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> Phase 2 - Parks, Natural Areas, Trails & Playing Fields

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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 FindingsIn 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:

Facility Type	Total Area	Total Length
	(hectares)	(km)
Parks	64,576	
Natural Areas	111,968	
Off-Road Trails		9,096
Total	176,544	9,096

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.