

***City of Creswell***  
***RECREATIONAL NEEDS POLICIES***  
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***LCDC Goal #8:*** *“To satisfy the recreational needs of the citizens of the state and visitors and, where appropriate, to provide for the siting of necessary recreational facilities including destination resorts.”*

***City Objective:*** To provide a desirable quality of life for all ages through a variety of parks, recreational opportunities, interconnected trails, natural areas, community facilities and programs

**POLICIES:**

- Policy 1. Provide a series of safe and uninterrupted recreational corridors that link parks and open space areas with neighborhoods, schools, places of employment and other surrounding public open space areas, including nearby natural areas, regional parks, and trails.
- Policy 2. Provide safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access to all existing and future park and open space areas, and schools.
- Policy 3. Maintain and improve recreational elements of Creswell’s existing parks, open space areas, and facilities.
- Policy 4. Provide a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities, facilities, and park and open space types and facilities to serve the diverse needs of the community.
- Policy 5. Integrate future park and open space facilities, including recreation components, directly into Creswell’s new growth areas wherever possible and work toward maintaining a well defined transition between Creswell and the adjacent rural lands.
- Policy 6. Encourage improvements within nearby recreation opportunities such as Emerald Valley Resort, Willamette River, Lane County’s Cinderella Park, etc. and explore private-public or local-state partnerships to plan for and implement these improvements.
- Policy 7. Encourage Community Center and Recreation Center improvements and programs to increase recreational opportunities within the City.
- Policy 8. Encourage new private and public development to provide recreation opportunities.

- Policy 9. Consider a variety of funding sources and public and private partnerships to implement recreation-oriented projects within the *City of Creswell Parks and Open Space Master Plan*.
- Policy 10. Use the most current *State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* (SCORP) as a guide when planning, acquiring and developing recreation resources, areas, and facilities.
- Policy 11. Periodically review and update the recreation element of the *City of Creswell Parks and Open Space Master Plan*.
- Policy 12. Encourage the Creswell Parks Board to participate in review and development of recreation planning for the City of Creswell.
- Policy 13. Ensure equitable distribution of neighborhood and/or mini parks throughout the City.

## Existing Comp Plan Policies (1982)

### 6. PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE POLICIES

- (a) Recreational opportunities, programs and facilities of the City of Creswell will be developed to serve the needs of all citizens, including handicapped, minorities and senior citizens.
- (b) The City shall improve and develop the former school site between 4th and 5th, south of "A" Street, to serve neighborhood needs for recreation and open space, recognizing its potential for redesignation as a Memorial Park.
- (c) The City shall preserve, maintain and incorporate Garden Lake Park into the City of Creswell and continue to develop it as a master planned community park providing public restrooms, storage, picnic facilities, natural areas, trails, bicycle paths, play fields and water oriented activities.
- (d) The City shall encourage the provision of and/or acquisition of a four to five acre park site in the northwestern portion of the residential Urban Growth Area for neighborhood park and open space purposes.
- (e) The City shall coordinate with and support District #40 policy of making District buildings and field facilities available for community and patron use when not in conflict with scheduled education programs.
- (f) The City shall coordinate with and support Lane County's development of Cinderella Park, under provisions of the Willamette Greenway.
- (g) The City shall coordinate the provision of pedestrian and bicycle linkages with the golf course, the proposed County Park, Willamette River Greenway, Garden Lake Park and west of the Freeway.
- (h) The City shall support the intensification of use of that undeveloped portion of the golf course land area between the existing fairways and Dale Kuni Road as recreational commercial, recreational residential and golf course support services, and the land west of Dale Kuni Road across from the golf course as Recreation Resort Use.

## Definitions (for Reference)

**“Recreation”:** Any experience voluntarily engaged in largely during leisure (discretionary time) from which the individual derives satisfaction.

**Coastal Recreation** occurs in offshore ocean waters, estuaries, and streams, along beaches and bluffs, and in adjacent shorelands. It includes a variety of activities, from swimming, scuba diving, boating, fishing, hunting, and use of dune buggies, shell collecting, painting, wildlife observation, and sightseeing, to coastal resorts and water-oriented restaurants.

**Low-Intensity Recreation** does not require developed facilities and can be accommodated without change to the area or resource. For example, boating, hunting, hiking, wildlife photography, and beach or shore activities can be low-intensity recreation.

**High-Intensity Recreation** uses specially built facilities, or occurs in such density or form that it requires or results in a modification of the area or resource. Campgrounds, golf courses, public beaches, and marinas are examples of high-intensity recreation.

*[source: State of Oregon; see also statewide planning goal #8)*