

Summary of Proposed Actions 2022 Draft Parks and Recreation Plan

The following are the main near-term initiatives for town park and trail development ‘proposed by the Parks and Recreation Commission in this Plan. Other, longer-term, or aspirational’ projects are discussed in the plan as well. Public input is needed in order to establish priorities and ultimately act upon aspects of the Plan. It’s still a work in progress – what would you like to see for your neighborhood, for Twisp Park, for the town in general, for visitors to the town?

Of course, regardless of written priorities, what actually happens, and when, will be determined by level of public interest and individual and group initiative.

For more information refer to the designated section of the Plan. To clarify locations, refer to the maps at the end of the Plan.

PLAN GOALS

1. Maintain and improve existing town park facilities and create new facilities where appropriate and sustainable.
2. Continue to develop Town trail system for recreation, connectivity, and access to public spaces.
3. Encourage year-round use of existing facilities.
4. Help develop stable operational and maintenance funding for those recreational facilities used regionwide (swimming pool, rec center, sports complex etc., river access).

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Trails

A primary objective of the plan is to enhance safe in-town travel for pedestrians and bicyclists and improve connectivity between neighborhoods and from one end of town to the other (from Twisp Park on the north end to the Sports Complex on the south). Specific trail proposals include:

1. Build a connector trail between the south end of Riverside Avenue and Airport Road, in order to improve pedestrian/bicycle access to the Sports Complex. **(4b)**

2. Build or improve pedestrian/bicycle paths through dead ends (undeveloped town properties) on Methow Street. **(2d/e)**
3. Secure easements or otherwise ensure continued public use of the connector path linking May Street with the Community Center. Possible improvements to grade and width of this path. **(2c)**
4. At the terminus of Bridge St, establish a pedestrian-safe connector path beneath the Hwy 20 bridge over the Methow River, to allow safe pedestrian travel from one side of the highway to the other. **(2f)**
5. Build a trail above the high-water line along the west Bank of the Methow River to access the swimming hole downstream of the Hwy 20 bridge (pending landowner approval and cooperation along any section of trail passing through private property, of course).
6. Work with adjacent landowners to establish corridor of public access to DNR property on east side of town north of Hwy 20 and build recreational trail on this land **(5b)**

Parks and Facilities

1. **Twisp Park**, possible additions and improvements **(1a)**

- restrooms
- playground reconstruction/expansion, including more varied and challenging structures appropriate for a variety of ages and abilities
- bandstand reconstruction
- skate park
- pump (bicycle) track
- climbing/bouldering rock structure
- **rebuilding or more likely relocation of Wagner Pool - a high priority!**

NOTE: Twisp Park is one possible location for a skate park or a pump track. Other locations could also be considered.

2. **Maves Memorial Park** (on Glover Street) improvements **(1c)**

- Public art, mural or sculpture, picnic table/benches are all possibilities that would make this small, restful space more inviting.

3. **Sports Complex (1d)**: Phase I is mostly completed; phase II plans are complete. However, we are recommending that the Town revisit these plans to assess need and possible modifications, including:

- skate park and/or pump track (here versus Twisp Park? Or elsewhere?)
- off-leash dog park
- x-country ski trail

- other suggestions?

4. **River Access/‘pocket parks’** (Town properties or right of ways at the terminus of streets. These could be better signed to establish and clarify public access, possibly with the addition of some small amenity, such as a bench)

- Twisp River – Magers and Ainsworth Streets **(3a)**
- Methow River – 5th Avenue **(3c)**
- Methow River – Burton St **(3e)**

5. **Other possibilities.** Other recreational amenities have been proposed or discussed.

- Small neighborhood ‘pocket parks/playgrounds’.
- Community garden
- Boat ramp/designated put-in site for river craft
- Other suggestions?