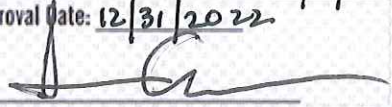




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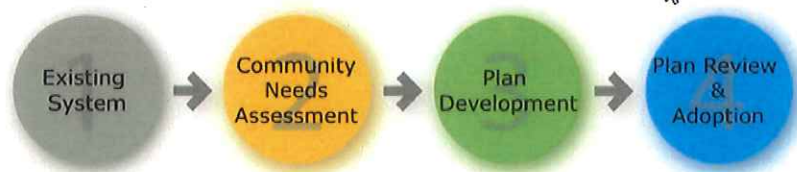
In the summer of 2010, Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation (LOPR) began updating and building upon the 2002 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan. LOPR assembled a team of community members, Parks & Recreation and Natural Areas Board members, and LOPR and Planning Department staff to work on the project. Approximately 1400 community members were involved in helping develop the 2011 Community Needs Assessment.

Procedure:

As part of the update, existing conditions were researched and documented, public input created the community needs assessment, and results of outputs of both were used to develop the plan: Parks Plan 2025 was formally adopted in 2012 and is currently being reviewed for updating in 2022-2023, titled Parks Plan 2040.

How the Community Needs Assessment was part of the Planning Process used in the development of Parks Plan 2025.

Figure 1: Planning Process



The key findings of the Community Needs Assessment that are used by LOPR for planning purposes include:

Benefits: Protecting important places (habitats, historic sites, etc.), enhancing health and well-being, and bringing neighbors and people together are some of the benefits that the community feels are most important.

Desired character: For local parks, most residents desire a hybrid park character that provides both natural and developed features, or an entirely natural character.



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Close-to-home amenities: Residents identified the need for children’s play, opportunities to experience nature and opportunities to exercise most frequently as the amenities needed close to home.

Recreation participation: According to the on-line questionnaire results, the recreation activities with the greatest participation among Lake Oswego residents are walking activities and opportunities for gardening, playing with dogs and experiencing nature.

Recreation programs: Overall, residents appear satisfied with the recreation programs offered in the community. Swimming was frequently mentioned as a need in Lake Oswego as well as the need for major facilities to support recreation programs.

Highest priority improvements: Maintaining existing parks, developing major new indoor facilities, expanding trails and restoring natural areas were frequently mentioned as high priority improvements in multiple community involvement venues.

Some of the programs and projects LOPR has planned and completed over the years since the Community Needs Assessment was completed include:

Increased fitness, outdoor, and water sports activities

[Living Well in LO: Powered by Parks & Recreation](#)

[Adult Community Center Rehabilitation](#)

[Indoor Tennis Center Rehabilitation](#)

[Iron Mountain and Cooks Butte Restoration and Management Plans](#)

[Lake Oswego Recreation and Aquatic Center \(LORAC\)](#)

[Rassekh Park and Skate Park Development](#)

Links to Sources:

Community Needs Assessment - 2011

https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parksrec/cityprojects/13445/pranacommunity_needs_assessment2011.pdf



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Existing Conditions Report

<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parksrec/cityprojects/13445/pranaexistingconditions2011.pdf>

Public Input Summary

<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parksrec/cityprojects/13445/pranapublicinputsummary2011.pdf>

Parks Plan 2025

<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/parks-plan-2025>

Related Documents:

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