



# LAKE OSWEGO

## Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas System Plan

<b>Meeting Summary Date</b>	<b>Community Issues and Priorities: Commissioners and Advisory Board Members Focus Group</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>12/16/10</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>West End Building</b>

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### **Meeting Agenda and Overview**

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Ryan Stee, project manager with the City of Lake Oswego, welcomed participants and introduced the Parks Plan 2025. The consultant team provided an overview of the agenda and the project. Participants introduced themselves and identified the Board or Commission they represented. Four participants attended, representing the Planning Commission, Sustainability Advisory Board, Transportation Board, and Historic Resource Advisory Board. The workshop included an open group discussion on the following topics: issues being faced by the Commissions and Boards that impacts the Parks Plan 2025; and needed improvements to parks, recreation and natural areas in Lake Oswego.

### **Group Discussion**

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Participants shared issues being discussed by the Commissions and Boards that impact the Parks Plan 2025, including:

- The Transportation Advisory Board has been focusing on implementing the bike paths identified in the Trails and Pathways Master Plan, but funding is not available. Grants rarely get awarded to the City because it is not economically disadvantaged. TAB views transportation as connecting all areas – sustainability, parks, etc.
- The Planning Commission is focusing on the Comprehensive Plan update, and has recently completed public outreach and has good background information.
- The Historic Resources Board is working on the Oswego Heritage Trail, which highlights the City's historic iron industry at various sites around the City. The Worker's Cottage needs renovation, and it is owned by the City and maintained by Parks and Recreation. Interpretive signage for the trail is being developed, and a brochure will be produced. Lake Oswego has great potential for historic tourism.
- The Sustainability Advisory Committee is focusing on becoming a zero carbon city. They are exploring all aspects of sustainability, including reuse of stormwater; water conservation and native landscaping; waste elimination; and pesticide-free parks; as well as living buildings that

produce their own energy, collect stormwater, and treat wastewater on site. A greenhouse gas inventory is currently underway, and local micro power stations are being explored.

Participants identified the following needed improvements for parks, recreation and natural areas in Lake Oswego:

- Provide hard-surfaced paths with adjacent soft-surfaced trails for jogging
- Develop more passive recreation activities for older people and people with disabilities
- Create a living history museum/program at Luscher Farm
- More indoor recreation activities, especially for children (Mountain Park is an example and a potential partner)
- Look at the financial aspects carefully before developing a City-owned community center
- Implement the George Rodgers Park Master Plan, especially the Ladd Street Phase
- Develop a 20-minute city – where all destinations are accessible by foot or bicycle within 20 minutes
- Ensure that all new pathways connect to existing pathways
- Provide swimming opportunities
- Provide a permanent skate park and skate spots
- Install exercise courses along trails
- Provide a westside dog park
- Provide covered facilities that can be used year-round
- Improve water access for rowing and kayaking, e.g., the Lake and Tualatin River
- Restore natural areas and tie efforts into sensitive lands issue to get credit from Metro.
- Learn about how other cities provide parks, recreation and natural area opportunities
- Develop funding sources to implement the plan

## **Next Steps**

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Participants were thanked for their time and input. These first phases of the planning process will culminate in the Existing Conditions Report and Needs Analysis Report, which will be posted on the project website, [www.parksplan2025.org](http://www.parksplan2025.org).