



What is the Genesee Recreation District?

As outlined by Idaho State Statute; “the recreation district is to provide adequate recreation facilities for public use is hereby declared to be a public benefit, use and purpose which enhances the value and quality of life and which materially assists in correcting or eliminating many social ills such as delinquency, crime, excessive use of alcohol, drug abuse and discrimination.”

The Genesee Recreation District has actively contributed to the community's infrastructure, sports, education, and recreational activities since its inception in 2007. Here's a summary of the various projects they have funded:

Sports and Recreation Facilities:

- **Sports Field Complex:** Purchase of 8.5 acres and construction at 300 South Pine Street, featuring:
 - (2) Softball/Little League fields
 - (1) Regulation baseball field with fencing, dugouts, stands, and landscaping
- **Mayor Steve Odenborg Memorial “Sunset” Walking Trail:** A horse and dog-friendly trail at the north end of Jackson Street.
- **80-Foot Flagpole & Honor Garden:** Located at the north end of the baseball field.
- **Gravel Parking Lot:** Constructed on the north end of the baseball field.
- **Grass Installation:** For the old City of Genesee baseball field.
- **Concession and Restroom Facility:** Constructed with a picnic shelter and storage.
- **Genesee Trap and Skeet Facilities:** Provided land for construction.

School and Educational Support:

- **Genesee School Music Program:**
 - Purchased a music trailer.
 - Funded sound equipment, portable bass equipment, and speakers for various bands.
- **School Facility Enhancements:**
 - Supported the construction of a rock-climbing wall in the auxiliary gym.
 - Improved the school's long jump pit.
- **Youth Programs:**
 - Created a Saturday youth basketball league and provided equipment.
 - Supported the Safe and Sober Graduation event (facility rentals, transportation, and equipment).
 - Provided scholarships for the Distinguished Young Women (DYW) program.

Parks, Historical, and Community Enhancements:

- **White Springs Ranch Historical Museum:**
 - Installed a historical heating system for year-round use.
 - Supported social events held at the museum.

- **City Park Enhancements:**
 - Replaced the picnic shelter roof.
 - Installed a sprinkler system.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - Assisted with Genesee Community Day fireworks and provided a launch site.
 - Supported community events through the Genesee Civic Association.
- **Summer Reading Program:** Funded a portable bookshelf to encourage literacy.

Maintenance and Other Contributions:

- **Football/Multipurpose Field:** Provided irrigation equipment and covered fertilizer costs.
- **Honor Garden:** Landscaping around the flagpole and baseball field area.

The Genesee Recreation District's investments have enhanced the quality of life in the community by supporting diverse projects, ranging from sports and recreation to historical preservation, education, and community engagement.

Nez Perce County Annexation Proposed

In 2007, the community of Genesee came together and overwhelmingly approved the creation of the Genesee Recreation Tax District. At that time, the District boundaries included only those portions that overlapped with Latah County portion of the Genesee School District. No areas of Nez Perce County were included.

Since then, the District has developed numerous recreational facilities and projects noted above that have benefited the entire Genesee community – including residents of both Latah and Nez Perce counties. In January 2025, a comprehensive area-wide survey on community recreational needs was conducted. The results showed strong demand for expanded facilities, including:

- sports complex
- lighted sports fields
- track
- improved multi-purpose field/ football field
- level walking paths
- sport courts
- expanded public programming

To meet these growing needs, the Genesee Recreation District is asking rural voters of Genesee residing within the current boundary of the Genesee School District that lies within Nez Perce County to consider an annexation into the Genesee Recreation District. This annexation would generate additional funding and more equitably distribute the tax burden across all those who benefit from the facilities. The proposed tax is \$31.61 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value based on current conditions.