Meeting Summary

Community Open House

Date 12/8/2010

Location West End Building, Willamette Room

Meeting Overview

The Community Open House held on December 8th, 2010 offered an open opportunity for all community members to provide input during the early stages of the development of the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas System Plan (Parks Plan 2025). Staff and consulting team representatives were present to discuss the plan and help to answer questions.

The open house included a display board exercise, comment maps and an opportunity to complete the community questionnaire. A series of ten display boards were used during this event to collect the community’s ideas about the future of the park, recreation and open space system. Each board exercise is presented below with results tallied and comments transcribed. The final exercise included table sized maps where participants were encouraged to write down ideas that related to specific places in the park system and the community. Questionnaires completed at this event were added to the online data set and will be summarized with the full results of the questionnaire.

For further information about Parks Plan 2025, contact Ryan Stee, Project Manager at the City of Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation, rstee@ci.oswego.or.us or 503-697-6575. Or visit www.parksplan2025.org.
Importance of Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas to Quality of Life

Indicate how important parks, recreation and natural areas are to quality of life in Lake Oswego.

Tell us what you think!

Lake Oswego is creating a new system plan that integrates parks, recreation and natural areas into one clear document that recognizes how each element interacts to make life better in this community. Let us know what is important to you to help guide the development of the system for the next 20 years!

How important are parks, recreation and natural areas to Lake Oswego’s quality of life?

Please place a dot in the area of the scale that represents your opinion.
Where do you live and play?

Each participant was asked to place a blue dot on the map near their home and a red dot on the park or other recreation site that they like most or most often visit.
### Functions and Benefits

*What functions and benefits of the park, recreation and natural area system are most important to you? (please place dots on your top 2 responses)*

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**Other Comment:**
- Safe outdoor play
Recreation Programs

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What types of recreation programs are most needed or need to be enhanced in Lake Oswego?

*(please place dots on your top 2 responses)*
Recreation Opportunities, Close to Home

Other Comments:
- Safe bike paths (2)
- Another dog park on the west side
**Park Character**

Which of the following best represents how you would like the park close to your home to look and feel?
Luscher Farm

Please write down any ideas or thoughts you have about the Luscher Farm Area to feed into that separate planning process.

In addition to the system plan, the City will also prepare a master plan for the Luscher Farm area that will guide uses and features at this important site.
Comments

- Connect path to West Linn
- Connect path to Cornell Street
- Complete Rosemead Trail
- Indoor tennis at Rassekh
- Dogs at Stevens Meadow
- Facility at Rassekh
- Keep North Stafford rural. No tennis at Rosseleh Park. No driving range at Luscher Farm.
- Preserve CSA and community gardens at Tith! And extend walking path.
- Don't add more traffic farm-Luscher Field - Cook's Balts - Stevens Meadow - enough traffic
- Leave Rassekh as a quiet passive park. Place indoor tennis on armory site. No more parking on Luscher. Continue wildlife rehabilitation of nature areas.
- L.O. golf course does not need a new driving range - it's simple par 3 course for kids to learn on and others to have simple game. Municipal courses across the county are losing money. Spending money on a driving range is foolish.
- Dogs should not be allowed on natural areas such as Luscher Farm and Stevens Meadows. Enough!
- Respect the open spaces we have purchased by restoring native habitats, removing invasives and maintaining structures in a timely fashion.
- Ban: Pesticides, herbicides, toxic chemicals including heavy metals, biocides.
- Ban dogs from the city.
- Indoor tennis courts.
- Leave Stafford rural. Beautify entry into our city. We don't need a strip mall look.
- Move Hunt Club here-put tennis on Hunt Club site.
- Combined facility for community pool and improved golf and driving range.
- Love Luscher Farms CSA. Keep it going.
- Local (city) fairgrounds - more events like Centennial Celebration.
- CSA!! Local food systems!!
- More garden/4-H activities for children at Luscher Farm.
- No tennis. No golf.
- Pull out the dam on the Tualatin. As it is not needed for he lake anymore.
- Expand affordable CSA shares with lifestyle education programs to fight obesity.
- Connect Tryon Cove to Foothills Park.
- Support mass transit and a bike/walking path to downtown Portland.
- Picnic areas, walking paths, reforestation, more community gardens, agri-education, equestrian uses.
Getting the Most from the Park System

This map exercise allowed participants to provide any additional thoughts or feedback about great or problematic places in the park system and the community.

Comments Map 1:

- School Board is considering closing several elementary schools. Work with District to lease property for Parks and Rec activities (e.g., Lake, Grove, other schools).
- We need a hardscape skate park?! I second that.
- Bike path around lake. I second that.
- Trail from Bryant, along canal to the Tualatin. Add boat/canoe/kayak access point at Canal and Tualatin.
- Dog park at Westlake Park and Waluga Parks
- West end building - city services
- Lake Grove ES - Potentially lease for Parks and Rec activities
- LO Lake - bike/walking path
- Armory site - Put tennis here
- Rassekh Property - No tennis
- No driving range at Luscher Farm
- Luscher Farm - Restore wildlife habitats
- Brock Property - Indoor tennis center?
- Aspen Park - Long board path north of southwest
- South east of Glenmorrie Greenway - Boat ramp on Old River Road
- Millennium Plaza Park - Pedestrian bridge
- Adult Community Center - Bike/hiking connections (it's free)
- North of Tryan Cove Park-Bike/pedestrian path on rr bridge-connects into Portland pathways on east side
- Waluga Jr. HS - Waluga/Bryant "Winter Market" under covered areas

**Map 2**
A second map was provided to allow multiple participants to work at the same time.

**Comments Map 2**
- N/S Along Willamette River: Connect Portland and West Linn - Make that connection to their beautiful bike path
- Adult Community Center - Love where bcc is, leave it there...I love it!
• Luscher Farm - It's a working farm! Resource, Teaching tool, Heritage, Ecological capital
• Purchase more property in this area (SE of Luscher Farm and Brock Property) to create a green belt o the south side of L.O.. Keep North Stafford rural, rehabilitate the open space and create ecological stepping stones for wildlife.
• Luscher Farm - Excited about more trails connecting to West Linn.
• Rassekh Property/Stevens Meadows - Keep natural (future garden plots) no tennis courts!
• Coordinate metro open spaces to multiply effect
• Look into current tennis courts at Lakeridge if closed - 8 outdoor courts with room for indoor facilities or in baseball/SB fields
• Waluga Parks - Parking
• River Run Park - More river access
• Pilkington Park (south of on river) - bike/ped bridge to connect to Tualatin Parks. Boat ramp?