpture	Richard Warrington	2018	Jerry Jaeger	Statement, Sculpture
"Requiem To Horses"	Historical	Gennadi Kliushn	2019	John Vickery	Statement, Woodcut art
"Everyone has Value"	Painting	Sindu Surapaneni	Unknown	Unknown	Statement, other medium

Figure 3-16: Nature's Place at MeadowWood Arboretum Public Art

