
To: Kim Karber, City Administrator
From: Steve Duh, Conservation Technix, Inc.
Date: July 23, 2025
Re: **Columbia City Parks Master Plan**
Community Survey Summary Results

Conservation Technix is pleased to present the results of a survey of the general population of the City of Columbia City that assesses residents' recreational needs and priorities.

KEY FINDINGS

Columbia City residents strongly value their parks and recreation facilities.

Nearly all respondents (92%) think parks and recreation are important or essential to quality of life in Columbia City. Very few, about 8%, feel they are useful, but not necessary, or not important at all.

Residents visit Columbia City parks frequently to participate in a range of activities.

Residents of Columbia City frequently use the city's parks and recreation facilities, with more nearly half visiting at least once a week, if not every day. The most common reasons for park visits included walking or running or to relax. Nearly half of respondents have visited to walk a dog or for wildlife viewing. Respondents who do not visit parks more often feel there are not enough restrooms, have age or physical limitations, or don't know what is offered.

While residents prioritize maintaining existing parks and facilities, they are generally supportive of improving the City's park and recreation system as well.

Residents are generally satisfied with the parks and recreation system overall and with the condition of each of the City's parks. Large majorities of respondents were either very or somewhat interested in extending the River's Walk Trail, adding picnic areas and shelters, and community gardens. Residents identified expanding trail opportunities as their top priority, followed by improving and upgrading existing park playgrounds. Approximately two-thirds of respondents were supportive of a reduction in the number of mini parks to better focus limited resources and maintenance efforts.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

In close collaboration with City of Columbia City staff, Conservation Technix developed the 15-question survey that was estimated to take less than ten minutes to complete.

The survey was mailed to all 854 households within the city limits of Columbia City on June 2, 2025, and reminder postcards were mailed to all households on June 13, 2025. An additional reminder was included in the City newsletter. The survey was accessible from the City website also. The survey was closed on July 1, 2025, and the full dataset was compiled and reviewed. Overall, 236 surveys were completed and returned (27.5% response rate, 6% margin of error).

This report includes findings on general community opinions. Since the survey was open to the general public and respondents were not selected through statistical sampling methods, the results are not necessarily representative of all City residents. Survey responses significantly underrepresent residents under 55 years of age and over-represent residents over the age of 65. See Figure 1 below for age demographics for the survey respondents, as well as comparative percentages for Columbia City's population.

Figure 1. Age demographics of survey respondents

Age group	Survey Respondents	Columbia City	
		All	Over 20
Under 20	0.5%	20%	--
20 to 34	7%	12%	15%
35 to 44	13%	8%	10%
45 to 54	8%	19%	24%
55 to 64	16%	17%	21%
65 to 74	32%	15%	19%
75 and older	23%	10%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%

This report includes findings of community opinions based on the survey responses. Each section also notes differences between different demographic groups, where applicable. However, the limited number of responses prevents determining whether any differences between age groups and household makeup are statistically significant. Percentages in the report may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

DETAILED FINDINGS

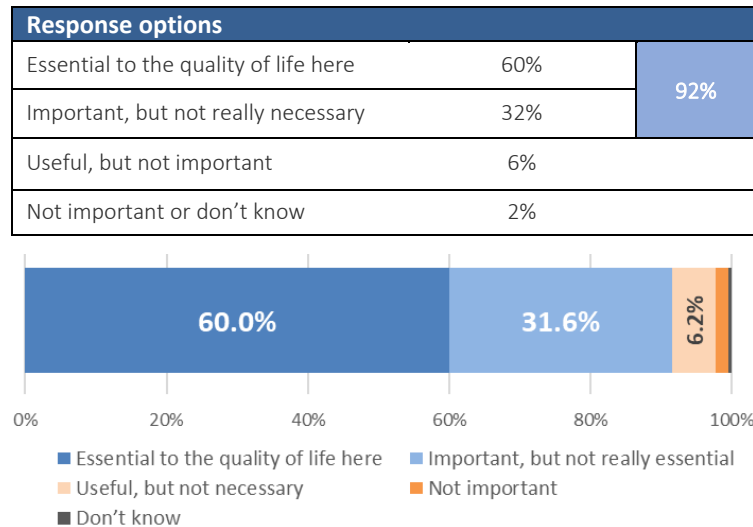
Usage and satisfaction of parks and recreation facilities

How much do residents value parks and recreation?

Virtually all respondents (92%) feel that local parks and recreation opportunities are important or essential to the quality of life in Columbia City. Sixty percent of respondents overall feel that they are essential; while an additional 32% believe that they are important to quality of life, but not essential, see Figure 2. Only about 8% of respondents believe parks are useful, but not important, or not important.

Residents of all ages value parks and recreation similarly – there were minimal differences based on age, area of residence, and household makeup.

Figure 2. When you think about what contributes to quality of life in Columbia City, would you say city parks and recreation opportunities are...

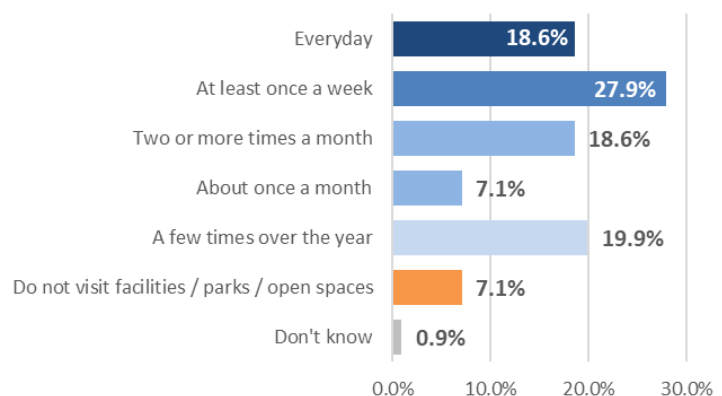


How often do residents use City parks and recreation facilities?

Respondents were asked how often they visit a City park or open space in a typical year. Approximately 47% visit at least once a week, if not every day, see Figure 3. Another 26% visit one to three times per month, while about 20% visit a few times per year. Very few respondents (7%) do not visit a park at all.

Survey respondents showed consistent usage of parks by age and location of residence compared to the total set of respondents. Respondents with children were more likely to visit at least once per week.

Figure 3. In a typical year, how often did you visit or use Columbia City's parks or open space?



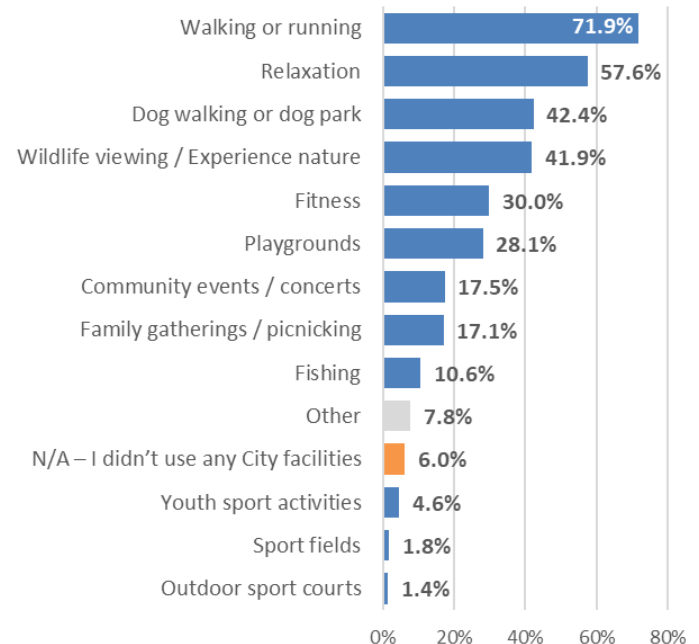
Why do residents visit Columbia City's parks and recreation facilities?

Respondents visit local parks and recreation facilities for a variety of reasons, but the most frequently cited reasons to walk or run (61%) and to relax (58%). Nearly half of residents have visited to walk a dog (42%) or for wildlife viewing (42%). Between 15% and 30% have visited for fitness (30%), playgrounds (28%), community events (18%), or a family gathering or picnic (17%). Fewer than one in nine respondents chose fishing, youth sports, sports fields, or sports courts, as a primary reason why they visit local parks.

Respondents under the age of 55 were more likely than older residents to visit for playgrounds, fitness, and family gatherings or picnics. However, many activities, including running and walking, relaxation, dog walking, and wildlife viewing are similarly popular across all age groups.

Respondents with children in their home were generally more likely to visit parks for playgrounds and family gatherings or picnics, compared to respondents without children in the home. There were no significant differences between residents by location.

Figure 4. What are the main reasons your household visits Columbia City parks or recreation facilities?



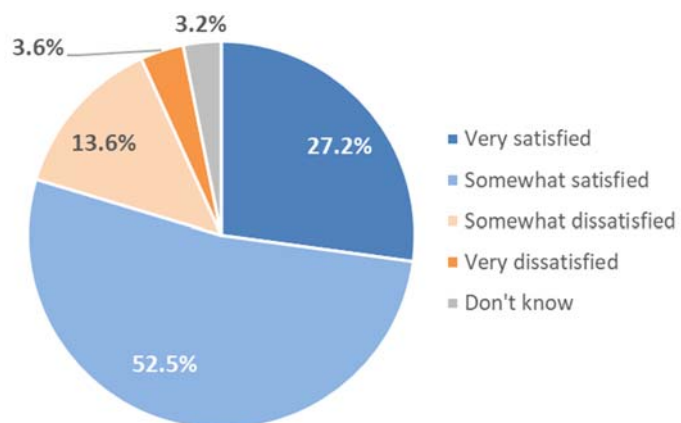
Satisfaction with existing recreation and parks

Are residents satisfied with Columbia City's recreation, parks, and open spaces?

Most residents are somewhat to very satisfied with Columbia City's parks and open spaces (80%). However, one in six survey respondents are either somewhat (14%) or very dissatisfied (4%) in the city's park and recreation system, see Figure 5.

There were no significant differences in satisfaction between residents of various ages or between residents living in various areas of the city. Respondents with children indicated a slightly higher level of dissatisfaction with the City's parks and open space.

Figure 5. Rate your household's satisfaction with Columbia City's parks or open space.

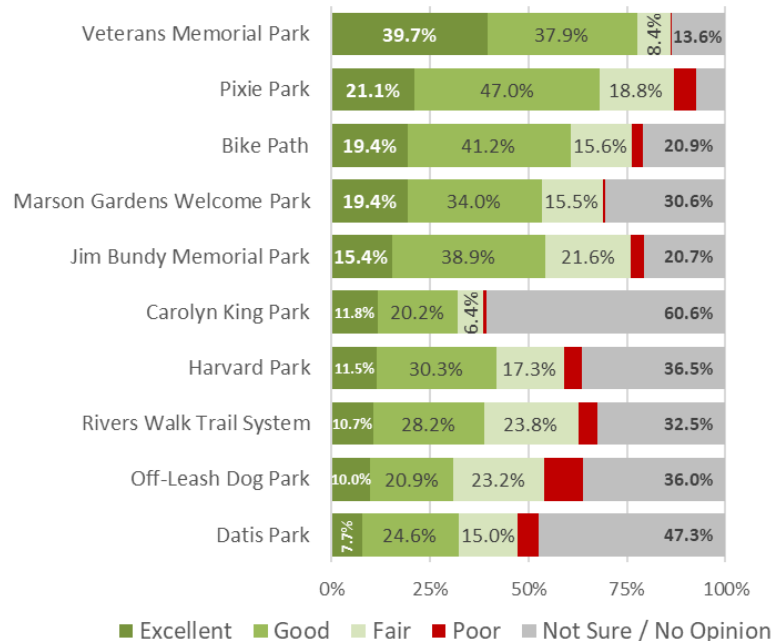


How would residents rate the condition of parks they have visited?

Survey respondents who have an opinion generally rate the condition of Columbia City's individual parks as fair, good, or excellent, as shown in Figure 6. Large majorities of respondents rate the condition of Veterans Memorial Park (86%), Pixie Park (87%), Jim Bundy Memorial Park (76%), and the Bike Path (76%) as fair, good, or excellent. Fewer respondents expressed an opinion about the condition about other city parks. Looking just at those who rated each park, approximately 10% were dissatisfied with the condition of Datis Park and 16% were dissatisfied with the condition of the Off-Leash Dog Park.

There were no significant differences between respondents based on age, children in the home, or location.

Figure 6. How would you rate the condition (maintenance) of each of the following parks?



Why don't residents visit more often?

When asked why they do not visit Columbia City's parks and open spaces more often, over one-third (36%) responded that they do visit often. The largest percentages of respondents do not visit more because they feel there are not enough restrooms (15%), have age or physical limitations (15%), or don't know what is offered (15%), or see Figure 7.

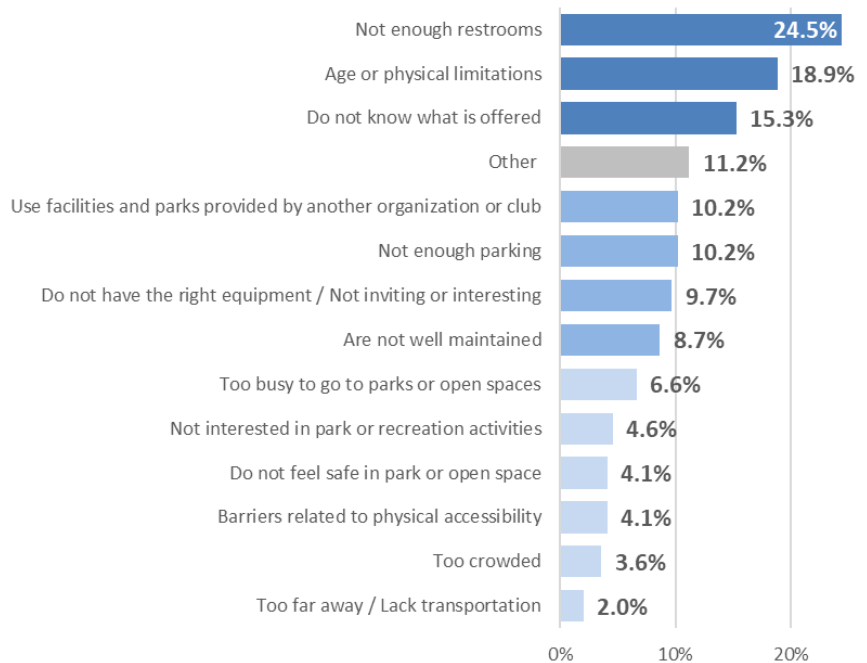
Smaller percentages of respondents noted that parks do not have the right equipment (10%), have insufficient parking (10%), or are not well maintained (9%), or they use parks or facilities provided by other cities or organizations (10%).

Some residents are too busy (7%), are generally not interested (5%), do not feel safe (4%), or face accessibility barriers (4%), suggesting that further improvements may not increase their use of parks.

Respondents between 20 and 55 years of age and those with children more often noted that parks are not well maintained, don't have the right equipment, and there are not enough restrooms.

In addition, 22 respondents wrote in responses citing concerns about the lack of sport courts, the condition of playgrounds, the amount of dog waste or off-leash dogs. Other comments noted the small number or small size of city parks and limited parking at parks.

Figure 7. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why your household does not use Columbia City's parks or open spaces more often..



Does the number of existing park and recreation amenities meet residents' needs?

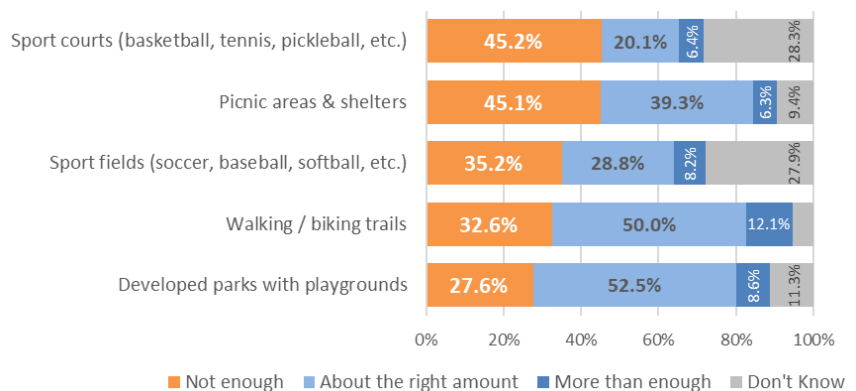
Residents were somewhat divided on whether they feel the City provides enough park, trails, and recreation facilities.

Just less than half of survey respondents would like to see more sport courts (45%) and picnic areas (45%), while one-third would like the City to provide more sports fields (47%) walking and biking trails (33%), see Figure 8.

Smaller percentages of respondents think that the City does not provide enough developed parks with playgrounds (28%).

Respondents between 20 and 44 years of age and those with children in their home were generally more likely than other respondents to feel there are not enough sport courts, sport fields, parks with playgrounds and picnic areas. There were no significant differences between respondents based on location.

Figure 8. When it comes to meeting your households parks or recreation facilities needs, how would you rate the availability of each of the following?



Investment Priorities

What park and recreation amenities would residents support adding in Columbia City?

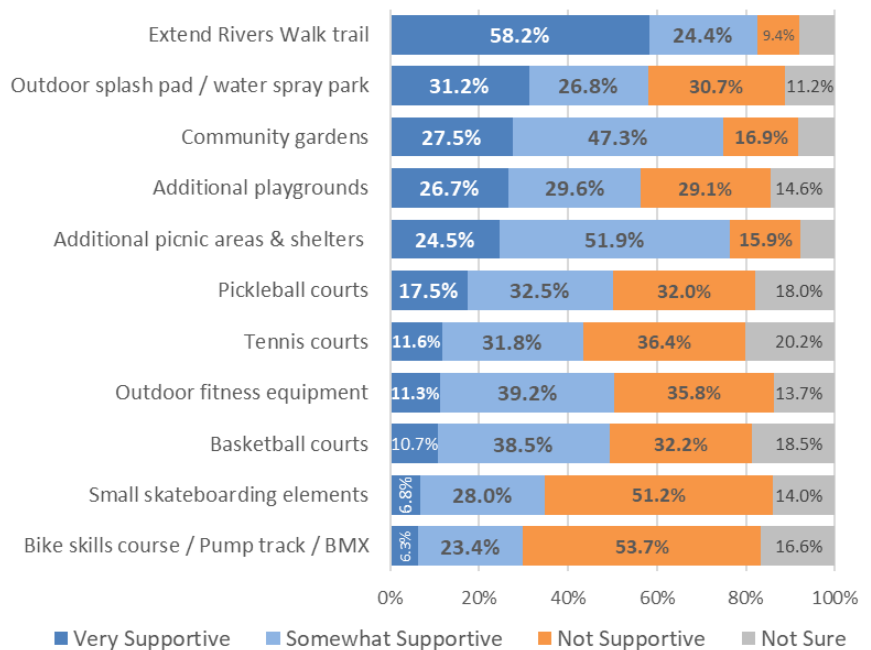
The survey asked residents about their support for a variety of potential additions to the park system. Approximately half of respondents were either very interested or somewhat interested in all listed amenities, except three (tennis courts, skateboarding elements and a bike skills course).

As shown in Figure 9, large majorities of respondents were either very or somewhat interested in extending the River's Walk Trail (83%), adding picnic areas and shelters (76%), and community gardens (75%).

Roughly half of respondents were also interested in an outdoor splash pad (58%), additional playgrounds (56%), pickleball courts (50%), and basketball courts (50%).

Respondents between 20 and 44 years of age were somewhat more supportive of additional playgrounds, picnic areas, pickleball, splash pad, skate elements and a bike skills course. Respondents with children were more supportive of additional playgrounds and a splash pad. There were no significant differences between respondents based on location.

Figure 9. The following list includes additional amenities that the City of Columbia City could consider adding to the park system. Please indicate your level of interest for each.

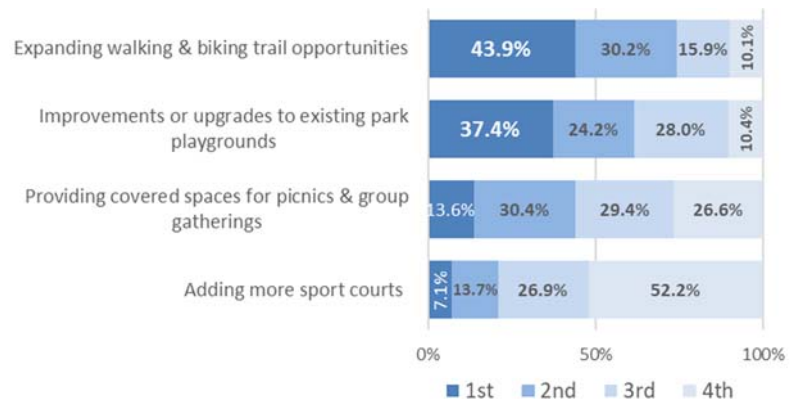


What park and recreation investments would residents prioritize?

Respondents were also asked to rank a list of four potential park system improvements. They identified expanding trail opportunities as their top priority, followed by improving and upgrading existing park playgrounds, see Figure 10. Providing covered spaces for picnics and group gatherings was the third highest ranked priority. Adding more sport courts was ranked as the lowest average priority by respondents.

Respondents with children were more likely than those without children to rate “improvements or upgrades to existing park playgrounds” as their top priority. No other significant differences exist by age, household composition or location.

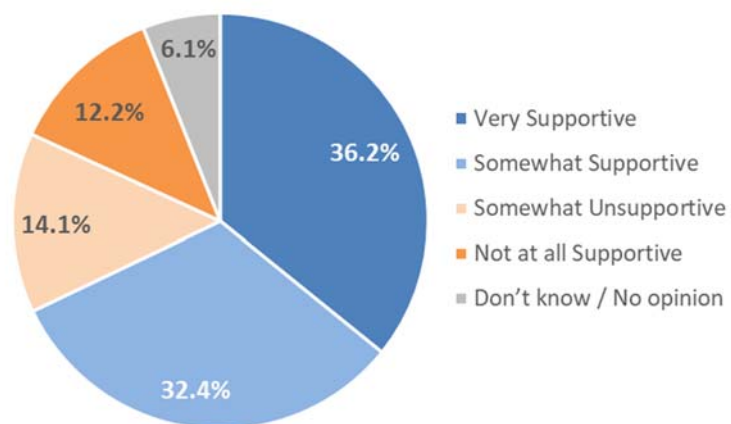
Figure 10. For the following list, indicate how you would rank the priority for each (1st priority is highest and 4th priority is lowest).



Would residents support a reduction in mini parks in Columbia City to focus limited resources?

Survey respondents were asked whether they would support a reduction in the number of mini parks to better focus limited resources and maintenance efforts. Responses were mostly split between being very supportive (36%), somewhat supportive (32%), and either somewhat unsupportive (26%), see Figure 11. The spread in responses could suggest that additional communication from the City is necessary to frame a community dialogue around this issue.

Figure 11. Currently, Columbia City manages several mini parks that offer limited opportunities for recreation. If the City were to explore reducing the number of small parks in its inventory with the goal to improve the efficiency of park maintenance and focus on priority park investments at the remaining park sites, how would you rate your support for approach?.



Respondents with children were more likely than those without children to be very or somewhat supportive reducing the number of mini parks to focus on park investments at remaining City parks. There were no significant differences in opinion based on age or location.

Do residents have specific improvements they would like to see?

Respondents were asked to describe one thing that they would like to see the City of Columbia City do to improve park, trail, and/or recreation options. While respondents provided 161 specific comments and ideas, a few themes emerged:

- **Trails:** Many respondents voiced their support for expanding, improving, and maintaining walking and biking trails, especially the River’s Walk Trail. Respondents would like to see

improvements to River’s Walk that include extending the trail, widening and improving the condition of the existing trail, and vegetation management.

- **River Access:** There is interest in improving access to the Columbia River. Suggestions include improving safety (Pixie Park), providing life jackets, and enhancing access for fishing, boating, and walking.
- **General Maintenance:** Several comments suggested the need for more or enhanced maintenance, including weeding, tree/shrub trimming, and dog waste pickup. Some respondents suggested the need for ‘dogs on leash’ signs and enforcement for dog owners to pick up pet waste.
- **Parking:** Respondents want additional parking, especially near Veterans Park and Pixie Park.
- **Recreation Facilities:** Many respondents requested that the City develop new, or improve existing, recreation facilities such as pickleball and tennis courts, all-weather covered areas (picnic shelters), skate park, and an off-leash dog park on the west side of US 30.
- **Playgrounds:** Multiple respondents requested improvements to playgrounds, including updated equipment at Harvard Park.

The full list of write-in comments is provided in Appendix 2.

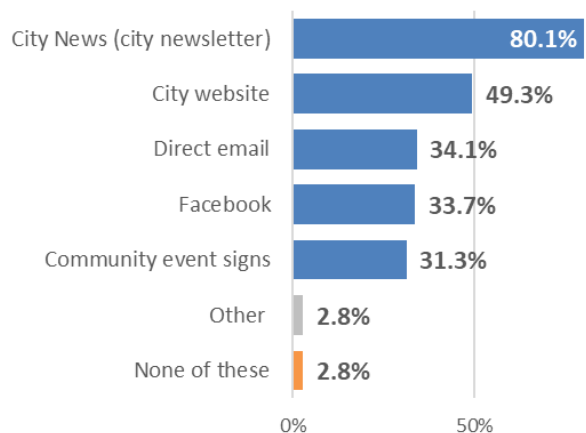
Communication preferences

How do residents want to hear about Columbia City’s parks, programs, and events?

A large majority of respondents (80%) prefer to learn about City parks, amenities, and special events through the City News newsletter. Between one-third and half of respondents prefer information from the the City website (50%), direct email (34%), Facebook (33%), or community event signs (31%), see Figure 12. These methods were popular across all age groups; however, respondents between 20 and 44 years of age were slightly more interested in communications via Facebook and those between 55 and 64 were slightly more interested in communications via the City website.

Residents without children at home and those over age 55 were more likely to prefer communication via the City newsletter. There were no significant differences in communication preferences by location.

Figure 12. Please check ALL the ways you would prefer to learn about Columbia City’s parks and amenities.

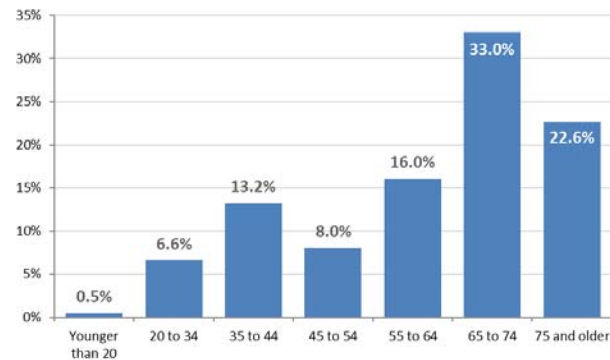


Demographics

Age groups

Just over one half of survey respondents were over 65 years of age (56%), see Figure 13. Another 24% of respondents were between 45 and 64 years of age. Approximately 20% of respondents were 44 years old or younger.

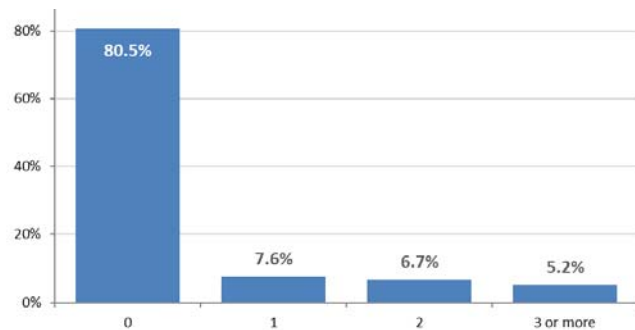
Figure 13. Age of survey respondents



Number of children in household

A large majority (80%) of respondents to the survey live in households with no children under 18, while about 20% live in a household with either one (8%), two (7%), or three or more (5%) children, see Figure 14.

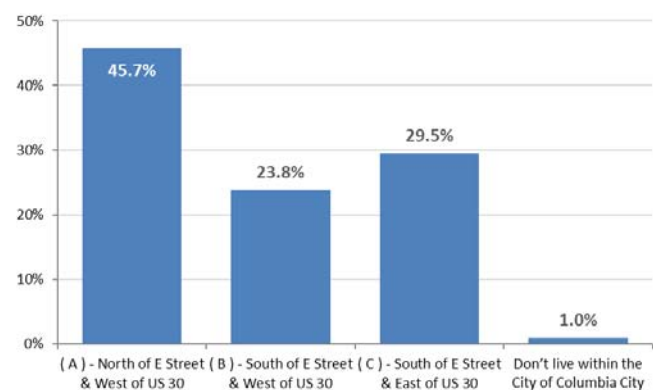
Figure 14. Number of children in respondent's household



Location of residence

Nearly all survey respondents live within the City of Columbia City. About 46% of respondents live to north of E Street and west of US 30 (map area A). Another 30% live south of E Street and east of US 30 (map area C), while 24% live south of E Street and west of US 30 (map area B). Only 1% of respondents indicated that they live outside of Columbia City's city limits.

Figure 15. Where respondents live



ATTACHMENT 1. SURVEY INSTRUMENT



Community Survey on Parks and Recreation

Dear Columbia City Resident:

The City of Columbia City has started a community-led process to update its citywide Parks Master Plan. We need your help to determine how to prioritize projects and what we should focus on to keep our parks and activities thriving into the future. As an initial step, the City is conducting this short survey to assess the community's recreation needs. We ask that you consider your needs for the future as you evaluate recreation amenities. Your opinions are important to the City.

The survey has 15 questions and will only take a few minutes to complete.
Save a stamp; use the link or QR code to take this survey online at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ColumbiaCityParks>



**Hurry! Survey
closes June 30**

1. When you think about what contributes to the quality of life in Columbia City, would you say that city parks and recreation opportunities are...

- ☐ Essential to the quality of life here
- ☐ Important, but not essential
- ☐ Useful, but not necessary
- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Don't Know

2. In a typical year, how often did you visit or use Columbia City's parks or open space?

- ☐ Everyday
- ☐ At least once a week
- ☐ Two or more times a month
- ☐ About once a month
- ☐ A few times over the year
- ☐ Do not visit facilities / parks / open spaces
- ☐ Don't know

3. When it comes to meeting your households parks or recreation facilities needs, how would you rate the availability of each of the following? (Check only one box in each row)

	More than Enough	About the Right Amount	Not Enough	Don't Know
Developed parks with playgrounds	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walking / biking trails	☐	☐	☐	☐
Picnic areas & shelters	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sport fields (soccer, baseball, softball, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sport courts (basketball, tennis, pickleball, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐

4. Rate your household's satisfaction with Columbia City's parks or open space.

- ☐ Very Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very Dissatisfied
- ☐ Don't Know

Save a stamp! Use the QR code and take this survey online:
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Or send it back in the enclosed Return-Reply envelope provided. Thanks for participating!



5. How would you rate the condition (maintenance) of each of the following parks?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Sure / No Opinion
Carolyn King Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Datis Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Harvard Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Jim Bundy Memorial Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Marson Gardens Welcome Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pixie Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rivers Walk Trail System	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Veterans Memorial Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bike Path	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Off-Leash Dog Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

6. What are the main reasons your household visits Columbia City parks or recreation facilities? (Check all that apply)

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| ☐ Fitness | ☐ Sport fields |
| ☐ Playgrounds | ☐ Outdoor sport courts |
| ☐ Walking or running | ☐ Wildlife viewing / Experience nature |
| ☐ Dog walking or dog park | ☐ Fishing |
| ☐ Family gatherings / picnicking | ☐ Relaxation |
| ☐ Community events / concerts | ☐ N/A – I didn't use any Columbia City facilities |
| ☐ Youth sport activities | ☐ Other: _____ |

7. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why your household does not use Columbia City's parks or open spaces more often. (Check all that apply)

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| ☐ N/A - Does not apply; I/we use them often | ☐ Do not have the right equipment / Not inviting or interesting |
| ☐ Age or physical limitations | ☐ Do not feel safe in park or open space |
| ☐ Are not well maintained | ☐ Too busy to go to parks or open spaces |
| ☐ Barriers related to physical accessibility | ☐ Too crowded |
| ☐ Too far away / Lack transportation | ☐ Not interested in park or recreation activities |
| ☐ Not enough parking | ☐ Use facilities and parks provided by another city, organization, or private club |
| ☐ Not enough restrooms | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ Do not know what is offered | |



Community Survey on Park & Recreation

Survey closes June 30!

8. Columbia City must prioritize limited funding to address citywide park system needs. The following list includes park amenities that Columbia City could consider adding to the park system. Please indicate whether you would be very supportive, somewhat supportive, not sure, or not supportive of each.

	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Supportive	Not Sure
Additional playgrounds	☐	☐	☐	☐
Additional picnic areas & shelters for group gatherings	☐	☐	☐	☐
Basketball courts	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tennis courts	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pickleball courts	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community gardens	☐	☐	☐	☐
Outdoor fitness equipment	☐	☐	☐	☐
Outdoor splash pad / water spray park	☐	☐	☐	☐
Small skateboarding elements (ramps, bumps, rails)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bike skills course / Pump track / BMX	☐	☐	☐	☐
Extend Rivers Walk trail	☐	☐	☐	☐

9. For following list, rank the priority for each (1st is highest and 4th is lowest). Use each ranking only once.

	Select each priority ONLY ONCE . Highest priority → Lowest priority				Don't know / No opinion
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Improvements or upgrades to existing park playgrounds	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adding more sport courts (basketball, pickleball, volleyball, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Expanding walking & biking trail opportunities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing covered spaces for picnics & group gatherings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

10. Currently, Columbia City manages several mini parks that offer limited opportunities for recreation. If the City were to explore reducing the number of small parks in its inventory with the goal to improve the efficiency of park maintenance and focus on priority park investments at the remaining park sites, how would you rate your support for approach?

- ☐ Very Supportive
☐ Somewhat Supportive
☐ Somewhat Unsupportive
☐ Not at all Supportive
☐ Don't know / No opinion

11. Please check ALL the ways you would prefer to learn about Columbia City's parks and amenities. (check all that apply).

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| ☐ City website | ☐ Community event signs |
| ☐ City News (city newsletter) | ☐ None of these |
| ☐ Facebook | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ Direct email | |

12. If you wanted Columbia City to do just one thing to improve park, trail, and/or recreation options, what would it be?

The following questions help us understand whether we have gathered responses from a broad segment of the community. It's important that you provide a response to each question.

13. How many children under age 18 live in your household?

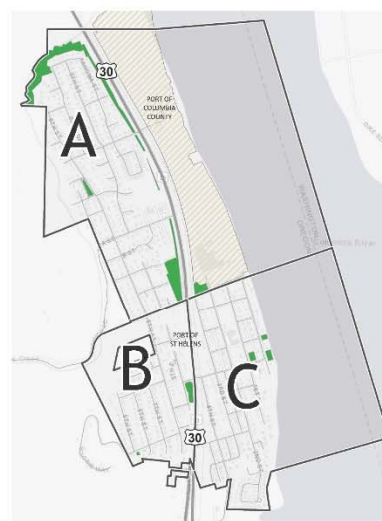
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| ☐ 0 | ☐ 2 |
| ☐ 1 | ☐ 3 or more |

14. What is your age?

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| ☐ Younger than 20 | ☐ 55 to 64 |
| ☐ 20 to 34 | ☐ 65 and 74 |
| ☐ 35 to 44 | ☐ 75 and older |
| ☐ 45 to 54 | |

15. Using the map, in which section of Columbia City do you live?

- ☐ (A) - North of E Street & West of US 30
☐ (B) - South of E Street & West of US 30
☐ (C) - South of E Street & East of US 30
☐ Don't live within the City of Columbia City



Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

Your input will help guide the development of Columbia City's 2026 Parks Master Plan.

**Survey closes
June 30!**

Save a stamp! Take this survey online with the QR code or at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ColumbiaCityParks>

Learn more about Columbia City parks, trails and amenities and stay informed about the Parks Master Plan process at <https://columbia-city.org/>



The City of Columbia City is using the services of a consultant team who specializes in park and recreation planning.

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed Return-Reply Envelope addressed to:

Conservation Technix Inc., PO Box 12736, Portland, OR 97212

ATTACHMENT 2. OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

Question 6. What are the main reasons your household visits Columbia City parks or recreation facilities? (open-ended other responses)

- Pickleball
- River just for fun
- Watching special events river activity Christmas boats / Rose Festival fleet
- Pull weeds at Veteran's Park
- Visit with neighbors
- Ship watching, welcoming entrance to Columbia City
- Bathroom
- Yard maintenance
- I use the bike path.
- Daughter practices her pitching
- Biking and kiteboarding
- Biking
- The upkeep is very poor in Pixie Park and there is zero regulation or control or courtesy for neighborhood.
- If their were courts available for sports we would use them!
- Biking/skating
- Seldom use because they for he most part are not secluded, spacious or inviting.
- Only used Pixie park

Question 7. Please CHECK ALL the reasons why your household does not use Columbia City's parks or open spaces more often. (open-ended responses)

- There are no pickleball courts
- We only walk west of Hwy 30
- I enjoy my own open space
- lack of shade. Would like to see trees
- No kids, older, use all for walking
- No dock for rowboat, kayaks, SUP
- Location - Bundy is close but next to the highway
- Not enough info of where parks are located
- Dog sit
- Enjoy my own backyard
- Limited space = limited walking
- We like the walking trail along river in St.Helens.
- Walking mostly by them. Single

- We just use the walking path and river walk
- Skatepark, sports courts
- Lots of poop at dog park.
- The upkeep in Pixie is poor and there are people using drugs we see them from the top of the hill parking all night or using for a drug drop off there is no rules present or enforced making it an easy place to come.
- Want safer/well maintained playground and kid/adult courts/fields sport areas
- Off leash dogs have become a problem
- Playground structure not in great condition
- Existing parks are too small to provide rest, interest or solitude that I would look for
- There needs to be parking at the beginning of the walking trail

Question 11. Please check ALL the ways you would prefer to learn about Columbia City's parks and amenities. (open-ended responses)

- Not interested!
- Text
- Mail
- Text
- Just maintain the parks do not add.
- No pickle ball. Town too small 4 noise

Question 12. If you wanted Columbia City to do just one thing to improve park, trail, and/or recreation options, what would it be? (open-ended responses)

- provide rest rooms
- I really like the idea of expanding the river walk to be more family friendly.
- Put a portapotty at Veteran's Memorial Park
- Improve the hand rail going down to the water at Pixie Park. It's too wide, my hand has slipped several times and the steps can be tricky to navigate. I end up just kinda running.
- I would like to see Ruth Rose Richardson become a City park. It is close to Pixie - great place for picnic tables and playground equipment, even a covered picnic area for groups to meet.
- Exercise equipment - pull-up bars, dip bars
- Build nice pickleball courts. It is really fun for all ages. Very good for the community.
- Community garden
- Kayak launch area
- Keep them mowed and cleaned up a little better
- Don't use city parks

- Make the parks more inviting! Maintenance/mowing and landscaping
- You are doing a good job - thank you. Perhaps more upgrades, benches to the River Walk from Veterans Park
- Maintain current parks - mowing and shrub trimming especially at Harvard Park and Jim Bundy Park. Include weed control and tree trimming
- Ordinance to keep people from planting trees that block others' view of the river - why we love it here
- Continue to maintain well
- add restrooms!
- I love the idea of a community garden
- A. Move 25mph speed sign in front of power pole (across from Harvard Park). B. Clean up Bundy Park and develop picnic area under covered area
- Let people know where the places are located
- Safety on the trail from Columbia City to St Helens. Shade and water fountain at the dog park
- parking
- Maintenance! Keep weeds and trails safe. The Rivers Walk is unsafe, path eroding, path too narrow and too steep for most of the elderly residents
- Improve Pixie Park
- Utilize Port property to connect to trestle along a river walk/bluff to enjoy during high tide with tables, picnic options, benches. Understand the backside of pellet mill makes this complicated but a pass through would be great. They don't use the dock.
- Covered spaces
- Just staying on top of safety with maintenance.
- Keep them well maintained.
- "No skate parks, brings graffiti. I wish they maintained a more natural look to the park areas, and that they had water fountains.
- How much was spent on the entire cost of the survey? is there a location that could be a future site for a community center of our own in Columbia City? Probably would cost too much to operate and maintain, but put it on the wish list. :)"
- More shelters/event space
- Clear hiking trails
- Be able to walk the river end to end!
- Fishing availability at Columbia River Beach
- Think it is important to have open spaces throughout the city for children (and adults) to rest, play. Bundy Park might be 'mowed' more often - know it is difficult.
- Maintenance doesn't seem to be a priority- could someone do some weeding once in a while? And use some environmentally safe weed n' feed on grass areas?
- Cameras at the dog park
- Spray for bugs
- Disc golf course please!
- Expand the bike/walking trails

- Trash and dog bags at Datis Park, picnic tables, covered area for shade or rain!
- Public restroom - with locks and daily cleaning
- Focus on Harvard Park and Jim Bundy Park. Harvard Park - update all of the playground equipment, picnic tables, more family friendly. Jim Bundy - preserve wildflowers (Trilliums), trim trees, picnic tables.
- Have residents 1) trim their trees and shrubs along street and 2) park with all parks of car or RV off the right of way to give runners and walkers room!
- Get rid of the dog park. Dogs don't need parks.
- Need better water access, small dock, and parking for paddle/oar craft May through October.
- Clean dog park - make people accountable
- Create another access point to the river other than Pixie Park that has a fishing dock
- More walking trails / amount or improvements to existing trails
- More walking path
- Improve the River Walk
- Create opportunities for kids to get exercise and space to run
- Improve access to Columbia River and connect beach to rivers walk with access under Highway 30. Complete rivers walk along creek and connect with 9th Street.
- More benches, rest places
- More garbage cans
- Maintaining them would be awesome!
- Access to some kind of fishing in Columbia River
- Try to secure access or improve a location to river or proximity to it.
- To put lights in Jim Bundy Park. So dark.
- Clean and maintain what exists now. Upgrading what exists is also important.
- Develop a park with space for events, picnics, parties, etc. Water/restrooms/cover/etc.
- Add some covered shelter at Pixie Park (maybe)
- - Easy fix at Harvard Park with gravel, trash service, low maintenance upgrades. - Focus and create a space along Hwy 30 for family picnics, events, etc. Thank you for asking the taxpayers!
- Add lights to Jim Bundy Park. This would be especially nice in the wintertime when it gets dark earlier. Would also be a nice safety measure.
- Consolidate to a bigger park - playground - picnic - expand / prioritize Pixie Park - no use of the park above - parking?
- Less but improve what's left.
- Can't think of any. City has been doing a great job for such a small town!
- Parking accessibility
- Wish people were friendlier!
- Much improved maintenance
- Stairs and Pixie Park to beach are dangerous. Veteran Park is large enough to put a covered picnic area and expand the playground w/ more equipment! Not enough equipment and gets too crowded at times. I would love an annual Community Picnic under a new covered area with picnic tables. Dog park is gross and not maintained well.

- Expand walking trails and access to wildlife and green spaces and also more beach access
- Add a life jacket station to Pixie Park before someone drowns.
- A more contiguous water trail. More accessible.
- Family activity areas - tables, etc.
- Stop wasting money on worthless surveys!!
- Covered picnic areas with places to grill
- More playgrounds
- Outhouses or restroom facilities
- Coverings
- Have water available - for drinking - for dogs. I know you said only one thing but each park needs a portapotty.
- A permanent public restroom - not all portapotties
- Extend bike/walking trails, but I don't know if that could be done.
- Improve walking trails / more walking trails
- Keep our children safe. Don't increase city taxes - many of us are on fixed incomes. Thank you.
- Limit parks so that the best of them could be better maintained without depending on volunteers
- Garbage cans in more locations
- Keep what we have maintained. I also would be interested in what the younger people want - playgrounds, bike park, etc.
- More volunteer opportunities to help or instruction on helping with things like invasive plants.
- Undercover recreational areas so you can have coffee with friends while your kids or dogs played even in drizzly weather
- Smooth out and extend the bike/walking trail along the highway. It be nice if it was usable for scooters and roller blades/skates. As of right now, it is too rough for those modes of recreation.
- More cool stuff at Bundy Park
- another park w/ playground! I have six kids and my kids really wish there were more available playgrounds.
- Pick the most loved and eliminate the unused or very small parks.
- Additional trails
- Add playgrounds for kids to a few current parks
- Trail system improvements
- Add a skateboard park to keep kids busy on spare time; instead of getting in trouble.
- Could you please add permanent shade/rain covered area to the dog park?
- Keep the grass areas mowed, weed free, and somewhat green throughout the summer.
- Drinking fountains.
- More volunteers. I've been doing a small bit but I'm 73. No one wants to take over. City workers help hauling bags of yard (forest) waste away or flower clean up. I so appreciate this-just a phone call away!
- Improve the River Walk trail, added benches and clean up the path. It gets overgrow so fast.
- Control the rodent/ground squirrel population that is going to lead to an injury from the massive holes they dig. They are also destroying home foundations.

- Take more advantage of the river somehow near the area owned by the Port of Columbia County.
- Expand walking trails
- nothing at this time.
- Better option for all ages of kids play.
- Splash pad, pickleball, need more things for kids to enjoy, picnic area for families
- N/A
- More officers driving around ensuring our safety! One full time officer is just not enough.
- Nothing. The parks and spaces are usable, clean and maintained. Keep it up with the good poop bags
- Make those who bring their dogs to the park to clean up their dogs shit. So awful.
- More trails, more playgrounds, better communication about what is available.
- More picnic/restroom facilities
- My kids would appreciate an extra amenity at Harvard Park. I would appreciate an extended river walk
- Improve parking and traffic flow related to Pixie Park, as well as increase recreation options by making The Strand a one way street with the other lane being for pedestrian traffic. There are too many pedestrians using the street for there to be two way traffic without sidewalks.
- We lack playgrounds for young children.
- mow veterans park at least every 2 weeks.
- Expand riverwalk
- Better parking around Veterans Park
- more diverse foliage
- Have water available.
- We do need a place to hold outdoor party with family that is covered.
- maintain/upgrade/expand play structure at Harvard Park
- Stop the pellet mill from spewing its dust on play equipment and everything in sector A ! (see map)
- Control parking and set rules. Life guard posts and maintenance regularly. Protect the neighbors and crest rules and actually enforce them. Actively clean and maintain parks.
- Add tennis/pickleball courts for adults.
- More playground equipment
- Improve playground
- I walk either by myself or with my dog. When I take my dog, I find it extremely convenient to have dog poop bags with the garbage cans in Jim Bundy & Carolyn King parks. I rarely walk to the Veterans Park. I knew there was a trail by McBride Creek, I had NO idea it was that long! I will definitely go out to check it out this weekend! I guess the only thought is, if there is no dog poop/garbage can along that trail, that would be an improvement for me.
- Improve walking trail along the river walk (by the memorial park)
- Create more options for the youth.
- Extend and clean up walking trails
- Better restroom availability

- Would like to have another dog park on the west side of hwy 30.
- More “leash your pet” signs would be helpful! Otherwise you guys do a great job and maintaining our parks. Thank you!
- Another Dog Park on the WEST side of Hwy 30
- Additional covered areas with picnic tables at other parks.
- Add a fishing dock & beach access at Datis Park. Also put the picnic table back there. It has been gone for about a year and a half and is missed!
- Replace or improve the Harvard Park playground equipment.
- Connect the bike/walking path to trestle beach access make path loop back towards Columbia City on the beach side
- I’d love to see some sports facilities for the kids.
- Mow more often and pick up the grass
- Playground improvements
- Fix the path and clean up pixie park
- Find the space to create a real, centralized park experience.
- Lights
- Nothing
- Reduce the maintenance needed to maintain parks. Too small of staff, not enuf \$, too few volunteers to maintain the parks.
- Tennis court
- Ensure existing parks are maintained safe for children with most current safety practices and included on regular police patrols.
- is there a map or list of trails
- Better grounds maintenance.
- Bathrooms at dog park & Pixie
- City walking/running events
- The playground at Harvard Park is in need of a redo. It’s currently unsafe as is with all of the exposed metal.
- More playgrounds with parking
- Don’t add new parks. Maintain what you have
- Improve river access for walking and viewing and tie the beach into Rivers Walk
- At the dog park; Mow, empty the trash cans & renew the playground chips more frequently & Install a portable potty
- Maintenance, appropriate/proper trimming and pruning, upkeep