



Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Service Plan

The Future of Parks and Recreation

The City of Reno is updating the plan for recreational services in Reno. The Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Service (PROS) Plan will:

- Identify current and planned park and recreation facilities and services;
- Describe additional facilities that are needed throughout the community;
- Examine existing services and outline a plan to ensure service levels meet community expectations;
- Provide financial information to implement the plan.

The plan will help the City identify the recreational needs and desires of Reno residents. The plan will answer what we need and how much it will cost to meet these expectations.

Why update the plan?

The City of Reno last looked at parks and recreation services comprehensively in 2008. The Great Recession impacted the ability to implement this plan. Residents also provided more information on their vision for the future of Reno during the Master Plan update process. This information needs to be incorporated into this plan update.

A Base for Outdoor Activities

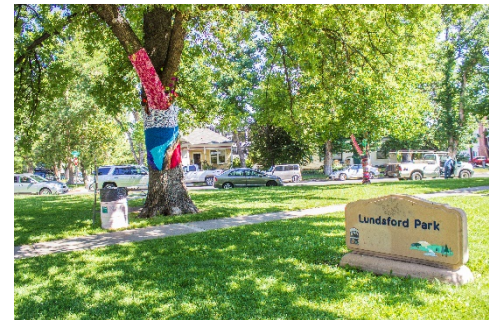
The City of Reno Master Plan, updated in 2017, was a result of the widest public engagement effort in Reno's history. Nearly 6,000 community members participated in creating a road map for Reno as it grows and evolves.

Together those voices said, "One of the visions we have for Reno is to become a base for outdoor activities."

The City of Reno Master Plan commits to actively pursue opportunities to make this vision a reality by:

- Expanding existing parks and open space network to accommodate growth
- Enhancing pedestrian and bicycle connectivity within the city and to open space and public lands;
- Ensuring parks, recreational facilities, trails, and open space are well maintained and accessible; and
- Conserving and protecting Reno's natural resources.

The Master Plan identifies where we want to go as a community. The PROS Plan will add specific details for how we get there in relation to recreations services and facilities.



Driven by Community Input and Expectations

The PROS Plan will be driven by what we hear from our community. So we encourage you to get involved! The City of Reno is planning numerous opportunities for you to give input.

We want to hear about your experiences with existing parks and recreation services. We want to know what you would like to see in the future. We want to hear about your specific expectations to make Reno the base for outdoor activities.

More information will be available in March 2021.



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The Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Service (PROS) Plan will consider how to address challenges in providing recreational services in the Reno community.

Growth

The PROS Plan will need to consider how to accommodate for growth.

Reno's population has grown steadily since 1990. It is projected to increase 25 percent between 2015 and 2036.

The plan must address how to provide recreational services to meet the expectations of our residents as the community continues to grow.



Demand

What is lacking in Reno? What is important to our community? The City regularly hears about the need to provide more facilities and opportunities. Some of the common feedback is the need for more pools, flat fields, dog parks, and recreation centers.

The plan will detail what we hear from the community and what it will take to make it happen.



Maintenance

In 1991, the City's Parks and Recreation Department had about 80 full-time staff members. In 2021, that number is down to 75. During this same time period, Reno added 27 parks, 24.6 miles of trails, 2 recreation centers, and 35 acres of street landscaping.

The PROS Plan will look at maintenance concerns in existing parks. It will also outline a path forward to meet the level of service the community expects as it grows.

