

An aerial view of a modern playground. The playground features a large wooden structure with multiple levels, slides, and climbing areas. There are several green slides and a large green slide. The ground is covered in light-colored sand. A black metal fence surrounds the playground. In the background, there are trees and a grassy area. The text "Recreation Park Renovation Project" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Recreation Park Renovation Project

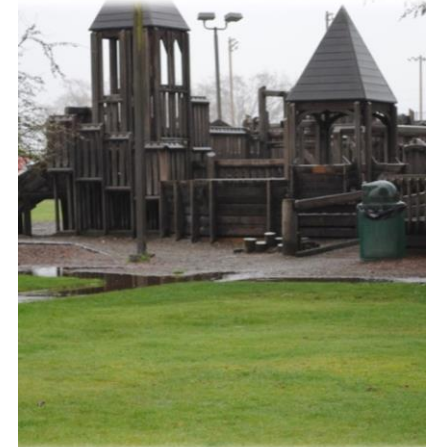
Chehalis City Council Update

February 25, 2019

Recreation Park Revitalization

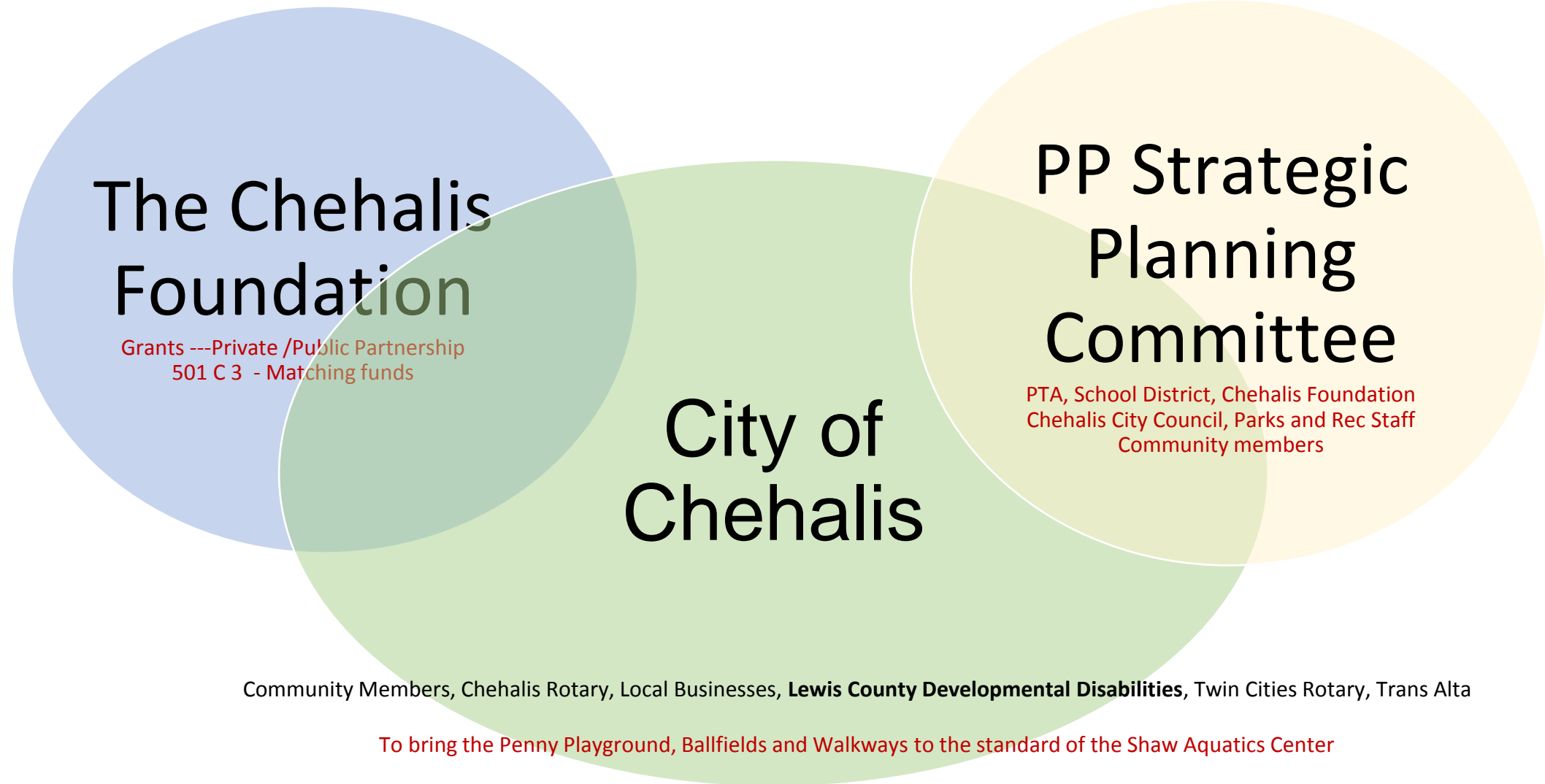
Value of Recreation Park – Community Treasure

- It's a regional facility that has unlimited value to our community
- The Penny Playground and the ballfields have impressively served our community for 25+ years **both facilities were built as a community project**
 - Watched our children play and grow on the magical playground
 - Home fields for our WF West High school Championship program, youth leagues and has brought thousands of players and spectators to our community over the years
- The Penny Playground is a shining example of community involvement **thousands of hours put into planning, design, fundraising and building**
- The fastpitch complex is also the result of an incredible community effort **volunteers wrote grants, and came in with their equipment and materials and built the complex**
- The park is deteriorating due to age and needs to be upgraded for safety **playability**



Project Partners

the --- have joined together on planning, design and fundraising efforts to make this vision become a reality



Penny Playground Goal: Create a **modern, accessible, inclusive and upgraded play structure** to serve the residents of Chehalis and surrounding communities for generations to come.

Features Include: LC Developmental Disabilities Office

- All-weather play surface/walking paths
- Great visibility of children at play
- Wheelchair accessible merry-go-round
- Zipline & swings - molded bucket seats
- Sensory panels
- Spinning and climbing elements
- Tall towers and multiple slides



- Unique elevated hillside
- LED lighting
- Fencing for safety
- **Wood Rot on several main footings, wood is splintering in the play areas, cannot find replacement pieces, NOT Accessible to children or adults in a wheelchair, poor visibility of children at play –pea gravel and wood chips**

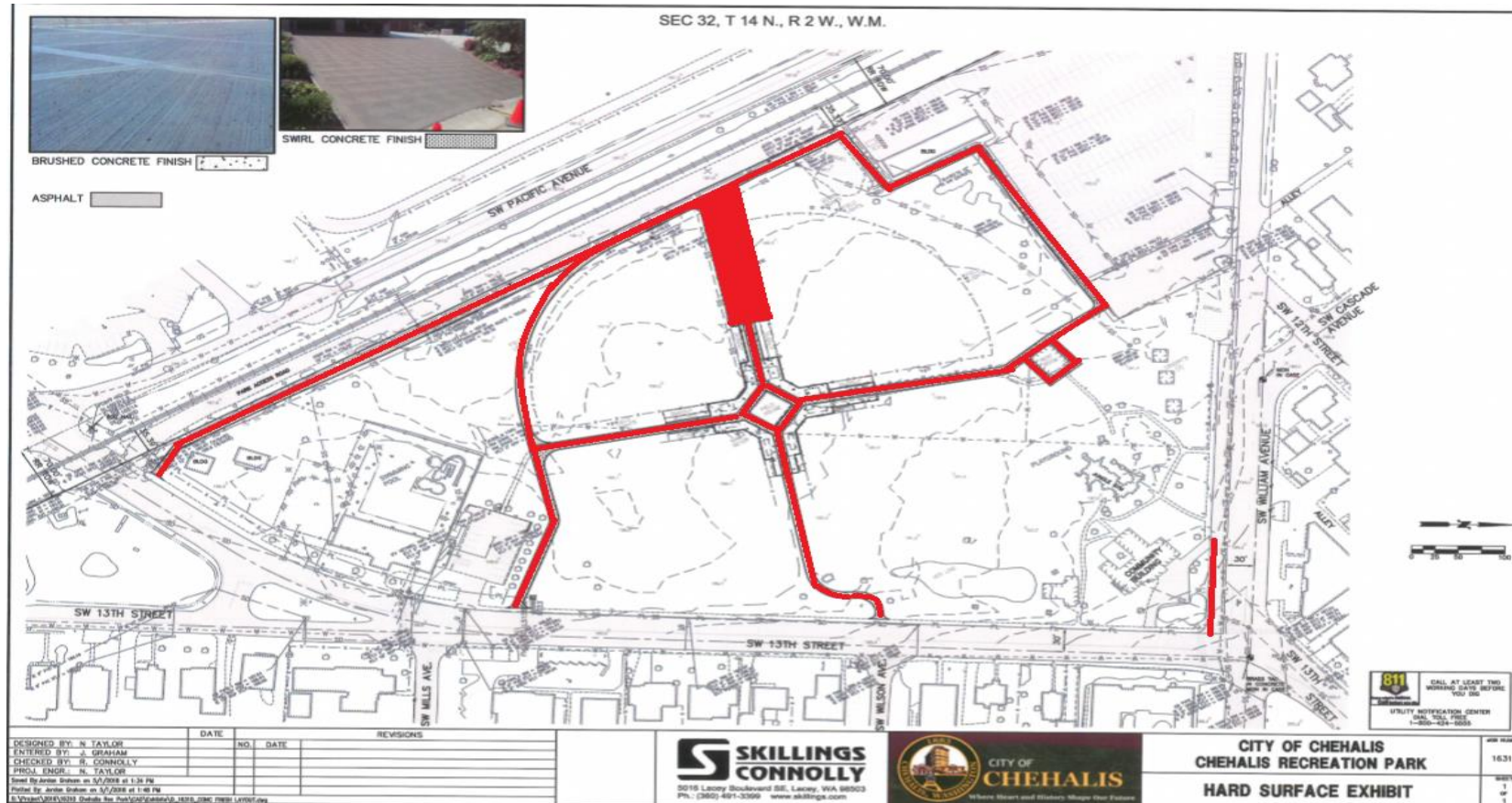
Ballfield Complex Goal: Create a **state-of-the-art facility** for our high school and youth fastpitch programs that will attract teams to our community to play in tournaments, **creating an economic driver for local businesses.**

Project Includes:

- Drainage
- Irrigation
- All-weather turf infields
- Replacement of outfield grass
- Upgraded amenities



Walkways and Trail Design: Upgrade existing walkways and create a trail around the perimeter of the park that will meet current ADA standards.



Project Budget \$3,750,000

- Ballfield \$1,864,000
- Penny Playground \$1,350,000
- Walkways, trails and drainage \$ 536,000

Project Budget		\$3,750,000
Funding Sources:		
Secured Funds Chehalis Foundation, Ingwersen Endowment, local grants, Tri-Club Rotary Auction, community fundraising		\$1,306,000
Pending Funds State and Federal Grants - <i>* Does not include \$350,000 YAF Grant</i> Community fundraising goal	<u>1,250,000</u> <u>350,000</u> \$1,500,000	\$1,250,000 \$ 450,000 \$1,700,000
	Total	\$3,006,000
Funding Shortage City funding is needed		\$ 744,000

Items Not Included in Project

- Significant parking upgrades
 - Only minor improvements due to BNSF denial of the requested easement
- Light poles and light fixtures on main walkway through park
- Backstops and dugouts
- Shade cover in ballfield complex
- Security cameras for ballfield complex and playground
- Concession Stand upgrades for cooking (grill, deep fryer, etc.)

2019 Project Timeline

If funding sources are secured

- State and Federal grants awarded
- Community fundraising goals are met
- City secures loan/bond in support of project
 - **Lodging Tax Funds are expected to fund all or most of the loan payment**

March 1	Notice to proceed with 100% design
April 1	Advertise for bid
May 15	Bid opening
June	State & Federal grant award notification
June/July	Award project bid
July	Grant contracts signed
July 31	Loan/Bond issue process begins
August 5	Notice to proceed construction
October 30	Project completed

Thank You



PENNY
PLAYGROUND
The future of fun.