Community Recreation Facilities Assessment Study
Phase 2 - Inventory
Parks and Natural Areas Comparative Study

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This section of the report provides a summary of the key aspects of phase two of the facility inventory study process and database.

1.1 Background

The scope of the study was to produce an inventory, in the form of a database, of four types of outdoor community recreation infrastructure owned and/or operated by local municipalities in British Columbia. This work is the second phase of a multi-phase project intended to provide accurate information on the state of community recreation facility infrastructure throughout the province.

The project objectives were as follows:

- To provide assistance to communities throughout British Columbia in evaluating the status of their recreation infrastructure
- To provide guidance and information to these communities related to the upgrading, maintenance or replacement of existing their recreation infrastructure
- To ensure that British Columbians have access to the facilities they need in order to live healthy, active lifestyles.

1.2 Key Findings

In total, 185 surveys were distributed and an 88% response rate was achieved. From this data, a total of 414 facilities were identified and incorporated into the inventory. Following is a summary of each outdoor recreation infrastructure type:

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<th>Facility Type</th>
<th>Total Area (hectares)</th>
<th>Total Length (km)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Parks</td>
<td>64,576</td>
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<td>Natural Areas</td>
<td>111,968</td>
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<td>Off-Road Trails</td>
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<td><strong>176,544</strong></td>
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As well, the inventory contains information pertaining to a wide variety of playing fields. Further information, and greater detail, is contained in Section 4 of this report.