



Washoe County Open Space and Regional Park Commission

May 24, 2023



Proposed Park District – NRS 318A

- Joint Meeting on April 25, 2023, with City of Reno Recreation and Parks Commission, City of Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission and Washoe County Open Space and Parks Commission
- 2017 Nevada Parks, Trails and Open Space District Act (NRS 318A)
 - Process for establishing Park District
 - Resolution adopted by the County (City)
 - Service Plan



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- Proposed Name
- Powers
- Purpose
- Boundaries



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Powers (NRS 318A.300)

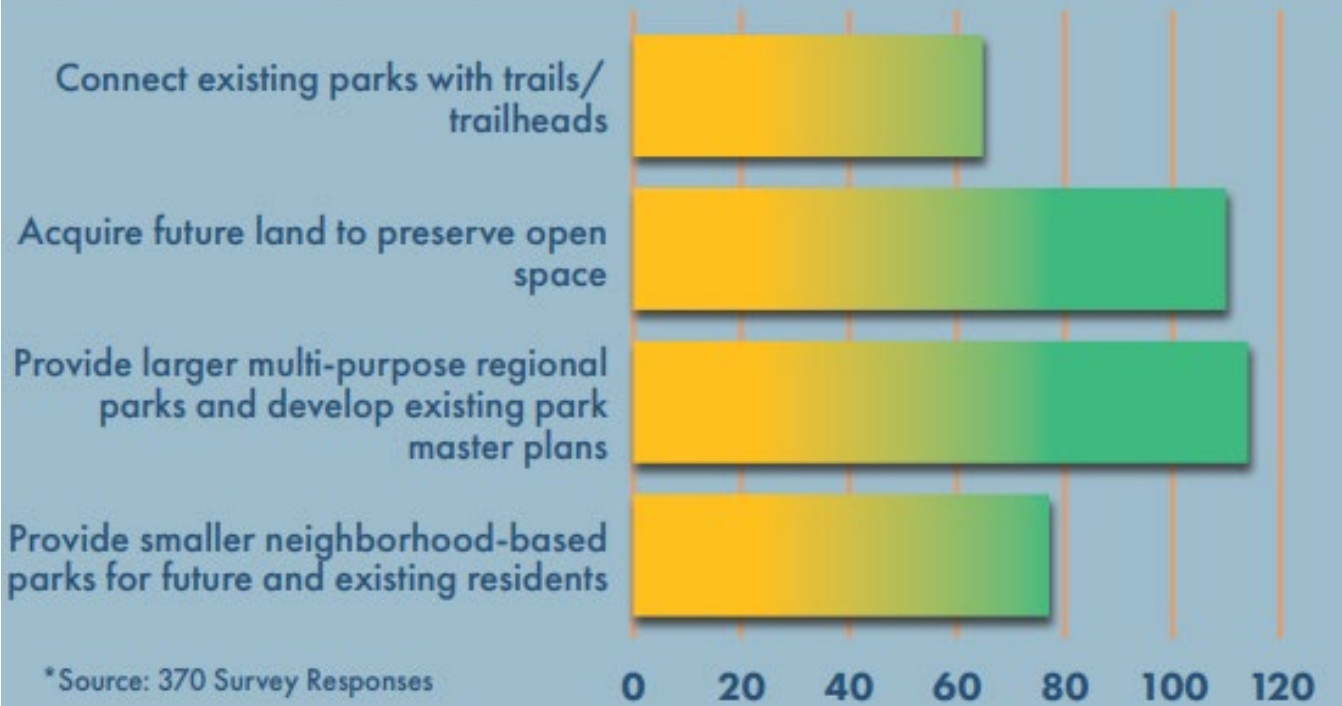
- (a) Acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, operate, maintain, manage, restore, extend and better lands, works, systems and facilities, improvements and projects for parks, trails and open space.
- (b) Design, compile or administer environmental or cultural reports related to parks, trails and open space.
- (c) Take measures to reduce wildfire, restore native vegetation and conserve and manage natural resources.
- (d) Establish or fund the establishment of educational programs related to recreation at facilities, improvements and projects for parks, trails and open space, including, without limitation, granting funding for personnel who provide such educational programs.

Such parks, trails and open space facilities, improvements and projects may include, without limitation, playgrounds, bowling greens, ball parks, public parks, promenades, beaches, marinas, levees, piers, docks, wharves, boat basins, boathouses, harborages, anchorages, gymnasiums, appurtenant shower, locker and other bathhouse facilities, concert halls, theaters, auditoriums, aviaries, aquariums, zoological gardens, biological gardens, vivariums, watersheds, trails, open spaces, lakes, ponds and rivers.

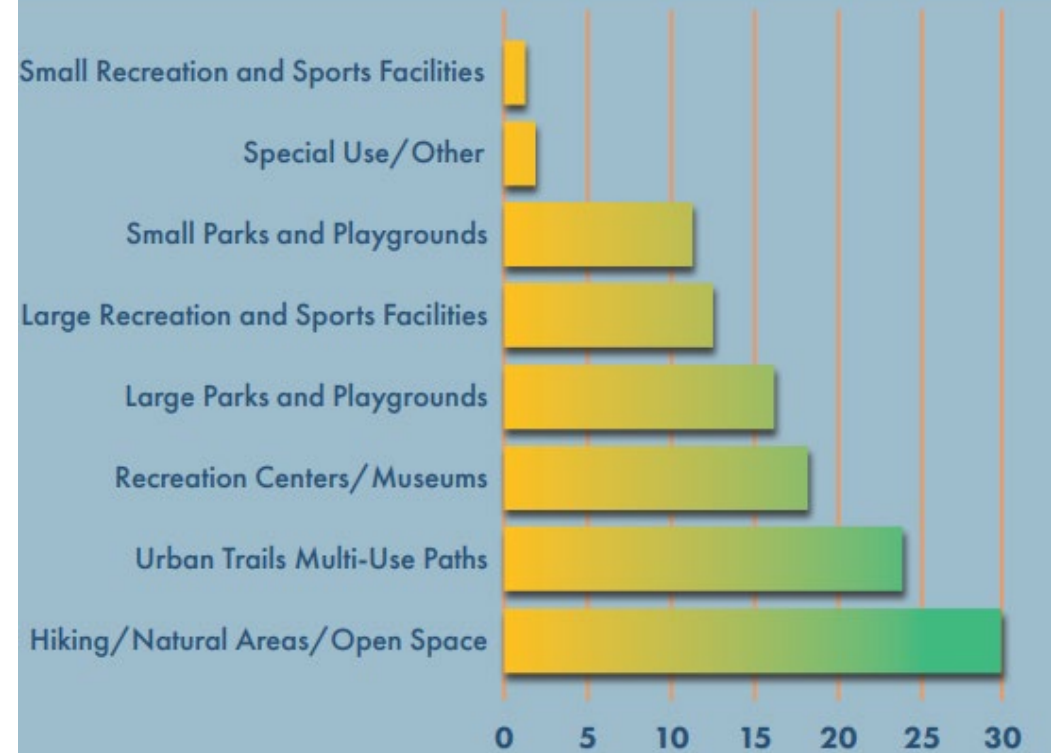


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WHERE WOULD WASHOE COUNTY RESIDENTS LIKE TO SEE THE BIGGEST FOCUS OF RESOURCES?



WHICH FACILITIES DO WASHOE COUNTY RESIDENTS USE MOST?



* Source: 113 Public Outreach Meeting Responses; public was asked to choose three top choices



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Purpose - considerations

“purpose of NRS 318A.090 to 318A.130, inclusive, [is] to prevent unnecessary proliferation and fragmentation of services for parks, trails and open space, to encourage the extension of existing districts rather than the creation of new districts and to avoid excessive diffusion of local tax sources.”



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Boundaries

- May be entirely or partly within one or more counties or city
- May include noncontiguous property
- Requires consent/interlocal agreements if more than one county or city are included in proposed boundary
- Requires general improvement districts consent through resolution



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SHORT-TERM

DEVELOP A PROJECT LIST INCLUDING COSTS

Further assessments need to be completed to determine what projects have priority based on the opportunities identified within each planning area. These lists can be used to determine staff levels required to maintain the project and to associate dollar amounts that can be used to secure funding. These assessments include:

- ✓ Strategize Acquisition & Priority Projects for State Conservation Bond
- ✓ Complete a Service Plan Study
- ✓ Further Develop the Capital and Infrastructure Preservation Program

MID-TERM

SEEK ALTERNATIVE FUNDING

Current funding levels are not sufficient to sustain Parks and provide the opportunities identified within the master plan. In order to provide the public with the level of service established in the past, alternative and sustainable funding sources should be pursued including:

- ✓ Develop Facilities and Programs That Generate Revenue
- ✓ Educate Policy Makers About the Benefits of Funding Recreation
- ✓ Conduct Feasibility Study for a Regional Park District
- ✓ Reconfigure the Residential Construction Tax (RCT) Districts



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Funding

- Fees & Charges
- Grants
- Bonds
- Interlocal agreements
- Special Assessments
- Levy Taxes



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Service Plan (NRS 318A.090)

- (a) Consist of a financial survey and, if applicable, a preliminary engineering or architectural survey showing how the proposed services are to be provided and financed.
- (b) Include a map of the boundaries of the proposed district and an estimate of the population and assessed valuation of the proposed district.
- (c) Describe the facilities, improvements or projects to be constructed, the standards of such construction, the services to be provided by the district, an estimate of costs, including, without limitation, the cost of acquiring land, engineering services, legal services, proposed indebtedness, including, without limitation, proposed maximum interest rates and any discounts, any other proposed bonds and any other securities to be issued and their type or character, annual operation and maintenance expenses and other major expenses related to the formation and operation of the district.
- (d) Outline the details of any arrangement or proposed agreement with any county or city for the performance of any services between the proposed district and such county or city. The form of any such contract to be used, if available, must be attached to the service plan.

Direction and Possible Motion

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Possible Motion:

Recommend the Washoe County Commission 1) adopt a resolution to initiate the creation of a park district pursuant to NRS 318A.070 and 2) direct staff to create a service plan for the proposed district pursuant to NRS 318A.090 to 318A.130.

Thank you

