

Yachats Parks Master Plan

Current situation

The Yachats Parks Master Plan was initiated in 2011. The primary intent appears to be a documentation of the Commons Wetland and Greenspace design and design process. It was not a plan for other Yachats parks. The Yachats Comprehensive Plan calls for a Park Master Plan.

Additional revisions added existing and new parks, and open spaces that could be used as parks. Several of the additions are either not within the city or are Oregon State Park property. Even though those properties add to the city “green” environment, the city does not control these properties. There are few city-owned parks except for Commons area.

The City of Yachats is currently looking at their housing needs and parking. Likely finding will be to increase housing density and change parking areas. As density increases, many infill lots will be developed. The “green” character of the city will be impacted by development and parking patterns unless parks and green spaces are planned with housing expansion

Desired situation

A community parks and recreation master plan is “a document that provides an inclusive framework for orderly and consistent planning; acquisition; development; and administration of the parks and recreation resources, programs, and facilities of the agency that sponsors the master plan.” American Association for Leisure and Recreation

Typically, master plans present the current situation, and identify changes, acquisitions, and improvements. It should present a comprehensive vision

The Yachats Parks Master Plan should provide a vision at the system and individual park level for future needs. Specifically

- Identify current and future needs
- Identify processes and community inputs into park and greenspace development
- Specify characteristics of new parks and green spaces
- Identify specific areas for city-owned parks and greenspace expansion
- Create interconnections between these areas
- Determine maintenance plans
- Contain timelines and plans to accomplish the above (Strategic Plan)

Complete Communities Toolbox: University of Delaware

<https://www.completecommunitiesde.org/planning/inclusive-and-active/parks-rec-master-planning/>

... Parks and recreation master planning can foster healthy communities, promote conservation and environmental stewardship, stimulate economic activity, and provide transportation equity. According to the [National Recreation and Parks Association](#), goals of parks and recreation systems often closely align with the principles of active transportation. Therefore, local government decision makers should

consider plans for infrastructure, services, and programs that serve both a recreation and active transportation purpose.