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Report Introduction
Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf conducted a public participation process to identify and prioritize potential park improvement projects throughout Spokane County. A total of 27 projects were included for consideration, including the Regional Indoor Sportsplex being advocated by the Sports Commission, to be maintained and operation by the Public Facilities District. The remaining projects were identified through consulting the recently adopted Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (2014), the Spokane County Regional Trail Plan (2014), the Department’s inventory and analysis of facility conditions, as well as through initial feedback received from the public prior to this public participation process.

The public participation process was conducted via an online survey as well as public open house meetings scheduled throughout Spokane County.

Spokane County Community Priorities Survey (Online)

The online survey was created using Fluidsurveys, a survey tool recently acquired by Spokane County. The survey was developed by Parks Department staff and reviewed by the Chief Operations Officer, John Dickson, Jim Emacio, Chief Deputy Attorney, and Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter, Public Information and Communications Manager. The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) was also consulted prior to the survey’s release.

The survey was distributed via two links that linked to the same survey:

1. **Website Survey** – This survey link was made available on the website (both the homepage and a standalone “Community Priorities” webpage). A total of 79 valid (Spokane County residents) respondents completed the survey through the potential park improvements selection question (Page 4).

2. **Email Survey** – This survey link was emailed to a wide spectrum of community groups for distribution to their members, from chambers of commerce, to parent – teacher associations (PTAs), to various recreation groups. A complete list can be found on page 25. A total of 1,455 valid (Spokane County residents) respondents completed the survey through the potential park improvements selection question.

Both surveys were available and active from March 4th through March 22nd, 2015. Survey takers were limited to submitting one completed survey per device (IP Address limitations would potentially prevent different survey takers within the same office or company from taking the survey.

Open House Events

Four open house events were conducted at various Spokane County Public Libraries, with attendance varying dramatically per site. The methods used to collect data at these open houses consisted of having the online survey available via iPads on specialized stands and having posters describing and depicting the 27 different potential park improvement projects where participants could stick numbered stickers (1-10) next to their “top ten” projects. Most participants utilized the latter method.
The Open House events were conducted at the following locations:

- Airway Heights Public Library – March 10th
- Moran Prairie Public Library – March 11th
- North Spokane Public Library – March 12th
- Argonne Public Library – March 13th

All events were from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM, with most attendees coming in the first 45 minutes of each open house.

Publicity/Advertisements
All four open houses were advertised in the Spokesman Review’s Outdoors Section on Sunday, March 8th. Additionally, the Spokesman Review featured a brief article on March 11th describing both the survey and the open house events. Several organizations, including Greater Spokane Inc (GSI) featured information on these events.

Results
The next several pages will provide a summary of the public participations results, starting with the open house events and ending with the survey.
Open House Results

Open house attendance varied from location to location. Airway Heights and Argonne were the two most well-attended open house events. Moran Prairie and North Spokane were less attended, but had more one on one time with attendees. The feeling the staff had overall was that people in general are in support of investing in parks and recreation facilities, however, that support for specific projects vary from location to location. As depicted below, the “Top Ten” open house projects include the Centennial Trail, Community Park Improvements, and the Park Improvement Grant Program, which would distribute funding on a competitive basis to municipalities seeking funding for local park improvements (total funding amount and parameters TBD).
Airway Heights Library Open House "Top Ten" Projects

- 70 Acre Airway Heights Park
- Community Park Improvements
- Centennial Trail Repairs and Gap Completion
- Fish Lake Trail Completion
- Fish Lake Regional Park Enhancement
- Southside Aquatics Enhancements / Prairie View Park Expansion
- Regional Indoor Sportsplex
- Spokane County Parks Capital Equipment Acquisition

# of Votes
Moran Prairie Library Open House "Top 10" Projects

# of Votes

- Southside Aquatics Enhancements / Prairie View Park
- Regional Indoor Sportsplex
- Palouse's Ferry Sports Stadium Enhancement
- Northside Aquatics Enhancement and Bidwell Park
- Meadow Wood Golf Course Irrigation Upgrades
- Beat Lake Regional Park Renovation & Enhancement
- Spokane County Parks Capital Equipment Acquisition
- Conservation Futures Access Improvements
- Park Improvement Grant Program
- Fish Lake Trail Completion
North Spokane Library Open House "Top 10" Projects

- Community Park Improvements
- Bear Lake Regional Park Renovation
- Northside Aquatics Enhancements and Biehler Park
- Centennial Trail Repairs and Gap Completion
- Fish Lake Trail Completion
- New Dog Park (Suggested Item)
- Conservation Futures Access Improvements
- Fish Lake Regional Park Enhancement
- Regional Indoor Sportsplex
- West Plains Regional Park Acquisition & Development

# of Votes
Online Survey Results
As mentioned previously, the online survey was split in two ways: a link on the County Parks website and a link that was emailed out to a wide variety of groups and featured in the advertisement in the Spokesman Review. Overall, the survey had a 62% completion rate among those who clicked on the link and 1,534 people completed the survey through Page 4 (Project Selection) that reside in Spokane –1,455 via the emailed link and 79 via the website link. The survey took an average of 10 minutes for people to complete, which was the Park staff’s target.

Survey Response Summary
Survey takers were spread throughout Spokane County and as anticipated, areas with larger populations had proportionally more survey respondents (See: table on next page). Survey takers whose zip codes were outside of Spokane County were filtered out to focus on Spokane County residents’ responses. As you’ll notice, the regions with the heaviest survey response, in the following order, were: (1) North Spokane (City of Spokane, Nine Mile, Five Mile), (2) Spokane Valley, (3) South Spokane, (4) West Plains (Cheney, Medical Lake, Airway Heights, Fairchild AFB) and (5) North County (Deer Park, Chattaroy, Green Bluff). The region with the least amount of survey responses was Southeast County (incl. Spangle, Rockford, Fairfield, Waverly, and Latah). Reasons for this could be smaller population size, limited County Parks facilities in the area, or issues with survey distribution.

Right: A map of Spokane County depicting the analysis regions that were used by staff to break up the results. The regions were created by examining survey results and looking for similarities and differences. For example, the “Foothills” regions was determined by comparing survey results for those zip codes with those “North County” and noting differences that tie that region more closely with Spokane Valley.
## Survey Response Summary – Total and By Region
March 4th through March 22nd, 2015

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<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Total Registered Voters (% of Total Voters)</th>
<th>Total Survey Responses*</th>
<th>Percentage of Registered Voters Who Took The Survey*</th>
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<td>280,008 (100%)</td>
<td>1,534</td>
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<td>77,726</td>
<td>46,607 (17%)</td>
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<td>North Spokane</td>
<td>160,099</td>
<td>87,839 (31%)</td>
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<td>Spokane Valley</td>
<td>103,814</td>
<td>62,975 (22%)</td>
<td>432</td>
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<td>Liberty Lake</td>
<td>9,502</td>
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<td>100</td>
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<td>Foothills</td>
<td>28,756</td>
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<td>48,270</td>
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<td>58,209</td>
<td>30,279 (11%)</td>
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*Survey takers residing in Spokane County who completed the survey through Page 4.
Above: The chart depicts survey responses received by day. Note the two surges in responses – these likely occurred due to email distribution or online newsletters being sent out by organizations. Response numbers slowed to a trickle towards the end of the survey window. (Please note: number of responses reflect total “clicks” on the survey link and do not reflect total survey responses used in this analysis).
Top Potential Park Improvement Projects (Survey - Overall)
Please select which potential park improvement projects you would fund out of the list below:

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Spokane County
Registered Voters: 280,008 (100%)
Survey Responses: 1,534 or .59% of Voters
Adjusting Survey Results For Population: Assuming that the survey responses from each region represent the voters in that region, staff extrapolated the survey results in each region to the total registered voters in that region to get the extrapolated votes for each of the projects. Staff then added the extrapolated votes for each of the projects across all regions and ranked them.

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### Top Potential Park Improvement Projects by Analysis Region (Survey)

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#### South Spokane Region
- Registered Voters: 46,607 (17%)  
- Survey Responses: 326 or .70% of voters
### Potential Park Improvement Projects

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**North Spokane Region**

Registered Voters: 87,839 (31%)

Survey Responses: 330 or .38% of voters
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Spokane Valley Region
Registered Voters: 62,975 (22%)
Survey Responses: 432 or .69% of voters
## Potential Park Improvement Projects

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### Liberty Lake Region

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Registered Voters: 17,276 (6%)
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**North County Region**

Registered Voters: 24,390 (9%)
Survey Responses: 102 or .42% of voters
### Southeast County Region
Registered Voters: 4,007 (1%)
Survey Responses: 12 or .30% of voters

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### West Plains Region

Registered Voters: 30,279 (11%)
Survey Responses: 164 or .54% of voters
Project Prioritization (Survey - Overall)
This was an optional survey question added by staff. Staff received feedback that respondents were challenged on mobile devices with moving the “puzzle pieces” involved in answering this question. Due to both of these aspects, 20% of the survey respondents in the emailed link version skipped this question entirely and 28% of the respondents skipped it in the website link version. Therefore, staff has eliminated data from this question in the analysis as it is not representative of the overall results.

Additional Suggested Projects (Overall Results)
The survey included a question on whether the survey taker had any suggested additional projects that they would like to see funded and completed. A good portion of the responses included facilities that are not within Spokane County jurisdiction (E.g. Sports Complex on 70 acres near the Raceway owned by Airway Heights). A major focus of many of the suggested projects centered on:

1. **Trails and trail-related improvements:**
   a. Various trail connections (e.g. Fish Lake and Centennial Trails)
   b. Dream Trail Connection (26 comments related to this item)
   c. Beacon Hill (Trail improvements / land acquisition)
   d. High Drive Bluffs (10 comments - trail improvements / land acquisition)
   e. Bike lanes / trail expansion (Various)
   f. Conservation Futures related improvements (e.g. signage and trail improvements, trailhead development, and some land acquisitions suggestions – Bear Lake, Tuscan Ridge, and general land acquisition support comments)

2. **Sports, Athletics Field, Aquatics Improvements**
   a. More turf soccer fields
   b. Airway Heights 70-acre Sports Complex (26 comments)
   c. New Aquatic Center in Liberty Lake Area
   d. Improved softball fields at Plante’s and other existing County facilities
   e. More sports facilities in Spokane Valley (softball, baseball, soccer, etc.)
   f. New Sand Volleyball Courts (focused on municipal parks)
   g. Update basketball courts (resurface with non-slip surface, 10’ heights, etc.)

3. **Miscellaneous General Park Improvements**
   a. More dog parks (Camp Caro, Holmberg Park, etc.)
   b. Year-round restroom facilities
   c. Spokane River Water Trail access and promotion
   d. A new County golf course (various suggestions)
   e. General improvements to developed park including lighting, landscaping, drinking water, etc.
   f. Add disc golf course (up north or Liberty Lake)
The Temperature Gauge: How Do Survey Takers Feel About the List of Projects? (Overall Results)
This question in the survey asked the survey taker after going through the survey to “rate” the list of projects from 1 to 100 with 100 being the most favorable score regarding the project list. The average score (rating) of the 1,534 who answered this question was: **78.27** out of 100. One might look at this and consider that it might represent the level of support for future funding options.

Additional Comments (Overall)
The final question on the survey provided space for survey takers to leave additional thoughts and comments. Many of them did just that. Below is a summary of common themes that were identified in many of the comments:

- Support for the development of a sports complex at Airway Heights (i.e. Airway Heights 70 acre park)
- Improve all the parks (general comments in support of improving all parks)
- Support for the Regional Indoor Sportsplex
- Some do not want the tax burden a bond or levy measure may add
- Some felt there were too many projects
- Some expressed that the projects are too expensive and could be done for less money (and “extravagance”)
- Support to improve and/or finish trails
- Support for providing safe, affordable places for kids - like parks and trails
- Preference for maintaining existing parks and facilities
- Preference to finish projects that are already in progress
- Support for the Dishman Hills “Dream Trail”
- Support for more youth fields to bring in larger tournaments to support the local economy
- Support and preference for new synthetic turf soccer fields

For the complete list of comments, please see appendix titled, “Additional Comments – Complete.”
Appendix

Survey Email Distribution List
Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department staff made every attempt to distribute and raise awareness for the online survey, including emailing the survey link out to the list of organizations below for distribution to those organization’s membership / email lists. The goal of staff was to produce a manageable list of local organizations that represent a wide variety of interests including: business / economic development, youth sports, trails, conservation, and parents/youth.

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Additional Comments – Complete
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Do you have additional comments?

Response

More Conservation Futures acquisitions

Limit spending to get more done across the county. Spending all the money on a few large projects does not help the larger community but rather the few who will use it. For large projects like the indoor sports complex, needs to find alternative funding.

Very difficult to prioritize these needs/wants

I really like the conservation futures land acquisition program. I do not believe that a park necessarily needs to be developed or have a ball field, mowed lawn, irrigation, etc. It is totally fine and in some cases preferable to just have open space that can be used by various people for low key activities. I do like to have the occasional rest room (CXT vault please) available.

Sportsplex has been needed for a very long time now. Thanks for considering!

The Sports Complex will bring us the best return on any monies spent. It will assist Spokane to grow as a true location for sports to take place, from local, regional and national playoffs for middle school, high school, college, professional teams. Bring in out of town dollars, show them our City and they will return for their vacations with families.

Not everyone is a golfer. Some of us prefer alternative activities like dirt biking, mountain biking, and water sports. Too much focus on golf, not enough on other activities...does anybody still play tennis outdoors?

The fish lake trail would connect the city of Cheney to the Spokane area to make it a safe and easy ride

Waste of money. Put the money into programs that all people need.

All of the projects seem awful expensive and maybe could be done a little less extravagant? I would be hesitant to add anymore tax to my bill for parks as there is a lot of things on the horizon that I get no say in that will be raising my taxes.

Parks are a vital part to a thriving community and they are needed, but now is maybe not the time to try and raise taxes for this program.

Prefer projects for families and outdoor recreation.

Keep up the great work improving our parks. They make Spokane a VERY desirable place to live.

The improvement of public spaces is essential for building better communities!

I have been working with the city of Spokane for several years trying to complete the Fish Lake Trail connection, and I sincerely hope that this project gets funded.

One of our best "park" assets is the Spokane River where improved access would be great to encourage SAFE use of the river in certain places. I would be more than happy to provide direction and key people to contact. Paul Delaney, 509-220-8018 or spokanerafterguy@comcast.net

On October 4, 2010 the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County and the City of Airway Heights entered into an agreement which included the City acquiring 70 acres of land for the development of a recreational facility. The agreement included the complete master planning of the property via completion of Spokane County Project No. P6179—Sports Complex Master Plan. This plan was developed in a series of public meetings in the summer of 2012. The county also agreed to support the City’s development of the property as a project and facility of regional
Please give serious consideration to the City of Airway Heights Recreation Complex as a priority project on your list. While a West Plains complex would be nice, the City already owns the 70 Acre parcel and has a plan for it that many county residents helped develop.

Would love to see a park south of I90 between the Geiger and Medical Lake exit near the Petro Big Sky housing area and new Snowdon. The Fish Lake Trail and Park are in use every moment they are open. Sometimes, you can’t even find a parking spot.

The 70-acre recreational complex in Airway Heights is vital to the youth, and residents as a whole, of our region. It would also be a prime regional asset, as there is a significant shortage of sports fields on the West Plains.

We definitely could use the SportsPlex—we need more multi-sport facilities in Spokane! I am assuming that the RF Park upgrade is completely separate. The new playground(s) there should be state of the art, handicap accessible.

Airway Heights needs new and updated facilities. There are minimal opportunities for basketball and baseball or gym use in the Airway Heights area which provides sport opportunities for children and adults around the west plains area.

Parks are a waste of money. The county needs to put money to public safety like Sheriff or fire stations.

When I moved here 32 years ago from Seattle, I was amazed at how good the parks and rec was in Spokane. The last 15 years have been average. It would be nice to get back to where we were as a city. Its one if the reasons that makes us all proud and happy to live here.

I think the Regional Sportsplex would have the biggest impact of all the listed projects. Organized sports are huge in Spokane but Spokane seriously lacks the space for them.

Don’t ask for too much all at once.

These all seem like great projects, as long as the tax burden isn’t so great.

Spokane is very much in need of a sports complex that has multiple turf fields for soccer/football, similar to Dwight Merkel only with more turf fields. I would only support this if the fields are available to all clubs/children. Currently one soccer club has the "in" on Dwight Merkel and other clubs cannot get fields for practice or games. If a complex is being built for one club in particular that needs to be identified very publicly so that we know what we are voting for. Currently it is very clear that the Shadow Soccer Club should have paid for Dwight Merkel, not the citizens of Spokane.

Volleyball at the end of March is turning away up to 50 teams at this point, basketball tournaments are spread all over and football is practicing on the same courts as volleyball at the same time. We definitely need more indoor facilities and Plant's Ferry is an ideal location convenient for everyone. My second choice is a little spendy at $27,000,000 but the space is needed so we don’t start losing some of these great activities.
Southside Aquatic facility is nice for families w/young kids. Bringing in sand volleyball courts & a ball field would expand the offerings to more age groups which is needed for that area.

I live in Coeur d’ Alene and work in Spokane and don’t use many of the Spokane area parks on a regular, frequent basis. However, I am interested in the Sports Complex from the perspective of regional business development, tourism and the fact that the facilities we currently have for this type of activity are unfortunately inadequate. My 3 children are all current AAU basketball and volleyball players and the need for this kind of facility (from my perspective) is great. I can’t speak as a taxpayer, however as a user, I would support various usage fee arrangements to bring this type of facility back to where we need it.

We were just hit with a school levy, please in this economy do not strap us with another levy that will increase our taxes. For the time being maintain the parks as they currently are and look at ways to be more fiscally responsible instead of strapping the tax payers with bills for facilities we already have.

It's seems like very few of them are targeted for parks near where I live (Greenacres).

As a family we come to Spokane for volleyball and wrestling activities. Although I would not be responsible for the taxes used to support these projects; I would benefit from these projects as a visitor.

I like the sports complex idea. This will spur the economy and downtown activity.

I think the indoor Sportsplex is the best project. We need something that can be used year round.

Need more facilities to support Club level play in all sports. Volleyball facilities are almost non-existant. Facilities that can be configured for multi-use (Sports) should be a top priority.

Tennis courts in Airway Heights would be nice.

the Airway Heights 70 Recreational Complex has already been identified by the County as a project of regional benefit so why is it not mentioned as a priority project? When the County purchased the Spokane Raceway Park and accompanying parcels, the City of Airway Heights was given 70 acres in exchange for services. In that agreement the county stated that it will assist the City of Airway Heights in bringing a multisport complex to the community.

Whoever designed this cool survey should be given a raise!

;)  

Sports Complex is a MUST! All year round usage for ALL.  

SportsPlex makes economic development sense, rest of the projects make community/quality of life sense.  

The Regional Indoor Sportsplex is a project that should be considered separately.

Seems like the funds would be tackling too many projects at the same time.  

The Regional SportsPlex is obviously a big-ticket item, but would be a fantastic diamond for the Spokane area both recreationally and economically and a great way to clean up some eyesore real estate adjacent to the community's greatest gem, Riverfront Park. Secondarily, I would emphasize maintaining and fixing gaps in the Centennial Trail - again, a fantastic community asset that NEEDS gap filling at Mission/Perry near Avista first, then at Argonne. The Centennial Trail addition through Kendall yards is outstanding!

We visit the Spokane area often for volleyball tournaments. It would be an awesome idea to have a complex in the downtown area to play, instead of having to travel to all of the schools in many different locations.
The Regional Sports Complex, while expensive, seems like it could be a great asset to boost the economy by bringing in travelling teams for tournaments. However, care needs to be taken that it doesn't put other sports complexes, such as the HUB, out of business.

What took so long
We really need a northside sports complex! As a mom of 3 athletes, we are driving to the HUB or the Warehouse every weekend. It would be very convenient to have a facility on the North end of Spokane.

We need the indoor sports complex to improve current and future volleyball and basketball events
Airway Heights 70 Acre Recreation Complex should be a top priority. Airway Heights is a rapidly growing community full of families. There isn't much in the way of parks and recreation areas out here. It would be nice to have an area dedicated to the residents as well as a draw for residents outside of Airway Heights. There are currently no adequate facilities for sports and other recreation and leisure activities, this would ensure that Airway Heights is on a level playing field with surrounding and up to date cities. If designed right, the complex could also add revenue to the cities budget. Softball tournaments, family reunions, and other events could rent facilities out.

The Regional Sportsplex especially excites me. Thankful for the Sports Commission and all it does!
Please consider building an indoor soccer center in Spokane Valley too.
Why is the county considering adding new parks when they can't keep up with the maintenance of their existing parks and have a record of closing
Can there be at least one park where off leash dogs are acceptable?
For my business and the economic impact in this county, the sportsplex needs to get underway immediately.
Preserving and enhancing the wilderness areas such as The Dishman Hills Conservation Area is critical for large cities that need green space! It should be a top priority.

Ben Bur Park on the South Hill is neglected. If a sand volleyball court (or two) were added, it would be extremely popular and well-used. The gazebo is not used much because there are no picnic tables. Please add one or two tables so people could use the gazebo more!

Thank you for requesting public input and comments! This survey was extremely well organized and easy to complete.

City SPORTS PLEX...revenue builder !!!!
Overall, I am in favor of the regional sports complex at the north bank of Riverfront Park but I do not believe that an additional ice rink needs to be included. In fact, if this publicly-funded and operated facility is built it will most likely cut into the business of the privately owned and operated Eagles Ice Arena.

I am sure many members of the hockey and figure skating community embrace the idea of an additional ice facility in town because it is widely assumed there is enough demand for it. But given the track record of recent ice facilities it simply hasn't panned out. Participation in hockey and figure skating has not enjoyed significant growth over the past two decades. Neither has the theory of "if you build it and they will come" worked to increase the demand. The addition of those ice rinks that have come and gone are a testament that this theory does not hold true. Building another new permanent ice rink in this community should be based on actual sport growth, not anticipated growth because it has not occurred.

The inclusion of an ice rink in the regional sports complex does not make sense to help increase hockey or figure skating competitions either. Larger tournaments/competitions require at least two or more ice sheets as proven when the US National Figures Skating competition that was held in Spokane and the installation of a temporary rink in the Convention center was required. What makes more sense and what is best for the health of all our existing regional ice facilities is to first fully utilize the ice sheet at the Spokane Arena before any more permanent ice sheets are built.

For most of its existence the Spokane Arena's ice surface has been grossly underused with the Spokane Chiefs being its primary user. In order for the Spokane Arena to be used for tournaments/competitions the PFD must change its rental policy. As it currently stands, a user group must bear the entire cost of renting the building just for the ice facility. If the policy was changed not only would this improve chances of increasing tournaments/competitions to Spokane but it would also allow the underutilized ice rink to be available for other local hockey/skating organizations. The PFD has had a long-standing policy not to rent ice to user groups unless they pay for the entire building because they claim they cannot keep people from having access to other parts of the facility. Renting the entire building is not cost effective for local ice user groups and most tournament organizers cannot afford this option either. The PFD certainly has the resources and capacity to accommodate local ice users if they chose to do so. With minimal investment they could figure out a way to isolate the rest of the building from ice rink users. They have just chosen not to deal with it and have had the power to continue these restrictions unchallenged.

As an alternative I would support building the new regional facility with space dedicated as multi-use but with an ice rink option if the use of the Arena's ice sheet was better utilized. The regional sports complex ice sheet would only be installed during larger competitions/tournaments when needed. As an individual who works in Airway Heights, it would be great if the City was able to renovate the parks so that I could stroll through them on Volleyball maintenance and improvement at Browns Park; By University.
I appreciate the investment in Spokane's parks to make them not only good today but also the Complex project that will mean so much to Spokane in the future. Spokane already has the gift of Riverfront Park that remains from the World Expo and building from that is an obvious choice to me. I hope that goes through. Also, I'd like to see further development of Olmstead's plans from downtown and west along the river. I think our best hope of getting people to move downtown or otherwise keep it a location that people want to spend time is to put some energy into these parts of town. The geography is gorgeous and it's unfortunate so much north of the river has fallen into disrepair. My hope is that someday the sections north of the river will turn around into safe places to work, live and raise children. So, I think this is all a step in the right direction.

Parks and facilities improvements are critical to our area's quality of life. Plus the Regional Sports Complex adds an important economic impact to our area along with providing access for local use of quality facilities for clubs and other users.

I place a much lower priority on those projects benefitting organized sports than on those for play, nature and community events.

if you want hotel stays and to bring people to the Greater Spokane Area, the Regional Sportsplex is a must. The ROI is off the charts.

A true proponent for modernizing our sports facilities in Spokane. We are MANY years behind comparable counties/cities and Spokane County would benefit greatly by hosting indoor and outdoor sporting events! Thank you for your consideration.

Airway Heights is a growing community and should have the fair share of tax dollars to make further improvements.

I think improving upon Plantes Ferry and building a new softball complex in the valley/Liberty Lake would be an amazing opportunity for the community. I do believe that we should explore adding some turf Football/Soccer fields to the new complex. The Draw of soccer and Football tournaments and league would only grow with the ability to play closer to home.

more lights at all softball fields

The ideas for the plants ferry improvements are good and so are the ones for the CV sports complex ideas.

I would like to see projects that promote family involvement, including multiple activities for families with children of all ages.

More baseball/softball fields - there never seem to be enough

More indoor facilities for team practices during the winter months. Teams, especially club teams, often have to pay additional fees to private complexes to be able to hold practices at various times throughout the year. It would be nice if their were more public facilities available to rent that

I don't like the plans to convert more grass areas to turf. Turf might be durable, but it is actually pretty hard on the body, so more natural grass and less turf, especially for soccer fields! Leave the turf for indoor facilities only please!

Providing green space, parks and trails is essential for the well being of the community for so many reasons.

Golf courses serve only a small sector of society and statistically, people using golf courses are substantially better off (wealthier and healthier) than society as a whole. Improvements on golf courses should be made only by the private sector NOT tax dollars. Conversely, both northside Spokane and rural communities are lacking in amenities and project dollars should be concentrated to those locales. Green infrastructure has been proven to significantly improve the quality of life and economic viability of communities and with good plans, this effect could be realized in parts of our area that need it most. I like the sportspplex idea and it should get priority for funding as it will benefit everyone in the area and generate

The fact that these two projects (South side and north side aquatic centers) are open less than 3 months/year, I would strongly suggest that additional improvements be geared to enclosure so that they could at least be open on weekends the remainder of the year.
Improvements and development of outdoor basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts near downtown Spokane parks would be nice. Also, creating unique outdoor park features (such as bocce ball courts, disc golf, or other niche community games) would make for a great draw during park

Need more quality fields in Spokane County. They are maintained well but getting older.

A couple of the projects seem too expensive for the benefit for the community at large.

This community is in dire need of decent baseball fields.

As frequent visitors of Plants Ferry Park (3-4 times a week) I have seen numerous instances where children were so close to being hit by foul balls from the softball fields. So many times, that I will not let my own children play on the toy equipment if there is a game being played. This problem needs to be addressed regardless. My family spends hundreds of dollars a year to participate in sports at this facility, and it would be nice to feel confident that our children can play on the playgrounds without fear of them getting hit by a ball.

fix the current softball fields, and build a court for volleyball and basketball.

The park at Fish Lake was a wonderful place that has been completely neglected for years by the County. Drastically needs attention, but once any work is done ongoing maintenance must be a priority. I was disappointed when I went to Liberty Lake, so it probably needs the proposed projects but I personally would not use it much due to where we reside. I support any project which completes the Centennial Trail, Fish Lake trail or any other trail that provides a safe environment for cyclists especially where families can use without having to ride on any roads. I would only support improvements to the aquatic facilities if (1) you lengthened the swimming season to April to October as the weather is often warm enough and when not improvements should include heating the water and put in large pools that can be used for lap swimming and competitive swimming

Golfers pay for their usage. Same with Aquatic Parks, Etc. if they don't return any $$ to you then don't improve them. OR start making the users of "trails" pay for them. We have some great public recreation around here. Your golf courses are a fantastic deal, I love to play them.

Parks are an important fact of the quality of life in Spokane County

More needs to be done with the RV park at Liberty Lake park. treacherous drive into the sites for trailers and RVs

For less than $30 a year I have no objection for Spokane County to keep our parks and facilities used by our community in top notch order and

Being from the South Hill, I'm not familiar with most of these projects.

I believe the Sports Complex would help to vitalize the down town experience. In my opinion the Sports Complex should also house a regulation size ice rink. The area is hurting for more sheets of ice for youth hockey and figure skating.

I think neighborhood parks are extremely important to keep family entertainment affordable. Much more important than a Sportsplex. I Would place the Sportsplex at the bottom of any list. It may generate tourist dollars, but it doesn't reach down to the roots of the community like

No Ice Hockey Ice plant. Consider improving Eagles.

They all truly seem like great projects. I am a softball player, who does play all of the seasons and tournaments that the Spokane County offers. The fields are in desperate need of a make-over, especially the addition of lighting. I know lots of people who choose to play in the city leagues because of the night game factors. My wife and I and all of our teams (co-ed, mens, and womens) prefer to play for the county because of the people, especially the staff running it. It would make the complex that much more appealing and be able to have a return because the leagues could run later after dark and on multiple nights of the week. I am excited that there is a possibility of improving the Plantes Ferry Complex, please consider it!
I'm a golfer so there is only one project that interests me.

Airway Heights has limited development and funding for parks and recreation and needs more available space for parks and programs. A recreational facility for the residents of the city and surrounding area with an aquatic facility would be nice!

In challenging economic times, is it really prudent to continue to pour dollars into taxpayer-subsidized facilities used primarily for 'organized' recreational events -- which are also taxpayer-subsidized? I'd prefer to see completion of the type of low maintenance costs, 'serve yourself' facilities, like walking/biking trails. Provide the space, and let people avail themselves of it -- but leave the job of entertaining folks -- and their

As someone who visits airway heights frequently it is important to get a recreation facility for people out there to use (something like a YMCA) run by the parks and rec department. They do so much for the community out there but do not have funding to help develop their parks and provide a recreation facility that is affordable for the mainly low income residents of airway heights.

The indoor facilities for sports such as volleyball are much needed. Currently AAU Basketball gets all the court time for December - February and volleyball USA Season is just getting started. It would be nice to have other facilities to host larger scale tournaments.

I'm completely against the County spending tax payers money on parks that produce NO revenue and are mostly used by people that pay little or NO taxes. The County golf courses need all kinds of improvements that money from the non producing parks could be used for. I'd like to see the County quit spending money it doesn't have or money that they think the tax payers can pay because it seems small to them. People in the County are NOT able to keep paying and paying when unemployment is high and wages are not keeping up with the pace the County seems to spend. If you want to spend money, spend it on the County Golf courses where you have money coming in and NOTHING else. As an example, have you noticed that most bond issues fail because of the high wages that are demanded from police and fire unions as well as school bonds because the people say NOTHING in the bond wording?

Thank you for requesting input.

We reside in Elk which gets no consideration for enhancements from Spokane County. As golfers, we do use the Spokane City and County golf courses at least once a week during the season. It would be extremely smart if the Parks Dept. would also add an indoor simulated golf complex that was more affordable than the 3 places available for winter usage in the area. After watching the State B Basketball for a couple of days, we have heard over & over how most of the hotel rooms were booked up way ahead of time. If there are not enough downtown rooms for this, how could Spokane handle such a large sport complex with so many more events. I think first you need to improve the "rooms available" situation and get downtown cleaned up a little more. It is scary walking around down there at night with all the homeless folks.

Even though these are good projects. I believe the softball fields will be left out. More people are leaving the fields and playing in Cda. The fields are better and cost less to play. I feel we owe it to the people to improve the fields for the kids and adults.

Looks like good projects

There needs to be multiple launch points on the Spokane River for drift boats and rafts. It is embarrassing how undeveloped this is. It would benefit the city and country immensely. It would bring in revenue and visitors. Go see how Montana does it and copy them. The regional sportsplex is a joke, is stupid, and probably involves corrupt insider deals.

Plantes ferry softball project is a must!

I expected to be asked why and how I use parks.
I think we have some "deferred maintenance" in that we need to catch up with improving and acquiring park lands to match the rate of growth we've had the past 20 years.

Oh, someone should have bought the Painted Hills golf course for parkland.

These projects would make spokane a real city of sports. please look into Pickleball...it is the fastest growing sport in America...and we could use some facilities both indoor and out to play...thanks any projects that effect all people are good...too many times the projects are available to only those who can afford the high fees .....this is not Will the sports complex be built so as to hold events like high state tournaments - enough fan seating around 1 or 2 main courts for championship games etc.?

Also - Is a maintenance plan included in the budget?

Most importantly - What will be the charge for area high schools to use the facilities? The Arena was built with a "promise" that area amateur athletes would have access and have the ability to showcase their talents. Right now, the costs of using places like the arena prohibit high school teams from playing games there - they cannot afford rental fees etc. Let's build a quality complex and take care of our kids in Spokane - while recognizing the benefits to hosting large national events etc.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I love the liberty lake project. More softball fields would be great and the complex sounds amazing.

I play all the seasons of softball on multiple teams, and the plantes ferry project is a must, let alone it is one of the few places that we have to pay to play there. Most importantly is the safety of the playgrounds. We love to have our kiddos come enjoy the park but due to safety concerns we keep them home.

Regional sports complex will really fix a dumpy area next to Riverfront Park and will probably help our regional economy. A mountain bike pump track at Comstock, Lincoln Park, and/or maybe Riverfront Park is also a good idea.

Click and drag almost impossible on kindle. My 4 choices would have been in the order they were listed but only one dragged! I don't golf so not interested in those parks. Complex sounds great but olympic swimming pool MUST be included. Too hard to swim in river even in summer.....

Costs are too high, we pay more than needed on most of these projects. It shouldn't cost millions to fix a trail. quality over quantity.

poll the neighborhood and users to help develop exact upgrades. my only concern about the sports complex is the low income affordability while still maintaining top of the line atmosphere. the list you have provided is too vague on what improvements are to be made
Parks are important and the larger parks bring outside people and revenue to Spokane County. Every government agency is asking for money, how come we cannot work on a regional plan and priorities. There is only so much money that can be squeezed out of the tax payer. Less than a mile left to complete the Fish Lake Trail.

Our parks are an integral part of our community. This allows for more activities, especially outdoors, bringing our community together, increasing revenue from outside sources and making for a healthier community.

Love our parks - they make a beautiful jeweled necklace around our community. Really disappointing to visit Dwight Merkel or Plantes Ferry after a weekend of soccer and see the plastic water bottles blowing around - and probably ultimately into our wonderful river.

Would also love to see more focus on the Spokane River - both along the river and the river itself. Sad that the new state water levels will harm the local fish and make the river unusable for recreation during the later summer months.

An indoor facility will not only benefit local sports and arts programs, but will also benefit tourism as it will bring in more visitors from out of the Any land purchase that can be made NOW for any potential future park or recreation project is a good use of taxpayer dollars. As urban sprawl continues, we need to protect these areas to ensure there will be plenty of recreation opportunity for the growing population.

dollars are too high for some of the smaller, neighborhood enhancements.

Make sure access is available to all citizens (unless unpracticle).

My husband and I use the Softball side of Plantes Ferry Sports complex the most during spring, summer and fall. We would like to see hard building bathrooms vs. the honey buckets and we would like to have a the convenience of a concessions stand.

In a perfect world I'd like all of them to be completed, however in keeping with funding demands I would like to see continued support for the Centennial Trail as it reaches the most people and we are well committed it that project. I think an indoor sports complex is important in our climate where so much time must be spend indoors. I like that the placement of this project will draw people to our downtown area, thereby The SportsPlex will be an incredible economic winner for Spokane. But please consider changing the name. It sounds like a bad 80's song title.

Taxpayers should be charged for regional county wide projects that will enhance overall economic impact for Spokane County. Several potential park improvement projects appear to be neighborhood projects that will enhance neighborhoods and small communities rather than providing growth possibilities for tourism and sporting activities.

Golf is important to tourism in our area. Please continue to update the facilities. Keep up the good work!

Upgrade all golf courses with taller and thicker fairway grass.

Thanx.
More mountain bike friendly trail networks would be much appreciated. Iller Creek has become a bit too crowded such that conflicts arise from downhill travel - especially with unleashed dogs and unknowing hikers. Antoine Peak trail system upgrade will be a great improvement, understand that's been more or less agreed upon and is in the works.
Micah Peak trail system is going to be a great asset to the county, really looking forward to opportunities there.
Count me in as one who doesn't particularly care about an indoor sports facility downtown, though I understand the utilization it could have and the dollars it could feasibly bring in. Just tough to choke on $27M knowing what that could bring to improved access to the natural features around the county. "Near Nature, Near an Indoor Sports Complex: Because Nature is icky." :P

More equestrian trails would be nice!!

Anything that can be done to improve parks, give people something to do --especially in the west plains, and promote an active lifestyle is Good Work!!

The county and cities would benefit from having a sports complex to use rather than relying on multiple schools and their schedules and demands.

The Centennial Trail is one of the greatest assets of our region that serves those who live here, serves as an awesome attraction for employers like me trying to attract potential employees, and it serves as a great recreational asset to those visiting Spokane. I believe that it is imperative that we protect, maintain, and improve this incredible asset. Plus, it gets people outdoors, enjoying nature, breathing fresh air (in most areas) and exercising. I ride the trail extensively with my bike--in many areas it feels like you're riding on a railroad track because of the gaps in the pavement that need filled. I had a friend last fall that crashed her bike after hitting one of the ruts and losing control--while not seriously injured, it ended her ride and she had to go to ER for stitches.

I do lots of biking and hiking. The Fish Lake Trail is fantastic, but is missing the one section. It is a VERY well used trail and it is soooo close to completion. Once completed, it will be a fantastic gem connecting downtown Spokane with Fish Lake and also with downtown Cheney. The trail is already well used and will be used even more extensively when complete. Plus, it will be much safer than the current requirement of crossing the railroad tracks and going out on the Cheney-Spokane Road to complete the last 2.5 miles of the trip between the trailhead and Fish Lake and/or Cheney.

If the LL Softball/soccer complex project is approved then I don't think you need to spend money on the softball fields at Plantes Ferry park. Seems overkill and a waste of money to do both.

I like this approach- I don't mind paying more taxes and fees for specific projects that I use. I prefer the Sno-Pass for this reason and happily pay it

More outdoor activities for all sports
Whitewater park on Spokane river
Skatepark in valley
Bmx track in valley like Dwight merkel
More outdoor activities for all ages and sports
This seems like a good survey, and I answered the best I could. However, I don't feel like I have enough information to make very good suggestions -- but I did my best!

I am an avid user of the Fish Lake Trail and notice that I'm not alone. I love what is there and am excited to have it extended. I would also really like to see some new trails on Micha Peak and Tower Mountain. I'm not particularly concerned with the trailheads themselves. Thank you!

Trails are the most important. Golf is the least important. Sportsplex? - no way.

Please finish the Centennial Trail once and for all!

I'm happy to invest in our parks, neighborhoods, and community! Thanks for doing what you do, Spokane County friends!

I ride the Centennial trail almost daily and have participated in the adopt a mile for several years. There are always tons of people on the trail and when I would clean up my mile, people thanked me. I think it is a very valuable project and my personal #1 priority according to your list. However, Spokane is a beautiful city and it is very important to give kids something to do, so I support improving all or most of the parks. There is not much for kids to do (safely) in Spokane without having to pay money, and I would love to see places for kids and families to go, as well as have events in the parks. The city is growing and so is our population and we should do everything in our power to influence kids to take part in safe, healthy, and fun activities.

Would love to see more interesting playground equipment at our community parks: more tall slides, see saws, zip lines, and swings at varying heights for different ages of kids. Skate parks or skate appropriate surfaces would be good, too. Also, wood chips are preferable to the solid surface rubberized stuff at many parks.

Pool updates and renovations are a waste as they only drain money and I do not support that waste in money and precious water. sports facilities do not need to be built and or more stadiums added. Money needs to be spent on the activities that have a huge population but no funding such as road bike, mt biking, hiking and other Similar opportunities. Maybe purchase all the nasty meth houses along I 90 from Spokane to Spokane valley and demo them and build a massive park instead!

I'm not a big proponent of the sports complex. I think Parks money should be spent on getting kids outside in nature when possible.

I love the idea of more recreational activities/park at the northside aquatic center- but I think expanding the pool area in any way is a waste of money for the limited season it is open.

We are too big of a city to not provide a place to swim year round. The outdoor pools at each of the parks are top notch. However, as a local triathete I would like to be able to train year round in a city/county pool.

With the amount of multi use and bike trails in and around Spokane, it would be foolish to not brand it as an outdoor recreation destination. Many volunteer groups including Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance would vest countless hours into any bike trails up for consideration on surplus/unused land transforming them into areas that will draw people in, and spend money on food, lodging and entertainment.

The Centennial Trail is used by a high number of cyclists & walkers. Should be a priority to help finish & maintain it.

I would love to see Boswell park completed. There are a lot of kids in this area and they need a park.
On October 4, 2010 the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County and the City of Airway Heights entered into an agreement which included the City acquiring 70 acres of land for the development of a recreational facility. The agreement included the complete master planning of the property via completion of Spokane County Project No., P6179-Sports Complex Master Plan. This plan was developed in a series of public meetings in the summer of 2012. The county also agreed to support the City's development of the property as a project and facility of regional benefit.

I think that safe and dedicated bike routes connecting parks and the downtown core is a very important and healthy priority for our community. The completion of Centennial Trail through Millwood MUST be a priority. We need to get bikers and walkers safely crossing Argonne. Thank you.

I believe we should fund projects that provide recreation for today's users and that drive economic development.

Centennial Trail is an absolute gem but it needs help (Mission Street Crossing, Upriver Drive by Camp Sekani) and it needs maintenance - too many large cracks for safe cycling.

We really need to look at turf type fields for many of our sports fields with lights. We can save on water, mowing and fertilizer while also bringing in money on rental/use fees.

bravo county parks!

I think gateway park would be a nice park to update and is easy to access from I-90 / the centennial trail. As a large family of young kids it would be great to see the public park facilities (restrooms) be open earlier in the year especially years where the weather is mild and we have an early spring, as getting the kids out of the house and playing is a integral part of their development and proper facilities help to extend these outings.

I use Spokane's bike trails a lot, so the improvements to the Fish Lake trail and Centennial Trail are the projects I'm most interested in. The Indoor Sportsplex could be a great value to the city, too, especially if it's a space kids and families can use to stay active in the Winter months. I'm also very happy with the improvements that have been made to the Centennial Trail in West Central, recently. It's a safe, attractive route between my neighborhood and downtown, and it's a place for neighbors to meet. As a homeowner, I have a lot of faith in how the city and county are using those tax dollars. Keep up the good work!

Bravo! We need more and better parks and the two of us are HAPPY to pay more taxes to provide them.

P.S. Great survey tool -- loved the interlocking puzzle pieces to prioritize things.

I love Spokane County parks!

I think regional projects are the most important. The Centennial Trail and other things that could bring others to our region spending tax dollars. I would love to see the Cen. Trail get safely across Argonne Rd. That gets more and more dangerous every year to cross on that busy street.

My top priority is the trail, as I ride a lot, but I also recognize that community parks need to be available and aquatics centers are an important resource for communities (swim teams, swim activities).

We need much more Centennial Trail improvements
Please consider funding the Dishman Hills Dream Trail
I don't think these monies should be used for sports facilities.

Finishing the Dishman Hill/Rocks of Sharon corridor seems to make just as much economic sense for Spokane as finishing the Highway 395 corridor or EVEN MORE!
I only use the trail so, I don't feel qualified to vote on the other issues. I live in CDA, and I value the trail very highly. It is a huge quality of life

Glad to see a focus on parks in the community. I have been sad to see many falling into disrepair and unused because of lack of funding. I think the status of parks in the community is an important part of our quality of life!

Please keep in mind that the community trails like the Fish Lake Trail and Centennial Trail are the arteries for ALL of the other parks and green spaces. Whenever you invest in those paths, you're investing in community connections, neighborhood pride, elevated real estate value, and fresh opportunities for alternative commuting and regular exercise. Frankly, those trails are far more crucial than any extra lawn space.

I would really appreciate signs for Mica Peak Conservation area before the motorcycles tear up the park....it is a big problem along with the lack of supervision and law enforcement in the area. I would suggest appointing volunteer park monitors for Mica as well. Thanks!

Favor trails over sports complexes.

Improvement of softball infields at Plantes Ferry Park are important to me. Need to make infields out of different material so it's not so muddy and dangerous to play in when wet. I.e.. Subzero Softball Tournament - infields on all fields were 4 inches of mud! We pay a lot of money to play and use these fields for tournament play and there is enormous interest from rec softball players to participate in events like this, so the fields need to be redone to accommodate all conditions.

We should be focused on creating new facilities more than improving existing locations.

I support the regional sports complex as an economic development tool that fits in with expansion of our convention facilities and renovation of Riverfront Park. Otherwise, I support an approach to fix the facilities that we have or to finish existing projects, rather than starting a bunch of new work or adding many new parks. I would also like to see the plan for maintaining these facilities over time.

Please take care when choosing and improving the projects, so our money is utilized fairly and properly.

Our parks are our legacy.

Love the proposed improvements in these two projects.

Camp Caro Park Improvements - didn't see it in the selection
This would rank #4

Pls add the Airway Heights 70 Acre Recreation Complex to the list with a very high priority, as land has already been purchased and his ready for Hope we can get the money for all. Recreation is IMPORTANT!

Let's finish the Dream Trail!

There is such a large number of children and households in the North Wandemere area. We love having the aquatics center, but a park and splash pad is so very needed. Finishing the park would be a great benefit and gather point for the community. We hope you will consider it a high

I wish we had the resources to do them all.
Love all the outdoor areas in Spokane. Would also like to see DNR property in Glenrose added to county to a decent TH could be built and trail could be improved to CF lands acquired in Dishman Hills.

You need to acquire rights of way and acreage for the Dishman Hills area and south to the next towns south... this area needs to be preserved for TH construction. The north area needs more parks. There are thousands of houses off the Hatch exit in Colbert and we still have a huge piece of land (Bidwell park) still sitting undeveloped. So many families would benefit from a park in this neighborhood. So many families already use it daily for years as a place for kids to run around free and play but it's currently just a field of weeds. Imagine how much it would be used if it was an actual park! This neighborhood has been praying for years for our park to be completed! Please, please make us a park!

The Park Improvement Grant Program seems like a great idea as well. I didn't vote for it here because it was not described in much detail. Southside aquatic center is enormous... very well utilized and I don't know what the recommended 'improvements' are, but seems like a project that has had enough money dumped into it already, gives lots of enjoyment, and probably would continue to even if no more money is allocated to it.

Completing the Centennial Trail through Spokane, and getting it off of streets entirely, should be the top priority by far. That would finally complete the Centennial as a destination trail that can bring cyclists to the area for long distance riding. It is currently very confusing to newcomers who get lost trying to wend their way through the city, and daunting to those unprepared for the hot climb on a fast street up Doomsday Hill.

In general, I think Spokane should pay more attention to cycling routes, for both recreation and transportation, so I ranked those projects first. Holmberg Park and Bear Lake are two other very high priorities.

Thanks for asking my opinion!

Thank you for your efforts!

Airway heights region needs more park areas and more available for residents to do. Swimming pool, bike paths, Riverfront park mainly benefits the down core business as well as many residents. I think the out lying parks should get the bulk of improvement work as they all need it badly. The down town park should be supported more by the business than the public as they get the most benefit from the improvements. Thank You

How is there any funds for these improvements? I am against all of them, there are plenty of parks trails etc that are not being used now. Poor planning as usually by the county. Been here 20 plus years, and nothing has improved. How about improve the schools, the library or even the roadways. We use the current parks and trails with much enjoyment. However, education is top on our list as a family. Put the money is the Mead, and give our community a highly skilled and educated work force.

Parks are wonderful but FIRST you have to have the money. Did the parks dept find a money tree? The insane thing about real estate taxes is that a person's home doesn't generate the where-withal to pay the tax. I wouldn't knowingly vote for anything I knew ahead of time would drive up RE taxes. Feel we need to continue to fund our county park system

I have ridden my bike for over 30 years in Spokane. Yesterday I biked from Mission Park to Kendall Yards, not a ride I frequently do. I was sad to see the poor signage on the Trail. If I was a visitor and not a "local" I would have never have arrived there without a lot of frustration!
Connectivity on fish lake and centennial trail is a priority to connect to the parks. Multi sport use on the trails will help inspire more to get outside if it's near them or can take them safely around our community. Users on both these trails is higher than I have ever seen. The new Kendal yards trail is heavily used. More of our community to making a choice to get outside. These trail extensions and improvements inspire this. Gaps on the trails are priorities to connect to the parks. The Liberty Lake/HUB sports complex is a horrible idea. There were NO public meetings to get public input on this concept. Now there is a middle school and a sports complex - this is insulting to residents. Not to mention the plan is not well thought out. There is no access road to get to the HUB, whose idea was that? Stupid plan, bad idea. Just put the middle school there and taxpayer monies should be spent on education.

Quit spending tax payer dollars on low priority items. Ask the public for project ideas, not to just prioritize items that Spokane County Parks staff think need to be done. Some of these parks are improvements and enhancements. What has happened to the current revenue source and why would we consider building anything new if the County is struggling financially to take care of all these facilities.

I think we are blessed with beautiful parks in Spokane. I would like to see them all maintained and kept for future generations. I also think it is important to add more parks and recreation area's for people to enjoy as our area grows and expands. However, I would not want to add additional burdens to tax payers at the expense of already existing parks. Manito Park is of upmost importance to this city and Friends of Manito does a nice job of supplementing the park expense by doing special projects. It would be nice if more parks could do that along with our Parks and Recs budget.

Spending $500,000 on improvements and signage is a no-brainer, regardless of the results of this survey. From a risk management standpoint, that money is WELL spent in this type of loss prevention. I work in insurance and risk management for local governments and know the cost (and sometimes causes) of claims. The general public doesn't seem to understand the large amount of tax dollars that go to awards or defense costs of claims, so not sure if this option will result as a priority in this survey. I hope the leaders who will be making these decisions do.

I am impressed and appreciate you doing this survey to involve those that want to have a say in these priorities. Thank you.

The regional Sportsplex will be a huge boost to the economy in Spokane. Spokane already has, per capita, one of the best city park systems in America. Perhaps one of the options for the immediate future could be "no new capital expenditures for a park system that does not clearly need improvement or expansion at the current state of affairs - except to take advantage of grants and Federal/State funding for local projects. Sometimes the measure of wise government is a conscientious caretaker role rather than fixing something that really doesn't need fixing. The Fish Lake swimming area really needs to be improved.
I think all of the projects are very worthy, however I feel there is a strong need for Youth Baseball Fields in our community (or at least multi-purpose fields) and access to the Spokane River for fly fishing and boating.

With over 5,000 children and their families playing youth baseball in this community (and growing with the influence of the Spokane Indians Baseball Club starting their own league) we are at a severe disadvantage to hosting tournaments in Spokane. All the major tournaments (200+ teams) are hosted in Tri-Cities. These tournaments have an economic impact like all the other youth tournaments (soccer, volleyball, etc.) which I also support. Plants Ferry and the valley complexes should continue to be enhanced.

For non-motorized boating and fishing, we just need simple access! The cost of providing this pales in comparison to the majority to the other projects and has incredible benefits.

We are fortunate to have the combination of destination parks and neighborhood parks that we do. Technology upgrades to make the restroom facilities more secure and more usable would be a terrific use of Park funds. Solar lights and security cameras should also be considered to make our park equipment less vulnerable to vandals and children less vulnerable to predators.

Transparency on how funds are used - and why - would go a long way toward earning the good will of the public. Just as the City did with the previous street bond, tell citizens where and how their money is being spent.

There needs to be a balance in user fees and taxes to homeowners. Homeowners are being asked to support more and more levy's and other tax.

It would be helpful to know how the elected officials and the park personnel within the cities prioritize their portion of the park projects.

I don't want to pay increased property taxes. I would like you to use what you already have to budget wisely and improve parks over time.

It's hard to think of other parks improvement ideas. I live in the city and am most familiar with city parks though I do use the trail systems for bicycling and love to cross-country ski at Mt. Spokane.

I disagree with the location of the new sports complex. The downtown area is already congested and I do not see a solution to the congestion or parking problems. The Spokane Valley area would largely benefit if the sports complex were to be built out there. Less congestion, more parking, more draw to the valley area.

Make our parks safer and get the crackheads and drunks out should be priority before modernization, etc.

I would prefer less spend of upgrades and having too many resources devoted to "large paved parking lots", numerous toilets, numerous trash cans, etc.

I would like to see the money spend on buying land and having access to reach those places - especially wild and nature like places. A simple parking lot, a few basic signs, and then trail work by volunteers would be helpful to me.
The concept of the Regional Indoor Sports Complex seems to be pretty advanced for something that still needs to be funded. I'm sad to see that it does not include a 50 meter indoor pool that could be used for regional (and national) swim meets. Spokane is the only city of it's size that does not have a year-round 50 meter aquatics complex. You tout the opportunities to host a variety of track and basketball events, but swimming is a major amateur and semi-pro sport as well that truly runs year round. Right now Spokane is unable to host events like Junior Nationals or other events because we lack any capacity at all to do so. If digging a 10-lane, 50 meter hole in the ground doesn't seem like it will work, I would encourage you to look into including a Murtha pool system in the design and capabilities of the complex. Murtha pools are modular, above-ground pools that have been used at many recent national level swimming events including the 2008 and 2012 U.S. Olympic Swim Trials in Omaha and several Goodwill games throughout the country. To truly make this complex as versatile as possible, I would recommend including aquatics and would throw much more support behind it if it did.

I would like to see a dog friendly area at Liberty Lake Regional Park. Currently signs say they can't be on the beach, which is a shame because it's a much safer spot to take dogs for water play than the Spokane River with its dangerous current. I don't know that a dog park on the water would ever be feasible there and I understand wanting to keep off-leash dogs and/or dog waste off of the human-friendly beach, but I sure wish it was more dog-friendly at the lake/beach itself. (The trail is super.)

Why don't they modernize and use Holmberg Park pool?

I really like the improvement projects for the smaller parks around the neighborhoods. Although I do not have any children that use them, it is something that is always brought up positively from our out of town guest. They always say it shows that a city cares about its citizen's when there are neighborhood parks! I've always been proud of Spokane for that.

1. Safety and more police, ranger present. Hire more.
2. Stiffer penalty for vandalism, litter and unlawful camping.
3. Land acquisition. Once the land is gone. Its gone!!!!
4. A large indoor aquatic center. For year around swimming.
5. Looking at how popular Dishman Hills is getting. We need more open green areas. Land acquisition.

I think any money spend on bike trails is money well spent. I was not able to drag the Fish Trail project over so I just typed it in

One of the big reasons we love living here is our parks! I am so happy to see so resources, energy, and thought put into making this community the best it can be!

The City of Spokane and the County should work together to have a comprehensive improvement plan that meets the needs of the residents of the
Being an older female need bathroom facilities on trails or go in the bush

Many of the parks and trails are in need of enforcement of the rules - like mountain bikes and unauthorized trails at Dishman.

I think it is hard to lose spending money on public parks. The Sports Center needs to be thought out but from what little I know (just what you had here on the website), it sounds good. The Sports Center needs to be shown to be worth $27 million dollars (I think that was the price tag).

This survey is amazing. I have personally worked with Parks Director Chase and staff members Bottelli and Knowles and found them to be very committed to caring for our Parks. Great job guys!
I could have given better information if there was more detail given on what each project consisted of.
I am not convinced the proposed location of the indoor Sports Complex is the best economic use of the prime real estate.
the new sports complex would be a wonderful addition!
These projects are great, but they have to be paid for! Our taxes are already too high, being that we have the highest rate of homeless and unemployed in this city - we are a hideaway for the people who are in the US illegally and without jobs, so you are going to get the $ from those of us who do pay taxes. I realize that the new sports complex will bring in revenue for the city, but it still has to be paid for by someone. I need to know more about the other improvements before I would vote one way or the other on them, but we are taxed enough. To improve 'just because'
Patrol the existing parks for illegal ATV/motorcycle use
The trail completion would seem to benefit many uses but I like the small scale improvement to infrastructure. However the 27mil indoor facility is a little pricy and ill advised....keep them small
Fit citizens ars productive, happy, healthy and therefore more effort should be placed on the fitness of its tax base.

It's obvious there's a lot of need based on the cost estimates and the list of projects, but without more details on all the pros and cons of each project, the number and frequency of current park users (by park) and Spokane County's recommendations on the top projects that need the most help, it's difficult to prioritize in just a few minute survey.
I really appreciate our parks and would like them to be funded again so restrooms and garbage service are available again. I also would like the opportunity to purchase a "season's pass" to the northside aquatics complex. The punch card is still too expensive if you live within walking distance and your kids would like to go everyday.
Thanks for allowing us to take the survey! I would love to see Spokane increase it's amount of parks. More neighborhood parks-not necessarily big I do not like the funding mechanism attached to the project. I am sure they are all great projects. But the means to pay is not something that I like. It seems like too much and to much to maintain.
Airway Heights is in need of a sports complex. It would be beneficial to this community and the children would get great use out of it.
Personally, I rarely use any Spokane County Parks facilities except Trails. So I would personally like to see more money devoted to trails and less to "sports" facilities (baseball, basketball, etc.). The trails we have available, such as the Centennial Trail, Liberty Lake, and various county-owned conservation areas, are a real treasure; on the other hand, some of the trails have issues, such as confusing trails that lack signs, erosion and poor trail conditions on some hiking trails, and discontinuities (Centennial Trail and Fish Lake Trail).

However, I realize that many people in the county use the "sports" facilities, and I'm definitely in favor of anything that helps people get exercise, so I am not really opposed to those types of improvements. They just wouldn't be my first priority.

The Spokane Sportsplex is an exciting facility that will bring a significant number of new visitors to our community along with a substantial accompanying economic impact. The Sportsplex project holds tremendous potential to further drive community vitality by making the Spokane area a destination for events from across the region, particularly youth sports participants.
Green fees and trail fees should be given back to the golf courses for additional investment in long term management programs. The golf courses should not be fund raisers for other non-golf projects.

The county is growing and developing, so at this point I think we should prioritize land acquisition for parks, and public access to natural areas. I believe that some of the projects would be good to do a part but not all and we can not split it up if you only want part. The downtown sports complex is not located in a good place to work with the community.

All parks require adequate restroom facilities. Several parks lack adequate facilities- The Sports Complex of South Gate lacks restroom facilities when teams practice or citizens use the area for recreation- Restrooms are only open certain times but portables or other facilities need to be in place. People have been using the woods and other areas near Fish Lake Trail because toilets are closed or not available from Late fall till spring. This is unhealthy and unsightly. Many bikers and hikers use this train and homeless persons seek facilities and there are non available. Other parks

Would have liked more projects for the south hill area. We have very little in the way of sport complexes!

None

I don't know all the details about the park upgrades and the dollar amounts associated with them.

Please offer drinking fountains, water bottle refillers and frost-free spigots at any park with running water.

Please offer recycling at all high-traffic parks.

We bought our house thinking that Bidwell Park would be completed in a timely manner. That was almost seven years ago. We would really love to see it finished. Thank you.

Airway Heights and the outlying Spokane County areas need upgraded parks and amenities, such as sports complexes, that are convenient to the people who do not live in the Spokane Valley or Liberty Lake. I live in Airway Heights and will not dive to the valley or liberty lake- it is inconvenient and too far away to get to for working parents.

I do not think all of the proposed projects are great, but specifically those that are located on the West Plains and in the Greater Spokane County

More Trails! More open & natural space! More work developing access to Conservation Futures properties

The Spokane River is the biggest magnet to draw people to Spokane. We need to keep it beautiful, natural, clean, accessible & useable. This has got to be our huge main priority. The soccer arenas are a super idea (East/West). Let's fix what we have; to keep it pretty before we add new stuff. Geez, if we don't take care of what we have; later on the costs are going to be so much higher. Maintenance & upgrades are part of our responsibility. I'd pay for that in my taxes for sure! :o)

I go for a walk through Sontag Park and feel sad that it isn't taken care of properly; or the surrounding State Park messed up with piles of wood not taken care of. Our park needs bathrooms; really needs them. And fresh water access..... and the park picked up. SNAP supposed to pick up the wood last year?... or year before? Just seems someone's dropped the ball somewhere :o(

Anything you can do to improve bicycle safety will be appreciated!
My priorities are hiking trails, biking trails, and land acquisition in that order. I think the idea for a sports complex on the bank of the Spokane River is terrible--why waste riverfront property on activities that do not incorporate the river?

Here is a project not on the list. Those of us in the Manito area need a better bike route off the South Hill. How about a new path that includes a raised bridge off Summit and through Pioneer Park (what is the new name again?). This could be hugely popular.

I would love to see completion before improvements. Safety is huge but also the Northside Aquatic Park is such a needed facility for this neighborhood which has a mass majority of young families that would love to use the space. I am so excited to see these changes and

I really don't use any of these except the Centennial occasionally and Meadow wood couple times a year. I tend to use places that are more isolated and the users do improvements

It would be great to see Bidwell finished before my kids grow up. We chose the location of our home in 2007 based on the improvements planned

Great idea to get public input!

I am concerned about the proposed proliferation of soccer fields. Playgrounds and picnic areas are more useful to the general population.

Dog owners also really really need places to let their pets explore and play. The very few areas currently available are sometimes so crowded that dogs get into territorial scraps and scare the heck out of submissive dogs and their humans..

County needs improved softball fields with lights so games can be played later at night. Most of the current county softball fields outside of Plantes Ferry are DANGEROUS to play on. Infields are not acceptable and outfields are uneven causing injuries.

Would be great to have a complex like Golden Eagle Park in Sparks Nevada. All grass turf softball and soccer fields with lights. Brings lots of dollars to area with tournaments.

Would put the money towards a new softball park ahead of upgrading Plantes Ferry. The goal should be more good fields. If the majority of the money goes to upgrading Plantes Ferry, it still leaves the county with only a few good fields - those at Plantes Ferry. Where would teams play during upgrade of Plantes Ferry without a new park?

Too many choices. The Sports Complex, unlike the other choices, has the potential of creating a large revenue stream for local businesses and

As a softball player from Coeurdalene I would love to see a complex closer out of coeurdalene that we could play at.

It is very important that we maintain a healthy park system especially for the youth of our community.

Improvements to Plantes Ferry are long overdue. We do not have enough turf fields in our area to support the population. Both of my kids played soccer and we were always amazed when we would travel to other areas (even smaller towns) that there were turf fields and lights for soccer.

Enhancing Plantes Ferry ties right in with Centennial Trail and helps to keep Spokane closer to the Seattle area and even Yakima. Plantes Ferry would draw many soccer tournaments to the area and would probably end up making money for the county parks rather than costing anything.

Just in maintenance savings there would probably be a break even point of just a few years.
We have a lot of great parks and activity locations that already exist but need expansion or enhancements to serve more people. My support goes strongest to things that will expand the structure already in place and those locations that will truly be a start from scratch would come second.

I am concerned about the $27 downtown project. We already have so many park options around Spokane City proper. Dwight Merkel is an amazing facility. Adding similar infrastructure to Plantes Ferry would balance things out a bit and provide a missing piece to improving growth and investment on the East side of the county.

We are on the right track!

More emphasis on wildlife habitat and less on ball fields would be great. Also, an indoor pool seems like a given for an area where people need access to a pool in the winter.

Indoor soccer space is tremendously limited. I know this because the two locations where my kids play have schedules that have teams playing at many hours of the day. I would hope that this means the County could include indoor soccer for rec and club teams, and actually capture some of that revenue in fees and help pay for the facility itself.

Mt. Spokane State Park & Riverside State Park could always use improvements. They have a large following and the users would really appreciate the donations.

I think the costs are far too high, if these changes were being performed in the private sector the cost would be significantly lower than what you are quoting. Also the usage fees on these parks needs to be born by the clubs and private for profit organizations that benifit from the facilities and seem to monopolize them.

My family uses Plantes Ferry for soccer & cross country, so we would love to see lights & turf!!

I feel like there are not enough turf fields to accommodate the amount of teams that play year round in our area (soccer, lacrosse, softball, baseball). The #1 priority should be to match other cities/counties in our state (western) for fields and quality. Many soccer clubs fight for time on the few fields that can be played on in the winter.

Thank you for asking and for a great inter-active survey.

Spokane County is in dire need of additional turf soccer fields. As a soccer parent, coach and team manager, I know first-hand how difficult it is to get a decent field, especially from November through April. Increasingly, soccer is played year-round, and the few turf fields we've got (Merkel, Albi, SFCC, and G-Prep) are woefully insufficient to meet the demand for lighted soccer fields. Adding a pair of lighted turf soccer fields at Plantes Ferry makes a lot of sense, and will be a very worthwhile investment of our tax dollars.

Respectfully,
Pete Poquette

Need to change the structure of field assignment. IEYSA is very proprietary on their use of Plantes Ferry and will not support unless it is opened up to more community/youth activities with a more equitable distribution method.

The turf park fields are a great idea, but they need to be fully shared by other soccer clubs in the area besides FC Spokane.

more soccer fields and turf ones would benefit kids and adults

The county is so large, it is hard for, example, a north side resident to get excited about their taxes paying for any projects in, example, Liberty Lake. I feel the big money should be going to the region-wide use parks like Plantes Ferry or a possible downtown multi-use center.
I think there are a lot of other things that money could be spent on. We need better roads and infrastructure along with lower taxes for businesses to bring jobs to this area. If we can get more people to work we can all pitch in a little less to get better parks. I think the bigger picture is not being thought of and parks should be last on the list.

Parks and land conservation are very important to us and the community.

The Plantes Ferry project long overdue and will promote needed growth.

This area needs more turf fields so I hope for that to happen at Plantes Ferry.

I would be willing as a soccer parent to pay more for facility fees at Plantes Ferry through the soccer association to have field improvements, turf.

Get additional revenue by charging for unique services that the park offers. For example, Pine River Park provides swimming in addition to play equipment. Charge a 5 dollar per vehicle fee to earn additional revenue in support of that park.

As a soccer family, the more available space to play year round is greatly appreciated. Two kids who are having difficult times finding space through their clubs makes for a challenging spring/fall. More turf options would be appreciated!

Id like to see more improvements in the south valley. :-)

Plantes Ferry needs more than just field work. Parking is top priority.

Parks are great! Honestly, it is difficult to pick just one or two that should receive improvements. I don't use all of them, but I use the ones that fit my activities.

Need turf in the valley

Plante's Ferry Park soccer fields need some upgrades and lights would be wonderful. Lights and turf would bring more events and bigger events to bring more money plus would allow the kids to start earlier in the spring when regular fields are still too wet.

Not familiar with most of the projects. Need more artificial turf sports fields

I appreciate your asking the public to provide input on possible upgrades to Spokane county parks! I believe Spokane County provides the best softball experience in Spokane and would GREATLY benefit from a state-of-the art facility, and upgrade to existing, well-used facility (Plantes Ferry) that would bring teams from all over the country to enjoy softball in our area. This would be of most significance to local businesses and the taxes generated by hotel stays. Please make this happen and keep up the good work Spokane County staff!!

Need more QUALITY TURF fields with lighting in Spokane! Thank you for taking interest in the needs of recreation in Spokane County.

Several projects had very high dollar amounts and benefit a limited number of users. Do not really understand the scope of the projects from the descriptions provided.

Do not like the idea of the Regional Sports facility. Little benefit for county residents. Mainly for tournaments and out of town visitors. Could use money for other projects.

More turf and lighted softball in the county softball program

Survey is a good idea. Very easy to take.
happy to see these things could really happen!

As long as all of the soccer clubs will have usage of the park on an equal basis. Not like it is now with one club dictating field usage to all of the

Spokane definitely needs a few more options for full-size indoor soccer fields. We are at a disadvantage when we play teams from the west side when we practice inside during the winter in smaller facilities. Our players just don't have the same stamina that the west side kids have since they get to play on turf fields year round.

I am completely behind the Plantes Ferry and Centennial Trail projects.

As someone who always enjoys Parks recreation and a way to get people out and about and meet remain healthy and active in their lifestyles I think that's great. But many of the parts that you had mentioned in the survey I have never even been to used or frequented and the main benefit to me would be the improvements at the plantes ferries and a sports complex as my daughter is a very avid soccer player. I Think that people near the parts should pay more for areas that need improvement

We really need turf fields in the valley.

The completion of the Fish Lake Trail is, for no other reason, a safety issue since we now have to ride or walk on the Cheney Spokane Road to enjoy the complete trail.

Regarding the Fish Lake Park improvement. The swimming and picnic area is awful. It lacks good bathrooms, parking and supervision. I see many people parking at the trail head and walking down the the swimming area which limits parking spaces at the trailhead. We pay for a Discovery pass and sometimes can't park there.

Look in the mirror, Are you the problem?

N2A

I don't think the Downtown Sportsplex should be included in this list. All the other projects are parks and fields and pools and outdoor trails and enhancements to existing community parks. These are all things that are easily accessible and frequently used by the people in the community. The sportsplex seems like a different thing and should not be lumped in with these other projects.

I am opposed to adding synthetic turf to any of our local parks.

Nope

Keeping nature and outside facilities is important in order to keep people wanting to spend time outside and to continue a healthy life style. Communities that are already thriving and seem to have plenty of money such as the Liberty Lake area do not need the county's help.

Seems to be heavily weighted towards baseball / softball. Would be interested to know the numbers compared to those playing soccer.

I'm glad to have the chance here to give the county my opinion on park projects. Thank you for creating the survey. I hope the county will publicize well any future surveys it gives on park projects. If not for a tiny mention of it inside the Outdoors section of the 'Spokane-Review,' I wouldn't have know about the current survey.
Lack of planning over the years has led to a shortage of public spaces on parts of the S. Hill. The lower S. Hill has beautiful parks, while people towards the back pretty much have had to take space and just use it i.e. the dog park and the Bluff Park. Our neighborhood, which was originally built in the 60's was supposed to have a large park which was of course later developed into more housing. We aren't rich. We have five children and can't afford a country club membership. It would be nice for the children in this neighborhood to have a park they can walk to. Mullan Road isn't available for parents of small children to visit during school hours. The Southside Aquatics Facility is nice, but isn't a neighborhood park for

I would be interested in knowing the staffing levels for park maintenance as some parks seem to have much higher levels of trash and misuse.

I personally like quiet places, wildlife viewing, and walking in natural settings. Because of my age, though I used to camp out when young I now prefer the comforts of home at night! I do not golf, swim, or play or watch ball-type sports. I can see from the parks projects that I am a less typical Spokane County resident, as more projects seem to address providing or improving active spots for children's play or organized sports.

I do commend the area for its attention to any parks and attempts to save green spaces for everyone. Unfortunately, my financial situation (retired, living on Social Security) makes me nervous at the costs of building and improving parks even though I know it is the best thing to do for us now and for future generations.

Costs in taxes and my own preferences for outdoor enjoyment are why I only picked 6 projects for now.

I support plans to maintain or improve trails and to maintain or improve Spokane parks. My family uses Riverside Park weekly for walking and hiking, sometimes the Little Spokane Trail, and Riverfront Park/ Centennial Trail.

I am at Plantes Ferry nearly everyday of the week. It needs better parking and better road access. I would love to see a paved access point from Trent. The current approach from the Wellesley side is difficult to get to. Either you have to pass through Millwood with trains and traffic or go through residential neighborhoods off of Trent. Trent side access to paved parking or even the whole park would be fantastic. I think the Plantes Ferry neighborhood would also appreciate that especially on busy tournament days.

Some great projects listed and I'd like to all of them done at some point. The parks are one of the greatest things we have in this area as more property becomes off limits due to private ownership.

We need 2 tuff soccer fields that have lights on the south hill. The current soccer complex by regal needs to be fixed up. There are holes on most of the fields that make it dangerous for the soccer athletes playing on them. Most of the soccer fields need new grass and better up keep. We need more soccer fields on the south hill.

Love these parks projects, both new and improvements/upgrades. I think the Valley soccer and softball complexes are awesome and needed. Keep up the good work.

Thank you for your continued support to the parks and rec of Spokane and surrounding areas.

You guys do a great job. Thanks for doing so much for our community.

Centennial Trail, Fish Lake Trail and Dishman Hills are some of our greatest assets. I gladly support keeping these areas natural and in good shape.
I think all of the projects listed would be very valuable. Spokane has not kept pace adding park new park space and recreational facilities as well as some other areas in Eastern Washington (specifically the Tri-Cities). My concern is the broken promise by the Spokane Facilities Commission when funding for the Arena was proposed to the voters that the Arena would be made available to the high schools. The Arena has made it very clear that the high schools are only welcome when it is convenient for the Arena. It is a reduced price but still a very steep rental fee.

Lots of great project proposals. How does usage play a role in selection?
As a Breakers coach over the past three years, we have had a difficult time scheduling practice times, especially early in Feb. and March. We need field access!! Indoor, outdoor, any available field is appreciated. Our season starts in March, so we are hard pressed to find fields. Offering earlier outdoor access would be my first option, but indoor fields are scarce for our purposes. A gym is not ideal. Please give us more options. These would be great for the community.

Keep improving!

Thank you for the opportunity for input.

Central Valley/Liberty Lake Softball Complex and turf fields are long overdue,
Great to see County management take care of the players in their softball leagues that have played in the county for years. Need turf fields.

Softball complex is a MUST!

Base your decision on what is best for the people of Spokane, not the individual and politics of those who make this decision

I am a softball player. Please build new softball complex CV/LL!! Plantes overhaul too! Thanks parks and rec!!

In dire need of updated fields. In comparison to other nearby larger cities our fields are sad. Build something to make Spokane County a place local and out of teams want to come play even more softball. Spokane has few fields as it is..

Hopefully, funding will be available to maintain the parks once the improvements are done. Irrigation and mowing, garbage pickup, restrooms and security patrols. All county parks should be funded for maintenance all seasons, regardless of whether they are in the list to be upgraded.

I would rather see the money spent to upgrade public school outdoor facilities

They all seem to be great park improvement projects. The Valley improvements affect me the most, but I think if any/all of them passed it would be a wonderful thing for Spokane.

Also, I think that it is essential that we have more turf fields available in Spokane. The demand is high for the fields at Dwight Merkel. That being said, I think turf fields at Plantes Ferry would be used constantly.
Additional Comments - Complete

It is counter productive to have higher fees for County park pools than City of Spokane pool fees....lots of people I know find it cheaper to drive into City pools than to pay the fees for their families to use County pools. Please find a way to make the pool use fees lower and more in line with city pools. Also, my kids and family enjoyed Homburg pool for years, no other public pool is close by, so why not repair it or replace it?

Cost of new vs. cost to repair: Without the actual cost estimates and other data, citizens/voters are left with no real choices. In the real world, cost to repair and time to repair often trumps cost of new. Please bring us the actual data and analysis, with costs and expenses included. Someone did the work already, so it would be available to share.

Thank you for not doing what Colorado Springs did a few years ago when they let the parks deteriorate, including letting lawn and plants even die. We all are in the financial crises that began in 2007. If businesses could be given incentives for making donations to the County Parks, that would encourage public good will, plus actual financial perks, and more community "ownership" of the parks.

Sell park land on Burke Road. Buy vacant lot on corner of N. Hatch/Midway. Turn new acquisition into a bike path/ sledding/non-organized sport site. Kids are always playing in vacant lots - they need safe, places to play that are near neighborhoods. They don't need more controlling by parents telling them to hit the ball, kick the ball, score the run. Kids need places to be kids. Plant native trees that survive deer, over-watering; and avoid other planting mistakes similar to the mistakes of using trees species planted at Northside pool.

Freddy's Park needs to remain just that, a park! Not a roadway for vehicular traffic ingress and egress to a adjacent housing development or apartment complex.

Please help to improve Sports facilities for our children. (help keep them off the couch and outside!) Sports complex and golf course improvements should be partially funded by user fees (maybe they are). Please make sure there is at least an equal emphasis on maintaining what is already owned and in disrepair as there is on purchasing and building

Please give us turf fields and lights so our soccer teams can compete with the Seattle teams!

Winter training is very important we need this facility

Winter training is very important we need this facility

improve trails
improve sports complexes (as important as sports are to this city/region, we sure have piss poor facilities, with a couple of exceptions that are poorly maintained)

While I only prioritized my top 3 projects, all sound like good ideas. I have no idea what we currently spend to maintain our parks and the continual maintenance costs are a concern to me. But clearly more sports fields are needed.

I couldn't get the priorities to shift around in the order I would prefer.

All this park acquisition is great, but only if you have the money to maintain them. If you let them get overrun with weeds, what good are they? Plantes Ferry has waited way to long to be updated with turf and lights. We travel clear across town 2 times each week to train at Dwight Merkel which has lights. We should not have to do this.
Being a big sports fan and hobbyist player I look to the way we can increase the quality of play for our youth and draw traffic in from beyond the county, state and country's borders. I want to express how much more this would mean to so many if some of this money could be set aside to fund scholarships for those who cannot afford to play organized sports! Most of these sports are now in the $$$ of dollars for a year which for many is WAY beyond their means. Please understand the better are facilities mean nothing if our WHOLE community cannot participate in the growth and advancements we pay for.

Plante's Ferry is where my son plays a lot of soccer. They really need 2 field that are lighted.

I firmly believe that investing in parks, recreational facilities and sports facilities is a wise investment, especially in youth facilities. Having our youth involved in sports and other outdoor recreation, can have a huge impact on their physical and mental growth, as well as their sense of community.

Keeping kids involved in sports and other activities will pay huge dividends as they grow into an adult.

No.

I have not really studied the major sportsplex facility suggested for north of River Front Park, but will it take events away from the Arena and the new updated Convention Center? The Arena currently holds some of the State basketball tournaments; will the Arena be able fill that time slot so it does not lose revenue? My understanding is that the updated Convention Center was designed to be able to accommodate things like volleyball tournaments; would this new sportsplex facility take away that potential revenue? I would also suggest that Gonzaga is not an unbiased third party to study the need for a sportsplex. I realize we can not host any NCAA tournaments due to the size of the Arena, but I hope that would not be the major factor for considering such an event center.

I believe upgrading aging capital equipment is a huge money saver in the long term; it saves money in time as well as repairs. I also believe fixing old irrigation systems would be very beneficial to saving lost water due to leaky pipes.

Managing and maintaining existing facilities across the county benefits all residents of the county. Upgrading existing facilities to make sure they do not continually drain money for extensive annual repair and to make sure users are safe would be a high priority.

It is great to see the future plans for park improvement and this survey is a great way to gather input from many people that have an interest in their Living up here on 5 mile...Sky Prairie Park is the only park up here..With the rapid development I feel the taxes raised up here should stay up here..It is a good park but it could be a great park.

I favor parks projects that protect the natural environment and provide places to get outdoors to walk, bike and experience nature. I would like the county to focus on purchasing land for the future and protecting natural spaces around Spokane. Let cities provide the sport activities parks and golf courses.

I would be cautious about building a Sportsplex. Many cities have built these large venues hoping to bring national competitions and have found the cost of upkeep challenging. As taxpayers we invest in these buildings and then sports teams benefit and make demands for improvements that become an on-going drain on taxpayers. Our own children are priced out of using these facilities and they become more about economic developer than the sports economy. 

No

I would not be inclined to build a sportsplex

Improve playground toys, restrooms and picnic shelter at Northwoods Park. 310 W. Regina Ave and more parking at Plants Ferry sports stadium.
My family doesn't use the parks for golfing, swimming, sports etc. We are avid hikers and geocachers and have gotten well acquainted with many of the parks because of geocaching. We'd love to see the trails developed and maintained. Geocachers are often some of the best users of trails because we do "cache in trash out" events, where we help clean up the trash left by other users. We appreciate the parks department for allowing us to place caches in the parks and hope the relationship between the parks and geocachers will remain open and cooperative as it has been.

I go!

Make sure that for any and all improvements, that there is a sufficient maintenance and repair budget established as well.

Where are the ORV park projects? You need more ORV parks.

It seems that sports complexes pretty much pay for themselves when built. Not sure what the irrigation system is at Meadowwood, but would like to see this most popular course maintained. The Zepher Lodge has a rich history for Spokane County. It is prime recreational property and would be a great addition for the county park. It could be restored to be a revenue generator for the park system.

Funds that improve common use places that have no cost to the public for their use have high priority in my selections.

I do not feel a Supercomplex downtown is needed. Total waste of money.

The aquatics center grounds could use: trees, play ground equipment, and landscaping to make it a place to go even when the pool is closed.

We need a nice softball facility in the valley with lights and turf fields so that the sport can grow. We can play later in the night play earlier in the year and end later in the year. Turf fields give us the ability to play ball from March to November.