

## FOREWORD

Dear Reader,

As you begin reviewing the Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, there is one central question I would like you to think about:

***What kind of community  
do you want to live in?***

During the development of this 20-year plan for parks and recreation—with help from close to 1,000 residents of the Springfield area—I've stopped and asked myself that question many times. With the adoption of this Plan, we will have a vehicle to help us achieve our vision of enhancing the quality of life in our community through people, parks and programs.

And remember, this is your Plan. It is not just Willamalane's; it is a community plan where you and your neighbors have helped develop a vision for the future of parks and recreation in Springfield.

There are many possible futures for our community. It is the role of Willamalane to work with the people of Springfield to equitably provide parks and recreation programs and services that form a vital and healthy community—both today and in the future.

The Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan establishes the groundwork for achieving our vision. It provides the means by which progress can be measured over the next 20 years. The Plan shows where we are today and where we would like to go. More importantly, it gives direction on how we can get there together.

Look through this Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and it will become clear that what we want to achieve for Springfield is challenging. But with help from you and other community members, we can realize our dreams. Please join me in making our dreams a reality.

Thank you,

Bob Keefer  
Superintendent  
Willamalane Park and Recreation District  
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