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offset their dog park development and operational costs by charging a user fee, administered by an electronic card-entry system. This revenue source should be explored.

*Proposed Action: This plan budgets \$80,000 for construction of an off-leash dog area at Sunrise Park in Tier 1 and \$80,000 for an additional off-leash area in an existing park in Tier 2. It also budgets \$1 million for design and development of Chambers Lake Park in Tier 2 - One component of the Chambers Lake Park would be an off-leash dog area. Off-leash dog areas will be considered during the development of new park development projects, park renovation projects, and Interim Use and Management Plans. OPARD will continue to work closely with stakeholder groups and will encourage those groups to try to secure dedicated property for additional private off-leash dog areas via land donations or fund raising. Stakeholder groups may also consider working with churches, the Olympia School District, or others to explore the idea of utilizing those properties or other city properties for off-leash dog use. OPARD will also explore Portland's model of unfenced shared-use sites and other creative ways to provide more off-leash opportunities.*

### **East Bay Plaza**

The Hands On Children's Museum, the Port of Olympia, and LOTT Alliance are jointly developing port property on Marine Drive along East Bay into a public plaza. Completion is planned for 2011.

*Proposed Action: This plan budgets \$500,000 to be utilized for a portion of the development costs of this plaza.*

### **Gymnasium/Sports Courts**

Olympia is becoming more active, especially with wellness initiatives designed to get kids, adults, and seniors active and moving. Indoor gym space is increasingly difficult to secure for community youth team practices, youth and adult leagues/tournaments, and open gym type sports such as badminton, pickleball, and volleyball. Regulation gymnasiums with the capacity for bleachers and restrooms would be adequate for much of the regular activity.

*Proposed Action: No gymnasiums are planned during this planning horizon, but developing partnerships with user groups, non-profit agencies, and the Olympia School District would be a way to help meet this need and should be explored.*

### **Hanson School Area Neighborhood Park**

The 2004 Parks and Recreation Facilities Funding Measure identified this area as a site for a future park to serve this neighborhood. The City has been working with a developer to incorporate a park site into a residential subdivision in this area.

*Proposed Action: Funds for acquisition of this site have already been secured and acquisition is expected during the Tier 1 time frame.*



### **Isthmus Park**

There are 3.96 acres of privately held, partially developed lands in downtown Olympia, between Capitol Lake and Budd Inlet on a peninsula of land that is referred to as "the Isthmus." This Isthmus area has recently been the source of substantial community conversation. In October 2009, plans

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were filed with the City for a proposed, private commercial development on a portion of this area. The nonprofits Olympia Isthmus Park Association, Olympia Capitol Park Foundation, and Friends of the Waterfront are spearheading efforts to utilize this site as a park instead. The City commissioned a study in 2009 to analyze the feasibility of the isthmus area being converted into a park. The Isthmus Park Feasibility Study concluded that the cost of developing a park on the Isthmus would be \$28 million to \$32 million.

***Proposed Action:** Funding sources have not been identified for this project. The City should explore the concept of a public/private partnership to implement an Isthmus Park project.*

### **Lilly Road Area Neighborhood Park**

The 2004 Parks and Recreation Facilities Funding Measure identified a site in this neighborhood for a future park.

***Proposed Action:** Funds for acquisition of this site have already been secured and acquisition is expected during the Tier 1 time frame. In Tier 3, \$25,000 is also budgeted for an Interim Use and Management Plan.*

### **Pioneer School Area Neighborhood Park**

The 2004 Parks and Recreation Facilities Funding Measure identified a site in this neighborhood for a future park. A purchase and sale agreement has been signed.

***Proposed Action:** Funds for acquisition of this site have already been secured and acquisition is expected during the Tier 1 time frame.*

### **Skate Park Expansion/Skatespots**

OPARD currently manages an 11,000 square foot skate court at Yauger Park as well as a smaller, beginners skate “node” at Friendly Grove Park. Due to the increasing popularity of action sports, the skate court at Yauger Park is sometimes at capacity. In order to accommodate the growing numbers of skaters, OPARD should consider adding another skating facility or expanding the Yauger Park facility. OPARD should also consider incorporating “skatespots” into existing or future neighborhood parks. “Skatespots” is a term coined by the City of Seattle to mean small developments that may only consist of one or two features such as a ledge, rail, or transition element. This would be a relatively low-cost way to add interest to a neighborhood park for youth and a good way for beginners to practice.

***Proposed Action:** No funding has been identified during this 10-year planning horizon for additional skate parks or skatespots, but partnerships and grants should be explored for these amenities.*

### **Soccer/Football/Rugby**

Current fields utilized for soccer range from full size dedicated soccer fields at middle and high schools to outfields of baseball fields (See Appendix D: Existing Soccer Fields). Currently practice field space is difficult to come by because youth soccer practices begin while the youth baseball season is active. Some full-size fields intersect baseball fields which make those fields unavailable until after the baseball season. Because spring youth soccer is a relatively new program in the