



FAQ – Happy Valley Residents

Q: What services does NCPRD provide District residents, including those in the Happy Valley area?

A: NCPRD is dedicated to enriching the lives of 122,000 residents in north Clackamas County by facilitating connections to nature, community, and a fun, active and healthy lifestyle. Working alongside residents and city partners, NCPRD protects and promotes access to 39 parks, 25 natural areas, 13 miles of trails, including Mount Talbert Nature Park and the 6-mile Trolley Trail, and three community and recreation centers: Hood View Community Park, the North Clackamas Aquatic Park and the Milwaukie Center.

NCPRD provides equal access to a wide range of community-driven recreation and educational opportunities for all ages, abilities, income levels and interests, including:

- Swim lessons, aquatic fitness and recreation at North Clackamas Aquatic Park
- Social services and adult-focused recreation at Milwaukie Center
- Youth recreation and sports programs (e.g., Hoopers basketball, Cheer Starz, PTF football, volleyball and summer camps)
- Adult recreation and sports programs (e.g. adult softball leagues)
- Special events (e.g., Movies in the Park, RecMobile, Field Day in the Park, Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance, and Great American BBQ)

Q: What are the benefits of being part of a parks and recreation district?

A: Parks and recreation districts provide dedicated and specialized staff to deliver first-rate programs and services at an affordable rate. The industry trend has been to regionalize parks and recreation services to be more efficient and cost-effective by taking advantage of greater economies of skills and scale

Q: What's happening with parks and recreation in Happy Valley?

A: Happy Valley's City Council is considering withdrawing from NCPRD to begin delivering parks and recreation services to Happy Valley residents directly.

Q: Why is Happy Valley City Council considering leaving the District?

A: The City of Happy Valley has doubled in size since it annexed into the District and City officials have expressed interest in having more control of parks and recreation assets and services. A vote of citizens is not required for the withdrawal.



Q: If Happy Valley were to leave the District, how would it affect *Happy Valley residents*?

A: NCPRD would be honored to continue as the parks and recreation provider for the citizens of Happy Valley, and continue to provide “in-district” prioritization and rates. However, should Happy Valley residents be removed from the District, NCPRD would no longer schedule programming within Happy Valley, increased out-of-district fees would apply, and access to recreation programming and facilities would not be guaranteed. Examples of programs that these changes would apply to include swim lessons at North Clackamas Aquatic Park, Meals on Wheels and transportation services for home-bound older adults, youth sports such as Hoopers basketball, Sideout volleyball, and adult softball leagues.

Q: How do NCPRD and Happy Valley officials decide on what projects to develop in the City?

A: When Happy Valley joined NCPRD, an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was created. The City Mayor and City Council outlined four priorities were highlighted in the IGA, stating that those projects would be completed as funding, which would be pursued together, became available. Those projects were then prioritized in NCPRD’s board-approved Capital Improvement Plan. When Happy Valley joined the District, the development of a large community park with athletic fields was City officials’ number one priority. While the Capital Improvement Plan is a long-term, 23-year plan, NCPRD was pleased to have been able to bring this 36-acre, \$18 million Hood View facility to Happy Valley within three years of the City joining the District. It is the single largest project in NCPRD’s history and has allowed kids and adults in the area to have convenient ready-access to sports fields for practice and tournaments. The other projects remain at the top of the District’s Capital Improvement Plan, which runs through 2030.

Q: What impacts the timing of new park development?

A: Timing for development of new parks and facilities is based on funding from Park SDCs, the prescribed amount of matching funds required by SDC ordinance, and the funds to operate and maintain the park. New projects in Happy Valley have been in the planning stages.

Q: What is the Strategic Partnership with North Clackamas School District?

A: With Hood View Park permanently situated in your community, NCPRD has recently negotiated a strategic partnership with the North Clackamas School District to sell the park to the school district for its full use during the day, and continue to allow NCPRD to manage community sports leagues’ use of the fields outside school hours. This partnership was developed in order to free up much needed capital funds and allow investments to be made in additional parks and recreational facilities. This win-win partnership was designed to provide the School District with a ready-made facility for the planned conversion of Rock Creek Middle School to a new high school, and benefit both the Parks District and the School District, and the taxpayers who fund them.

Q: How would the sale of Hood View Park affect existing and future NCPRD sports programs in Happy Valley?

A: The transfer of Hood View Park to North Clackamas School District would not affect NCPRD sports programs, as the agreement with the School District calls for NCPRD to continue programming the park



and its fields after school hours. It isn't yet clear how the City's withdrawal from the District would impact Happy Valley residents' ability to access those and other NCPRD recreational programs, given many of our activities fill up and priority and preferential pricing is given to those who live within NCPRD's District boundaries.

Q: What are SDCs?

A: SDC stands for System Development Charge. SDCs are one-time fees assessed on new development to cover a portion of the costs of providing public facilities to address the impact of growth. Oregon law provides for establishment of SDC fees for transportation, water, wastewater (sewer), stormwater, and parks and recreation facilities. NCPRD collects System Development Charges (SDCs) from new building permits throughout the District. Through these SDCs, NCPRD plans and manages the development of new parks and facilities.

Q: What determines how and where SDCs are spent?

A: SDCs can only go toward new growth-related projects, not toward the operation or maintenance of existing parks and facilities. SDCs are governed by ordinance and in most cases new parks can only be built with SDCs if there are a predetermined amount of matching funds, whether through grants, general funds or going out for a bond. SDCs collected within a zone (planning area) are spent within the same zone from which they were collected.

Q: Other Questions?

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