• The Clark County Parks Division was created last year under the Department of Public Works

• The state Growth Management Act requires local parks plans as a component of county master plans (RCW 36.70A(8)) and is required before the county staff can apply for state parks grant funding

• The Clark County Parks Advisory Board was created last year
Vision statement: Clark County Parks & Recreation strengthens the quality of life for the entire community.

Mission statement: Provide an interconnected system of parks, trails, recreation facilities and natural areas that support diverse recreation, environmental stewardship and economic development.

Goals and policies: Based on extensive public outreach and found in chapter three of the plan.
Outreach results

• More partnerships and collaboration
  • empower volunteers
  • forge stronger & new partnerships to leverage community resources

• Connect the gaps
  • parks
  • trails
  • recreational amenities

• Increase access
  • parks
  • parking
  • trail access
  • outdoor recreation opportunities for children
  • trail amenities such as parking, benches, and restrooms
Key master plan elements

• Inventory of parks, sports facilities, and trails-only county facilities

• Needs assessment for parks, recreation, open space and trails

• Results of public outreach effort: Public Demand Chapter of the plan

• Implementation recommendations, including funding strategies

• Parks Capital Facilities Plan- 6 & 20 year list of all county parks, trails, and planning projects
Plan implementation

• Cost of six-year CFP: $38 million

• Park Impact Fee revenue: $12,120,847

• Estimated shortfall: $26 million

• Metropolitan Parks District: consider locking in levy rate of 0.25/$1,000

• Existing parks division: additional staffing needed
Timeline and Next Steps

**JUNE 2015**
DRAFT Plan developed

**JULY 2015**
DRAFT Plan presented to the Parks Advisory Board & the County Council

**AUGUST 2015**
Planning Commission work session and hearing

**SEPTEMBER**
Board work session and hearing

**JUNE 2016**
Parks plan included as a required element of the comprehensive plan update
Thank you.
Comments and questions?