

TRENDS

Conclusion

The recommendations included in this report present an array of exciting opportunities for the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department. The expectation for parks, greenways and open space to contribute to healthy lifestyles, economic development, and to environmental sustainability is becoming increasingly widespread. Future trends, as discussed in this chapter, provide a challenge to the Department to identify which ones will have the most impact on the local community, prioritize them, and then find funding sources to build the recreation facilities needed to support the activity and satisfy citizen demands.

Industry trend information is not just a 10-year process, but one CPRD will continually monitor in order to build expertise and identify opportunities as they are presented. The Department will continue to have regular meetings with an expanded list of both internal and external stakeholder groups to foster better communication and to keep abreast of emerging citizen needs.

Capital improvement projects generated from the trends that are anticipated thus far to impact Columbia are included in Chapter 11 - Recommended Capital Improvements.



MKT Trail ~ Photo by Randy Hughes