



## PROS Vision Framework

The community’s vision for the future is integral to the City’s Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan. Recent community feedback from PROS Plan outreach and from Comprehensive Plan “Imagine Monroe” focus groups and interviews was discussed in a joint Parks Advisory Board/Planning Commission meeting. Board and Commission insights were used to define the City’s values, vision and goals for parks, recreation facilities, trails, programs, and related services. Called the “vision framework,” this information provides a foundation for the entire PROS Plan. It also guides the development of strategies for systemwide enhancements and site development or improvements.

The elements of the vision framework are defined in the side bar and identified on the next pages.

### Values

The important qualities Monroe residents want to see reflected in the park system include:

- **Stewardship:** Monroe will take care of our assets and protect our natural resources, including our trees, lakes and rivers, wetlands, and greenspaces.
- **Community Health and Livability:** Great parks, natural areas and trails ensure that Monroe is a healthy, active, livable community.
- **Family-Friendly:** Monroe’s parks, playgrounds, and sports fields support recreation activities for children, families, and residents of all ages.
- **Safety:** Our parks and facilities are designed and maintained to support public safety and comfort.
- **Connections to Nature:** Monroe’s parks foster outdoor recreation, connections to the Skykomish River, and opportunities to experience nature.
- **Vibrancy:** Unique events and facilities are critical to attract residents and visitors to our downtown and support the economic vitality of our community.

### Vision Framework Elements

The vision framework is structured to answer the following questions:

*What values guide the City’s provision of park and recreation services?*

Our *values* describe the important qualities we want to see reflected in our park system.

*How do we imagine our future park and recreation system?*

Our *vision* summarizes the City’s aspirations for future parks and recreation services.

*Where do we want to be in the future?*

Our *goals* describe our desired directions for long-range change.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Our *objectives* describe the specific and measurable outcomes that contribute to achieving our goals.

*What will we do to create this park system of the future?*

Site *recommendations* identify the projects that we will carry out.

- **Equity and Inclusion:** We provide parks and facilities throughout the city to ensure easy and equitable access for all residents, no matter their age, income or ability.
- **Connectivity:** We promote park access and a walkable, bikeable community by providing an interconnected regional, local, and nature trail system.
- **Commitment:** Our staff will use resources wisely to provide quality, sustainable parks and facilities that reflect the character, history, culture and values of our community.
- **Collaboration:** We will work together with volunteers, stakeholders, schools and partners to leverage resources and maximize the benefit to our community.

## Vision

A new vision for the parks and recreation system is proposed:

*Great parks, natural areas, and trails foster outdoor recreation and protect our riverfront to create an active, beautiful and livable city.*

## Mission

The existing mission for the Parks and Recreation Department is carried forward into the revised plan:

*The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department is committed to:*

- *Protecting and enhancing the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space, and trails.*
- *Providing citizens of all ages positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe, and accessible recreation facilities.*
- *Enhancing health, quality living, and the natural environment for future generations.*

## Goals

Systemwide objectives and site recommendations, which will be developed in the next phase of the planning process, will help achieve the following goals:

- **Well-Stewarded Parks:** Manage, maintain, and revitalize parks, facilities, and natural resources to support safe, attractive and engaging recreation space and green space.
- **Vibrant Riverfront:** Enhance parks, recreation amenities, and trails along the Skykomish River to create a riverfront system that supports local use and recreation tourism.
- **Outdoor Recreation Hub:** Provide unique recreational amenities that attract residents and visitors to Monroe's outdoor activities, programs and events.
- **Park Access:** Develop parks and minimize barriers to ensure residents have equitable access to recreation opportunities within walking or biking distance from home.
- **Connectivity:** Provide an interconnected network of multi-use trails, walkways and bikeways connecting city and regional destinations.