



**LANDER**  
**PARKS AND**  
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**2025 MASTER PLAN**

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# INTRODUCTION

## LANDER PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



### OVERVIEW

An update to the Lander Parks and Recreation Plan was initiated as part of an overall Comprehensive Plan effort in 2024. This plan is designed to guide the development, enhancement, and sustainability of local parks and recreational resources. This report builds on the previous planning efforts, however, as the community evolves, so do its needs and priorities. This plan serves as an opportunity to re-evaluate the current system and ensure it continues to provide vibrant, accessible, and inclusive outdoor spaces that meet the changing demands of residents and visitors.

The report is organized into key chapters that provide a roadmap for Lander's parks and recreation system. The **Goals and Objectives** chapter outlines the guiding principles that shape the plan, focusing on the vision for future growth and priorities for resource allocation. The **Public Involvement** chapter details feedback and insights gathered from community members, ensuring the plan is connected to the voices of those who use and cherish these spaces. The **Analysis of Existing System** chapter examines demographic and recreational needs, identifies gaps within the current park system, and clarifies how well existing facilities align with the community's expectations and requirements. Building on this foundation, the **Inventories and Recommendations** chapter offers a detailed account of Lander's parks, trails, and recreation amenities, accompanied by targeted recommendations to address gaps and maximize opportunities. Finally, the **Implementation** chapter outlines a strategic approach to making these recommendations a reality, including timelines, potential funding sources, and metrics for measuring success.

Together, these chapters represent a collaborative vision for the future of Lander's parks and recreation system, ensuring it remains a vital resource for current and future generations. Ultimately, the Parks and Recreation Plan provides a strategic framework for decision-making and investment over the coming years.

## STUDY PURPOSE

This document aims to evaluate and define the vision for Lander’s parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities. Rooted in community feedback and informed by current needs and industry best practices, this study aims to build upon the previous plan’s successes while addressing the Lander community’s evolving priorities. As Lander continues to grow and attract new residents and visitors, this update ensures the parks and recreation system remains a vital component of the City’s identity as it promotes health, connection, and environmental stewardship.

This study seeks to align community aspirations with actionable strategies by focusing on key areas identified through public engagement. These include:

- Expanding access to recreational facilities
- Trail connectivity
- Enhancing safety and maintenance

The community’s call for accessible, inclusive spaces and modern amenities is balanced with the desire to preserve Lander’s parks’ natural beauty and character. Additionally, the study highlights the importance of sustainability, collaboration, and equity to ensure the parks system serves all age groups, abilities, and interests.

Ultimately, this report provides a strategic framework for decision-making and investment over the coming years. This plan ensures that the park system remains adaptable and relevant by addressing goals such as improving physical connectivity, diversifying recreational opportunities, and protecting Lander’s green spaces. By implementing this updated vision, Lander will continue to provide high-quality recreational opportunities while fostering a strong connection between its residents and the natural environment.

## HISTORY

The Lander Lady Boosters, a women’s organization formed in 1907, can be credited for the creation of some of the parks Lander enjoys today, including City Park.

For more information on the history of Lander’s park systems, see appendix page 132.



## RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is an integral component of Lander’s broader 2025 Master Plan Update, supporting its vision and aligning with its long-term strategic framework. While the Master Plan Update provides a comprehensive roadmap for the city’s future growth and development, the Parks and Recreation Update focuses on enhancing recreational opportunities and preserving natural spaces. Both plans emphasize the importance of community engagement, sustainability, and accessibility in shaping Lander’s future.

The 2025 Master Plan Update identifies overarching themes and policies, including land use, infrastructure, and community well-being, which directly inform the goals and objectives of the Parks and Recreation Update. The Parks and Recreation Plan complements these efforts by providing detailed recommendations for park improvements, trail expansions, and the development of new recreational amenities, contributing to the Master Plan’s vision for a thriving, well-connected community.

Together, these plans create a cohesive framework for Lander’s development, ensuring that decisions related to parks and recreation are integrated into the city’s broader planning initiatives. The Parks and Recreation Update draws from the themes and strategic actions outlined in the Master Plan while addressing the specific needs and aspirations of the community as they relate to outdoor spaces and recreational opportunities. By working in tandem, these plans ensure that Lander remains a vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive place for residents and visitors alike.



# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## LANDER PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



### OVERVIEW

Establishing clear goals and objectives is essential for guiding the future of Lander's parks and recreation system. This chapter outlines three primary goals:

**Goal 1:** Enhancing connectivity and accessibility

**Goal 2:** Expand and diversity recreational opportunities

**Goal 3:** Preserve and sustain Lander's Natural and Green Spaces

These goals provide a shared vision, while their objectives offer actionable steps to improve access, foster inclusivity, and ensure sustainability. Together, they form a roadmap to create a vibrant and resilient park system that meets the needs of residents.

**PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS**

**Goal 1: Enhance Connectivity and Accessibility**

**Objective 1: Develop a Network of Recreational Pathways**

Create a comprehensive system linking neighborhoods to all parks, open spaces, and the river corridor, such as a town loop or Popo Agie River pathway.

**Objective 2: Implement Pathway Improvements**

Use staff to collaborate with property owners and stakeholders to address pathway access challenges and advance pathway development.

**Objective 3: Improve Multi-Modal Access in Parks**

Provide safe, level, and accessible paths to and within recreational areas, such as City Park and new park lands

**Goal 2: Expand and Diversify Recreational Opportunities**

**Objective 1: Increase Shade and Weather Protection**

Enhance park usability by adding shade trees and shelters to provide relief during extreme weather events.

**Objective 2: Develop New Community Facilities**

Build amenities, such as natural playgrounds or ball fields, to cater to youth, families, and sports enthusiasts.

Develop a plan to replace aging pool infrastructure with the school district and other community partners.

**Objective 3: Establish Recreational Hub for All Ages**

Reintroduce affordable and inclusive recreational activities for all residents, emphasizing opportunities for youth, families, and seniors.

**Goal 3: Preserve and Sustain Lander’s Natural and Green Spaces**

**Objective 1: Protect Riparian Buffers and Natural Areas**

Maintain stream-side buffers and incorporate native features to support sustainability and reduce erosion.

**Objective 2: Designate Underdeveloped Open Spaces**

Preserve specific areas for natural enjoyment, incorporate compact dirt pathways, benches, and scenic views.

**Objective 3: Improve Maintenance and Infrastructure**

Replace aging maintenance equipment needed for efficient park maintenance and to extend the usable season. Infrastructure may also need review.

Address invasive weed species with both educational materials and law enforcement. Additionally, remove invasive weed species from city-owned properties.



# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

## LANDER PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



### OVERVIEW

Public engagement is the process of involving community members in decision-making to ensure their voices, needs, and ideas shape projects and policies. In the Parks and Recreation Plan for Lander, this engagement includes a stakeholder meeting in June 2024, a series of public meetings in July 2024, and a public survey released in December 2024. These efforts ensured that a diverse range of perspectives were considered, fostering transparency and community trust. By incorporating public feedback throughout the process, the resulting plan is more inclusive, sustainable, and reflective of Lander's recreational needs and priorities.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS**

**JUNE 14TH, 2024** INITIAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Representatives from Ayres Associates met with key stakeholders in Lander in June of 2024. This visit to Lander focused on key projects aligned with the 2025 Lander Master Plan, including utility updates, transportation, floodplain management, and housing development.

Discussions emphasized infrastructure improvements such as road reconstruction, water and sewer enhancements, and strategies to address housing affordability challenges. Notable concerns included flood hazard mitigation, aligning FEMA standards with local visuals, and exploring sustainable growth opportunities. Additionally, participants highlighted the desire for recreational water opportunities, such as river access or an outdoor pool, airport and cemetery updates, and strategies for engaging the community through surveys and public events. Key points involve integrating actionable recommendations, leveraging grants, and aligning with long-term development goals.

**JULY 18TH-20TH, 2024** PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

- July 18th:
- Drop in session at Lander Community Center
  - Booth at Lander Presents
- July 19th:
- Open House at Lander Bake Shop
  - Open House at Lincoln Street Bakery
  - Open House at Lander Senior Center
  - Drop-in Session at the Lander Library
- July 20th:
- Booth at Pig Roast in City Park



To view this public engagement trip in full detail, see pg 124 in the appendix.



## SURVEY RESULTS

Ayres Associates published and publicized a survey on December 3rd, 2024. The survey was open for twelve days and closed on December 15th, 2024. The intent of this survey was to provide those who were unable to attend in-person public engagement events with a platform to share their opinions. The survey gathered 226 responses in total.

Below is a summary of the survey responses that highlight key takeaways. Each response is noted with its weighted average of responses, indicating the frequency that the priority was identified.

To view the full survey responses, see Appendix pg 156.

### SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

The Parks & Recreation Survey highlighted Lander residents’ desire to balance natural preservation with enhanced recreational opportunities. Key priorities included:

- Improved river access
- Connected parks through trails
- Maintaining open, natural spaces that reflected the community’s outdoor lifestyle

Respondents consistently emphasized the importance of preserving riparian areas, planting more trees, and minimizing overdevelopment to protect the charm and ecological health of existing park spaces.

Recreation infrastructure, such as a year-round recreation center, splash pads, and improved playgrounds, emerged as critical needs to support families, youth, and seniors. There was also interest in the following:

- Organized camping facilities
- Upgraded restroom amenities
- Better trail connectivity to enhance accessibility for all.

While some supported new amenities and facilities, others advocated for maintaining and improving existing parks and minimizing large-scale development.

Overall, the community envisioned a parks and recreation system that prioritized sustainability, natural beauty, and inclusivity while fostering connections among residents through well-maintained outdoor spaces and diverse recreational opportunities. This feedback highlighted a shared commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Lander while preserving its unique character.

The following pages will go over each question and it’s key takeaways according to the survey responses. Priorities, in order of top, moderate, to lower, have been identified in applicable cases.

## Question 1 – For parks & recreation in Lander, rank the following items from highest to lowest priority.

- Improving neighborhood proximity and access to parks and recreational spaces
- Upgrading or improving existing parks and recreation amenities for all ages and abilities
- Adding new amenities to existing parks for all ages and abilities
- Expanding or adding new youth programs
- Expanding or adding new senior/retiree programs
- Expanding or adding new adult and family programs

### Top Priorities:

- The highest-ranked priority is expanding or adding new youth programs, with a weighted average of 3.83, indicated strong support for increased facilities surrounding this age group.
- Upgrading or improving existing parks and recreation amenities for all ages and abilities follows closely with a weighted average of 3.81, emphasizing the need to maintain and modernize current infrastructure.

### Moderate Priorities:

- Adding new amenities to existing parks for all ages and abilities scored a weighted average of 3.48, showing interest in incremental improvements.
- Expanding or adding new adult and family programs received a weighted average of 3.32, highlighting its importance but with slightly lower emphasis than the top priorities.

### Lower Priorities:

- Improving neighborhood proximity and access to parks and recreational spaces and expanding or adding new senior/retiree programs ranked as lower priorities, with weighted averages of 3.16 and 3.07, respectively, though many respondents still consider them relevant.

### Q1 SUMMARY

The survey highlights that Lander residents prioritize programs for youth and upgrades to existing parks and amenities. While there is moderate support for new amenities and programs for adults and families, proximity to parks and programs for seniors rank lower. This suggests a community focus on enhancing activities and spaces for younger populations while maintaining inclusivity for broader age groups.



**Question 2 – What recreational facilities/amenities would you like to see more of in the community?**

**Most Desired Amenities:**

- A recreation center (rec center) is the most frequently mentioned desired amenity. Many respondents highlighted the need for a facility offering multiple activities for all ages, including pools, climbing walls, and gym space.
- Splash pads and outdoor swimming pools are also highly requested, reflecting a community interest in water-based recreation, particularly for families and children.
- Trail connectivity and natural space preservation are important to many respondents, with calls for more bike paths, walking paths, and connections to natural areas like the Popo Agie River.

**Specific Facility Suggestions:**

- Indoor ice rinks are popular, with multiple mentions emphasizing winter recreation and youth sports.

**Diverse Opinions:**

- Some respondents prefer developing existing facilities and maintaining natural park settings over building new amenities.
- There are requests for sports facilities (e.g., soccer fields, softball fields), community gardens, and specialized recreational options like a whitewater park or archery range.

*"A rec center would benefit people of all ages, anything that will benefit the children."*

*"Lander's parks are wonderful places for the community to gather, recreate, and enjoy the outdoors. Please consider a balanced approach to development."*

*"A splash pad and connected bike paths would be a great way to bring families together and enhance our community."*

**Q2 SUMMARY:**

Lander residents express a strong desire for enhanced recreational infrastructure, with a recreation center and water-based amenities like splash pads and pools leading the list of priorities. There is significant interest in facilities that promote both indoor and outdoor activities, catering to families, youth, and seniors. Trail connectivity and preserving natural spaces are also key themes, reflecting the community's appreciation for its natural environment.

**Question 3 – Sports Complex Area**

This question asked participants to identify their most desired sports complex amenities.

- Shade pavilions
- Drop-off Areas
- Equipment storage
- Flexible field space
- Vendor area
- Sports lighting

**Top Priorities:**

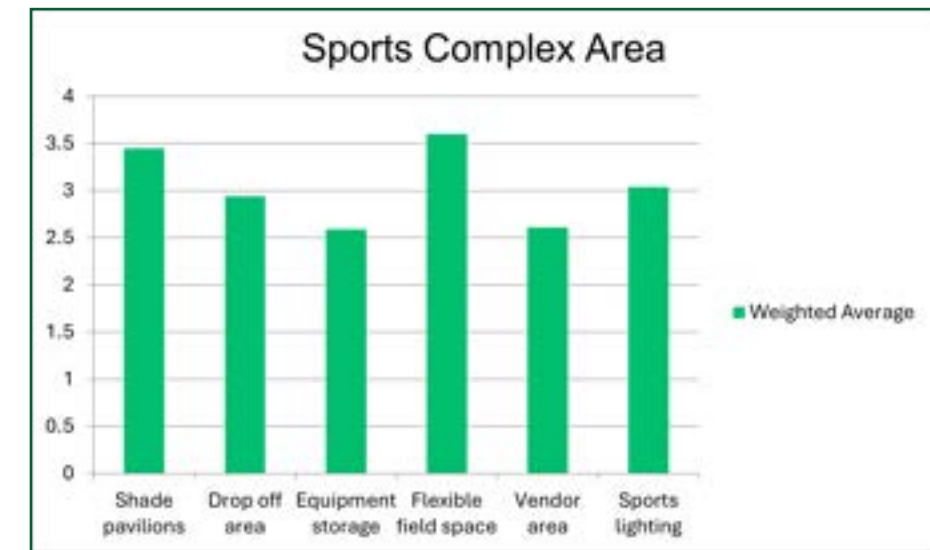
- Flexible field space ranks as the highest priority with a weighted average of 3.6, indicating strong community interest in multi-use areas that can accommodate various sports and activities.
- Shade pavilions are the second-highest priority with a weighted average of 3.45, emphasizing the need for covered spaces to improve comfort and usability.

**Moderate Priorities:**

- Sports lighting (3.04) is moderately prioritized, reflecting a desire for better visibility and extended usability of the complex during evening hours.
- Drop-off areas, such as roundabouts or other temporary parking features, (2.94) are valued for improving accessibility and convenience but are less emphasized than other features.

**Lower Priorities:**

- Equipment storage and vendor areas rank lower, with weighted averages of 2.59 and 2.61, suggesting these amenities are less critical to the community's vision for the sports complex.



**Q3 SUMMARY:**

The survey reveals a strong preference for adaptable and user-friendly spaces in Lander's sports complex. Flexible field space is the highest priority, supporting the need for versatile infrastructure to cater to various activities. Shade pavilions and sports lighting are also important, enhancing the area's comfort and functionality. While features like equipment storage and vendor areas are seen as less essential, they remain useful for specific needs.

**Question 4 – Natural Open Space Area**

This question asked participants to identify their most desired open space amenities.

- Natural Playgrounds
- River Access
- Soft Surface Trails
- Tree Canopy
- Fitness Stations
- Picnic Pavilions (shade)

**Top Priorities:**

- River access is the highest-rated priority with a weighted average of 4.07, indicating a strong desire for improved opportunities to enjoy and interact with natural waterways.
- Tree canopy follows closely with a weighted average of 4.04, reflecting the community’s interest in enhancing shaded areas and preserving natural greenery.

**Moderate Priorities:**

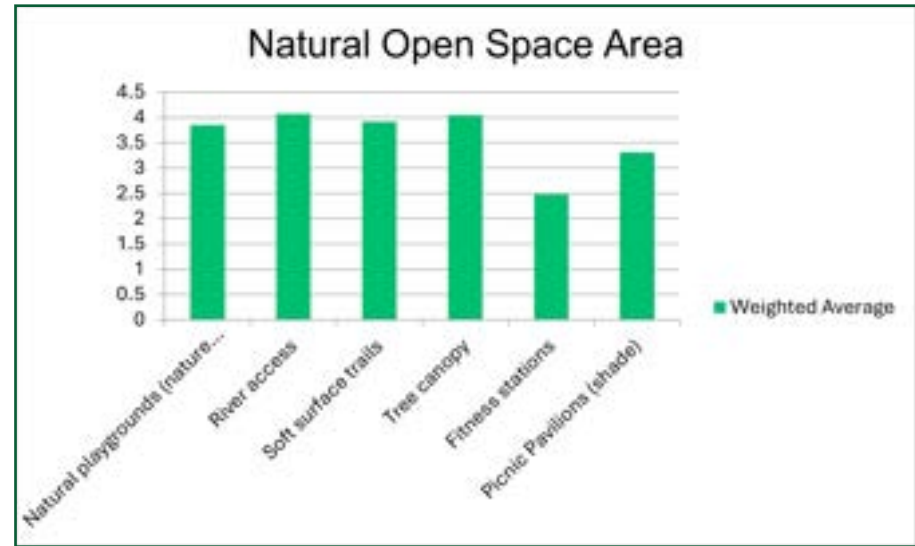
- Soft surface trails rank as a moderate priority (3.91), suggesting a community focus on expanding trail options for walking, hiking, and biking.
- Natural playgrounds (3.85) also rank well, emphasizing the value of nature-based play areas for families.

**Lower Priorities:**

- Picnic pavilions (shade) have a moderate interest (3.31), showing they are appreciated but not as critical.
- Fitness stations rank the lowest (2.48), suggesting they are less relevant or valued compared to other amenities.

**Q4 SUMMARY:**

Lander residents prioritize access to natural spaces, with a strong focus on river access and tree canopy preservation. Trails and natural playgrounds are also important, highlighting a preference for amenities that integrate with the natural environment. Picnic pavilions are moderately valued, while fitness stations are seen as less essential. These findings reflect a community desire to balance recreational infrastructure with environmental preservation.



**Question 5 – City Park: Please rank the following ideas for City Park from highest to lowest priority.**

- Pedestrian Circulation & Safety
- Additional Parking/Formalized Parking
- River Access
- Additional Amenities
- Food Truck Area
- Concert Stage
- Playground
- Tennis Courts
- Picnic Areas
- Ice Skating

**Top Priorities:**

- River access is the top priority with a weighted average of 3.75, underscoring the community’s interest in maximizing interaction with natural waterways.
- Pedestrian circulation and safety ranks second (3.54), highlighting the importance of ensuring accessibility and safety for park users.

**Moderate Priorities:**

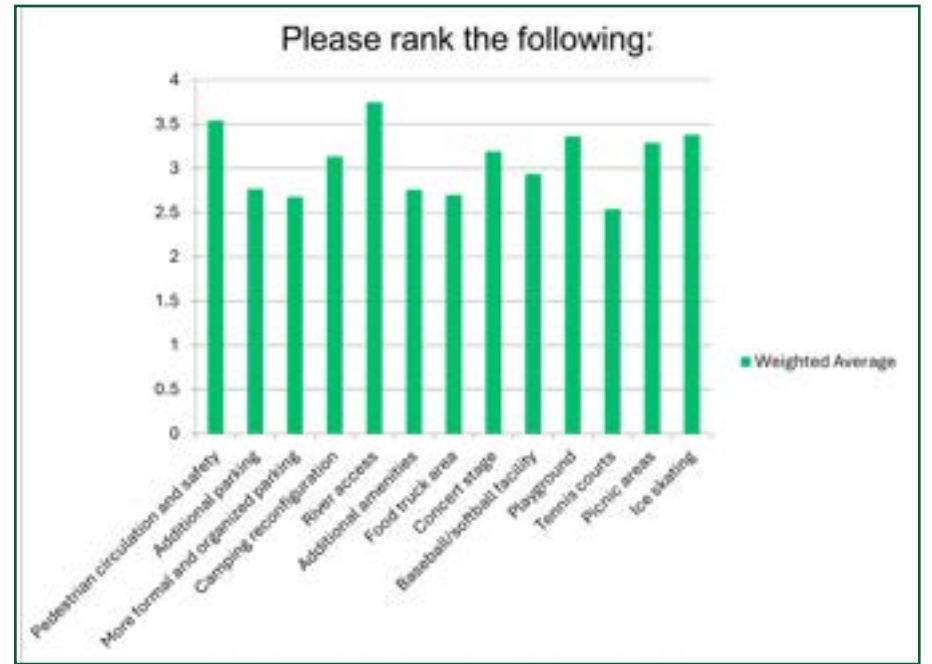
- Ice skating (3.38) and playground upgrades (3.36) are moderately prioritized, reflecting community interest in recreational amenities for families and seasonal activities.
- Picnic areas (3.29) and a concert stage (3.19) show interest in spaces that encourage social and cultural gatherings.

**Lower Priorities:**

- Additional parking (2.77), more formal/organized parking (2.68), and food truck areas (2.7) rank lower, suggesting less concern for parking-related amenities compared to recreational and natural features.
- Tennis courts rank the lowest (2.54), indicating limited demand for this specific facility.

**Q5 SUMMARY:**

The survey results emphasize the community’s desire to enhance natural and recreational elements in City Park. River access, pedestrian safety, and seasonal amenities like ice skating and playground improvements are key priorities. Social features like picnic areas and a concert stage also hold significant appeal. Parking and vendor-related amenities are less critical, suggesting that the community prioritizes experiences and natural connections over logistical improvements.



**Question 6 –Imagine Lander 10 years from now. What additional thoughts do you have regarding parks and recreation?**

**Preserving Natural Areas:**

1. Many responses highlight the importance of preserving the natural beauty of Lander’s parks, especially the river corridor and surrounding riparian habitats. Suggestions include restoring natural vegetation, planting more trees, and minimizing paved or heavily developed spaces.

**Improving Access and Connectivity:**

2. A strong emphasis is placed on trail connectivity between parks, neighborhoods, and natural areas. Respondents suggest creating pathways along the river and connecting parks for walking, biking, and other outdoor activities.  
 3. River access is another key theme, with many advocating for features like whitewater parks, fishing areas, and spaces for families to enjoy the river safely.

**Recreation Infrastructure:**

4. The desire for a recreation center remains strong, particularly to support year-round activities for youth and families. Other suggested amenities include splash pads, outdoor pools, and improved restroom facilities.  
 5. Some respondents advocate for better-organized camping at City Park, potentially limiting RV access or charging small fees to reduce misuse while maintaining free or donation-based camping for smaller groups.

**Balancing Development and Conservation:**

6. While some support new infrastructure, others stress keeping spaces open and natural, avoiding overdevelopment. The importance of maintaining Lander’s small-town charm and unique outdoor culture is a recurring theme.

**Q6 SUMMARY:**

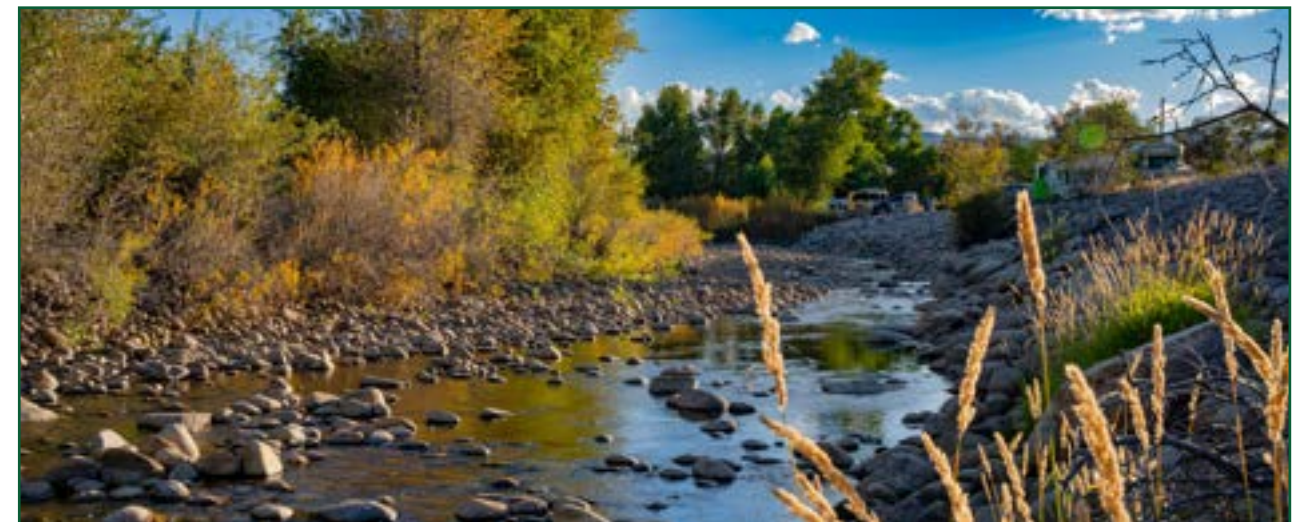
Lander residents envision a balanced approach to parks and recreation, prioritizing natural preservation and improved accessibility. Connectivity between parks and trails, river access enhancements, and year-round facilities like a recreation center are key aspirations. There is a clear preference for maintaining the natural character of spaces, limiting heavy development, and focusing on sustainable park management.



*“Parks should prioritize open spaces, river access, and nature-based play while fostering connections through the outdoors and culture.”*

*“Lander’s unique outdoor culture thrives on its natural beauty—let’s plant trees, restore habitats, and keep our spaces green and inviting.”*

*“Connecting parks with trails and pathways will enhance access and make Lander even more of a draw for residents and visitors alike.”*



# ANALYSIS OF EXISTING SYSTEM

## LANDER PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



### OVERVIEW

The Analysis of Existing System chapter evaluates the current state of Lander's parks and recreation facilities, focusing on how well they serve the community's needs. It examines demographic trends and park accessibility to identify gaps in service and opportunities for improvement. By categorizing parks into distinct types and analyzing their service areas, this chapter highlights the strengths and weaknesses of the existing system. These insights provide a foundation for making informed decisions about future investments and ensuring the parks and recreation system meets the needs of all residents.

## DEMOGRAPHIC NEEDS

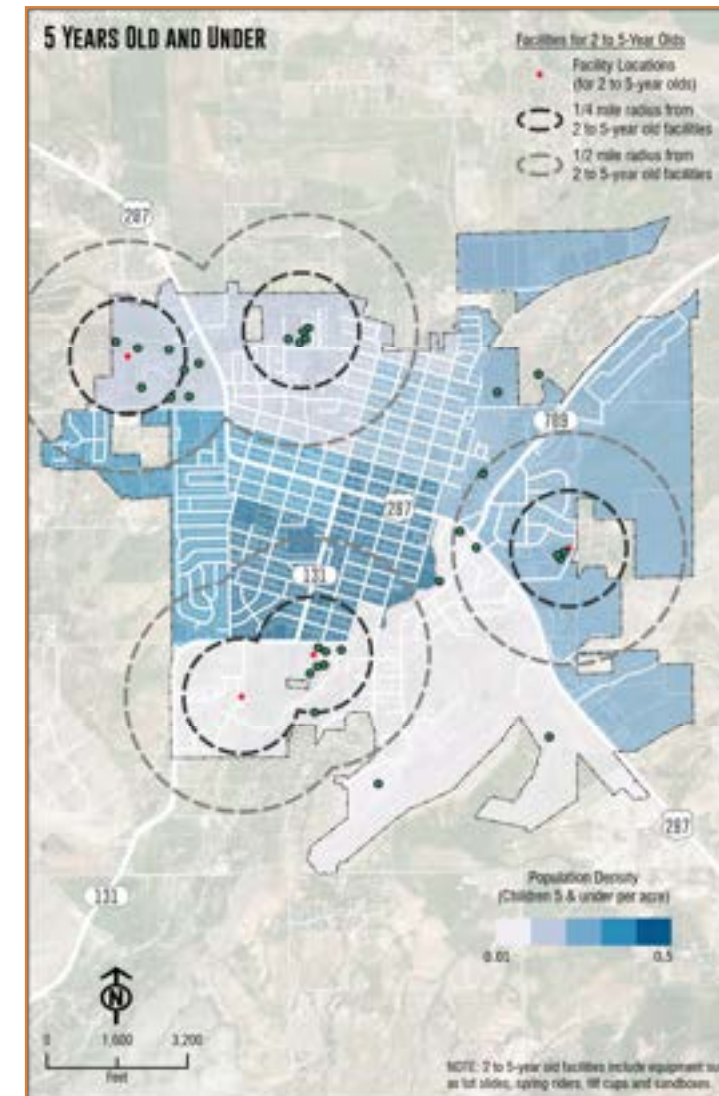
To help understand the demographic needs of the community, Ayres Associates produced an Age Cohort Analysis. This type of analysis compares the population density of certain age groups with park facilities that would match their needs. Doing this increases clarity on which age groups currently have access to park facilities that are usable to them and within a reasonable distance. Most importantly, this analysis helps to identify gaps where certain groups may be underserved.

For this Age Cohort Analysis, four different age groups were studied:

- 5 Years Old and Under
- Ages 5 to 9
- Ages 10 to 17
- Ages 18 to 54
- 55 Years Old and Above

For each of these age groups, two different radiuses were emphasized. The first, 1/4 mile, is considered reasonable walking distance. The second, 1/2 mile, is considered reasonable driving access.

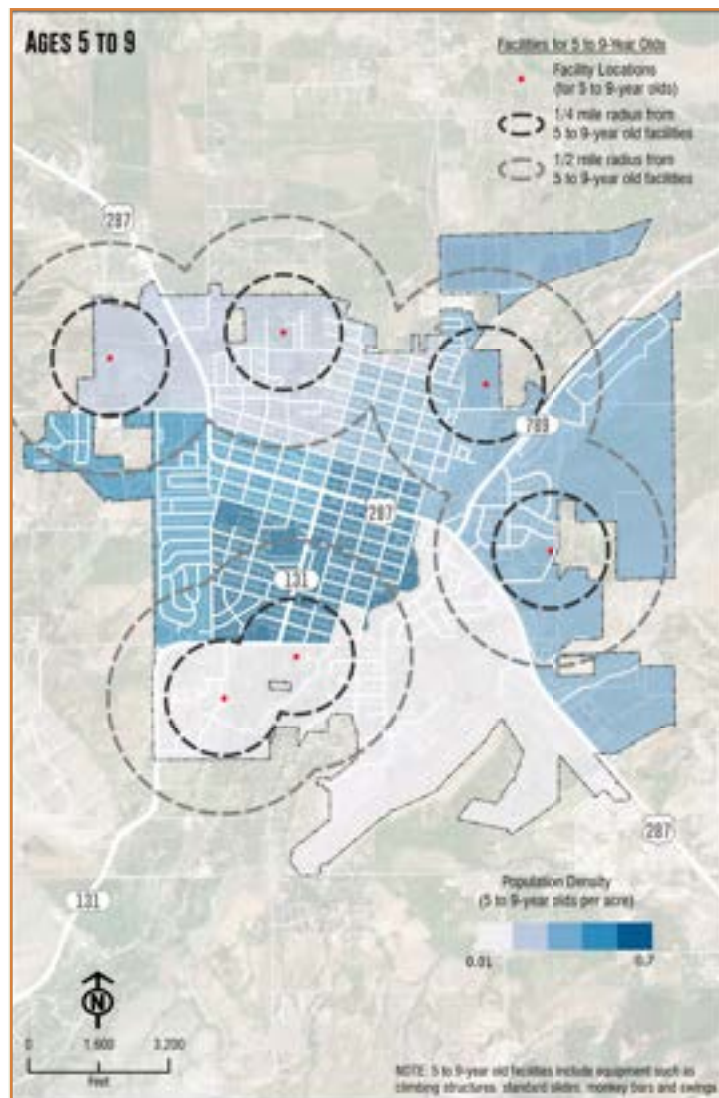
Population data is US Census block information from the 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates.



### 5 Years Old and Under

*This age group was measured based on facilities that include amenities such as tot slides, spring riders, tilt cups, and sandboxes.*

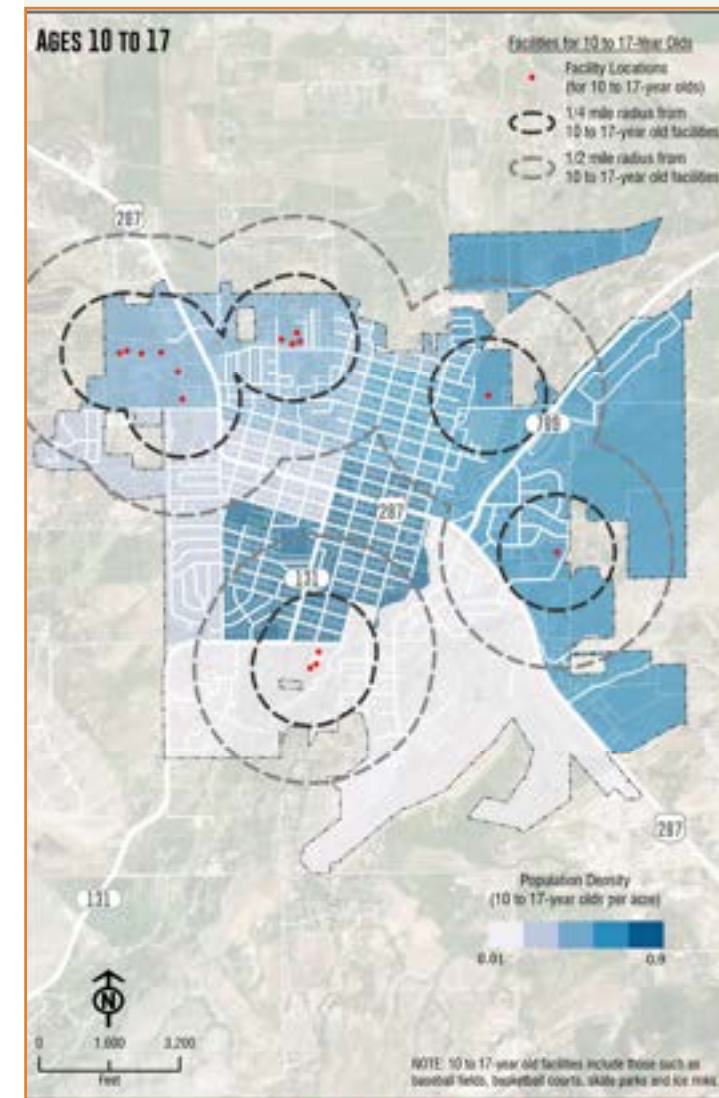
According to the map, most residents under the age of 5 live outside of a 1-mile radius of park facilities that would benefit them. In total, five parks would be able to service these residents, and all but one of them fall into an area where the population density of this age group is lowest. However, it is essential to note that some of these parks are located near preschools in the area, such as Absaroka Headstart (within 1/4 mile) and Apple Valley School (within 1 mile).



### 5 to 9 Years Old

*This age group was measured based on facilities that include amenities such as climbing structures, standard slides, monkey bars, and swings.*

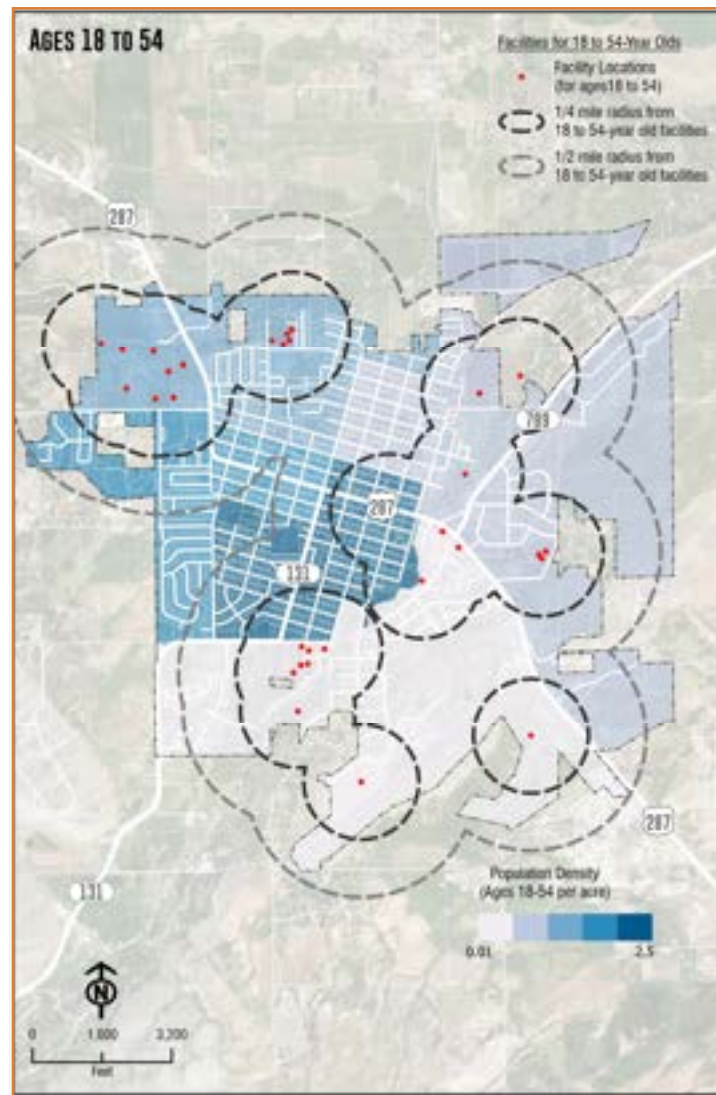
According to the map, most residents between 5-9 years old live outside of a 1-mile radius of park facilities that would benefit them, similar to the youngest age group, 5 years old and younger. In total, five parks would be able to service these residents, and all but one of them fall into an area where the population density of this age group is lowest. However, it is essential to note that some of these parks are located close to elementary schools in the area, such as Baldwin Creek Elementary (within 1 mile), and Gannet Peak Elementary School (within 1 mile).



### 10 to 17 Years Old

*This age group was measured based on facilities that include amenities such as baseball fields, basketball courts, skate parks, and ice rinks.*

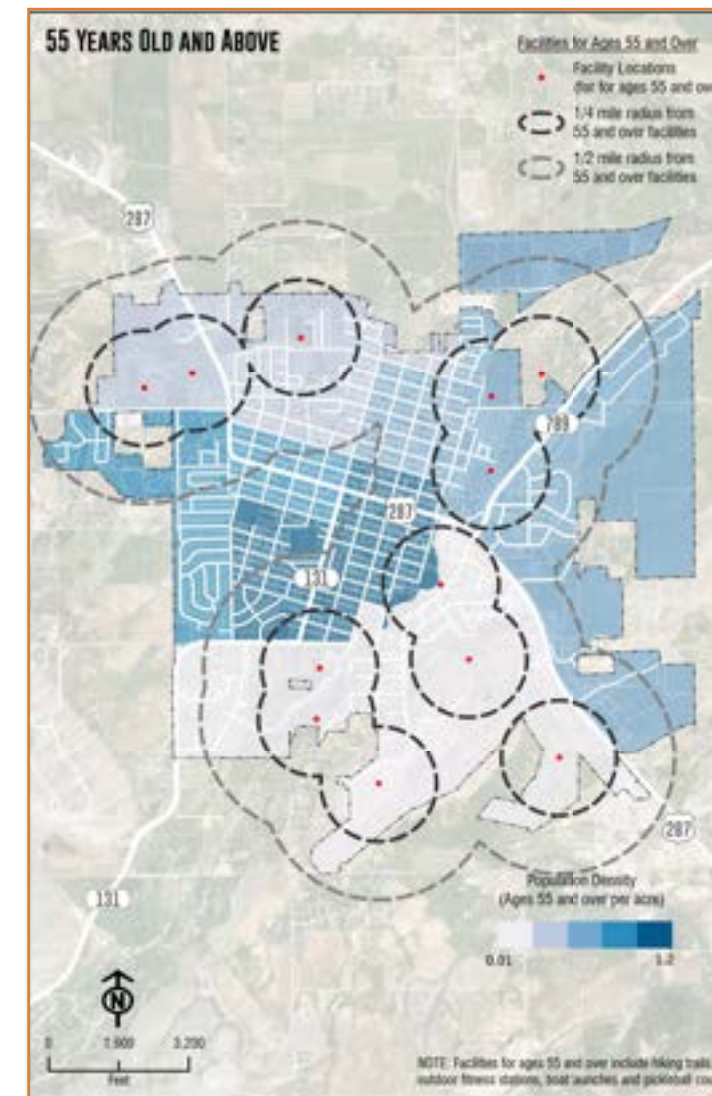
According to the map, a fair amount of residents between 10-17 years old live within a 1-mile radius to a facility that would benefit them. In total, 14 facilities would service these residents. There is a particular abundance of these facilities on the northwest side of town and a distinct gap near Main Street. This is likely due to the physically large spatial needs of the types of amenities that this age group requires, such as sporting fields. Lander Middle School and Lander Valley High School have access to multiple parks within a 1/4 mile radius, making these facilities an accessible recreational option for this age group.



### 18 to 54 Years Old

*This age group was measured based on amenities such as athletic facilities, skate parks, ice rinks, hiking trails, outdoor fitness, boat launches, and pickleball courts.*

According to the map, the highest population density of middle-aged adults lives within western/northwestern Lander, and many of the associated park facilities reside further out of town. This creates a significant gap for many residents within this age group, as most would need to drive, rather than walk, to their recreational facilities. Understanding this gap and keeping it in mind when planning further development will be vital to serving this age group, which comprises a large percentage of the population of Lander.



### 55 Years and Older

*This age group was measured based on amenities such as hiking trails and pickleball courts.*

According to the map, quite a few facilities would service this age group, and they generally align with areas in which older adults tend to live. In total, 12 facilities would meet their needs, located primarily along the west and central parts of Lander. Nearly all of Lander, except the western side, has a facility within 1 mile of each other. This demonstrates that most older adults currently have access to parks that would serve them. Recognizing the service area gap on the western side will be important when considering future development.

## RECREATIONAL NEEDS

Understanding what types of parks exist in Lander is critical to making educated decisions about future development. With this, it is important to analyze the service area of each park according to its designated function. This helps to identify gaps where there is little or no park service.

Each park in Lander can be categorized into one of 5 categories

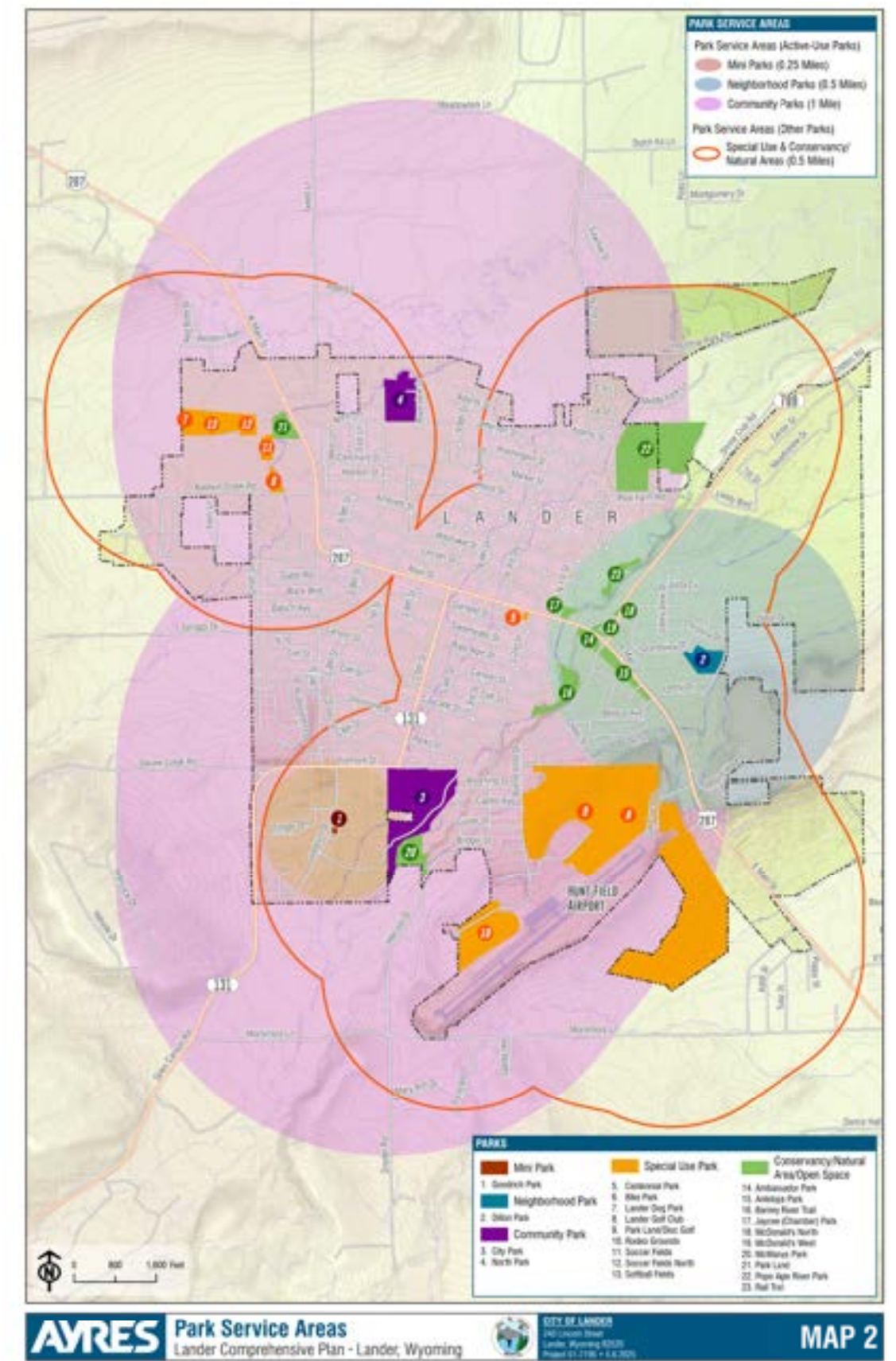
1. Mini Park (service area of .25 miles)
2. Neighborhood Park (service area of .5 miles)
3. Community Park (service area of 1 mile)
4. Special Use Park
5. Conservancy/Natural Area/Open Space

Each park was categorized based on existing standards provided by the National Recreation and Parks Association.



### KEY TAKEAWAYS

Based on this map, most Lander is serviced by at least one park. In some cases, some areas are serviced by multiple parks. These heavily serviced areas correspond with the areas of the highest population density, such as around Main Street. There are areas along the outskirts of town that are not serviced by formalized parks; however, they are within the boundaries of Special Use and Conservancy/Natural Areas. This indicates that most of the population of Lander has access to some type of outdoor recreation.



# INVENTORIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## LANDER PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



### OVERVIEW

The Inventories and Recommendations chapter provides a high level assessment of Lander’s parks and recreational facilities, outlining their current conditions, key features, and opportunities for improvement. Each park is evaluated based on its unique characteristics with specific recommendations tailored to enhance usability, accessibility, and overall visitor experience.

This chapter emphasizes the importance of addressing maintenance needs, upgrading amenities, and ensuring ADA compliance across the system. It also identifies opportunities for new features and infrastructure to maximize the potential of each park while aligning with community goals. These recommendations aim to guide future investments and improvements, ensuring Lander’s parks continue to serve as vibrant and inclusive spaces for all residents and visitors.

## LIST OF INCLUDED PARKS

NORTH PARK

POPO AGIE RIVER PARK

JAYCEE PARK (DEPOT BUILDING)

DILLON PARK

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY

CENTENNIAL PARK

AMBASSADOR GREEN SPACE PARK

ANTELOPE PARK

GOLF COURSE

RODEO GROUNDS

MCMANUS PARK

CITY PARK

GOODRICH PARK

BIKE PARK

KRISTOPHER GEORGE AND DAVE CLARK SOCCER FIELDS

TOM ST. JOHN SOFTBALL COMPLEX

LANDER DOG PARK

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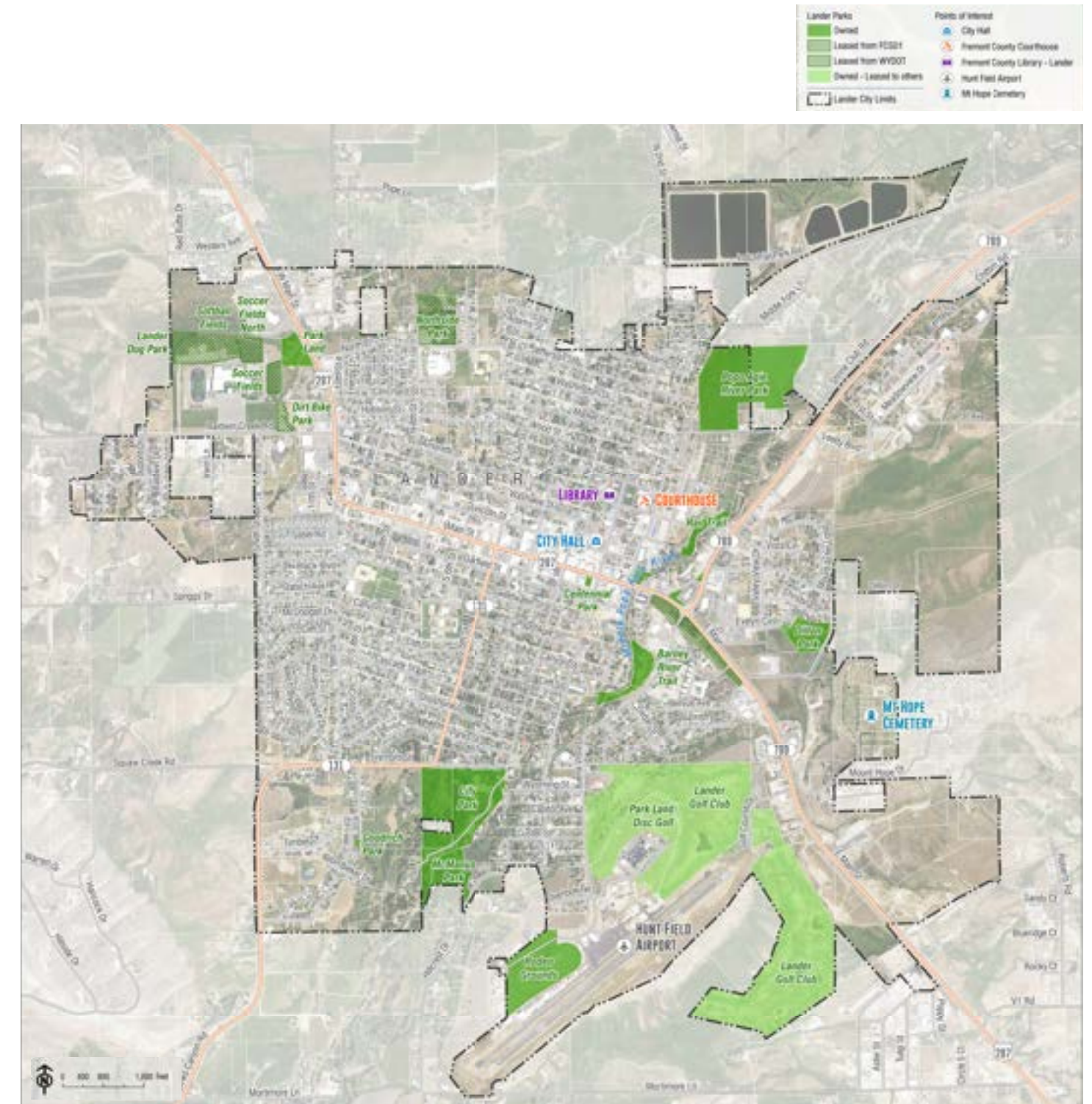
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# NORTH PARK



## OVERVIEW

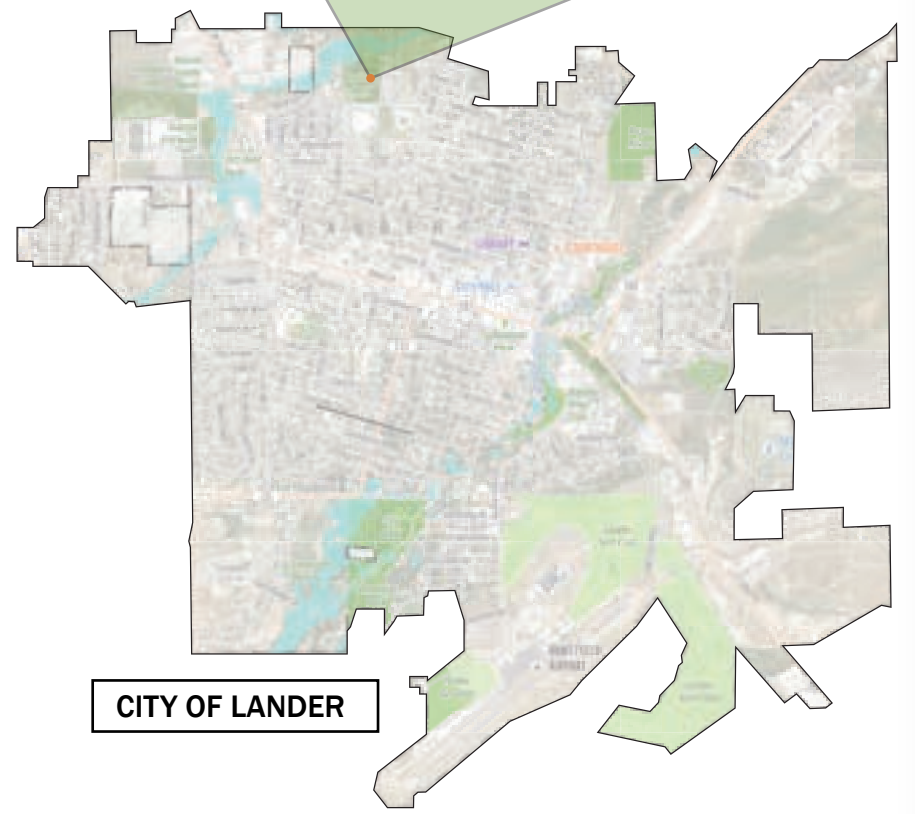
North Park offers a range of amenities including open fields, playgrounds, and walking paths, and notably, a skate park. This makes it a versatile space for recreational activities and family gatherings. It's a popular spot for sports and community activities.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Baseball Field
-  Open Field
-  Benches
-  Pavilion
-  Playground
-  Restrooms

## QUICK FACTS

-  10 acres
-  738-798 N 8th St





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** Leased to City of Lander (FCSD1)

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

North Park offers a wide range of recreational opportunities, including a skatepark, ADA-accessible playground, ballfields, restrooms, a volleyball court, a large picnic shelter, ample trash facilities, and a soccer field. Its central location near the middle school makes it a popular destination for residents. Despite its many amenities, the park has opportunities for further development to enhance its appeal.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Study alternate park layout to optimize for ball field safety and additional program. Explore feasibility of additional ball park, expanded and improved parking, and the addition of other program like pickleball.
- Add a loop trail to encourage recreational walking and create a cohesive flow throughout the park.
- Ensure all drinking water stations are operational and upgrade ADA facilities in both the park shelter and playground.
- Explore additional landscaping opportunities to enhance the park's aesthetic and recreational value.
- Update playground equipment to provide activities for all ages. Look at options for mid-schoolers like obstacle and ninja warrior courses.
- Ensure a safe parking lot for park guests and middle school overflow along Jefferson.
- Consider a paved parking lot on Jefferson Street.
- Consider removing the Jefferson street parking and make better parking at rear of the park.
- Improve configuration of parking at rear of park.
- Consider reconfiguring soccer and baseball fields to better optimize the park and safety.



# POPO AGIE RIVER PARK

## OVERVIEW



Popo Agie River Park features scenic river views and walking paths along the Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River. The park is known for its tranquil setting and is a great spot for enjoying nature and outdoor activities.

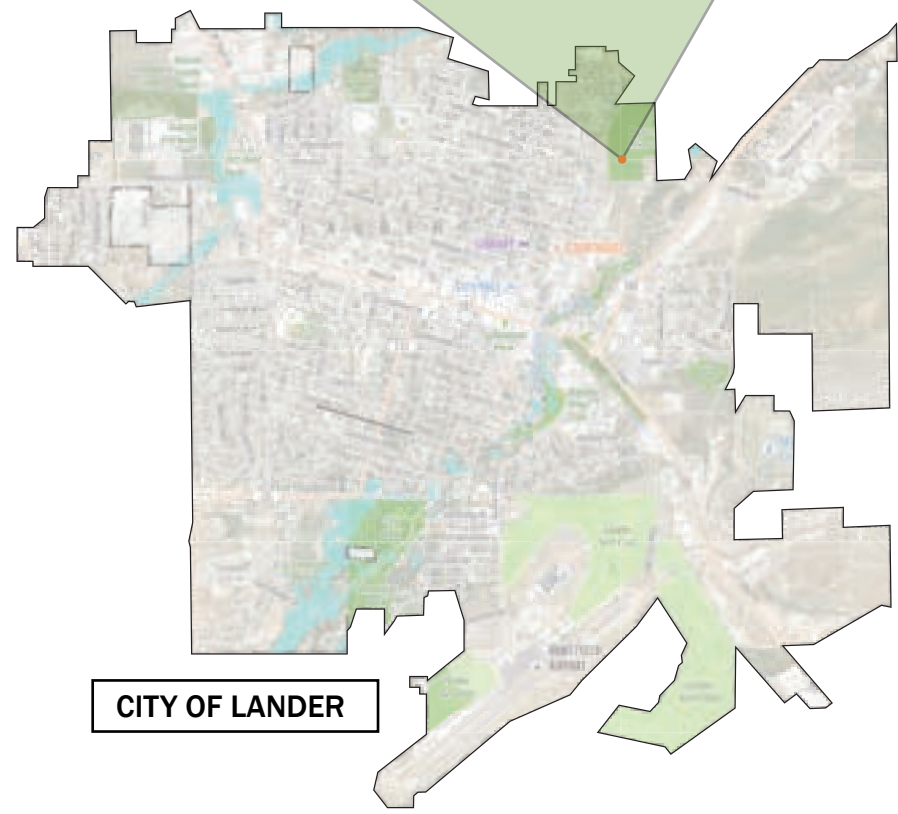
It is currently undeveloped and has an open field available for public use.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Open Field
-  River Access

## QUICK FACTS

-  36.4 acres
-  North of Poor Farm Rd





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander  
**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

Popo Agie River Park features an open field with sparse vegetation and trees along the north fork of the Popo Agie River, and offers river access to users. Its natural setting offers opportunities for both passive and active recreation. However, the park's potential is underutilized without additional infrastructure.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop a multi-sports complex with 2–3 ball fields, a playground, public restrooms, a irrigation pond, and a picnic shelter with a grill area.
- Emphasize ADA compliance in all new developments to ensure inclusivity for all users.
- Consider enhancing the natural areas with additional trees and landscaping to balance recreation with ecological preservation.

*See page 100 for detailed conceptual plans of Popo Agie River Park.*

**POPO AGIE RIVER PARK**

Popo Agie River Park is located along the Popo Agie River in the northeastern side of Lander. Presently, it is an open space filled with native grasses and sparse trees, with no formalized program.

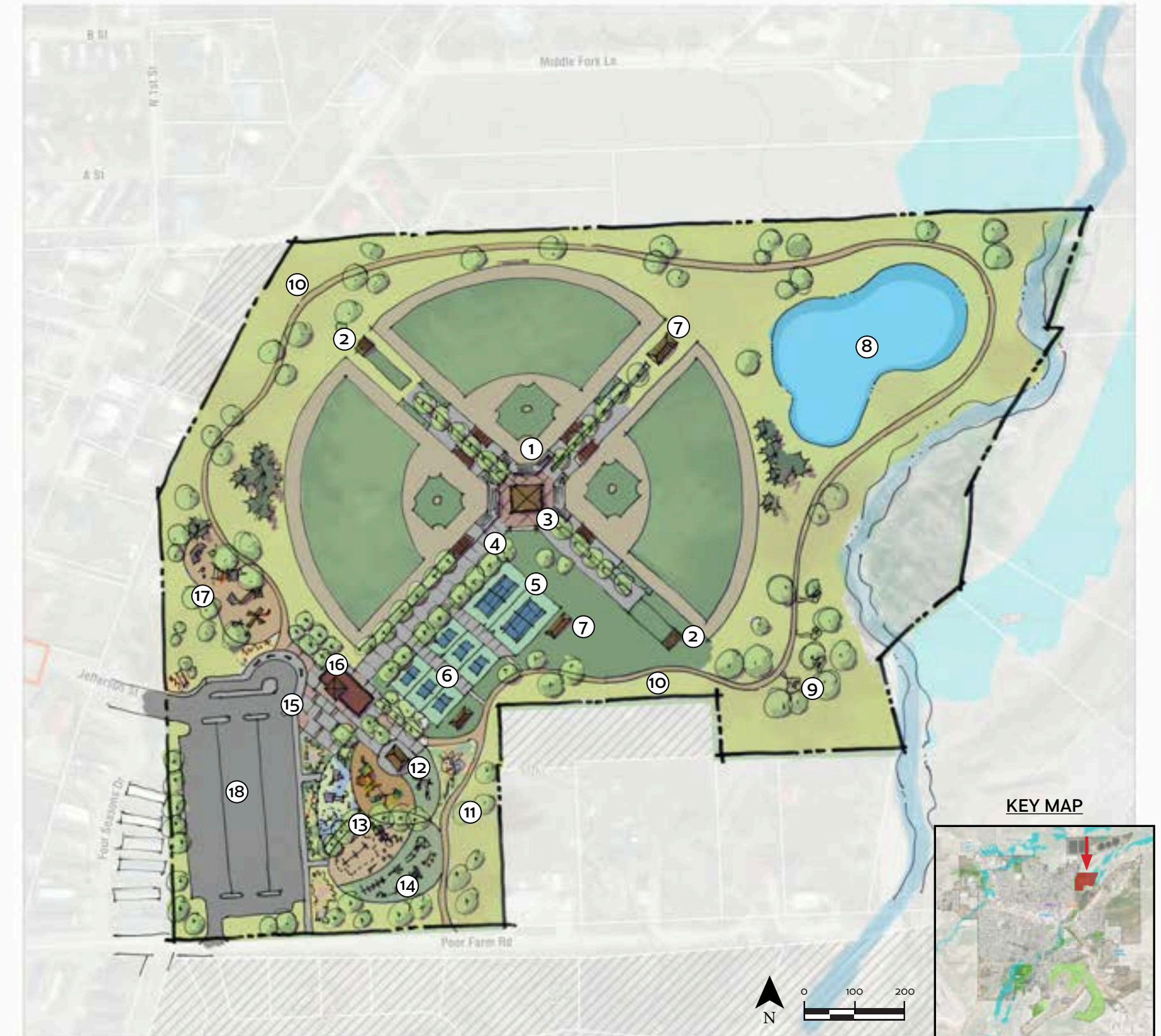
Public feedback emphasized a need for a multi-sports complex that would have the capacity to serve for tournaments as well as general recreation and natural areas. This large site allows for natural recreation through soft surface trails and natural playgrounds as well as soccer fields, pickleball, baseball, and softball facilities. To support this program and complete the site other recommended park elements include: formalized circulation for pedestrians and vehicles, right-sized parking, public restrooms, shelters/shade, picnic equipment, and appropriate storage.



**POPO AGIE RIVER PARK  
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN  
LANDER, WYOMING**

**LEGEND**

- ① BASEBALL / SOFTBALL FIELD
- ② BATTING CAGE / STORAGE
- ③ COVERED SHELTER / PLAZA
- ④ PLAYER PROMENADE
- ⑤ TENNIS COURTS (QTY: 2)
- ⑥ PICKLEBALL COURTS (QTY: 6)
- ⑦ STORAGE / MAINTENANCE BUILDING
- ⑧ IRRIGATION / FISHING POND
- ⑨ DAY USE PICNIC AREAS
- ⑩ SOFT SURFACE TRAIL (± 4000 LF)
- ⑪ NATIVE PLANTINGS
- ⑫ SHADE SHELTER
- ⑬ PLAYGROUND (2-12YR)
- ⑭ FITNESS / NINJA COURSE
- ⑮ DROP OFF / ENTRY PLAZA
- ⑯ PAVILION / TICKETING / RESTROOMS
- ⑰ NATURE PLAY AREA
- ⑱ PARKING LOT (± 200 SPACES)







# JAYCEE PARK (DEPOT BUILDING)

## OVERVIEW

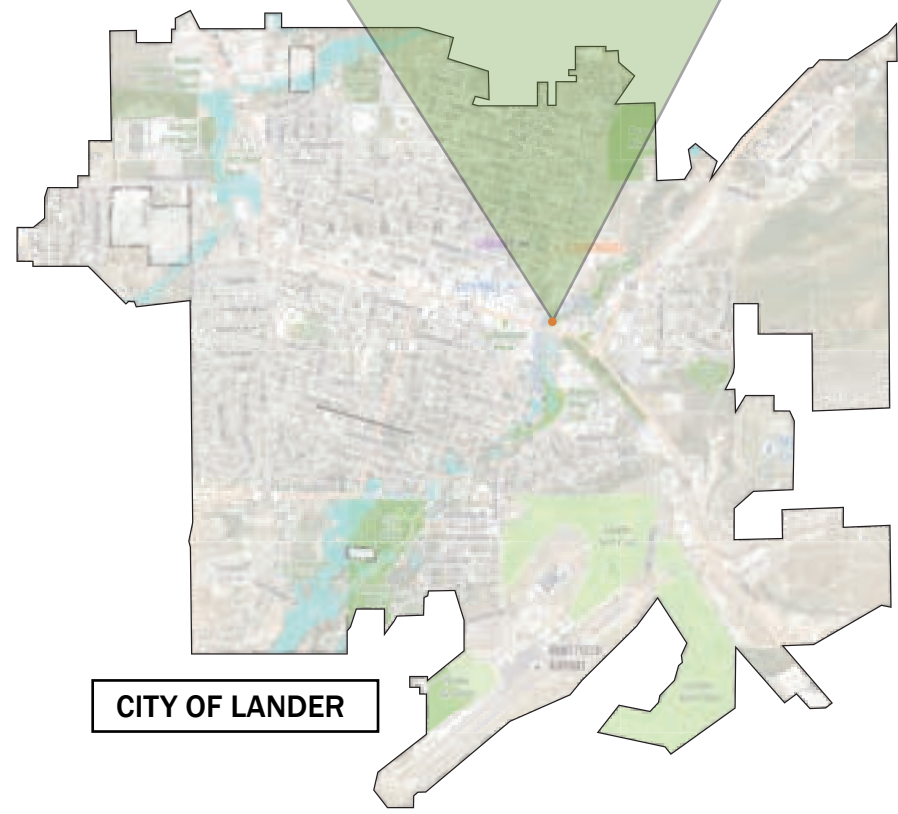
Jaycee Park is an open green space directly in front of the Depot building. It features a flat, open grassy area with access to the river.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Open Field
-  Benches
-  River Access
-  Restrooms

## QUICK FACTS

-  .5 acres
-  1st and Main St





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander  
**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

Located near downtown and the Lander Chamber of Commerce, this park sits alongside the river but lacks formal programming. It contains a single bench and table, providing minimal amenities for visitors. Despite its proximity to key areas, the park remains underutilized and could greatly benefit from thoughtful enhancements. Public restrooms for daytime use are located inside the Lander Chamber of Commerce.

*See Appendix pg 130 for Public Engagement materials developed for Jaycee Park.*

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Introduce formalized river access to encourage recreational use and improve connections to the water.
- Consider a partial street closure on N 1st St to house a farmers market or outdoor dining. This could be seasonal, permit only, or permanent.
- Add a shaded picnic area or shelter to create a more inviting space for families and individuals. Consider additional landscaping and benches to make the park a more vibrant part of the downtown area.
- Have this park serve as a trailhead for locals and tourists to access City Park and Popo Agie River Park via a trail system. Incorporate maps of the trail system for public display and orientation, include route distances, etc.
- Draft agreement for public art installation
- Develop a concept plan for this area. Include relevant stakeholders and people who would help program and use the space (adjacent businesses, Chamber, etc.)
- Consider re-uses for the depot building and explore feasibility of the options.

# DILLON PARK

## OVERVIEW

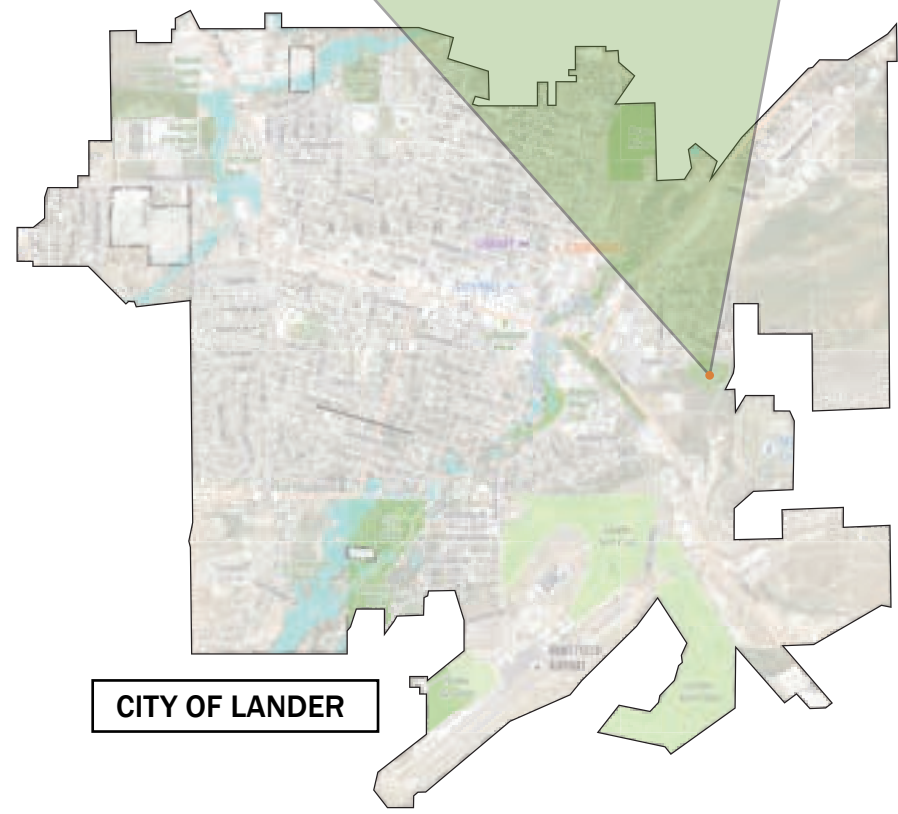
Dillon Park features well-maintained open areas, playgrounds, and sports facilities, making it a popular choice for outdoor activities and family gatherings. The park provides ample space for sports and recreation, and it often hosts local events.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Basketball Court
-  Open Field
-  Benches
-  Pavilion
-  Playground
-  Restrooms

## QUICK FACTS

-  **4 acres**
-  **200 Leedy St**





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

Dillon Park is a neighborhood park that includes two shelters (one large and one small), basketball courts, a playground, and ADA-compliant parking spaces and access. The park prohibits overnight camping and parking, ensuring it remains a safe and family-friendly environment. While the park is well-used, its infrastructure could benefit from upgrades. The site has issues with standing water and can often be difficult to mow.

## RECOMMENDATIONS



- Formalize the gravel parking lot by paving it and adding marked spaces to enhance accessibility and organization.
- Evaluate the condition of existing amenities and update them as necessary to maintain the park's usability.
- Consider additional landscaping to further beautify the park and improve the overall visitor experience.
- Explore options to better utilize the western half of this park. This could require de-watering and drainage enhancements to allow improvements in this wet area.
- Ballfields and other active programming had been considered in the past but was not completed due to the water issues. If de-watering is not possible, consider a native wetland approach with an ADA walking loop.

# MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY



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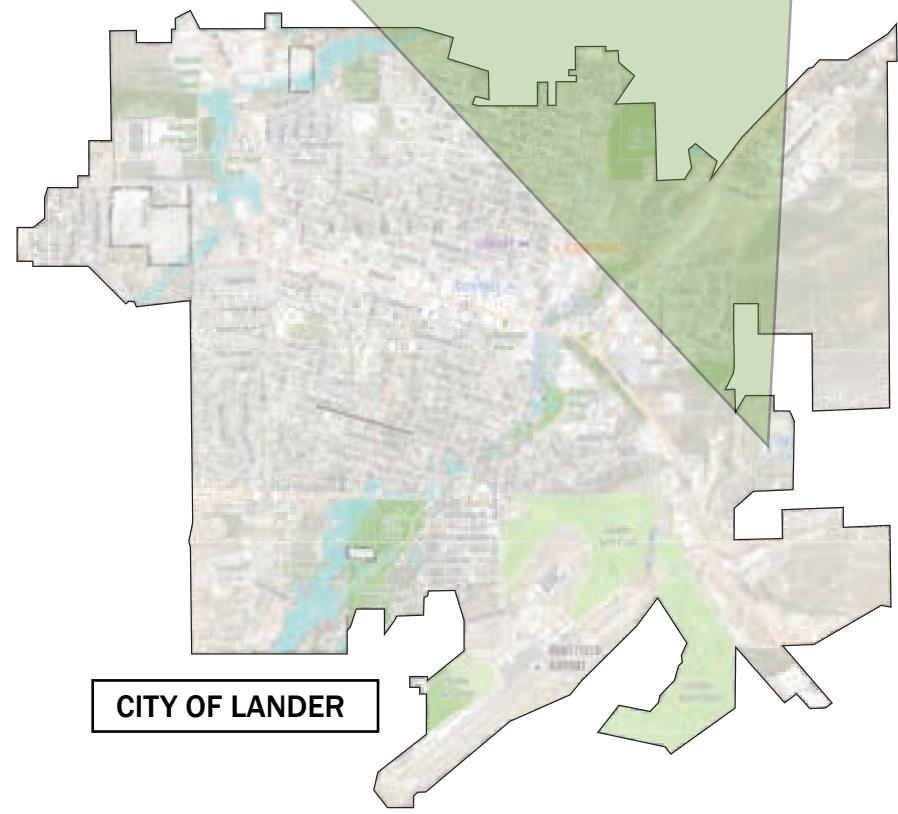
Mount Hope is a large site used primarily as a cemetery. It contains paved walk/drive routes, signage, and sparse trees for shade.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Benches
-  Sculpture

## QUICK FACTS

-  ~20 acres
-  850 Mount Hope Dr





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander  
**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

In addition to being an important community memorial space, Mount Hope Cemetery is used for recreation, dog walking, and historical tours. It is well known for having the “Best View in Lander”. It does not have water rights for irrigation beyond what currently exists. The cemetery also houses the Veterans Memorial.

## RECOMMENDATIONS




- Potential 10 acre expansion area to the east - would need to be annexed as it is currently county land and look at opportunity for using this space for parks or residential in the future.
- Develop a plan for long term water use: Have an irrigation audit performed on the system to ensure best practices and optimal efficiency.
- Potential to expand existing maintenance facility: Study and explore how the maintenance facilities on this site can be incorporated into the larger city maintenance facility inventory.

# CENTENNIAL PARK

## OVERVIEW

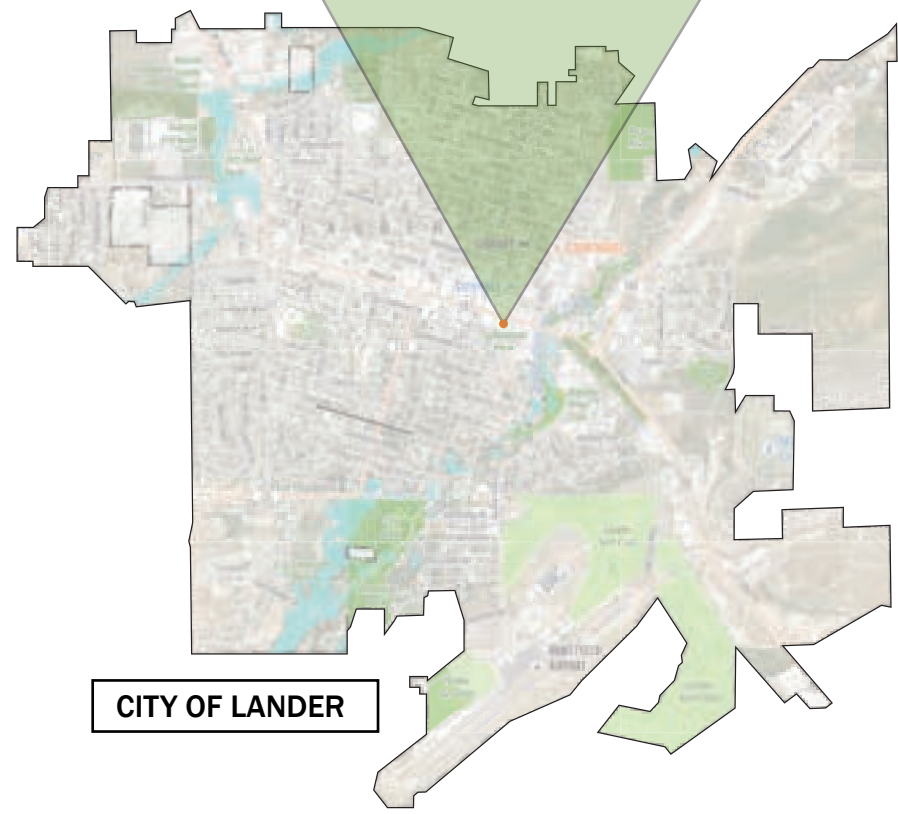
Centennial Park features open grassy areas, picnic spots, and a peaceful environment perfect for relaxation and outdoor activities. It provides a great space for casual gatherings and family outings. The park is a charming spot for enjoying the outdoors in a downtown setting.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Benches
-  Pavilion
-  Sculpture

## QUICK FACTS

-  .75 acres
-  209 Main Street





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

Situated on Main Street, Centennial Park offers a picnic shelter with two tables, additional tables and benches, and a sculpture as its focal point. The park's central location makes it an important public space, but its amenities could be enhanced for greater functionality and appeal. Its connection to Main Street presents a unique opportunity for historical interpretation.

## RECOMMENDATIONS




- Standardize park furniture and ensure seating bases are sturdy and durable.
- Incorporate historical signage that highlights Lander's rich heritage and install pedestrian lighting for better visibility and security.
- Explore the potential for a "Welcome to Lander" sign to serve as an inviting gateway for visitors arriving via Main Street.
- Explore expanding or reconfiguring the park to the east and re-programming the space to better support Main Street businesses and community activities.
- Explore options to better utilize the park year-round: Public engagement space, demonstration, race headquarters, Christmas village, and farmer's markets.
- Good location for EV charging stations

# AMBASSADOR GREEN SPACE PARK

## OVERVIEW

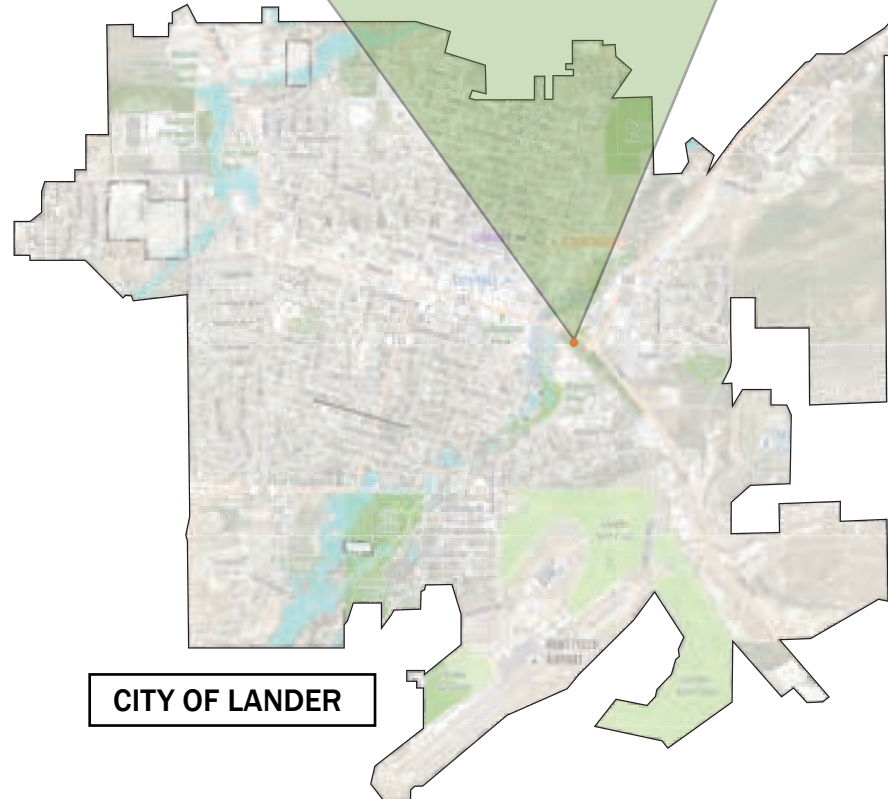
Ambassador Green Space Park is located just south of Main Street on River Place. It features bronze statues of cattle and is open for the public to access at all times of the day.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Open Field
-  Sculpture Park
-  Community Gateway

## QUICK FACTS

-  .75 acre
-  River Place





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** Leased (WYDOT)

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

Ambassador Green features an expansive, flat grassy open space, complemented by notable bronze cattle drive statues. Mature trees, both deciduous and coniferous, are scattered throughout the park, providing some shade. Overhead power lines run across the property, which may limit certain development opportunities. This park provides aesthetic enhancement at the eastern entry to the community. It is currently not actively programmed and there is no parking provided.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Enhance pedestrian connection to the picnic areas to draw visitors from the forest service ranger station, gas station, motel, and Westward Heights.
- Consider addressing the visual and physical impact of the power lines on park aesthetics and usability if feasible.
- Study opportunities to further enhance this area for community gateway and branding by expanding art offerings, introducing signage, and changing the landscape.
- Consider using native seed and wildflowers in lieu of sod to save water and create an identity more unique to Lander.

# ANTELOPE PARK

## OVERVIEW

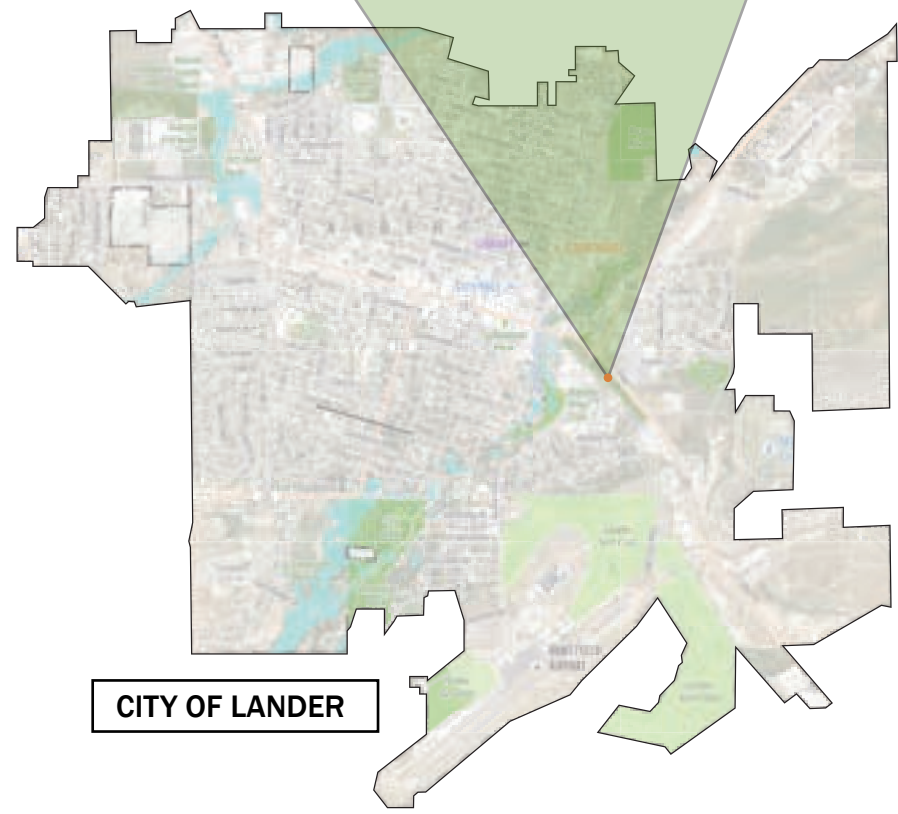
Antelope Park features open fields and picnic areas, providing ample space for various outdoor activities and family gatherings. It also offers scenic views of the surrounding area, adding to its appeal as a community recreation spot. The park is a popular choice for picnics and travelers.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Open Field
-  Benches
-  Sculpture Park
-  Community Gateway

## QUICK FACTS

-  1.5 acres
-  150 Caring Way





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** Leased (WYDOT)

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

This ample green space includes picnic tables, a barbecue area, memorial trees, trash cans, and various ornamental and shade trees. In the center is an antelope sculpture that serves as the park's focal point, adding artistic value to the space. The park's design encourages relaxation and small gatherings, but accessibility can be improved.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ensure ADA accessibility by extending sidewalks into the park to connect key features such as picnic areas and the sculpture.
- Enhance pedestrian connection to the picnic areas to draw visitors from the forest service ranger station
- Develop designated parking areas, ideally off Caring Way, to improve visitor convenience.
- Update landscaping around the antelope sculpture could further enhance its role as a central attraction.
- Study opportunities to use this area for community gateway and branding and serve as a connection to Westward Heights, Pushroot Village, and Child Development Services
- Consider using native seed and wildflowers in lieu of sod to save water and create an identity more unique to Lander

# GOLF COURSE


## OVERVIEW

Lander Golf Course is an 18-hole course set on the southeastern side of town. It features a picturesque backdrop of mountains and sparse tree cover, along with paved paths for golf carts or walking players.

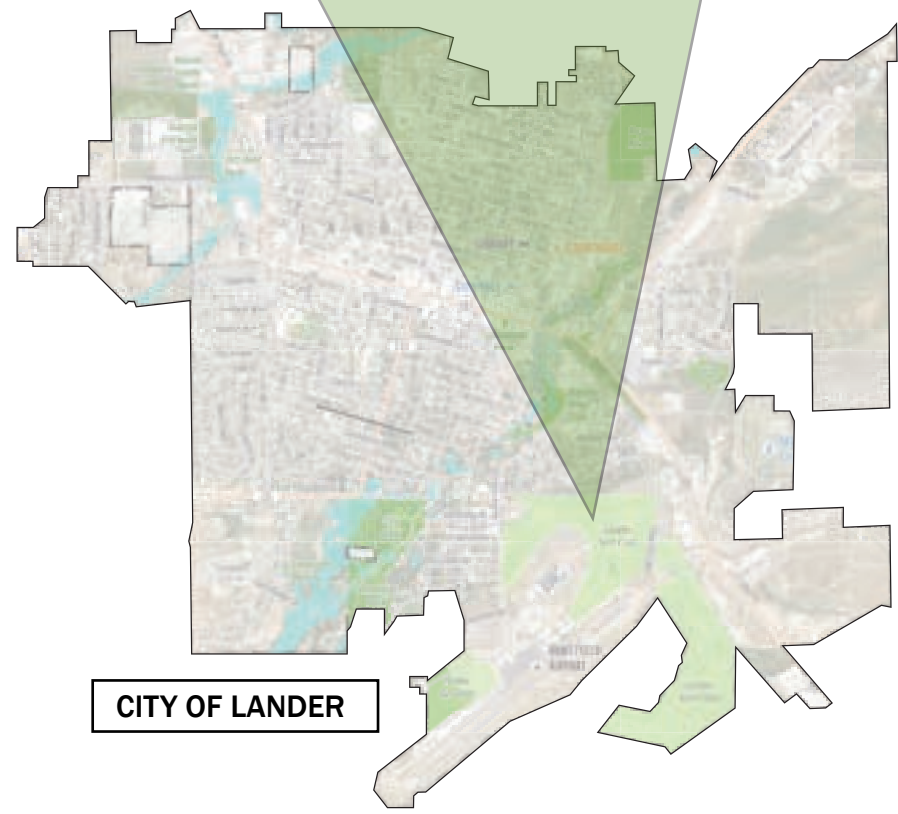
## EXISTING FACILITIES

 Golf

## QUICK FACTS

 ~100 acres

 1 Golf Course Dr



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## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander  
**MAINTAINED BY:** Concessionaire

### OBSERVATIONS

In addition to golf, the course is also used for skiing, sledding, school sports, and contains a winter multi-use trail for nordic skiing and fat biking. It is operated by a board and utilizes grant money for development. These grants require recreational use in perpetuity.

## RECOMMENDATIONS



- Employ a 3rd party operator to create a self-sustaining and high functioning system.
- Look into option for re-purposing debris pile area for better use.
- Study ways to improve compatibility between the Community Center and the Golf Course.

# RODEO GROUNDS



## OVERVIEW

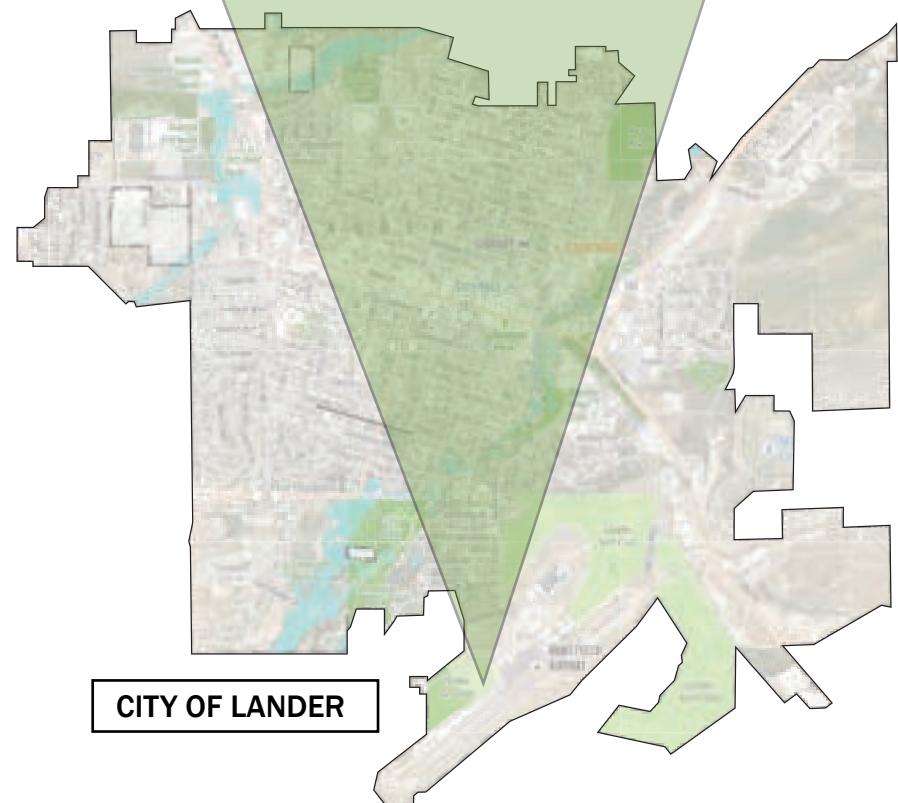
The Rodeo Grounds are comprised of multiple buildings and a large arena. It hosts a variety of events seasonally.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Open Field
-  Restrooms

## QUICK FACTS

-  ~30 acres
-  1663 Rodeo Dr





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

The Rodeo Grounds host a variety of events, including the Indian Relay and 4th of July, as well as smaller events such as rodeo and roping. There is currently an issue with poor lighting and safety.

## RECOMMENDATIONS



- Maintain historical programming and uses.
- Look at improvements that promote multi-season use.
- Consider a master plan with stakeholder and public engagement sessions.
- Discover the ongoing best use through a concessionaire or volunteer board

# MCMANUS PARK



## OVERVIEW

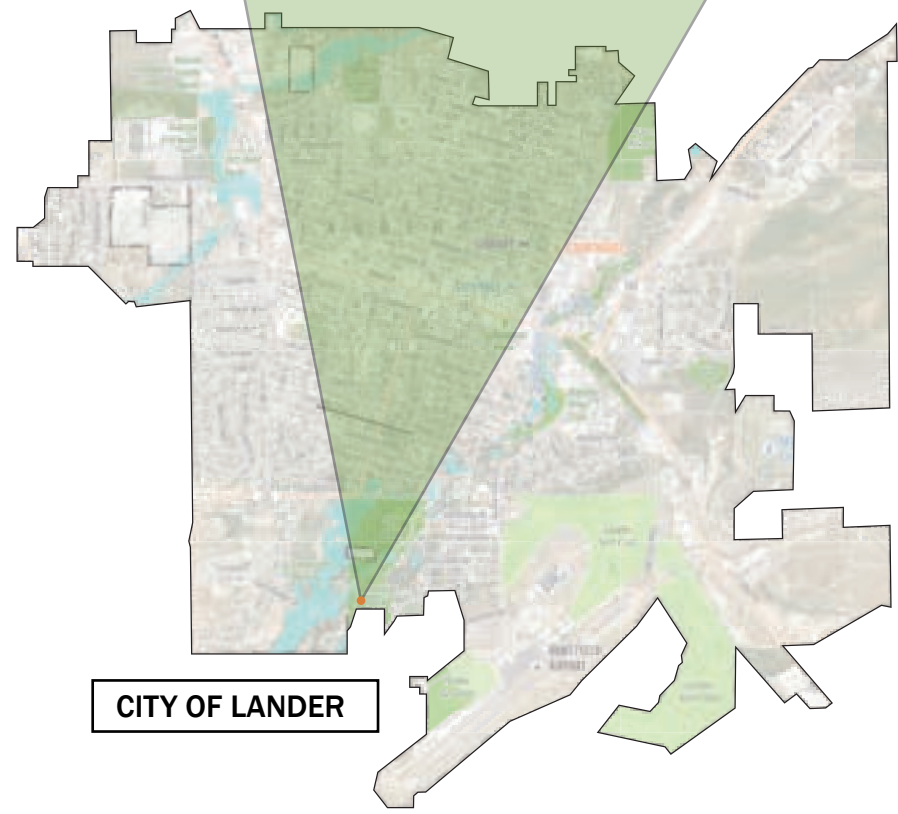
McManus Park is a well-maintained green space featuring open grassy areas and shaded picnic spots. The park is designed for various recreational activities and provides a pleasant environment for families and community gatherings. It's a popular choice for casual outings and outdoor events. This park is accessed via pedestrian bridge or on trail from Hillcrest Drive.


## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Open Field
-  Benches
-  Restrooms (nearby)
-  River Access

## QUICK FACTS

-  6.9 acres
-  1352 City Park Dr






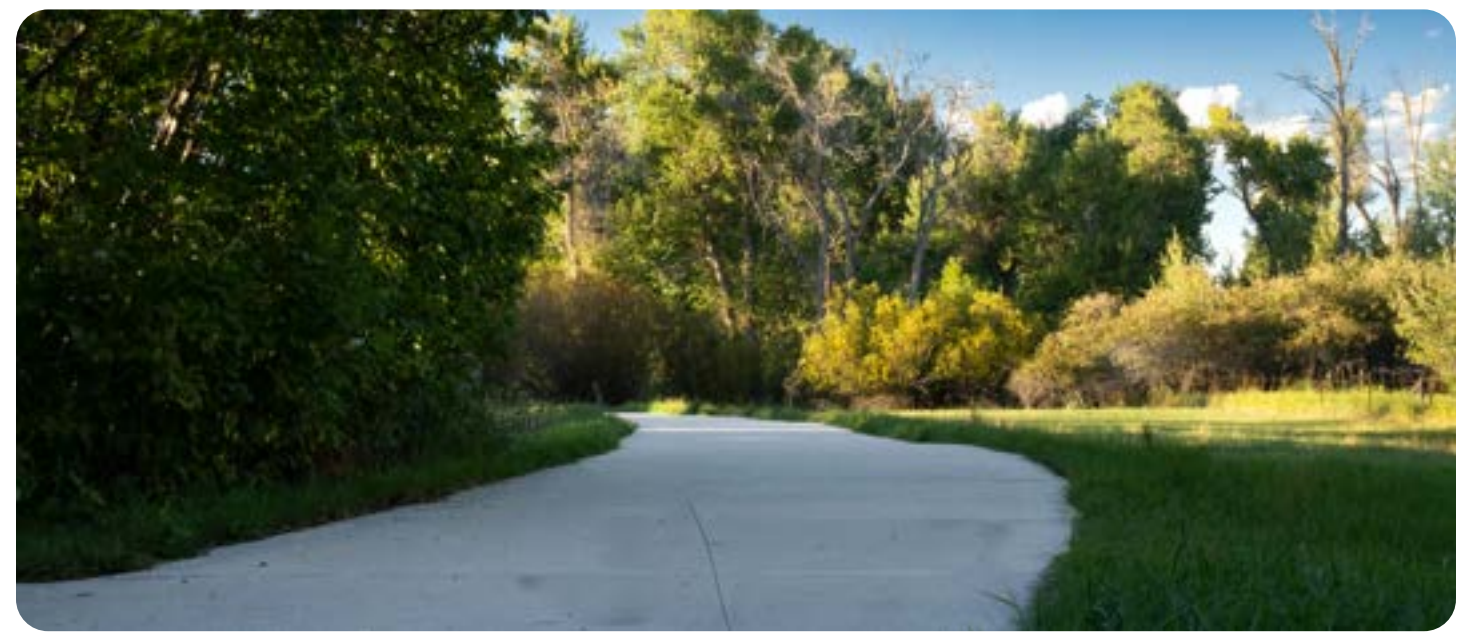
# Welcome to

# MCMANUS PARK

## OPEN 6 AM-SUNSET

UPON ENTERING YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS POSTED AT [LANDERWYOMING.ORG/PARKSITES](http://LANDERWYOMING.ORG/PARKSITES)







## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

Located adjacent to popular City Park, McManus Park is a less formalized native area that consists of walking paths, dense tree cover, and open fields. It is accessed by City Park through a pedestrian bridge over the Popo Agie River, or by the trail located off of Hillcrest Drive. It is primarily used for walking, biking, and jogging. There are public bathrooms available for use in nearby City Park.

## RECOMMENDATIONS












- Keep McManus park in mind when further developing City Park, especially considering the pedestrian bridge. Maintain the integrity of the park by keeping it wild and underdeveloped with mindful improvements.
- Ensure all paths are well-maintained and comply with ADA standards.
- Consider an expansion of the pathway system.
- Maintain trees and foliage to reduce fire hazards.
- Manage noxious weeds and promote native plant species
- Consider adding interpretive signs on relevant topics like natural resources, plant and animal species, and river ecology (to name a few)

# CITY PARK

## OVERVIEW

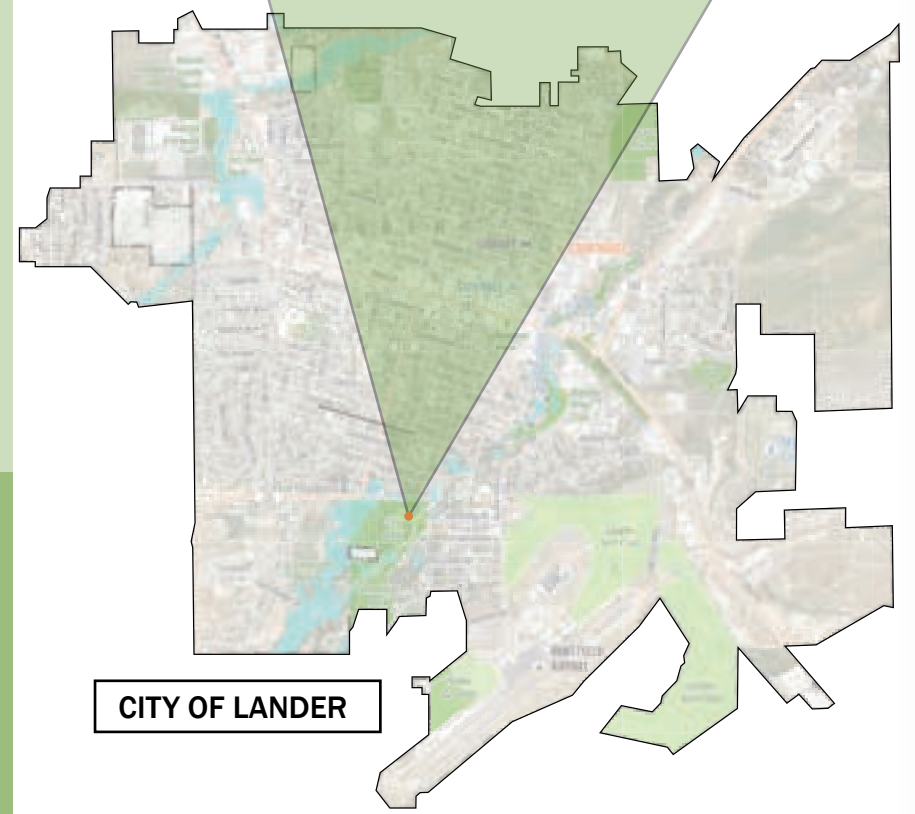
City Park features expansive grassy areas, large shade trees, and playground equipment, making it ideal for family picnics and outdoor activities. The park is a popular spot for community events and gatherings, offering a welcoming environment for all ages. It also includes a free camping site for travelers and outdoor enthusiasts.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Baseball Fields
-  Basketball Courts
-  Open Field
-  Benches
-  Pavilions
-  Playground
-  Restrooms
-  Tennis
-  River Access
-  Camping
-  Seasonal Ice Rink

## QUICK FACTS

-  **32 acres**
-  **405 Fremont St**





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander  
**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

City Park hosts a basketball court, baseball fields, stage, tennis courts, free camping areas, and ice skating in the winter. It also includes a shaded picnic area, making it a popular spot for organized sports, informal gatherings, as well as community event programming from Lander Presents. In addition to this diverse programming, the site is also home to a maintenance building and the fire station training grounds. As a result of this extensive use, the park's layout could benefit from greater organization to meet the needs of its varied users and ensure safe separation of pedestrians and vehicles.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Establish formalized pickup and drop-off zones for the baseball fields to improve traffic flow during events.
- Enhance the open camping area by creating designated spaces with supporting amenities.
- Develop a food truck court surrounded by grassy and shaded areas to attract more visitors.
- Convert tennis court to basketball courts.
- Add an ADA accessible ramp to the stage to ensure accessibility for all.
- Relocate tree nursery from Cemetery.
- Parks and Recreation Building: Improve restrooms, remodel to include office spaces, and address safety concerns throughout the building.
- Additional improvements include relocating the maintenance building, maintaining a seasonal ice rink on the baseball fields during winter, and creating safe and well-marked river access points.

See page 62 for detailed conceptual plans of City Park.

**CITY PARK**

City Park is in the southwest side of Lander. It is a well-established and loved part of the community with existing programming such as baseball fields, a basketball court, seating, a pavilion, playground, and public restrooms. City Park's most well-loved feature is the event space/stage area, which hosts festivals and events frequently in the summer.

The City of Lander has identified a need for City Park's amenities to be formalized for safety and more effective usage. Development goals include creating a pick up/drop-off zone near the baseball fields, establishing an organized method of camping (check in area, separated parking, etc), creating safe water access, and adding a more expansive trail system. Some of these developments will include adjusting existing buildings, better locate the fire department training facility and maintenance shop to another location in town to better utilize City Park space, and adding an ADA accessible ramp to the stage.



**CITY PARK  
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN  
LANDER, WYOMING**

**LEGEND**

- ① ANGLED HEAD-IN PARKING (SPACES)
- ② RELOCATED FACILITIES BUILDING
- ③ PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- ④ IRRIGATION DITCH
- ⑤ SOFT SURFACE TRAILS (±3,850 LF)
- ⑥ DAY USE PICNIC AREAS
- ⑦ NATIVE PLANTINGS
- ⑧ PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT BUILDING
- ⑨ EXISTING PLAYGROUND
- ⑩ COVERED SHELTER / PLAZA
- ⑪ BASEBALL FIELD
- ⑫ DROP-OFF PLAZA
- ⑬ PARKING LOT (±60 STALLS)
- ⑭ PARKING AREA
- ⑮ WALK UP RIVER ACCESS
- ⑯ BASEBALL FIELD
- ⑰ CAR CAMPING
- ⑱ TENT CAMPING
- ⑲ EXISTING RESTROOM
- ⑳ EXISTING BRIDGE
- ㉑ LION'S SHELTER
- ㉒ IRRIGATION / FISHING POND (± 10 ACRE-FEET)
- ㉓ EXISTING STAGE
- ㉔ BASKETBALL COURTS





# GOODRICH PARK

## OVERVIEW

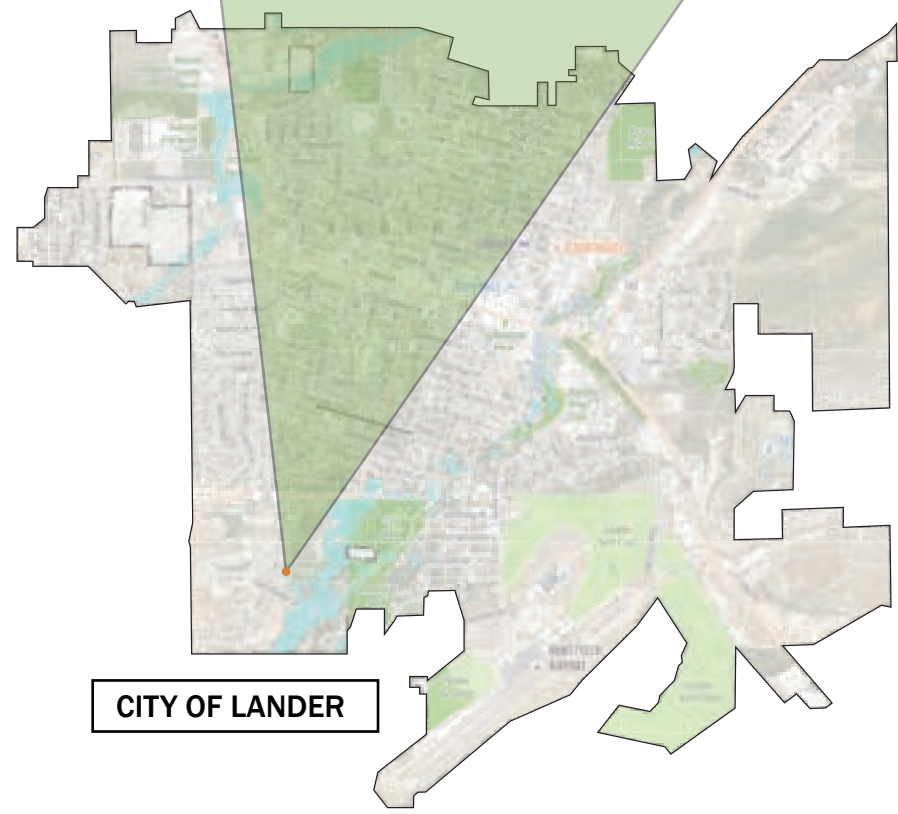
Goodrich Park provides a serene environment with open grassy areas and a playground, ideal for family outings and relaxation. The park features shaded spots and ample space for picnics and casual activities. It's a community favorite and notable for its location within a neighborhood.

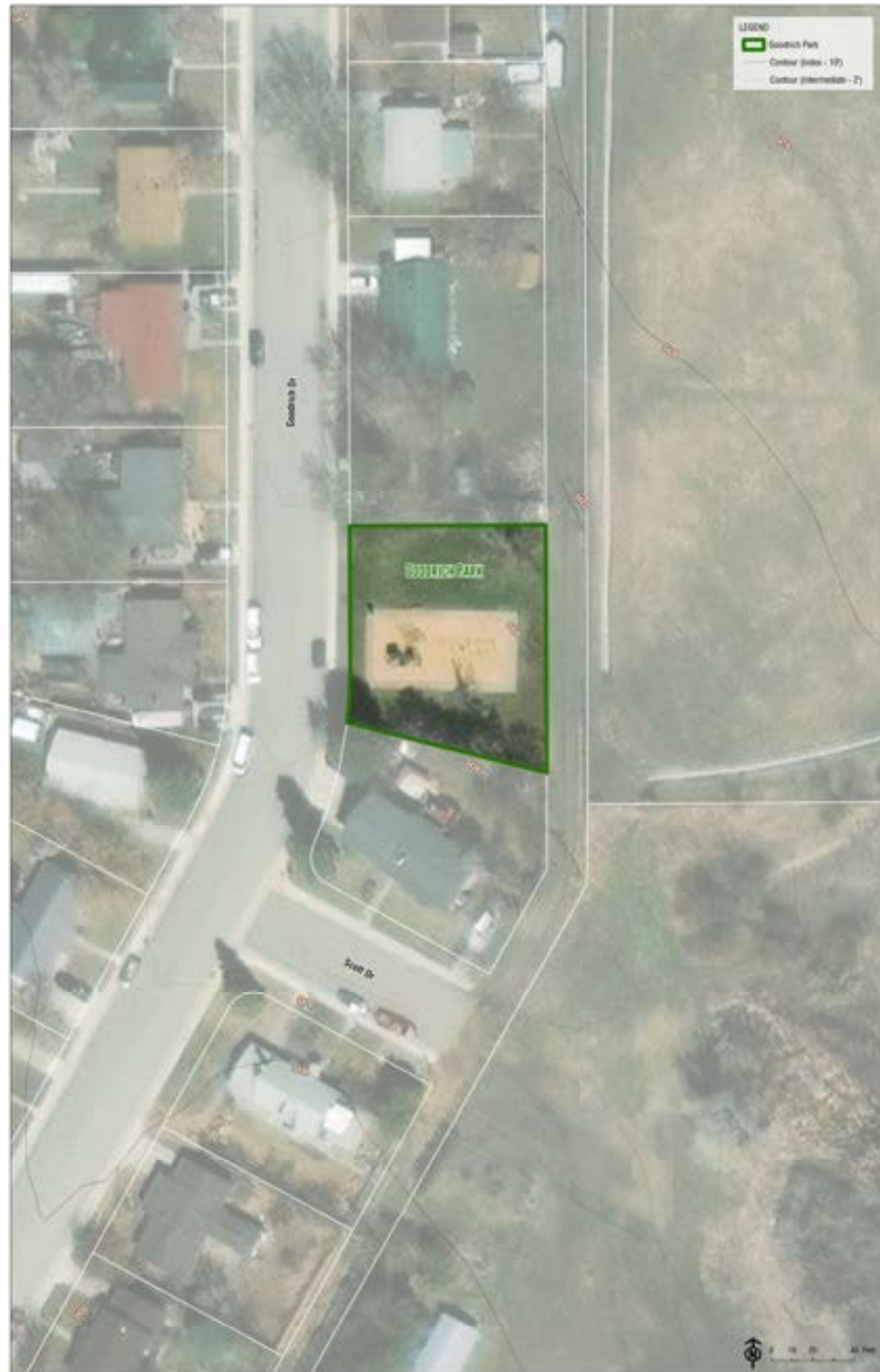
## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Benches
-  Playground

## QUICK FACTS

-  .5 acres
-  100 Goodrich Dr





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** City of Lander

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

Goodrich Park is a small neighborhood park featuring a playground, two benches, a trash can, a picnic table, and entry signage. A large mature tree in the northeast corner provides limited shade for visitors. While functional, the park lacks the amenities and connectivity to make it more inviting for the surrounding community.

## RECOMMENDATIONS



- Expand shade options by planting trees or adding a small picnic shelter to create comfortable gathering areas.
- Improve ADA accessibility by extending sidewalks to connect the park entrance with the playground and other features.
- Ensure that all playground equipment includes ADA-compliant options to make the space inclusive for children of all abilities.
- Survey local neighborhood around the park to see what additional amenities would benefit these primary users.
- Consider adding a seasonal port-a-potty to this location.

# BIKE PARK



## OVERVIEW

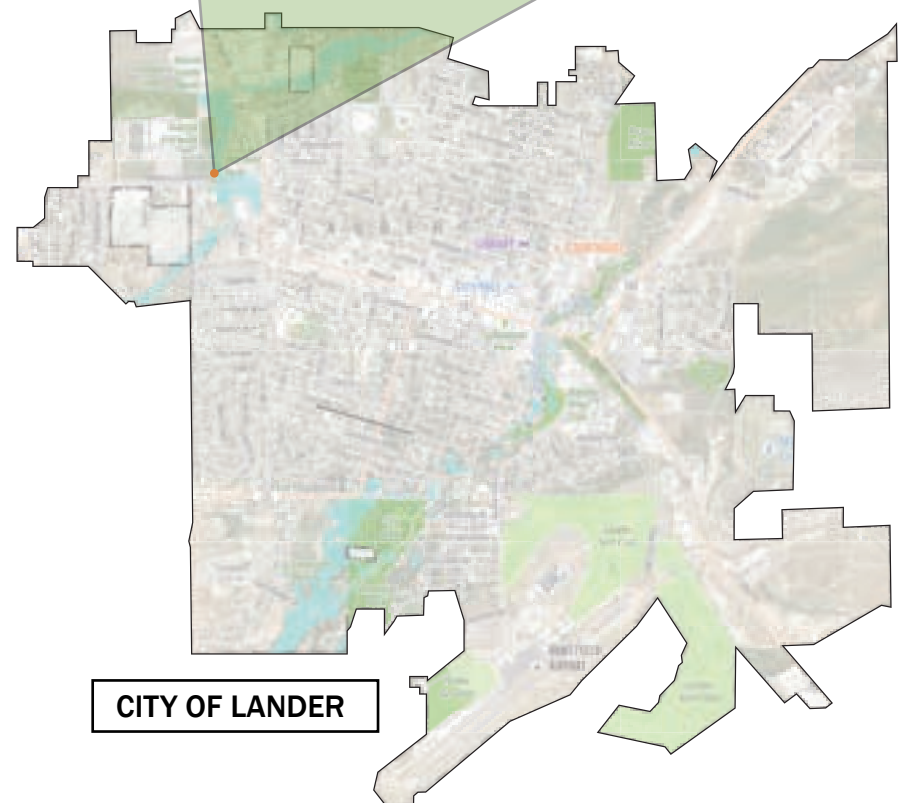
Bike Park is a dedicated space for bike enthusiasts, featuring trails and obstacles designed for riders of all skill levels. It provides a great environment for both beginners and experienced riders to practice their skills. The park also hosts local biking events and gatherings, making it a community hub for outdoor sports.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Benches
-  Pavilion

## QUICK FACTS

-  2 acres
-  150 Baldwin Creek Rd



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## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** Leased (FCSD1)

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

This park features pump tracks and bike paths with ramps, attracting cycling enthusiasts of all ages. Its location near soccer fields, schools, and the town makes it a convenient recreational spot. However, the park's amenities and infrastructure require improvements to fully meet user needs.

## RECOMMENDATIONS






- Future updates or redesigns of the current layout and design, especially once the current design begins to show wear, must be reviewed and approved by the City of Lander to ensure safety and usability for children and beginner riders.
- Add more shade with trees or shade structures to provide comfortable rest areas for visitors.
- Address drainage issues to prevent flooding issues.
- Expand or collaborate with nearby church to utilize their land for recreational purposes or connectivity.
- Size and location may need to change as Lander grows.
- Floodplain is present on the eastern half of the property and may pose a concern for the future.

# KRISTOPHER GEORGE AND DAVE CLARK SOCCER FIELDS



## OVERVIEW

The Kristopher George and Dave Clark Soccer Fields offer well-maintained fields ideal for soccer games and practices, catering to both organized leagues and casual play. The facility is designed to accommodate a variety of soccer events and is popular for local tournaments. It provides ample space and amenities for players and spectators alike.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Open Field
-  Benches
-  Pavilion
-  Playground
-  Concrete Stage Pad

## QUICK FACTS

-  5 acres
-  101 Baldwin Creek Rd





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** Leased to City of Lander (FCSD1)

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

Located around Lander Valley High School, this space includes open playing fields used primarily for soccer, and a small playground with a park shelter. Geotechnical and soils conditions in this area make structural improvements like fencing, dugouts and backstops difficult to maintain. For example, posts do not remain plumb and gates become difficult to operate.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Any structural elements like fencing and backstops require oversized and overbuilt footings and bases to be maintained in a reasonable fashion. There may be better locations to develop program space that includes more structural elements such as baseball and softball.
- Generally, long term, this area will be better suited to open all-purpose fields for soccer and similar programming that do not require high backstop fencing, dugouts, etc.
- Improve playground and open path to the public welcome center restrooms located next to the Pioneer Museum - include signage to help direct people to these locations.
- Establish any agreements or easements to the trail/path access to the bathrooms
- Perform a micro master plan study on school/parks complex for better programming efficiency

# TOM ST JOHN SOFTBALL COMPLEX



## OVERVIEW

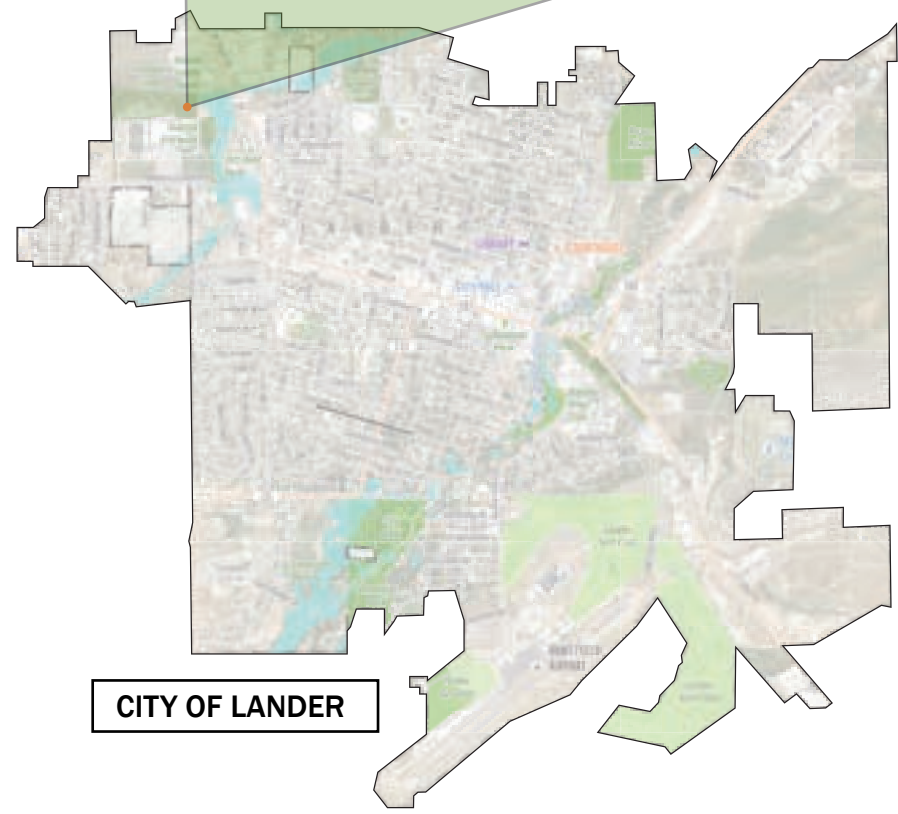
The Tom St. John Softball Complex is designed for softball enthusiasts, featuring multiple well-maintained fields and spectator seating. The facility supports various levels of play, from local leagues to competitive tournaments. It's a key venue for community sports and recreational activities.

## EXISTING FACILITIES

-  Baseball Field
-  Benches
-  Pavilion
-  Playground
-  Restrooms
-  Concession Stand

## QUICK FACTS

-  7 acres
-  350 Baldwin Creek Rd



CITY OF LANDER





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** Leased to City of Lander (FCSD1)

**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

Located around Lander Valley High School, this space includes lighted baseball and softball fields with restrooms and storage/concession building.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Geotechnical and soils conditions in this area make structural improvements like fencing, dugouts and backstops difficult to maintain.
- Generally, long term, this area will be better suited to open all-purpose fields for soccer and similar programming.
- Any structural elements like fencing and backstops need excessively large footings and bases to be maintained in a reasonable fashion and there may be better locations to develop program space that includes more structural elements such as baseball and softball.
- Balance long term plans with needs of softball in the short term. Decide on overall plan for the school and park facility before investing heavily.

# LANDER DOG PARK


## OVERVIEW

Lander Dog Park provides a designated area for dogs to run and play off-leash inside a fenced area. It's a popular spot for dog owners to socialize their pets and meet other dog enthusiasts.

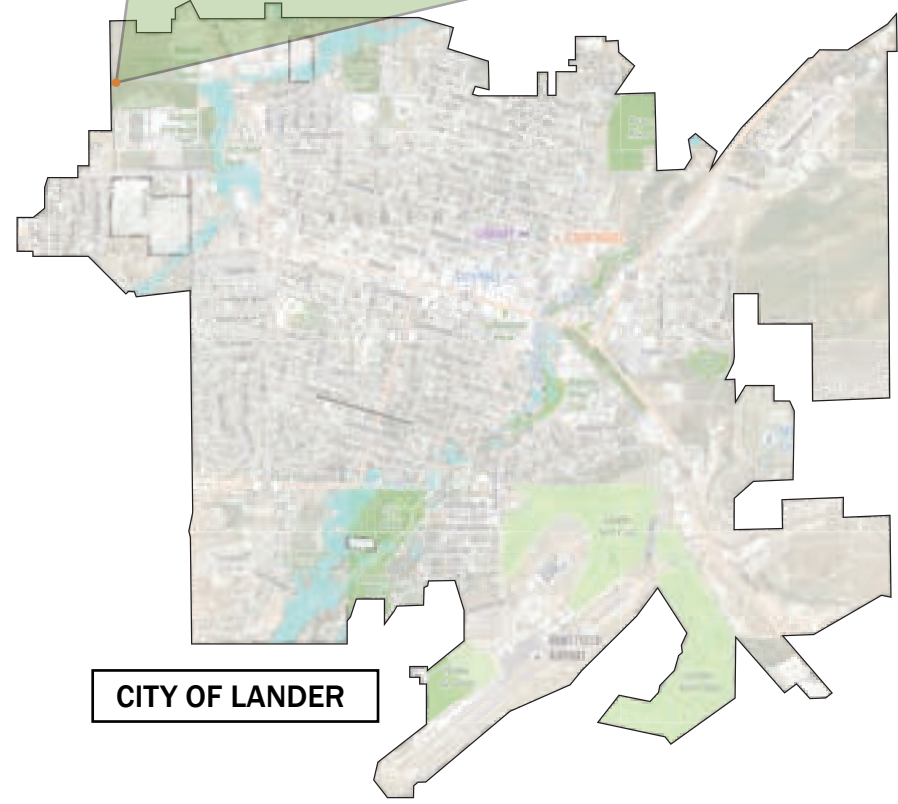
## EXISTING FACILITIES

 Dog Park

## QUICK FACTS

 1 acre

 686 Baldwin St





## INVENTORY

**OWNERSHIP:** Leased to City of Lander (FCSD1)  
**MAINTAINED BY:** City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

The Lander Dog Park is a grassy, fenced area designed for off-leash play, with educational signage, three benches, two trash cans, and an entry sign. The park provides an important resource for dog owners but faces maintenance and infrastructure challenges. Ensuring the park is both functional and welcoming is key to its continued success.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Remove dead trees and repair the fence to eliminate holes and ensure safety.
- Add new shade opportunities with trees or structures and install running water taps for both dog bowls and visitor use.
- Maintain existing shade trees, ensure waste bag dispensers are consistently refilled, and update educational signage to keep it engaging and relevant.
- The dog park has the same geotechnical issues described at the soccer fields. Correct fencing and gate issues by enhancing structural bases. Consult at structural or geotechnical engineer.
- Utilize this area as a formalized trailhead for JB's Loop.

## PIONEER MUSEUM ADJACENT PROPERTY OPPORTUNITY SITE - POTENTIAL PARK SPACE

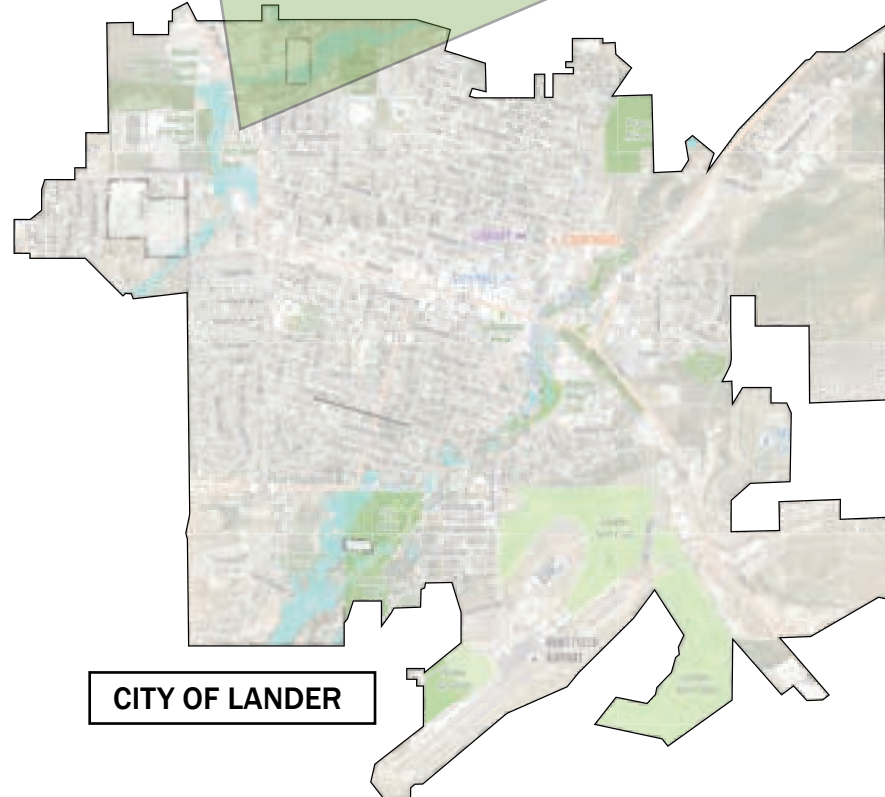
**OWNERSHIP:**  
City of Lander

### OBSERVATIONS

This space is used by weekly Indian Dances in the summer.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Consider long term landscaping and maintenance plan



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## SAGEWEST HOSPITAL ADJACENT PROPERTY OPPORTUNITY SITE - POTENTIAL PARK SPACE

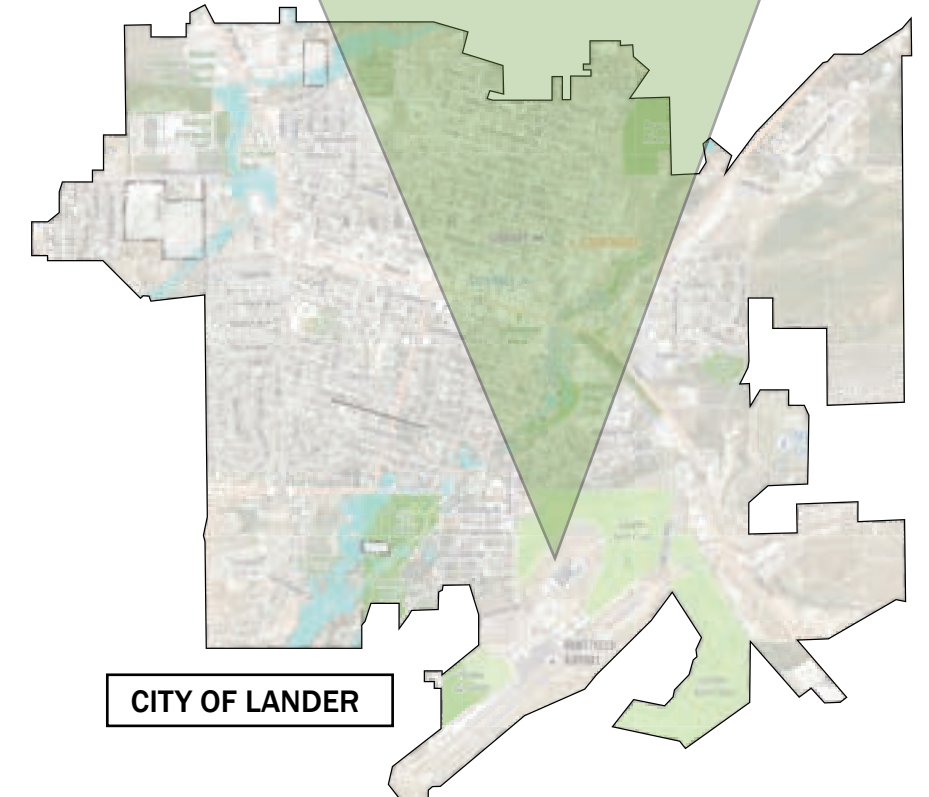
**OWNERSHIP:**  
City of Lander/Leased to City of Lander by Hospital

### OBSERVATIONS

This property is primarily used for the disk golf course. It does get overgrown and it becomes difficult to see the full course.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Remove old fitness equipment stations
- Consider strategies for weed management
- Consider more frequent mowing, landscaping, or trimming



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## FREMONT MOTORS ADJACENT PROPERTY OPPORTUNITY SITE - POTENTIAL PARK SPACE

**OWNERSHIP:**

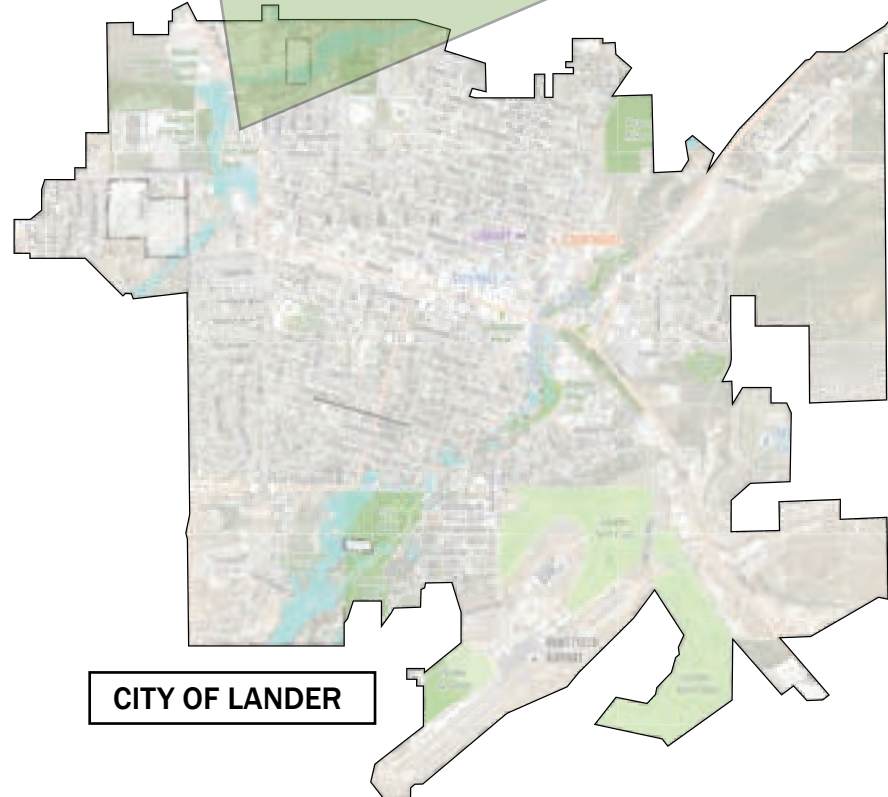
Jointly by Guschewsky Trust and City of Lander

**OBSERVATIONS**

This space is mainly used as a quiet picnic space and boasts fishing access.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Add wayfinding signage
- Encourage more functions to take place in this location



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## SWEETWATER/7TH/9TH ADJACENT PROPERTY OPPORTUNITY SITE - POTENTIAL PARK SPACE

**OWNERSHIP:**

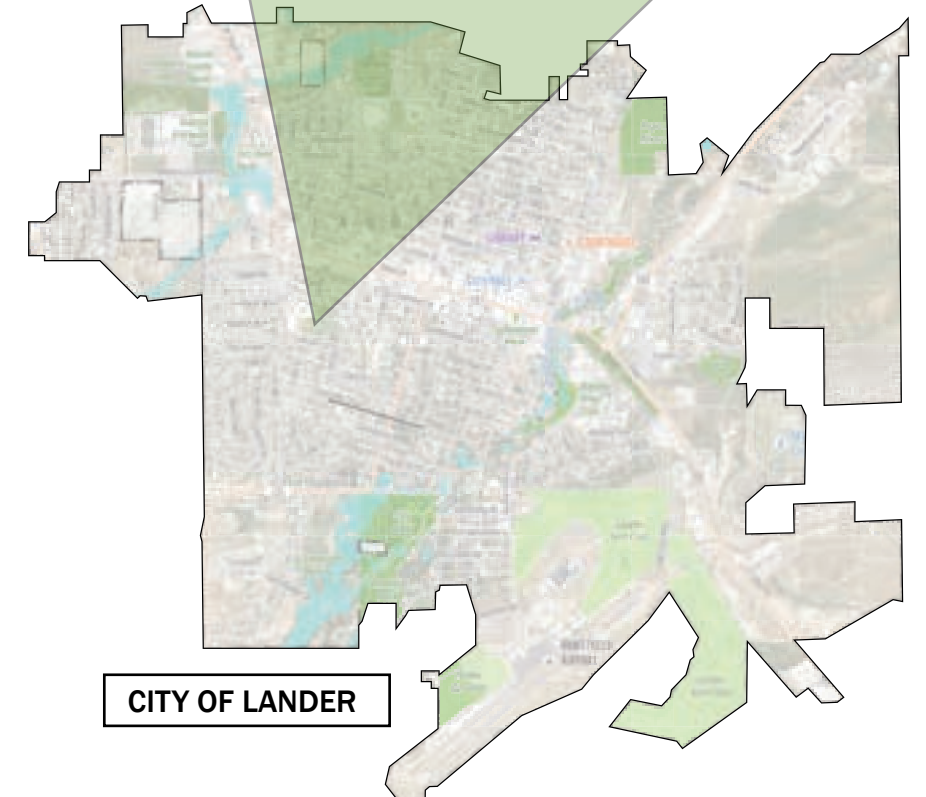
FCSD1

**OBSERVATIONS**

This park functions primarily as field space and holds great importance to the community as a place of recreation. There is an informal path leading from 7th St to a FCSD building.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Include in a micro master plan study with the school
- Enhance and strengthen partnership with the school district



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EXISTING TRAILS/CONNECTIVITY



The existing Lander Area Pathway System map identifies linkages between different areas of Lander. It highlights the parks within the city limits and calls out highways and other important roadways.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE TRAILS AND CONNECTIONS

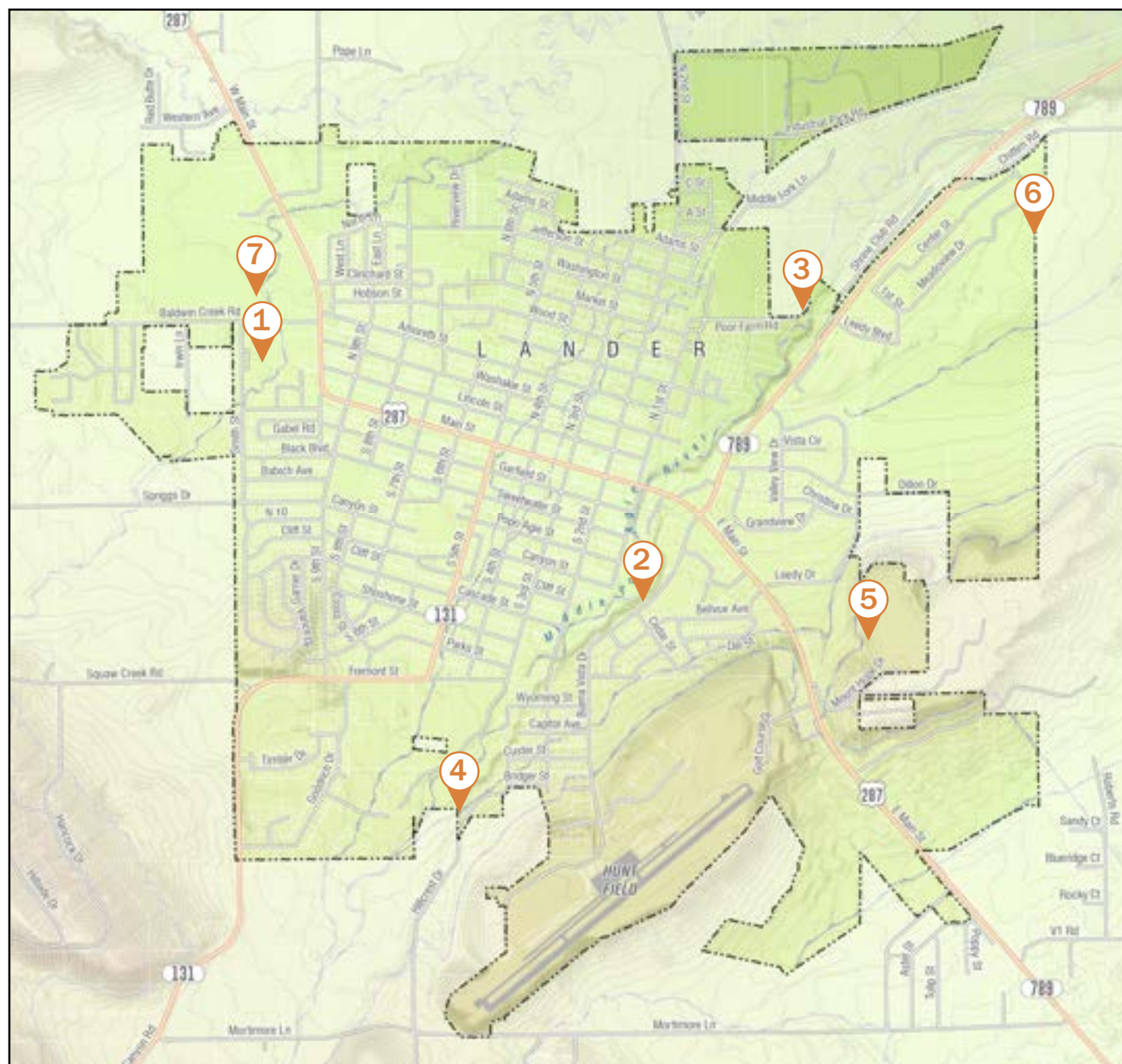
- Create a new connection leading into the development of Popo Agie River Park, linking into the proposed trail.
- Ensure that any redevelopment in City Park is well connected to existing trails and sidewalks beyond the property.
- Promote accessibility for all ages and mobility levels.



## ADDITIONAL CONNECTIVITY OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the formalized parks, there are multiple other opportunities to enhance the Parks and Recreation system in Lander. Various informal trails and park spaces would benefit from close attention and planning to help shape them to better serve the City.

Below, view a map identifying sites that may require more attention and inclusion in to the larger, existing trail system.



### 1 Baldwin Creek Elementary Trail

**OBSERVATIONS:** Well used to connect to the high school, Senior Center, Elementary School, and Bike Park. Located on an easement with Joint Powers Tiger Board as well as FCSD1 land.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Address pet waste issue, improve trail surface and end of trail on Baldwin Creek Road as it has a large drop-off into the street.

### 2 Barney Trail

**OBSERVATIONS:** Paved trail in a natural setting along the river, located on City land.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Address pet waste issue and increase safety as the trail is relatively remote. The trail may need to be moved away from the river for future flood mitigation projects.

### 3 Courthouse Trail

**OBSERVATIONS:** Short path along the river, popular for recreational exercise, fishing, and river access.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Seek funding for expanded path development - this path presents an opportunity to connect existing trails and provide connectivity to Popo Agie River Park.

### 4 Hillcrest Trail

**OBSERVATIONS:** Pedestrian trail located on deeded land. It offers a safe pathway along Hillcrest and drops down into McManus and City Park.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Consider increased mowing and weed management, and install a crosswalk with flashing lights to enhance pedestrian safety as the path transitions across the road.

### 5 Cemetery Trail

**OBSERVATIONS:** Trail on City land and a mix of easements across private land.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Install a sign off of Mount Hope Drive to call out trail location.

### 6 Luckey Pond

**OBSERVATIONS:** Located on a permanent easement across state land for access from Wyoming Life Resource to pond.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None at this time.

### 7 Road to Softball Fields

**OBSERVATIONS:** Road is used by both pedestrians and vehicles.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Consider adding a pathway along the existing tree row to separate pedestrian traffic.

# IMPLEMENTATION

## LANDER PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



### OVERVIEW

The Implementation chapter serves as a roadmap for translating the vision of Lander's Parks and Recreation Update into actionable steps. It focuses on advancing key projects, managing resources effectively, and laying the groundwork for long-term success. By addressing both immediate priorities and overarching strategies, this chapter bridges the gap between planning and execution, ensuring the community's goals can be achieved efficiently and sustainably.

This chapter provides an overview of Lander's existing budgetary constraints and projected future financial needs, emphasizing the importance of aligning resources with strategic priorities. It also identifies the steps necessary to move forward, from exploring funding opportunities to establishing partnerships and setting phased timelines. Together, these elements create a comprehensive framework to guide the city's efforts in enhancing its parks and recreation system for current and future generations.

## EXISTING BUDGET AND OPERATIONS

The scope of this report did not include budget, fee and operational evaluation and recommendations. These items were considered at a high level where possible (and where introduced by staff) in order to inform the parks recommendations included here. We recommend that these areas be reviewed in future analyses to develop a better understanding of operations and to look specifically at the following:

- Alignment of Parks Department Mission, Facilities, Program, and Funding
- Right-sizing of permanent and temporary parks staff
- Review and recommendations of maintenance facilities and operations
- Review and recommendations of revenue sources and community/program fees
- CIP and any deferred maintenance items
- Grant pursuits and strategies

## FUNDING SOURCES

The planning team has provided a stand-alone Wyoming funding overview separate from this report. It addresses multiple categories of infrastructure funding including parks, trails and open space as well as transportation and other areas discussed in the Comprehensive Master Plan. This is a dynamic and ever changing space and we will share this with staff as this document is periodically updated.

## GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Other recommended areas of investigation and study are listed here for your consideration.

- **Irrigation Audit** - Hire an irrigation professional to perform a water use and water efficiency audit. Identify high water loss areas, review controls and make recommendations for efficiency and operation improvement.
- **Playground Audit** - Review play structures overall or at specific parks for and safety issues
- **Accessibility** - Specific ADA study at each park and playground
- **Tree Plan** - Review tree inventory with the Tree Board to identify challenges and opportunities with trees in the park system. Develop and implement a short and long term improvement plan to maintain and improve tree assets in the parks.
- **Multi-Modal Trail Study** - Using the analysis in this report develop detailed plan for overall trail connectivity and perform feasibility studies to examine costs and any land needed to complete the connections. Focus on connectivity to schools, senior centers and other community spaces.
- **Maintenance Facility Planning** - Review existing maintenance facilities across the park system and provide recommendations for operational efficiency and possible consolidation.

## NEXT STEPS

### SHORT TERM (YEARS 1-5)

- Evolve the concept design studies for Popo Agie River Park and the modifications at City Park to a schematic or design develop level and develop a cost model for each
- Work with the FCSD #1 to develop a micro master plan for the combined school and park facilities at both the LVHS and LMS/North Park.
- Work with the School District to develop a micro master plan for the combined school and park facilities at both the high school and the Middle School/North Park areas
- Develop a grant and funding strategy for the above and define project timelines
- Prioritize and work on smaller individual park improvement efforts with ongoing parks budget
- Conduct smaller concept design efforts such as the Jaycee Park improvements and other early planning efforts

### LONG TERM (5+ YEARS)

- Finalize construction documents for Popo Agie River Park and City Park Improvements
- As funding is available publish bid packages for Popo Agie River Park and City Park Improvements to procure contractors and complete the work.



# APPENDIX

## LANDER PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



### OVERVIEW

Within the appendix, find important supporting documents, such as the Public Engagement Summary and Survey Findings.

# LANDER PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT #1 SUMMARY



Ayres Associates collaborated with the City of Lander to conduct a series of community engagement activities with residents and stakeholders from July 18th to July 20th, 2024.

The engagement activities focused on gathering input for the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The goal was to hear from as many residents, stakeholders, and visitors as possible, capturing diverse perspectives from people across different walks of life. This public engagement event received a total of 1,385 responses, offering valuable feedback that will be considered as the project moves forward.



## LANDER PARKS MASTER PLAN Lander, WY



### OVERVIEW

#### WHAT IS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT?

At its core, public engagement is involving individuals and communities in the decision-making, planning, and implementation of projects or policies that affect them. It includes activities such as informational sessions, public consultations, and participatory decision-making.

Public meetings, such as this one, benefit a project by ensuring diverse perspectives are considered, leading to more inclusive and effective outcomes. Involving the community helps build trust and transparency, fostering a sense of ownership and commitment among stakeholders. It can also identify potential challenges early on, allowing for proactive problem-solving and reducing the risk of conflict later. Ultimately, effective public engagement enhances the relevance, acceptance, and success of a project.



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**JULY 18th**

- Drop in session at the Lander Community Center (2:00pm-4:00pm)
- Booth at Lander Presents Music Festival (5:00pm-9:00pm)

**JULY 19th**

- Open House at Lander Bake Shop (7:30am-10:30am)
- Open House at Lincoln Street Bakery (7:30am-10:30am)
- Open House at Lander Senior Center (11:00am-1:00pm)
- Drop-in session at the Lander Library (2:00pm-4:00pm)

**JULY 20th**

- Booth at Pig Roast in City Park (11:00am-4:00pm)

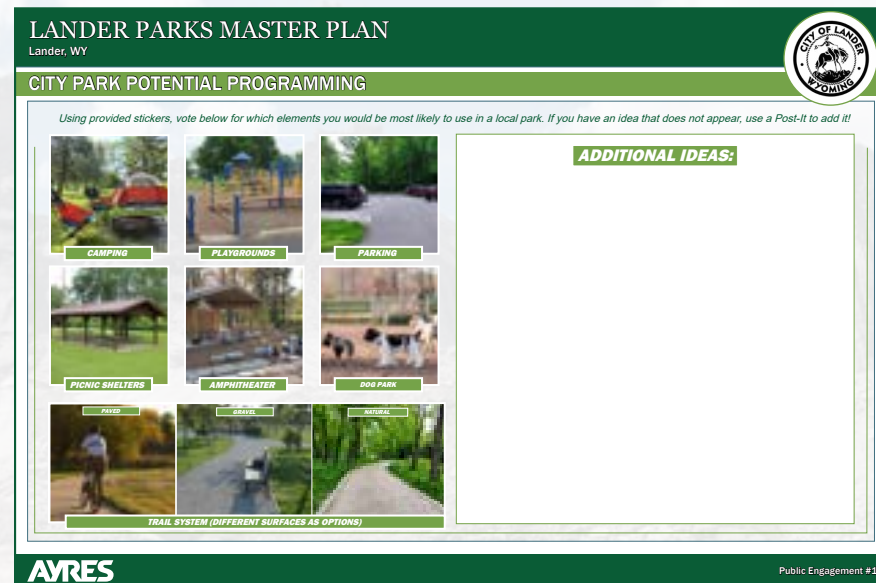
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## CITY PARK FEEDBACK

The City Park board was placed at all community engagement events. Participants were asked to vote on suggested ideas for City Park by placing a sticker and/or provide additional ideas through written comments. This activity seeks to gain insights into the community preferences in City Park. A total of 281 responses were recorded.



### Feedback:

This board helped increase our understanding of the types of programming the community most desires for City Park. The top three preferences were **(1) natural trails, (2) playgrounds, and (3) camping**. The options with the fewest votes were (7) parking, (8) paved trail, and (9) picnic shelters.

The responses reflected a strong desire within the community for natural areas in City Park by a large margin. Comparatively, playgrounds and camping also saw high levels of interest compared to other park element opportunities.



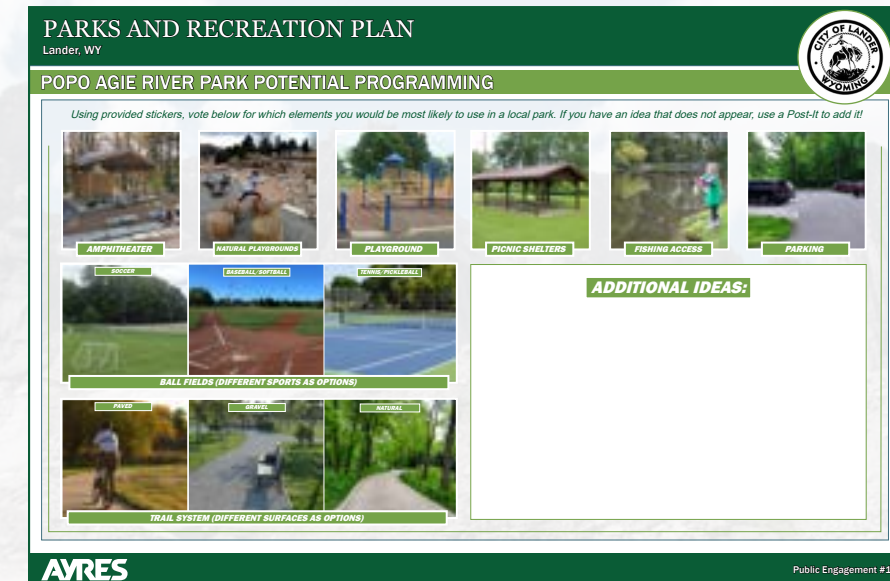
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## POPO AGIE RIVER PARK FEEDBACK

The Popo Agie board was placed at all community engagement events. Participants were asked to vote on suggested ideas for City Park by placing a sticker and/or provide additional ideas through written comments. This activity seeks to gain insights into the community preferences in Popo Agie River Park. A total of 378 responses were recorded.



### Feedback:

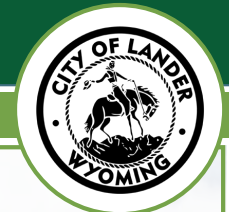
This board helped increase our understanding of the types of programming the community most desires for Popo Agie River Park. Out of all the options presented, the three top responses included **(1) natural trails, (2) natural playgrounds, and (3) fishing access**. The options with the fewest votes were (7) parking, (8) paved trail, and (9) playgrounds.

The most common themes as reflected by the responses given by the public were a strong desire for more open recreational green space, alongside recreational facilities.



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## COMMENT CARDS

At every event, comment cards were provided. These cards featured 2024 Master Plan Update related prompts on one side and Parks and Recreation Plan prompts on the other. Participants used these cards to share their feedback, concerns, or suggestions for both plans.

A total of 86 participants submitted comment cards related to both the 2024 Master Plan Update and the Parks and Recreation Plan, indicating a strong level of engagement. Below, we break down the responses received and highlight common themes.

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#### COMMENT CARD

Is there anything else you'd like to share with us at this time?

Dashed lines for writing on a comment card.

WANT TO STAY IN THE LOOP?

YOUR EMAIL HERE (optional)



Public Engagement #1

The Parks and Recreation Plan comment cards reflected a variety of feedback for the new plan. The most common themes are outlined below, listed in order of frequency from most to least mentioned:

1. Trail connections
2. Recreational facilities
3. Local event spaces
4. Infrastructural planning
5. Safety upkeep

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

### SUMMARY:

In a city of just over 7,000 residents, we successfully gathered around 1,385 community engagement interactions. This high level of participation reflects the community's strong interest and dedication to shaping local projects. The volume of responses underscores the enthusiasm for the future of Lander and offers a significant amount of information. These insights will be crucial in guiding future planning and decision-making, ensuring that community voices are effectively integrated into the development of the city's Parks and Recreation Plan.

Residents and visitors showed strong attendance at each engagement event organized by the City of Lander and Ayres Associates. While there are many different themes in the 2024 Master Plan Update, Parks and Recreation Plan, and supplemental efforts, several key themes emerged throughout the engagement events. Across the seven engagement events, there were roughly 1,385 interactions from the community members engaged with the project's efforts.



### KEY THEMES:

Through interaction on boards, conversations with attendees, and information written on comment cards following the event, the desires of the community regarding the Parks and Recreation Plan became clear. The most common themes seen are outlined below in order of how often they were mentioned:

1. Trail connectivity
2. Recreational facilities
3. Green spaces
4. Accessibility
5. Community event space

Based on this information, Ayres Associates can confidently move forward with crafting the Parks and Recreation Plan, knowing that the community's needs have been clearly identified at this first stage. Emphasis on trails, connectivity, and recreational facilities will remain central to the project's goals as planning efforts progress.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS - JAYCEE PARK

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**SPURR\***  
A STRONG BUSINESS-LEADER/STATE PARTNERSHIP FOR URBAN & RURAL REDEVELOPMENT

**CITY OF LANDER WYOMING**

**AREA OF OPPORTUNITY**

Place dots on elements you think should be included.

Did we miss anything? Add your thoughts below!

Share your thoughts on how this area might be used better for community events.

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Public Engagement #1

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**POTENTIAL DEPOT USES**

Did we miss anything? Add your thoughts below!

OFFICE SPACE

RENTAL SPACE

RETAIL SPACE

HOSTEL

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

ART STUDIO

The City of Lander owns the depot located at 160 N. 1st St.

It's currently vacant, and we'd like your thoughts on what it could become.

Place dots on spaces you would be likely to use!

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Play elements

Food and vendor space

Great spot for food trucks, farmers market, etc. Need to change some of the parking.

There is already limited parking for the Victor's Center. Closing the road would lessen that situation.

**AYRES**

Public Engagement

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# MOUNTAINEER

NEWSPAPER OF LANDER AND FREMONT COUNTY

Wyoming, Friday, June 18, 1926

No. 35.

## STREET PARADE A BIG FEATURE OF PIONEER DOINGS

### NEW, ORIGINAL FLOATS TO BE PRESENT; COMMITTEE DESIRES COOPERATION

The big free Street Parade and Stampede will open this year's Pioneer Days Celebration, and it is planned to make this a real feature.

Cleverly designed floats, 1000 Indians, the Lander band, the Cavalry troop, pioneers in authentic costumes, cowboys and cowgirls, comic floats and clowns—all these and more will make up the grand procession to pass in review before the crowds that will line the streets of Lander on July 2nd.

The Pioneer Days committee will award the following cash prizes: for the best float, \$25.00; second best, \$15.00; best dressed Indian chief, \$10.00; best dressed Indian squaw, \$10.00; oldest authentic pioneer costume, \$5.00; best comic costume, \$5.00. Awards will be made by majority vote of three judges.

Since this is the Sesqui-centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, many of the floats will beautifully portray episodes of the history of the United States and of early Wyoming. Plans of other merchants and organizations show that many new and original ideas will be carried out in the floats they have designed as their representation.

The costumes of the early Wyoming pioneers are always most interesting to everyone and particularly to the tourists who will be here for the big celebration and also to the younger generation. The Committee has recognized this interest and will arrange a prominent position in the parade for the wearers of these old-time costumes. It is hoped that all who are so fortunate as to possess such costumes will either wear them in the parade or else loan them so that they may be seen. A \$5.00 prize for the oldest authentic pioneer costume will be awarded.

The Indians are planning to attend in full force and a thousand at least will appear in the parade in colorful

A REAL CELEBRATION IN STORE FOR VISITORS DURING 4th of July

The preparations for the Pioneer Days celebration are going forward with great success. Real bronzes are being lined up for the bustling contests. As usual, the Indians will be well represented with some fast horses for the relays and half mile races. As in past years, there will be lots of entertainment in the evening, with dances, street shows, Indian dancing, etc.

School election will be held the 21st of this month. Two trustees for District No. 1 and 3 trustees for the Vocational district will be chosen. A vote on a special levy will also be held.

Frank Schwoob arrived from Laramie, where he has been attending the University of Wyoming.

Harold Ballangee arrived in Lander this week after spending the year at Laramie, where he is attending the state university. Mr. Ballangee has accepted a position in the Lander Yellowstone Transportation Co. office. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Savage were visitors in Lander from Casper over the week end.

Dan Hudson came in from Long Creek Thursday. He left today for Thermopolis to attend the state gathering of the Democratic party.

## RESOURCES OF FOREST AT GLANCE

NATIONAL forests constitute one of Wyoming's most valuable resources and the following points show why:

Grazing provided for 123,416 horses and cattle and \$74,130 sheep to turn grass into meat supply.

They contain 14,030,267,000 board feet of standing timber and great supplies of cordwood in addition.

Annual growth of wood is 210,500,000 board feet. Total cut last year was 73,000,000 board

## LANDER PARK RE-DEDICATED BY KIWANIS

### Honors Women Who Made Possible Beautiful Tourist Park

Lander's beautiful tourist and city park was re-dedicated Wednesday evening by the Kiwanis club in paying a tribute to the founders and complimenting the city council on their work in making it an outstanding feature of Lander's welcome to the motor tourist. A new and commodious kitchen with gas plates, shower baths for ladies and men and an office for the caretaker are all provided in the building and completes a fine equipment for the comfort of the motorist.

President Dr. J. L. Linn presided and called upon Mayor E. J. Farlow for the opening address. He told of the plans of the city council and the work they had done in developing the park. Councilman August Dupont on whose shoulders had directly rested the responsibility was recognized for his efforts in the work and asked to respond. He told of the trees planted, the beautiful flower beds made and the putting in of gas, water and electric lights. Chas. Cox, councilman, voiced appreciation of the value of the work done. His interest seemed to center about the fine fishing stream which dashes thru the park and invites the angler to try his skill.

Among the ladies present as wives of Kiwanis Mrs. P. B. Coolidge told of the struggles of the Ladies Booster club in the early days to establish the park and Mrs. S. Conant Parks who is here for the summer said the fondest dreams of the ladies of twenty years ago had been realized in what she considered the most beautiful park of the West. She has traveled from Seattle to San Diego and has found nothing to compare in na-

are so fortunate as to possess costumes will either wear them in the parade or else loan them so that they may be seen. A \$5.00 prize for the oldest authentic pioneer costume will be awarded.

The Indians are planning to attend in full force and a thousand at least will appear in the parade in colorful costume ranging in style from the primitive breechcloth to full dress regalia. Cowboys and cowgirls riding regular cow ponies in true western manner, the military bearing and trained horsemanship of the Cavalry troop, the funny antics of the comedians and the stirring music of the Lander band will all do their part in making this the finest parade that has ever been witnessed in this section of the country.

The Pioneer Days Committee has appointed Vance Houston and Rufus Williams to take charge of the parade arrangements, and they are anxious to get in touch with all interested parties within the next few days. They will gladly give information and suggestions concerning floats, costumes, and other matters in this connection. Those planning to take part in the parade should bear in mind that they have less than three weeks in which to make preparations.

Don't miss the parade on the opening day, July 2nd.

James Gratiot drove down to Casper to meet Mrs. Gratiot and children who had come from Chicago on Saturday and will spend the summer out at the Bar G ranch.

State banks of Fremont county have undergone examination the past week. Jay Reed and W. P. Powers included Dubois, Lander and Hudson banks in their rounds.

Miss Wanda Poston returns from Columbia, Missouri, enthusiastic over the fine school she has attended the past year. Her many Lander friends are glad to see her home. She is very active socially among the younger set.

Dyer Hays, assistant county and prosecuting attorney of Natrona county, came up from Casper for a week end visit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Park C. Hays and is another of Lander's sons who is making good.

Miss Ruth McIntyre comes back to Wyoming having finished a course in social welfare work at the Cincinnati Training school. She specialized in kindergarten methods and completed two years at the conservatory of music in voice. She plans to teach next year.

grazing provided for 123,416 horses and cattle and \$74,130 sheep to turn grass into meat supply.

They contain 14,030,267,000 board feet of standing timber and great supplies of cordwood in addition.

Annual growth of wood is 210,500,000 board feet. Total cut last year was 73,000,000 board feet.

State derives direct revenue in cash return from government from forest earnings.

Thousands of visitors flock to Wyoming annually to enjoy unexcelled hunting, fishing and camping privileges. As a national playground the forests vie for popularity with the parks.

The tables which follow set forth facts and values:

Forest, County	Acres
Albany	132,628
Johnsop	306,943
Sheridan	395,254
Washakie	29,748

Total	1,125,622
Ashley, Uinta	6,460
Black Hills, Crook	144,416
Caribou, Lincoln	6,315
Hayden, Carbon	328,124
Medicine Bow	200,837
Albany	200,837
Carbon	276,998

Total	477,835
Shoshone	1,548
Fremont	12,314
Hot Springs	1,570,444
Park	1,570,444

Total	1,584,306
Targhee, Teton	345,569
Teton	345,569

Sublette	228,673
Fremont	74,643
Lincoln	89,403
Park	174,330
Teton	1,332,352

Total	1,880,735
Washakie, Fremont	860,068
Wyoming	860,068
Lincoln	763,560
Fremont	30,340
Sublette	887,184
Teton	6,385

Total	1,687,469
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P. J. O'Connor returned yesterday from Jackson Lake lodge where as one of the committee of management for the bond holders he looked after the business for the coming season. He believes the outlook for volume is better this year than previous ones and the place will continue to do an increased business. More room has been made for guests as the place ran to capacity last year. Irving W. Wright will manage the resort again this year.

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H. H. Schwoob, speaking for the club, paid a high tribute to the ladies of twenty years ago. "It was in 1905", he said, "that this organization of far-seeing ladies came into being and two years later numbered 100 and that year in marching order appeared at the station then a novel sight to see a train come in and greeted the Omaha boosters here on a trade excursion. The town received its first publicity as a result of many columns of praise in the Omaha Bee, Globe Democrat and other metropolitan papers. The trade trippers sent a draft for \$100 to express their interest in the work of the club.

"The main objective of the organization was the establishment of the city park. They purchased the land near where Tom Ferrell lives just off Third street near where it crosses Big Popo Agie. They gave a mortgage for all it was worth and the leaving of the city of the mortgage and the demand for the money caused many a fear and heartache that they would lose the property. They gave dances, carnivals and benefits and finally worked the balance down to \$300 and then the city council heard their appeal and paid the balance. The deed was transferred to the city and title rests in it as the lady dreamers planned.

"Mrs. Stasia Allen was president of the club and her loyal supporters never lagged in their efforts. There are but four or five of them left and Lander owes a greater debt of gratitude to them than it can ever repay," concluded Mr. Schwoob. S. Conant Parks offered a motion that a vote of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Allen on behalf of the Kiwanis club expressing their sense of gratitude to the ladies of early Lander who had built an everlasting monument to public service and the good of all who come within the confines of this beautiful park which the Kiwanis club is rededicating today.

Bernard Connelly returned from Washington Saturday and says he had the finest year of his life at the national capital. He liked his school, made a fine record and will leave within a few weeks for Chicago where he joins the Edison organization in the further study of electric science.

# Charley and Stasia Allen left their marks on Lander

Dr. George H. Allen, grandson of Charley and Stasia Allen, lives at McKinleyville, California. He and I attended college together at the University of Wyoming after World War II and became friends. Little did we know that our family roots were entwined back here in Lander, Wyoming. His grandparents and my great grandparents, Ed and Saria Alton, must certainly have known each other. Both men were Civil War veterans and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, Thomas A. McCoy Post #32, G.A.R, and Saria undoubtedly wore fashionable hats purchased from Stasia in her ladies' millinery store. George and I did not know this until 1989 when he came to Lander to trace his family roots. I am indebted to him for the photos of his grandparents and his father and other material and information he has furnished.

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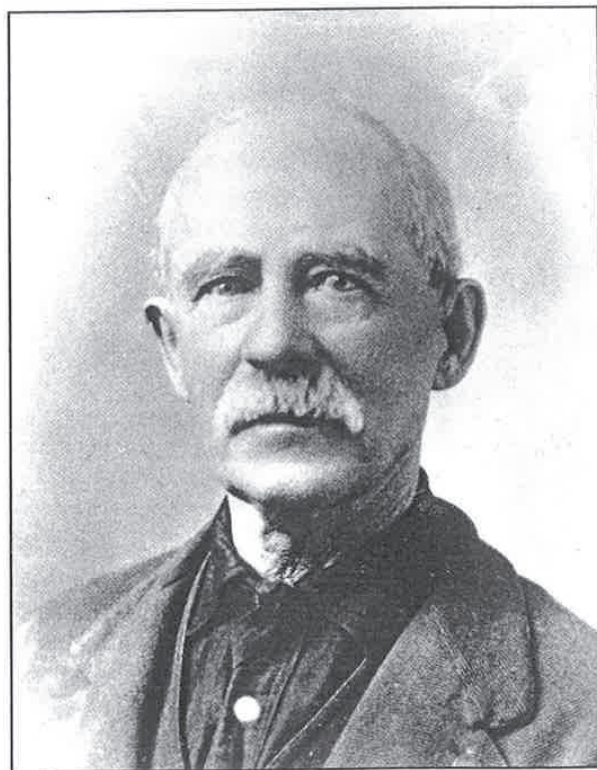


Photo Courtesy George Allen

Charles Allen, pioneer Lander lawyer  
1836-1911



Photo Courtesy George Allen

Anastasia "Stasia" Allen, wife of Charley Allen and an astute Lander business woman for 45 years.  
1857-1931

Charley and Stasia Allen came to Lander in 1885. They were accompanied by two small children, "Dot," and Charles Jr.

Harry Wadsworth arrived the same year, to work as a printers' devil for the original *Wind River Mountaineer* newspaper. He was later to reminisce (*Wyoming State Journal*, July 18, 1935) about the Allens. He recalled, "Charley and his young wife, Stasia, lived in a little shack between the printshop and the alley, or in the alley. He couldn't pay for a town lot and so the townsite company let him build there.



Photo Courtesy Pioneer Museum

Harry Wadsworth returned to Lander in 1935 and recalled that Charley and Stasia Allen had lived in a little shack (gone in this photo) behind the log cabin (at bottom center) and near the alley (above the back of the garage shown here). The log cabin was the site of the *Wind River Mountaineer* print shop in 1885 when Wadsworth had come as a young printer's devil. The log cabin is now gone and the garage (at the time of this photo, Angus Terry's Ford Garage) is now a part of the Sweetwater Grille at 148 Main.

"Charley played the fiddle for dances which brought greater revenue than the meagre law practice in which he was trying to establish himself. 'A good lawyer he became, too,' said Mr. Wadsworth."

"Not so much in court, but a good counsellor,' agreed Mr. (S. Conant) Parks, the town banker.

"Stasia had a few women's sundries she kept in a box under the bed. Women would call on her and she would display her wares and make some sales. Later, she opened a store and for many years her mercantile business was an important factor on Main Street."

From humble beginnings, the Allens went on to become two of Lander's most solid citizens. Charley had

fought in the Civil War and attained the rank of Captain, so many of his friends called him Captain Charley.

His obituary (*Wyoming State Journal*, March 3, 1911) said, "Charley Allen was one of the most careful and painstaking attorneys that ever lived in Lander; no legal problem was too knotty or intricate for him to untangle. He came to Lander with his family 26 years ago and since that time has been held in high esteem by all who knew him.

"He was eccentric to a marked degree but his friendship was well worth the while, for a friendship with him was a sacred trust, as lasting as life itself - for only death could sever the ties of a friendship which he considered worthy of holding.

"Mr. Allen had a very severe attack of illness two years ago, at which time his life was despaired of, but he rallied and his legion of friends were rejoiced to see his familiar figure about the streets again and to see him attending to business in the same old way. But owing to his advanced age, being at the time in his 74th year, the decline has been slowly and gradually taking place. His death did not come as a surprise, but his loss none the less will be hard to bear.

"The first few years of his life in Lander were spent in attending to matters pertaining to his profession. After that, for many years, he filled the positions of district court commissioner and police judge of Lander. His work in all lines was at all times handled in the most efficient manner.

"Many years will elapse before the old time friends of Judge Allen will cease to remember his genial smile, and the friends of recent years will ever remember him as Lander's Grand Old Man."

The story of his life history was better told by his son, Charles Jr., who wrote in his own inimitable and humorous manner. According to his son's narratives, Charley Allen would have been about 25 years old when he was admitted to the bar as a lawyer in Illinois. His life in that era is somewhat shrouded in mystery. He married and had three children. His first wife died at some time during the Civil War and what happened to his children is not known.

He was 44 years old and Stasia was 21 when they married in 1880. They had three children, the youngest of which, Fred, was born in Lander.

Anastasia Kelly was born in Lockport, Illinois, in 1857. After the Civil War, Stasia's father moved his family to Iowa. While still in her teens, Stasia worked in her mother's millinery store and it was here she learned about the ladies' wear business. Years later, a write-up about her father said she was an attractive and prominent young woman in social life and literary groups.

Stasia Allen became one of the prominent women of the little town of Lander. She was one of the founders and was the first president of the Lander Lady Boosters. (She may have been the only president of the organization.) With the coming of the railroad in October, 1906, Lander began to stir with many portentous things. Some of the ladies

felt there were things they could do to help their community and on May 20, 1907, formed the Lander Lady Boosters.

The week was not out before they were called upon to begin boosting their fair city. The Denver Boosters, a contingent of Denver businessmen, rode the train in on Friday after the ladies launched their boosters club on Monday. *The Denver Post* reported they were lined up on the receiving platform, 100 strong, carrying banners of royal purple.

The Lady's were very civic and socially minded. No sooner was the reception for the Denver Boosters over before they began to plan for the July 4 celebration. They built two floats for the parade and sponsored one of them. They were also asked if they could furnish entertainment for the Wyoming Press Association meeting in Lander on August 2. This they did by putting on a musicale and reception with a buffet luncheon. Out of this came the idea for a minstrel show, beauty contest, and a dance as a money raising project to fund community needs.

And so it was that Stasia's days were filled by attention to her business and by affairs affecting her community. He children were nearly grown and she could devote much time to her interests outside the home.

### Stasia's business

Harry Wadsworth alluded to Stasia's millinery business from earliest days. At first her business was conducted



Photo Courtesy Pioneer Museum

The Lander Lady Boosters designed and built two floats for the 4th of July parade in 1907. One was entitled "Wyoming" and their own, shown in this photo, was entitled "We Boost for Park and City Beautiful". The centerpiece of the float was a model of a state capitol building, a reminder to all citizens that Lander still considered itself in the running for the permanent Wyoming State Capitol. Several of Lander's lovely young ladies rode the float, all decorated with flowers and bunting. The setting was in front of the Fremont Hotel (site now occupied by Central Bank & Trust, 285 Main) and showed the famous Fremont balcony where folks could stand and view the parade.

out of her home but it was not long until the income from both her and her husband allowed them to expand. They bought lots at the corner of Second and Garfield Streets and built a home for themselves at what is now 217 Garfield in about 1888. There the youngest son, Fred, was born in 1890.

Shortly after building the house, they built an office building for themselves on the corner. Stasia's millinery store occupied the east part while Charley's law office was in the west part. However, they soon discovered that

even if they were only one block off Main Street, their businesses did not prosper. At the end of May, 1892, she moved her store one block north to the Amoretti Building on the corner of Second and Main (now 201 Main Street).

At about the same time (May 27, 1892), *The Fremont Clipper* reported, "Will L. Simpson has purchased the entire law library of Charley Allen. Will expects to be admitted to practice at the July term of court. We predict for him a bright future." (Will Simpson did indeed go on to a bright future. He became one of Wyoming's most noted attorneys. He also produced a son, Milward, who became a quite notable attorney himself and moved on to become Governor and United States Senator. Al Simpson, a grandson of Will, became a U.S. Senator in turn.)

The next week the *Clipper* said W.H. Rhein, a Lander hardware merchant and later mayor, had bought their house on Garfield and reported that Charley Allen was going east



Photo Courtesy Pioneer Museum


Charley and Stasia Allen and their family were photographed in front of their office building in about 1891. Their building was located on the corner of Second and Garfield Streets (across the street, south of NAPA, 185 South Second). Earlier, they had built the house next door (now 217 Garfield) and it was here that Fred Allen was born in 1890. In this photo, Dorthelle "Dottie," is standing at the corner, left, and Charley, Jr. is seated on the step. Stasia is standing by the door to her millinery store and Charley is holding the baby, Fred. Stasia's store was in the east part of the building and Charley's law office occupied the west part. However, both businesses suffered because they were not located on Main Street. As a result, they both wanted to have places on Main Street and in March, 1895, they rented the building to the federal government for the location of the U.S. Land Office. In 1904, they sold the building to William H. Rhein, a Lander hardware merchant.

on business. It also said, "His trip is purely on business but we shall hope to see him return much improved physically as his health has been rather precarious for some time." The *Clipper* then reported on July 1 that Charley and his son, Charley Jr., had returned from their trip to New York and Chicago. The elder Allen had returned west to Chicago to take in the Democratic national Convention.

Charley and Stasia both began advertising in the old *Fremont Clipper* in 1890. Both were rather restrained and gave only the essential details of their businesses. Stasia's main competitors from earliest days were Baldwin's Store, Amoretti's Store, and the Lander Mercantile. Later, in addition, it was Hulstone & Co., the Golden Rule (forerunner to Penneys and later taken over by that company), Alta Norman (for only a short time), and Cora Graves, daughter of I. C. Wynn. (Wynn was the first editor of the *Wind River Mountaineer* newspaper, then later was one of the founders and editor of *The Fremont Clipper*. Cora Wynn was brought up in

a newspaper family and often went back to the pen and the printing press. But for many years, she was a serious competitor of Stasia Allen. They remained good friends for both were greatly involved in the Lander Lady Boosters.)

By 1893, Stasia was going for simple display ads. Later, as her business flourished, she went in for quite large and artistic ads. Her progress through the years can be followed




**GOING THROUGH THE WORLD**

Especially that portion of the world which immediately surrounds Lander.

You will find no more **INTREPID EXPLORER** after low prices on Merchandise than Mrs. Stasia Allen of Lander. She is bound that her store shall be the head quarters for all the low-price hunters in the country, and to establish that reputation she is just now naming some **PRICE PARALYZERS**, in dress goods, children & ladies underwear, mittens, &c., **BUY A STYLISH HAT FOR ELECTION DAY**, and don't fail to call in and see our Boys and Gents underwear, they are "BARGAINS" not found elsewhere. Come over and lets talk about-it. I mean business.

MRS. STASIA ALLEN.



by her ads in both the *Wind River Mountaineer* and *The Fremont Clipper*. In the earliest years, she almost invariably advertised before Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. There were a few years when that is all the advertising she did.

Charley died in March, 1911, but her ads took up in April and continued on about once a month throughout the year and into 1912 and 1913. She must have moved her store in the spring of 1912 for her ads said her location was in the Jackson Building at Third and Main. Later, the ad said "Opposite Hotel Fremont," even though it was the same location (now the location of the Key Bank Building, just around the corner off Main on Third Street). She was there through 1916 but still later, she was to move to a location on "West Main." West Main at the time would have been somewhere on the Fourth or Fifth Street blocks.

There must have been ups and downs for her and other things to occupy her mind. There were only two ads, both in March, 1913, and none in 1914. The ads took up again in July, 1915, and continued with some continuity through 1916.

There were two ads in April, 1917, and then no more until December, 1918.

The *Wyoming State Journal* noted on September 22, 1916, that a J.M. Lowndes had leased the residence of Mrs. Charles Allen in West Lander. No other explanation was added but the inference can be drawn that she still owned a house at that time.

We know her business continued on for the *Journal* reported on January 28, 1931, that Mrs. H.O. Barber was going to open a flower shop "in the location formerly used by Mrs. Stasia Allen, who retired from the business on account of ill health." A later account told of the flower shop opening on Main Street.

The last ten years of her life may have been ones of financial hardship. We get some insight into her plight through a report in the *Journal* in May, 1923. The paper said, "Through the assistance of Senator (F.E.) Warren, Mrs. Anastasia Allen of Lander has been granted a pension from November 25, 1921, as widow of Charles Allen who served as Captain of Company K, 38th Ohio Infantry, during the Civil War. . .Mrs. Allen will receive arrears of pension and also some back pension due Mr. Allen." She was then 64 years old and Charley Allen had been dead ten years. She would live on another ten years.

### The Lander Lady Boosters

The founding of the Lander Lady Boosters in 1907 has already been recounted earlier. Stasia Allen appears to have been the driving force behind the Boosters but she was by no means the only civic "booster" among the ladies of Lander. She was the first president of the group and appears to have remained so for as long as the organization existed.

The roster of officers recorded by the *Journal* (May 20, 1907) was Stasia Allen, president; Cora Wynn Graves, vice president; Emma Heenan Johnson (wife of Mayor W.G. "Billy" Johnson), secretary, and Pearl Simpson Keister (widow of S.A.D. Keister and great aunt of Sen. Al Simpson) as treasurer. *Crossroads of the West*, published in 1965, listed the charter members, but the list was probably recalled from the memory of someone then living. That list showed Katharine Marshall, wife of Dr. Marshall, as secretary-treasurer, indicating a later roster than the original.

Others on the list were Emma Replogle, wife of Dr. Josef Replogle (the Replogles didn't move to Lander until 1917), Dora Lamoreaux Robertson; Mary Lamoreaux Butler; Matilda Cheney, wife of Ervin F. Cheney; Myra Earle, wife of Edson Earle; Mrs. Charles Bunce; Mamie Sherlock; Camille MacKenzie; Lucy Logue; Edna (Ms. Zeke) Farlow; Lucy Crowley; Beatrice (Mrs. Frank) Brower; Clara (Mrs. Conant) Parks, and Amelia (Mrs. Robert) Hall. These were the

leading ladies of the town - the wives of attorneys, bankers, and businessmen. And in the case of Amelia Hall, the wife of Lyons Valley rancher Bob Hall. There were probably many more ladies who joined in the endeavors down through the years but their names are now lost.

Following the successful summer of 1907, the Lady Boosters began to look for other projects. It did not take them long. The *Journal* editor noted on January 31, 1908, that the Lady Boosters were considering plans for the improvement of streets. He then said, "This no doubt means that the improvements will be made as they have proven themselves tireless workers when once enlisted."

Without waiting to see results on the streets, they plunged into another project. On April 3, 1908, the newspaper said the Lady Boosters were going to vote on the proposition of a public park. Their vote must have been positive for a week later the *Wind River Mountaineer* said the Lady Boosters were going to look at land for a "public park." Two offers were going to be considered. William Umbanhower, who owned a dairy on the river south of the business district, had nine acres for sale for \$3,500. Ed Farlow offered one whole block (location not noted although he and his wife, Lizzie Lamoreaux Farlow and sister of Dora Robertson and Mary Butler, owned all of the land surrounding what is now the Pioneer Museum) for \$2,500.

The decision was made to buy the Umbanhower property and on May 15, the *Journal* reported that the first payment had been made. The Lady Boosters "will at once begin the work of making a park of the place." Today, that original nine acres makes up the heart of Lander's City Park.

The enthusiasm of the Lady Boosters was contagious and kindled more interest. On August 20, the *Wind River Mountaineer* announced that the issue of the paper the following week was going to be a souvenir edition. It was to be published by the Lander Lady Boosters as a money raiser for the park.

Sure enough, the August 27, 1908, *Wind River Mountaineer* was headlined "Lander Lady Boosters' Edition." The Mountaineer Publishing Co., Park C. Hays, editor, donated all of the proceeds of many large ads, some of them full pages, in a 16-page paper, to the Lady Boosters.

The edition featured the three original founders of Lander - B.F. Lowe, P.P. Dickinson, and Eugene Amoretti Sr., as well as Mayor W.G. "Billy" Johnson. President Stasia Allen wrote an editorial and so did Cora Graves, vice president. The mayor's wife and the secretary of the Lady Boosters wrote about the Boosters. The edition was complete with photos of the river running through the park.

The *Wind River Mountaineer* reported the announcement by President Stasia Allen on February 4, 1909, on the park. She said the payments on the park land had been met and that satisfactory arrangements for the payments on the

balance had been met. A deed to the land had been made to the Lady Boosters.

At the same time, she announced that the Fremont County Pioneer Association had been given permission to build a rustic log building in the park. It was to be used by the Association as a meeting place. A committee was named to select a site for the Pioneer Cabin.

### EDITORIAL

#### Lander Lady Boosters' Special Edition

*Wind River Mountaineer*, August 27, 1908

No feature of a great city is as greatly appreciated by its own people, or as greatly admired by visitors, as a park system. It abounds in natural forests, beautiful lakes or rivers, connected by driveways, inviting the traveler on, and affording many opportunities for healthful outdoor sports and recreation.

Walks should be designed to bring people in all directions. Ornamental grasses, flowers and shrubbery, rustic bridges, and a band stand with free music - all may be made so attractive that it is a very haven of rest for the weary toiler of the day.

To the Lander Lady Boosters belongs the honor of presenting to the City of Lander in the near future such a park as I have described. Through the courtesy of the Mountaineer Publishing Company we are permitted to use its pages for the purpose of raising money to make our third payment on the property recently purchased from William Umbanhower as a park site.

It is but justice to this company to add that without the generous financial assistance supplied by them, together with effective aid from others, we could not have managed to meet our payments on time.


Spurred on by the thought that ours is to be a great city, second to none in the state, now is the time to buy and beautify our property. We, as an organization, have banded together for that purpose and we extend our sincerest thanks to all who have so kindly tendered their services at this time and heretofore.

The work achieved is an unselfish one and should command the respect of every citizen of Lander.

Mrs. Stasia Allen  
President, L.L.B.

After the land was secured, members of the Lady Boosters were driven over the grounds in the Fremont Hotel bus. The Ladies then met to schedule some kind of entertainment to raise money.

The *Journal* came out a day after the *Mountaineer* and



## A DISTINGUISHED NEWCOMER

ARISTEN GAGE, has made its first appearance in fashiondom? Are you interested in knowing what style authorities say is correct in millinery for the immediate present?

**MRS. STASIA ALLEN**  
Opposite Fremont Hotel

**LANDER, WYOMING**

Stasia's husband, Charley, died in March, 1911, and that curtailed her activities for awhile. There is no mention of Lady Boosters activities throughout 1912 and 1913. There was no July 4 parade in 1913 but there was in

said the Lady Boosters had arranged for a \$950 payment on the city park and that the interest bearing debt had been reduced to \$1,800. A committee had also been appointed to lease the house and grounds for the year. The ladies were already at work to raise more funds and they were making plans for beautifying and improving the grounds.

The Pioneer Association appeared to be going on with the intention of building a log cabin in the park. The *Mountaineer* reported on March 11, 1909, that the Pioneers of Fremont county planned the construction of the cabin. Each log used in the construction was to be furnished by a pioneer, "with the inside dressed smooth and the family's history engraved thereon." A photo in the paper which accompanied the article was captioned, "Scene in Lady Booster's Park, place where the proposed Pioneer Cabin is to be erected."

But plans change and the *Journal* reported on September 10, 1909, that the Pioneer Association had decided to build the log cabin on the Farlow grounds. (Ed and Lizzie Farlow donated the land on which the Pioneer Museum now stands. In the spring of 1910, the land was graded but the cabin didn't get built until 1915. Today, the cabin is a part of the total museum complex.)

It was in June, 1909, that the Lander Lady Boosters invited the Casper Civic Club to Lander for all of the festivities of the 4th of July. There was to be an added inducement: "There will be 'restrooms' for the ladies and carriages placed at the disposal of all who care to drive and enjoy the sights about town. . ."

Nothing is heard of the Lady Boosters in 1910 but the *Journal* reported on January 13, 1911, that the Ladys had cleared \$100 on a minstrel show for the benefit of the park fund. Stasia Allen was still president and reported that the Ladys had enough money to meet the outstanding bills.

1914 and the Lady Boosters had a float in it. Following that, on July 17, 1914, the *Journal* reported that the Lady Boosters had given a reception for Episcopal Bishop Thomas and Miss Grace Scoville. Miss Scoville had just paid off all the indebtedness on Bishop Randall Hospital and she was being honored.

In August, 1914, the *Journal* referred to the park as Lady Booster Park. In September, 1914, the Denver Boosters came back to Lander but there was no mention of the Lady Boosters welcoming them. There was a July 4 parade in 1915 but no Lander Lady Boosters float entered in it.

The *Journal* reported in November, 1916, that there was to be a Lady Booster Dance held for the benefit of the park. It was to be held in the Armory (now Senior Citizen Center) with good music. It would appear from the scant newspaper accounts that the Lander Lady Boosters were no longer actively involved, as they had been before, after 1914. Part of the reason for that may have been that their sparkplug, Stasia Allen, had diverted her interests. Nevertheless, later accounts noted that it was Stasia Allen who was held accountable for the debts on the park.

### Stasia enters politics

During the political season of 1914, Stasia decided to run for state representative on the Democratic ticket. She was one of only three women in the state to try for a seat in the legislature that year. One of the women, a Democrat from Crook County, was elected. Previously, in the 1913 Legislature, two women had been elected and served, one from Crook County and one from Albany County. They were the first women to serve in the Wyoming Legislature.

Stasia would certainly have dedicated considerable time to her campaign. She was well known in Lander but

probably little known in Riverton, Hudson, and the outlying areas. In the November election she came in a respectable sixth in a field of eleven, and only 400 votes below the top vote getter, Ralph Kimball, a Lander attorney who later served as a district judge.

It was a Republican sweep of the state that year and Kimball and three other Republicans went into office. James Graham, a Sweetwater rancher, had served in three previous legislatures and became Speaker of the House in the 1915 Legislature. Jacob Delfelder was a prominent sheep man from Riverton who was also elected mayor of the town in 1915. In spite of the political tide and the tough competition she was up against, Stasia had done all right in her political debut. But there is no record of her ever running for another office.

### Lander's City Park

What Stasia Allen and the Lander Lady Boosters had set in motion continued to develop. In May, 1919, an article in the *Journal* said that the town of Lander had granted \$650 to the Lander Lady Boosters for assistance in purchasing the park and camping site. In June, 1919, an ad appeared in the *Journal* for a "Patriotic Dance. . . Given for benefit of Lady Boosters' Park Fund and Armory Building Fund." How all of the debt on the park ever got paid is not known. An article in the *Journal* in August, 1922, (see accompanying sidebar) says only that Stasia Allen appears to have been personally stuck with some of the debt.

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Stasia Allen's foresight and energy had paid off handsomely for the town. What she and the other Lady Boosters had promoted only as a park for the local citizens had evolved into an attraction for tourists.

### Stasia's family

Stasia had two of her three children born before the Allens moved to Lander. Fred, the youngest, was born here in 1890. Her oldest, listed on her marriage record as Dorthelle E., married a young Lander dentist in 1903. Dr. Finis E.



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He, of course, kept in touch with his mother and the *Journal* said in November, 1919, that he had written Stasia about a freak snowstorm in Capetown. He said the citizens had turned out for snowballing in the streets. Five years

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When her daughter, Mrs. Godfrey, moved away in 1924 or 1925, she was alone except for the friends she had made down through the years. There is little mention of her in the ensuing years until June, 1930, when the *Journal* reported that her grandson, Charles S. Allen, and his family from Chicago had come to visit her. Six months later, in late December, 1930, the *Journal* said Stasia had been taken to the hospital suffering from severe asthma. Her daughter came from Missouri to be with her during the stay in the hospital. Then on January 21, the paper said that Stasia had left Lander with her daughter to go to Missouri. The paper said she had been in poor health for the past month and reported, "Mrs. Allen's large host of friends hope that she will soon be enjoying good health again."

She was never to return, even in death. She died April 7, 1931, at Nevada, Missouri, and was buried there. She had purchased eight cemetery plots in Lander's Mt. Hope 20 years earlier but only her husband and her baby granddaughter are buried there.

Her obituary on April 8, 1931, said that she had been in poor health for many years due to the infirmities of age. It added, "Mrs. Allen was one of the finest and best liked of the elderly ladies of the community and her passing comes as a distinct loss to the entire community."

Charley Allen Jr. maintained his residence as being in Lander all through the years he was in the consular service in South Africa, Switzerland and Canada. He gave up that residence in March, 1949, when he retired to Grants Pass, Oregon. He died there September 3, 1970.

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**Page Out Of The Past**

**Plan for city government**

An editorial in *The Fremont Clipper*, June 15, 1891

We hope that in the plans of some one of the new buildings that are being projected for Lander for this season will be included provision for a town hall or council chamber. The town needs such a hall where the council may hold its meetings, the mayor and town officials have their offices, the police justice hold court, and which may be considered general headquarters for the city government.

The cost of renting such a hall would not be great, and by it a dignity would be given the government that it does not at present possess. The meetings of the council, instead of being attended by only two or three citizens as at present, would attract a large number who would regularly turn out to a place of meeting that was more accessible and would take some interest in what might be going on. And a little interest on the part of the public is just what would brace up the government a whole lot.

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## Lander City Park as tourist attraction

What Stasia Allen and the Lander Lady Boosters began continued to grow. The automobile was becoming very popular and, with it, western travel and car camping. Banners hung across Main Street in Lander advertising City Park as a "tourist park."  
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paying tribute to the convenience and beauty of the spot provided for their enjoyment and entertainment by the citizens of Lander. Today's visitors to Lander City Park would agree. Free camping is still offered in the park, with grassy areas under the trees for tent-dwellers and spots by the river for campers and recreational vehicles. Modern restrooms, grill and picnic facilities (one of which is sponsored by the Lander Lions club) complete the scene.

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### A century's worth of growth

The building that served as pool dressing room, warming hut and Parks and Recreation Department offices was condemned in the early 1990s.

Department personnel moved into city hall, Felix said, and stayed there for about a year and a half while a new building was erected on the same site as the old, on the north side of the park property.

The new building was completed in late summer 1993 and was dedicated on

### Park facilities

Lions and Kiwanis Picnic Shelters, City and Dillon Park Gazebos

The Lions Picnic Shelter and the Gazebo at City Park, Dillon Park Gazebo, and the Kiwanis Picnic Shelter at Northside Park

September 21. Then-mayor PeeWee Carlson cut the ceremonial ribbon while city council members and a crowd of several hundred looked on. Chili and hot dogs were served.

According to the Lander Journal's September 15 issue, Parks and Recreation Director Don Reynolds said city park users were in desperate need of such a facility. "It's a facility that the people really needed because of everything we've got going on here: ice skating, baseball,

are available for groups. The Lions and Kiwanis shelters have cooking and service facilities for almost any size group. The City Park Gazebo and Dillon Park Gazebo have covered picnic facilities only. All are on a reservation basis only. A refundable

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The article noted that funding for the \$265,000 building came from a variety of sources. Lander City Council General Fund's portion amounted to \$160,000; another \$62,000 came from a Community Development Block Grant. The remainder came from the Lander District Recreation Board, Parks and Recreation Gift Catalog and private donations.

damage and cleanup deposit must be made at least one week prior to the reservation date. A fee will be charged for use of the shelters. Call 332-4647 to reserve a shelter. Picnic Shelters

see next page

### Nice ice at City Park



Ice skating has been a popular activity in the park for generations. At right, Buddy Spriggs perched by the rink on a fence made of barbed wire. Above, Dawna Hopeman skated with Don and Nancy Webber at Christmas, 2007. Skating and hockey are offered through Parks and Recreation from January until the ice melts.



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to the public. This 63 page, full-color publication highlights trees and shrubs that are growing in the Lander area and the locations of the plants. It also contains several tips and suggestions on how to plant new trees and pruning techniques. This outstanding publication is free to the public and available at the Parks and Recreation office, Lander City Hall and the Popo Agie Conservation District Office.



The park's new Western-theme playground, erected in 2005 was a community effort led by a group of women - reminiscent of the original Lander Lady Boosters. It replaced older metal equipment like the slide at right.



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The *Mountaineer* reported in May, 1918, that a new Lander band had been organized and Charley Allen was playing clarinet in it. But he had evidently applied for the consular service and the *Journal* reported on November 8, 1918, that he had received his passport and was being sent to Capetown, South Africa. A week later it said he had left Lander for Capetown to take up his duties as vice consul.

He, of course, kept in touch with his mother and the *Journal* said in November, 1919, that he had written Stasia about a freak snowstorm in Capetown. He said the citizens had turned out for snowballing in the streets. Five years

adding ladies of the town - the wives of attorneys, bankers, and businessmen. And in the case of Amelia Hall, the wife of Lyons Valley rancher Bob Hall. There were probably many more ladies who joined in the endeavors down through the years but their names are now lost.

Following the successful summer of 1907, the Lady Boosters began to look for other projects. It did not take them long. The *Journal* editor noted on January 31, 1908, that the Lady Boosters were considering plans for the improvement of streets. He then said, "This no doubt means that the improvements will be made as they have proven themselves tireless workers when once enlisted."

Without waiting to see results on the streets, they plunged into another project. On April 3, 1908, the newspaper said the Lady Boosters were going to vote on the proposition of a public park. Their vote must have been positive for a week later the *Wind River Mountaineer* said the Lady Boosters were going to look at land for a "public park." Two offers were going to be considered. William Umbanhower, who owned a dairy on the river south of the business district, had nine acres for sale for \$3,500. Ed Farlow offered one whole block (location not noted although he and his wife, Lizzie Lamoreaux Farlow and sister of Dora Robertson and Mary Butler, owned all of the land surrounding what is now the Pioneer Museum) for \$2,500.

The decision was made to buy the Umbanhower property and on May 15, the *Journal* reported that the first payment had been made. The Lady Boosters "will at once begin the work of making a park of the place." Today, that original nine acres makes up the heart of Lander's City Park.

The enthusiasm of the Lady Boosters was contagious and kindled more interest. On August 20, the *Wind River Mountaineer* announced that the issue of the paper the following week was going to be a souvenir edition. It was to be published by the Lander Lady Boosters as a money raiser for the park.

Sure enough, the August 27, 1908, *Wind River Mountaineer* was headlined "Lander Lady Boosters' Edition." The *Mountaineer* Publishing Co., Park C. Hays, editor, donated all of the proceeds of many large ads, some of them full pages, in a 16-page paper, to the Lady Boosters.

The edition featured the three original founders of Lander - B.F. Lowe, P.P. Dickinson, and Eugene Amoretti Sr., as well as Mayor W.G. "Billy" Johnson. President Stasia Allen wrote an editorial and so did Cora Graves, vice president. The mayor's wife and the secretary of the Lady Boosters wrote about the Boosters. The edition was complete with photos of the river running through the park.

The *Wind River Mountaineer* reported the announcement by President Stasia Allen on February 4, 1909, on the park. She said the payments on the park land had been met and that satisfactory arrangements for the payments on the

balance had been met. A deed to the land had been made to the Lady Boosters.

At the same time, she announced that the Fremont County Pioneer Association had been given permission to build a rustic log building in the park. It was to be used by the Association as a meeting place. A committee was named to select a site for the Pioneer Cabin.

### EDITORIAL

#### Lander Lady Boosters' Special Edition

*Wind River Mountaineer*, August 27, 1908

No feature of a great city is as greatly appreciated by its own people, or as greatly admired by visitors, as a park system. It abounds in natural forests, beautiful lakes or rivers, connected by driveways, inviting the traveler on, and affording many opportunities for healthful outdoor sports and recreation.

Walks should be designed to bring people in all directions. Ornamental grasses, flowers and shrubbery, rustic bridges, and a band stand with free music - all may be made so attractive that it is a very haven of rest for the weary toiler of the day.

To the Lander Lady Boosters belongs the honor of presenting to the City of Lander in the near future such a park as I have described. Through the courtesy of the *Mountaineer* Publishing Company we are permitted to use its pages for the purpose of raising money to make our third payment on the property recently purchased from William Umbanhower as a park site.

It is but justice to this company to add that without the generous financial assistance supplied by them, together with effective aid from others, we could not have managed to meet our payments on time.

Spurred on by the thought that ours is to be a great city, second to none in the state, now is the time to buy and beautify our property. We, as an organization, have banded together for that purpose and we extend our sincerest thanks to all who have so kindly tendered their services at this time and heretofore.

The work achieved is an unselfish one and should command the respect of every citizen of Lander.

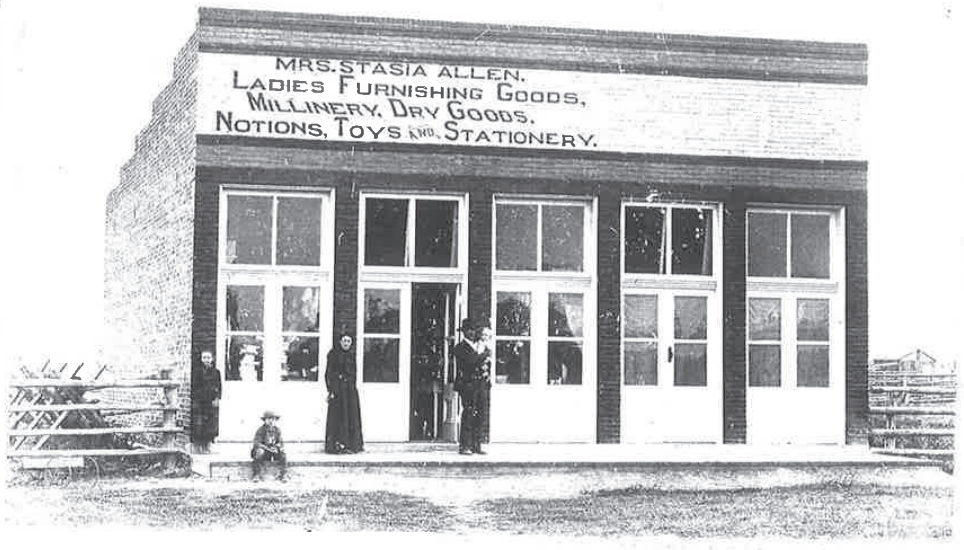
Mrs. Stasia Allen  
President, L.L.B.

After the land was secured, members of the Lady Boosters were driven over the grounds in the Fremont Hotel bus. The Ladys then met to schedule some kind of entertainment to raise money.

The *Journal* came out a day after the *Mountaineer* and

W. T. ALLEN,

Photographer.



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old US land office  
Lander map

W.T. Allen Rec.  
Minnie Sullivan Rec.  
to me about 1894

W.T. Allen  
Mrs Stasia Allen  
Kathie Allen Godfrey  
Chas Allen  
Fred Allen

one good first well built  
brick bldg - Lander  
being torn down.  
Land of Mrs. Sullivan & Godfrey

1907  
Cigar store

"Mrs. Stasia Allen Store" 18"x24"  
about 1891-92  
Fremont County Pioneer Museum  
630 LINCOLN STREET  
LANDER, WYOMING 82520  
Building 985-60-65



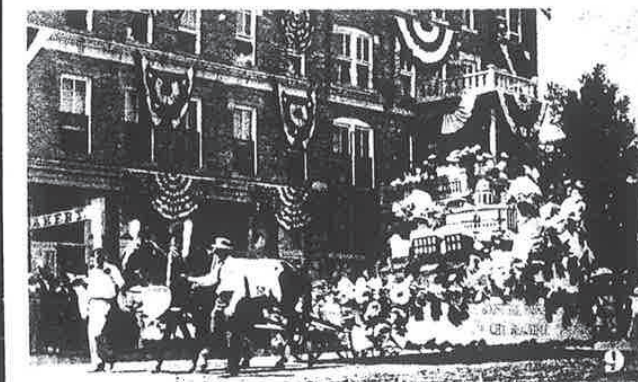
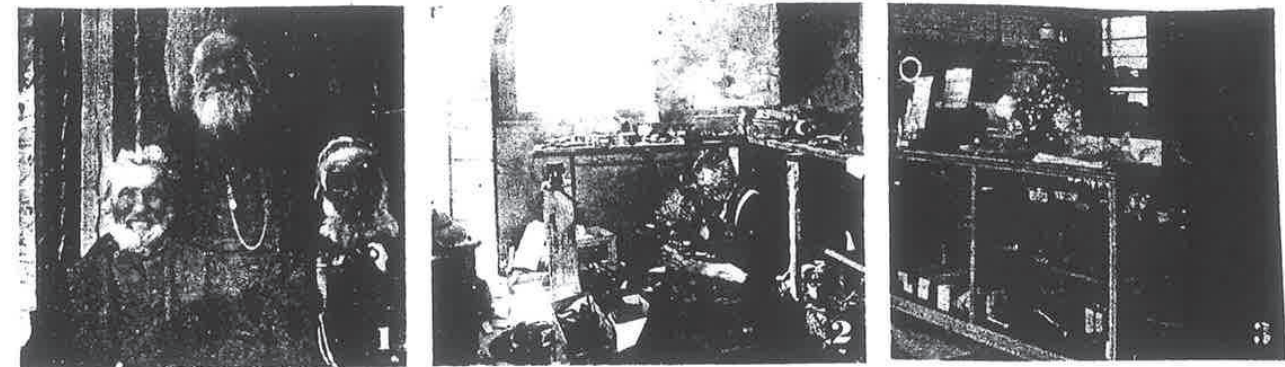
Lander Lady Boosters WRM Aug. 27, 1908 edition Souvenir  
Stasia Allen Pres Mrs. Karl Graves (Cora Wynn) v.p.  
WRM dedicated paper to Boosters to help buy City Park

*Arrhene Adams*

Charter Members of the Lander Lady Boosters Association.

- Mrs. Stasia Allen, president
- Mrs. Katherine Marshall, Secy-treas.
- Mrs. Joseph (Dr.) Replogle
- Mrs. Dora (Lamoreaux) Robertson
- Mrs. Mary (Lamoreaux) Butler
- Mrs. Erwin Cheney, Sr.
- Mrs. Edson Earl
- Mrs. Charlie Bunce
- Mrs. Mamie Sherlock
- Mrs. Camile McKenzie
- Mrs. Lucy Logue
- Mrs. Edna (Trosper) Farlow
- Mrs. Zeke Farlow
- Mrs. Lucey Crowley
- Mrs. Frank Brower
- Mrs. Conant S. Parks, Sr.
- Mrs. Robert H. Hall

Taken from: Crossroads of the West  
Put out in 1965 to celebrate the  
75th year of Wyoming's statehood.



1, 2, 3—Photo at left is the shoe shop of William Cook in Lander after going there from Riverton early this century. Later his son, in the photo at right, ran a shop also in Riverton for many years before coming to Lander. In the center photo is Thomas Cook, Joe's great grandfather and a cavalry scout at Fort Washakie.  
4—Old time and very well known cowboys in the early history of Lander, from left: Tom Moriarity, Roe Avant, J. Bailey and Billy Johnson.  
5—Jacob S. and Carolyn Meyer with daughters Julia Hardin, Minnie Frankenfeld and Nellie Ranney. Jacob came to the Lander valley in 1880 and established the first apple orchard. He was superintendent of the experimental farm in Sinks Canyon. All three daughters graduated from high school, were married and still live in Lander.  
6—Lander's first graduating class of 1894: Class as named, left to right, standing: Elliott Sheldon and Minnie Jones; seated: Jessie Roe, Prof. R. M. Little, Catherine (Kittle) Sheldon.  
7, 8—Peter T. Peralta, born 1855, died 1927 and Mary Jesperson, born April 1865, died 1922, were married in Lander April 27 1885 when Lander was in Fremont County Territory. They were the parents of C. C. Nealie Peralta and Mrs. Dexter Clark of Lander. Peter Peralta was elected the first law enforcement officer in the territory with the title of constable. Election was held Nov. 4, 1884.  
9—On their beautiful float with the sign proclaiming "We Boost for Park and City Beautiful", the Lady Boosters present a very charming picture. The model of a capitol on the float indicates that perhaps the ladies were doing their bit in the contest between Lander and Cheyenne to be the seat of the state government. Following are the names of prominent lady pioneers of Lander who were charter members of the Lander Lady Boosters Association: Mrs. Stasia Allen, president; Mrs. Katherine Marshall, secy-treas.; Mrs. Joseph (Dr.) Replogle, Mrs. Dora (Lamoreaux) Robertson, Mrs. Mary (Lamoreaux) Butler, Mrs. Erwin Cheney, Sr., Mrs. Edson Earl, Mrs. Charlie Bunce, Mrs. Mamie Sherlock, Mrs. Camile McKenzie, Mrs. Lucy Logue, Mrs. Edna (Trosper) Farlow, Mrs. Zeke Farlow, Mrs. Lucey Crowley, Mrs. Frank Brower, Mrs. Conant S. Parks, Sr., Mrs. Robert H. Hall. Note: Mrs. Hall was Lander's first school teacher.)

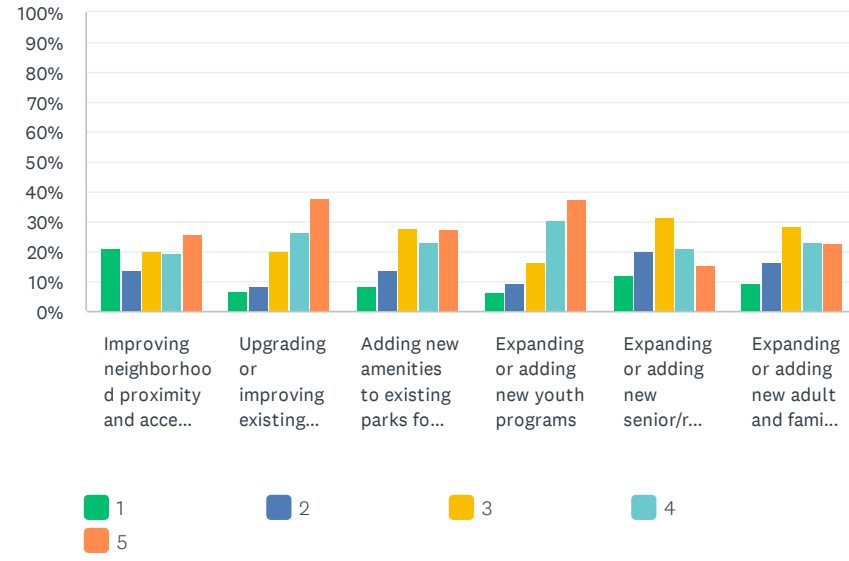
1-2-3—LANDER MOTOR PARTS, INC. 4-5-6-7-8-9—BILL HAYES

SURVEY FINDINGS

Parks & Recreation Survey

Q1 Overall: For parks & recreation in Lander, rank the following items from highest to lowest priority. (Rate on a scale of 5 being of highest importance to 1 being of lowest importance.)

Answered: 223 Skipped: 3

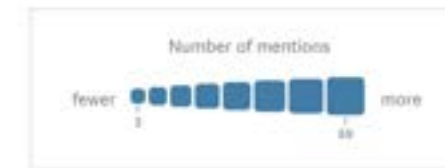


	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Improving neighborhood proximity and access to parks and recreational spaces	21% 45	13% 29	20% 43	20% 42	26% 56	215	3.16
Upgrading or improving existing parks and recreation amenities for all ages and abilities	7% 15	9% 19	20% 45	26% 59	38% 85	223	3.81
Adding new amenities to existing parks for all ages and abilities	8% 18	14% 30	28% 61	23% 51	27% 60	220	3.48
Expanding or adding new youth programs	6% 14	10% 21	16% 35	30% 66	38% 82	218	3.83
Expanding or adding new senior/retiree programs	12% 27	20% 44	32% 70	21% 46	15% 34	221	3.07
Expanding or adding new adult and family programs	10% 21	16% 36	28% 62	23% 51	22% 49	219	3.32

Parks & Recreation Survey

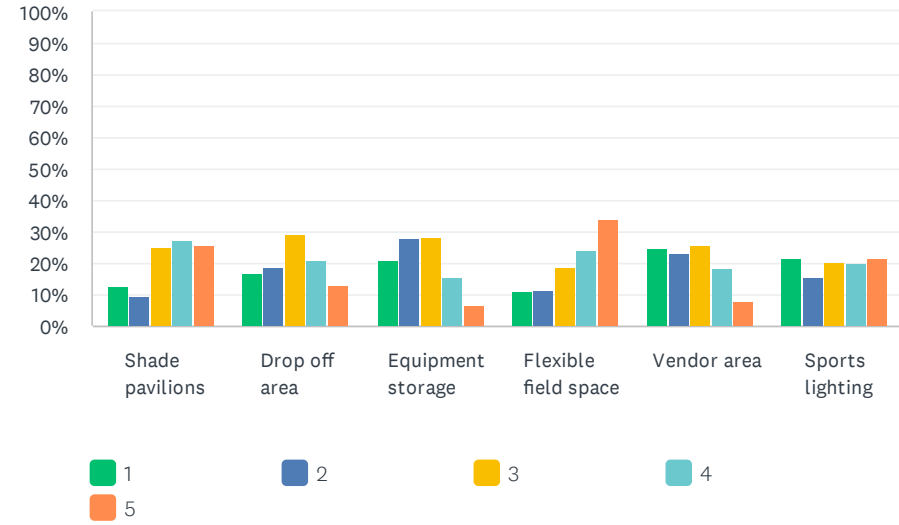
Q2 Additional Amenities: What recreational facilities/amenities would you like to see more of in the community? (i.e. rec center with multiple activity options, indoor ice rink, splash pad, outdoor swimming pool, etc.) (Short Answer)

Answered: 181 Skipped: 45



### Q3 Sports Complex Area

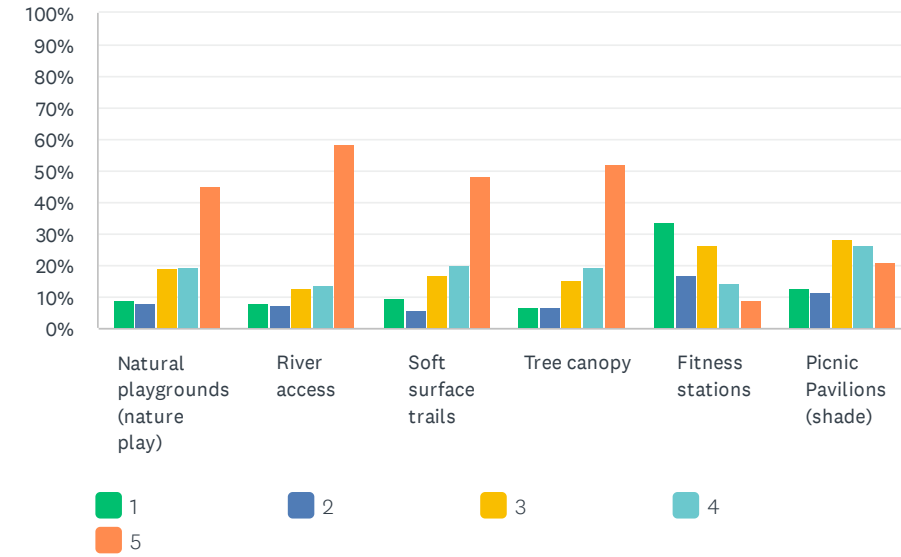
Answered: 198 Skipped: 28



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Shade pavilions	12% 24	9% 18	25% 49	27% 53	26% 50	194	3.45
Drop off area	17% 33	19% 37	30% 57	21% 41	13% 25	193	2.94
Equipment storage	21% 40	28% 54	29% 55	16% 30	7% 13	192	2.59
Flexible field space	11% 21	11% 22	19% 37	24% 47	34% 66	193	3.60
Vendor area	25% 48	23% 44	26% 50	18% 35	8% 15	192	2.61
Sports lighting	22% 42	16% 31	21% 40	20% 39	22% 42	194	3.04

### Q4 Natural Open Space Area

Answered: 199 Skipped: 27

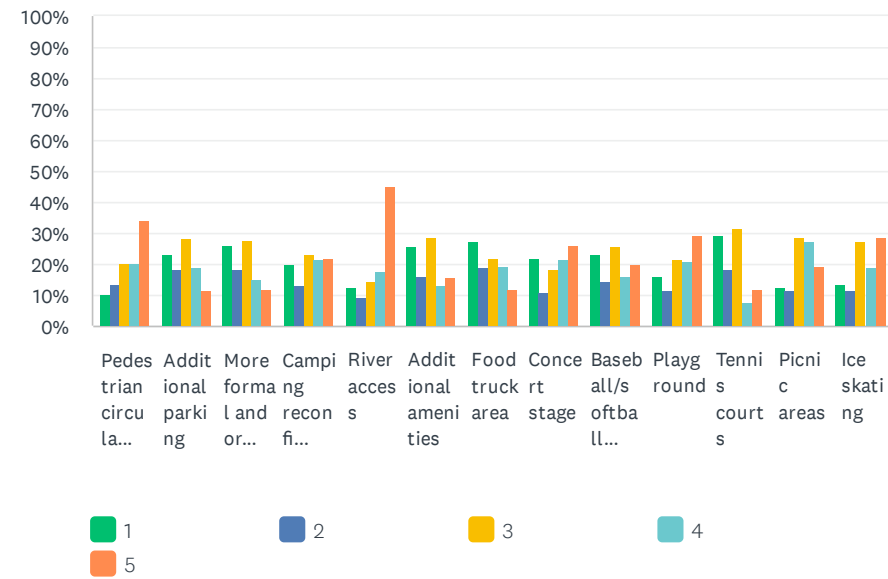


	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Natural playgrounds (nature play)	9% 17	8% 15	19% 37	19% 38	45% 88	195	3.85
River access	8% 16	7% 14	13% 25	14% 27	58% 115	197	4.07
Soft surface trails	10% 19	6% 11	17% 33	20% 39	48% 95	197	3.91
Tree canopy	7% 13	7% 13	15% 30	19% 38	52% 102	196	4.04
Fitness stations	34% 63	17% 32	26% 49	14% 27	9% 17	188	2.48
Picnic Pavilions (shade)	13% 25	12% 23	28% 55	26% 51	21% 41	195	3.31

Parks & Recreation Survey

Q5 City Park: With the recent purchase of land west of Lander's heavily-used and much-beloved City Park, the City of Lander has an opportunity to rethink overall park organization and how the new area can best serve the community. Please rank the following ideas for City Park from highest to lowest priority. (Rate on a scale of 5 being of highest importance to 1 being of lowest importance.)

Answered: 199 Skipped: 27



Parks & Recreation Survey

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Pedestrian circulation and safety	11% 20	14% 26	21% 39	21% 39	34% 65	189	3.54
Additional parking	23% 44	18% 35	28% 54	19% 36	12% 22	191	2.77
More formal and organized parking	26% 50	18% 35	28% 53	15% 29	12% 23	190	2.68
Camping reconfiguration	20% 38	13% 25	23% 44	22% 41	22% 42	190	3.13
River access	12% 24	9% 18	15% 29	18% 35	45% 88	194	3.75
Additional amenities	26% 48	16% 30	29% 54	13% 24	16% 29	185	2.76
Food truck area	27% 52	19% 36	22% 42	19% 37	12% 23	190	2.70
Concert stage	22% 43	11% 21	19% 36	22% 42	26% 51	193	3.19
Baseball/softball facility	23% 46	15% 29	26% 51	16% 32	20% 39	197	2.94
Playground	16% 32	11% 22	22% 42	21% 41	29% 57	194	3.36
Tennis courts	30% 56	19% 35	32% 60	8% 15	12% 23	189	2.54
Picnic areas	13% 25	11% 22	29% 56	27% 53	20% 38	194	3.29
Ice skating	14% 26	12% 22	27% 52	19% 36	29% 55	191	3.38

Q6 Recommendations: Imagine Lander 10 years from now. What additional thoughts do you have regarding parks and recreation? (Optional short answer)

Answered: 125 Skipped: 101



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