

## WRPA – 2024 Legislative Agenda

### Top Priorities

- **Recognize and thank for 2023 funding that is making a difference in local communities:**
  - Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP)
    - Getting to know newly elected and appointed Outdoor Recreation Advocates who can keep this at \$120M.
  - Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) - with support for increases to funding levels coming through the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.
  - Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities (COAF) funding, with assurances of carryforward of the \$12.5M for future biennium.
  - No Child Left Inside (NCLI) – Operating funds
  - Outdoor Learning Grants (OLG) – Operating funds
  - Local Parks Maintenance Grants (LPMG) – Operating funds
- **Recognize the role parks and recreation providers can play in helping to close the gap in early learning and school age childcare by streamlining licensing requirements, especially in shared facilities.**
- **Support advancement of “Parks Rx”:** Work with advocates to resume pursuit of legislation introduced by Sen. T’wina Nobles (28th District) to establish in statute, and fund next steps in anchoring a “Parks Rx” program in Washington law.
- **Support advancement of efforts to increase the current 1 percent property tax limit:** WRPA will partner with other local government organizations and associations in strongly supporting a badly-needed modernizing of the 1 percent property tax limit, so that it can be adjusted for things such as growth and inflation.

### Track/Monitor

- **“Active Transportation” components of ‘Move Ahead Washington’:** WRPA will be closely tracking initial priority-setting and funding/phasing of “active transportation” components of the 2022-enacted Move Ahead Washington package. WRPA wants to ensure that local parks officials are part of the discussion on how these funds are deployed at the local level in support of trails and projects that extend out of the road right of way for safe routes to schools, parks and other business and community centers that can reduce local travel.