

Parks & Lands Update

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Overview of Today's Update



- Whitewater boating
- Fire camp coordination
- Current park projects
- Future Parks and Lands projects
- Beebe Bridge Park update

No Board Action Requested

2025 Chelan River Whitewater Boating



September 20

- Spill increased to 375 cfs
- 7 boaters
- Spill maintained until all boaters were off the water

September 21

- Spill increased to 400 cfs
- 3 boaters
- Spill maintained until all boaters were off the water

Fire Camp Coordination

Lincoln Rock State Park



Kiwanis Park Entiat



Chelan Falls Park Shoreline Restoration

- Total project cost: \$766K
- Project expected to be completed Fall/Winter 2025
- 400 ft of shoreline
- 1 access touchpoint
- Restoration work weather-dependent



Chelan Riverwalk Park

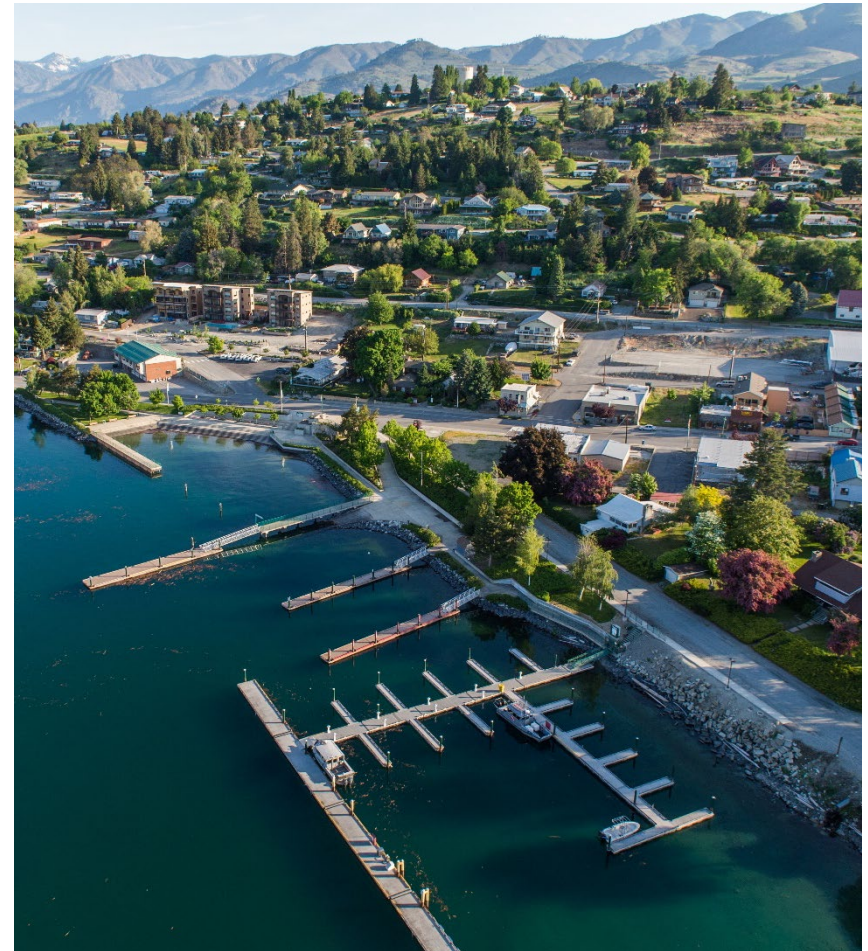
- 2025 update: Southshore restroom enclosure added
- Electrical upgrades to support events in Riverwalk Park
- City lift station project in Riverwalk Park
- Access improvements on north and south shores of Riverwalk Park
- Southshore touchpoints remain very popular



Manson Parks

Manson Park and Old Mill Park

- Manson Park access assessment – swim beach
- Manson Park breakwater at the moorage dock
- Old Mill Park T-dock and I-dock replacement
- Old Mill Park irrigation replacement – originally Fall 2025, now Spring 2026
- Old Mill Park shoreline erosion



Entiat Park Playground Replacement



- Play structures to be replaced Spring 2026
- Project managed by the City of Entiat
- Jointly funded by the City and PUD
- PUD involved in design and public outreach
- Example of continued partnership with municipal partners

Daroga Park Erosion Update



Project scope:

- Combined 4 separate park projects into one larger project

Schedule:

- Design complete
- Construction planned for Q3 2026
- All permits secured

Total project cost: ~ \$3.7M

Key features:

- ~4,200 feet of bank stabilization using large rock and root-wad logs for fish habitat
- Concrete steps and metal handrails installed for patron access

Beebe Bridge Park Update

- Last reported in June 2025 that discussions with Washington State Parks (“State Parks”) were progressing – pending State supplemental budget considerations
- State Parks has included Beebe Bridge Park in State Supplemental Budget request, and authority has been delegated to Director of State Parks to enter into a lease agreement to operate Beebe Bee Bridge Park
- Chelan PUD and State Parks are nearing completion of a multiyear effort to explore the possibility of transitioning operations and are working on final terms
- Part of continuous effort to improve operational efficiency and enhance the user experience

Beebe Bridge Park Transition

Public Benefits of Transition:

- ✓ Day-use access remains free for customer-owners
- ✓ Boat launch access free to customer-owners (new benefit, added to three other PUD sites managed by State Parks)
- ✓ Substantial State Parks discount pass programs
- ✓ Enhanced public safety through law enforcement presence
- ✓ Public access to dump station (previously limited to campers with reservations)
- ✓ Improved statewide reservation experience (Confluence, Daroga, Lincoln Rock, and now Beebe Bridge)
- ✓ State Parks brings extensive operational expertise in campground management and has the scale and resources of many nearby state parks and campgrounds
- ✓ Chelan PUD resources can be redeployed to Chelan, Chelan Falls and other sites for added focus on core efforts

Beebe Bridge Park Next Steps

- Return to the Board soon with a resolution to amend the current lease and operating agreement (approximate annual cost for all four sites: ~\$300K)
- Coordinate and deploy communication plan in concert with State Parks
- State Parks to operate the reservation system in 2026; Chelan PUD continues maintenance (~2-year transition plan)
- Chelan PUD to transition operational elements at Beebe Park (warehouse, storage, office) to Chelan/Chelan Falls

Summary



Parks are highly valued by customer-owners and other users



Significant park infrastructure upgrades planned for 2026–2027



Protection of shoreline resources and assets remains a top priority



Ongoing collaboration with operating and municipal partners



Returning soon to the board to seek approval of a lease and operating agreement amendment

Questions?

