# L. Parks and Recreation

The City owns and maintains various parklands, recreation facilities, and open spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy. These assets are essential for maintaining the sense of community and pride that makes Woodburn a vibrant and attractive place to live, work, and visit.

## *Open Space / Parks Goals and Policies*

Goals

L-1. Provide social, economic, and environmental benefits to individuals, families, and the community through a robust, diverse, inclusive system of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces.

L-2. Maintain downtown Woodburn as a centerpiece of activity, culture, and commerce within the City. Library Square Park, the Downtown Plaza, Woodburn Aquatic Center, Settlemier Park, Woodburn Museum, Bungalow Theatre, and Frank Scheer Locomotive Park should be used as catalysts for downtown revitalization.

Policies

L-1.1 The City will utilize the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a guide for investing resources into parks, recreation facilities and programming, and open spaces.

L-1.2 The City will ensure that sufficient land is made available to meet current and future parks and open spaces needs by acquiring and developing new parks in the areas identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

L-1.3 Where feasible, the City will acquire and develop neighborhood parks, trails, and open spaces through the development review process.

L-1.4 The City will ensure that parks system development charges are adequate to meet the parks, trails, and open space needs created by development.

L-1.5 To ensure walkability, the City will strive to provide parks, trails, and indoor facilities within one-quarter mile of Woodburn residents.

L-1.6 The City will strive to ensure that parks, playgrounds, trails, and recreational facilities are inclusive and provide access to all abilities.

L-1.7 The City will ensure the most efficient and effective means of providing sufficient land for neighborhood parks by pursuing partnerships with schools and other agencies to establish joint parkland acquisition, development, and operational ventures.

L-1.8 It is the policy of the City to implement the Mill Creek Greenway Master Plan, and to manage the Mill Creek, Goose Creek, and Senecal Creek corridors as public greenways and pathways. Functions of these corridors include open space and habitat preservation, flood control, cycling and walking on all-weather pathways, nature recreation and education, and limited playground activities where there is a deficiency of neighborhood parks. The City will establish and enforce a healthy streams policy to ensure that Woodburn’s waterways are preserved and well-maintained.

L-1.9 To provide for a continuous public greenway and pathway system, it is the policy of the City to acquire privately-owned segments along Mill Creek, Goose Creek, and Senecal Creek and other stream corridors. It is the policy of the City to seek dedication of floodplains and creek corridors for natural areas, neighborhood recreation areas, open space and transportation.

L-1.10 To ensure adequate maintenance of the City’s parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities, the City will prepare comprehensive management plans, including maintenance level of service standards for each site.

L-1.11 The City will ensure that adequate funds are budgeted annually to meet established level of service standards for parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities.

L-1.12 The City will support the development of an “Adopt a Park” program to encourage community involvement in the stewardship of parks and trails.

L-1.13 Because recreation participation preferences and interests vary among employment, ethnic, social, and cultural groups, it is the policy of the City to ensure that parks, open spaces, facilities, and programs are developed to meet the diverse needs and interests of Woodburn’s population.