CITY of MYRTLE POINT

PARKS and RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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This 2013 City of Myrtle Point Parks and Recreation Master Plan (the “Plan”) has been prepared to provide the City with a ten-year action plan for maintenance, management, development and continued improvement of city parks and recreation programs and facilities. This Plan updates the Parks Master Plan adopted in 2002.

City of Myrtle Point Ordinance 1200 charges the Parks and Recreation Commission with the duty to “develop and prepare” a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Commission was discontinued since the 2002 plan was adopted. Hence, this duty has fallen to City staff.

This Plan includes the following:

- An inventory of existing park and recreational facilities in the City’s planning area and the greater Myrtle Point area.
- A needs analysis based on demographic data, community survey results and community outreach.
- Guiding principles and implementation strategies to direct the City in maintenance, management and development of parks and recreation facilities and services over the next 10 years.

Myrtle Point has four developed public parks that serve various recreational purposes for the community and its visitors. Recreational assets in the greater Myrtle Point area also serve the needs of the community and will also be addressed in this plan. These assets include federal, state, county, Myrtle Point School District and Port of Coquille River facilities.

Due to budget constraints of recent years, funds and resources for parks and recreation development have been diverted to other areas. The City Parks and Recreation director position was vacated in 2008 and has been vacant since that time. These factors have hindered the City’s ability to adequately meet the parks and recreation needs of the population.

In developing this Plan, the City of Myrtle Point renews its dedication to meeting the current and future parks and recreation needs of the population.

1.1 PURPOSE OF PLAN
The purposes of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan include:

1. To evaluate the current condition of parks and recreation facilities and services in Myrtle Point to determine their adequacy in meeting community needs, to identify needed improvements and to initiate new projects and development.

2. To meet Oregon’s Statewide Planning Goals.

3. To better coordinate the provision of parks and recreation resources with the State of Oregon, Coos County, Myrtle Point School District, Port of Coquille River and private recreation providers.

4. Provide an overview and framework for park development and maintenance for city officials, staff, developers and community members.
5. To identify City-owned properties and public rights-of-way for potential park and recreational development.

6. To create strategies for current and future funding for parks development, management and maintenance.

1.2 PLAN ORGANIZATION
This Parks and Recreation Master Plan is organized into 5 chapters.

Introduction. The Introduction provides general information about the organization and purpose of the Plan.

Community Profile. The Profile includes a description of the regional parks and recreation context and a demographic analysis of the community.

Parks Inventory. This chapter defines the planning area, provides an inventory of the features and condition of all City parks and recreational facilities. It also identifies parks and recreational resources provided by other agencies within the community and the greater Myrtle Point area (see Figure 3.2).

Needs Analysis. Identifies community needs, specific park system needs and key findings from the community involvement as well as challenges and opportunities for the City’s park system.

Development Plan. Details the guiding principles of the City of Myrtle Point Parks and Recreation Department. It also outlines implementation strategies and includes information on funding the proposed improvements to the park system.

Appendices. Appendices provide supplementary information necessary to support the recommendations made in this Plan.

1.3 PLANNING PROCESS
In 2012, City of Myrtle Point staff was charged by City Council to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The planning process was implemented by RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Environments) participant Joshua Shaklee placed with the City from September 2012 through July 2013. Community input into the Plan was gained through a survey conducted in spring 2013, workshops in conjunction with the My Myrtle Point project, interviews with community stakeholders and other outreach activities.

This Plan is designed to be reviewed annually by City Council. If changes or additions to this Plan are desirable or necessary, such recommendations will be made to the City Council for approval.

1.4 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS
This Plan supports the City of Myrtle Point’s Comprehensive Plan, specifically those policies addressing Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 5: Open Spaces, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources, and Goal 8: Recreation Needs. The Plan also complies with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department’s 2008-2012 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

This Plan addresses parks and recreation facilities within the City of Myrtle Point and its Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Issues related to trees in public rights-of-way, bicycle and pedestrian transportation, storm water, neighborhood beautification and related topics are addressed in other City of Myrtle Point plans and ordinances. Any reference to these topics are made only in terms of how they relate to parks and recreation.
2. COMMUNITY PROFILE

Identifying current community needs and predicting future trends is essential to the success of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Individuals have different parks and recreation requirements based on age, income and other factors. This community profile analyzes Myrtle Point’s demographic characteristics to ensure that the needs of all community members are addressed.

2.1 REGIONAL CONTEXT

While this Plan addresses facilities within Myrtle Point city boundaries, it is critical to consider the larger regional context in which these facilities operate in order to identify which recreation needs that are currently being met and which are unmet.

Myrtle Point is located in Coos County, Oregon in the Coquille River Valley. The greater Myrtle Point area is served by several state and county parks, many with day use areas featuring picnic amenities. Myrtle Point is located at a distance of 15 miles from Pacific Ocean beaches and world class golfing at Bandon Dunes.

2.2 DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

The following demographic analysis contains data from the 2010 Census.

POPULATION

Over the last 40 years, the population of Myrtle Point has experienced significant fluctuations. The population of the community is nearly identical in 2010 to what it was in 1970. The population in 2010 represents a 12 percent (12%) decrease from the peak population in the 1980s of 2,859.

A noteworthy feature of Myrtle Point’s population is that it has a higher proportion of residents in the 65+ age cohort than does Oregon. This group has grown as a percentage of the total population from 19 percent to 21.8 percent from 2000 to 2010. This trend is likely to continue into the future as the existing population ages and the area continues to attract retirees.
HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN
There is a slightly lower rate of households with individuals under the age of eighteen in Myrtle Point than in the state of Oregon. A total of 19.3 percent (19.3%) of households in Myrtle Point have youth under the age of 18, while the average for the entire state of Oregon is only 20.2 percent (20.2%).

ETHNICITY
The ethnic composition of Myrtle Point population is largely white, with a small percentage of the population belonging to the Hispanic (4.6%), Native American (3.3%) and African-American (0.4%) population groups. Another 3.5% of Myrtle Point residents classify themselves as white and Native American mixed race.

RECREATION
The Myrtle Point area is known for its outdoor recreation. Numerous outdoors enthusiasts are drawn to the Myrtle Point area to hunt in the Coast Range and fish the Coquille River during the respective hunting and fishing seasons.

Many tourists pass through Myrtle Point en route to recreational opportunities throughout the South Coast, especially during summer months. There is opportunity to develop facilities that serve hunters, anglers, all-terrain vehicle users, recreational vehicles, birdwatchers and golfers as they pass through Myrtle Point.

2.3 SUMMARY
According to the above demographic analysis for Myrtle Point, the following assumptions can be made for the City:

- It should anticipate the needs for an aging population, including the mobility requirements of senior or disabled residents.
- It should consider the needs of households with children.
- It should provide smaller neighborhood facilities that serve a local area so older residents or those with children do not have to travel to access parks and open space.
3. PARKS INVENTORY

3.1 CITY OF MYRTLE POINT PARKS

**LEHNHERR PARK.** Lehnherr Park is Myrtle Point’s oldest City park. The land for the park was donated by community founder Christian Lehnherr. It once served a town square role for the community. The park is located on Spruce Street at the western extent of the downtown commercial district. The one acre park occupies an entire city block and is surrounded by residences to the north and west, the Valley Crest Foods plant to the south and the Saints Ann and Michael Catholic Church to the east.

Aside from a lawn area, a number of mature trees and several shrubs, landscaping is minimal in Lehnherr Park. Those areas that experience a lot of foot traffic are worn to bare earth. The Myrtle Point Skateboard Park was constructed in 2001. Apart from the skateboard park, Lehnherr Park sees limited use. Other user groups are not accommodated. Playground equipment once located here has been removed and not replaced. See Table 3.1 for full list of facilities and features.

**LIONS MEMORIAL PARK.** Lions Memorial Park is a moderately sized park, with much of its area dedicated to a softball field complete with dugouts, backstop, bleachers, scoreboard and outfield fence. A 13 space parking lot is accessed via a driveway off of Maple Street. A fenced area with play equipment is adjacent to the parking area. The park sees a lot of use during softball season and serves as a neighborhood park during other times. Many neighborhood residents utilize the park as an unofficial dog park. See Table 3.1 for full list of facilities and features.
ROTARY PARK. Located in the Myrtle Crest School neighborhood several blocks to the north and east of Route 42, Rotary Park is the most diverse and most frequented City park. It is centrally located, nearly equal distance from the Myrtle Crest School and the Myrtle Point Junior/Senior High School. It’s facilities accommodate large and small groups, adults and children, and performers in the Rotary gazebo. The Heimer community building that was located in Rotary Park was demolished in 2004. The two tennis courts are available to community members, but are locked. Users must contact City administration to access the courts. Rotary Park features a variety of play equipment including slides, merry-go-round and swings, but the structures are located at randomly throughout the park rather than concentrated in a single play area. See Table 3.1 for full list of facilities and features.

SUNSET PARK. Sunset Park is Myrtle Point’s smallest city park of 1/10 (.10) acres and consists of a fenced area with several play structures. The park was developed by the Myrtle Point High School forestry program in the late 1970s. It is surrounded by Sunset Court on three sides and Sunset Lane to the north. The main play area is surfaced by wood chips within a wooden curb. This area is currently overgrown with weeds and the wood chips need to be replenished. Sunset Park primarily serves the residential area in the southeast hills of Myrtle Point. Users of this park are generally pre-school and elementary school age children from the nearby neighborhood. Because of its size and location, many in Myrtle Point are not familiar with the park. Despite this, Sunset Park is a great model for the development of other small neighborhood parks in Myrtle Point. See Table 3.1 for full list of facilities and features.
FIGURE 3.1
CITY of MYRTLE POINT, OREGON
Parks and Recreation Facilities

City Parks
1. Lehn herr Park
2. Rotary Park
3. Sunset Park
4. Lions Memorial Park

Other Recreation Facilities
1. Bryant Boat Ramp
2. Bridge View Property
3. Coos County Fairgrounds
4. Myrtle Point High School
5. OSU Extension Open Space
6. Maple School Education Center
7. Myrtle Crest School
8. Water Plant Wooded Area
9. Old Myrtle Point Cemetery
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* Unimproved  ** Portable restroom facilities
3.2 OTHER MYRTLE POINT RECREATION FACILITIES
A number of additional recreation facilities are located in Myrtle Point city boundaries. Some are owned by the City, but have not been developed as parks. Others are owned by other entities, including the Myrtle Point School District, the Port of Coquille River and Coos County. These facilities have the potential to supplement City parks in meeting the recreational needs of area residents. See Figure 3.1 for facility locations.

- The Bryant Boat Ramp is owned by the Port of Coquille River and features a gravel parking area, restrooms and a boat ramp. A recreational vehicle dump station may be located here as a component of the new water treatment plant.
- The “Bridge View” property is a small city-owned, unimproved parcel on Spruce Street overlooking the Coquille River. It is mostly used as a turn around for vehicles. The property has some development potential.
- Coos County Fairgrounds are the site of the annual Coos County Fair and Rodeo. In addition to numerous other facilities, the fairgrounds feature a baseball field, batting cages, horse barn and some space for indoor recreation.
- The campus of the Myrtle Point Junior/Senior High School has sports fields and indoor and outdoor recreation facilities.
- The Oregon State University Extension Open Space is an unimproved parcel owned by the City with some, although limited, development potential.
- Maple School Education Center features some indoor recreational facilities including a elementary school sized gym space. Outdoor playground equipment is also present.
- Myrtle Crest School has a track facility, a softball field and indoor gym space. The Myrtle Point School District has accommodated ongoing community use of these facilities.

- A City-owned 14 acre forested area near the water plant features a trail network and a basic trailhead. This area could be developed into a high quality natural area.
- The Old Myrtle Point Cemetery is City-owned open space utilized for activities such as walking for exercise and dog walking.

3.3 GREATER MYRTLE POINT AREA FACILITIES
The greater Myrtle Point area features a number of parks and recreational facilities under federal, state, county or private ownership. See Figure 3.2 for facility locations.

COUNTY PARKS
Bennett County Park
Cherry Creek County Park
Frona County Park
Johnson Log Pond
Laverne County Park
Middle Creek County Park
Sandy Creek Covered Bridge

STATE PARKS
Albert H. Powers Memorial State Park
Coquille Myrtle Grove State Park
Hoffman Memorial State Park

OTHER FACILITIES
Camp Myrtlewood
Ernie Bryant Park
Euphoria Ridge Trail
GREATER MYRTLE POINT AREA
Parks and Recreation Facilities

County Parks
1. Arago Boat Ramp
2. Johnson Log Pond
3. Rock Prairie Park
4. Bennett County Park
5. Middle Creek County Park
6. Cherry Creek County Park
7. Fröna County Park
8. Sandy Creek Covered Bridge

State Parks
1. Hoffman Memorial State Park
2. Albert H. Powers Memorial State Park
3. Coquille Myrtle Grove State Park

Other Facilities
1. Coquille Valley Elks Golf Course
2. Camp Myrtlewood
3. Euphoria Ridge Trail
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| **Other Myrtle Point Recreation Facilities** | | | | |
| Myrtle Point Cemetary           | Open Space         | 5.8        | City  | See Table 3.1      |
| Myrtle Point High School        | School Campus      | 6.1        | MPSD  | See Table 3.1      |
| Myrtle Crest School             | School Campus      | 10         | MPSD  | See Table 3.1      |
| Maple School Education Center   | School District    | 1          | MPSD  | See Table 3.1      |
| Coos County Fairgrounds         | Fairgrounds        | 31         | County| See Table 3.1      |
| “Bridge View” Property          | Open Space         | 0.4        | City  | See Table 3.1      |
| Extension Service “Open Space”  | Open Space         | 1.3        | City  | See Table 3.1      |
| Water Plant Wooded Acreage      | Open Space         | 13.7       | City  | See Table 3.1      |

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## Greater Myrtle Point Area Facilities

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4. NEEDS ANALYSIS

The following Needs Analysis summarizes key findings from the community profile and public outreach. This chapter then addresses needs specific to the four City parks. The findings identified in this chapter guide the Development Plan presented in Chapter 5.

4.1 KEY FINDINGS
Several common themes emerged from public outreach.

BASIC AMENITIES ARE LACKING
Public outreach indicated a desire for the following basic amenities at all City parks:
- Functional restrooms, water fountains and benches.
- ADA (American’s with Disabilities Act) accessibility, according to ADA guidelines for recreational facilities.
- Parking, especially during events.
- More picnic areas including picnic shelters, tables and grills.

DESIRE FOR MORE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
Community feedback identified a desire for more events and activities programmed for City parks, in particular during the summer when school aged children are not enrolled in school.

CITY PARKS ARE UNDERUTILIZED
Community members have communicated that their use of city parks is infrequent for a number of reasons, including concerns about criminal activity, lack of amenities and lack of programming of these spaces, i.e. there are no events or activities to draw them to city open spaces.

DEMAND FOR INDOOR RECREATION SPACE
Indoor community recreation space is an ongoing desire of many in Myrtle Point. A well-designed multipurpose recreation facility would meet this need.

MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES
Residents prefer that City resources be directed towards the upgrade and adequate maintenance of existing facilities over the acquisition of new facilities. It is acknowledgement that additional funding is necessary to meet operation and maintenance costs.

CONCERNS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY
Personal safety and security continues to be a major concern of residents. There is a common perception that criminal, particularly drug-related, behavior occurs at several City parks. Many desire a greater police presence to discourage criminal and drug activity.

DISSATISFACTION WITH YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS
Community members and City staff have expressed frustration with youth sports currently offered by the City of Myrtle Point. Of particular concern are scheduling, the availability of equipment and the overall competitiveness of Myrtle Point teams with those from other communities.
4.2 CITY PARKS

LEHNHERR PARK. The construction of the skateboard facility in 2001 has had both positive and negative impacts on Lehnherr Park. Its construction has effectively limited other development and recreation activity from taking place there. The removal of play equipment contributed to this situation by eliminating an additional user group.

The following needs and issues have been identified:

• The skate park provides a valuable outlet for teenagers in Myrtle Point, however, lack of other programming and amenities discourage use from other groups.

• Many in the community have serious concerns about the behavior of current park users, which may include criminal activity. Whether this activity is real or perceived is difficult to ascertain.

• The entryway to the park needs significant improvement in order to be more inviting and accessible from the downtown commercial district on Spruce Street.

• The retaining wall along the sidewalk on Spruce Street is functional but unattractive.

• Mature trees are desirable, as long as plant health is maintained.

• Installation of public restrooms is needed.

LIONS MEMORIAL PARK. Lions Memorial Park successfully fulfills a number of roles in Myrtle Point’s parks system. Although the equipment could be updated, the existing playground area serves the children of the neighborhood. The softball field is well-utilized in the summer months.

The following needs and issues have been identified:

• The softball field is not regulation size for adult softball. The current size of the property makes expansion of the field impossible.
- Parking is inadequate during events. Participants and spectators must park on the street once the parking area fills up. This congests neighborhood traffic and impairs emergency vehicle response during events.
- The circulation of vehicles in the parking area is problematic.
- The scoreboard is extremely dilapidated.
- During non-event times, the park is used as an informal dog park by neighborhood residents. There has been conflict when dog owners do not pick up the waste left by their animals.
- There are no public restrooms, though portable facilities are provided.
- The drinking fountain at the park has not been functional for years.

**ROTARY PARK.** Rotary is Myrtle Point’s most popular park. It also has the most potential for improvement.

The following needs and issues have been identified:
- The Elgin Heimer building was demolished in 2004 leaving the community with no dedicated building for community activities.
- The removal of the Heimer building and the acquisition of two adjacent residential lots has created space for the development of additional facilities and amenities.
- The tennis courts are in adequate condition. The courts are currently locked and require users to retrieve a code from City Hall in order to access the courts.
- There is no on-site parking at Rotary Park, which presents a challenge during events. On-site parking is required by Myrtle Point Development Code if any large community facility is developed at Rotary Park.
- There are no permanent restroom facilities. This makes it necessary to provide additional portable toilets during large group activities.
- While a number of mature myrtle trees are distributed throughout Rotary Park, many of them have been damaged due to natural and human activity.
- The tree selection at the park lacks diversity. Introducing additional species would bolster the tree canopy.
**SUNSET PARK.** The existing play equipment is in adequate condition for the foreseeable future, assuming the current level of use.

The following needs and issues have been identified:

- Expansion of the park is not feasible due to the physical constraints of the park.
- Continuing maintenance of the play structure and fencing are the primary needs. The surface of the play area needs to be better maintained.
- The users of this park are limited to the adjacent neighborhood and any decision to upgrade or update this park should take this into account.

### 4.3 OTHER MYRTLE POINT FACILITIES

**OLD MYRTLE POINT CEMETERY.** Development potential in the cemetery is limited, but it does get used by residents walking for exercise or walking their pets. The property should be maintained and improved with these user groups in mind.

**MYRTLE POINT SCHOOLS.** Competition over limited gym and field space has intensified over the years. For this reason, scheduling games and practices has become a challenge for city staff. Under these conditions, it has become even more critical to work closely with the Myrtle Point School District in sharing and maintaining shared facilities. School district facilities are generally well maintained, however, it is sometimes not clear who among the numerous users is responsible for the maintenance of certain facilities.

The track and field facilities at Myrtle Crest Elementary School are in great need of repair. The wet conditions of the property render the facilities unusable for much of the time and have severely damaged the track and other features. The track needs to be resurfaced in order for it to be functional. The City should work with the Myrtle Point School District to improve these facilities.

**COOS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.** While the fairgrounds are utilized by Myrtle Point residents for a number of recreational uses, from baseball and batting practice to the annual Coos County Fair and Rodeo, there is the potential for a stronger collaboration between the Fair Board and City of Myrtle Point administration in the further developing shared facilities.

**BRIDGE VIEW PROPERTY.** The city-owned parcel at the western end of Spruce Street is currently unimproved except for a gravelled area frequently used by vehicles to turn around. There is potential for this property to develop to accommodate a variety of uses.

**OSU EXTENSION BUILDING OPEN SPACE.** There is some development potential on this property, although terrain and difficulty in maintaining a useful space are limiting factors. Any use of the property would require significant brush clearing.

**WATER PLANT WOODED AREA.** Nearly 14 acres of wooded land between Maple and Spruce Streets and adjacent to the water plant and the old Myrtle Point cemetery was utilized as a Forestry training area by the High School in the 1960s. The trails and foot bridges constructed allow public access to the site. While never designated as a park or recreation space, the property could allow some recreational uses and amenities not available in other parks.
5. DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This development plan identifies specific actions to address the needs and demands of the current and future populations of Myrtle Point. To guide and inform these actions, a set of guiding principles were developed. These principles are then applied to address specific needs and issues identified in Chapter 4.

5.1 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The guiding principles for the 2013 City of Myrtle Point Parks and Recreation Master Plan, with which all actions must be consistent, are as follows:

- Future development of parks and recreation facilities and programs in Myrtle Point should serve the broadest possible cross section of the population, rather than a narrow segment of the community.
- The City of Myrtle Point will develop new parks and recreation facilities, programs and services in a fiscally responsible manner.
- The development of new or expanded facilities should not compromise in any way the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the city’s existing inventory of facilities.
- The City of Myrtle Point will pursue new opportunities to build and develop its facilities and programs, even if not specifically addressed in this Plan.
- The City of Myrtle Point will maintain and strengthen critical partnerships with other agencies and groups to better coordinate planning, development and improvement efforts and to maximize shared resources.

5.2 CITY PARKS

LEHNHERR PARK. Improvements to Lehnherr park should diversify the parks user base, activate the park and mitigate the negative effects of the skate park. The following measures are proposed to address these and other issues identified in this Plan:

- Measures should be taken to broaden the user base of this park. Playground equipment, horseshoe pits, a bandstand or other outdoor performance space should be considered. Simply providing facilities for picnics would invite families and others to frequent Lehnherr Park. Activating the space with additional users will help minimize undesirable behaviors skate park users are currently engaging in.
- Increased police patrols of the park will send the message that undesirable, unlawful or threatening behaviors are unwelcome and that the space is safe for families and other users.
- The entryway to the park should be redesigned to engage those approaching the park from Spruce Street. Specific measures may include decorative landscaping, stonework or a formal gateway feature recognizing the history of the park and its prominence in the past of the community.
- Flowering or fruiting groundcover plants should be installed
along the top of the retaining wall facing Spruce Street. This will enliven the feature and minimize the current stark effect of the concrete wall.

- Mature trees should be periodically assessed for plant health and longevity. Additional trees should be planted to diversify the plant community and ensure the ongoing canopy.
- Permanent public restrooms should be considered at Lehnherr Park.

LIONS MEMORIAL PARK. Lions Memorial Park could greatly benefit from some fundamental re-thinking of the configuration of the site. Improvements to the park should improve circulation of people and vehicles, better utilize limited space and provide basic amenities for park users. The following measures are proposed to achieve these and other objectives identified in this Plan:

- The parking area should be reconfigured to include more parking spaces and better circulation. Two driveways should be constructed one-way to avoid conflict from vehicles attempting to enter and exit at the same time. Angled parking should allow for more spaces, including handicapped parking and emergency vehicle access. The play area should be relocated away from Maple Street and closer to the bleachers where parents can better monitor their children.
- The existing scoreboard should be replaced.
- The provision of dog waste bag dispenser is a simple and low cost intervention that will encourage dog owners frequenting the park to be considerate of other users and properly dispose of their dog waste.
- The construction of public restrooms should be considered. Limiting access to daylight hours or during events will minimize vandalism and other abuse.
- The water fountain at the park should be functional, at least during the summer months when the park experiences its greatest level of use.

ROTARY PARK. As the city’s most popular park, Rotary Park perhaps has the most potential for improvement. The following measures are proposed to achieve these and other objectives identified in this Plan:

- The feasibility of a community center facility, complete with indoor recreation and fitness space, should be explored at Rotary Park. The siting of this facility may necessitate the relocation of other park facilities, like the Rotary gazebo or the tennis courts.
- A critical component of this feasibility study must be the provision of adequate off-street parking for current and future levels of service.
- Play equipment should be grouped in closer proximity, ideally where wood chips can be provided beneath the structures.
- The City of Myrtle Point should explore ways to better use the tennis courts at Rotary Park. Programming events and activities, like a Movie in the Park event, should take advantage of this existing facility in creative ways.
- Permanent restrooms should be built at Rotary Park, for
the convenience of users and visitors. These facilities could be included in a community center facility.

- A trained arborist should assess the condition of mature myrtle trees at the park and make recommendations to public works staff on the care of existing trees and planting of additional trees suitable to the site.

**SUNSET PARK.** Sunset Park requires little immediate attention. Existing facilities are adequate to meet the needs of the current users.

**ADDITIONAL CITY PARKS.** Any acquisition of additional park land should consider where gaps exist in neighborhood access to parks. Every neighborhood should have quick and easy access to nearby open space and play equipment. This will allow seniors and parents with young children the option to access such facilities as part of their daily routine, increasing the physical activity of residents.

### 5.3 CITY OF MYRTLE POINT RECREATION PROGRAMS

In 2013, the City of Myrtle Point coordinates youth soccer, baseball, softball and basketball for elementary and middle school aged children. There is potential for the city to offer additional programs and activities, with additional staff and financial resources.

Ongoing dissatisfaction with the City’s role in coordinating youth sports should be addressed. City staff coordinates these activities in addition to the regular duties of their positions. The city should explore the feasibility of hiring a part-time or seasonal parks and recreation coordinator or enlisting a parents group or volunteer willing to administer youth athletics. Any effort along these lines should include youth and parents from Powers and Coquille.

Community members have also requested that the Safety Town program be revived. Many of the materials for the program are in storage at city hall, so the cost of starting the program back up are somewhat mitigated.

Another critical need identified through public outreach and stakeholder interviews is the need for summer activities for school aged children. This could simply involve providing open gym space at schools during the summer months for children to exercise and interact with each other socially. Organized tennis, kickball or basketball tournaments could engage youth over the course of days or weeks and provide them with a safe place to spend their summer vacations.
5.4 OTHER MYRTLE POINT FACILITIES

Myrtle Point Cemetery. While not a priority, maintenance crews should be mindful of residents who use the cemetery as a place to walk for exercise or walk their pets. For example, making sure the drive through the property is level and navigable by foot will make this activity attractive and feasible. Access from the cemetery to the water plant wooded area may be worth considering.

Myrtle Point Schools. The City of Myrtle Point should initiate a more collaborative approach to the use and maintenance of recreational facilities shared with the Myrtle Point School District. It is mutually beneficial to develop a clear plan outlining responsibilities of the two parties.

Coos County Fairgrounds. The City of Myrtle Point should work diligently to strengthen the partnership with the Coos County Fair Board for the future development of shared recreational facilities.

Bridge View Property. This property has the potential to be developed as a scenic overlook or a site for a farmers market, or both. Any use that will draw more residents and visitors down Spruce Street through the downtown commercial district should be considered.

Water Plant Wooded Area. This 14 acre property should be developed as an educational natural area. Area school children can take field trips to this property to learn about natural sciences and biotic systems. A formal trailhead should be developed, perhaps as a project for a Boy Scout troop or as an Eagle Scout project. Better signage and parking will also be necessary to develop the property in this way.

5.5 IMPLEMENTATION

The actions described in this 2013 Myrtle Point Parks and Recreation Master Plan will require time, labor and resources. In order to accomplish the actions outlined, it is necessary to adopt a phased approach to implementation. This approach will contribute to the feasibility and sustainability of the work described.

The following list categorizes projects into Short, Mid and Long-Term time frames. Projects under each category should be accomplished within that time frame. Categories are based on the time necessary to accomplish the project, the timing of the project in relation to other projects and the feasibility of accomplishing the project based on availability of funding and other resources.

Many of these projects cannot be implemented without the close collaboration with partners, such as the city, county, Port of Coquille River, School District and other community groups. Several community needs in particular have been identified as requiring interagency collaboration. The City of Myrtle Point and its partners should revisit this list annually to assess progress and apportion resources for the coming year.

SHORT TERM PROJECTS
(Within the next year, 2013 to 2014)

CITY PARKS
LEHNHERR PARK
• Increase police presence at the park
• Plant groundcover along Spruce Street retaining wall
• Assess mature myrtle trees periodically for health
• Plant new trees
LIONS MEMORIAL PARK
• Install dog waste bag dispenser
• Fix water fountain

ROTARY PARK
• Conduct feasibility study for a community center facility
• Assess parking needs for potential facility
• Increase usage of tennis courts
• Arborist should assess mature myrtle trees

ADDITIONAL CITY PARKS
• Assess feasibility of acquiring land for additional neighborhood parks

CITY RECREATION PROGRAMS
• Explore options for administration of youth sports
• Reinstitute Safety Town program
• Institute summer activity program

OTHER MYRTLE POINT FACILITIES
MYRTLE POINT SCHOOLS
• Coordinate use and maintenance of shared facility

COOS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
• Build partnership with Coos County Fair Board

BRIDGE VIEW PROPERTY
• Explore development potential

MIDTERM PROJECTS
(Within 5 years, 2013 to 2018)

CITY PARKS
LEHNHERR PARK
• Broaden the user base of this park by providing new amenities and programming the space for new uses
• Improve entryway be more inviting

LIONS MEMORIAL PARK
• The parking area should be redesigned for more parking and better circulation
• Replace scoreboard
• Consider construction of permanent public restrooms

ROTARY PARK
• If found feasible, design and construct community center
• Move play equipment in closer proximity, ideally where wood chips can be provided beneath the structures.
• Permanent restrooms should be built

ADDITIONAL CITY PARKS
• Assess feasibility of acquiring land for additional neighborhood parks

CITY RECREATION PROGRAMS
• Reinstitute Safety Town program

OTHER MYRTLE POINT FACILITIES
MYRTLE POINT SCHOOLS
• Coordinate use and maintenance of shared facility
COOS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
• Explore development of shared recreational facilities

BRIDGE VIEW PROPERTY
• Implement improvements

WATER PLANT WOODED AREA
• Construct trailhead and parking area
• Install signage

LONG TERM PROJECTS
(Within 10 years, 2013 to 2023)

CITY PARKS
LEHNHERR PARK
• Consider building permanent public restrooms

LIONS MEMORIAL PARK
• Consider construction of permanent public restrooms

ADDITIONAL CITY PARKS
• Assess feasibility of acquiring land for additional neighborhood parks

5.6 FUNDING
The successful implementation of any parks and recreation master plan requires long term commitment and acquisition of funds. City staff needs to research additional funding options in order to diversify funding sources and reduce reliance on the City’s General Fund. Funding options may include grants, fundraising activities, private donations, and/or private public partnerships. Full descriptions of these potential funding sources are outlined in Appendix A.
APPROVAL:

This City of Myrtle Point Parks and Recreation Master Plan was approved by the City of Myrtle Point City Council on July 15, 2013.

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Barbara Carter, Mayor       Date

This plan was approved by the Myrtle Point City Council this ___ day of ____, 2013.

Myrtle Point City Council Members, 2013
Barbara Carter, Mayor
Beau Allen
Alden Hamlin
Daniel Martin
Jamie Meyers
Douglas Veysey
Phyllis Wilson
### APPENDIX A
### POTENTIAL FUNDING STRATEGIES

Chapter 5 of the Plan lists potential funding sources for improvements to city parks and recreation facilities. The following table provides more detailed descriptions of these strategies:

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<td>Partnerships are joint development funding sources or operational funding sources between two separate agencies, such as two government entities, a non-profit and a City department, or a private business and a City agency. Two partners jointly develop revenue producing park and recreation facilities and share risk, operational costs, responsibilities and asset management based on the strengths and weaknesses of each partner.</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
<td>These dollars are raised from tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations established with private donations in promotion of specific causes, activities or issues. They offer a variety of means to fund capital projects, including capital campaigns, gifts catalogs, fundraisers, endowments, sales of items, etc.</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>A variety of special grants either currently exist through the Federal and State governmental systems or will be established through the life of current and proposed facilities.</td>
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<td>General Obligation Bonds</td>
<td>Bonds that raise money for capital improvements and general public improvements. These bonds must be approved by voters.</td>
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<td>Revenue Bonds</td>
<td>Bonds used for capital projects that will generate revenue for debt service where fees can be set aside to support repayment of the bond.</td>
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<td>A capital improvement fee can be included in the admission fee of a recreation facility. Funds generated can help pay back the cost of developing that facility.</td>
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<td>Local Option Levies</td>
<td>A local option levy for capital improvements provides for a separate property tax levy outside the permanent rate limit. A levy of this kind may be used to fund a capital project or group of projects over a specified period of time, often up to 5 years. Revenues from these levies may be used to secure bonds for projects or to complete one or more projects on a “pay as you go” basis. Local option levies require voter approval of over 50% of voters.</td>
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<td>System Development Charges</td>
<td>System Development charges (SDCs) are assessed for the development of residential and/or commercial properties with the proceeds to be used for parks and recreation purposes, such as open space acquisition, community park site development, neighborhood parks development, regional parks development, etc.</td>
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<td>Utility Fees</td>
<td>Utility fees are charged to residents via utility billing on a recurring basis. The fee may be charged as a small lump sum added to a utility bill. Such fees are a common method of generating ongoing funding for maintenance and operation of facilities. This is unlikely to get much traction in Myrtle Point based on recent raises in other utility fees.</td>
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<td>Transient Use Tax</td>
<td>Tax based on gross receipts from charges and meals services at hotels, motels and restaurants may be used to build and operate parks and recreation facilities. This may be of limited effectiveness in Myrtle Point.</td>
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APPENDIX B
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY
A survey of members of the Myrtle Point community was conducted in the spring of 2013. Survey questions were designed to determine current patterns and frequency of use, desired amenities and satisfaction with the administration of the City of Myrtle Point parks and recreation facilities and programs. A total of 48 respondents took the survey.

No demographic data were collected as part of the survey.

KEY FINDINGS
The following presents several important conclusions that were drawn from the results of the parks and recreation survey.

- On the whole, city parks are significantly underutilized.
- Respondents overwhelmingly favor more active use of city parks. Entertainment, sports and childrens events and activities were highlighted as potential uses.
- Respondents desire community indoor recreational space, perhaps as part of a larger community center.
- Respondents are concerned about criminal and drug activity currently taking place at city parks and desire more active monitoring by police.
- Parking remains an issue at many Myrtle Point recreation facilities, especially in times of high demand, such as a sporting or other event.
Q1 In the last 12 months, how many times have you or someone in your household used the following city parks for recreation in Myrtle Point? (Select the answer that most closely reflects how often you visit the park)

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<th>1 to 5 N</th>
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<td>4 Sunset Park</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>79%</td>
<td>5 13%</td>
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<td>1 3%</td>
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Other (please specify)
- myrtle point boat ramp.....gets used a lot
- Fairgrounds - 1-6 times
- Fairgrounds fields most of all. Good for exercising dog AND kids
Q2 If you have not used the City Parks listed below, why not? (Please select all that apply)

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<th>Too far to walk</th>
<th>Not safe</th>
<th>Inconvenient</th>
<th>Nothing for me to do</th>
<th>Don’t know where it is</th>
<th>Not Applicable</th>
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<td>1 Lehnherr Park</td>
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Other (please specify)

- So many crack heads in our area
- Have no need to visit a city park - live in the country.
- Kids are getting older and sports and school take up much of our time. Kids still enjoy parks with playground equipment as time allows.
- too small...
- low lifes who need to get a job and stop working the system hang out there!
- They are usually full of dirt bags
- just too busy to take the time to visit a park.
- My yard is nice, shady, quiet, and peaceful..
- Too much riff-raff hanging around….bad language from the teenagers...
- I am 65
- I sometimes visit with the skateboarders at Lehnherr
- We would go to Lenherr more if it felt safer. Same with Rotary. There seems to be a lot of shady drug activity at Rotary. Lions park is okay, but rather small. We did have a great birthday party at Rotary for our 8 year old. The shelter and benches were very useful.
- Don’t live in town
- Parking is difficult at Lions Park and no restroom facilities at the parks
Question 2 (continued)

- I am often gone from the city.
- the skate park has Adults and kids there that i would not want my kids around
- too busy
- I think Lehnerr park should be turned back into a tow square type if park, it has the better location than rotary does, and the skate park brings down the downtown area. Take out te tennis court and put in a small skate park there where the children are.
- Just don’t. Child has out grown it!

Q3 How would you rate the general maintenance of the following City of Myrtle Point parks? (Choose one)

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Other (please specify)

- Lions Park needs a working drinking fountain!
Q4  In the last 12 months, how many times have you or someone in your household used the following Myrtle Point facilities for recreation?  
(Select the answer that most closely reflects how often you have used the facility)

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Other (please specify)
- Cemetery 20+ as a place to walk to and around
- The Wednesday children’s groups at the Library are great. That’s what the 20+ visits are for. My kids love to play on the grass at the OSU bldg. It is right down the street and there are no dubious big kids or indigent households with drug culture atmospheres like at Lenherr Park.
- I have attended meetings and classes at OSU Ext.
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Other (please specify)
- Park creek
- Coquille Riverwalk
- We’ve gone to Sturdivant Park in Coquille. We also go to South Slough and Bandon beaches - didn’t know about half the places listed here!
- Sturdevant Park in Coquille/Myrtle Grove Mast Ranch
- Powers County Park
Q7 What else can the City of Myrtle Point do to make the experience of using City Parks better for you?

1. bathrooms gardening and public art

2. Having a play area for younger kids somewhere near the fairgrounds would make taking the whole family to Baseball/Soccer games more enjoyable. Rotary park little kids area is great, however the swings, slide and merry go round are old and need replaced. More places to sit next to the park would be good, when it’s busy people often end up standing or sitting on the ground while one person and their family’s stuffs occupy the only bench.

3. Remove crack heads

4. Make them larger by purchasing land/vacant housing adjacent to parks. Have MP celebrations at various parks during the year to bring people to see the parks and all that has been done to improve them for public use and enjoyment.

5. Events such as the competition held several years ago at the skate park.

6. Make them capable of being used for city/school sports to avoid conflict with overlapping teams at available locations.

7. Plan events in the parks. Skateboard contests, music, block parties.

8. Put a recreation center at Rotary Park.

9. make better use of the river that runs through it.... improvements to make it accessible to handicapped people for fishing/picnicing/etc...as well as the general public...

10. Remove the tweekers

11. Create small neighborhood parks within walking distance to residential hubs by purchasing and renovating abandoned or condemned lots.

12. More community events... Such as Movies or music in the park.

13. A park setting with a pool and a vendor or 2 would be a great draw. The kids need a place to swim away from the rivers where there are no people drinking and smoking. A place they can count on to be safe.

14. events at park

15. Keep lawns mowed, trash cleaned once a week,

16. I don’t feel that the City of Myrtle Point has invested much in any of it’s parks, and the Skate park is a joke of a resource for the majority of the community.

17. close the skateboard park, possibly move it to an area that can be better supervised. Turn Lenherr Park back into a “park” with trees and shrubs.

18. Covered play area
19. Provide better maintenance of the facilities with bathrooms that are available. They could have a concession stand and make a little money.

20. More frequent police patrols. Better and more play structures for kids at Rotary. More organized activities like a crafts fair, tai chi group, music event, nothing too large, more like bluegrass, acoustic music, chamber or cultural music than loud rock or country - not that there’s anything wrong with those types of music nor their raucous concerts ... Adult kickball league. Horseshoe / bocci ball / croquet tournament. Movie night.

21. Sponsor competitions at the Skatepark, Put removable games and play equipment in park during fair or Harvest Festival. We should be making greater use of the skatepark and the adjoining park area.

22. Keep them clean!

23. Patrol it with city cops!!!

24. The City does a very nice job with maintenance of the parks. Replanting trees that are being removed from the parks is important. Low maintenance flowering plants would be nice, but understanding that maintenance is always an issue, it does not seem feasible.

25. Turn Lehnherr park back into a community park rather than a skate park. It will spruce up the downtown area and encourage homeowners to actually pick up their yards and homes. Rotary park isn't in a good enough area to be a town square park. Rotary park also has plenty of space to incorporate a skating area.

26. Every neighborhood should have a small, safe and up-to-date play area available to them within a short walking distance. Park environments are a great way to get out and meet your neighbors while allowing children to play with each other by exploring the natural environment. More often than not we are discouraged from using Rotary Park because of the types of people that are hanging out under the picnic shelters.

Q8. When is the last time you or another member of your household participated in a City of Myrtle Point recreation program? (Choose one)

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Q9 What additional programs or activities would you like to be offered in Myrtle Point? Please keep in mind that not all programs or activities are appropriate or feasible for the City of Myrtle Point to provide

1. hiking, disc golf, continued recreational sports activities

2. More Farmer’s Markets, Walk/Run Events several times a year, utilize the fairgrounds area more during the year, children’s indoor fun center with giant blow-up slides, rock/wall climbing, challenging apparatus for elementary through teens with parent interactions.

3. Community education classes for adults and youth. Cooking, photography, dance, etc Book clubs at the library.

4. I would love to see Safety Town return. I’d also like to see more of a family night for sports. I’ve heard they have this at Myrtle Crest but I don’t think it’s advertised enough to where families really can take advantage of it.

5. Safety town again. Summer activity program like Bandon.

6. The sports activities that are currently being ran through the city are managed very poorly. By far the most unorganized sporting/recreation program around. Sad for the kids - embarrassing for the city.

7. Art in the park- during the summer months Maybe a 4th of July kids day... I have seen this done in other cities where churches set up a booth and do crafts or games...

8. Events for kids and families that revolve around a community theme such as teaching them to plant garden, tree/plant identification, art in the park day, movie in the park, etc

9. tai chi or chi gung. How about a spring festival? The fall festival is great, it is a pity it is only once a year. Perhaps a Spring Festival could be as successful. Not sure what events there could be since it wouldn’t make sense to have Classic cars. Maybe more like a mini fair midway. games and contests, raise some money for parks and rec and future activities, also vendors, food and everything else from local and county wide. A farmers market would be great too. I used to live in Santa Cruz, CA when they started doing a “First Sunday” event. It was great and really brought the community to life. That is a possibility. These may be a common type of community event that you are familiar with, I don’t know, but basically the evening of every first Sunday, the downtown was blocked of traffic and businesses stayed open, offering some sort of treat or trinket. maybe even something like face painting for the kids. There would be street performers and other displays to generate awareness and participation in other community events or offerings. It was some time ago, so I can’t remember all of it, but perhaps they are still doing it and it could be interesting to review.

10. I am still stuck on the Swimming and fitness aspects, I truly believe that the kids need a place to be active where there is no alcohol or smoking and they can safely have healthy fun.

11. More events: scrap art exhibits/competition; live music/street party. Also a recycle center (like coquille has);

12. Tennis Tournament Children’s Game Day during the summer
13 The City of Myrtle Point needs to take back control of its recreation opportunities and programs for this community, enough of the money leaving MP to go to SWOHA for poor activity planning and organization.

14 Not sure at this time. The young kids in town need recreation, but it needs to be supervised. The kids are out of control and until there is funding to have facilities supervised, it is a waste of money.

15 A bus to the Coquille community building for rollerskating. A bus to the North Bend bowling alley.

16 A water park would be cool. Definitely need more gym space.

17 Skateboard Contests, Slot car racing, Loggers showdeo, Talent Show, Public Dances, Contests or competitions in art, writing, public speaking, etc. Sponsor classes to teach safe gun handling and earning Concealed Handgun Permit, Classes on First Aid and Emergency Preparedness. Fees could be charged for the classes.

18 Indoor basketball courts,

19 A dog park is always nice, but not in any of the parks listed in this survey. A additional park location would be necessary.

20 Community center. Healthier school lunches (at least real vegetables, preferably grown in the area). I’d like to see the city of MP support the citizens of MP in ways that help us create the city we want to live in. The city can act as a facilitator and organizer rather than provider. Perhaps, if people are given the permission and blessing of the city officials, we will do for our city what we want and are capable of. The city can step in where possible and when asked on occasion. Putting a hammer in somebody’s hand and giving them permission to create can be empowering.

21 Possibly convert half the tennis court to sand volleyball, just a thought. An annual dance Annual bike race (used to be one for the harvest festival)

22 CLEANUP OF NUISANCE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES-1702 ROSEBURG RD ALSO THE SCHOOL BUS PARKING AREA

23 Summer Day Camps After school programs Better preparations for the sports program & better gear

24 Something besides a car show I’ve seen them year after year they were nice but enough is enough

25 Community/ Neighborhood picnics, movies in the park, family socials, family oriented block parties. Activities to encourage people to get to know the people living in their neighborhood and town.