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Lyon County's scenery and natural environment provide diverse recreational opportunities and factor strongly into its economy and quality of life. As population increases, so does the need to maintain adequate open space, recreational opportunities and access to public lands.

Businesses and skilled workers are often attracted to communities that have ample park systems, open space, pathways, and recreational opportunities. Recognizing that growth in Lyon County is predicted to continue, creation of additional recreational facilities will directly affect the County's ability to meet its economic development objectives.

This Chapter provides guidelines for managing and improving the County's recreational and open space amenities, including its parks and trails. The policies strive to balance the need for providing diverse recreational opportunities with the goal of preserving the County's scenic character while acknowledging budgetary limitations.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space

Access to publicly owned lands will provide opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, off-road vehicle uses and other activities. Playgrounds, sports fields and recreation facilities will be available to children and families within communities.

Goals, Policies and Actions

Goal PR 1: Recreation in Communities

Parks, sports fields and playgrounds will be available for recreation in communities and areas of higher density development.



Policy PR 1.1: Recreation Facilities in Communities

Lyon County will provide park and recreation facilities and services based on sound financial and management planning.

Strategies:

- Focus Lyon County efforts and investments on improving and creating community parks and recreation facilities, and special use facilities to make the most efficient and cost effective use



of public funds and personnel, rather than require new facilities.

- Identify alternatives to public development, operation and maintenance of new local parks required for new residential development.
- Complete development of planned and programmed facilities within existing parks and multi-use facilities.



Policy PR 1.2: Recreation Facilities in Suburbanizing Communities and community core areas.

Lyon County will provide for park and recreation opportunities such as sports fields and playgrounds within urbanizing communities and as new development occurs.

Strategies:

- Identify existing and target levels of service for parklands and facilities in urbanizing areas.
- Require that new residential development in urbanizing areas provide for compensatory parkland at target service levels for the additional residential capacity created, without additional cost to Lyon County.



Policy PR 1.3: Recreation Facilities in Rural Communities

Lyon County will provide for park and recreation opportunities such as sports fields and playgrounds for rural communities and as new development occurs.

Strategies:

- Identify existing and target levels of service for parklands and facilities in rural communities.



- Require that new residential development in rural communities provide for compensatory parkland and/or park improvements at target service levels for the additional residential capacity created, without additional cost to Lyon County.

Goal PR 2: Recreation in Rural Areas

Residents will have access to a variety of recreation opportunities on public lands.



Policy PR 2.1: Recreation on Public Land

In semi-rural and rural areas, Lyon County recreation opportunities will be on public lands, including federal and state-owned and managed lands and privately held lands with easements or other agreements that ensure public access.

Strategies:

- Pursue strategies identified in the Natural Resources section of this plan to secure adequate public access to public land.

Goal PR 3: Trails

Lyon County will have trails for recreation and alternative transportation, and to enhance access to Carson and Walker Rivers.



Policy PR 3.1: Trails

Trails in Lyon County will be designed to accommodate a variety of desirable uses, tailored to the preferences of the community(s) in which they are located.



Strategies:

- Within and among communities in Central Lyon County, efforts to develop multi-use trails will be focused toward providing opportunities for non-motorized transportation, and for recreational uses such as biking and walking.
- Encourage development of equestrian trails and riding areas in semi-rural and rural areas and on public lands in Lyon County.
- Encourage the development of non-motorized multi-use trails along portions of the Carson and Walker Rivers.
- Encourage the development and use of an aquatic trail in and along the Carson and Walker Rivers.
- Encourage the development of non-motorized multi-use trails along drainages and irrigation ditches, and through open space lands where the paths will not conflict with agricultural and other property uses.
- Encourage the conversion of former irrigation ditches and ditch easements to non-motorized multi-use trails.
- Require that new residential development provide for improved access to the Carson and Walker Rivers, if adjacent to and incorporated with development, without additional cost to Lyon County.



Policy PR 3.2: Trails Implementation and Management.

Lyon County will provide further guidance on the development and management of trails through the development of standards and recognition of the varying needs of urbanizing and rural communities.



Strategies:

- Coordinate with other public and quasi-public entities to create, maintain and operate trail systems within Lyon County and the region.
- Consider the use of incentives to encourage development projects to contribute to the acquisition or improvement of identified trail systems.
- Identify and establish guidelines for the location and design of trails to appropriately retain the natural character of the area, minimize impacts on adjacent lands and uses, properly orient and educate the public, and coordinate trail design with other public objectives such as drainage or wetland protection.
- Identify and establish guidelines for trailheads and staging areas to provide adequate improvements for users and to minimize impacts of trail use on adjacent properties.

Existing Parks and Grounds

Lyon County maintains several parks throughout the County, in various communities, keeping the grounds free of weeds, the lawns mowed and bushes and trees trimmed and looking neat. During the winter Lyon County crews shovel snow and keep walks free of ice. There are additional park facilities throughout Lyon County, that are significant community resources but are not listed here because they are not maintained by Lyon County.

Mound House

Von Del Rose Park

56 Red Rock Road Mound House, NV. This is a small neighborhood park that has basketball courts, a covered picnic area and playground equipment.

Dayton

Our Park

370 River Street, just off of Highway 50 as you're entering Dayton. A small neighborhood Park has playground equipment, BBQs, picnic tables, grass and trees for shade.



Little League Fields

249 Old Dayton Valley Road, next to Dayton Elementary School. This park has two baseball fields, a tee ball field, playground equipment, BBQs and concession/restroom facilities.

Como Park

250 Old Dayton Valley Road across from Dayton Ball fields. This park has grassy areas, playground equipment, picnic tables, a dog park, and some shade areas. A skate park has a 7,000 square foot concrete slab with ramps, rails, a pyramid, and a half-pipe. Restroom facilities are located across the street at the ball fields and are available during Little League games.

Mark Twain Park

Located at the end of Roughing It Road or off of Six Mile Canyon Road. This park has a Senior Baseball field and a soccer field. Concession/restroom facility, a softball field and a playground.

Patriot Park

1212 Daffodil and Cheatgrass Road in the River Park Subdivision. This park has a playground, volleyball and basketball courts, horseshoe pits and picnic tables.

Rolling A Open Space

There are two entrances with parking located at the end of Cardelli Road and at the end of Ferretto Parkway. The open space has walking and bicycle trails. A Disc Golf Course is located on the Cardelli Road side with picnic tables and restrooms near each entrance, and river access for fishing and water fowl hunting.

Santa Maria Ranch Park

This park has playground equipment, restrooms, a basketball court, a soccer field, BBQ's, picnic tables and a walking trail.

Santa Maria Aquatic Park

This park is located on the Carson River and consists of walking/fitness trails, restrooms, picnic tables, and a river takeout area for kayaks and boats and provides access for fishing.

Dayton Rodeo Grounds & Dayton Valley Events Center

500 Schaad Lane Dayton, NV. The Rodeo Grounds has an arena, corrals, and covered bleachers. Restrooms are planned for the near future.



Silver City

Silver City Park

Located just off of 4th Street in Silver City. This park has playground equipment, basketball court and BBQs. No restroom facilities.

Silver Springs

Penny Park

1355 Donner Trail by Silver Springs Fire Station. This park has playground equipment, covered picnic area, basketball court, baseball fields, and restroom facilities.

Silver Springs Skate Park

2585 Ft. Churchill Rd. This park has a cement skating area with ramps and rails. No restroom facilities.

Silver Stage Park

This park is located next to Silver Stage Middle School. This park includes a senior baseball field, restroom facilities and playground equipment.

Smith Valley

Dressler Park

This park is located in Wellington, and is a significant community resource providing play and activity areas, sports fields, picnic tables, shelters, and a location for community events.

Stagecoach

Pioneer Park

Located across from the Stagecoach Water Company on Navajo Trail. This park has playground equipment, grass, BBQs, and basketball court. No restroom facilities.

Spud Baseball Field

Located behind Stagecoach Market on Desert Meadows. This park includes a baseball field with restroom facilities and playground equipment.