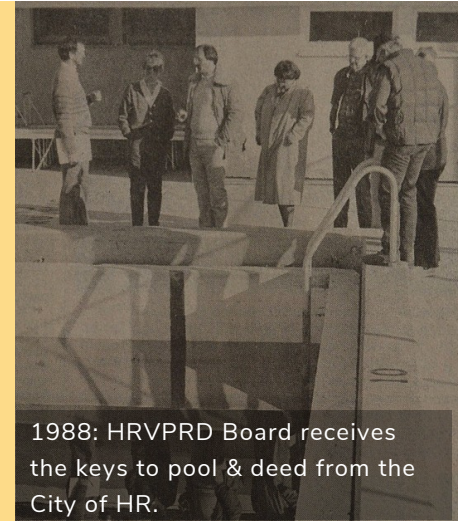




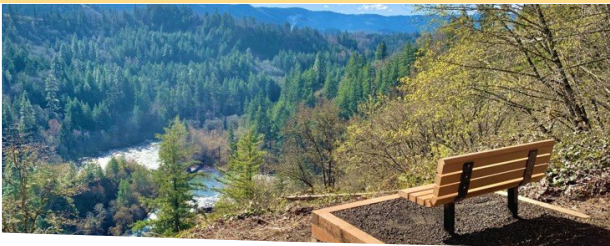
Information on the two ballot measures for the May 2024 Election to: **Replace the Pool & Fund Parks, Trails, Recreation, and Operations**

History of HRVPRD

- **1948:** Pool was built on its current site by the City of Hood River.
- **1988:** Hood River County voters passed formation of the Hood River Valley Parks & Recreation District (HRVPRD) to save the 1940s era pool when the city decided to shut it down. HRVPRD becomes a special purpose government entity & begins collecting taxes, separate from the city or county.
- **1992:** Voters passed a measure expanding the Parks & Recreation District Charter, giving the authority to **manage parks and trails**, without increasing the tax rate.
- **1997:** Oregon tax law changed with Measure 50, which **froze all taxing rates** in the state permanently and required future measures to be approved by voters. HRVPRD's tax rate is \$0.3498 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.



1988: HRVPRD Board receives the keys to pool & deed from the City of HR.



Completed Projects

- **7 New Parks built by HRVPRD in the last 25 years:** Rotary Skate Park, Odell Community Park, Golden Eagle, Culbertson, Hazelview, Barrett and Morrison Park.
- **6 new miles of trails added**, including the Indian Creek Trail & the Westside Trail.
- **34 acres of future parkland and trails secured** since 2020 for preservation, development, and trail connections.
- **Community Recreation Offerings Revitalized:** HRVPRD took over recreation programming (sports, day camps, enrichment) from the school district. In 2023, there were over 3,200 registrations for these recreation programs.

Challenges

- **Consultants determined the pool is failing.** Any major malfunction in the competition pool filter, the boiler, tent walls, or pipes may cause immediate closures and costly repairs.
- Funds from the Hood River County School District to support **recreation offerings will end in September 2024**
- The community-guided Parks Master Plan identified priorities: **more parks, sports fields, natural areas, trail connections, & indoor recreation space.** The current tax rate, one of the state's lowest Parks and Rec District rates, cannot support any significant new park development.
- HRV Parks and Recreation owns no multi-purpose rooms, gyms, and fields, **limiting recreation scheduling and access.**



For more information about Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation:

www.hoodriverparksandrec.org

Community Engagement & Finding Solutions



2017: Pool Study found the pool had 3-5 years left of useful life & gave options for replacement.

2020: Parks Master Plan created & accepted by HRVPRD, City, County, Port, & School District, with significant community input.

2021 Westside Park Study determined whether the land was suitable for a park. Results of study & feedback led the HRVPRD board to purchase the 20 acres identified in the Parks Master Plan for future park development.

2017-2023 - Extensive Community Input received through stakeholder interviews, multiple English & Spanish focus groups, tabling events, local group meetings, online surveys, open houses, & two statistically valid surveys.

2023: HRVPRD Board considered multiple packages and funding measures to address community priorities. (Pool with community center, trails, park improvements, recreation).

2024: HRVPRD Board chooses to refer **two ballot measures** a General Obligation Bond & Operational Levy in the May 2024 Election.

Ballot Measure Details

General Obligation Bond

If the measure passes tax revenue would be used to:
Build Pool, Parks, & Trails

- **New Pool with Community Center & Recreation Space.** If passed, a new pool & community center would be built to include amenities such as: warm water therapy & recreation pool, competition pool, family changing areas, fitness area, space for community use & recreation programming, and gymnasium. **Without bond funding, the current pool would continue to deteriorate until it's no longer feasible to operate.**
- **Build Westside Park.** If passed, tax revenue would be used for the development of Westside Park which would include picnic areas, trails, playground, natural area, and multi-use field for softball, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and more (20 acres on Fairview and Belmont by Westside School). **Without bond funding, the parkland would stay vacant open space.**
- **Purchase & Preserve Parkdale Park** as a community park. This land is privately owned, and HRVPRD has an exclusive option to purchase the property, If approved, bonds funds would be used to purchase the parcel. **Without bond funding, the district would release its option agreement, and the parcel may be sold privately.**
- **Make Park Improvements & Key Trail Connections.** If approved, bond funds would connect the missing links on the Indian Creek Trail & Westside Community Trail. **Without bond funding, the trails may remain incomplete.**

Length: If passed this tax would continue for 25 Years
Tax Rate: \$1.27 per \$1,000 Assessed Property Value
Estimated Cost for Average Household: \$279 per year

Operational Levy

If the measure passes tax revenue would be used for:
Operations & Maintenance

- **Take Care of Public Resources.** HRVPRD has one full-time maintenance employee who works out of a 10'x14' shed in the aquatic center parking lot. A levy would fund operations of expanded parks & trails. **Without a levy, maintenance duties would not increase (trash, bathroom cleaning, and landscaping, and maintaining new parkland).**
- **Operate an Expanded Pool with a Community Center.** If passed, tax revenue would support services & maintenance of a bigger pool & community center, which would require more supplies and staffing. **Without the levy, current staffing levels could affect operating hours, programs, and facility support.**
- **Provide recreation opportunities for youth & adults.** In 2021 the School District transferred Community Education (recreation programming) to HRVPRD with funding for 2 employees through Sept 2024. If passed, levy would continue funding for recreation programs & reduce barriers to access. **Without the levy, program costs could increase, and options would be limited.**

Length: If passed this tax would continue for 5 Years (will need renewal)

Tax Rate: \$0.43 per \$1,000 Assessed Property Value
Estimated Cost for Average Household: \$95 per year

