



City Council Committee Meeting Agenda

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee

This meeting will be conducted in person at Stanwood City Hall with an option for participants to join by telephone or online as well.

Connection information will be posted on the City Website

<https://www.stanwoodwa.org>

Monday, September 18, 2023, 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Citizen Comments
3. Approval of July 2023 Meeting Minutes
4. PROS Plan Update
 - a. Consultant Introductions
 - b. Background
 - c. Community Survey Review
 - d. Capital Improvement Plan
 - e. PTAC Feedback
5. Church Creek Park Parking Lot Striping Quotes
6. Park/Trail Updates
 - Hamilton Park construction
 - Ovenell Park Public Farm proposal
 - Port Susan Trail
 - Downtown Park
7. Committee Member Comments

Zoom Information:

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee

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**CITY OF STANWOOD
PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE: September 18, 2023
SUBJECT: PTAC Meeting Agenda Topics
FROM: Carly Ruacho, Parks Planning Manager

Item 4 – PROS Plan Outline Review

City Planning Staff and Consultants will present information at the meeting. Presentation items are attached for prior review.

Item 5 – Church Creek Park Parking Lot Striping Quotes

Two bids were received from the request for proposals. Each are quoting 26 – 8.5' stalls and 3 ADA spaces. See attached bid proposals for more information. Summary of quotes:

1. Kamps Painting \$1,090.00 plus sales tax. Additional ADA stalls \$100 each
2. WRS \$2,120 plus sales tax. Additional ADA stalls \$300 each



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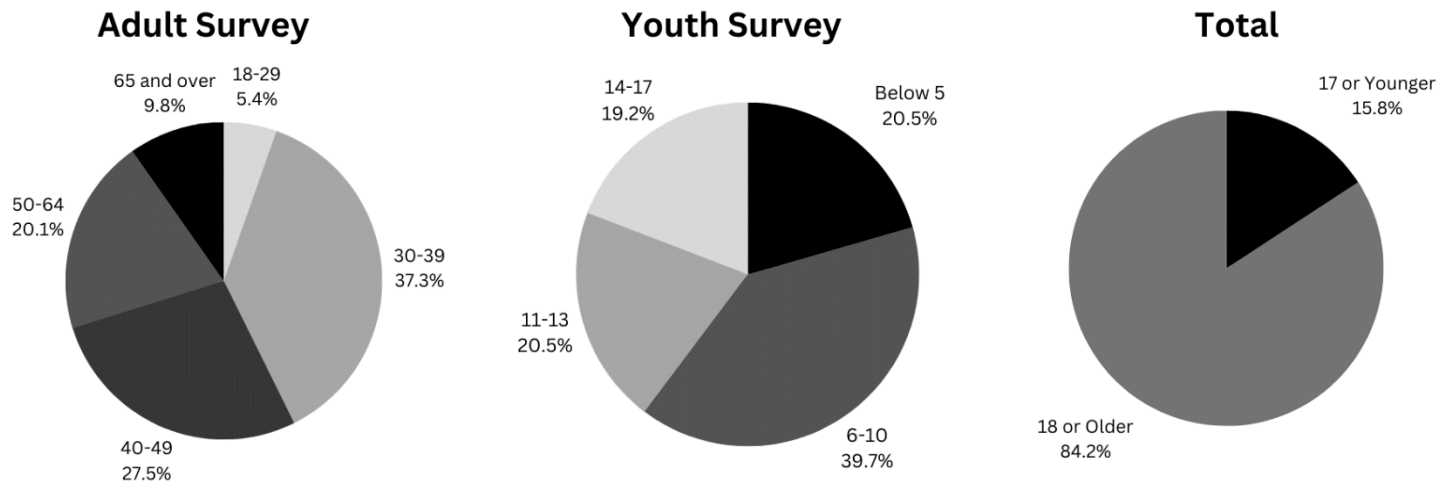
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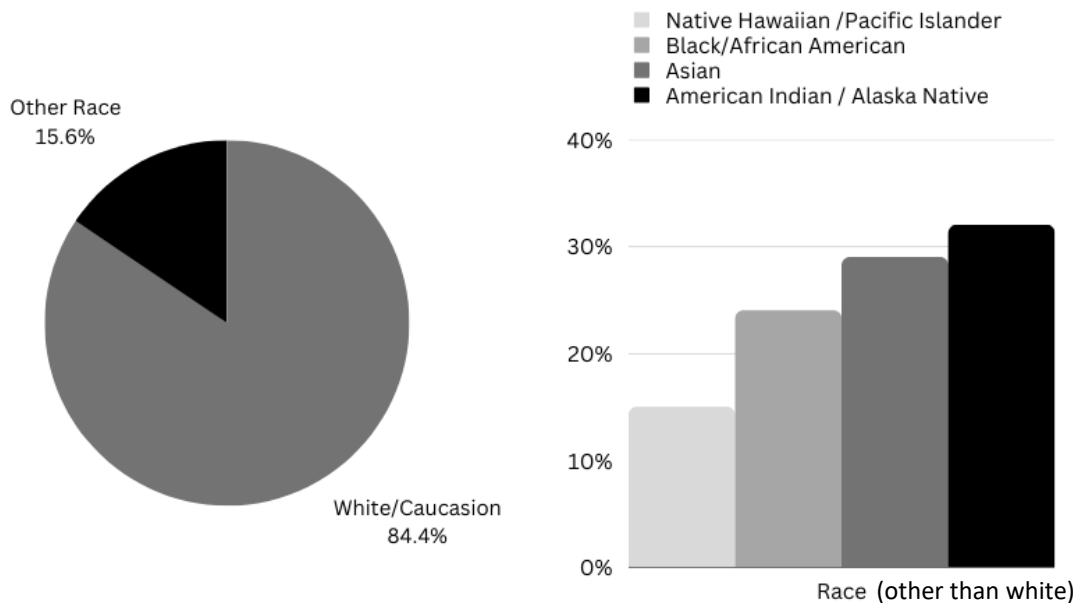
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- ADA Accessibility
 - Many comments spoke to the inaccessibility of Stanwood's parks including inaccessible access and walkways, inaccessible restrooms, and inaccessible playgrounds.
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- Communication and Signage
 - There is a lack of knowledge in the community regarding Stanwood's parks and amenities. Many comments spoke to the need for improved signage, publicity, and communication of park facilities to the public.

- Interpretative signage, educational opportunities, and art installations are all passive ways of improving the parks
- **Shade and Covered Areas**
 - More shade is needed at the parks, especially Heritage Park. Additional trees, plantings, and nature areas are desired in addition to having covered seating/picnic areas and covered sports courts.
- **Events and Activities**
 - There is a strong desire to have more city events and activities hosted at the parks. Consider hosting farmer's market and summer concerts at parks instead of closing main street.
- **Cleanliness**
 - Lack of clean restrooms and lack of trash cans prevent people from wanting to use the parks
- **Trails and Fields**
 - Improved trails and walking paths/biking are needed both within the city's parks and trails connecting city parks throughout town
 - One of the most common comments was a need for turf fields to accommodate a variety of sports in addition to more green space areas in general
- **Parking**
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 - Electric vehicle charging infrastructure should be installed in parks

What are the most important existing facilities and amenities the city should maintain?



What does the community want to see that Stanwood currently does not offer?



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PARK ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, PROGRAMS, AND CLASSES

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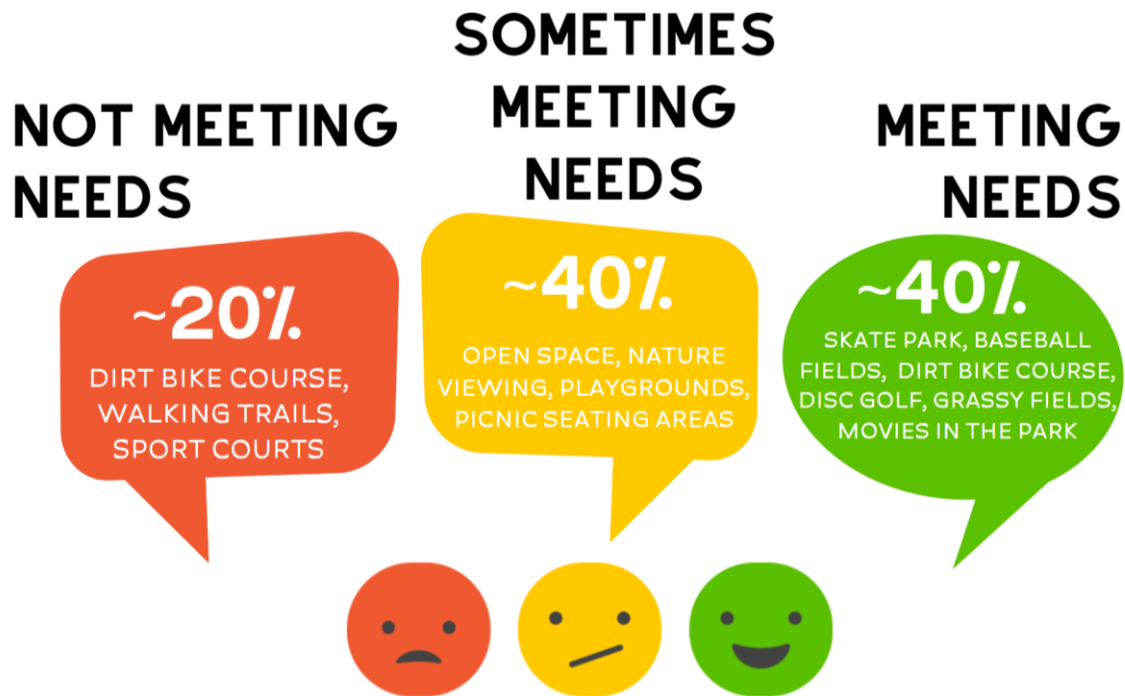
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Park Satisfaction

How satisfied are respondents with Stanwood's parks?

- Approximately 40% of adult respondents feel neutral towards local park facilities
 - A quarter to a third are somewhat satisfied with parking and safety at local parks
 - 15-20% of adult respondents are somewhat unsatisfied with the availability and quality of park amenities/facilities and the cleanliness of bathroom facilities
- A majority of youth respondents feel that parks are not well maintained
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Are Stanwood's existing park facilities, amenities, and services meeting the needs of the community?



How the city can improve its parks and recreation system, facilities, and programs in different ways than what has already been mentioned?

- Tree coverage has both positives and negatives. It provides shade and nature viewing as positive features. Too much tree coverage can result in undesirable activity in parks and stinging insects.
- Strong community support for additional parks throughout the City and a parks and recreation department
- Consider a parks volunteer program
- Provide amenities and park facilities for a variety of ages and needs (toddlers, children, teenagers, adults, and caregivers)
- Consider partnerships with local organizations, local sport groups, and regional agencies for recreational and educational park opportunities
- Communication of park facilities and events is essential
- More swings and larger slides in playgrounds are desired
- Current soccer fields are in poor condition with uneven ground and overgrown lawn
- Make sure there's upkeep trash cans in all parks
- Add more art to local parks
- Accessibility should always be included in park design
- The need for fields significantly outweighs the supply and many local sport groups are being forced to leave town for games/tournaments
 - Also consider construction of rentable concession stands



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Dale Kamps, President

Estimates

DATE	ESTIMATE #
8/9/2023	8468

NAME/ADDRESS		PROJECT		
City of Stanwood 10220 270th Street NW Stanwood, WA 98292		Church Creek Park		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTI...	PRICE	Total
1	Layout and Stripe Lot, Including 26 Stalls and 3 ADA Compliant Stalls		890.00	890.00
101	Mobilization Charge-Int/Aff/CP Added ADA Stalls= \$100.00/each Earliest Start Date= Tuesday, August 15th. Sales Tax		200.00 0.00%	200.00 0.00

Terms: Accounts due upon completion of work. Past due accounts 1-1/2% per month plus legal fees & cost collection.

Total \$1,090.00

Estimate Valid Until 9/9/2023

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**PROPOSAL/CONTRACT AGREEMENT
WASHINGTON**

August 9, 2023

Contracting Party:	Location & Project Name:
City of Stanwood	Church Creek Park
10220 270th Street NW	27116 72nd Ave NW, Stanwood WA
Stanwood, WA 98292	
Phone: 360-629-9781 Amanda Slattery	Email: amanda.slattery@stanwoodwa.org

APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	UNIT OF MEASURE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
		Striping		
		- Stripe 26 8.5' Stalls		
		- 3 ADA compliant stalls		
		Total:		\$2,120.00
		Additional ADA stalls \$300 each		

 A 2.5% convenience fee will apply on all credit card payments		APPROXIMATE TOTAL: (Plus sales tax where applicable) Total price to be based on actual quantity or measurement unless otherwise specified.	
Exclusions Include: Curbing, utility patching, utility adjustments, testing, saw cutting, striping, and engineering.			
Notes:			

WRS' proposed prices herein assume that WRS' work hereunder will be complete on or before: Unless Contracting Party has signed and returned this agreement within thirty (30) calendar days of the date first stated above, WRS' proposal shall be null and void. This proposal is subject to the General Conditions on Page 2.
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Contracting Party's signature on one copy returned to WRS will render this a legal contract for the performance of the above work. Contracting Party's signature also acknowledges receipt of WRS' Notice to Customer statement attached as Page 3.

Approved by Contracting Party:

Western Refinery Services, Inc.

By:

By: *Trevor Gardisky*

Date:

Estimator | Trevor Gardisky

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Stanwood PROS Plan
6-Year Capital Improvement Plan
2023-2028

Project Name	Project Location	Project Scope	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total Project Costs	Difference Budgetted and Total cost
Cover Dugouts/Foul Netting	Heritage Park	Add netting to the baseball fields to prevent injury or damage from Foul Balls. Covering Dugouts to protect athletes from weather	\$55,000				\$55,000	\$0
Skate Park Expansion	Heritage Park	Adding more features to skate park to expand capacity and options	\$175,000				\$175,000	\$0
Improve Soccer Fields	Heritage Park	Adding soccer-specific amenities to the currently unimproved field	\$10,000				\$150,000	\$140,000
Large Dog Park	Heritage Park	Construction of the designed larger off-leash area.	\$75,000				\$50,000	-\$25,000
Restroom Plumbing Upgrade	Heritage Park	Renovating restroom plumbing to bring to the standard level.	\$10,000				\$10,000	\$0
Field #3 Irrigation	Heritage Park	Adding automatic irrigation to the existing baseball field to reduce long-term maintainance costs.	\$40,000				\$40,000	\$0
Drainage Pumps	Heritage Park	Installing automatic pumps to address drainage issues in the baseball fields	\$35,000				\$50,000	\$15,000
Loop Trail	Heritage Park	Fully developing the planned trail		385,000*			\$550,000	\$550,000
Gateway/Wayfinding Signage	Heritage Park	Adding signage to trails to improve placemaking		\$15,000			\$15,000	\$0
Park Entry Drive	Heritage Park	Adding vehicle circulation to facilitate drop-offs. Circular landscaping will be added to improve the site aesthetically			\$100,000			-\$100,000
Pump Track Upgrade	Heritage Park	Improving the Pump Track with asphalt pavement			\$350,000			-\$350,000
Pickleball Courts	Heritage Park	Adding the 3rd and 4th planned pickleball courts			\$100,000			-\$100,000
Restroom Renovation	Heritage Park	Renovating the Silo Restroom to improve user experience			\$75,000			-\$75,000
New Baseball Field	Heritage Park	Fully developing the fourth Baseball field, including bleachers, backstop, fence, drainage, and irrigation.				\$1,500,000		-\$1,500,000
Concession Stands	Heritage Park	Adding concession stands and restrooms for community use at sports events			\$1,000,000			-\$1,000,000
Josephine Property	Heritage Park	Designing the site directly to the southwest of the park.				\$400,000		-\$400,000
Covered Storage	Heritage Park	Adding a permanent covered storage facility for the city.				\$100,000		-\$100,000
Additional Soccer Field (3)	Heritage Park							\$0
Additional Parking Lot	Heritage Park							\$0
Pickleball Courts	Heritage Park							\$0
Picnic Shelter/Restroom #3	Heritage Park							\$0
Windbreak Landscaping	Heritage Park							\$0
Site Furniture (benches, trash cans)	Heritage Park							\$0
Baseball Lighting/Scoreboard	Heritage Park							\$0
Viewing Mound/Labyrinth	Heritage Park							\$0
Gathering Meadow	Heritage Park							\$0
Open Meadow/Landscaping	Heritage Park							\$0
Basketball Courts	Heritage Park							\$0
Picnic Shelter/Group Area	Heritage Park							\$0
Skatepark Lighting	Heritage Park							\$0
Soccer Field Lighting	Heritage Park							\$0
Additional Playground	Heritage Park							\$0
Existing Playground Improvements	Heritage Park							\$0
Trail System Connections	Heritage Park							\$0
Reforestation/Wetland buffer	Heritage Park							\$0
Wetland Viewpoints	Heritage Park							\$0
Viewing Mound #1	Heritage Park							\$0
Viewing Mound #2	Heritage Park							\$0
RV Parking	Heritage Park							\$0
Pickleball/Basketball Lighting	Heritage Park							\$0
Zipline	Heritage Park							\$0
Bull Pen	Heritage Park							\$0
Batting Cage	Heritage Park							\$0
Add Crosswalk to High School	Church Creek Park	Improve pedestrian connectivity by creating crosswalk from high school to Churck Creek	\$35,000				\$35,000	\$0
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Continued Tree Management	Church Creek Park	Maintaining tree canopy for ecological and social benefits	\$75,000	\$35,000			\$110,000	\$0
Loop Trail(s) with Viewpoint	Church Creek Park	Extending loop trail through the park along with improving viewpoint access	\$45,000	200,000*			\$650,000	\$605,000
Critical Areas Study	Church Creek Park	Understanding the critical areas within the park	\$15,000					-\$15,000
Picnic Shelter Roof	Church Creek Park	Replacing the picnic shelter roof to improve park user experience	\$30,000					-\$30,000
Loop trail around NE wetland	Church Creek Park				undetermined			\$0
Complete disc golf course	Church Creek Park				undetermined			\$0
Improve trails/paths in NW park	Church Creek Park				undetermined			\$0
New picnic shelter/plaza space	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0

Improve park host area	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
New NW park entrance (including signage)	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
Creek view points	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
Park edge plantings	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
Create forest glade recreation area	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
Forest picnic area	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
Renovate baseball field	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
Outdoor classroom and environmental education area	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
Frog pond restoration	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
Wetland enhancements and mitigation plantings	Church Creek Park					undetermined		\$0
Safety Measures Clean-up	Ovenell Park	Making the site safe for the public per WCIA insurance assessment			\$65,000			-\$65,000
Entry, parking, Temporary Restroom, Lighting	Ovenell Park	Developing common park elements, including the neessary utilities, to accommodate public use.			\$225,000			-\$225,000
Gateway Signage	Ovenell Park	Developing an inviting entryway for the park.			\$10,000			-\$10,000
Park Construction	Hamilton Park	Developing this city owned and currently undeveloped park into a more usable space for the community	\$1,000,000					-\$1,000,000
Trail Design	Port Susan Trail	Creating a phased design for the trail to circumnavigate the older half of the city	\$160,000					-\$160,000
Trail Construction	Port Susan Trail	Construction of further phases of the designed trail- proposed increase. Current total budget is 1,333,000		\$1,500,000			\$1,333,000	-\$167,000
YEARLY SUMS			\$1,760,000	\$1,565,000	\$1,925,000	\$2,000,000		

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Appendix B: Public Engagement Results Summary



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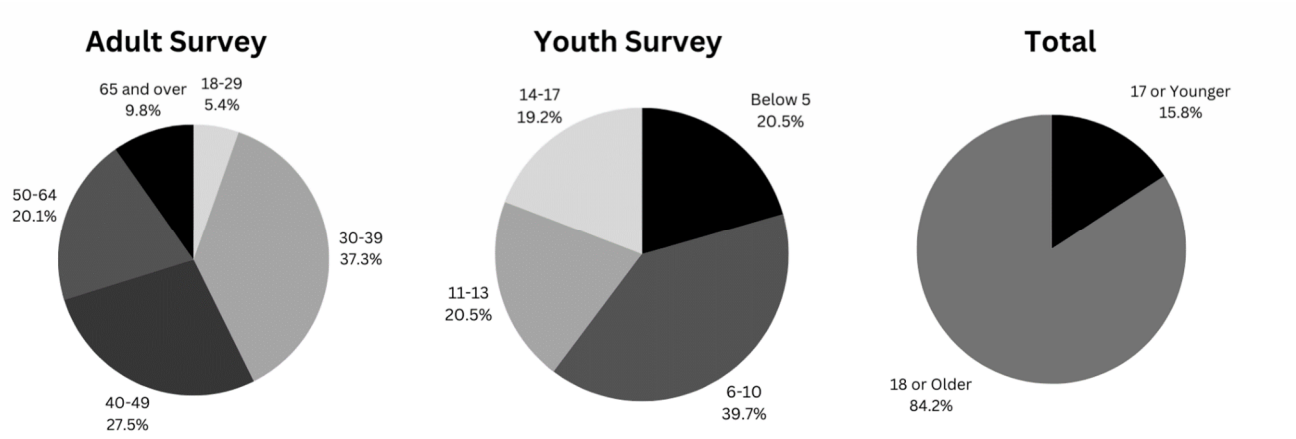
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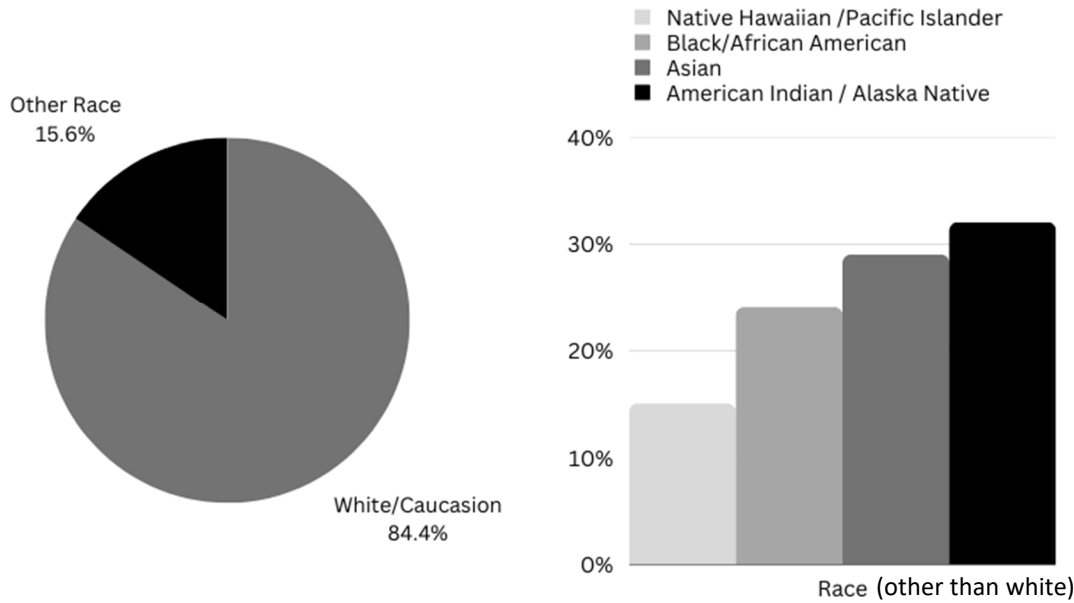
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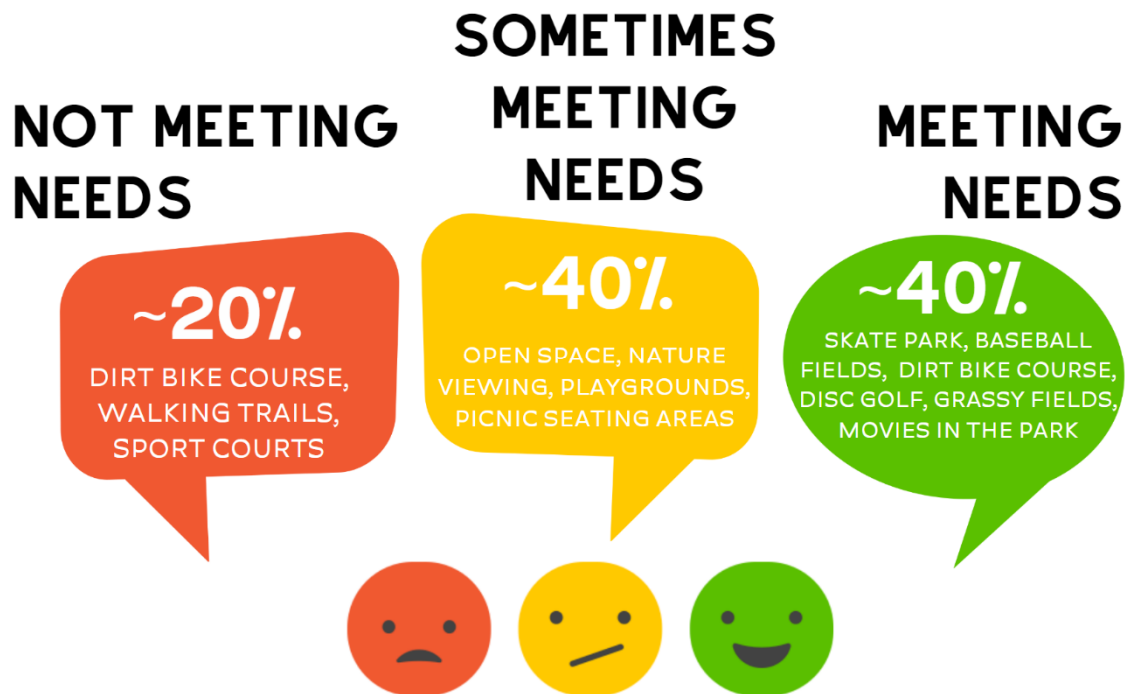
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Appendix C: Adult and Youth Public Engagement Survey Questions and Results

2023 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Survey (Youth)

Q1. How old are you?

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Below 5	19.44%	14
6-10	40.28%	29
11-13	20.83%	15
14-17	19.44%	14
	Answered	72
	Skipped	0

Q2. How do you get to the park? (Select all that apply)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
I walk to the park	15.28%	11

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I ride my bicycle to the park	6.94%	5
A family member or friend drives me to the park	84.72%	61
I drive myself to the park	12.5%	9
I ride the bus to the park	0.0%	0
	Answered	72
	Skipped	0

Q3. What do you like to do at the park? (Select all the activities you enjoy)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Walking around and watching nature	29.17%	21
Going to the playground	77.78%	56
Playing sports in the grassy fields (soccer, football, lacrosse, etc)	50.0%	36
Playing sports on the paved courts (basketball, pickleball, etc)	36.11%	26
Using the baseball fields	22.22%	16
Using the skate park or dirt bike course	27.78%	20
Playing disc golf / frisbee golf	11.11%	8
Going to the dog park	11.11%	8
Other (please specify)	11.11%	8
	Answered	72
	Skipped	0

Q4. What other kinds of activities do you enjoy in Stanwood? (Select all the activities you enjoy)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
After school programs	25.0%	18
Summer Camp or Day Camp programs	29.17%	21
Participating in sports	63.89%	46
Going to the farmers market	41.67%	30
Learning about the environment	19.44%	14
Dance or Theater programs	18.06%	13
Movies in the Park	33.33%	24

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Summer Concerts	22.22%	16
Cultural Events or Programs	12.5%	9
Special needs programs or quiet events	6.94%	5
Other (please specify)	6.94%	5
	Answered	72
	Skipped	0

Q5. How frequently do you use the following park activities? (Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Frequently)

Answer Choices	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently
Playgrounds	7	5	24	34
Skate Park	38	9	16	7
Dirt Bike Course	49	8	9	3
Walking Trails	12	8	34	16
Disc Golf Course	54	7	8	1
Dog Park	47	11	10	1
Grassy athletic fields (soccer, baseball, football, lacrosse, etc)	11	8	29	23
Paved athletic courts (pickleball, basketball, etc)	24	17	22	7
Baseball Fields	32	13	17	10
Picnic or seating areas	4	15	31	20
Movies in the Park and Summer Concerts	27	10	23	9

Q6. What don't you like about the city's parks? (Select all that apply)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Parks are not well maintained (broken playgrounds, litter, etc)	59.72%	43
Parks don't have activities that I want to do	38.89%	28
Parks are not accessible to me	6.94%	5
Parks are too crowded	11.11%	8
Parks are too far away from my home	23.61%	17
I don't feel safe in the parks	13.89%	10
I like everything about Stanwood's parks	13.89%	10
Other (please specify)	20.83%	15

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Answered	72
Skipped	0

Q7. What do you wish Stanwood had more of in its parks? (Write N/A if you have no comments)

Answered	72
Skipped	0

Q8. How can Stanwood make its parks better? (Write N/A if you have no comments)

Answered	72
Skipped	0

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Q1. Please select your age range.

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
18-29	5.47%	21
30-39	37.5%	144
40-49	27.86%	107
50-64	20.05%	77
65 or over	9.11%	35
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

Q2. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Yes	4.69%	18

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No	95.31%	366
Answered	384	
Skipped	0	

Q3. What race do you consider yourself to be? (Check all that apply)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
White/Caucasian	89.32%	343
Asian	2.6%	10
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.86%	11
Black or African American	2.08%	8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island	1.3%	5
Other or two races	7.81%	30
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

Q4. What languages, other than English, are spoken at home? (Write N/A if not applicable)

Answered	384
Skipped	0

Q5. How long have you lived in Stanwood or the surrounding areas of Stanwood?

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Less than a year	1.04%	4
1-3 years	14.58%	56
3-5 years	13.02%	50
6-10 years	21.35%	82
11-20 years	18.23%	70
Over 20 years	31.77%	122
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

Q6. Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible facilities, programs, and parks?

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Yes	12.76%	49
No	87.24%	335
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

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Q7. Have there been challenges to anyone in your household in accessing parks or programs due to physical or sensory limitations?

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Yes	12.5%	48
No	87.5%	336
Answered	384	
	Skipped	0

Q8. Who do you go to the parks with? (Select all that apply)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Myself	66.41%	255
My partner	68.75%	264
My children	77.08%	296
Friend(s)	57.55%	221
My pet(s)	35.68%	137
Other family members (ie grandparents)	42.45%	163
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

Q9. How do you get to the park? (Select all that apply)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Bicycling	9.9%	38
Driving	97.14%	373
Public Transportation (Bus)	1.82%	7
Walking	21.88%	84
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

Q10. How far do you travel to your preferred park or activity?

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Less than a quarter mile, or a 10 minute walk	5.21%	20
Quarter to half mile, or a 10 to 20 minute walk	8.85%	34
Half mile to one mile, or a 40 minute walk	8.33%	32

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One to five miles	32.55%	125
Greater than five miles	45.05%	173
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

Q11. Which park facilities are the most important to you and your household (Select all that apply)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Open space, trails, and nature viewing	73.44%	282
Grassy sports fields (soccer, football, lacrosse, etc)	44.53%	171
Paved sports courts (basketball, pickleball, etc)	31.77%	122
Baseball fields	20.05%	77
Skate Park	13.28%	51
Disc Golf Courses	11.46%	44
Dog Park	24.22%	93
Playgrounds	64.06%	246
Picnic or seating areas	55.21%	212
Other (please specify)	21.09%	81
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

Q12. What other activities are important to you and your household? (Select all that apply)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Youth programs (after school, daycare, summer camp)	46.35%	178
Adult fitness or wellness programs	40.36%	155
Senior programs and services	16.93%	65
Environmental stewardship and outdoor programs	34.11%	131
Farmers market	63.54%	244
Arts or crafts programs	34.11%	131
Dance or theater programs	20.57%	79
Organized sports (adults or youth)	54.17%	208
Community concerts or events (movies in the park, summer concerts, etc)	62.5%	240
Culturally specific events or programs	17.19%	66
Adaptive/special needs programs	10.68%	41
Water recreation (swimming, boating, fishing, kayaking, etc)	58.07%	223

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Other (please specify)	7.03%	27
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

Q13. How frequently do you or a member of your household visit or use the following park facilities provided by Stanwood? (1 = have not visited and 5 = once a week).

Answer Choices	Have never used	A few times a year	Once a month	Once a week	Multiple times a week	Total	Weighted Average
Open space, trails, and nature viewing	32	145	91	64	48	380	2.87
Playgrounds	64	103	66	79	57	369	2.9
Skate Park	224	84	33	13	15	369	1.67
Dirt Bike Course	294	37	22	4	8	365	1.34
Walking Trails	49	145	86	54	44	378	2.73
Disc Golf Course	298	45	10	6	9	368	1.32
Dog Park	259	62	28	10	12	371	1.53
Grassy athletic fields (soccer, baseball, football, lacrosse, etc)	110	89	40	37	98	374	2.8
Paved athletic courts (pickleball, basketball, etc)	204	78	33	23	35	373	1.95
Baseball Fields	225	66	17	13	48	369	1.9
Picnic or seating areas	50	172	90	36	25	373	2.5
Movies in the Park and Summer Concerts	207	134	21	8	5	375	1.59
						Answered	384
						Skipped	0

Q14. How satisfied have you and your family been with the quality of Stanwood parks? (1 = not satisfied, 3 = neutral, and 5 = very satisfied)

Answer Choices	Not satisfied	2	Neutral	4	Very satisfied	Total	Weighted Average
Selection of amenities/facilities available in parks	69	69	156	69	18	381	2.73
Quality of amenities/facilities in parks	65	82	159	60	18	384	2.7
				11			
Parking	36	33	130	2	73	384	3.4
Safety	26	39	160	97	61	383	3.33

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Cleanliness and restroom facilities	51	62	171	72	27	383	2.9
Overall	45	60	173	83	21	382	2.93
						Answered	384
						Skipped	0

Q15. What challenges prevent you or your household from accessing or using the city's parks, recreation opportunities, or open spaces? (Select all that apply)

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
Lack of park maintenance	15.36%	59
Lack of park amenities	41.15%	158
Lack of water access	23.44%	90
Parks are too crowded and insufficient parking	16.41%	63
Parks are too far away or located inconveniently	17.19%	66
Parks are not ADA-accessible	5.47%	21
I'm too busy and don't know what is offered at Stanwood's parks	12.76%	49
I feel unsafe in Stanwood's parks	9.11%	35
None, I regularly use Stanwood's parks and recreation facilities	26.56%	102
Other (please specify)	17.71%	68
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

Q16. What would increase your usage of parks and recreation facilities, programs, and services, if addressed by Stanwood? (Example: Better signage/wayfinding, enhanced access for persons with disabilities, better safety and security measures such as lighting, etc. Write N/A if you have no comments)

Answered	384
Skipped	0

Q17. What are the most important existing facilities and amenities the city should maintain? (Write N/A if you have no comments)

Answered	384
Skipped	0

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Q18. How do you think existing facilities, amenities, and services are meeting the needs of the community?
(1 = not meeting needs of the community, 3 = meeting needs of the community, and 5 = exceeding needs of the community)

	Not impor- tant	Not meeting needs of the community	2	Sometimes meeting needs of the community	Neutral	Meeting needs of the community	4	Sometimes exceeding needs of the community	Very important	Exceeding needs of the community	Total	Weighted Average
Answer Choices												
Open space, trails, and nature viewing	2	56	1	169	7	107	1	23	4	7	377	2.36
Playgrounds	2	65	1	149	5	117	2	13	4	6	364	2.32
Skate Park	2	21	1	66	9	193	1	24	1	22	340	2.88
Dirt Bike Course	3	63	1	60	9	144	2	15	0	18	315	2.56
Walking trails	2	78	1	146	5	95	2	20	5	10	364	2.3
Disc Golf Course	6	28	1	68	5	165	2	22	1	34	332	2.87
Dog Park	3	62	1	98	8	129	1	11	2	19	334	2.48
Grassy athletic fields (soccer, baseball, football, lacrosse, etc)	2	68	0	87	3	153	3	19	7	12	354	2.53
Paved athletic courts (pickleball, basketball, etc)	1	71	1	107	6	129	3	18	4	10	350	x
Baseball Fields	3	38	0	69	3	177	4	23	5	17	339	2.76
Picnic or seating areas	1	65	0	149	4	107	4	10	6	8	354	2.32
Movies in the Park and Summer Concerts	3	58	0	95	7	147	1	16	3	11	341	2.5
										Answered Skipped	384 0	

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Q19. What programs, activities, or facilities have you seen elsewhere that are unavailable in the city? What should be considered a priority for future investment into Stanwood parks? (Write N/A if you have no comments)

Answered	384
Skipped	0

Q20. Please share any additional comments or suggestions on what the city can improve in its parks and recreation system, facilities, and programs. (Write N/A if you have no comments)

Answered	384
Skipped	0

Q21. Would you like to be added to a contact list for future updates on the city's 2024 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan update?

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Responses
No	60.42%	232
Yes (enter email)	39.58%	152
	Answered	384
	Skipped	0

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Appendix D: Public Engagement Survey Written-in Responses

This appendix includes the random sampling of raw responses written in by survey participants.

Adult Suvery:

Q4

Jul 27 2023 06:34 AM Spanish, svenska, and Esperanto
Jul 26 2023 11:56 PM Tagalog (Filipino) and Spanish.
Jul 26 2023 04:55 PM Mandarin, Vietnamese, French
Jun 28 2023 04:44 PM Ukrainian/Russian
Jul 26 2023 05:36 PM Scottish Gaelic
Jun 14 2023 06:07 PM Czech
Jun 14 2023 05:56 PM German

Q11

Jul 31 2023 09:37 AM Accessible bathrooms
Jul 27 2023 09:28 PM Shaded areas
Jul 26 2023 08:33 PM Splash pad. Clean bathrooms. Good parking
Jul 26 2023 04:55 PM electric vehicle (EV) charging station?
Jul 18 2023 06:28 PM We need more Pickleball Courts please.
Jun 20 2023 05:50 PM Tennis courts! Pickle ball is fun, but please consider a public tennis facility for Stanwood.
Jun 28 2023 03:21 PM We need a running trail.
Jun 27 2023 04:20 PM Biking trails with food/drink stops closely
Jun 16 2023 11:06 PM BBQs
Jun 14 2023 07:08 PM Splash pads
Jun 14 2023 05:34 PM clean plumbed bathrooms
Jun 14 2023 05:12 PM Inclusive playground for wheelchair
Jun 14 2023 03:04 PM Indoor sports facility. We have so much rain and cold weather. It would be amazing to have an indoor sports facility with astroturf for baseball practices, football practices, youth wrestling practices etc. Please look at the NW Sports Hub Complex in Centralia as inspiration: <https://www.nwsportshub.com/sportlayouts>
Jun 14 2023 02:59 PM Splash pad, volleyball/bocce ball

Q12

Jul 30 2023 09:27 AM Pickering Barn in Issaquah is a good example, check it out.
Jul 26 2023 04:27 PM It would be great to see more community events throughout the yearQ15
Jul 26 2023 02:59 PM Ultimate frisbee
Jul 19 2023 01:51 PM Pickleball courts
Jul 03 2023 11:39 AM Bicycle Trails
Jul 02 2023 08:24 AM peace and quiet
Jul 01 2023 10:22 PM Indoor field for sports
Jun 14 2023 07:18 PM Upgrade the baseball fields!! Heritage park could be incredible to host tournaments!
Jun 14 2023 07:08 PM Splash pads
Jun 14 2023 06:11 PM Equestrian
Jun 14 2023 05:27 PM Spray park
Jun 14 2023 04:59 PM Biking paths

Q15

Jul 31 2023 09:37 AM In line with ADA, I have mobility issues and some of the parks don't have safe walking paths from parking to play areas.
Jul 28 2023 08:31 PM Size of amenities, ex: dog park is too small
Jul 28 2023 09:45 AM Not enough parks. Existing playgrounds are small
Jul 28 2023 09:12 AM Lack of clean restrooms not porta potties

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- Jul 27 2023 09:28 PM Lack of shade at Heritage
- Jul 26 2023 11:56 PM Church Creek parking lot since it has been redone is too close to each other and angled weirdly to where most of the time people that park are not even following the bumpers.
- Jul 26 2023 03:41 PM The park nearest me doesn't have many trees so I usually walk, not hang out
- Jul 15 2023 05:55 AM No swings at some parks, no shaded areas on hot or rainy days,
- Jul 08 2023 05:09 PM Only one pickleball area
- Jun 30 2023 10:42 AM not much of a need for city parks
- Jun 29 2023 02:14 PM Found needles at Church Creek Park while with my toddler.
- Jun 28 2023 04:44 PM Have found a slide broken and visited a few times and it was not repaired. Trash laying around. Could use fresh paint.
- Jun 15 2023 07:30 AM Parks are disconnected from other city features like restaurants, stores, shopping, food
- Jun 15 2023 07:20 AM My kids would love a splash park closer to home

Q16

- Jul 31 2023 09:37 AM I would absolutely make parks more disability accessible. Safer paths from parking to play areas, swings where adults can swing with their children. Fences to prevent kids from wandering into parking lots. Better bathrooms (freedom park is especially gross) with changing tables.
- Jul 30 2023 04:19 AM "Access to toilets, handrails "
- Jul 29 2023 09:57 PM "Better safety/security in church creek park. More options for toddlers"
- Jul 29 2023 04:23 PM Signage and publicity
- Jul 28 2023 09:45 AM Larger playgrounds, safe space for young kids on bikes and scooters
- Jul 27 2023 10:19 PM More marked, planned walking trails, updated playground equipment, and more trash cans.
- Jul 27 2023 09:35 PM The playgrounds are so outdated and not usable for kids in wheelchairs or with physical limitations. It's too bad there's no place for these kids to interact with their peers. All the money being put into the parks and kids with physical limitations have nothing to do.
- Jul 26 2023 11:56 PM With all the land at Heritage Park, please please please enlarge the bicycle tracks and create a long, separate dirt dirt bike track with larger mounds for adult electric bikes and kids electric ride on toys. Bathrooms can be bettered with decent mirrors, automatic faucets, soaps, and hand dryers. The sink water doesn't last long enough to rinse off the soap without recontaminating your hands again by pressing the knobs. Please make the bathroom doors open backwards (pull) so you can just use your foot to open the door (pushing, from the inside) instead of holding it. It is so much more sanitary this way. Please have garbage bins in each stall.
- Jul 26 2023 04:33 PM Better lighting in parking areas and upped patrols.
- Jul 26 2023 04:55 PM Installation of EV charging stations.
- Jul 20 2023 08:34 PM Additional pickleball courts
- Jul 18 2023 01:27 PM Organized sports tournaments, increased signage, covered facilities for winter months
- Jul 07 2023 07:13 PM Enhance security measures, better signage an marketing of events at the parks and recreation.
- Jun 28 2023 02:40 PM All age activities, pickle ball, turf fields
- Jun 18 2023 08:11 AM Larger footprint and wildlife corridors. Currently, the park and open space in Stanwood is being overrun by development and required "parks" in each development are worthless for wildlife habitat. If we want to be a "city" see parks land set aside in other regional cities: i.e. Bellingham, Anacortes or even Mount Vernon.
- Jun 16 2023 07:23 PM Splash park, better play areas, shade trees, increased safety at Church Creek, less busy at Kayak Point and Lake Goodwin. Freedom Park is best in Stanwood. Haller splash pad in Stanwood would be amazing for an addition to Heritage park. Bring back fireworks show to Stanwood.

Q17

- Jul 31 2023 09:37 AM Bathrooms, walking paths, okay equipment
- Jul 30 2023 04:19 AM Toliets, diet bike course should be larger
- Jul 28 2023 08:31 PM The sports facilities are very important to families with children. However, our daughter plays sports that the city does not provide fields for.

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Jul 27 2023 09:52 PM Continue with developing park to East of bridge to Camano! Those at Church Creek Park (for bathrooms clean & safe to use).

Jul 27 2023 03:34 PM Bathroom

Jul 26 2023 08:44 PM Open space. Just give me a big field

Jul 26 2023 12:01 PM soccer fields

Jul 23 2023 06:11 PM Ball fields and playgrounds

Jul 20 2023 10:33 PM Pickleball

Jul 18 2023 01:01 PM Heritage Park

Jul 18 2023 12:50 PM Pickleball courts

Jul 02 2023 08:24 AM access to water and views and quiet nature viewing

Jul 01 2023 10:22 PM Baseball fields

Jun 28 2023 09:54 PM grass fields & baseball/softball fields

Jun 28 2023 09:51 PM Soccer fields, trails and playgrounds

Jun 21 2023 09:51 PM Baseball and soccer fields/bathroom cleanliness.

Jun 21 2023 08:53 PM Heritage skate ramps...

Jun 16 2023 07:13 PM Walkway at Heritage

Jun 16 2023 06:22 PM Trashcans/dumpsters - clean bathrooms.

Jun 15 2023 09:02 PM Love the trails in the parks

Jun 15 2023 08:00 PM Disc golf course, baseball fields

Jun 14 2023 09:45 PM All of them should be properly maintained and cleaned

Jun 14 2023 09:44 PM Bathroom

Q19

Jul 31 2023 07:02 AM A large, covered, rentable outdoor space for events with tables and grills (family bbqs, for example). An amphitheater - permanent outdoor concert space; having the summer concerts move around (and on paved areas) makes it confusing and less appealing. Would turn the summer concerts into festivals, which could draw crowds.

Jul 29 2023 09:57 PM "Larger dog park. More options for toddlers on playgrounds"

Jul 28 2023 08:31 PM Access to the water. A complete walking track (ours is partial at best). Swimming. Sports sponsored/run by the city. Kitchen shelters - or multiple shelters to rent for events. A nice farmers market - ours often has as many craft vendors as food vendors. Believe it or not I come for the offerings of farmers and farmers don't want to come to our meager farmers market. If it is still run by a non-profit, please stop relying on non-profits to do the work of the city - they struggle with the ability to draw and maintain volunteers as well as funds.

Jul 27 2023 08:47 PM Splash pad

Jul 26 2023 05:03 PM More open feeling, safe playground area with a fun water park for kids.

Jul 26 2023 03:07 PM Bigger Skateparks and nicely maintained fields with lighting for evening/night games

Jul 22 2023 01:47 PM A dock for fishing on the river.

Jul 20 2023 08:34 PM Pickleball is growing. Covered courts to play in Fall/Winter would be immensely popular.

Jul 20 2023 07:30 PM Access to Water, picnic areas, concerts in the parks

Jul 08 2023 12:09 PM Nice ballfield complex.

Jul 08 2023 10:31 AM Full size basketball courts

Jun 30 2023 01:48 PM Turf fields

Jun 30 2023 10:42 AM turf fields

Jun 27 2023 01:35 PM Safer connections between neighborhoods and parks.

Jun 26 2023 11:07 PM Security

Jun 16 2023 12:51 PM access to the beautiful water views

Jun 16 2023 11:50 AM Have a Parks and Rec Department with classes for all ages. They Y is crowded and people are turned away for daytime exercise classes because they're full. The facility is too small to meet the needs of the population.

Jun 15 2023 08:00 PM Splash park, more playground equipment, better parking, better cared for baseball fields at church creek, better youth soccer fields at heritage park

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- Jun 15 2023 07:47 PM Oak harbor has an amazing waterfront Park that even includes a water treatment facility.
- Jun 14 2023 07:51 PM A splash pad would bring so many people to Stanwood! Moms are always on the hunt for splash pads but we have to drive to Everett or Arlington.
- Q20**
- Jul 29 2023 09:57 PM Clearing out tree coverage in church creek park or increasing security to promote safety after its had such a bad reputation for so long.
- Jul 28 2023 08:31 PM Get a parks and recreation department. Quit doing these surveys every so many years and run a bond or whatever needs done to get a parks department. If there is no department who cares about what is added. Nothing will be maintained if there is no department to maintain it.
- Jul 28 2023 10:02 AM More playgrounds and parks to go to. More fields for sports games.
- Jul 27 2023 08:47 PM Splash pad
- Jul 27 2023 04:58 PM Smooth grounds
- Jul 27 2023 03:34 PM Better parking at church creek
- Jul 26 2023 07:13 PM This is the first town I've ever lived in without a Parks and Rec Department that provides classes and activities. Is there a reason we don't have one and could one be created?
- Jul 26 2023 05:03 PM More open and inviting playground at church creek park. Too dark with trees and feels unsafe and un-inviting for families
- Jul 18 2023 02:35 PM Due to the weather in spring, fall and winter, pickleball players have to drive to Mount Vernon to play. The city needs to build covered pickleball courts!!
- Jul 18 2023 01:27 PM Incorporate off leash areas in dog park designs. Plan for covered courts in any future pickleball facilities that includes electrical and water access.
- Jun 30 2023 10:42 AM spend more time and energy on crime, graffiti, and the wandering crack heads we are being invaded by. Dont build nicer parks for them to ruin
- Jun 30 2023 06:58 AM Create more parks
- Jun 29 2023 09:42 AM Turf fields, lights at facilities, the baseball fields have been improved but the dirt surfaces are hard like concrete. The grass play field at heritage at times cannot be used at peak times due to maintenance or other restrictions.
- Jun 21 2023 05:36 PM City parks fall short of representing of the area's beauty and family-friendly ideals. There are no parks worthy of taking out-of-town visitors to, or saying "it's a nice day, let's take the kids to the park
- Jun 16 2023 09:30 PM We need far better sports fields access to promote healthy lifestyles for the youth in our community.
- Jun 16 2023 08:40 PM Activities that are not targeted at little kid football players. My kids hate going places if these foot ball kids are there. The bullying is ridiculous. They are in elementary school so I'd hate to see what it's like when they get older. Have more programs for kids interested in stem
- Jun 14 2023 08:08 PM Youth programs something other than the y for before and Afterschool care. Summer and school break camps.
- Jun 14 2023 08:08 PM We need a public pool and at the very least a splash pad for kids

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Q3

- Jul 26 2023 09:52 AM Just the skate park in particular
- Jul 07 2023 06:58 PM make new friends. but sometimes that is hard because not that many people go to the park near my house, the Church Creek park because usually a lot of teenagers are there vaping and climbing on the roofs above the park benches. Parents don't want their kids around vaping teens who are doing things that they shouldn't be doing. I already hear my parents

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saying be careful when at the park.

Jun 21 2023 08:15 PM Using softball fields
Jun 21 2023 06:07 PM glass quest
Jun 18 2023 10:08 AM Bike riding
Jun 15 2023 12:25 AM Swings specifically
Jun 14 2023 05:38 PM chalk art
Jun 14 2023 03:57 PM Bars or swings

Q4

Jun 18 2023 10:08 AM Shopping
Jun 15 2023 12:25 AM Legos
Jun 14 2023 08:11 PM Splash park
Jun 14 2023 05:38 PM there isn't much to do in Stanwood
Jun 14 2023 03:57 PM Meeting with friends

Q5

Jul 26 2023 09:52 AM Needs garbage can
Jul 07 2023 06:58 PM At the Church Creek park, there are a lot of teens there vaping and it is to dark there.
Jun 30 2023 01:43 PM Fields are filled with pot holes and uncared for grass
Jun 28 2023 07:03 PM Soccer fields have lots of holes to trip in
Jun 21 2023 08:15 PM Ball fields have terrible drainage and are not kept up well
Jun 21 2023 06:07 PM empty hand sanitizer stations
Jun 19 2023 08:01 PM I don't have enough info about the parks
Jun 16 2023 11:09 PM Need bathrooms
Jun 16 2023 06:10 PM Skatepark is small and doesn't allow for flow and creativity
Jun 15 2023 09:14 PM Bathrooms filthy
Jun 15 2023 07:21 PM Not safe to walk or ride my bike to Church Creek Park, and lots of ants crawling around
Jun 15 2023 06:57 PM Bathroom at church creek is not well-maintained
Jun 15 2023 12:25 AM There have been slippery things on the skatepark, I fell walking across it. Hills and certain areas sometimes have bullies
Jun 14 2023 10:22 PM to many teen usings bad words
Jun 14 2023 09:20 PM Need more variety of play ground, obstacles, shaded area

Q7

Jul 27 2023 04:48 PM "More swings, tetter tootter"
Jul 27 2023 07:36 AM Expand the bike pump track.
Jul 27 2023 12:56 AM Water park and more toys. Bike track for kids
Jul 26 2023 11:25 PM I really wish for a plash pad for the summer and a huge dirt bike and Power Wheels track for me and my friends to play in. We also need a basketball court with different hoop heights so we can start young.
Jul 26 2023 02:28 PM Bigger playgrounds
Jul 26 2023 12:52 PM Water fountains especially at heritage, i skateboard all the time there and have to go all the way to Starbucks to get water because the one at the baseball field doesn't work or is never on.
Jul 26 2023 09:52 AM Trash cans, an actually working seesaw, more playground
Jul 08 2023 02:50 PM Courts and playgrounds
Jul 07 2023 06:58 PM swings, monkey bars, fire poles, round a bouts (safer versions please)
Jul 07 2023 06:18 PM Nicer ball fields
Jun 14 2023 05:38 PM I have autism and want friends and things to do with them
Jun 14 2023 04:36 PM Playground equipment to play on. Picnic tables close to equipment. More parks
Jun 14 2023 03:57 PM Splash pads or a pool!
Jun 14 2023 03:40 PM Bigger slide less dog poop
Jun 14 2023 03:34 PM More bigger playgrounds!
Jun 14 2023 03:19 PM Disability Inclusive park

Q8

Jul 27 2023 04:48 PM More places to sit and have picnic. Lighting

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Jul 27 2023 07:36 AM More things to do

Jul 27 2023 12:56 AM Another nice park closer to Frank waters road downtown is far

Jul 26 2023 11:25 PM More benches with shade to sit in will be good. There are not enough bike trails in Heritage Park.

Jul 26 2023 02:28 PM Bigger playgrounds

Jul 26 2023 12:52 PM I think what you are doing is great, seriously considering what the people that use them have to say is great.

Jul 26 2023 09:52 AM More playgrounds, more community artwork

Jun 23 2023 02:29 PM Better playground options, more sports options (VOLLEYBALL NET/SOCCER GOALS/PICKLEBALL COURTS)

Jun 22 2023 01:14 PM Turn the Heritage ballfields into turf like the HS and please put in lights because its hard to see the ball at night

Jun 21 2023 08:15 PM Add a softball fields since we have to share it with boy's baseball too!

Jun 21 2023 06:07 PM bigger playground, more nature, picnic tables and spots to hang out or have a birthday part, closer so I can ride my bike, little store (concession stand), bathrooms that are not gross

Jun 14 2023 08:05 PM Cleaner and less mean high schoolers.

Jun 14 2023 07:55 PM Multiple fenced basketball courts

Jun 14 2023 07:39 PM Clean them, we don't like playing on dirty toys

Jun 14 2023 04:36 PM Have more of them. Tahallah in Bonney Lake has some amazing neighborhood parks.

Jun 14 2023 03:57 PM Install a pool or splash pad

Jun 14 2023 03:40 PM Bathrooms and better



2024 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan - Update

City of Stanwood

September 18, 2023

Agenda



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1. Introduction – 5 Mins
2. Community Survey Review – 20 Mins
3. Capital Improvement Plan – 20 Mins
4. Final Thoughts - 10 Mins

Introduction



Introductions



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What is a PROS Plan?

- Analyzes the city's park system
 - Parks and Sensitive Lands
 - Recreation and Programs
 - Art, Culture, and Event Programs
- Purpose:
 - Invest proactively in our parks
 - Understand community driven needs
 - Anticipate growth demands on the system
- Benefits:
 - RCO grant funding
 - More detailed analysis than Comp Plan



Required PROS Elements

- Goals and Objectives
- Inventory
- Public Engagement
- Facility Needs and Demands (LOS)
- 6-YR Capital Improvement Plan
- Adoption by City Council

Purpose of Meeting:

1. What should be added into the public engagement section as a consideration?
2. How should the city determine the priority order of planned improvement projects?
3. What other projects should be considered for the 2024 CIP?

Public Engagement Results





Engagement Process

- Planning Café – May 2022
- Farmer's Market – August 2022
- Focus Group: PTAC Meeting – September 2023
- Surveys – June to August 2023
 - Adults Survey – 393 Responses
 - Youth Survey – 72 Responses
 - “Little Ones” Survey - 1 Response

Majority of respondents value

**OPEN SPACE &
PLAYGROUNDS**



Key Takeaways



Major Survey Themes

1. ADA Accessibility
2. Safety
3. Outdated Equipment
4. Communication/Signage
5. Shade
6. Events and Activities
7. Cleanliness
8. Trails and Fields
9. Parking

NOT MEETING NEEDS

~20%

DIRT BIKE COURSE,
WALKING TRAILS,
SPORT COURTS

SOMETIMES MEETING NEEDS

~40%

OPEN SPACE, NATURE
VIEWING, PLAYGROUNDS,
PICNIC SEATING AREAS

MEETING NEEDS

~40%

SKATE PARK, BASEBALL
FIELDS, DIRT BIKE COURSE,
DISC GOLF, GRASSY FIELDS,
MOVIES IN THE PARK





13% of respondent park users
have a need for accessible park
facilities and / or have been
unable to use the City's parks
due to physical or sensory
limitations

PTAC EXERCISE

1. What feels left out of public engagement results?
2. What feels erroneous or inaccurate about results?
3. What areas do you want to emphasize the importance of?

Capital Improvements 2024-2029



What is the CIP?

- Improvements being planned for, such as:
 - Acquisition
 - Design
 - Permits
 - Restoration
 - Renovation
 - Construction
 - Expansion
- Must have 6-years of projects
- Informed by local needs and future demands
- Corresponds with gaps in the network
- Identifies Stanwood's greatest priorities



How Do We Estimate Priorities?

- Community Engagement
- Statewide Trends in Recreation
- Level of Service and Growth Demand
- Annual Budget
- Grants Available

 Park	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Heritage Park	7	2	5	3	26	TBD	TBD
Hamilton Landing	1	0	0	0	0	TBD	TBD
Church Creek	5	3	3	11	0	TBD	TBD
Ovenell Park	0	0	3	0	0	TBD	TBD
Lions Park	0	0	0	0	0	TBD	TBD
City Hall Park	0	0	0	0	0	TBD	TBD
Ravenna Viaduct	0	0	0	0	0	TBD	TBD
Lindstrom Park	0	0	0	0	0	TBD	TBD

2024 Stanwood PROS Plan

Park	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Pioneer Trail	0	0	0	0	0	TBD	TBD
Port Susan Trail	1	1	0	0	0	TBD	TBD

PTAC EXERCISE

1. Identify gaps in proposed projects investments
2. Suggest projects for 2028-2029
3. Help determine a project priority order/process



Final Thoughts and Q+A