

6 Goals & Objectives



Goals, Policies, & Actions

Introduction

The goals, policies, and actions form a practical roadmap for how Liberty Lake will care for and enhance its parks, trails, recreational programs, open spaces, and public art offerings. They reflect community priorities and help guide city decisions, from setting priorities for new investments to taking care of what already exists. By laying out both big-picture directions and concrete next steps, this framework helps ensure that Liberty Lake's parks and recreation system continues to reflect community values and supports a vibrant, connected, and accessible future.

Goals, Policies, & Actions Matrix

Trails and Connectivity

Type	#	Goal/Policy
Goal	TC1	Develop a connected system of multipurpose trails that meets current and future recreation needs.
Goal	TC2	Make the enhancement of the existing trail system a priority project.
Goal	TC3	Connect trails to population centers, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, parks, and cultural sites.
Policy	TC1.1	Ensure trails are handicap accessible.
Policy	TC2.1	Ensure grade-separated trails and/or bike lanes are developed along new arterials
Policy	TC3.1	Maintain participation in the Centennial Trail Coordinating Agreement to preserve, maintain, and enhance the valuable regional amenity.

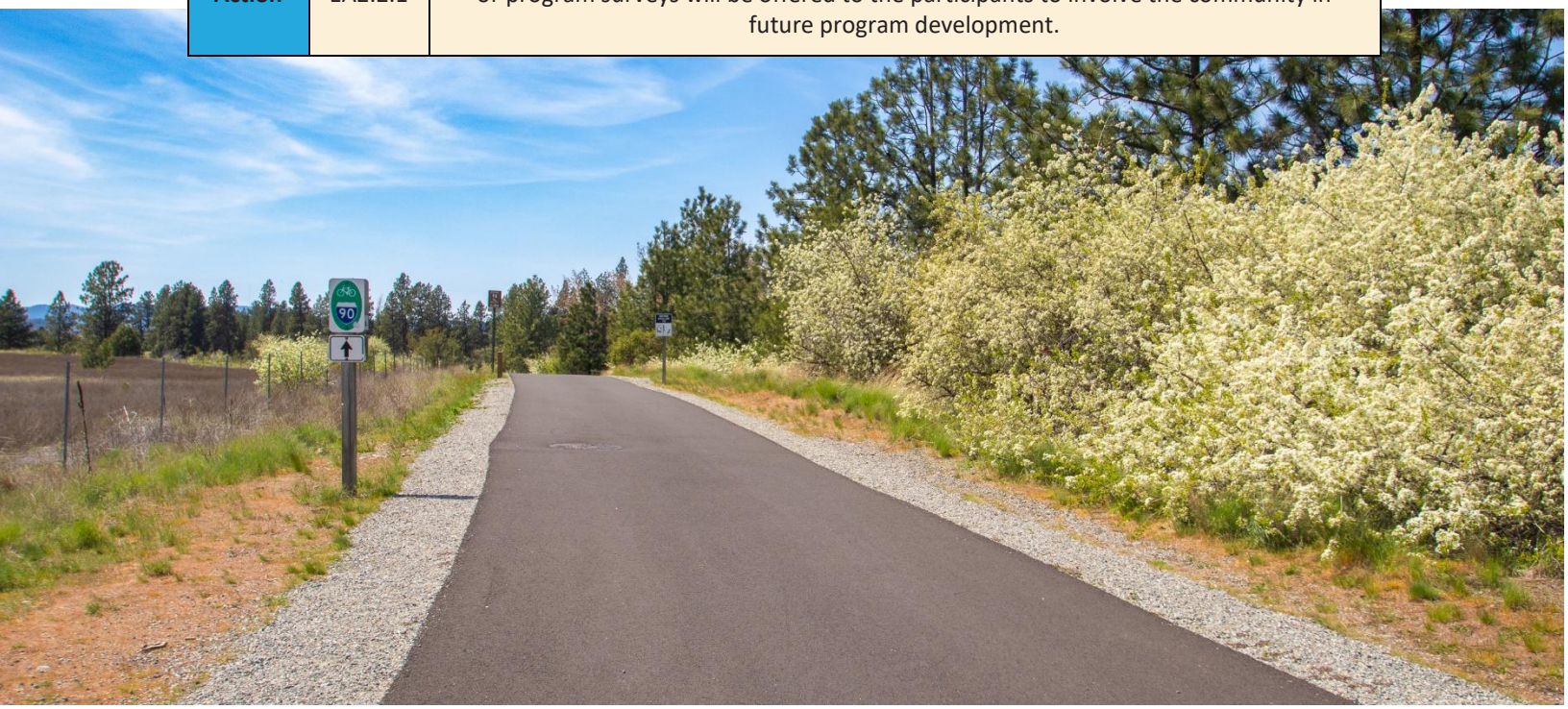
Type	#	Action
Action	TC2.1.1	Inventory and examine existing rights-of-way (including abandoned rail and utility easements) for possible use as multipurpose non-motorized trails.*
Action	TC2.1.2	Prepare and maintain a recreational enhancements program for the trails system.
Action	TC3.1.1	Coordinate with other agencies/jurisdictions and trails committee(s) to ensure a comprehensive approach to trail system planning.

** Reference Note: Comprehensive plan utilities and public facilities element policy 7 states: Encourage the use of utility easements and corridors for trails, in accordance with Industry standards, as appropriate.*

Equity and Accessibility

Type	#	Goal/Policy
Goal	EA1	Parks and recreational programs are accessible to all.
Goal	EA2	Parks and recreational programs meet a wide range of public needs and wants.
Policy	EA1.1	Parks should be within a ten-minute walk of all residents.
Policy	EA1.2	Parks' facilities should be accessible to the widest range of citizens.
Policy	EA2.1	Provide recreation programs from passive use to organized.
Policy	EA2.2	Include the community in the development and improvement of parks and recreational programs.

Type	#	Action
Action	EA1.2.1	New parks or major park improvements will be reviewed for accessibility and involve community input in development.
Action	EA2.2.1	Recreational programming will be reviewed by the Parks and Art Commission, and end-of-program surveys will be offered to the participants to involve the community in future program development.



Level of Service

Type	#	Goal/Policy
Goal	LS1	Level of service for parks and open space is… per 1,000 population.
Goal	LS2	The level of service for parks and open spaces is a 10-minute walking distance.
Goal	LS3	Preserve open spaces and greenways to protect the environment, enhance community character, and connect parks and neighborhoods.
Policy	LS1.1	Develop parks and recreational programs within city Plans and Code.
Policy	LS1.2	Use Parks Plan Demand and Needs Analysis and Level of Service as a guide in park development and improvements.
Policy	LS1.3	Develop or improve parks while preserving natural features.
Policy	LS1.4	Coordinate and partner with other organizations to minimize costs to taxpayers and further park and recreational opportunities.
Policy	LS1.5	City-owned facilities and programs should recover operating costs whenever possible.
Policy	LS3.1	Monitor open space level of service over time to ensure access to natural spaces in the parks system.

Type	#	Action
Action	LS1.2.1	The city will identify land acquisition opportunities based on the Level of Service standards and the land preservation policy.
Action	LS1.5.1	Staff will suggest fee adoptions that will recover costs of providing services whenever possible.
Action	LS1.5.2	Staff will explore all opportunities to minimize costs to taxpayers.
Action	LS3.1.1	Plan and design current open space areas and corridors throughout the city. These open spaces shall include lands useful for recreation areas between and among developments, greenbelt buffers, wildlife habitat, trails, and connections of critical areas.
Action	LS1.4.1	Establish partnerships with nonprofit organizations to program or develop city-owned open space.

**Reference Note: Comprehensive plan GHG element policy 6.1.1 states: Require open space set-asides (such as parks) for new residential and multifamily development.*

Management and Maintenance

Type	#	Goal/Policy
Goal	MM1	Provide parks, recreation, and open space that meet current and future needs.
Policy	MM1.1	Maintenance and the improvement of existing parks, recreation, and open spaces will take priority.
Policy	MM1.2	Staff will look at new and creative ways to enhance existing parks, amenities, and programs.

Type	#	Action
Action	MM1.2.1	Staff will be innovative in maintaining and funding parks and recreational programs.

Public Art

Type	#	Goal/Policy
Goal	PA1	Establish a collection of public art involving local, regional, and national artists and provide a legacy of art and culture.
Goal	PA2	Ensure maintenance and repair occurs for all public art pieces.
Policy	PA1.1	Consider art accessibility, quality, and appropriateness when selecting art or an artist.

**Reference Note: Comprehensive plan cultural & historical resources element goal 3 states: Recognize that the arts contribute to the character of the physical, mental, social, and economic well-being of the community and encourage public and private commitment and investment.*

Type	#	Action
Action	PA1.1.1	Seek grant funding and private sponsorships to support public art projects that enhance Liberty Lake's cultural and economic vitality.
Action	PA1.1.2	Identify city-owned sites for permanent public art installations that reflect Liberty Lake's culture, history, and values.
Action	PA1.1.3	Partner with the community engagement commission to gather community input when selecting new public art installations.

**Reference Note: Comprehensive plan cultural & historical resources element policy 6 states: Encourage permanent displays of art in new public facilities.*

Introduction

Liberty Lake's Parks and Recreation Master Plan is closely tied to the broader vision established in the City's Comprehensive Plan. The goals and policies in those elements – such as land use, transportation, natural environment, capital facilities, and cultural resources – provide essential direction that shapes how the parks system grows, operates, and serves the community. The following summaries highlight where these Comprehensive Plan policies align with and support the Parks Plan, demonstrating how the City's long-range planning efforts work together to create a connected and accessible parks and recreation system.

Policy Connections

The **Land Use element** includes policies that encourage development, preserve open space, address neighborhood concerns, and support quality of life.

The **Urban Design element** promotes well-designed public and private spaces, including streetscapes, gateways, and neighborhood centers. It encourages pedestrian, bicycle, and alternative transportation access, as well as the integration of public art and cultural resources.

The **Transportation element** supports safe, convenient connections for walking, biking, and other non-motorized travel between housing, recreation, schools, and commercial areas. It also promotes the development and maintenance of trails and alternative transportation corridors.

The **Natural Environment element** includes policies to protect sensitive areas, wetlands, and trees. It encourages native landscaping, water conservation, and public awareness of environmental stewardship.

The **Capital Facilities element** demonstrates how parks, trails, and recreation facilities will be maintained and enhanced. It emphasizes coordination with land use, transportation, and utilities planning and opportunities for shared or multi-use facilities.

The **Cultural Resources element** includes policies to preserve and promote cultural resources and public art. It supports programs that enhance Liberty Lake's identity and community spirit.

