

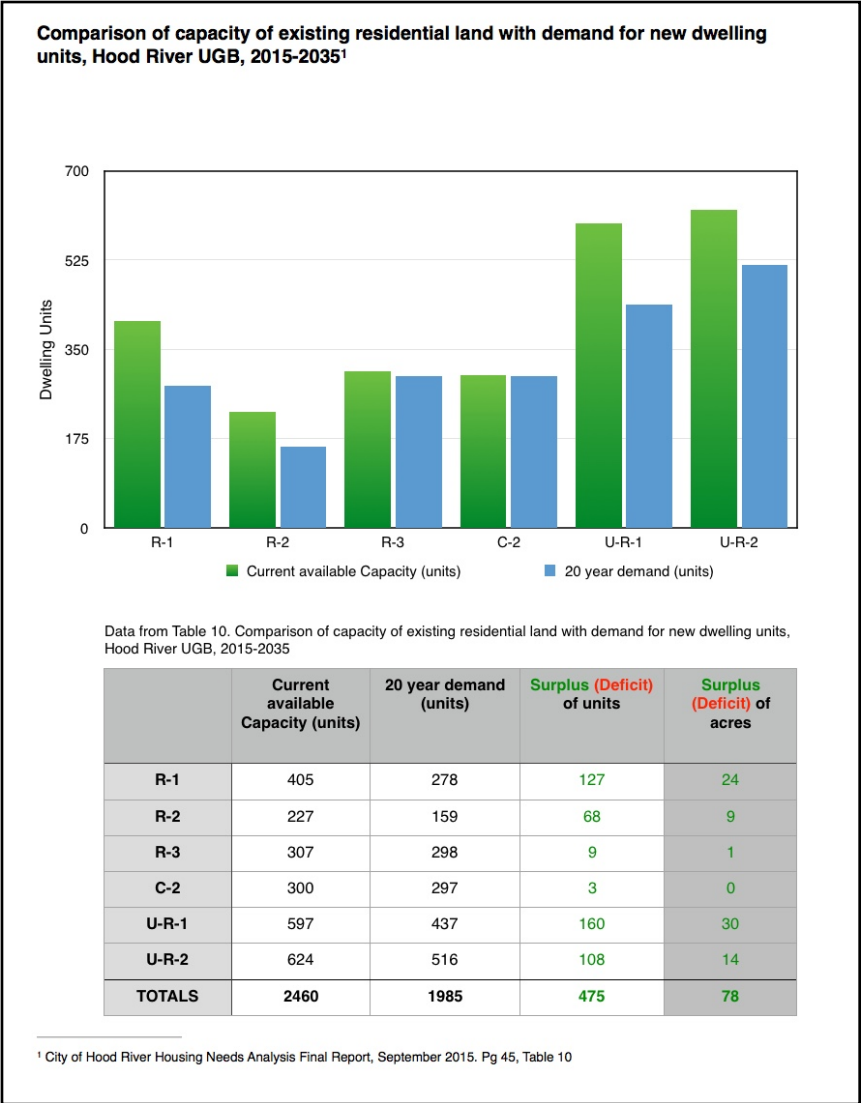
The often cited Housing Study from 2015 simply does not justify city’s actions. Page 45 Table 10 of the study clearly shows we have a surplus at every zone level. The 2015 Housing Study states we have a 20 year supply of land for housing. The study shows we have the land, so now is the time to focus on the parts of our infrastructure that are failing or are under extreme pressure.

We “always” get the housing but we never seem to build the infrastructure upgrades needed to support the added housing.

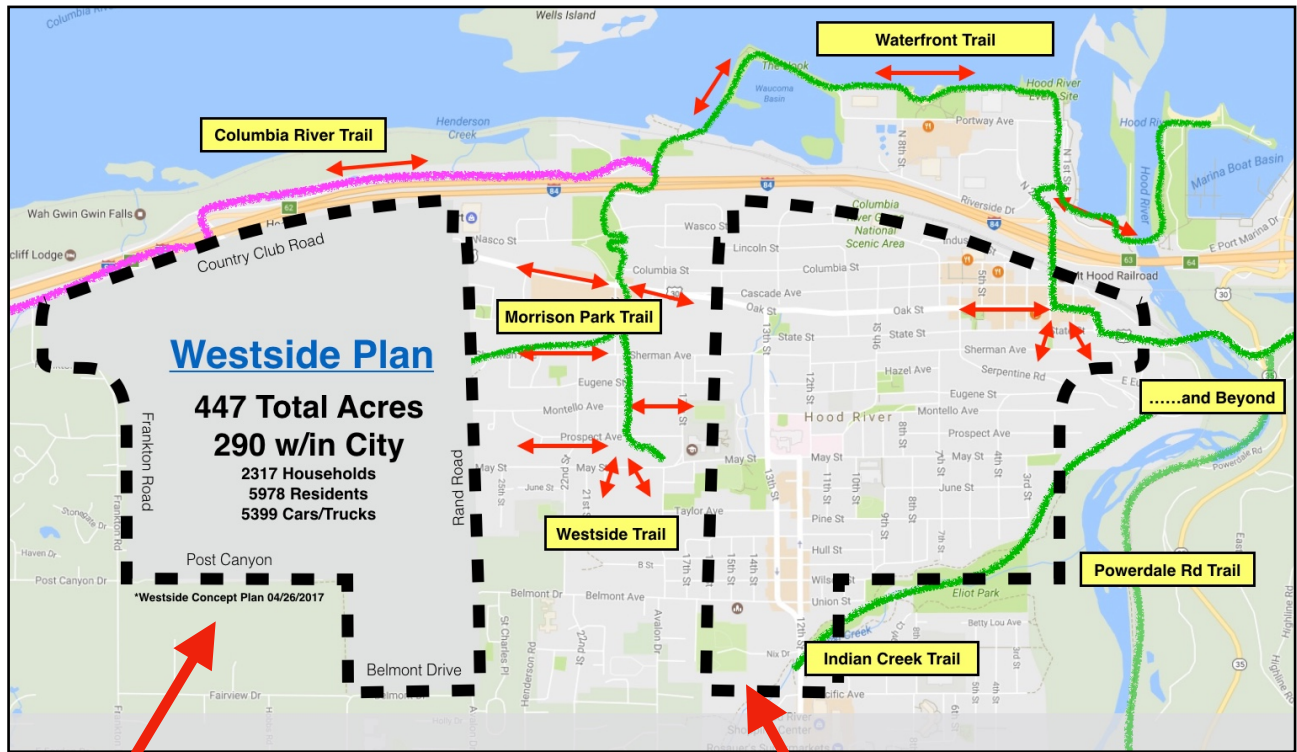
In the past when I have mentioned the communities increasing need for a greenbelt or a linear park system, the city brushes these concerns aside saying they are not responsible for parks and the Parks and Rec District has their own funding stream and their own plan.\*\* When I mention my concerns about how our schools are overcrowded and kids are forced to share benches in the back of the classrooms because there aren’t enough desks, or that storage rooms are now used as classrooms, again, the city simply brushes these concerns aside by saying the Hood River School district has their own funding stream and their own plan.

If parks aren’t the city’s concern, and schools aren’t the city’s concern, then housing is clearly not the city’s concern.

It is time for Hood River City Planning to stop the window dressing and get back to basics and fix our failing infrastructure first and worry about housing later. According to your own studies, paid for by “We the People” we have a 20 year supply of land available for housing and it is obvious to anyone that lives here our infrastructure is under tremendous stress and failing. Just as you can not save kids by paving over parks, you can not fix our infrastructure by continually overburdening it with more housing. **It is time for Hood River to make good on past infrastructure promises before it boldly stumbles into the future.**



\*\*a parks master plan has not been adopted by the city since the 80’s. Our parks are controlled by 7 different entities and as a result are basically dysfunctional



Westside Concept Plan boundaries

Same area superimposed over downtown Hood River. The concept plan advocates for almost an across the board increase of 80% but in a much smaller area.

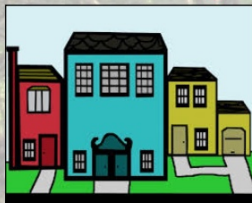
## The impact of the Westside Plan on Hood River: Number of additional Households, Residents & Vehicles

Strong Scenario: Westside Plan will add additional 2317 Residential Units

78%	Households	Residents	Vehicles
Hood River City <small>Current Estimates</small>	2972	7476	6925
Westside Plan <small>*Westside Concept Plan 04/26/2017</small>	<b>2317</b>	<b>5978</b>	<b>5399</b>
<b>Total</b>	5289	13454	12323



Westside's Strong Scenario would add an additional 5399 cars to Hood River City streets.



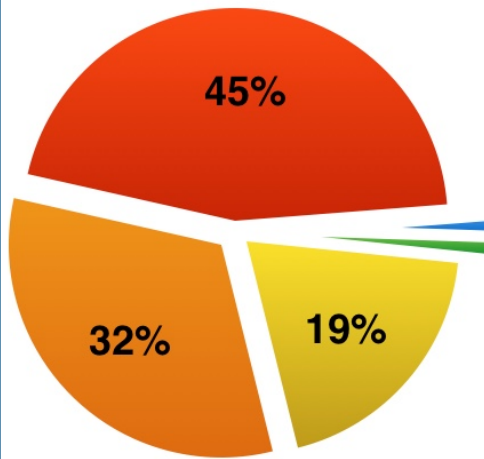
2317 more Residential Units

5978 additional city residents. Westside's Strong Scenario would increase student enrollment by 78%



Hood River should upgrade roads, parks, & schools before it implements any new housing programs. Our infrastructure is starting to fail. Several intersections have already failed, our schools are overcrowded and open space is disappearing.

# Land Allocation in Hood River



Comparison of park land (developed and undeveloped) with developed and developable land in the City of Hood River

2% Developed Parks  
1% Undeveloped Parks

- Developed Parks
- Undeveloped Parks
- Buildable Acres for new housing
- Developed - housing
- Developed - all other

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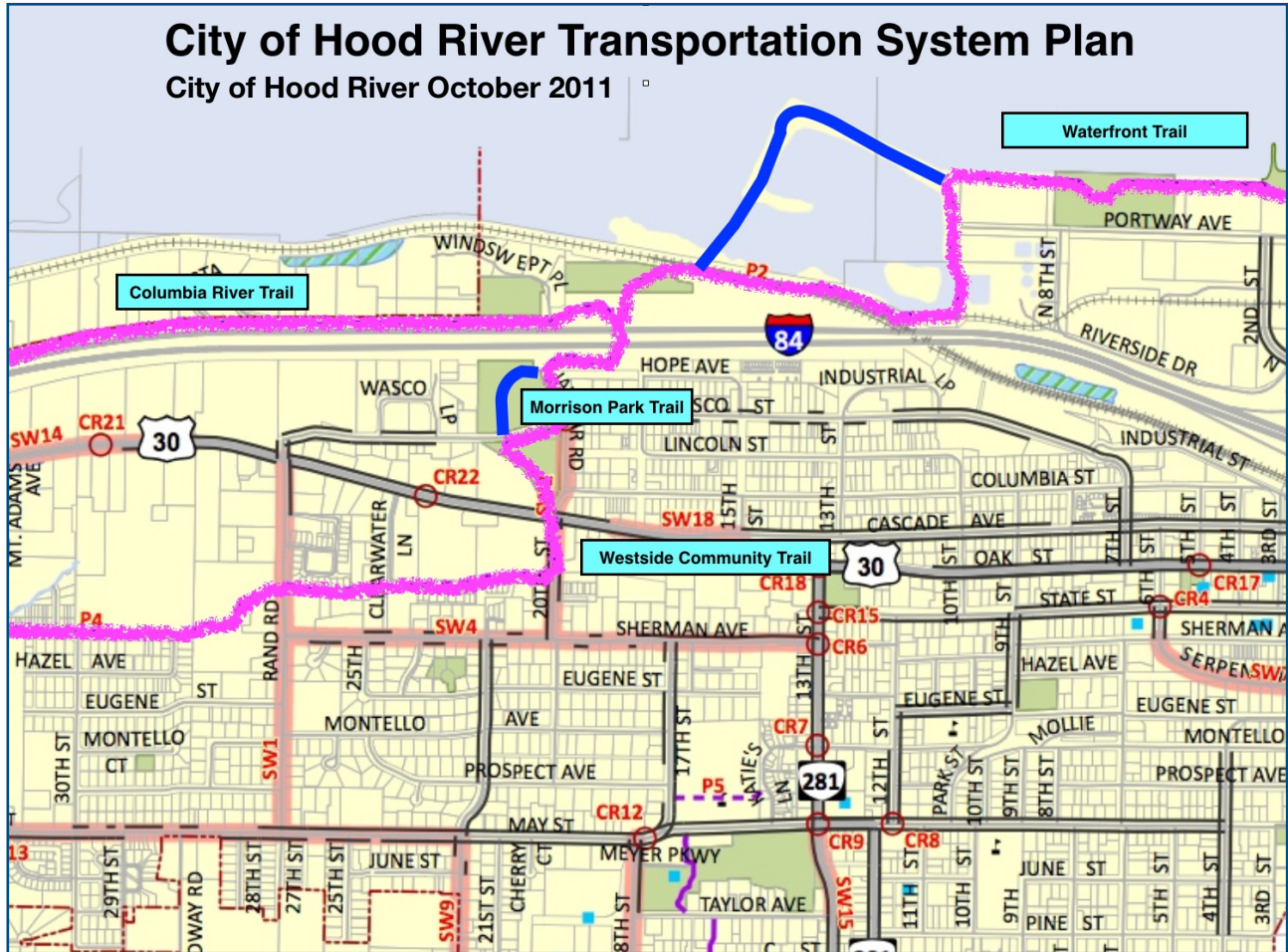
	Acres
Developed Parks	29
Undeveloped Parks	18
Buildable Acres for new housing	318
Developed - housing	529
Developed - all other	738
<b>Total Acres in Hood River</b>	<b>1632</b>

\*2015 Hood River Housing Study

Numbers shown in the 2015 Study do not reflect the loss of Morrison Park's 5 acres.



It is time for the city to keep a few of the promises it has made in the past before it moves



**October 2011** City of Hood River Pedestrian / Transportation System Plan  
 Preferred path to keep pedestrian traffic isolated from railroad traffic - slight detour to avoid railroad traffic. Jim Klaas

## Hood River Parks and Recreation Master Plan



Parks and Rec Master Plan 2012-2022

*Mission: "The Mission of the Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District is to provide recreational opportunities to the citizens of the Park District, with focus on the youth of our community. Facilities and programs will be developed and maintained to provide safe and economical recreational environments for all users."*

*Goals and Objectives: The Park District seeks to accomplish the following goals for new or enhanced parks and recreation facilities within the 10-year time frame of the 2012 Master Plan:*

**Goal: Trails**

Continue to develop multi-use trails that provide users safe opportunities to recreate and to connect to major destinations throughout the greater Hood River Valley.

**Objectives:**

Improve trail connectivity with the completion of missing links in the existing trail networks, including:

- Rotary Skate Park to Waterfront Trail (in conjunction with partners) ←

**Goal: Parkland Development**

Develop and maintain quality parks distributed throughout the Hood River Valley that provide for a diverse range of recreational opportunities.

**Objectives:**

- Work with partners to provide more public access to the Columbia and Hood Rivers: including, but not limited to, the Punchbowl and Powerdale properties

**2.3 Summary**

Hood River County's population growth has a direct impact on the future park system. Increasing population means that the region will possibly require more park facilities and parkland to meet community needs as it grows.

**4.1 Key Findings - Public Involvement Activities**

**IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY**

Trail development is a priority to residents, particularly with regard to connectivity between existing trails, schools, parks and to the waterfront. ←

# Concept



# Reality



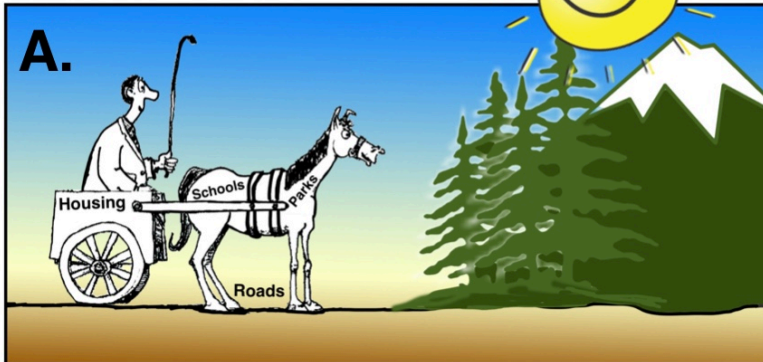
The rate at which we are losing both our private and public green-space is accelerating



## The best way to plan for Hood River's future?

- A. Infrastructure first and then slowly add housing.
- B. More housing on top of the failing infrastructure.

Hood River's Future



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