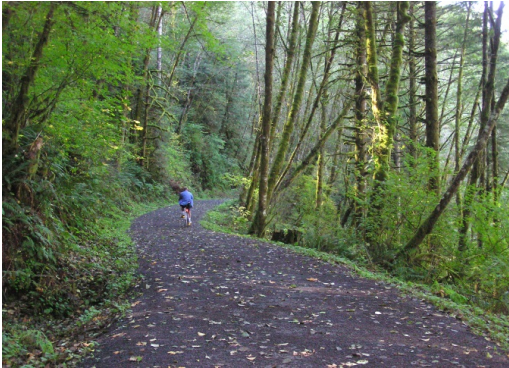


Clark County Parks and Open Space Comprehensive Management Plan



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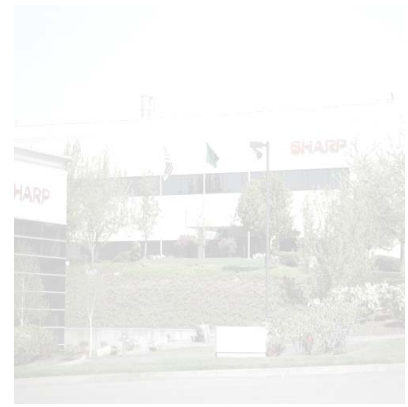
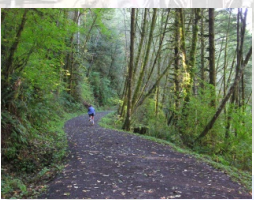
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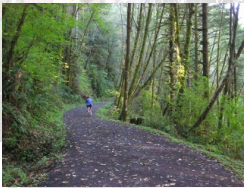
Purpose

- Update the County Council on the work of the Parks Advisory Board on the Parks Comprehensive Plan
- Share the Parks Advisory Board recommendations

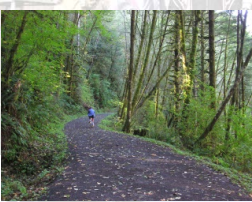


Background

- The Clark County Parks Division was created last year under the Department of Public Works
- A Clark County Parks Advisory Board was created last year as well
- The state Growth Management Act requires that local parks plans as a component of county master plans (RCW 36.70A) and is required before the county staff can apply for state parks grant funding



Vision and Mission

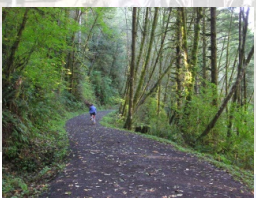


Vision statement: Clark County Parks & Recreation strengthens the quality of life for the entire community.

Mission statement: Provide an interconnected system of parks, trails, recreation facilities and natural areas that support diverse recreation, environmental stewardship and economic development.

Goals and policies: Based on extensive public outreach and found in chapter three of the plan

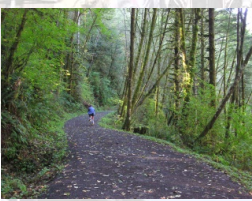
Key master plan elements



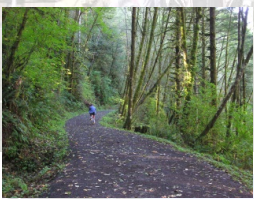
- Inventory of parks, sports facilities, and trails-only county facilities
- Needs assessment for parks, recreation, open space and trails
- Results of public outreach effort: Public Demand Chapter of the plan
- Implementation recommendations, including funding strategies
- Parks Capital Facilities Plan- 6 & 20 year list of all county parks, trails, and planning projects

Key findings of public outreach

- The public believes county parks is doing a good job
- The parks system is a major contributor to positive economic, environmental, and health outcomes
- More trails and trail connections received the top votes in all of the public outreach
- Public expressed need for more facilities, and more access and connections to facilities
- Enhancing communications and outreach

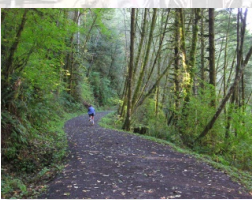


Outreach results



- More partnerships and collaboration
 - empower volunteers
 - forge stronger & new partnerships to leverage community resources
- Connect the gaps
 - parks
 - trails
 - recreational amenities
- Increase access
 - parks
 - parking
 - trail access
 - outdoor recreation opportunities for children
 - trail amenities such as parking, benches, and restrooms

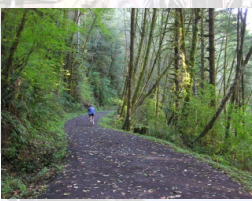
Plan recommendations



- Highlights of ten goals
 - Emphasizes forming and continuing strong public and private partnerships
 - Ensure that adequate funding is available and we will be good stewards of the public's investment
 - Ensure equity and access to the parks system to promote a healthy community
- Capital facilities plan
 - 6-year project list represents top priorities
 - 20-year project list includes broader range of projects over the long-term, and ensure grant eligibility

Plan implementation

- Cost of six-year CFP: \$38 million
- Park Impact Fee revenue: \$12,120,847
- Estimated shortfall: \$26 million
- Metropolitan Parks District: consider locking in levy rate of 0.25/\$1,000
- Existing parks division: additional staffing needed



Timeline and Next Steps



Board Direction

Questions?

Staff is seeking Board confirmation that we are okay to proceed with the public adoption process of the Parks Master Plan

