

## CHAPTER 2



## CHAPTER 2 EXISTING FACILITY & PROGRAM INVENTORY

### *Introduction*

The Moses Lake park system consists of a number of parks and recreation facilities that provide a variety of recreation experiences for people who work, live, visit and play in the community. This chapter summarizes and identifies the existing park facilities, open space resources and recreation programming within the Moses Lake Planning Urban Growth Area (UGA). The following collection of critical data provides an understanding of the dynamics of the Moses Lake Parks & Recreation Department, which presents the park classifications, the existing park and facility inventory and outlines current recreation programming. This Chapter also identifies other private resources available in the Moses Lake Planning Area.

### CITY OF MOSES LAKE RESOURCES

#### *Parks, Facilities, Program and Resources Inventory*

##### ▪ **City Parks :**

The City of Moses Lake Parks & Recreation Department operates and maintains 39 parks and facilities with a total of 395.09 acres serving the community and urban growth area's public recreational needs. Moses Lake Parks & Recreation offers a wide range of active and passive recreational opportunities including playgrounds, ballfields, community gardens, walking/biking trails, water trails, educational programs, a museum/arts center and programs, picnicking, camping, sport complexes, boat launches, water park, amphitheater, skateboard facility, RC track, BMX track, batting cages, seasonal ice rink, gardens, fishing sites, wetlands, natural areas and wildlife habitat open spaces.

In order to manage the most effective and efficient park system, the existing inventory is defined by different types of parks, each designed to provide a specific type of recreation experience or opportunity. When classified and used properly they are easier to maintain, create less conflict between user groups, and have less impact on adjoining neighbors. Park types include mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional/urban parks, special use facilities and natural open space.

To address specific parkland needs, and in order to assess the park system in Moses Lake, the parks are identified on the Summary of Existing Parks Map on page 10. Table 2.1 summarizes parks owned and managed by the City of Moses Lake. A detailed description of each of the City parks by recommended type, detailing existing condition, inventory and future capital needs is shown in Appendix A.



**Table 2.1  
Summary Existing Parks  
Moses Lake Planning Area**

Park Type	City of Moses Lake (acres)	Total Number of Sites
Mini Parks	10.75	9
Neighborhood Parks	33.62	8
Community Parks	141.7	6
Regional Parks	141.11	2
Special Use Areas	37.67	9
Natural Open Space	20.81	3
Linear Parks <sup>1</sup>	9.43	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>395.09</b>	<b>39</b>

**MINI PARKS**

The typical Mini Park is located on ½ acre size small lots. In some cases they can range up to three acres in size. They primarily serve the immediate residents who live within a ¼ -mile walking distance and provide minimal basic recreation amenities like picnic tables, small play lots and landscaping.

**Table 2.2  
Mini Parks  
City of Moses Lake**

Mini Parks	Acres
Carl T. Ahlers Park	0.48
Carpenter Park	1.12
Gillette Park	0.93
Hayden Park	0.52
Juniper Park	0.83
Peninsula Park	1.07
Power Point Park	1.65
Vista Park I	2.86
Unnamed Park (outside Japanese Gardens)	1.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.75</b>

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

To serve citizens close to home, Neighborhood Parks should be equitably distributed throughout the City of Moses Lake. They are generally three to five acres in size but typically under ten acres. They are used for non-supervised or organized neighborhood recreational activities and generally located in every square mile section (one-half mile radius) where residential development occurs. Typically a Neighborhood Park

<sup>1</sup> Table 2.8

accommodates a variety of activities including children’s playground, restrooms, links to bike and walking trails, picnicking and picnic shelters, open grass for passive use, outdoor basketball courts and can include multi-use sports fields for soccer and youth baseball.

**Table 2.3  
Neighborhood Parks**

*City of Moses Lake*

<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Crossroads Park	3.08
Harrison K. Dano Park	4.70
Knolls Vista Park	3.01
Laguna Park	4.94
Lakeview Park	3.51
Longview Park (undeveloped)	4.27
Vista Park II (undeveloped)	5.12
Yonezawa Park	4.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33.62</b>



## COMMUNITY PARKS

Community Parks are large urban parks designed to serve as a focal point for community-wide activities and, as such, are intended to provide facilities that the entire community enjoys. Community Parks allow for an intensity of activities where noise, lighting and vehicular traffic are appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood. The minimum size is generally 15 to 20 acres but they can have large facilities or extensive natural areas that create a considerably larger size park. Community Parks often include a unique or specific use or focal point that makes them special. In Moses Lake there are six Community Parks with a wide range of diversity, offering waterfront access, overnight camping, tournament fields, concessions, water park, ice rink and tennis courts, as well as an amphitheater stage for annual events and musical performances.

**Table 2.4  
Community Parks**  
*City of Moses Lake*

<b>Community Parks</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Cascade Park	34.45
Larson Playfield Complex	19.62
Lower Peninsula Park	23.21
McCosh Park	20.06
Montlake Park	9.24
Paul Lauzier Athletic Complex	35.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141.70</b>

**REGIONAL / URBAN PARKS**

Recreation areas with significant acreage that have the ability to serve the City and beyond are classified as Regional Parks. The large size of the site allows for recreational use, with special features that may have a unique offering. Typically they serve regional resources and focus on active and passive recreation, regional trails systems, access to significant waters, camping, fishing, hiking, boating, picnicking and in some cases recreational vehicle camping.

**Table 2.5  
Regional / Urban Parks**

*City of Moses Lake*

<b>Regional Parks</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Blue Heron Park	76.68
Municipal Tracts Property (undeveloped)	64.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141.11</b>

**SPECIAL USE AREA**

Special Use Areas are recreation facilities used for a special purpose such as community services, cultural activities, historic facilities, and specialized recreation. Restrooms, parking and other support facilities are often included. Due to the wide variety of special functions for Special Use areas, there are no minimum sizes, but it is important that these parks and sites are large enough to support the intended use.

**Table 2.6  
Special Use Area**

*City of Moses Lake*

<b>Special Use Areas</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Basin Homes Park ( <i>Dog Park</i> )	9.43
Civic Center Park	3.84
Community Gardens	0.80
Larson Recreation Center ( <i>including Ice Rink, BMX Track and RC Track</i> )	7.03
Moses Lake Museum & Art Center	0.78
Sinkius Square	0.64
Skate Park	0.42
The Learning Center	0.95
Three Ponds Resource Area ( <i>including The Japanese Peace Garden</i> )	13.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37.67</b>

**NATURAL OPEN SPACE/GREENWAYS**

Natural Open Space parks can vary in function and size, and defined as land or water left primarily in its natural state. They are generally undeveloped but managed for their natural value as well as recreation uses as a secondary objective. A network of open space can be used for trails and trail access, wetlands, preservation areas to protect endangered species or for natural features. Greenways are often linear in nature, following natural or man-made corridors, such as water edges and abandoned railways. Development of Natural Open Space areas along the waterfront is linked to the adopted Shoreline Master Plan.

**Table 2.7  
Natural Open Space**

*City of Moses Lake*

<b>Natural Open Space Areas</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Golden Gate Property (undeveloped)	6.37
John E. Calbom Island Park (undeveloped)	6.37
Vehrs Wetland Property (undeveloped)	8.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.81</b>

**TRAILS /LINEAR PARKS/CONNECTIONS**

Trails, linear parks and connections include man-made or natural corridors that provide recreation or non-motorized linkages for pedestrians, bicycle routes and visual connections through scenic corridors, overlooks, beautification areas and linear parks. The Water Trail, which encourages the use of small, non-motorized boats, provides recreational water paths through the largest natural body of water in Grant County. Moses Lake is 18 miles long, covers 6,500 acres of water and 120 miles of shoreline. There are seven shore access points. Linear Parks located upland is part of an overall connectivity throughout the community. The Linear Corridors contribute to the City’s ability to preserve and protect natural areas, ecological features and cultural assets, including historic and art features. The Linear Connections often contain trails, walkways, landscape areas, viewpoints and seating areas. They may also include support facilities, such as play areas, picnic tables or trailheads. In 2005 the Trail Planning Team (TPT), working together with the Moses Lake Parks & Recreation Department, completed the Moses Lake Activity Trails Master Plan<sup>2</sup> as part of the Healthy Communities Project. Connections and Linear Parks are visual connections, points of scenic view and provide a small stop-off point in a corridor.

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<sup>2</sup> The 2005 Moses Lake Activity Trails Master Plan will be a linked document to the adopted Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open space Plan.

**Table 2.8**  
**TRAILS/LINEAR**  
**PARKS/CONNECTIONS**  
*City of Moses Lake*

<b>Trails</b>	
Multi-Use Path	23.18
Greater than 4' Shoulder	31.03
Bike Lanes	4.06
Sharrow	2.16
Future	2.55
<b>TOTAL TRAILS</b>	<b>62.98 miles</b>
<b>Linear Parks/Connections (along trails)</b>	
Marina Park	.86
Neppel Landing*	8.57
<b>TOTAL LINEAR/CONNECTIONS</b>	<b>9.43 acres</b>
<b>Water Trails (access sites)</b>	
Connelly Park (ML Irrigation & Rehabilitation District)	1
Cascade Park	1
Neppel Landing*	1
Marina Park	1
McCosh Park	1
Montlake Park	1
Peninsula Park	1
Blue Heron Park	1
Bureau Irrigation Dams (Bureau ownership)	1
<b>TOTAL WATER TRAIL ACCESS POINTS</b>	<b>9 sites</b>

\* Railroad property under maintenance agreement

**BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

Gateways, beautification programs and projects are an important part of the scenery. Communities include such programs as City entrance features/gateways, beautification maintained at facilities, flowers and landscaping along major transportation corridors, within medians and general street plantings throughout the downtown. Currently there are 13 beautification/gateway/landscape areas in Moses Lake. The existing sites are listed below:

**Table 2.9**  
**BEAUTIFICATION/GATEWAYS/  
 LANDSCAPE AREAS**

*City of Moses Lake*

<b>Beautification/Gateway/Landscape Areas</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Central Drive	2.5
Chamber of Commerce	0.25
Civic Center (subset of Civic Center Park)	1.0
Downtown (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave./Broadway)	1.0
East Broadway	2.25
Edgewater Lift Station	0.15
Fire Station #1	1.5
Fire Station #2	0.25
Grape Drive	3.5
Library	0.50
Marina Triangle	0.15
Operations Complex (13 acres with .5 acre landscaped)	0.50
Pioneer Way (Lower/Upper/Triangle)	4.0
Police Firing Range (46 acres with .25 acres landscaped)	46.0
Police Station/Parks & Recreation Office (subset of Civic Center Park)	1.5
Quicky Corner	0.15
Water/Sewer Treatment Plants (6 acres landscaped)	6.0
Weavers Peak	0.15
West Broadway	1.0
Wheeler Road	0.15
Yonezawa Blvd.	5.0
Wanapum Trail	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78.5</b>



In 2006 the City completed the Visitor/Tourism Assessment. The assessment points out the value and benefits of gateways that make the “first, best impression.” Creating attractive entrances through the use of annual color make people want to go into and through the town. As stated in the assessment “nothing sells like beautification.” Moses Lake also provides the Tree/Brush Chipper Program as part of the community beautification program. Annually in the spring, the entire community benefits as neighborhoods dispose of brush and small tree trimmings curbside. The Parks & Recreation Department collects and recycles the brush and trimmings into chips, which are used to beautify parks and facilities.

▪ **City Recreation Facilities :**

Moses Lake Parks & Recreation offers a variety of recreation, athletic facilities, outdoor recreation, and cultural facilities within its parks, which adds recreational opportunities and experiences for its citizens, as well as visitors to the community. The major facilities provided include sports complexes, baseball/softball/soccer fields, volleyball court, batting cages, seasonal swimming/water play center and outdoor ice skating rink, international garden, downtown public square, youth learning center, wildlife wetland areas, overnight camping, beach/lake boat ramps and moorage, community gardens, amphitheater, skate park, BMX track, tennis courts, playgrounds, disc golf course, group picnic areas, museum and art center, plus outdoor public art. Table 2.10 provides a Facility Inventory Summary with a number of the primary facilities highlighted and described in detail below the summary table.

**Table 2.10**  
**Facility Inventory Summary**  
*City of Moses Lake*

Facility/Feature/Structures	Amount
<b>Recreation Facilities</b>	
Baseball fields <sup>3</sup>	6
Basketball hoops/courts/game pad	5
BMX Track	1
Boat launch	4
Boat docks/moorage	9
Campground	1
Community Garden	66 plots
Dog Park (off-leash)	1
Ice Rink (seasonal)	1
Japanese Garden	1
Larson Recreation Center/LOFT	1
Museum & Art Center	1
Playgrounds	16
RC Track	1
Sinkiuise Square <sup>4</sup>	1
Skate Park	1
Soccer fields (Full size)	2
Soccer fields (Modified U-8-U11)	11
Softball fields <sup>5</sup>	6
Surf 'n Slide Water Park <sup>6</sup>	1
<b>Site Features &amp; Amenities</b>	
Amphitheater with stage	1
Art displays (permanent outdoor collection)	10
Batting cages	5
Boat rentals	0
Camping RV	42
Camping Tent	33
Camping Group Site (10 sites)	1
Disc Golf Course (9 baskets)	2
Drinking fountains	26
Historic Monuments/Displays (permanent)	1
Outdoor Exercise Equipment	1 set
Parking Areas	27
Pickle Ball Court	1
Tennis Courts	3
Volleyball Courts	3
<b>Park Structures</b>	
Concession Buildings	4
Fishing Bridge	1

<sup>3</sup> Cal Ripken (3 w/ 1 lighted); Baseball fields (3 full size/all lighted)

<sup>4</sup> Downtown with game table, restroom, fountain, stage and public art

<sup>5</sup> 3- lighted

<sup>6</sup> Facility includes Flow Rider, Lazy River, 2-waterslides, splash pad, tube slide, Treasure Island, Zero Depth Beach Area, Olympic size competitive pool, playground, concessions, 1 and 3 meter diving boards, picnic shelter and Surf Shop.

Fishing Pier	1
Interpretive Shelter/Display	0
Picnic Shelters (group/rentals)	7
Picnicking areas (with tables & shade)	50+
Restrooms	21
Restroom with showers	1
Recreation/Community Building	0
Visitor Information Kiosks	9

**PRIMARY FACILITIES DESCRIBED:**

**Community Gardens:** As part of the 2002 Healthy Communities project priorities, Community Gardens were started. Located in downtown Moses Lake, the 66 spaces continue to serve the citizens by providing the ability to grow nutritious foods. The Parks & Recreation Department prepares the spaces annually and manages the site for maintenance and operation.

**Ice Skating Rink:** (Adjacent to the *Larson Recreation Center*) City operated rink features 17,000 square feet of groomed ice. The rink is open mid-November through early-March (weather permitting) and was renovated in 2008. The outdoor facility is covered. Ice skating lessons and hockey clinics are available. Rental skates and skate sharpening available.

**Larson Recreation Center (LRC):** Is home to the Moses Lake Municipal Ice Rink, BMX Track, and RC Track. The actual building closed in 2015 due to budget challenges. The token-operated batting cages, concession stand, and computer lab are not currently in use.

**Moses Lake Museum & Art Center:** The Museum is home to the Adam East collection of Native American artifacts from the Columbia Basin region. In addition to long-term exhibits, the museum hosts changing visual art exhibits, historic and traveling exhibitions. The Museum Store features local arts and crafts.

**Centennial Amphitheatre:** McCosh Park - Award winning outdoor amphitheatre features grass bowl seating on the lakefront. Home to several community events.

**Surf 'n Slide Water Park:** The *Surf 'n Slide* Water Park includes a 50-meter outdoor pool plus water slides, flow rider, lazy river and zero-depth beach. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, the site provides concessions and great fun for families at a reasonable price.

**Skateboard Park:** (across the street from McCosh Park) This unique location features a "half-pipe," "ollie-box," "rail," and launch ramp. Open for skateboards and in-line skates (bicycles are prohibited). The facility is unsupervised.

▪ **City Recreation Programs & Services**

The City of Moses Lake Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide-range of recreational programming opportunities throughout the year, in addition to several special events and seasonal activities. While City parks provide much indirect value, we also provide more tangible value through such activities as team sports, health and fitness, cultural activities and personal enhancement programs for all ages. Moses Lake does not have a traditional recreation facility that provides meeting and classroom space, or a gymnasium and facility space to accommodate planned community events and programs.

To meet the community need and demand, programs and services are offered at various parks, schools and facilities throughout the community. The seasonal outdoor *Surf 'n Slide Water Park* at McCosh Park provides the bulk of aquatic programming. Two City indoor sites provide the

recreation programming space. They are *The Learning Center* (TLC) and the *Moses Lake Museum & Art Center*. The lack of indoor space for recreational programming makes facility scheduling difficult and creates limited opportunities to meet the community demand. The department provides a wide range of activities, with substantial involvement by a large number of citizens.



The programs are well advertised in the Recreation Guide three times a year, which is the primary source of program information for the community along with the City website. There we are able to send out e-notifications, add programs to City calendars, and give programs more visibility. We also take advantage of free advertising with our three department Facebook pages: Moses Lake Parks & Recreation, Moses Lake Museum & Art Center, and Surf 'n Slide Water Park.

In Chapter 3.34 of the City of Moses Lake Municipal Code, Parks & Recreation Department Use Fees are established on a "Pay-As-You-Go" basis for the *Surf 'n Slide* Water Park, *Larson Playfield*, *Paul Lauzier Athletic Complex* and *Cascade Park* Camping Fees.<sup>7</sup> In review of the major recreation program offerings, program fees reflect a positive revenue return on the cost of the program. A variety of program fees provide an even greater return of cost versus revenue for programs offered. The current program revenue reflects the intent of the City Council directed code for program fees.

## MAJOR PROGRAMS

On an annual basis, recreation participation occurs in the following major recreation program categories, which include:

- Aquatics
- Athletics/Sports/Fitness
- Youth Programs
- Adult Programs
- General Recreation Programs
- Arts and Cultural Programs
- Services and Facilities

**Aquatics:** Moses Lake has Washington State's premier outdoor water park-the Moses Lake *Surf 'n Slide* Water Park with over 20,000 sq ft of water surface. This family oriented facility offers many activities and is designed for swimmers of all ages and abilities. From mid-May through Labor Day the *Surf 'n Slide* is open for water play activities as well as swim lessons, classes and swim meets. *Surf 'n Slide* provides opportunities for water related activities for residents as well as visitors to Moses Lake. Programs include lap swimming, competitive events and the many water play elements: Flow Rider, Lazy River, spray pad, two water slides and zero depth entry. The aquatics facility provides summer jobs for more than 100 staff. Before the season starts, all lifeguard and managerial staff are re-certified in lifeguard training, CPR/FPR and First Aid. The estimated attendance during the +100 days of summer fun is over 120,000 annually. Nearly 1,000 season passes are sold and the total cost of operation is recovered at 101% return annually. *Surf*

<sup>7</sup> 3.34.020 Pay-As-You-Go Programs: The user fees for all pay-as-you-go programs shall be established by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission pursuant to this grant of authority from the City Council. A pay-as-you-go program is a program defined as one which is solely supported by fees generated from the participants. They shall be no less than the amount necessary to conduct the operation of the program.

*'n Slide*, with its own identity brand, provides an economic value to the entire community with the draw of visitors from outside the area. Vacationers come to enjoy an extended stay, buy food and services, and visit local businesses, which creates an economic benefit to the City of Moses Lake.<sup>8</sup>

**Athletics/Sports/Fitness:** A variety of interests are served in the athletics and fitness programs. Adult leagues include basketball, volleyball, dodgeball and softball for men, women, and church and co-ed leagues. Golf is provided for adult and youth. The department works closely with Columbia Basin Girls Softball, Moses Lake Youth Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball in scheduling games and practices. Special Olympics Track and Field, with over 75 participants annually, participates in local and regional events, which include softball, bowling, basketball and track and field events. All the athletes annually attend the Washington State Games, hosted at Fort Lewis, for state level competition. The department provides a wide array of fitness and wellness programs for youth and adults. Kickboxing, dance and martial arts are examples of the youth fitness classes. There are annual baseball/softball tournaments as well as hosting of state, regional and World Series Championship play. Adults can sign up for yoga, agility and speed training. Understanding the benefit of healthy lifestyles and providing the public with an array of opportunities, three times a year the Recreation Guide is full of options for participation.

**Youth Programs:** Facilities at the *Larson Playfield* and *Paul Lauzier Athletic Complex* offer the ability to provide a large number of youth activities. Annually, over 1,000 children attend various camps sponsored by the department or through non-profit partners. Camps range from sports camps (baseball, bowling, football, fastpitch, golf, soccer, swim, tennis and volleyball), to music, cheer/drill and BMX Race Clinics. *Paul Lauzier* is used for beginning soccer practice, games and tournaments. The Annual Youth Day is held in April at *Larson Playfield*, which is a kickoff to the summer baseball season. It is also heavily used for youth leagues, plus tournaments, which are held nearly every weekend from spring through summer for high school, regional girls as well as the State championship. The *Larson Recreation Center (currently closed due to budget challenges)* is a destination point for the Moses Lake community and visitors. The ice rink, RC Track and the ABA sanctioned BMX track is located on the 7.03 acre site. The BMX association had 33 races in 2015, which drew over 500 racers.

*Kvamme Soccer Fields* at Cascade Park are used for the Columbia Basin United U8-U11 boys' and girls' games, while *Paul Lauzier Athletic Complex* soccer fields are used for U7 games. After school programming coordinated with the Moses Lake School District community schools program offers a substantial number of play opportunities, which include boys and girls basketball and co-ed volleyball.

**General Recreation:** Cultural/educational programs are offered for all ages, which include sign language classes, gardening, music, photography and baby massage. Most are held at *The Learning Center*. Annually the department registers Community Garden sites and rents recreation facilities that include group picnic shelters, tent and RV camping sites as well as the ballfields. The Olympic size outdoor covered *Ice Rink* also located at the *Larson Recreation Center* provides hockey and recreational skating. The Moses Lake Youth Hockey Association started their first season in 2007 with five teams and around 50 kids playing hockey and the Moses Lake Adult Association had nearly 30 participants. In 2008, nearly 15,000 skated at the ice rink and the rental of skates reached an all time high of \$42,542, providing revenue to help off-set the cost of operation. Youth Hockey completed their 6<sup>th</sup> season with 5 teams and 87 players and Adult Hockey had 2 teams and 35 players. Due to budget shortfalls, the ice rink did not open for the Fall 2014–2015 Winter season. In November of 2015, with a new operation plan to increase

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<sup>8</sup> 2006 Moses Lake Visitor/Tourism Assessment & 2007 Community Branding, Development & Marketing Plan.

revenue, the rink was reopened. The facility now offers season passes, punch cards, and a charge of \$2-\$3 for those with their own skates and \$5-\$6 skate rentals

The department and City supports, hosts, or partners on a number of special events, which include: Annual Youth Day Parade, Spring Festival, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Ag Parade, Kids Fishing Derby, Swim Meet, Fun Runs, Car Shows, Triathlons, and Boat Races.

**Arts & Culture:** The *Moses Lake Museum & Art Center* is an educational and cultural center emphasizing the history and art of central Washington. In 1958 the citizens of Moses Lake built a museum to house the Adam East collection of Native American artifacts. Today the museum (renamed the "*Moses Lake Museum & Art Center*" in 2000) collects, preserves and interprets historic materials, exhibits, visual arts and offers humanities programming. The Museum is located in the newly built Civic Center located at 401 South Balsam.



**Table 2.11**  
**Example of Recreation Classes, Programs & Rentals Offered Annually**  
*City of Moses Lake*

AQUATICS	YOUTH PROGRAMS
Aquasize	<i>Camps &amp; Clinics</i>
Flow/ Body Boarding	Baseball Camp/Hitting Clinic
Lap Swimming	Soccer Camp (Girls & Boys)
Lessons (group/ semi private/ special strokes)	BMX Race Clinic
Lifeguarding(certification/ training)	Bowling Camp
Season Passes/Daily Admissions/Rentals	Cheer Camp
Concessions/ Retail Products	Drill Team Camp
Manta Rays Swim Team Meet & Practices	Fastpitch Camp
ATHLETICS/SPORTS/FITNESS	Bowling Camp
<i>Sports</i>	Tennis lessons
Basketball (Fast Break/Little Dribblers/Little Hoopsters/Open Gym/ After School Sports)	Cheer Camp
Golf (Adult)	Swim Camp
Soccer (Beginner 4-6 year old)	Tennis Camp
Softball ( Co-Ed/Women/Men)	Volleyball Camp
T-Ball	ARTS & CULTURE
SoccerTots/BaseballTots/1 <sup>st</sup> DownTots/HoopserTots	<i>Museum Workshop Classes</i>
Tennis Tots	Drama Camp
<i>Fitness</i>	Kid's Polymer Clay
Agility & Speed Training	Batik Art for Kids
Yoga	Bug Art for Kids
Cardio-Kickboxing (Adult/Youth)	Self Portrait with a Pet
Tai Chi	Wine Cork Board
Martial Arts	Van Gogh's Sunflowers
Mat Muscle	<i>Museum Fundraisers</i>
Special Olympics Sports	Feed The Mammoth
GENERAL RECREATION	<i>Museum Misc Programs</i>
<i>Recreation (General Programs)</i>	Pop up Museum at Grant County Fair
Soccer Challenge	<i>Free Family - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month</i>
Punt, Pass & Kick	October - Not So Scary Monsters
Drought Tolerant Gardening	<i>Museum Lectures</i>
Quilting	Washington's Music Pioneers: Bing Crosby, Jimi Hendrix, and Kurt Cobain with Amanda Wilde
Kindermusik	The Triple Nickel: Black Paratroopers in Washington State during WWII with Robert L. Barlett
Photography	<i>Museum Gallery</i>
<i>Ice Rink</i>	Greg Caudell and Aaron Cordell Johnson - Big Bend and Polouse Farmscapes
Figure skating lessons	Melissa Cole - Now and Then: Past and Present Flora, Fauna, & Figures of Moses Lake
Hockey (Beg & Intermediate)	Erika Mueller & Ginger Oakes
Skate rentals	Investigation, Innovation & Influence: The Life And work of Bob Hull

- **City Resources:**

## **ADMINISTRATION, RECREATION SERVICES, PARKS OPERATION / MAINTENANCE AND BUDGET**

The Moses Lake Parks & Recreation Department was created through Moses Lake City Council Ordinance 815, 1977. The Moses Lake Parks & Recreation Commission was created through Ordinance 1355, 1989; Ordinance 2088, 8/27/01. The Commission serves as the citizen based commission to advise the Mayor, the City Council, the City Manager, or officials administering parks and recreation, regarding the parks and recreation facilities and programs of the City; and as further defined in MLMC Chapter 2.44 section 2.44.040 (a) (b) (c). The Municipal Code further defines establishment of the Improvement Fund (Chapter 3.10), Setting of use fees (Chapter 3.34), skateboarding/bicycling etc. (Chapter 8.32), Swimming (Chapter 8.40), Camping (9.18) and Park Regulations (Chapter 12.36). A guideline for Naming or Renaming City Facilities was adopted as a procedure on February 12, 2002<sup>9</sup>. The Moses Lake Tourism Commission, created under Moses Lake Municipal Code is a community based working group to review, monitor and manage tourism promotion, benefits and economic values to the Moses Lake community. Chapter 17.27 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code provides residential developments, as a condition of approval, either the dedication of a portion of the site to be developed as qualified open space, or the payment of a fee-in-lieu of dedication, or both.

**Administration:** The department serves as liaison to the Moses Lake Parks & Recreation Commission and the Moses Lake Tourism Commission. In addition to the department administrative responsibilities of capital planning/projects, community coordination and budget management, the department manages two areas of responsibilities which are (see organization flow chart below) the recreation services and park maintenance operations. The department takes an active role in promoting tourism and economic development through the use of adopted signature branding and logos. The strategy and products reflect through brochures, publications and messaging the goal of marketing the unique and varied assets that Moses Lake offers to the community and the greater public at large.

**Recreation Services:** Recreation services include a diverse range of community programming that includes cultural and historic services, aquatics, athletics, recreation programming and youth services. Major recreational facilities are managed through the Recreation Services division which includes the water park, youth learning center, ice skating rink, concessions and Museum & Art center. Recreation Services provide a quarterly link to community through the recreation programming brochure. The division prepares the annual proposed recreation budget and manages revenue and expenditures of the adopted budget.

Moses Lake continues to see extended weekend visitors as a result of maximizing regional sports, opening the *Surf 'n Slide* water park, providing *Larson Playfield*, *Paul Lauzier Athletic Complex* and BMX track. They will look to the future with a focus on the "Lake" as the asset that will entice visitors and members of the community to recreate and enjoy the rich quality of life that is abundantly available for all.

**Parks Operations and Maintenance:**

Parks Maintenance is responsible for over 395.09 acres of parkland at 39 facilities. They maintain facility grounds and annual snow removal for the City's sites. Maintenance prepares the community gardens, manages the annual tree/brush chipping program, designs and constructs new and renovates existing parklands and outdoor facilities such as the BMX track, ice rink, *Sinkiuuse Square*, *Surf 'n Slide* and skate park. The division maintains lawns, landscaping, playgrounds, fields, courts, restrooms and picnic areas, as well as the permanent art collection. Parks Maintenance is involved in the preparation of the proposed budget and responsible for the park related general fund and capital expenditures in the annually adopted budget.



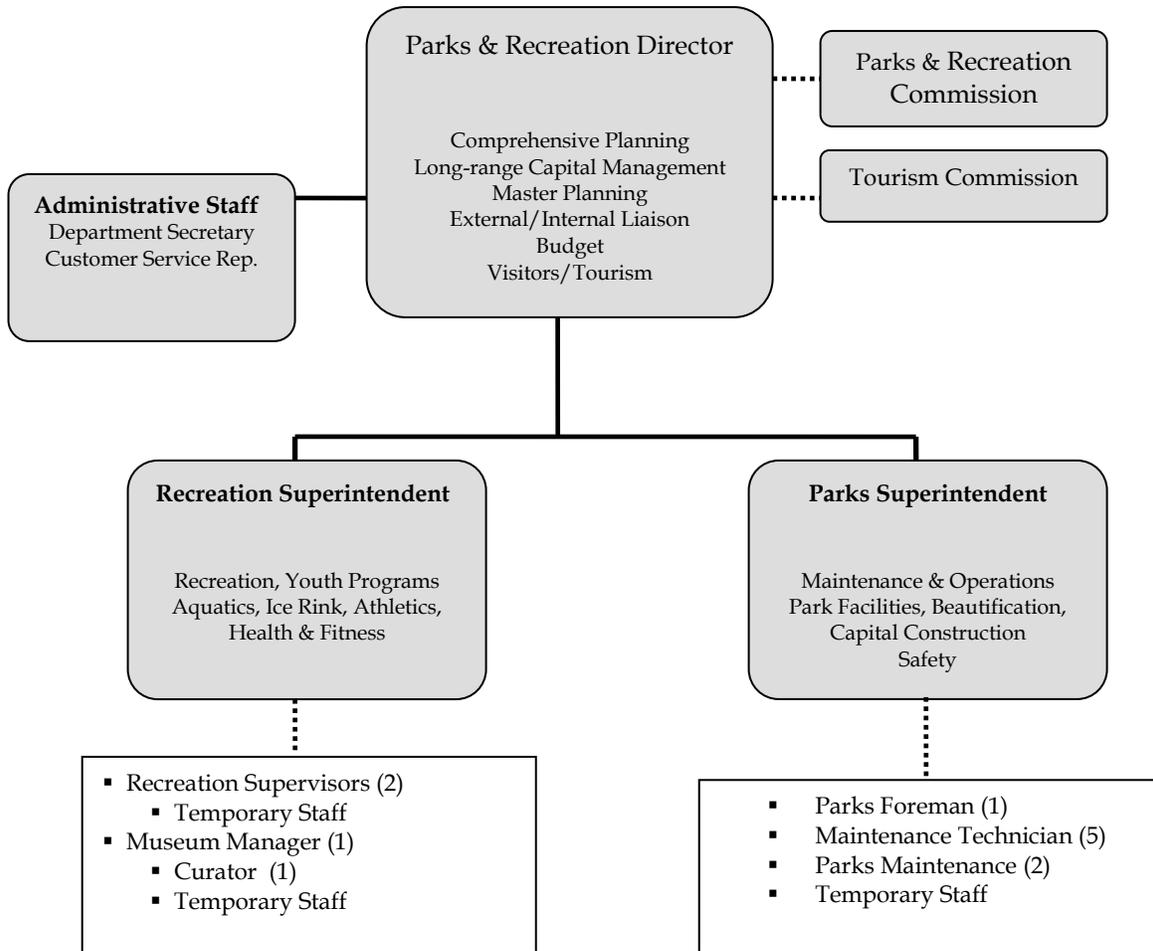
**Annual Budget 2015:** The Moses Lake Parks & Recreation budget includes revenue and expenditures identified in the general fund category, which provides the resources for the annual operation of the services provided by the department. Additionally, the annual budget provides special fund accounts for capital projects, tourism and donations. The 2015 actual year end general fund expenditures for Parks & Recreation was \$4,932,977. This accounts for 24% of the City of Moses Lakes' total general fund expenditures in 2015. The 2016 budget remained relatively the same without substantial changes.

**Department Organizational Chart:** The Parks & Recreation organizational chart (Table 2.12) is presented on the following page. The Parks & Recreation Director is responsible for the administration of the department, daily operations and long range planning. The flow chart of organization provides for the coordination by the director to the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Tourism Commission. The administrative staff provides the clerical and administrative services for the department functions and coordination with the overall City-wide operations.

The Recreation Superintendent and the Parks Superintendent provide for specialized roles for each of these two divisions. Recreation programming includes the major recreation facilities and community-wide programming for Moses Lake. The operations and maintenance of the parks and facilities is the responsibility of the Parks Superintendent as well as providing small capital projects and improvements and coordination of major capital development.

Table 2.12

**Moses Lake Parks & Recreation  
Department Organizational Chart**  
under the  
City Council and City Manager



- **Federal, County and State Recreation Resources**

Within the City of Moses Lake, the surrounding Urban Growth Area (UGA) and on a county-wide basis are a number of private lands and facilities that provide a variety of park, recreation and open space opportunities. The Moses Lake School District, Grant County, Port of Grant County, Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District, Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT), Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation plus other, non-profit and private businesses and organizations, are the major entities that provide a wide range of recreational opportunities.

## **SCHOOL RECREATION LANDS**

**Moses Lake School District:** The Moses Lake School District (MLSD) currently serving 8,256 students for the 2015-2016 school year realizing a continued student growth compared to last year. The MLSD is ranked 39<sup>th</sup> of 296 school districts state-wide and district boundaries are associated with the City of Moses Lake metropolitan area. The District has ten elementary schools, three middle schools, one technical skills center, and one high school. Community Schools serve to interface with regard to the use of buildings, community improvement classes, and school-related volunteer opportunities. The Moses Lake High School (MLHS) has a higher than state average of Hispanic students. There are over 2,385 high school student participants in 30 co-curricular programs at the Moses Lake High School. Moses Lake High School is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest high school program in the state. The MLSD is one of Grant County's largest employees with 1,024 staff members. Their dedicated staff is comprised of 539 certified staff members, 485 classified employees, and over 11,000 individual volunteer hours.

On an annual basis the Moses Lake Parks Department partners with the MLSD to provide after school sports, which include co-ed volleyball and girls and boys basketball at school facilities. Capital projects included the refinishing of the MLHS tennis courts to help existing overcrowding. To allow greater community activities outside the school day, a new 11,000 square foot gymnasium began construction in fall of 2008 at CMMS. "Home of the Chief's" Lion's Field field-turf installation is complete with a new 2,900 seat grandstand. This field is used by the Moses Lake High School soccer and football teams as well as the community soccer teams. The Moses Lake High School indoor pool (4,000 square feet) provides swim programs and lessons throughout the year. The Manta Rays swim at the site and pool programming offers lap lanes, ater basketball, diving board, group rates & birthday parties.

**Big Bend Community College:** Big Bend Community College was authorized by the Washington State Board of Education in 1961. Beginning fall quarter, 1962 BBCC held its first regular classes at night in Moses Lake High School. The college opened classes in a new facility located a short distance southeast of the City of Moses Lake fall quarter 1963. In 1966, BBCC acquired a 159-acre tract of land on the former Larson Air Force Base, which became the permanent college campus for all programs in 1975. The Washington State Legislature's Community College Act of 1967 designated Big Bend Community College as District 18 of the State community college system. The district includes Adams and Grant Counties, and the Odessa Consolidated School District in Lincoln County. Big Bend Community College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Its transfer credits are normally accepted by other accredited colleges. The campus has one baseball field without lighting and one girl's fastpitch field without lighting. In the 1980's, the DeVries Activity Center (gym) was built which has a 2,200 capacity. The facility has a free weight room, nautilus-style work out rooms, racquetball courts, bleacher seating and concessions stand. The Center is for BBCC athletic activities. The BBCC's Wallenstien Performing Arts Center seats 700, has an

orchestra pit, raised stage and spacious lobby for exhibitions. The Columbia Basin Allied Arts uses the theater along with the BBCC music program and the site is used for community meetings and social gatherings.

## **GRANT COUNTY PARK PROPERTIES**

Grant County facilitates the Economic Development Council, which has over 20 years of experience assisting companies in relocating to Grant County Washington. They offer businesses interested in expanding the most complete and confidential assistance available, including site location, demographic and economic information, and facilitation with permitting agencies and utility providers.

**Sand Dunes/ORV Park:** Grant County operates the Moses Lake and Beverly Sand Dunes ORV areas. One of the largest in the region it is located just four miles outside Moses Lake City limits in the sand dunes. Rustic (no developed facilities) camping is permitted, as well as water skiing and it has great fishing opportunities. The Grant County Sheriff's Office proudly serves the community in an off-road capacity. ORV deputies educate users and work with community groups to ensure safe off-road recreation. Memorial Day weekend is one of the most active times of the year. The ORV is funded through a Maintenance & Operation, Education and Enforcement Grant through the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

**Grant County's Historical Museum & Village:** A walk through the past is recreated at this historic museum, situated on 3.75 acres in Ephrata. It has a complex of 30 buildings located in historic settings with a homestead, old-time saloon, blacksmith and print shop, colorful displays and objects to fascinate the entire family. Visitors experience pioneer ways and see the Village come to life at the annual Living Museum weekend the first part of June.

**Grant County Fairgrounds - Camping & Annual Events:** The six campground areas provide opportunities for a variety of groups. The tree lined, green grass sites with restroom/shower facilities provide over 500 hook-ups of water and electricity, plus additional RV sewer hook-up services and dump facilities. The grounds will also support an additional 500 grassed dry lot spaces. The exhibit buildings provide a place for meetings, banquets, commercial exhibits or youth activities. Portable and fixed stages allow for many different configurations for annual exhibits and shows. The site provides for annual RV rallies, technology expositions, and equestrian events, using the arena and stalls as well as the group picnic shelter rentals. Annually, the Grant County Fairgrounds is the location of the Spring Fair & Home Show and the Grant County Fair. The Columbia Basin Rodeo Association PRCA approved Moses Lake Round-Up Rodeo and the annual Moses Lake Demolition Derby are also held here.

## **STATE NATURAL RESOURCES PROPERTIES**

**Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife:** The Moses Lake area has some of the best fishing and hunting in the Pacific Northwest. Sites include the Potholes Wildlife Areas.

**Hunting-** The greater Moses Lake area offers some of the finest migratory waterfowl and upland birds in the nation. Irrigated farm lands have provided food, cover and the necessary water to give the Basin a large pheasant population. Ducks and geese also have increased with the availability of food and water. WDFW estimates there are ten times as many ducks in the Basin now as there were before the irrigation water began to flow. Canada geese also winter in larger numbers in the Basin.

**Fishing-** With over 247,000 surface acres of water on or near Moses Lake, fishing is a favorite activity. Many local lakes, including Moses Lake, are open for year-round fishing. Local waters offer walleye, trout, bass, perch, crappie, catfish and more.

**Bird Watching-** Birding is one of the fastest growing outdoor recreation activities in the country and Grant County, with its huge tracts of protected wildlife areas, is home to a diverse and abundant bird population. Waterfowl populations reach peaks of over 100,000 birds during the fall season. The Columbia National Wildlife Refuge has had over 200 different species observed. The Drumheller Channels are one of eight National Natural Landmarks located in the northern part of the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge. Nature trails have been created near Dodson Road in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation and WDFW.

**Washington State Department of Parks:** There are a number of State parks within the Grant County area which serve the residents on a regional basis. They include:

**Potholes State Park-** is a 640-acre camping park with 6,000 feet of freshwater shoreline on Potholes Reservoir (also known as O'Sullivan Reservoir). The terrain is desert with freshwater marshes.

**Steamboat Rock State Park-** is a 3,522-acre camping park with 50,000 feet of freshwater shoreline at the north end of Banks Lake. Dominating the landscape is a columnar, basaltic rock with a surface area of 600 acres. Two campground areas and a large day-use area are on sweeping green lawns, protected from winds by tall dramatic poplars. The surrounding areas are carpeted with wild flowers, adding to the gray-green shrub steppe. A sandy swimming area and boat launches make the area a favorite for visitors, who enjoy water-play and want respite from the hot, summer sun.

**Sun Lakes-Dry Falls State Park-** is a 4,027-acre camping park with 73,640 feet of freshwater shoreline at the foot of Dry Falls. Dry Falls is one of the great geological wonders of North America. Carved by Ice Age floods that long ago disappeared, the former waterfall is now a stark cliff, 400 feet high and 3.5 miles wide. In its heyday, the waterfall was four times the size of Niagara Falls. Today it overlooks a desert oasis filled with lakes and abundant wildlife.

## **OTHER RECREATION RESOURCES**

**Non-Profit & Private Recreation Resources:** Neighboring municipalities own parks and facilities used by the citizens of Moses Lake. Annually youth leagues participate in the Columbia Basin Leagues. The Quincy Water Park and Ephrata Splash Zone provide localized summer swim/play. Moses Lake is located directly in the path of the Pacific Flyway, the migratory path for countless waterfowl. The Central Basin Audubon Society has worked for several years to identify the best local birding sites in preparation for production of the Coulee Corridor Birding Trail Map. The annual Othello Sandhill Crane Festival provides crane viewing and specialty tours to the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge/Potholes Wildlife Area. In Grant County, the 58-mile long reservoir created by Wanapum and Priest Rapids Dams offer a wide range of recreational opportunities. The landscape is arid, open and dramatically scenic, with deep basalt cliffs along portions of the river. With an average rainfall that rarely exceeds seven inches a year, There are plenty of opportunities for fun in the sun.

**Golf:** Whether you're a beginner or a polished professional you can have a great time on the greens! The abundance of sunny weather provides the ideal opportunity for golf in the Moses Lake area courses including a variety of courses that offer 18-holes, driving range, pro shop, restaurant services, club and cart rentals, putting green, club house, RV Park and a swimming pool. Some of the courses are: Potholes Golf Course, Quincy Golf & RV, Royal Golf Course, Sage Hills Golf Club, Moses Lake Golf Club, Moses Pointe Golf Resort and Crescent Bar Golf Course.

**Ephrata Raceway Park:** Known as the fastest ¼ mile track in the northwest this is one of the State's most popular full ¼ mile paved ovals, 17 miles north of Moses Lake.

**Gorge Amphitheater:** The Gorge Amphitheater is a 20,000-seat concert venue located above the Columbia River Gorge in George, Washington. It is considered one of the premier and most scenic concert locations in North America and the world. The venue is known for its spectacular views, lawn terrace seating, and concert friendly weather.

**Port of Moses Lake:** The Port district is a municipality of the State of Washington that is chartered for economic development. There are approximately 30,000 people living within the District boundary. The Grant County International Airport Industrial Park is four miles North of Moses Lake and is managed by the Port of Moses Lake. Formally Larson Air Force Base, it is one of the largest airports in the United States. It has 4,700 acres and five runways. The main runway is 13,500 feet long x 200 feet wide and serves as an alternate landing site for the NASA Space Shuttle. The Port provides world-class heavy-jet training and testing and serves The Boeing Company, the U.S. Military, and many air carriers from around the world. The Port has over 1 million square feet of building space, plus over 1,000 acres of industrial and commercial land. In 2003 the Port worked with other task force stakeholders to complete the Moses Lake Railroad Feasibility / Cost Study which took into consideration the Moses Lake area historically maintaining economic progress. This was largely as a result of the balanced transportation services available in the area, which includes air, rail and highway access. There were no clear and obvious choices for selecting a recommended scenario, however, attention was paid though to the potential future partnerships.

**Moses Lake Irrigation & Rehabilitation District Connelly Park:** This attended park is located off Highway 17, west of the Moses Lake Airport, where you will find an oasis in beautiful Connelly Park, managed by Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District. Fishermen are greeted by the Park Foreman in the early dawn hours and employee hospitality is highly rated. Boaters have unrestricted access to the boat launch and dock system. Individuals and families enjoy the relaxing, friendly atmosphere, and visit to shed the stress of the day or gather with friends. Approximately 30,000 people enjoy the park each season from April through October. Areas of the park can be reserved for special occasions by calling the District office. Hydroplane races take place at least two times each year.