

Parks Plan 2025 Comment Tracking

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO PARKS PLAN 2025 PUBLIC DRAFT

**Note: Comments regarding grammatical corrections and typos have been incorporated but not listed.*

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PRAB/NRAB Joint Meeting 6/20/12			
1	Text refers to one community garden and does not include reference to the importance of local food	Change title of recommendation to "Develop Additional Community Gardens" add "Community gardens promote local food access and increase food security." To the indented discussion and reorder action steps to emphasize that the first additional site is a test for future implementation of additional community gardens. Remove Woodmont Park as a specific site.	5-31, 5-32
2	How does plan deal with closed schools?	Include the joint use agreement with the School District in Recommendation 4.5 for updating/reviewing on a regular cycle (5 years), include discussion of maintenance of recreation facilities/grounds for closed schools in this discussion.	5-41
3	Play for Children analysis should be more clear about the role of school sites	Enhance discussion on page 2-35 of how school sites can serve school-age youth but generally do not have pre-school age facilities and are not available for school-hour use by pre-school children/families	2-35
4	Include General Obligation Bonds in the list of sources for investments in the park system	Add General Obligation Bonds to the discussion of financial resources.	6-11
5	Is there a way to indicate the importance of housing density alongside the gaps in service	The planning team is exploring ways to illustrate current or anticipated housing density within the plan.	None
6	Is there an implied order or rank of goals?	Clarification: goal numbers are for reference only and text will be added to explain this at the beginning of chapter 4.	4-1
7	How are wildlife consideration addressed?	Add wildlife to the natural resource language in recommendation 1.3 and 4.3, including a reference to interpretive signage about how to properly interact with wildlife (such as not feeding animals)	5-5, 5-39
8	Check math on table 6-1	Update table: A formula error failed to catch two projects in the total.	6-9
9	More options for addressing historic sites and resources	Additional information is needed in plan to identify existing resources, and recommendations for how these resources are managed (see historic resource updates to plan below).	5-23, 5-11
10	School facilities should be included in the inventory	Additional information available about the presence of school play areas and indoor facilities will be added to the inventory appendix	Appendix D
11	Clarify what "need" refers to	Refine definition of "need" in 3-10	3-10
12	Add in school sites to map	Add additional map showing schools sites for essential service of children's play	2-34
13	How are trends in recreation influencing the recommendations?	Many different trends are addressed, including those local to Lake Oswego. These have influenced recommendations including the focus on natural areas, multi-use sites/facilities, and nature play. Provide examples of how the Plan addresses trends in a side bar (i.e. 50+ programming and fields for 25-45 yr olds as examples in the demographic discussion to help illustrate this).	2-10, Chapt. 5; 2-13

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14	Rossman Park shown with a natural resource component, and it doesn't contain natural resources	Need to remove from maps and inventory for natural resources	
	HRAB Chair Meeting, 6/22/12		
15	The maps do not show historic resources and designations should be noted where appropriate	Chapter 2, "park system assessment" will be updated to include a paragraph on historic resources (pg 2-27). A separate map indicating the location of historic sites in parks will be included in Chapter 2 of the plan. A detailed inventory of the historic resources at each park site will be included in the appendix as Appendix L.	Chapter 2; 2-27, end of chapter; appendix
16	Heritage tourism should be mentioned in the plan	<p>Items 15,16,17 are addressed as follows:</p> <p>Goal 2 – "Investing in parks" explanatory introduction will include a statement regarding historic resources; an objective will be added to Goal 2 regarding need for stabilizing and restoring sites.</p> <p>Goal 4 – "Enhancing stewardship, operations, maintenance" explanatory statement, and relation to Comprehensive Plan will be updated to include references to historic resources</p> <p>Add action step #2.9 to Goal 2 in Chapter 5 implementation with two associated action steps: develop an historic resources management plan; Incorporate costs in CIP planning and annual budgets.</p> <p>Add an action step to Goal 4, 4.2 to include management and maintenance of historic resource into plans/procedures; also identify key person responsible for park historic resources.</p> <p>Add to 5 year implementation strategy in Chapter 6 the task of developing the historic resources management plan; assigning key staff</p>	<p>Chapter 4: 4-4; 4-5;4-12</p> <p>Chapter 5: 5-10, 5-20, 5-38, 5-39</p> <p>Chapter 6: 6-9</p>
17	A point person in the parks and recreation department should be identified to oversee historic resources in parks	See above #16	
18	Can there be funding in the parks budget for historic resource purposes?	See above #16	
19	The Executive Summary does not mention historic resources or heritage tourism	The Executive Summary is intended to provide a broad overview of the process and community priorities identified by citizens through various public input and surveys. As a result the summary is most focused on the priorities and goals rather than the details of the plan. However, historic resources will be added to the vision so that it doesn't get lost	
20	The statement made on page 5-10 "The City is planning for replacement of specific facilities such as Luscher Farm buildings and various picnic facilities" is unclear and concerning	The statement refers to capital repairs and upgrades to maintain facilities. The statement will be modified to clarify what the intent of the sentence is.	5-10

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21	Urban agriculture and food security are important priorities that are not adequately supported in the Plan. This should be added to geographic gaps and priorities.	<p>Geographic gaps and priorities were derived from priorities arising out of the public outreach process and validated through a statistically valid survey. While urban agriculture and food security were mentioned frequently during public process, this topic did not rate as high in priority as the other topics (exercise/sports, access to nature, children's play). However, additions will be made to incorporate urban ag and food security in the Plan.</p> <p>Note: Comment #1 and #34 also supports adding strength to urban ag.</p> <p>A rewrite of recommendation 3.6 more broadly addresses urban agriculture (see #34)</p>	
22	The Comp Plan discusses neighborhood hubs, which correspond well to locations of many parks. Synergy between Parks Plan and the Comp Plan could result from inclusion of this concept in the Parks Plan.	<p>Planning Commission will review the following language on 7/9/12 to include in Parks Plan:</p> <p>The Comprehensive Plan Vision Map identified six different community "design types" to help guide the update of the Comprehensive Plan. To help make neighborhoods more walkable, the Vision Map included the concept of a "Community Hub" as one of the design types. Community Hubs are intended to be small-scale neighborhood gathering places located at active parks, schools, and other public places. The Hubs are intended to be places that would allow for occasional or temporary limited commercial or community activities, which support the surrounding neighborhoods. Uses may include small scale farmer's markets, community gardens, neighborhood events, and food or coffee carts. Where appropriate, park properties may accommodate Community Hubs. Better pedestrian connections to parks will help to make the Hubs more viable</p>	
PRAB/NRAB Joint Meeting, 6/27/12			
23	Percentages in Appendix C , Close to Home Amenities and recreation Programs sections, were confusing. The percentage numbers do not necessarily add up to 100%.	An explanation providing context regarding the percentages will be added to this section.	C-4, C-5
24	It will be important to illustrate where changes have been made in the document. The comment sheet is fine but board members will be more comfortable seeing the comments applied to the document.	Provide a redlined copy to the Council that has all recommended changes from the Joint PRAB and NRAB meetings. Redlines will illustrate additions and deletions according to the joint board recommendations.	Document Wide

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25	How will the Parks Plan 2025 address plans that are currently in early stages of development or will occur between updates of the Parks Plan? Example The Foothills Area Plan.	For new or recently started planning efforts within the community that occur between Parks Plan 2025 updates (such as the Foothills Area Plan), the Parks and Recreation Department needs to be involved in the planning process. In doing so the Park and Recreation Department can assure that proper planning for new larger scale projects can integrate the community's Parks and Recreation vision. This verbiage should be integrated into chapter 4 plan framework	2-5 and Chapter 4
SAB Chair Meeting, 7/5/12			
26	Modify the description of Luscher Farm facilities on page 2-23 to include urban ag and Oregon Tilth demo garden.	Text to be modified as follows: The site also includes a large community garden, <i>the beginnings of an urban agriculture education center, and a demonstration garden operated by Oregon Tilth</i> , a two-acre botanical garden featuring a world-class collection of clematis, and Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) farm, operated in partnership with other groups. A new master plan for the Luscher Area is underway to define the future of this important site.	2-23
27	Recommend clarifying the following language in Section 2.1: "In addition, the City is planning for replacement of specific facilities such as Luscher Farm buildings and various picnic facilities."	This will be addressed per #20 above	5-10
28	Recommend adding an additional bullet to item 1 under Action Steps regarding "net zero" water systems.	Additional bullet point added: "For new facilities, move towards a "net zero" water system design to the extent practicable."	5-13
29	Recommend adding additional bullet points to Action Step 2 regarding renewable energy and sustainable design.	Additional bullet points added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate renewable energy opportunities, particularly solar photovoltaic and solar thermal (hot water), where appropriate to reduce future operating costs and to meet the State's 1.5% for solar requirement for public buildings. • Follow the Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks established by the Sustainable Sites Initiative. Identify a park property to be used as a pilot for usage of this standard. 	5-14
30	Recommend adding an additional Action Step after Action Step 4 for zero waste model for park system.	Add the following: 5. Move towards a "zero waste" model for the Parks System where practicable, such as incorporating strategies for parks and recreation events (i.e. composting, packaging); and educating park users by providing guidelines when making facility reservations.	5-14

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31	Incorporate the aspiration of achieving a pesticide-free parks system in the Plan.	<p><u>Update 4.2 bullet point #4 as follows:</u> Continue to meet community expectations for a well maintained park and natural area system in the most efficient and effective manner possible and within available resources, while aspiring to achieve a pesticide-free parks system.</p> <p><u>Add Action step #5 to 4.2 as follows:</u> Provide on-going staff training in sustainable practices for maintaining parks and natural areas to ensure staff are using the best up to date practices.</p> <p><u>Table 6-1, Implementation Strategy modified as follows:</u> Initiate training in sustainability for parks and recreation staff, and in particular park maintenance staff. (on-going, starting in year 1)</p>	5-38 Table 6-1
32	Enhance public notification of pesticide use in parks	Take a proactive approach via the City's website to notify the public in advance of pesticide applications in parks.	
33	Add to Section 2.6 language regarding "net zero" water system design.	<p>Add bullet point:</p> <p>Design the tennis facility as a demonstration of the latest green building techniques for cost effective design and operation, including achieving "net zero" water system design. Incorporate the State's 1.5% for Solar requirement for public buildings.</p>	5-17

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34	<p>Urban agriculture is a regional and national trend which should be recognized in the Plan.</p> <p>Plan should aspire to the goal of having a distributed services approach to community gardens as well as other services, such as play opportunities for all ages (5-31)</p> <p>Involve community members in planning for and developing additional community gardens (5-32)</p>	<p>Add a paragraph to "Regional & National Trends" (pg 2-12) regarding urban agriculture's contribution towards producing a rich, vibrant social structure envisioned by the Comp Plan, and contributing towards integration of urban ag as an integral part of community culture.</p> <p>Alter Recommendation 3.6 on pg 5-31 by replacing with the following:</p> <p>3.6 Urban Agriculture</p> <p>Urban agriculture, as an emerging trend locally and nationally, can link social, economic, and natural systems together and be a strong component of creating a sustainable future. The City's park and recreation system is uniquely positioned contribute towards this future with a vibrant farmer's market, community garden, and urban agriculture activities at Luscher Farm. Expansion of this effort through education and additional gardens throughout the community will aid in embedding this vision in the community's culture.</p> <p>Action Steps:</p> <p><i>Community Gardens</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide additional community gardens throughout the City to improve access for residents. 2. Analyze suitable community garden sites, and consider factors such as soil quality, available sunlight, water availability, support infrastructure and neighboring uses when determining the garden's placement. 3. Provide amenities and facilities to support programming and use such as composting area 4. When developing new master plans or site designs, consider the addition of a community garden if supported by the community, and if management resources are available. 5. Explore alternatives for providing and managing community gardens, including the development of a community non-profit organization to minimize staff involvement. <p><i>Urban Agriculture Education</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek ways to promote and expand urban agriculture education. 	2-12; 5-31 & 5-32
35	<p>Table 6-1, Five Year Implementation Strategy</p> <p>Indicate multiple garden sites</p>	<p>Change "Community Garden Site" to "Community Garden Sites".</p>	6-9

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36	3.7 Action Step 4 - Carefully consider the ability of existing city owned property in meeting current and future recreational facility needs.	<p>Recommend adding the following text to action step #4:</p> <p>Before any city owned property is considered for sale, evaluate its potential for meeting parks and recreation facility needs (i.e. library or tennis center sites).</p>	5-34
37	Table 6-1, Five Year Implementation Strategy – Add an additional line for “Luscher Farm Coalition” in the table similar to “Sports Field Coalition” project.	<p>The intent of this comment was to continue the collaborative planning effort in developing the Luscher Area Master Plan. Therefore, the description for Completing the Luscher Area Master Plan contained in the Implementation table on pg 6-10 will be modified as follows:</p> <p><i>Continue to work collaboratively with the advisory boards subcommittee to complete the in-progress update to the Luscher Area Master Plan</i></p>	6-10
38	Emphasize cultivating good will in building sustainable funding support	Modify diagram on pg 6-15, and heading on pg 6-16 to: <i>“Cultivate and</i> Leverage Good Will”.	6-15, 6-16
39	Include City’s Sustainability Framework in Plan	Add the Sustainability Framework from the Comprehensive Plan Update in the Parks Plan 2025 as a new appendix item.	Appendix M
40	Action Steps 2 and 3 – Ensure that all stakeholders are involved in plan updates.	<p>A new bullet point will be added to 4.5:</p> <p>Pertinent plan update processes should involve all stakeholders including city-wide residents, nearby neighbors, interest groups, potential partners, and pertinent City staff</p>	5-42