



LAKE OSWEGO

Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas System Plan

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re **Major Deliverables**

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This memo outlines major deliverables, and describes what is included and not included in each.

Public Input Summary

Phase I: Existing Conditions – Where are We Now?

Purpose: Describes some of the key findings of the public involvement process

The report:

- Describes public input methodology
- Briefly describes some of the key findings relating to:
 - What are the key benefits that parks, recreation, and natural areas provide to the City of Lake Oswego?
 - What is the desired character of local, neighborhood-serving parks?
 - What recreation opportunities should be provided close to home for all Lake Oswego residents?
 - What activities currently have the greatest level of participation in Lake Oswego? What additional activities are desired?
 - What types of recreation program improvements are desired?
 - What improvements to parks, recreation and natural areas are viewed as the highest priority by residents?
 - What other issues were important to residents?

This document does not:

- Identify community needs
- Describe all public input findings – these are included in the report of each activity

Status: Completed and reviewed by the PRAB/NRAB on January 26, 2011

Existing Conditions Summary

Phase I: Existing Conditions – Where are We Now?

Purpose: Confirms the existing inventory of parks, natural areas and programs

The report:

- Describes the planning process;
- Describes the project's planning context and related planning efforts;
- Describes a two part categorization system (Scale and Character) to describe park lands
- Identifies and maps the City's inventory of existing parks, recreation and natural area lands;
- Identifies the City's inventory of existing recreation facilities;
- Describes the current distribution of parks and natural areas (¼ mile and ½ mile)
- Describes how recreation programs are provided in the City;
- Identifies other providers in the community who contribute to the parks, recreation and natural area system;
- Briefly describes how parks, recreation and natural areas are maintained; and
- Identifies key issues in the park system based on the results of the park evaluation and natural resources evaluation.

This document does not:

- Identify community needs
- Describe public input findings
- Include the results of the architectural assessment which is still in progress

Status: Draft reviewed by City and provided to PRAB/NRAB for March 10, 2011

Needs Analysis

Phase II: Community Needs Assessment – Where Do We Want to Be

Purpose: Quantifies the need for parks, natural areas and recreation facilities and describes the need for recreation programs; describes how maintenance and management needs will be determined

The report:

- Describes the planning process;
- Describes how parks, recreation and natural areas contribute to the City's overall community vision for future;
- Briefly summarizes some of the key findings of the community involvement process;
- Identifies the need for park land including space for developed facilities and natural resource lands;
- Assesses the mix of recreation facilities across the system;
- Describes needs for natural resource management;
- Identifies the need for recreation programs; and

- Describes how maintenance needs will be determined (since this is a result of which projects move forward)
- Describes the needs related to system evaluation, including architectural assessment
- Describes relevant needs from past planning efforts

This document does not:

- Provide a prioritized list of capital improvements – it is the “big list” that the prioritized list will be developed from
- Provide cost estimates
- Identify maintenance level of service or costs
- Identify recreation cost recovery goals
- Identify goals, objectives or strategies

Status: Outline reviewed by City staff and PRAB/NRAB, to be presented in May

Parks Plan 2025

Phase III/IV: Plan Development and Review – How Do We Get There?

Purpose: Provides the tools needed to implement the 5-year plan for parks, recreation, natural areas, maintenance and management

The report:

- Describes the planning process;
- Provides goals, strategies and policies (these may be in a separate document to incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan);
- Identifies priority capital, non-capital, and operations improvements;
- Identifies capital, non-capital, maintenance and operations costs;
- Identifies recreation cost recovery goals
- Describes design guidelines for local and citywide parks and natural areas;
- Describes funding options;
- Outlines a 5-year implementation plan

This document does not:

- Provide a detailed analysis of needs – that remains in the Needs Analysis report