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Title of Document: 7.9 LOPR_Natural Resource Management Plans and Procedures

Background:

Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation (LOPR) manages over 460 acres of natural land to maintain and enhance the natural character and beauty of Lake Oswego. As stated in its mission, *LOPR provides excellence in building community, enriching lives and caring for our urban and natural environment*. Protecting and conserving the natural area parks is an important aspect of this mission due to the role in providing important habitat for plants and animals and fowl, watershed and stormwater management, and spaces for the community to connect with nature.

Current management of the City's natural areas is conducted by LOPR, which performs tasks such as noxious weed removal, invasive species management, native plant establishment, trash removal, and maintenance of physical structures (i.e., fences, signs, restrooms, trails, picnic facilities, and interpretive features). Responsibilities of LOPR natural areas staff include natural areas management and maintenance, oversight of enhancement and restoration efforts, and management of contractors hired to conduct ecological enhancement activities. Staff also manage trail maintenance, outreach and education with the public, and coordination with volunteers. LOPR works in coordination with the Planning, Fire, and Engineering Departments on specific aspects of this restoration work such as stormwater, urban forestry and sensitive lands protection.

The City partners with a number of local volunteer groups for maintenance of natural areas:

- Friends of Hallinan Heights Woods, Friends of Iron Mountain Park, Friends of Lily Bay Natural Area, Friends of Luscher Farms, Friends of Rogerson Clematis Garden, Friends of Southwood Park, and Friends of Springbrook Park
- Parks, Recreation and Natural Resource Advisory Board (Parks Board) as well as the Natural Areas Work Group (a sub-committee)
- Clackamas County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Backyard Habitat Certification Program (Portland Audubon and Columbia Land Trust)
- Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLVE) and many other local service groups
- Oswego Lake Watershed Council, Tualatin River Watershed Council, Tryon Creek Watershed Council (all on private land)



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LOPR completed a Natural Areas Habitat Management Plan that is consistent with the City Charter (*Chapter X. Section 43. Limitations of Development*) which states that “the City of Lake Oswego shall be allowed to maintain (or allow any person to maintain) a Native Preserve for the purposes of ecological restoration that provides a safe and healthy natural area that is accessible for public enjoyment, provides a healthy habitat for wildlife, eliminates invasive species, restores native species, and mitigates fire hazards.”

Links to Sources:

[Natural Areas Habitat Management Plan | City of Lake Oswego](#)

[Natural Resources | City of Lake Oswego](#)

[Sensitive Lands | City of Lake Oswego](#)

[Parks Stewardship Opportunities | City of Lake Oswego](#)

[Park Master Plans | City of Lake Oswego](#) PP 2025, Appendix D Pages 31, 42, 58-60

Open Space Plan (2001) [appendix.pub \(oswego.or.us\)](#)

Urban & Community Forestry <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/planning/urban-community-forestry>

Urban Forest Report 2009, (City Council reviewed updated report 12/20/2022)
<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/planning/urban-community-forestry-plan-update>

[Stormwater Manual | City of Lake Oswego](#)

[Sustainability and Climate Action Plan | City of Lake Oswego](#)

[City Code & Charter | City of Lake Oswego](#) Chapter X., Section 43

Related Documents:

4.7 LOPR_Volunteer Management

7.3 LOPR_Defense Against Encroachment Procedures

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