• 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
Key findings of public outreach

• The public believes county parks is doing a good job

• The parks system is a major contributor to positive economic, environmental, and health outcomes

• More trails and trail connections received the top votes in all of the public outreach

• Public expressed need for more facilities, and more access and connections to facilities

• Enhancing communications and outreach
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
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