

# City of Cottage Grove North Regional Park Master Plan

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# Executive Summary

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The North Regional Park Master Plan presents recommendations for the future of maintenance and development of North Regional Park, a large, City-owned natural resource area sandwiched between the Willamette River, the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Cottage Grove Speedway, and Middlefield Golf Course. The recommendations provided are based upon public input and research conducted by the Cottage Grove Public Works & Development Department during the Spring – Fall of 2020.

North Regional Park is the city's largest natural space, but its placement above the Cottage Grove Connector gives it a feeling of being cut off from the rest of the community. The park sits next to the Speedway, WOE, Middlefield Golf Course, and ODOT-owned land to the north, with the park centrally located between them. The park's placement in the community gives it the potential to be an inviting area to play, move, and enjoy Oregon's natural wonders if properly cared for and advertised to the community. The park's location provides opportunities to develop the park and surrounding uses into a recreation-based zone in the northernmost part of the city.

Presently, the primary users of the park are those playing in the Disc Golf Course. During the course of the Community Surveys, residents expressed various levels of wariness about the park's safety, citing it as a reason to often skip a visit. That fear indicates a need to shift the park's focus from only disc golf to a wider set of uses and improvements across the park.

This Master Plan outlines several opportunities and options for creating a healthy, vibrant, and popular park. The main purpose of any City park should be to develop a space for its residents. The ultimate purpose of this Master Plan is to recommend improvements designed to enhance the visitor experience and guide the City in what the future of the park should be over the next 10 years.

*This plan will be adopted as a Master Plan for the North Regional Park through a Type III quasi-judicial land use process, following a public hearing by the Planning Commission. Natural Resource Areas and Community Parks are listed as requiring Master Plans in Table 14.25.110 Land Use in Parks & Recreation District.*

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# Background

## North Regional Park

Tucked between the Coast Fork Willamette River and Interstate-5, North Regional Park serves as a natural resource and recreation area, disc golf course, and bike path corridor for the surrounding Cottage Grove area. The park covers 58.7 acres, making it the largest park in Cottage Grove. The park offers a range of natural biomes, including open grass lawns, pine forest, wetlands, and dense Willamette Valley woods to explore. Due to its unique location and shape, the park acts as a connection point between the Middlefield Golf Course, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Speedway, WOE, NE and NW Neighborhoods, and undeveloped natural areas to the north.

At the present time, the park feels as if it does not know what it wants to be. Is it a Disc Golf Course? Is it a Natural Area? Is it just a piece of land between a golf course, highway, and wastewater treatment plant? Is it meant to be something else entirely? The purpose of this Master Plan is to begin the process of determining what the future could hold for North Regional Park.



Map 1 – Park Overview

### Park Layout

The park is comprised of three primary areas. The first is the Natural Area, which the Paved Bike Path follows throughout the length of the park. The second is the 18-hole Disc Golf Course that begins by the southwestern parking lot and winds its way around the southern portion of the park before curving back toward the parking lot. The third is the overlap area, as the Disc Golf Course incorporates parts of the natural forested areas into the course (Map 4, pg. 4).

### Public Access

There are three public access points into the park.

The most popular access point is the parking lot off N Douglas Avenue in the southwest corner of the park. Its primary purpose is to provide parking for the Disc Golf Course, but it is used by other visitors as well. Just south of the parking lot is a gravel path, which originally was created to serve as an ODOT access road. The gravel road, which connects to N Douglas



ODOT Access Gate

Avenue via a locked gate, serves as the route from the parking lot into the Disc Golf Course area.



*Bike Trail Park Access - West*

Technically, the park's primary access point is just north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is also located off of N Douglas Avenue. This is the place in which the Cottage Grove Bike Trail enters the west side of the park, despite this entrance not formally being within the park boundary. In actuality, the Bike Path enters the park around the point at which it intersects with the parking lot path past the Wastewater Treatment Plant (See Map 2, pg. 3).

The third and least utilized access point into the park comes from the north by way of the Middlefield Golf Course along the Bike Trail, which is marked by a small welcome sign and list of park rules.

### Other Access

There are also two additional access points in case of emergency. The first is a fire lane that runs to the WOE property north of the park (Marked red on Map 2, pg. 3). This path is trafficked often by disc golf players who use it during play. Otherwise, it is intended to be a route used for emergencies at the WOE or the Speedway to the north.

The second is a gated route via the Speedway property (Marked red on Map 2, pg. 3). This gate is not accessible by the public, as it is located on private land and locked unless an emergency is occurring.



*WOE Fire Lane*

### Natural Areas

The City originally procured a grant from the federal government in order to purchase the park land from the Oregon Highway Division in 1969. The federal funding came with an agreement that the land would not be developed and instead retained and used for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. Since the land acquisition, the natural shape of the park has largely dictated its uses and cultivation. The grassy areas nearest the parking lot allowed for the installation of a disc golf course, which weaves its way through the southern half of the park.



*Grassy Area, Wetland Area (Left) under water during winter*

## Trails and Paths

The park's Bike Path, which is connected to the larger Cottage Grove Bike Trail System, enters the park just north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Marked yellow on Map 2). The 8 ½' path is asphalt and loops around the delineated wetland areas and into the hillier wooded areas of the park, ultimately connecting with the Middlefield Golf Course outer path to the north.

Path types and conditions vary widely across the park. The stretch of path between the parking lot and Wastewater Treatment Plant is a gravel road (Marked orange on Map 2). The access road's 10' width is due to its primary use as an ODOT access road and emergency fire lane. This road runs along the effluent pond fence before turning northward along a City-made gravel road, which meets the Bike Trail north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant fence. Pedestrian use is secondary, though frequent. Though the second portion of the gravel road is not technically a part of the ODOT access road (Marked blue on Map 2), it was made into a gravel road to connect to the WOE/Speedway Fire Lane.



Map 2 – Access

Other side trails associated with the disc golf course are either narrow 3' to 3 ½' bark dust or dirt paths carved out to ease access to various disc golf holes.

## Inaccessible Areas

Of the three areas of the park – Disc Golf Course, Overlapping Area, and Natural Area – as defined on Map 2, each area has varying levels of accessibility. The grassy portion of the Disc Golf Course has the most accessibility (Marked in yellow on Map 1, pg. 1), while the hilly and forested area has less (Marked in green on Map 1, pg. 1). In the Disc Golf & Natural Area, the area is made more accessible due to the small trails created to link routes to the various disc golf holes. The areas not near a trail remain relatively inaccessible. The most inaccessible area of the park is the Natural Area. Other than the main Bike Trail, the underbrush is so thick that access is difficult at best and impossible at worst.





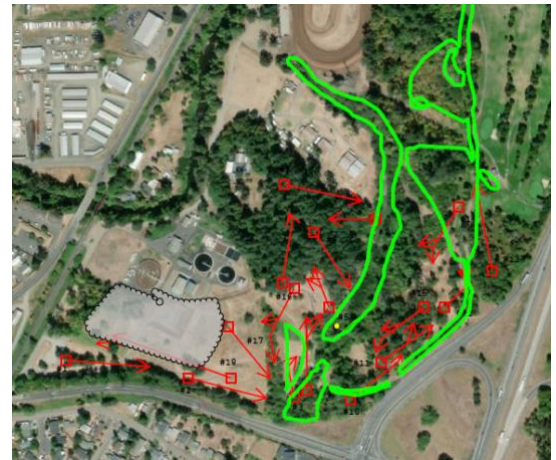
Map 3 – ODOT Land (north)

### Adjacent ODOT Land

ODOT currently owns the roughly 50 acres of land from the northern boundary of the park up to where the Row River meets the Coast Fork Willamette River. Currently, the land is undeveloped and unmaintained. There are informal paths in the parcel created by people experiencing homelessness. The land is shaped by the river confluence, being a combination of forest, berms, riverfront, wetlands, ponds, and creeks. At this time, ODOT is required to cross City-owned land in order to access the area. Its location between the two rivers makes it a relatively isolated area, despite its proximity to Middlefield Golf Course and North Regional Park to the south.

### Disc Golf Course

The most well-known and consistently utilized portion of the park is the disc golf course. The course was installed following the decades long endeavor to create a theme park on the location, which ultimately failed to come to fruition. In 2005, the City entered a public/private partnership with the non-profit Eugene Disc Golf Club. The disc golf course is maintained by the club, while the land is looked after by the City. The course is made up of 18 concrete pads and 18 baskets laid out across the park area. The shape of the course has shifted over time with design help by the Eugene Disc Golf Club. Due to the location of the new storage pond, some disc golf holes have recently been relocated to better fit around the effluent pond.



Map 4 – Disc Golf Course



Disc Golf Course Parking Lot

### Parking Lot

Of the ways to access the park, the most utilized entrance to the park is the Disc Golf parking lot on N Douglas Avenue, which is a gravel lot with large boulders marking its boundary. The parking lot has a park identification sign, interpretive park map kiosk, and garbage can. Visitors cross the grass to access the ODOT road, which is used as the primary route through the first several holes of the Disc Golf Course.

## Connection to Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Cottage Grove community has been served by the wastewater treatment facility located at 1800 North Douglas since it was brought online in 1959. The facility serves the entire city plus several customers outside the city limits but inside the Urban Growth Boundary. The treatment plant has undergone a few upgrades over the years, including the addition of a secondary treatment area in 1967, further expansion in 1984, and an upgrade in 2006.



*Wastewater Treatment Plant*

## Effluent Water Storage Pond

In 2020, the City created a five-acre effluent storage pond just south of the Wastewater Treatment Facility near the entrance to North Regional Park. The project began in Summer 2020 and finished in October 2020. The land on which the effluent pond has been built was previously a part of North Regional Park and, specifically, the Disc Golf Course. The Wastewater Treatment Plant has historically blended with the North Regional Park boundary; however, the City is moving forward with separating the two properties.

Currently, the City uses its treated water as irrigation for the Middlefield Golf Course (See Map 5, pg. 6). However, in times of extreme rain, the City is sometimes forced to release extra water into the Coast Fork Willamette River. The City holds a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, which allows the facility to discharge treated effluent water into the river, provided that water temperature meets the required water quality standard. According to a report by the Department of



*Completed Effluent Water Pond, December 2020*

Environmental Quality, the treatment plant and water discharge temperatures have been occasionally found to be in noncompliance with state and federal standards for the last decade. Releasing warmer water into the river during summer months can actively have negative effects on salmon spawning patterns.

The purpose of the storage pond is to hold the treated water rather than release it into the river, instead using it as irrigation on the Middlefield Golf Course, state lands, and city parks. Should the City see an extreme rain event, the pond will allow the water time to cool to a compliant temperature before release into the Coast Fork Willamette River.



The pond is scaled to allow the City to expand its park effluent irrigation system. This infrastructure expansion will further decrease and possibly even eliminate the need for any effluent water to be pushed into the Coast Fork Willamette River.

## Connection to Middlefield Golf Course

Since its creation, North Regional Park has had a long and close relationship with the Middlefield Golf Course. In 1989, a formal agreement was made by the owner with the City to expand the golf course into the northern part of the park, an encroachment that remains to this day. In 2006, the City purchased the golf course with the intent to irrigate it with effluent water from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The two properties have long had a fluid boundary, especially since the golf course was acquired by the City. The northern portion of the golf course continues to be integrated into the park land, allowing the two properties to act as a single recreation area.



Map 5 – North Regional Park & Middlefield Golf Course

Though the park and golf course are both owned by the City, it is important to note that the outer trail of the golf course is meant for public use, while the trails which traverse the course are off limits to non-golfers.



Map 6 – Bike Trail Route

## Park Access from Golf Course

The parking lot for Middlefield Golf Course is located along Village Drive. Across the street, Cottage Grove Bike Trail access is available, which connects up and around to North Regional Park. Though the primary use of the parking lot is for the golf course, the public is welcome to park in the parking lot to utilize the Trail. Therefore, the Middlefield Golf Course parking lot can be considered an access point for North Regional Park whether visitors are walking or biking. The park is less than 1 mile away from the golf course parking lot via this route.



# Community Surveys

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During Summer 2020, the City conducted two community surveys that focused on people's use of and feelings toward North Regional Park.

## Survey 1: Cottage Grove Park Improvement Survey

The City's first survey round took place between May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Appendix A). The survey focused on current use by the community and inquired about hypothetical improvement options. The survey allowed for two different versions to be taken by respondents, one version for those who have visited the park and another for those who had not. The former asked questions regarding North Regional Park, how it is used, and what people might change about it. The latter survey took a more general tone regarding the city's parks.

### General Findings

The City can conclude that a large majority of residents have been to North Regional Park at least once and most enjoy their time there. The two major uses of the park are disc golf and being outside in nature (specifically walking-related). Due to the structure of the park, we can conclude that these are the two draws of the park and therefore should be the focus of the improvements to the park. The survey also shows that while the park is not generally the public's favorite within the city's park system, it also is not unpopular and serves its place in the community.

While there are some needed improvements related to accessibility, the respondents strongly felt that the natural areas were by far the most inaccessible. This makes sense, as the park's structure does not allow for extensive exploration into the natural areas beyond the bike trail. The top three suggested improvements to the park are the expansion of the park boundary northward, improvement of the disc golf course, and the installation of permanent bathrooms. These top answers align with the two major uses described above.

This survey also highlights the perceptions that the public have about the park. Question 7B asked respondents to describe the areas which they found to be inaccessible. The original intent of the question was to draw out any hindrances to accessibility; however, the question received several responses pertaining to safety. The responses make it clear that the single path through the wooded area, lack of other recreators in the park at a given time, and presence of people experiencing homelessness makes the back part of the park feel less safe.

For more specific findings, see Appendix E.

## Survey 2: North Regional Park & Disc Golf Course Survey

The City's second survey round took place between July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The survey focused on the future of the park, including design, access, and general opinions, through open ended questions. Due to the type of data the City wanted to glean from the community, the survey relied heavily on multiple-choice image questions.

### General Findings

Survey results show that the community has great interest in the future of North Regional Park. The Disc Golf Course is the most recognizable and public facing portion of the park, as well as the most consistently utilized. For those who play disc golf, there is great interest in improving the course with new equipment, improved maintenance, and new signage. Enhanced maintenance of the Disc Golf Course may prove to be a big draw to the public, with each improvement adding to the value of users' experiences.

As for the rest of the park, many visitors expressed a desire to see the park maintained and improved. The areas meant to be "natural" are instead overgrown and often occupied by people experiencing homelessness. Due to the lack of perceived care by the City, visitors do not feel secure in much of the park, thus do not utilize the area as much as they might if those issues did not exist. Despite the park being connected to the larger Cottage Grove bike path system, riders often do not feel safe enough to ride through the park, let alone stay for any meaningful amount of time.

North Regional Park has great potential to become a favorite park within the Cottage Grove park system, especially if the park expands to the north and is able to be improved. The surveys indicate that the park will remain relatively underutilized until major changes are made.

For more specific findings, see Appendix F.

# Observations

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## Community Connections

The Bike Path in North Regional Park is a small part of a larger system of bike paths that circumnavigates the downtown core of the city (Appendix A). The path system is made up of North Regional Park, Middlefield Golf Course and paved trails through Row River Nature Park and the Row River Trail, plus roadways throughout the city. Despite being an integral part of the route, North Regional Park remains separated from the rest of the city, as it is on the other side of the Cottage Grove Connector. Additionally, the City does not have any signage to direct people to get there from



*Bike Trail connection to Highway 99*

the Cottage Grove Connector or from Highway 99. The lack of an intuitive route makes the park difficult to find along the bike route without a map. In fact, the route currently travels along Highway 99 briefly and under the train tracks and is not a very safe place to ride a bike. Additionally, there are no bike racks in the park, which was noted by respondents to the second North Regional Park Survey. Having no bike infrastructure along the Bike Path makes visitors feel as if the park is not meant for those who might ride their bike to the park, especially disc golf players.

## Path Conditions

The ODOT access path that runs from the parking lot area is a typical gravel road. It has no noticeable potholes or issues, though gravel is a less attractive place to walk.

The paved paths in the park are in poor condition. Years of lack of maintenance or updates have caused the path surface to warp and crack due to weather, tree roots, and use.

There are some unmarked side trails, mostly created by disc golfers over time to get to certain holes. Formalizing the Disc Golf Course would need to include the formalization and maintenance of these side trails.



*Poor Path Conditions*

## Signage



*Example of Disc Golf Sign*

Informational and wayfinding signs throughout the park are sorely lacking, if they exist at all. In the parking lot, there is one kiosk with information about the larger Cottage Grove bike route and limited information about the park. There is also a sign with the name of the park by the parking lot entrance.

The north entrance from the Middlefield Golf Course has a single sign which declares that one is entering the park, along with a list of actions not allowed in the park. The only other signs in the park are related to the disc golf course; however, most of them are either gone, overgrown, or faded.

## Disc Golf Course

The current condition of the Disc Golf Course could be described as mediocre at best. There is little signage to denote where pads and holes are, nor are there any instructions for those who might be new to the game. Though some of the pads have been updated following the installation of the new effluent water pond, most remain unmaintained.

Maintaining the disc golf course is also constrained by seasonal restrictions. During the summer fire season, the unirrigated course cannot be mowed by the City, adding to its unkempt reputation.



*Example of Disc Golf Course Condition*



*Current Disc Golf Basket*

## Equipment

The equipment itself has fallen into disrepair over time. The area is difficult to patrol, thus some of the disc golf equipment has been vandalized. Notably, a few people included vandalism in the park as a concern in the second North Regional Park Survey. That issue aside, the disc golf course equipment is outdated and would benefit from an update or overhaul.

## Habitat Area

The park is full of various types of natural biomes, including open grassed areas, wetlands, and dense riparian forest habitats. Each of the habitat types are extremely important to protect and enhance within the park. Understanding the ecosystems that formed in this place and the changes that have been made to them can help determine future management choices.

While the grassed areas are not composed of native grasses and forbs, they still play an important part in the dynamic make of the land. These biomes provide areas in which families or groups can gather for recreation and relaxation without causing destruction to the natural areas in the park, thereby creating a perfect mixed-use park environment.



*Wetland Pond in ODOT Land (north of park)*

Wetlands are covered with water during all or part of the year. Permanent wet habitats include backwater sloughs, oxbow lakes, and marshes, while seasonally wet habitats include seasonal ponds, vernal pools, and wet prairies. The majority of the park's wetlands are seasonal, though in some key locations water can be found year-round in abundance. Both types of wetlands are essential and serve important ecological functions for communities, provide habitat for amphibians, turtles, birds, and fish, and offer key bird and fish migratory pathways.

Riparian habitats often have high species diversity and are critical for wildlife. The land adjacent to our waterways is some of the most important for water quality and aquatic habitat, as it provides shade, food, and structure, filters runoff, and reduces the downstream erosive power of our rivers. The riparian zone of the Willamette River often has trees and shrubs extending along the entirety of the riverbank. During floods, the river engulfs these riparian zones and overflows into adjacent floodplains that are important for water storage and for refugia for fish and amphibians. In these historic flood zones along the river and its tributaries, large stands of black cottonwood, Oregon ash, and big-leaf maple have established riverine forests interspersed with wetlands, side channels, and backwater areas. These provide high value habitat to our native fish and wildlife, particularly during winter high flow events. The amount of water retained in the park increases in the winter and decreases in the summer. Most of the change occurs within the wetland areas of the park, which support the most life.

## Bird Watching

Bird watching does attract visitors to the park year-round. According to the first survey, roughly 10 percent of visitors go the park to bird watch. The wetland areas in the park could offer enhancement opportunities for bird watching, especially at the pond in the ODOT land to the north of the park.



# Opportunities

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The following section details opportunities identified through the survey findings and research, which lead to recommendations found in the next section.

## General

There are a few basic updates that could be made to the park to make it feel more welcoming, developed, and cared for. First, the City could design and post wayfinding markers throughout the park. These signs are needed additions to the Disc Golf Course but are also needed throughout the park for guests to feel oriented to their location in such a large park. Second, the City could refurbish the aging paved paths throughout the park. In addition to the existing paved paths, the gravel road near the Disc Golf Course parking lot should also be paved to make the course feel more developed and intentional. Finally, the City could explore the idea of restrooms near the parking lot to accommodate guests' hygienic needs. Such a project could be added to the City's Capital Improvement Program list of priorities.

## Natural Areas

The park's natural areas have much potential for improvement and ongoing cultivation of Oregon's natural beauty. Currently, much of the park is overgrown with invasive species and dense foliage that adds to the unkempt feel of the park. The City has an opportunity to create a beautiful area to highlight the natural beauty of the Southern Willamette Valley.

### Trail System

According to the second North Regional Park Survey, there is public interest in expanding the trail system within the park. Respondents indicated that creating looping trails that would weave throughout the riparian forest areas would be a popular addition to the existing park.

### Interpretive Plan

The land that Cottage Grove and the park sits upon are lands that once belonged to the Yoncalla Indian Tribe, a Kallapuya tribe that resided in the southern Willamette Valley in the pre-colonial era through the 1800s. Along with information about the flora and fauna found within the park, there is an opportunity to share the story of the Yoncalla Tribe that connects to the fabric of the region and the park itself. This can be done through a comprehensive interpretive plan created with the help of the Cottage Grove Historical Society, Cottage Grove Museum, and tribal representatives.

### Wetland Study

In 1990, the Division of State Lands (DSL) conducted a wetland study of the "ax handle" portion of North Regional Park that established the boundaries of the wetland areas in the park. In 2012, DSL adopted an updated wetland study by ESA that was commissioned



by the City. The two studies show a sharp reduction in wetland area within the park. In the coming years, the City intends to conduct another wetland study in order to update the current boundaries. Such a study would be essential to future development in the park, as any development would need to adhere to any rules concerning the development of park and wetland areas.

### Floodplain Reconnection

Once the wetland study has been conducted, the data could be used to determine present and potential options to reconnect water drainage routes from the park to the Coast Fork Willamette River. Likely, the City would negotiate with the Speedway to improve said drainage paths through the Speedway's property.

### Archeological Study

In 2020, ODOT announced that an archeological study would be conducted along the Cottage Grove Connector before major work begins on the road running along the southern border of North Regional Park. The City could either work with ODOT or expand upon their work to learn more about archeological resources in other areas of the park.

## Education

At present, there are no education-related signs in use at North Regional Park. North Regional Park provides an opportunity to educate the community through various means. An interactive program could include information about local history, flora and fauna, and hydrology. The information presented could be put up on standalone signs or on the fences around the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### Local History

The City has a close relationship with the Cottage Grove Historical Society and Cottage Grove Museum. The organizations should be offered the chance to work with the City to create relevant materials for North Regional Park.

### Art Installations

The park has extensive fencing along the perimeter of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The structure provides an opportunity for the installation of an 'Art Walk' along the fence line, adding color and form to an otherwise uninviting portion of the park. The art could be as simple as community created pieces or as complex as specifically commissioned art related to the educational aims of the park.

### Flora & Fauna

North Regional Park is filled with native Oregon plants and animals. Conducting a study of the area might yield interesting findings about the park, information which the City could use as educational materials for the park. Additionally, according to the second survey, there is interest in implementing some sort of labeling system for various types of plants within the park (Appendix C).

In addition to native Oregon plants, the park has also become overrun with invasive non-native species. These plants could be evaluated, removed, and replaced by native species as a part of a restored riparian forest within the park. Should the City restore the park's riparian forest areas, side paths could be installed to create opportunities for exploration and environmental education.

### Hydrology

With the installation of the new effluent water pond, there is an opportunity to engage the public in the efforts and hydrological legacy of Cottage Grove. The City has won awards in the past for the work done to create the wastewater system, which could be highlighted as a part of the educational pieces about the wastewater treatment plant.

### Connectivity

Despite there being three public access points, the park lacks true connectivity to the rest of the community. This is due to the location of the park; thus, more must be done to attract people to the park in more purposeful ways instead of relying upon location as a draw. In addition to the opportunities for improving the park noted in previous sections, there are other options to improve accessibility, which are as follows:

#### Community Wayfinding

Currently, there is a need to create and post wayfinding signs to direct traffic to North Regional Park. Due to the out-of-the-way location of the park, the park is difficult to find without a map if one is not familiar with the area. Some in the community who took the surveys indicated that they did not know the North Regional Park existed, let alone know where it is. The City should map out the best routes to the park from Interstate-5 and other areas and post signs to direct visitors to the park.

#### Main Parking Lot Refurbishment

There is an obvious need to improve the main parking lot. The current parking lot is unpaved and has no formal connection to the main trail, though crossing the grass to get to it is easy for most. There is one covered sign that shows the park's connectivity to the rest of the bike path system; however, the garbage receptacle is right next to it, which makes it less desirable to walk up to. Improvements should also include the installation of a bike rack and possibly bike repair equipment, not unlike the one recently installed at the Row River Trailhead Park.



*Disc Golf Parking Lot Kiosk*



*Bike Trail connection to Highway 99*

### Cottage Grove Bike Path System Update

Currently, the Cottage Grove bike route feels cobbled together using existing paths and city streets. The bike route connection to the west of the park from North River Road is not a safe one, as it travels briefly across and along Highway 99 before turning under a train track with little visibility.

By increasing the overall desirability of the bike path system, North Regional Park would likely become a landmark along such a system.

### ODOT Land Acquisition Option

According to the first survey, the expansion of the park into this area is strongly supported by the community (see Appendix E). In addition, it is important to note that the City has considered obtaining this property since at least January 1971, just two years after original land acquisition (Appendix C). Ownership of the land would provide the City the opportunity to engage in floodplain management and reconnections, habitat restoration, and creation of recreation opportunities including hiking, swimming, and boating.

#### Wetland Area Considerations

If the City moves forward with the purchase or lease of the ODOT parcel, the area would likely be included in the aforementioned wetland study. Once studied and mapped, there will be ample opportunities to preserve and restore the area, enhance pedestrian access via trails and boardwalks, and provide an experience unique to Cottage Grove. The City has the option to explore federal wetland restoration funding to improve habitat. The area is home to the Western Pond Turtle and is a known aquatic spawning area, thus building an even stronger case for procuring needed funding. Using wetland study findings and engineering analysis, the City could also apply for flood mitigation funding to connect the existing ponds hydrologically to the river, so they can once again be able to receive floodwaters during a high-water event.

#### Unclaimed Land

During the course of research, it was discovered that a section of the land at the confluence of the Row River and Coast Fork Willamette is in the public right-of-way and



*Map 7 – North Regional Park Expansion Option*

therefore not owned by any entity (shown in red, Map 7). If determined to be manageable land, there may be an opportunity for the City to claim it as a part of North Regional Park if purchase of the ODOT land were to occur.

## Formalization of Disc Golf Course

According to the first survey, there is great support for the formalization of the Disc Golf Course (see *North Regional Park Community Survey Findings Report*). In this context, “formalization” would mean an upgrade to the disc golf infrastructure, much in the same way that the Middlefield Golf Course is maintained on an ongoing basis. Such improvements should include the installation of new baskets and tees at each hole, new play and map signs across the course, and year-round maintenance of the course.



*Milo McIver Disc Golf Course – Estacada, OR*

## Current Conditions

At present, most of the disc golf signs have been removed and some tees are difficult to find without a map. Only those familiar with the course or those who look for the online map would know where to find each tee off, thus the course would not be considered a good course for beginners. If the City wants to increase the popularity of the Disc Golf Course, it might also be prudent to install how-to guides on how to play the game. Additionally, the grassy areas are not irrigated. Fire code dictates that the City cannot cut unirrigated areas during fire season. This adds to the course becoming overgrown during the months that it is most utilized.

## Park Renaming

In 2010, the City renamed East Regional Park “Row River Nature Park” in an effort to give the park a more unique identity. North Regional Park also has the opportunity to be renamed, especially during this period of master plan creation. According to the second survey, the option to rename the park to better reflect the community has large community support (Appendix F).

## Safety

According to both community surveys, perception of safety in the park is of great concern to visitors. The park is known to have a certain population of people experiencing homelessness within the boundaries of the park. This, combined with the thick underbrush along one winding path, creates an atmosphere of discomfort for some. Though much of the underbrush could be removed to ameliorate this concern, some should be maintained between the park and Speedway, as the uses and noise could make the area more unpleasant to visitors if the space were to be completely opened up.

Furthermore, the park is not open after dark, thus the City has not invested in any type of lighting for the park. While much of the park should likely remain natural at night, it may be

prudent to explore lighting options for the main parking lot, especially due to general safety concerns.

## Furniture Upgrades

Most areas of the park do not have furniture, including benches and trashcans. The Disc Golf Course does have some near the play areas, but these do not have cohesive designs. The lack of consistent pedestrian infrastructure causes the park to feel both incomplete and unwelcoming. The open responses in the second survey indicate a desire by the public to see such infrastructure installed across the park (Appendix F).

## Exercise Equipment

In addition to basic furniture, the City has the option to install stationary exercise equipment along the main trails in the park. This would be a unique attraction to the park, as no other park in Cottage Grove have any such equipment. For those who are looking for a place to run and exercise, North Regional Park could provide a good opportunity to promote healthy living in the community.

## Auto Route Extension & Parking

This first route extension option involves a slight redesign of the park entrance, including the extension of an auto route into the southern part of the park in order to increase accessibility (Appendix F). The City could connect the parking lot to the existing ODOT road, which would connect to a small parking lot past the effluent pond fenced area. This would allow easier accessibility to the bulk of the park for those with disabilities. The proposed parking lot would include one to three ADA parking spaces and drop off zone.



Map 8 – New Access Road Option 1

However, one major issue with this plan concerns the shape of the disc golf course. If this project were to be pursued, it is likely that the disc golf holes would need to be relocated, as installation of this road would certainly increase traffic along the existing holes. The road would pose a safety risk to players, especially younger players. Additionally, the second survey included concerns with increased auto traffic into the area of play (Appendix F).



A second route extension option could be to instead place a new access road via the WOE and fire lane. Of the two options, the road coming from the north side of the Disc Golf Course would be less intrusive to the course. The current fire lane is gravel but could be upgraded to asphalt for regular use by visitors.

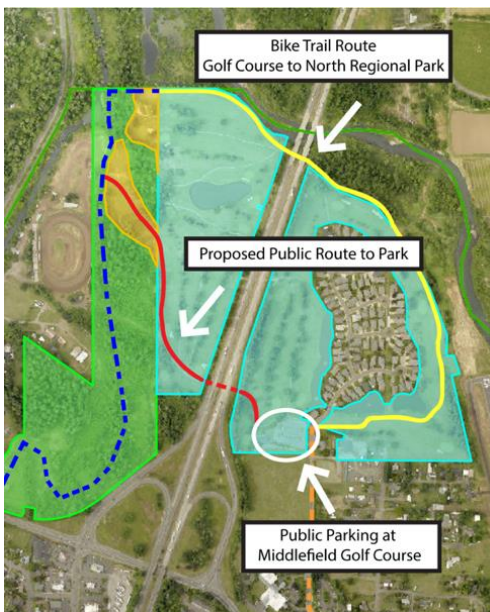
A third and simpler option could be to partner with the WOE to allow people to park on the property and walk into the park via the existing Fire Lane.



Map 9 – New Access Road Option 2

### Access via Middlefield Golf Course

Although there is current access to North Regional Park from the Middlefield Golf Course, the City should explore the creation of a more direct route through the heart of the golf course. There are multiple existing paths through the golf course, thus dedicating one of those paths to more direct access to North Regional Park would increase accessibility to the northern portion of the park. Looking forward, this option would be especially important should the City purchase the northern ODOT land due to the current long distance from the Disc Golf Parking Lot or Middlefield Public Parking Lot from the ODOT parcel. If the City desires the park to be popular, accessibility will be a necessary condition to be evaluated.



Map 10 – Middlefield Golf Course Access



## Two Purposes, One Park

This final option is a part of a more expansive vision for the park. In addition to the main parking lot for the disc golf course, the City could create a second parking area near the northern portion of the park to accommodate easier access to the currently ODOT-owned land north of the park (if purchased and integrated). This would not only encourage more foot traffic into the park, it would define the different areas of the park in different ways for a more well-rounded experience.

One way this could be accomplished is through the construction of a more direct access route through the existing Cottage Grove Speedway land via an MOV or lease agreement. Currently, there is already an existing private access road into the Speedway that could be improved and used as a second park access. Using the already impacted “pit” area, a parking lot could be installed for easier access to the northern natural area.



Map 11 – Second Parking Lot (north)

This option would create ideal conditions for both disc golf players and natural area visitors alike. According to the second survey, people seem to believe in an “either/or” form to the park, i.e. either being primarily for disc golfers or primarily for walkers, bikers, and nature lovers. This plan would act as a compromise between the park’s two identities and create a unique experience for any who visit the park, depending on the purpose of a given visit.

# Recommendations

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The following section are the recommendations derived from analysis of the park, community surveys, and opportunities for improvement. Each subheading's recommendations are organized by possible implementation timeline, from short term to long term.

## General

- Design and produce wayfinding markers for placement throughout the park.
- Refurbish existing paths and pave existing gravel paths.
- Explore the feasibility of installation of permanent restrooms.

## Natural Areas

- Maintain a buffer between the park and the Speedway, possibly with blackberry bushes.
- Improve drainage paths through Speedway property to the Coast Fork Willamette River.
- Remove invasive plant species in the park and promote native plants, thereby more easily restoring the riparian forest areas.
- Collaborate with ODOT on pending archeological study along Cottage Grove Connector.
- Conduct wetland study of existing park to formally establish riparian zones.
- Enhance identified priority wetland areas.
- Add more looping trails throughout the park.

## Education

- Work with Cottage Grove Historical Society, Cottage Grove Museum, and other local historical entities to create an Interpretive Plan with relevant historical materials to be integrated into the park.
- Work with local tribes to develop interpretive materials.
- Work with Wastewater Treatment Plant to create educational signs about the hydrology of the area, the work Public Works does to bring the community clean water, and the role of the effluent pond in that process.
- Conduct study to determine flora and fauna within the park and install informational signs throughout the park.
- Install art pieces along the Wastewater Treatment Plant's fence line as a part of an 'Art Walk'.

## Connectivity

- Reevaluate the current city bike route and consider ways in which to improve the connections between other areas of the city and the park.
- Reallocate one path through the Middlefield Golf Course to allow the public closer access to the northern portion of the park from the golf course parking lot.

- Improve the main parking lot by paving the existing lot, improving signage, and connecting the lot to the main pathway.
- Install side paths throughout the park, especially if the riparian forest areas are restored to their natural, pre-invasive species state.
- Evaluate option to either:
  - Extend an auto route into the park from the main parking lot in order to provide opportunity for those with disabilities to get closer to the main portions of the park.
  - Extend an auto route into the park from the WOE property via the existing Fire Lane.
  - Partner with the WOE to allow visitors to park on their land to easier access the park's wooded areas.
- Consider dedicating different purpose areas within North Regional Park by dedicating the southern portion to the Disc Golf Course and the northern expansion to the cultivation of natural areas.
  - This could include the installation of a parking lot near the northern portion of the park, possibly on Speedway land through a Memorandum of Understanding, lease, or purchase.

## ODOT Land Acquisition

- Acquire the ODOT parcels north of the park.
- Develop a more extensive Master Plan that expands upon the findings in this report and engages the public further in the process. This plan should include the development of trails, boardwalks, beach access, other needed amenities, and potential for habitat, floodplain, and fisheries restoration.
- Conduct wetland study of ODOT land.
- Work with Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council on wetland restoration efforts.
- Regrade ponds-to-river connections to receive floodwaters.

## Formalization of Disc Golf Course

- Design and produce disc golf course instructional and wayfinding signs.
- Develop map of disc golf course for written and online publication.
- Install benches and trash cans at each tee-off pad.
- Create clear, well-marked paths from one hole to another.
- Upgrade all tee-offs and baskets.
- Pave disc golf parking lot.
- Pave gravel road along first disc golf tees.
- Install irrigation system across the disc gold course area in order to allow mowing during the summer.

## Park Renaming

- Engage in a public process to rename North Regional Park to something that better reflects the natural area, community, or its history.

## Safety

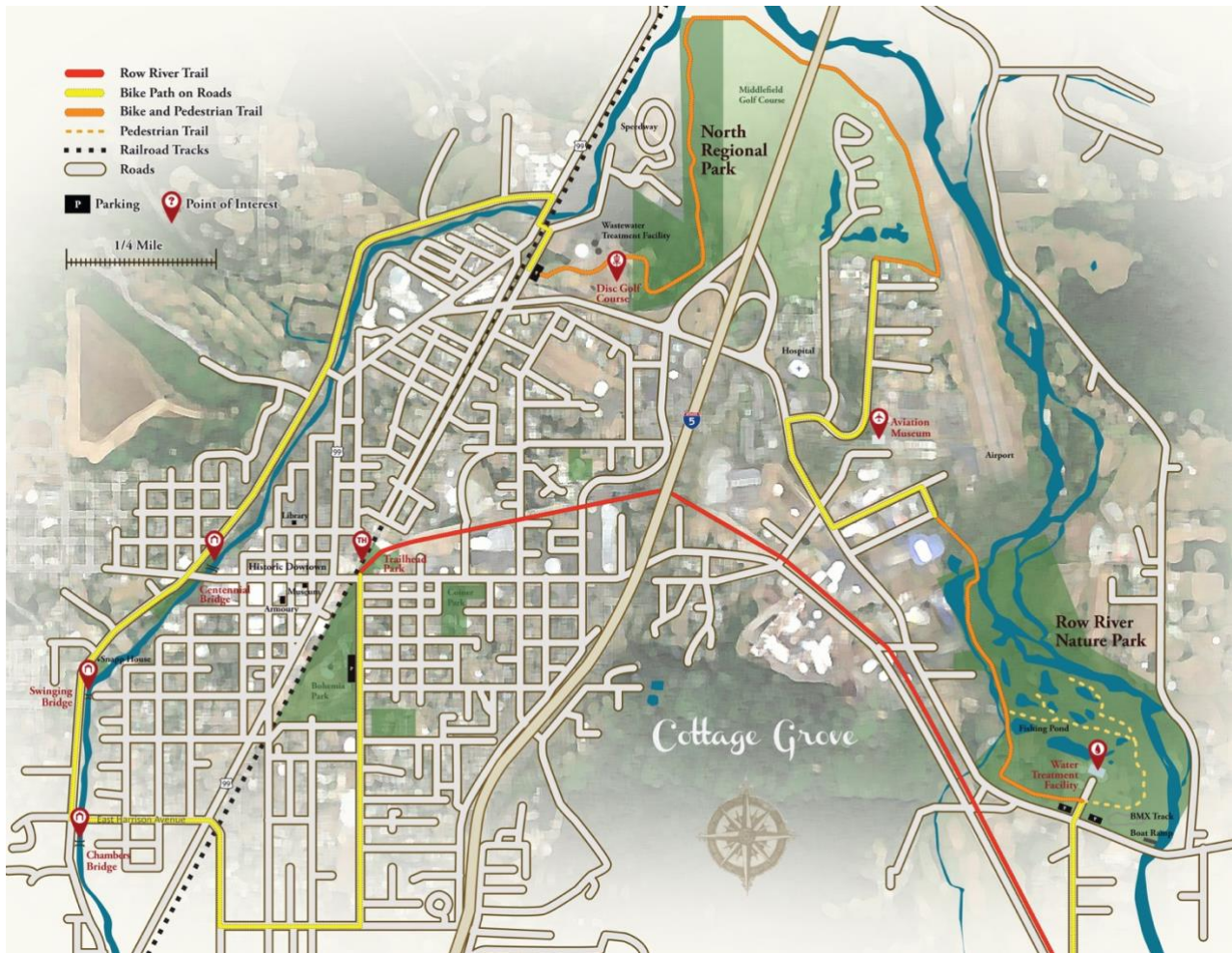
- Increase perception of safety by clearing out underbrush from much of the park.
- Collaborate with the Cottage Grove Police Department to set up periodic patrols of the area to establish feeling of security for the public.
- Though park is not open after dark, light main parking lot for safety purposes.

## Furniture Upgrades

- Design and install benches and garbage cans throughout the park, especially along main and possible side trails.
- Install bike parking in the parking lots and along main trails to promote biking to and within the park.
- Design and install stationary exercise equipment, which could be placed near the main parking lot or throughout the trail route.

# Appendix

## Appendix A – Cottage Grove Bike Path Map





## Appendix B – The Future of North Regional Park – Improvement Opportunities

# The Future of North Regional Park Improvement Opportunities



Expand the park boundary north and improve wetland areas



Build visitor and boat access points into the Row River



Create safer bike and pedestrian connections



Repave main trails and establish side trails



Pave and improve the disc golf parking lot



Upgrade all disc golf tees, baskets, and play areas





**Appendix C – City of Cottage Grove, Project Proposal, Cottage Grove Regional Park, January 1971**

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CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE

PROJECT PROPOSAL

COTTAGE GROVE REGIONAL PARK DEVELOPMENT.

JANUARY 1971

RESOLUTION NO. 258

A RESOLUTION OF THE COTTAGE GROVE  
CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPLICATION  
FOR \$15,000 IN LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION  
ACT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove acquired 47 acres of property from the Oregon State Highway Division under the Willamette River Park System for development as a regional park and

WHEREAS, the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan designates the 47 acres of property so acquired as a tourist oriented regional park development along with an additional 40 or 50 acres of State Highway Division property to the north between the Coast Fork of the Willamette River and the Row River and,

WHEREAS, an interested citizen has proposed the development of this park before the 1980 date planned in the Capital Improvements Program based on the improvement, operation, and maintenance of the park by a local private corporation under a lease agreement with the City and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved the general concept of this proposal and authorized the City Manager to prepare an application for Land and Water Conservation Funds to help with the initial phase of the regional park development by constructing an access road into the park along with water and sewer utility lines.

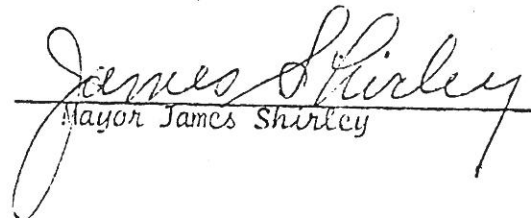
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cottage Grove City Council does hereby authorize the submission of the completed application for \$15,000 in Land and Water Conservation Fund as explained in the application form which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

Proposed and approved at the February 8, 1970 Cottage Grove City Council meeting.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Lois G. Howes - City Recorder

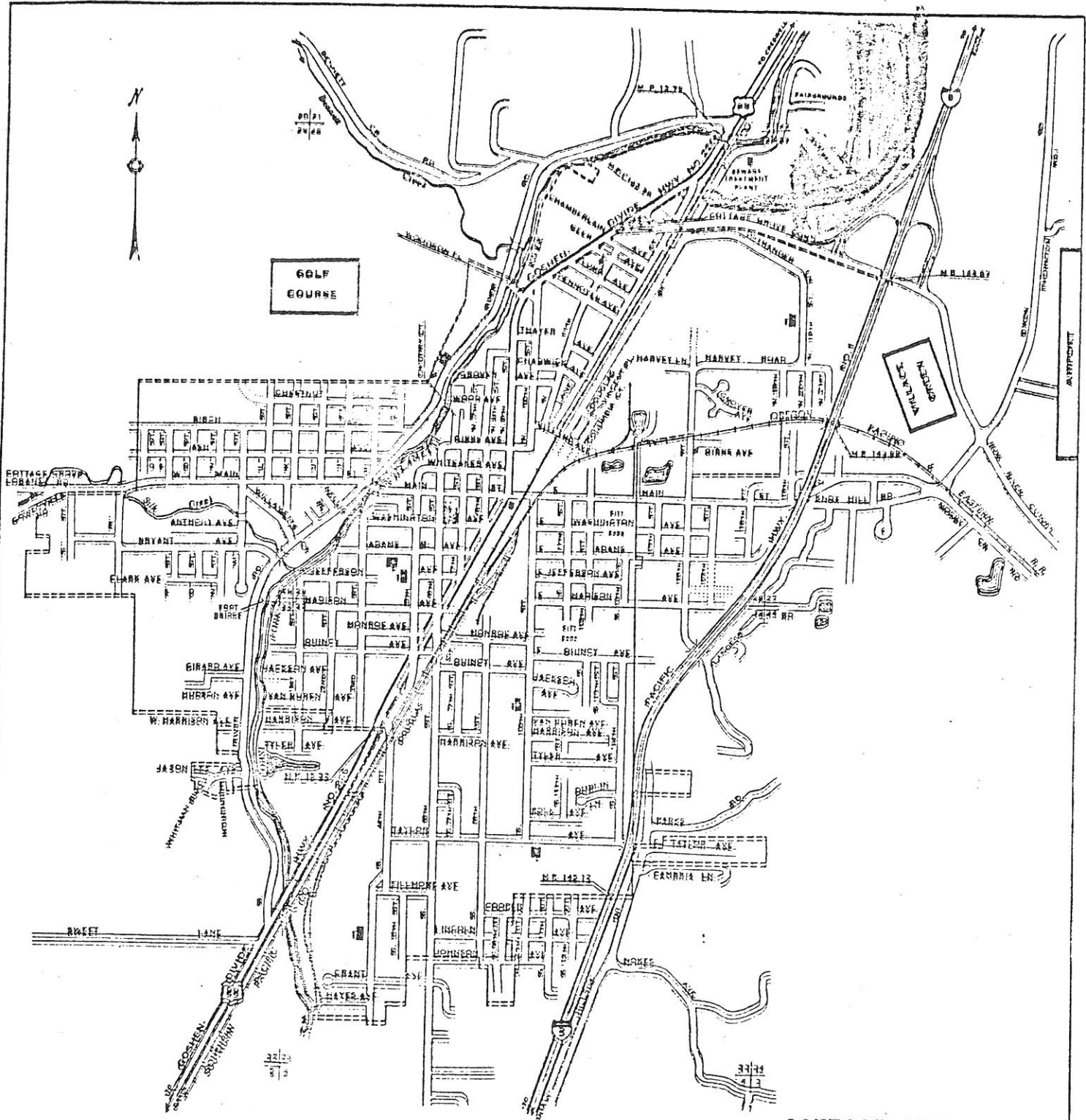
  
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- Post Office
- School
- R. R. Depot
- Public Bldg.
- City Hall
- Court House
- Armory
- Library
- Street open for travel
- Street dedicated but not open
- City limits

# COTTAGE GROVE

LANE COUNTY, OREGON  
OFFICE OF THE  
OREGON STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

Population 5,100

Scale in Feet

Revised January 1933



Project Plan and Justification(A) Description:

In 1968 the City of Cottage Grove purchased 47 acres of wooded land from the State of Oregon Highway Division under the Willamette River Park System Greenway Program for development as Phase I of an almost 100 acre regional park in the Cottage Grove area between the Coast Fork of the Willamette River and the Row River from the confluence of those two rivers on the north to the I-5 Connector Road on the south. The 47 acres proposed for development for Outdoor Recreation in Phase I lie just north of the I-5 Connector; just west of Interstate #5 and east of the City of Cottage Grove's Waste Water Treatment Plant as well as - the Western Oregon Exposition Fairgrounds and the Cottage Grove Speedway stock car track.

The master plan calls for a variety of recreational opportunities that would serve local, regional and tourist needs that are evident in the area. The outdoor and indoor recreational facilities to be developed over the next ten years would range from wilderness nature walks, a playfield for outdoor games; private and group picnic areas; public restrooms, a deer park; a summer stage coach ride; a narrow guage train ride; a "Bohemia City" mining town with mining exhibits, craft and gift shops and other relics of the gold mining era in the Bohemia Mining District (much of this would be an Oregon version of California's Columbia State Park restoration including the Lemati Gang holding up the stage coach on weekend afternoons); a wildlife museum featuring local artist, Bob Drenner's forest dioramas plus his collection of song bird and wild fowl paintings accompanied by their taped songs and calls; and also a lumber industry museum with displays of logging methods and equipment, sawmill operations and other exhibits relating to forest product usage.

Future acquisition of the remaining State property north of the 47 city owned acres could provide for fishing, canoeing, swimming, picnicing, overnight camping, hiking, nature walks, etc. This additional acreage would not be developed before 1980 unless considerably increased financing is arranged for park development or the State chose to develop their land for these purposes as a service to the residents of Oregon and the tourists using Interstate #5.

In summary, the plan is in accord with the State of Oregon Outdoor Recreation Plan and the Federal Recreation Manual criteria for types of development (Part 640.3.2 & 4).

## B - Summary of the Area

A recent jeep tour of the area by the City Manager, the City Engineer, County Parks Director, the County's landscape architect and Bill Whiteman, the local resident responsible for its proposed development produced the observations that the south end, near the I-5 Connector has an area that would be suitable for development of the larger crowd attracting indoor activities such as the Wildlife art museum and the Lumber Industry Museum. There are trees in this area which could be selectively retained. Further north berryvines and brush prevail along with an open cut from which gravel and other fill have been removed. A row of trees remains to screen this from all but offramp traffic leaving Interstate #5. This area would be suitable for development as playfields, a deer park and parking for both the museums and the group activities taking place on the playfields. This area is bordered on the west by a lovely wooded hill (evergreen) which is private property and the Western Oregon Exposition Building.

A stand of Douglas Fir trees forms a natural cover for a picnic area just to the north. From there to the river the 500 foot wide park borders the cleared Speedway property on the west and a pasture on the east. There are several other stands of tall Douglas Fir that would be ideal for separate or group picnic areas. The rest of the area should be selectively cleared to remove the old dead trees, brush, and berryvines and leave the new evergreens and sturdy hardwoods with a better chance for uncongested growth and beauty. This area would be good for a nature trail and the stage coach and or train ride loop. The eastern section, near the pasture would be a proper location for the Bohemia City.

In summary, the natural beauty of the area will be enhanced by clearing the berryvines and brush that make the area unusable at this time, selectively thinning out the trees to improve visibility in the wooded areas; and to turf the open areas to allow for their use as park lands attractively landscaped to accentuate the stands of tall Douglas Fir trees. The area is close enough to attract the local populace as well as the tourist yet is wooded enough to give the feeling of being "out in the country".

Descriptive Outline

The proposed accomplishments which are planned to be undertaken during fiscal year 1971-72 with the funds requested are as follows:

(1) Construct a 24' paved access road from North Douglas Street east to the regional park property across the Herb Lombard Sr. property just south of the City of Cottage Grove's Sewage Treatment Plant property on a 60 foot wide dedicated street right-of-way which the Lombard's have agreed to donate to the City in exchange for the improvements. Once the access road enters the park the plan is to have it curve and proceed north along the east side of the property allowing a 20-40 foot buffer screen or planting strip along the freeway right-of-way until the property angles away from the freeway after which the road will be run along the property line separating the regional park from the Village Green Corporation property. (Tax Lot #100 Assessor's Book Page #20-03-27-2)

The reason for the property line alignment of the access road is that this section of the park property is relatively narrow (503 feet) thereby making it desirable to leave as much width as possible for recreational development and retention as park open space and woods. Another reason for this alignment of the road is that the Village Green Corporation has agreed to dedicate up to 20 feet of the western edge of their property for road right-of-way purposes. This obvious benefit to the Village Green Corporation is purposeful since they will be asked to contribute to the local share of the cost of this access road and in the future they will be asked to construct tourist commercial facilities on their property that will complement the outdoor recreation aspects of the regional park development.

Whether the access road is extended half way or all the way to the north end of the regional park property depends on the funds that actually materialize and the bids that are received.

(2) A sewer line will be extended from the north side of I-5 Connector into the regional park property and west and north along the access road to provide sewer service to the regional park facilities. Again, the length of the northerly extension of this sewer line will depend on the bids received and the funds available since it will not be extended further than the street since that area would be beyond the access limits of the current park development. It is not anticipated that public restrooms will be constructed in 1971-72 but they will have to be included in the early years of the Phase I development program (1970-1980).

(3) A water line will be extended from the water main on the north side of the I-5 Connector north into the regional park property west and north along the access road in a similar manner to the sewer line. It is expected that water use facilities will be included in the first years development in the form of hydrants, drinking fountains, hose bibs and possibly turf sprinkling systems if turf areas can be included in the first year development program.

(4) The private corporation which will lease the park from the City for development is expected to spend the equivalent of \$10,000 in the first year and at least a similar amount in each subsequent year of the ten year Phase I development program. The 1971-72 program for this corporation is as follows:

(a) Clearance of the south portion of the regional park property of the berryvines, brush and dead trees. A landscape architect or other horticultural expert will be called in to mark trees in the area that should be saved. The corporation then will undertake a program of clearing or thinning out the other trees in order to make room for hiking trails, playfields, picnic tables, and nature trails. This work will be done by volunteer citizens either donating their time or earning shares of stock in the corporation.

(b) A minimum of one dozen picnic tables will be constructed and installed in the Regional Park in 1971-72 by the corporation along with at least a half a dozen picnic barbecue stoves and a like number of litter barrels.

(c) The corporation will provide portable toilets, two for women and two for men, for the summer 1972 season prior to Memorial weekend 1972 provided that the road has been extended into the park by that time.

(d) The corporation shall provide a gate to block the access road after 10 p.m. and adequate signing not only to indicate the route to the regional park but also to inform the public regarding its facilities, rules of use and hours of operation, etc.



Development Organizations

The organizations and property owners undertaking the development of the Cottage Grove Regional Park are as follows:

- (1) City of Cottage Grove
- (2) Prospectors Park Inc.
- (3) Lane County Parks Division Public Works Department
- (4) The Village Green Corporation
- (5) Herbert Lombard Sr.

These organizations will participate in the development of this project in the following manner subject to modifications as required by the Oregon State Highway Division and/or the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation:

(1) The City of Cottage Grove will prepare, execute and follow through on the Land and Water Conservation Grant application; enter into a ten year contract with the Cottage Grove Regional Park Corporation to exchange the access road and utility services for development operation and maintenance of the regional park; will design, let bids and supervise contract construction of the aforementioned access road and utility lines; annex and provide police and fire protection to the park property; and continue cooperative efforts to develop and/or attract regional park tenants such as a deer park, narrow gauge train ride; wildlife art museum, lumber industry museum, etc.

(2) The Cottage Grove Regional Park Corporation will serve as the vehicle to develop, maintain and operate the regional park over the ensuing ten years under a contract with the City whereby the City receives a graduated percentage (franchise fee) of between 1% and 3% of the gross revenues from operation of the concessionaire facilities in the park. No admission charge will be charged for entry into the park but such fees may be charged for use of the museums, concessionaire, and non-outdoor recreation type facilities in the park. The Corporation will invest the equivalent of \$10,000 in outdoor recreation facilities as specified in Section D-660-1-C. Future year development plans will be spelled out in more detail prior to approval of the grant once the site plan being drawn up by the County Parks Division for the regional park has been completed, as well as reviewed and approved by the City Council, Oregon State Highway Department, and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

(3) The Lane County Parks Division is preparing a preliminary site plan for submission with the application and will follow up with a master site plan for the Regional Park for submission to and review by the Cottage Grove City Council, the Oregon State Highway Division and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. If in their site plan study they determine that the park property contains an area suitable for an interim sanitary landfill use they will include this in the master site plan for consideration by the various public agencies involved. If interim use of a portion of the City's Regional Park property or the O.S.H.D. property to the north as a sanitary land fill is approved by the review agencies then Lane County will contribute the local share of the road extension project cost. If the Regional Park access road is partially paid for and used by the Lane County Public Works Department for an access road to a sanitary landfill operation.

(4) The Village Green Corporation will dedicate 20' of street right-of-way along the side of their parcel that abutts the Regional Park property for the extension of the access road north to the State property. If the road is not approved for access to a sanitary landfill site, they will contribute the local share of the cost of the access road to their property. In addition, when the northerly half of the park develops they agree that parking facilities for the regional park users can be provided on their property to the east of the access road. This parking will be developed by the Cottage Grove Regional Park Corporation or, if the Village Green Corporation deems it feasible, may be developed by them for joint use of park users and patrons of tourist service related business enterprises they might choose to develop on their property including D-660-1-A.

(5) The Herb Lombard SAs. have agreed to dedicate 60 feet of street right-of-way through their property (Tax Lots 800 and 900 Assessor's Book Page 20-03-28-1-1. in exchange for the 24' improved access road to be built in that right-of-way. They are not being asked to contribute to the cost of this access road since they are not landlocked and since they do have frontage on North Douglas Street. If and when they decide to develop their property they will be required to widen either North Douglas Street or the Regional Park access road across the frontage of such development.

Economic Feasibility

While no economic feasibility data is available to indicate the extent or kind of use that would be made of the completed regional park facility, we do have considerable evidence that tourist oriented recreation would be a "gold mine" which the Cottage Grove area is particularly suited to capitalize on due to its location astride Interstate #5 and its existing tourist recreation assets. These assets include the Bohemia Mining District, the Dorena Dam, the Village Green, the Cottage Grove Dam, the Cottage Grove Airport, the rich historical heritage of the area, the proposed "Blue Goose" steam train ride on the O.P. & E. Railroad from the Village Green to Culp Creek and back to begin operation in the summer of 1971 and the Bohemia Mining Days annual celebration.

Tourism is acknowledged as Oregon's second most important industry, second only to the forest products (lumber) industry. The Cottage Grove Lake already attracts 166,000 visitors annually and Dorena Lake logged 206,900 visitors in 1970. It would only be redundant to cite statistics or predictions regarding the increase in leisure time available to the American public and the resultant increase in tourist recreation demands. The Cottage Grove Sketch Plan Goals Committee arrived at the consensus that expanded tourist oriented development was the first order of business for the community. The Comprehensive Plan contains 40 Policy Recommendations of which 15 are under the sub-heading of Tourism and Recreation. Half of these goals involve the acquisition and development of more park facilities, including the Regional Park involved in the grant application. The final goal is the establishment of a Tourec Committee to coordinate all recreational and tourism promotional efforts.

Further information can be obtained regarding tourist traffic from the Village Green Motel; the O.P. & E. tourist excursion steam train ride (they expect 12,000 riders this summer with a 30% increase each year in the future); the Forest Service's plan to mark and develop the old mines and mining claims in the Bohemia Mining District for tourist interest; and the Bohemia Mining Days celebration (it attracts in excess of 200,000 visitors during its four day run with the bulk of them coming to town on the weekend for the parade, train rides, carnival and talent shows).

Operation and Maintenance'

Plans call for the City of Cottage Grove to enter into an agreement with the Prospector's Park Corporation for the operation and maintenance of this Regional Park facility. Presumably they will derive enough revenues from concessionaire operations to finance the cost of development, operation, and maintenance of this park. The City in turn expects to receive 1% of the gross up to \$10,000 gross corporate revenue per year as a lease hold fee; 2% on the second \$10,000 in gross corporate revenue per year from the parks operation; and 3% of the gross corporate revenue for annual concessionaire business volume in excess of \$20,000 per year. It is unknown how rapidly the corporate revenues will increase but it is not expected that they will exceed \$10,000 per year prior to 1975. In fact, it is presumed that volunteer stockholder labor may be required in the first few years to operate and maintain the park until enough development is available to attract a volume of tourists sufficient to support a stage coach ride, narrow gauge train rides, kiddie pony rides, or "Bohemia City" craft shop, apothecary store, gift shop, old time ice cream parlor, grocery store (with pot bellied stove), hardware store, blacksmith shop, nickleodian, music store, etc.

Understandably, at the outset of this project most estimates of economic feasibility or development, operation and maintenance costs are strictly "guesstimates". What we need to do is provide the access road and utilities as proposed in this grant application and then begin collecting statistics on the use, costs, and revenues so that we can have a better idea what to project for future grant applications.

D-660-2-A

Maps and Charts

Attached to this application is a 1969 City of Cottage Grove map showing the relationship of the proposed Regional Park to the City, its north-south arterial highways and the Cottage Grove I-5 Connector Road. Also enclosed is a 400' x 1" map of the park property showing its relationship to the abutting properties, Interstate 5, the City's Sewage Treatment Plant, North Douglas Street, the I-5 Cottage Grove Connector, the future route from that connector to North Douglas Street via Ostrander Lane; and the one lane underpass from North Pacific Highway 99 under the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks to North Douglas Street and the proposed Regional Park access road.

Abutting land uses and ownership is listed below by tax lot:

- Tax Lot 600 = OSHD = Vacant and unused
- Tax Lot 800 = Radonski = Speedway
- Tax Lot 801 = Ray Denham = Residence
- Tax Lot 1000 = Fair Board = Western Oregon Exposition

The Lombard property is the unnumbered property between the Treatment Plant and the Cottage Grove Connector and it is vacant. The Village Green Corporation property is the unnumbered property between the regional Park and Interstate 5. It is also vacant and is used for pasture land and/or the raising of cereal grain crops. The regional park property itself is vacant and unused except for one area that has been excavated for a gravel borrow pit.

D-660-2-B

Legal Rights

The City of Cottage Grove holds title to the 47+ acres planned for use as a regional park. The City plans to retain ownership and all the legal rights that go with it.



D-660-3-A

Agreements

At present no agreements have been drafted or adopted with other organizations for participating in this project. A verbal understanding has been reached with the local resident interested in forming the Prospector's Park Corporation to lease, develop, operate, and maintain this regional park facility and this application spells out this understanding. This understanding will be put on paper in agreement form once this application is accepted and the corporation formed.

## Appendix D – Report of the Regional Park Committee, October 14, 1985

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## REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PARK COMMITTEE

October 14, 1985

The City Council in July of 1985 appointed a ten member committee of citizens from various walks of life to consider the question of whether the area known as the "North Regional Park" should be developed, and if so, at what intensity. The list of the ten members appointed is attached as Appendix 'A'. The Mayor charged the Committee with finding the highest and best use while being aware of Council's goal to encourage tourism and provide jobs in Cottage Grove. As a side issue the "East Regional Park" was reviewed by the City Planner.

This Committee has developed a conceptual plan for Council's consideration.

### ASSUMPTIONS

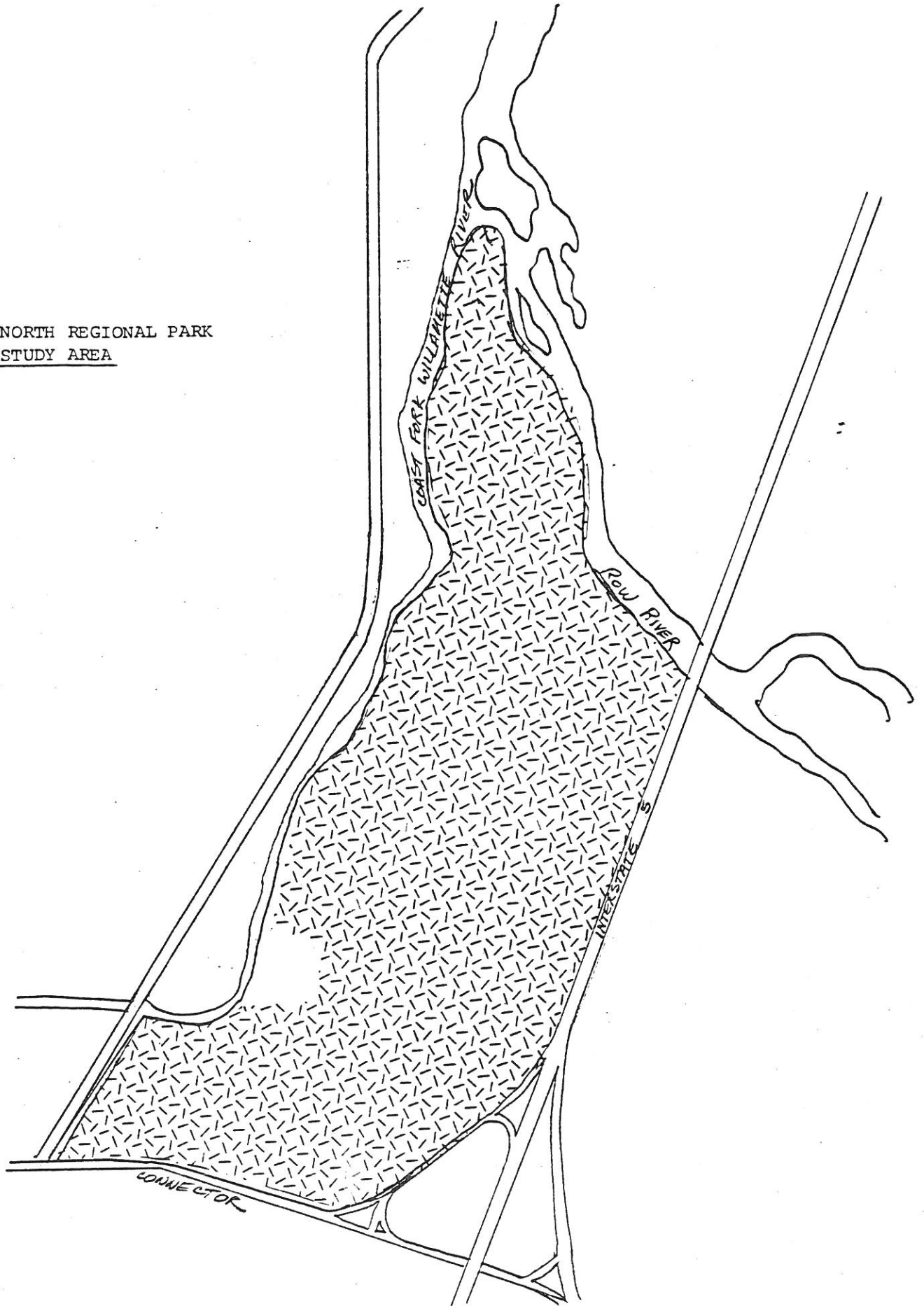
In developing the conceptual plan, and this report the Committee made the following assumptions:

1. That funding for acquisition, development and maintenance was available;
2. That access could be obtained from the connector;
3. That the City Shops would locate on a portion of the property;
4. That city services would be available; and,
5. That development of land adjacent to city-owned land would be developed as a result of any development by the City.

### SITE LOCATION

The "North Regional Park Area" that the Committee looked at is bounded by the Coast Fork of the Willamette River on the west, the connector on the south, Interstate 5 on the east and Row River on the north. Tax Lot 802, owned by the Denham family, was excluded from the Study and conceptual plan. This area involves approximately 150 acres, which a small portion may be under water during high water. Land in the study area (see attached location map) is owned by private parties, nonprofit groups, the State and the City. At the present time the City owns 59 acres. This land is developed presently with the Sewage Treatment Plant and bike path, on a small portion. Other present uses include agriculture, billboard, West Oregon Exhibition Grounds, bike path, and the Riverside Speedway.

NORTH REGIONAL PARK  
STUDY AREA



## PROCESS

Since July the Committee has met on a weekly basis to develop this report. The Committee went through a consensus process, whereby the Committee first got comfortable with each other and became prepared to listen to everyone's ideas. Those points where the membership could readily agree and not agree upon were identified. Those items that could not be agreed upon were further discussed until a consensus of the Committee was developed.

Committee members viewed the land from vehicles and on foot for a first hand look at the available resources. A public information meeting was held on August 21, 1985, to solicit public input.

### QUESTION 1: Should the North Regional Park Area be developed?

It was agreed that the North Regional Park should be developed in a way that the area becomes an asset to the City of Cottage Grove, the County and State. An underlying theme was that the development not destroy the natural resources that are existing in the area today. The development of the area should be for the enjoyment of the citizens of the City of Cottage Grove and Lane County, as well as provide an attraction for tourists traveling in the area, especially on Interstate-5.

### QUESTION 2: At what intensity should the area develop at?

The Committee divided the area up into three areas, or levels of activity. At the northern end is the "quiet area" where the nature/interpretive area is proposed. There is to be no vehicular access, (except for service and emergency vehicles). Access to the area will be by foot and bicycle. Nature exhibits for self tours, blinds for observing wildlife, and paths are to be constructed. The majority of the area is proposed to be left in its natural state, with access to the pond and both rivers.

The area immediately south of the nature interpretive area has been designated as the "passive active area" which is proposed to contain activities which are a mixture of quiet and active uses. This includes a day road for access to group event areas for group recreational activities, quiet walking areas, bike path, and recreational vehicle park for overnight campers.

The remainder of the study area is designated as the "active area". It contains those existing uses which are high intensity uses, such as the Sewage Treatment Plant, Riverside Speedway, and the Western Oregon Exhibition grounds. It is also to include the parking areas, access roads, City Shops, Main Street, outdoors exhibit space, etc.

Each of these three areas are shown on the attached map.

All three areas are to be interconnected by foot/bike paths, limited vehicular access and a small scale train.

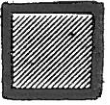




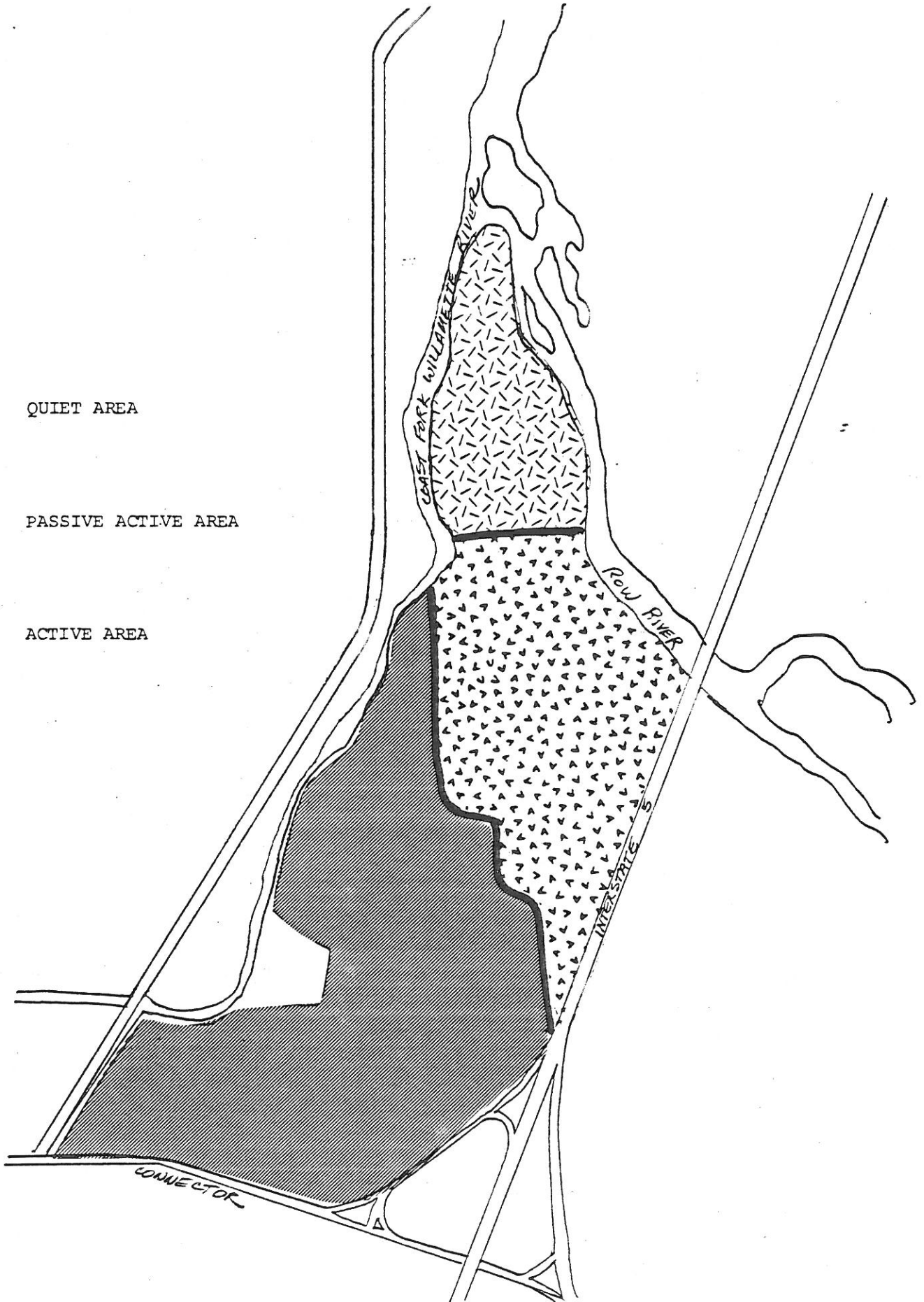
QUIET AREA



PASSIVE ACTIVE AREA



ACTIVE AREA



## COMPONENTS

Each component is detailed below, with identification as to which area it is proposed to be located within.

Nature Interpretive Area (Quiet Area) - Located at the northern end of the study area at the confluence of the Coast Fork of the Willamette River and the Row River. The area is in a natural state with minimal paths existing at this time. Ponds are found in the area and some of the area is underwater during high water periods of the two rivers. A foot and bike path is proposed to circle this area providing access to its natural features and river fronts. Self-led tours are proposed, with nature exhibits showing various types of trees and plant life; and, blinds constructed for observing wildlife. The foot/bike path is proposed to connect to the East Regional Park along Row River and the proposed facilities to the south.

Forest Related Exhibit (Quiet Area) - At the entrance to the nature interpretive area an outdoor exhibit is proposed to be constructed. It could be a small scale lookout tower, logging camp and tree farm. This would be sponsored by the Forest Service or a Service Club in the area. It is to be educational and entertaining and be the gateway to the nature interpretive area.

Day Road and Open Areas (Passive Active Area) - A day road from the parking lots at the south end of the study area is proposed to follow the existing ditch from the Sewage Treatment Plant and provide access to open field areas, picnic areas and cook shelters. The cook shelter areas will be able to accommodate a large group for office picnics, family reunions, and weddings. These areas will be reserveable for a fee. The day road will also provide access to the nature interpretive area and will loop at the first related exhibit. Limited parking along the day road will be provided at picnic and shelter areas. The day road would be closed to vehicular traffic at night.

Recreational Vehicle Park (Passive Active Area) - A recreational vehicle park is proposed to be located in the cornfield adjacent to Interstate-5. It would be fully serviced and access would be off of the day road. The park would be visible from the Interstate and provide a needed use in this area which will compliment the other uses.

Open Field Area (Passive Active Area) - South of the recreational vehicle park and north of the existing billboard an open field is proposed to be maintained for recreational opportunities. Access is from the day road.

Sewage Treatment Plant (Active Area) - Composed of existing site, including lagoons east of existing facilities. Also includes the ditch which runs from the existing facilities to the pond at the north end of the city-owned land. Tiling or fencing of this ditch most likely will be required.

City Shops (Active Area) - Five acres of land are designated for the City Shops and yards. This will provide a central location for Public Works facilities with ample room to store materials. This site should be fenced and landscaped in order to not be a negative element visually of the total package. With the shops located here, road upkeep will be readily available and the storage area will allow the material stored at the East Regional Park to be removed.

Parking Lots (Active Area) - Parking lots are proposed to be located where they will get the highest use and will be located as convenient as possible. Lots are proposed north of the Speedway, at the Western Oregon Exhibition, and at the south end of the study area. The intent is to provide other means of travel within the area, thereby limiting the amount of asphalt and space to be used for this activity.

Main Street (Active Area) - This proposed use is to create a "theme" Main Street which will accommodate a museum on mining, or natural history, etc.; with working displays. The Main Street area can also contain craft and refreshment areas. The main station for the small gauge train will be located on Main Street. Immediately to the south will be the main entrance for the complex and the vehicular, foot paths and bike paths, will radiate from here. Due to its proposed location an exhibit of a mine in the hillside could be developed. The outdoor display area would be used during other events in conjunction with Main Street activities, such as Bohemia Mining Days. Main Street is to be located southeast of the Western Oregon Exhibition grounds which will promote both activities and allow for joint use of space.

Open Field/Tourist Information Building (Active Area) - Along the exit from the Interstate and adjacent to the connector it is proposed that an open field area be left in which activities could take place such as the Bohemia Mining Days. This is also the area where a tourist information structure is proposed to be located to serve tourists. Possible location of an "attention getting device", such as a covered bridge could also be developed here. This area would have direct access to the parking lot.

Narrow Gauge Train (All Three Areas) - A narrow gauge train (3 foot track width) is proposed to be developed which would run along the Interstate to the nature interpretive area south to the WOE grounds and to Main Street. Stations are proposed to be located in the Main Street Area, the Forest Related Exhibit Area and at the Western Oregon Exhibition grounds.

Foot/Bike Paths (All Three Areas) - Foot and bike paths are proposed to be built throughout the three areas and are to be the primary method of movement along with the small gauge train. These paths are also proposed to connect to the East Regional Park and other bike paths in the area.

## EAST REGIONAL PARK

While time on this element was not spent by the Committee, the Committee is in agreement with City Staff that the area be reserved for water supply; that the practice of storing city supplies cease with the construction of new City Shops and that the park be a natural or nature park with development limited to foot and bike paths; and, a parking lot.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee respectfully submits to the Mayor and City Council this conceptual plan of development for the study area known as the "North Regional Park". The Committee recommends it's adoption and that the following work be undertaken:

1. That Council consider development of the North Regional Park Study Area as a centennial project.
2. That a more detailed development plan be prepared by City staff, and comments be obtained from this Committee prior to Council's consideration of the plan.
3. That methods of financing the development and maintenance of the study area be investigated.
4. That access off of the connector be investigated, and obtained (if possible).
5. That discussions with private properties in the study area be undertaken during the development of the detailed plan.
6. That City Council consider acquisition of the Speedway property.
7. That the Speedway be required to have mufflers placed on vehicles operating at the Speedway in consideration for users of other facilities.

APPENDIX 'A'

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**Appendix E – North Regional Park Community Survey Findings**

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The background is a stylized illustration of a park. At the top left is a dark green hill. A light green path curves from the top right towards the center. Along the path are several green coniferous trees of varying sizes. In the foreground, there are two large green trees with brown trunks. To the left of the trees is a white sign on two green posts. The sign has a white oval at the top, followed by the text 'NORTH REGIONAL PARK' in green, and 'DISC GOLF COURSE' in blue on a white background. The sky is a solid blue color.

# North Regional Park: Community Survey Findings



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## Context

The City of Cottage Grove Planning Department is currently conducting work to create a North Regional Park Comprehensive Plan. The work is being done concurrently with the installation of the new Water Treatment Plant effluent water pond. The City is taking the opportunity during this time to document the City's future plans and aspirations for the park.

The following survey was created and distributed by John Larson-Friend, the current Planning Intern for the City. The primary goal of the survey was to gather the opinions of the public regarding North Regional Park, its current uses, and potential future uses. The first question of the survey determined which version the respondent received. Those who had been to the park previously were directed to a series of questions about their experiences and opinions about North Regional Park. Those who had not been to the park were redirected to a secondary version of the survey which asked questions about the community's parks as a whole. The final section of the survey covered a few general demographic questions to help the City understand who had taken the survey.

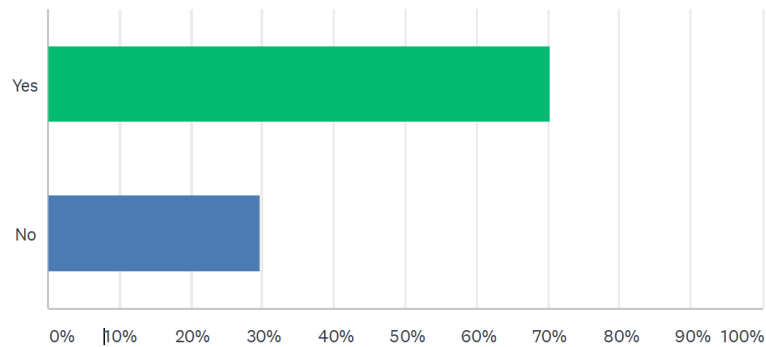
As an incentive, the City also offered respondents the opportunity to record their email addresses for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Bi-Mart. The survey received 313 email addresses. This list will be used to update the public directly about the North Regional Park improvement project, as indicated in the survey's description.

The survey was distributed primarily by a flyer, social media posts, and in an article in the local Sentinel newspaper. The survey went live on May 20, 2020 and was closed on June 14, 2020 after a survey period of 26 days. The City received 381 responses, surpassing the needed amount of responses to achieve a 95% confidence interval for a city of roughly 10,000, which equals roughly 370 responses.

## Survey Results

The following section contains the survey questions in the order given, as well as notes about the formatting. Each question shows the response graph, raw response data, and any qualitative data requested in answers marked "Other".

### Question 1: Have you or anyone in your household been to North Regional Park?



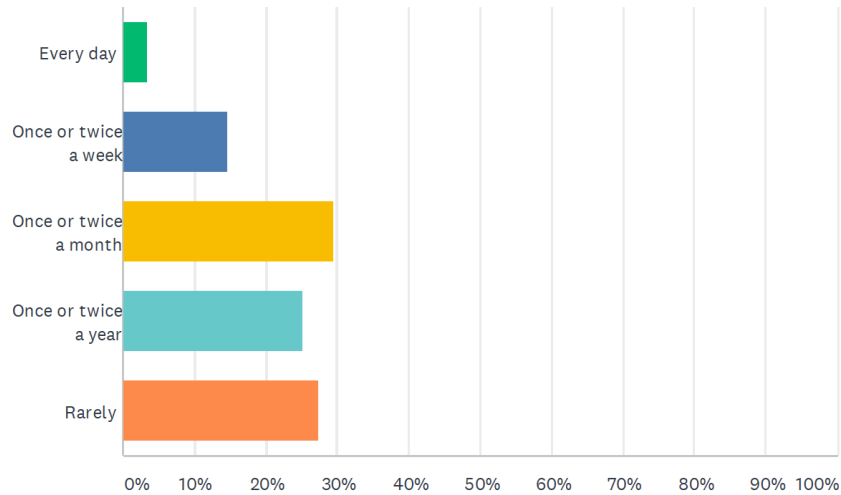
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes            | 70.34%    | 268 |
| No             | 29.66%    | 113 |
| TOTAL          |           | 381 |

*Based on this question, respondents either receive Survey 1 (for those who have been to North Regional Park) or Survey 2 (for those who have not been to North Regional Park).*



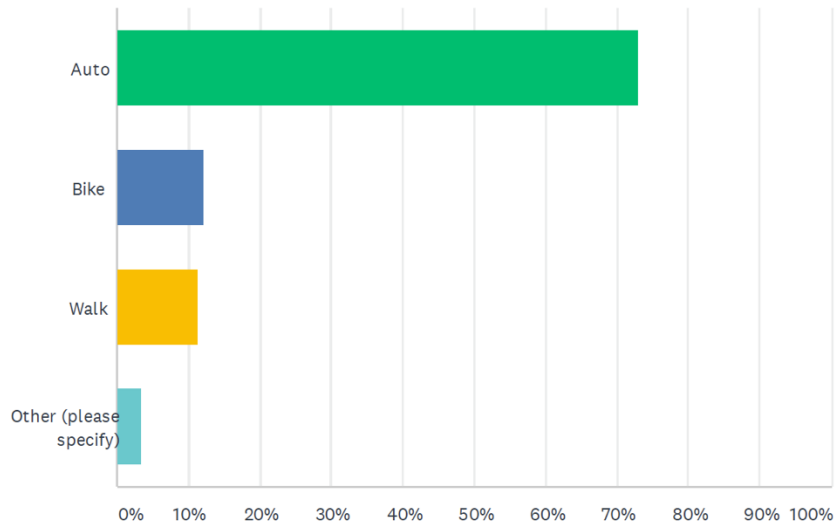
## Survey Version 1 – Respondents who have visited North Regional Park

### SV 1, Question 2: How often do you go to North Regional Park?



| ANSWER CHOICES        | RESPONSES |            |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Every day             | 3.37%     | 9          |
| Once or twice a week  | 14.61%    | 39         |
| Once or twice a month | 29.59%    | 79         |
| Once or twice a year  | 25.09%    | 67         |
| Rarely                | 27.34%    | 73         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |           | <b>267</b> |

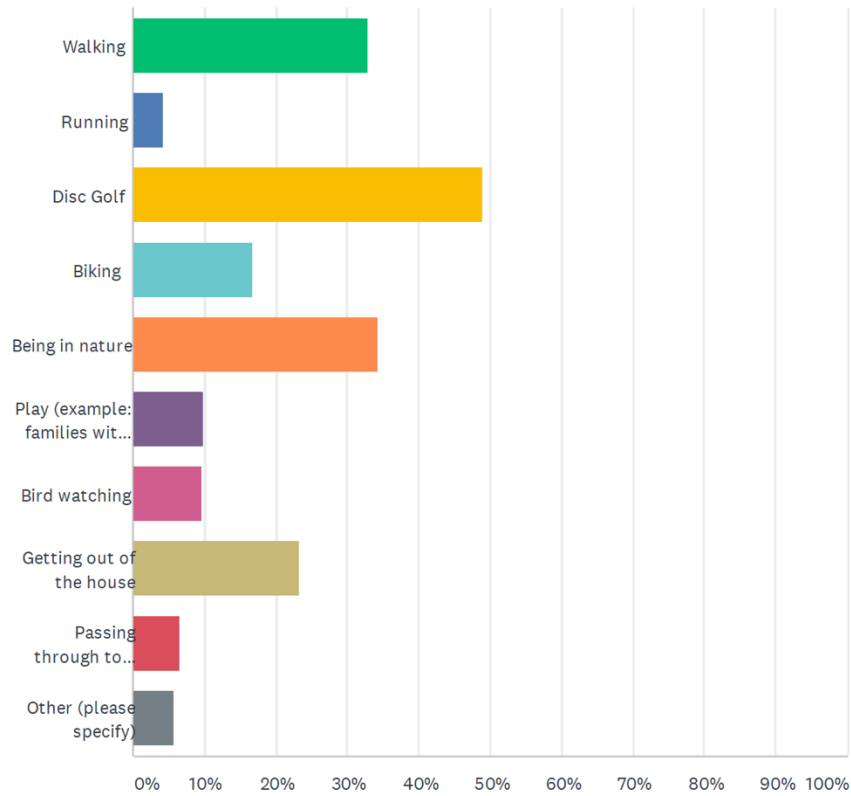
**SV 1, Question 3: Most often, how do you get to North Regional Park?**



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES  |
|------------------------|------------|
| Auto                   | 73.11% 193 |
| Bike                   | 12.12% 32  |
| Walk                   | 11.36% 30  |
| Other (please specify) | 3.41% 9    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>264</b> |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)         | DATE               |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Run                            | 6/7/2020 5:03 PM   |
| 2 | Disc Golf                      | 5/28/2020 10:05 AM |
| 3 | Jog/bike                       | 5/23/2020 9:15 AM  |
| 4 | Drive                          | 5/22/2020 10:30 PM |
| 5 | Disc golf                      | 5/22/2020 9:08 PM  |
| 6 | Disc golf                      | 5/22/2020 11:23 AM |
| 7 | All                            | 5/22/2020 11:13 AM |
| 8 | Running                        | 5/22/2020 8:27 AM  |
| 9 | Golf cart from the fairgrounds | 5/22/2020 8:26 AM  |

SV 1, Question 4: What is the purpose of your visit(s) to North Regional Park? (Choose up to 3)

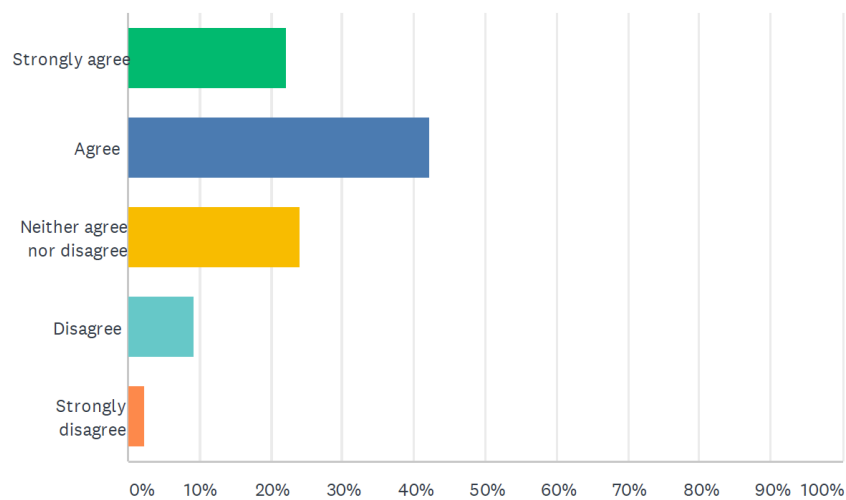


| ANSWER CHOICES                         | RESPONSES |     |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Walking                                | 32.82%    | 86  |
| Running                                | 4.20%     | 11  |
| Disc Golf                              | 48.85%    | 128 |
| Biking                                 | 16.79%    | 44  |
| Being in nature                        | 34.35%    | 90  |
| Play (example: families with children) | 9.92%     | 26  |
| Bird watching                          | 9.54%     | 25  |
| Getting out of the house               | 23.28%    | 61  |
| Passing through to other destination   | 6.49%     | 17  |
| Other (please specify)                 | 5.73%     | 15  |
| Total Respondents: 262                 |           |     |

| #  | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)                                  | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | walking my dog  | 6/14/2020 1:22 PM  |
| 2  | Watching others play disc golf.                         | 6/8/2020 2:07 PM   |
| 3  | new to the area   | 6/8/2020 11:08 AM  |
| 4  | LCC class on wild foraging [nettles, wild ginger]       | 6/2/2020 10:46 AM  |
| 5  | Work  | 5/28/2020 3:02 PM  |
| 6  | More disc golf  | 5/28/2020 2:02 PM  |
| 7  | Clean up trash at disc golf course                      | 5/28/2020 10:06 AM |
| 8  | Looking for homeless for the annual Point-In-Time count | 5/27/2020 8:40 AM  |
| 9  | Fishing   | 5/23/2020 6:40 PM  |
| 10 | Running the dog   | 5/22/2020 8:45 PM  |
| 11 | Exploring, got lost looking for WOE                     | 5/22/2020 4:42 PM  |
| 12 | Eat lunch/picnic  | 5/22/2020 11:38 AM |
| 13 | Having lunch  | 5/22/2020 10:22 AM |
| 14 | Entertaining kids with a ride on the golf cart          | 5/22/2020 8:27 AM  |
| 15 | Work  | 5/21/2020 3:48 PM  |

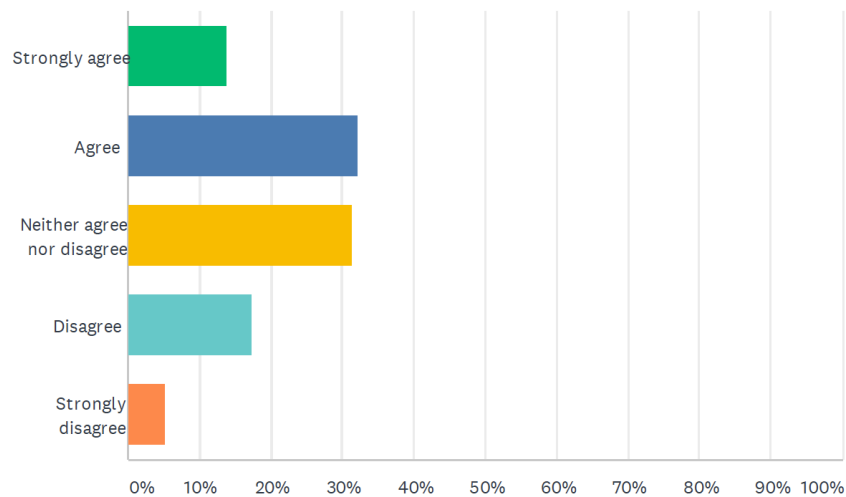


**SV 1, Question 5:** Agree or Disagree, North Regional Park is a park I enjoy going to.



| ANSWER CHOICES             | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Strongly agree             | 22.09%    | 57  |
| Agree                      | 42.25%    | 109 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 24.03%    | 62  |
| Disagree                   | 9.30%     | 24  |
| Strongly disagree          | 2.33%     | 6   |
| TOTAL                      |           | 258 |

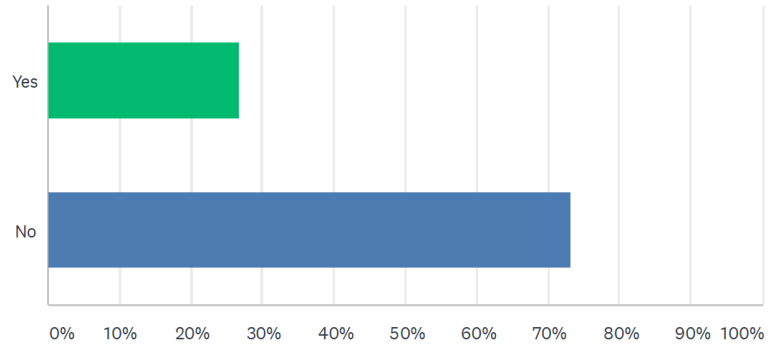
**SV 1, Question 6:** Agree or Disagree, there are other parks in the city I enjoy more than North Regional Park.



| ANSWER CHOICES             | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Strongly agree             | 13.89%    | 35  |
| Agree                      | 32.14%    | 81  |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 31.35%    | 79  |
| Disagree                   | 17.46%    | 44  |
| Strongly disagree          | 5.16%     | 13  |
| TOTAL                      |           | 252 |



**SV 1, Question 7A:** Are there areas of the park in which you or anyone in your household find inaccessible?

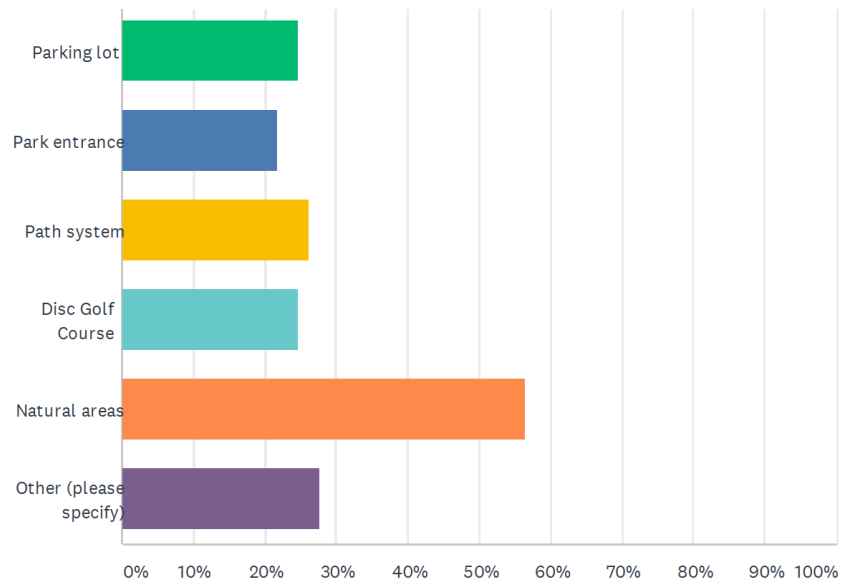


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes            | 26.74%    | 69  |
| No             | 73.26%    | 189 |
| TOTAL          |           | 258 |

*Based on this question, respondents who replied yes received Question 7B. Otherwise, the survey continued on to Question 8.*



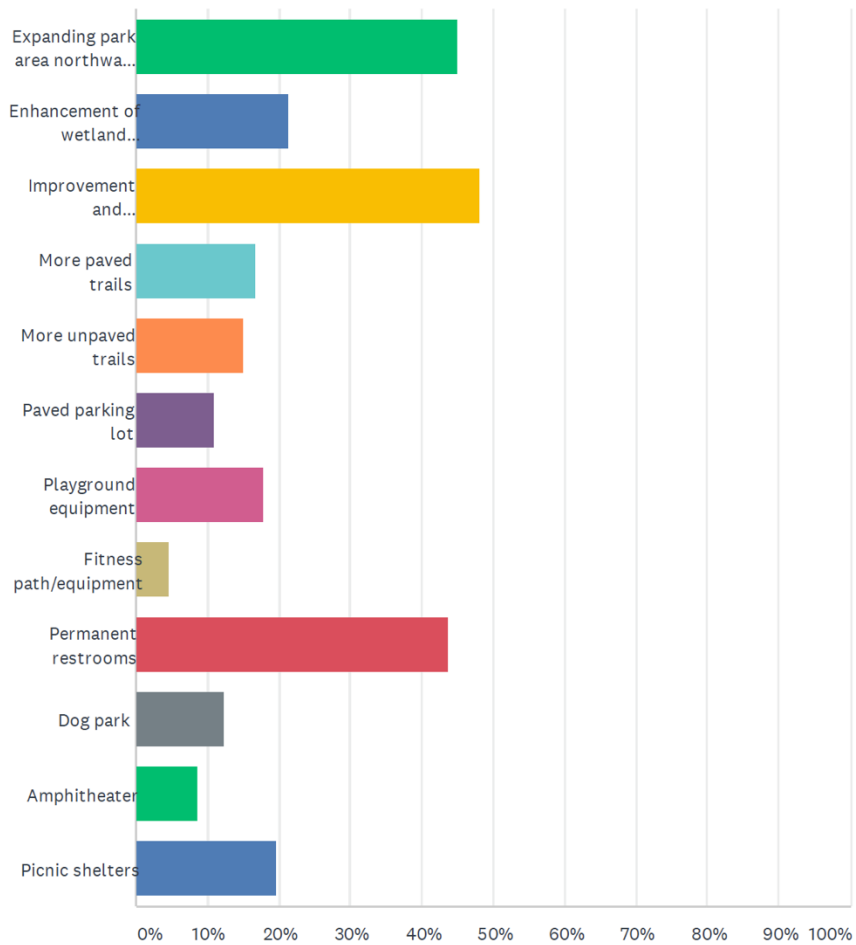
**SV 1, Question 7B:** Which areas of the park do you or anyone in your household find inaccessible? (Mark all that apply)



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES |    |
|------------------------|-----------|----|
| Parking lot            | 24.64%    | 17 |
| Park entrance          | 21.74%    | 15 |
| Path system            | 26.09%    | 18 |
| Disc Golf Course       | 24.64%    | 17 |
| Natural areas          | 56.52%    | 39 |
| Other (please specify) | 27.54%    | 19 |
| Total Respondents: 69  |           |    |

| #  | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)  | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | I didn't realize it was a park, it can be creepy for a solo person and people camp there  | 6/7/2020 6:13 PM   |
| 2  | No where safe to park car   | 6/1/2020 9:04 PM   |
| 3  | No safe parking lot   | 6/1/2020 2:36 PM   |
| 4  | I don't leave the bike path; I don't even know what else is accessible.   | 6/1/2020 1:08 PM   |
| 5  | The homeless population makes parts of the park inaccessible  | 5/31/2020 5:46 AM  |
| 6  | To much overgrowth of black berry bushes in a lot of areas.   | 5/29/2020 3:46 PM  |
| 7  | Parts of the disc golf course   | 5/28/2020 11:09 AM |
| 8  | Homeless people using drugs make it scary .   | 5/27/2020 11:28 AM |
| 9  | Entrance by golf course difficult   | 5/25/2020 9:39 AM  |
| 10 | Some areas are fine to be inaccessible  | 5/23/2020 8:29 PM  |
| 11 | Homeless camping areas  | 5/22/2020 10:07 PM |
| 12 | The river. We love swimming in the summer.  | 5/22/2020 9:49 PM  |
| 13 | Where the homeless live.  | 5/22/2020 5:26 PM  |
| 14 | All but 27 acres :)   | 5/22/2020 4:37 PM  |
| 15 | Blackberry bushes and poison oak.   | 5/22/2020 2:56 PM  |
| 16 | Black berries and poison oak  | 5/22/2020 2:00 PM  |
| 17 | Needs parking further into the park   | 5/22/2020 11:40 AM |
| 18 | Sometimes there are homeless people or their leftovers that block one of the paths between some of the baskets on the disc golf course. | 5/22/2020 11:01 AM |
| 19 | Do not feel safe  | 5/22/2020 10:05 AM |

**SV 1, Question 8:** If funding were not an issue, which of the following improvements to the park would be your priority? (Choose up to 3)



| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES |     |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Expanding park area northward to the river (river access) | 44.96%    | 116 |
| Enhancement of wetland habitats                           | 21.32%    | 55  |
| Improvement and formalization of disc golf course         | 48.06%    | 124 |
| More paved trails   | 16.67%    | 43  |
| More unpaved trails                                       | 15.12%    | 39  |
| Paved parking lot   | 10.85%    | 28  |
| Playground equipment                                      | 17.83%    | 46  |
| Fitness path/equipment                                    | 4.65%     | 12  |
| Permanent restrooms                                       | 43.80%    | 113 |
| Dog park  | 12.40%    | 32  |
| Amphitheater  | 8.53%     | 22  |
| Picnic shelters   | 19.77%    | 51  |
| Total Respondents: 258                                    |           |     |

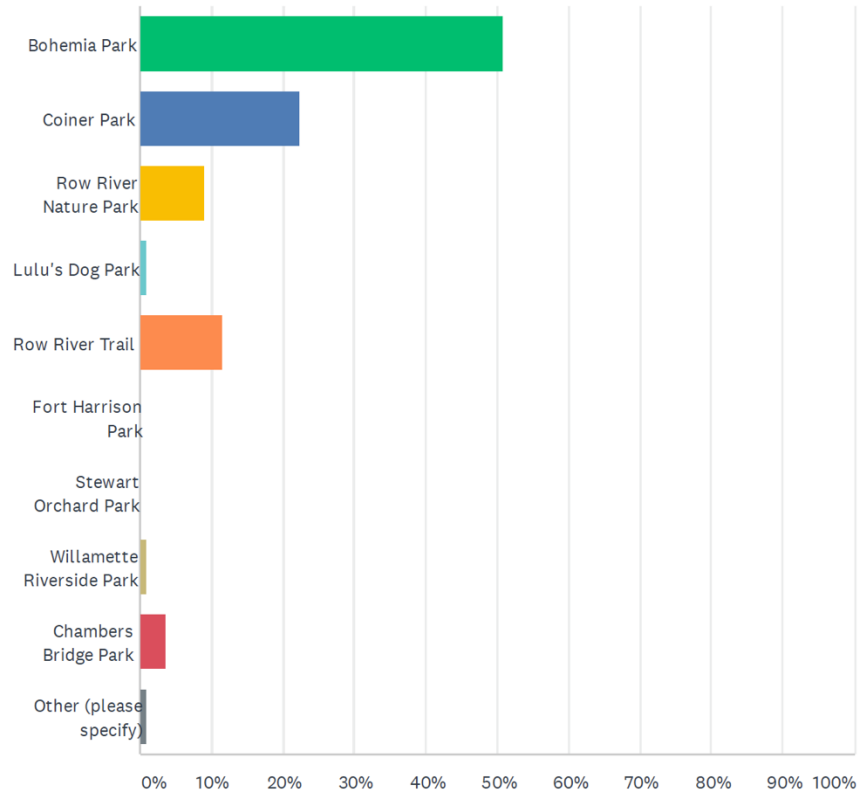
*After this question, the respondent ended with demographic questions. (See page 21)*





## Survey Version 2 – Respondents who have not visited North Regional Park

### SV 2, Question 2: What is your favorite park in Cottage Grove?

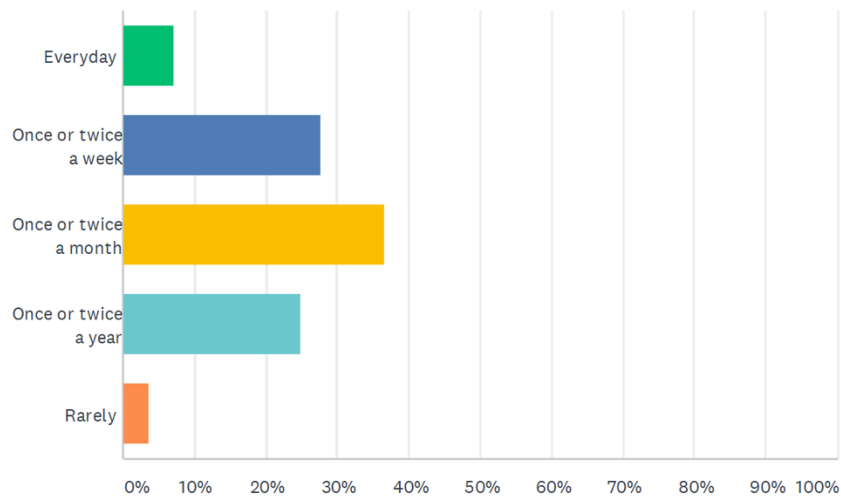


| ANSWER CHOICES            | RESPONSES  |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Bohemia Park              | 50.89% 57  |
| Coiner Park               | 22.32% 25  |
| Row River Nature Park     | 8.93% 10   |
| Lulu's Dog Park           | 0.89% 1    |
| Row River Trail           | 11.61% 13  |
| Fort Harrison Park        | 0.00% 0    |
| Stewart Orchard Park      | 0.00% 0    |
| Willamette Riverside Park | 0.89% 1    |
| Chambers Bridge Park      | 3.57% 4    |
| Other (please specify)    | 0.89% 1    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>112</b> |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)         | DATE               |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Cottage Grove Disc Golf course | 5/22/2020 12:01 PM |

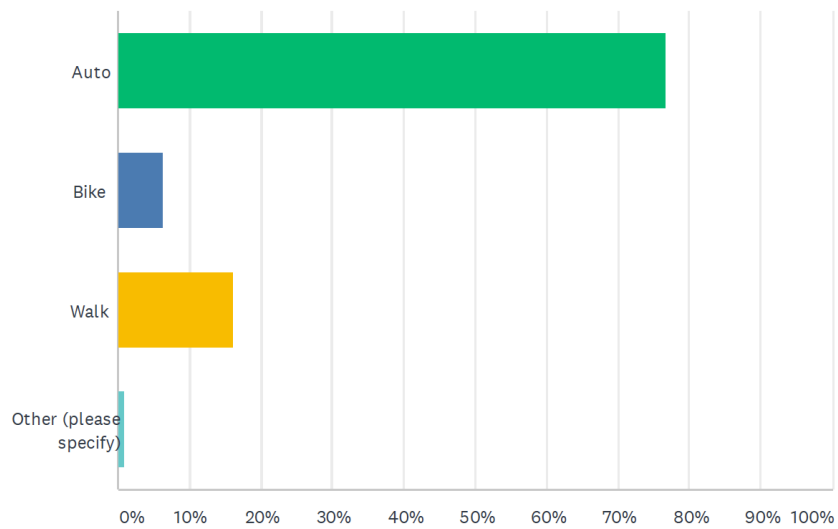


**SV 2, Question 3:** How often do you go to at least one of Cottage Grove’s city parks?



| ANSWER CHOICES        | RESPONSES |            |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Everyday              | 7.14%     | 8          |
| Once or twice a week  | 27.68%    | 31         |
| Once or twice a month | 36.61%    | 41         |
| Once or twice a year  | 25.00%    | 28         |
| Rarely                | 3.57%     | 4          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |           | <b>112</b> |

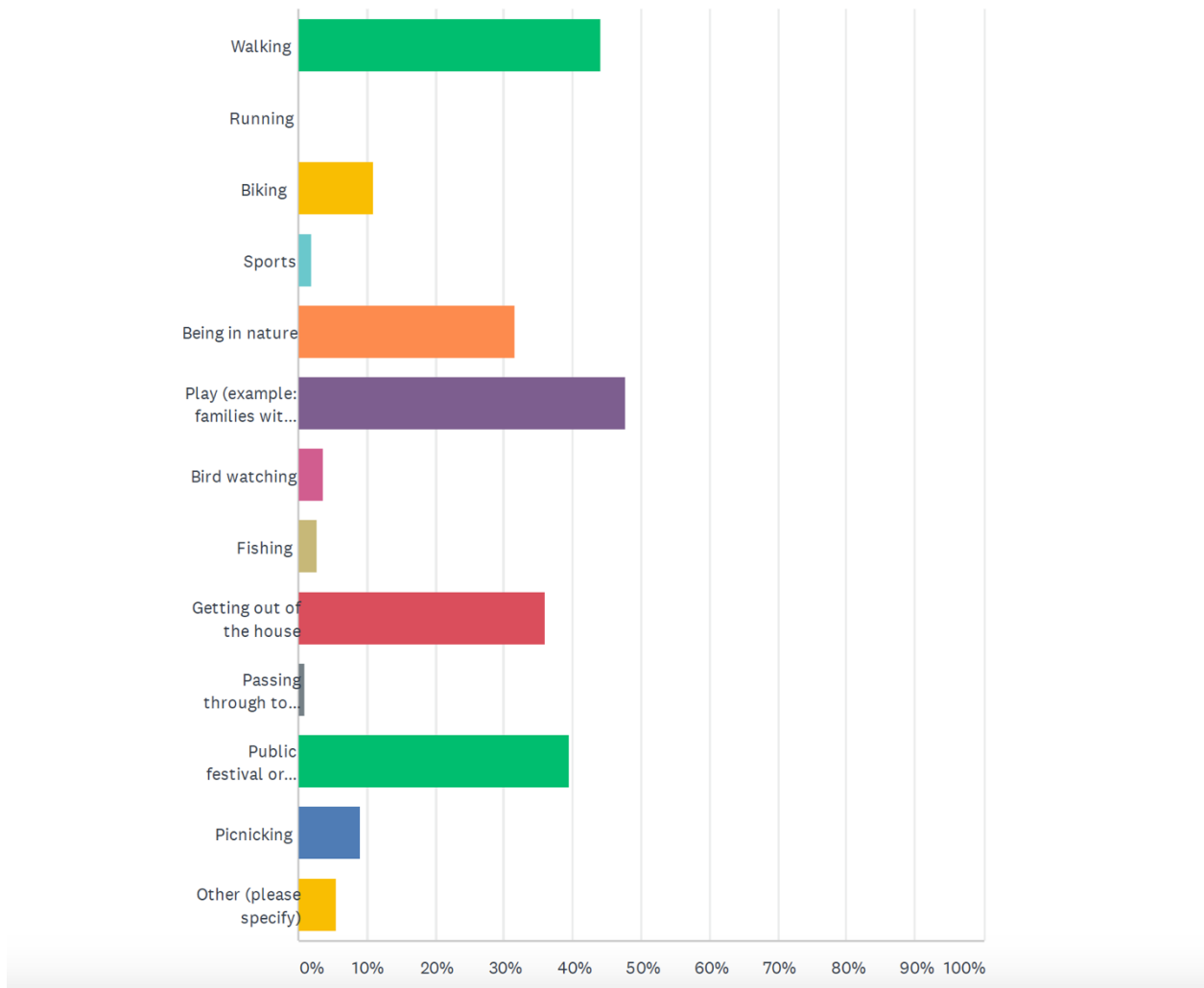
SV 2, Question 4: Most often, how do you get to the parks?



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES |            |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Auto                   | 76.79%    | 86         |
| Bike                   | 6.25%     | 7          |
| Walk                   | 16.07%    | 18         |
| Other (please specify) | 0.89%     | 1          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           |           | <b>112</b> |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE             |
|---|------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Car                    | 6/1/2020 5:37 PM |

SV 2, Question 5: Most often, what is the purpose of your visit(s) to city parks? (Choose up to 3)

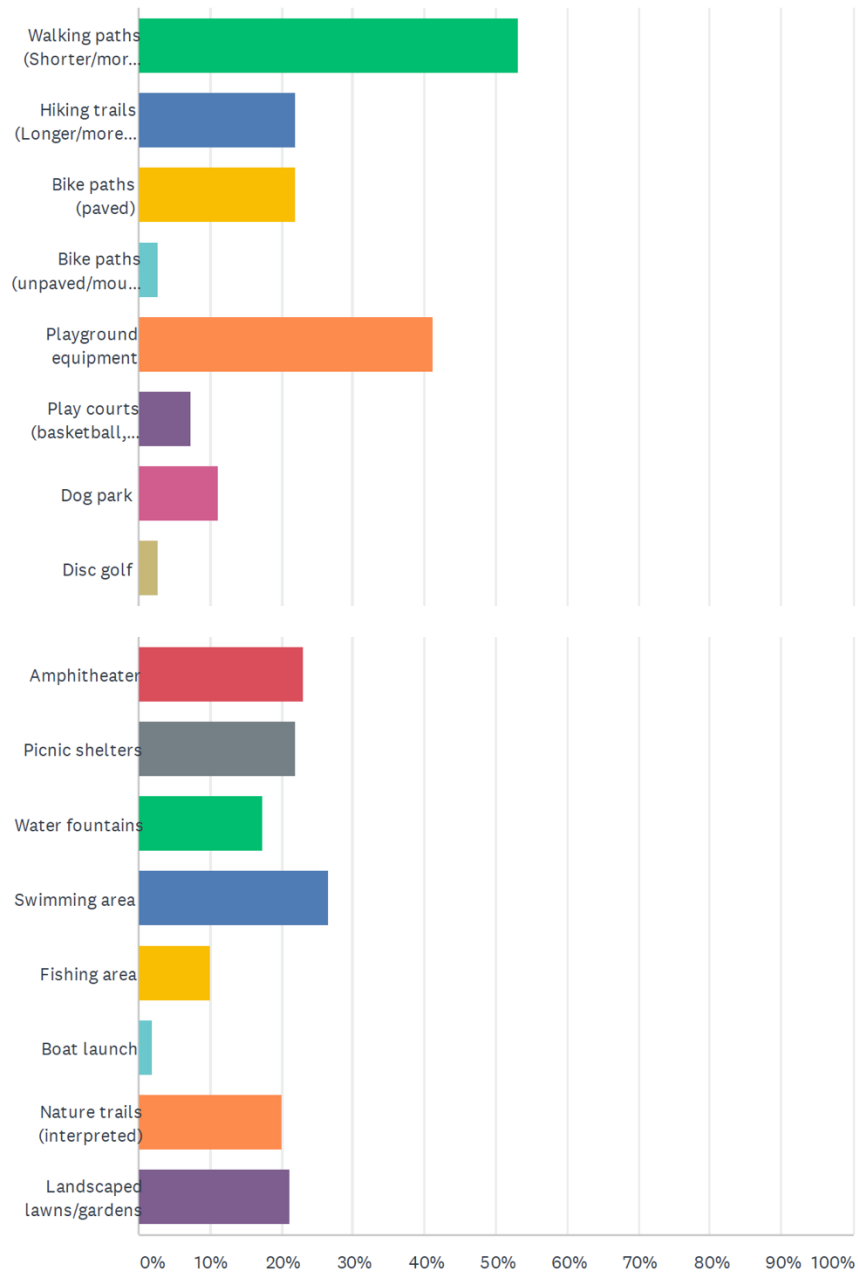


| ANSWER CHOICES                         | RESPONSES |    |
|--|-----------|----|
| Walking                                | 44.14%    | 49 |
| Running                                | 0.00%     | 0  |
| Biking                                 | 10.81%    | 12 |
| Sports                                 | 1.80%     | 2  |
| Being in nature                        | 31.53%    | 35 |
| Play (example: families with children) | 47.75%    | 53 |
| Bird watching                          | 3.60%     | 4  |
| Fishing                                | 2.70%     | 3  |
| Getting out of the house               | 36.04%    | 40 |
| Passing through to other destination   | 0.90%     | 1  |
| Public festival or event               | 39.64%    | 44 |
| Picnicking                             | 9.01%     | 10 |
| Other (please specify)                 | 5.41%     | 6  |
| Total Respondents: 111                 |           |    |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)    | DATE               |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Dog walking               | 6/9/2020 10:57 PM  |
| 2 | Parties                   | 6/8/2020 2:28 PM   |
| 3 | Church, during the Summer | 6/8/2020 10:01 AM  |
| 4 | Walking with my dog       | 6/3/2020 2:38 PM   |
| 5 | Disc golf                 | 5/22/2020 12:02 PM |
| 6 | Playing pokemon go        | 5/22/2020 9:05 AM  |



**SV 2, Question 6:** Which of the following are your favorite types of park amenities? (Choose up to 3)



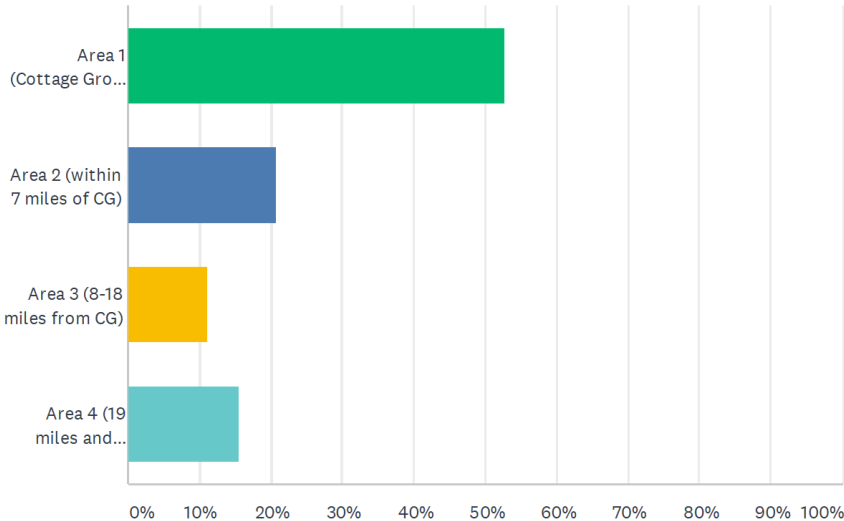
| ANSWER CHOICES                          | RESPONSES |    |
|---|-----------|----|
| Walking paths (Shorter/more accessible) | 53.21%    | 58 |
| Hiking trails (Longer/more strenuous)   | 22.02%    | 24 |
| Bike paths (paved)                      | 22.02%    | 24 |
| Bike paths (unpaved/mountain)           | 2.75%     | 3  |
| Playground equipment                    | 41.28%    | 45 |
| Play courts (basketball, tennis, etc.)  | 7.34%     | 8  |
| Dog park                                | 11.01%    | 12 |
| Disc golf                               | 2.75%     | 3  |
| Amphitheater                            | 22.94%    | 25 |
| Picnic shelters                         | 22.02%    | 24 |
| Water fountains                         | 17.43%    | 19 |
| Swimming area                           | 26.61%    | 29 |
| Fishing area                            | 10.09%    | 11 |
| Boat launch                             | 1.83%     | 2  |
| Nature trails (interpreted)             | 20.18%    | 22 |
| Landscaped lawns/gardens                | 21.10%    | 23 |
| Total Respondents: 109                  |           |    |

*After this question, the respondent ended the survey with demographic questions. (See page 21)*

# Demographic Questions

All respondents are guided to this section at the end.

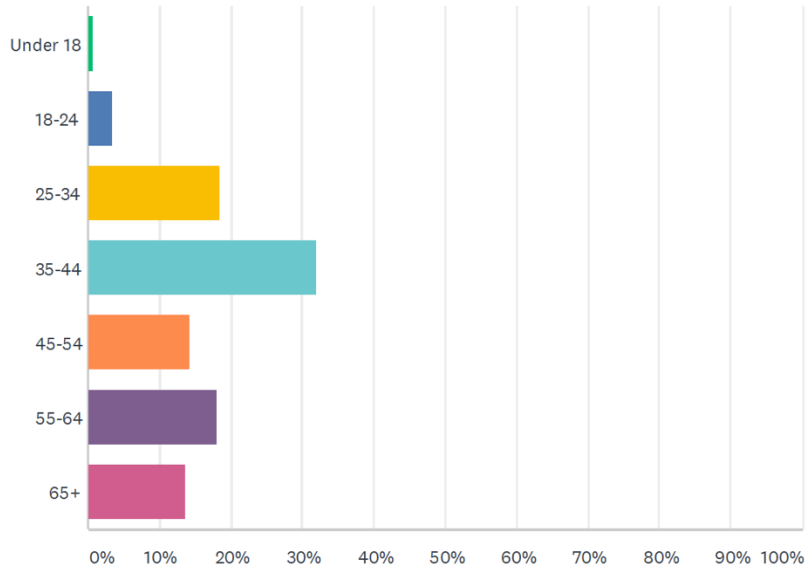
**DQ 1:** Approximately how far from North Regional Park do you currently live?



| ANSWER CHOICES                     | RESPONSES |            |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Area 1 (Cottage Grove city limits) | 52.76%    | 191        |
| Area 2 (within 7 miles of CG)      | 20.72%    | 75         |
| Area 3 (8-18 miles from CG)        | 11.05%    | 40         |
| Area 4 (19 miles and beyond CG)    | 15.47%    | 56         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       |           | <b>362</b> |

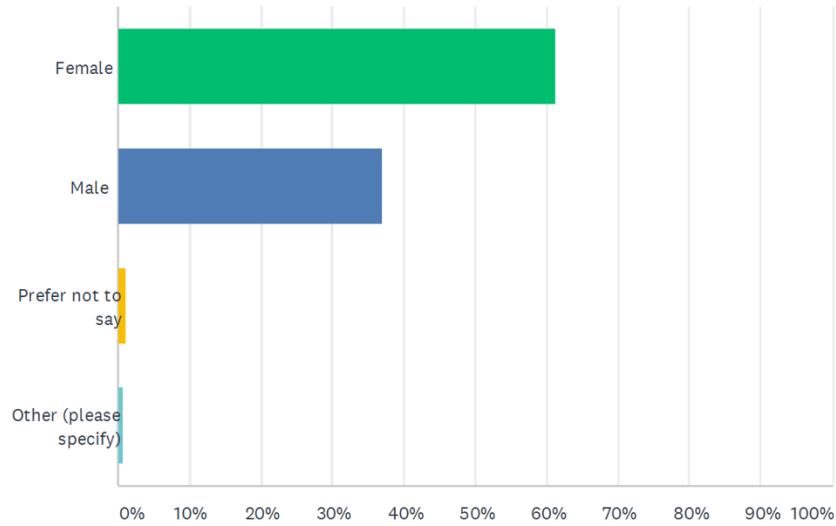


## DQ 2: What is your age?



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Under 18       | 0.55%     | 2          |
| 18-24          | 3.31%     | 12         |
| 25-34          | 18.46%    | 67         |
| 35-44          | 31.96%    | 116        |
| 45-54          | 14.33%    | 52         |
| 55-64          | 17.91%    | 65         |
| 65+            | 13.50%    | 49         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>363</b> |

## DQ 2: What is your gender?



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES  |
|------------------------|------------|
| Female                 | 61.39% 221 |
| Male                   | 36.94% 133 |
| Prefer not to say      | 1.11% 4    |
| Other (please specify) | 0.56% 2    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>360</b> |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE              |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Nonbinary              | 5/22/2020 1:18 PM |
| 2 | Tripacorn              | 5/22/2020 8:32 AM |

*End of survey. Respondents given the opportunity to enter their email for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Bi-Mart and receive email updates about the project.*



# Findings

## Question 1

- Roughly 70% of those surveyed have been to North Regional Park.

## Survey Version 1

- 80% of respondents go to North Regional Park once or twice a month, once per year, or rarely, with 20% going every day or twice a week.
- 73% of those who go to North Regional Park drive, while 27% bike, walk, use a golf cart, or “disc golf”.
- While at the park, 48% play disc golf, 34% enjoy nature, 32% walk, and 23% go to get out of the house. Other responses were under 10%.
- 64% of people agree or strongly agree that they enjoy North Regional Park.
- Most people (80%) do not have strong feelings about whether they prefer other parks in the community more.
- 73% do not find the park inaccessible, while 27% do.
  - Of the 27% that find the park inaccessible, 56% chose the natural areas. The other answers were split evenly.
- 9 of 19 “other” responses mention people experiencing homelessness or safety as a reason for inaccessibility.
- Park expansion, disc golf improvement, and permanent restrooms all received 40% or over. Wetland enhancement was at 21% and picnic shelters at 20%

## Survey Version 2

- Bohemia Park is the most popular park at 51%. Coiner Park is the second most popular at 22%.
- 88% of respondents visit a park between once or twice a week and twice a year.
- 77% of respondents take a vehicle when going to a park.
- In regard to park visits, 44% go to walk, 48% go to play, 31% go for nature, 36% go to get out of the house, and 39% go for a festival or event.

- The top two favorite amenities are walking trails (53%) and playground equipment (41%).
  - Hiking trails, bike paths, amphitheater, picnic shelters, water fountains, swimming areas, nature trails, and landscaped lawns/gardens received a positive response rate between 20% and 30%.

## Demographics

- 52% of respondents live in town.
- 32% of respondents were ages 35 to 44, while the lowest response rate under 24 years old.
- Respondents were 61% female and 37% male.

## Summary

### North Regional Park

The City can conclude that a large majority of residents have been to North Regional Park at least once and most enjoy their time there. The two major uses of the park are related to disc golf and being outside in nature (specifically walking-related). Due to the structure of the park, we can conclude that these are the two draws of the park, therefore should be the focus of the improvements to the park. The survey also shows that while the park is not generally the public's favorite, it also is not unpopular and serves its place in the community.

While there are some needed improvements related to accessibility, the respondents strongly felt that the natural areas were by far the most inaccessible. This makes sense, as the park's structure does not allow for extensive exploration into the green space. Of the suggested improvements to the park, the top three answers were the expansion of the park boundary northward, improvement of the disc golf course, and the installation of permanent bathrooms. These top answers align with the two major uses described above.

This survey also highlights the perceptions in which the public have about the park. Question 7B asked respondents to describe the areas in which they found to be inaccessible. The original intent of the question was to draw out any hinderances to accessibility, however the question received several responses pertaining to safety. The responses make it clear that the single path through the wooded area, lack of other recreators in the park at a given time, and presence of people experiencing homelessness makes the back part of the park feel less safe.

## The Wider Park System

Version 2 of the survey also provides context to feelings in the community toward the city's parks. The top two favorite parks are Bohemia Park and Coiner Park, both of which are central and have specific uses. While North Regional Park is not central, its size and potential to be the city's primary place to play disc golf and experience nature makes it a logical choice for future improvement. Historically, past surveys have shown that Cottage Grove has had very positive views regarding its public parks, which is reinforced in this recent survey. For those who had not been to the park, walking paths were the top choice on Question 6. North Regional Park has the greatest potential within the park system to provide such opportunities.

## Next Steps

In the next few months, the City will conduct a second survey and create a North Regional Park Comprehensive Plan. The input from the previous and the upcoming survey will be the primary influences on the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

**Appendix F – North Regional Park Second Community Survey Findings**

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The background is a stylized illustration of a park. At the top left is a dark green hill. A light green path curves from the top right towards the center. Along the path are several green coniferous trees of varying sizes. In the foreground, there are two large green trees with brown trunks. To the left of the trees is a white sign with green and blue text, supported by two green posts. The sky is a solid light blue.

# North Regional Park: Second Community Survey Findings

**NORTH REGIONAL  
PARK**

**DISC GOLF COURSE**



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# Context

The City of Cottage Grove Planning Department is currently conducting work to create a North Regional Park Master Plan. The work is being done concurrently with the installation of the new Water Treatment Plant effluent water pond. The City is taking the opportunity during this time to document the City's future plans and aspirations for the park.

The following survey was created and distributed by John Larson-Friend, the current Planning Intern for the City. Like the first survey, the second survey was used to gather the options of the public regarding North Regional park, its potential future uses, and any other feedback regarding the park. The survey was divided into three parts: 1) Multiple Choice Questions, 2) Open Ended Questions, and 3) Demographic Questions.

As an incentive, the City offered respondents the opportunity to record their email addresses for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Bi-Mart.

The survey was distributed primarily by a flyer and social media posts. The survey went live on July 15, 2020 and was closed on August 15, 2020 after a survey period of one month. The City received a total 272 responses, though with varying levels of completeness. This is considered normal for surveys which have open ended questions.



# Findings

## Multiple Choice Questions

- **Question 1** results indicate that there is overwhelming interest (81%) in the creation of additional side loop trails throughout the park.
- **Question 2** results indicate that the most desired trail designs most were primitive dirt or bark dust trails, by around a 30% margin compared to the paved trails shown.
- **Question 3** results show a roughly even split in the community concerning whether or not to provide road access further into the park.

- 16 out of 32 text responses in the “Other” affirmed the option as good for other people who might need better access.
- The text responses which were opposed to the access road largely came from those who are regular users of the Disc Golf Course.



- **Question 4's** Image 6 was the top response, likely due to its simple design which also incorporates a map.



- **Question 5's** most popular answer by a large margin was Image 6, which is notably similar to the existing design at the parking lot.



- **Question 6** results show a disinterest in benches without backrests, while the most popular bench was a simple wooden type.



- **Question 7** does not indicate an overwhelmingly popular type of boardwalk; however, Image 5 was notably unpopular.
- **Question 8** shows great support for more educational signs in the park, which is indicated by the large support shown for the installation of plant identification signs.
  - The text responses from the “Other” category indicates some skepticism about how the signs would be maintained.
- **Question 9** shows overwhelming support for updating the name of the park.

## Open Ended Questions

**Question 10** was analyzed using a series of keywords to determine the main themes of the open-ended answers.



Question 10 received a total of 157 responses. Since the question asked for specific park experiences, the top Theme found in the answers involved a place. The next two most mentioned factors about favorite parks are how well they are maintained and having signs. Those two themes are important because they are also mentioned as desires for North Regional Park in Question 11. Additionally, the other most mentioned themes were trails, disc golf, nature, safety, and benches. The rest of the themes were mentioned less than 10 times.

- **Place:** While most of the answers mention a diverse set of different parks around the region and country, a few different parks were mentioned multiple times. These include Dexter Park (4 times), Alton Baker Park (3 times), Drake Park (2 times), Dallas Disc Golf Park (2 times), and Hendricks Park (2 times). Each of these might provide a possible example of what North Regional Park could be in the future.
- **Maintained:** When people visit parks, one of the first things they generally seem to notice, according to this survey, is whether or not the park is well maintained. When parks are cared for, it makes people feel welcomed into the space.
- **Signs:** People seem to like knowing information about the park, where everything is within the area, and how far away they are. Signs also play into the maintenance of a space. Additionally, signs are very important for those who play disc golf, especially when they are easy to read or understand.
- **Trails:** A well-marked and maintained trail system is a big draw for people when visit parks.
- **Disc Golf:** This survey received a lot of answers from people who enjoy disc golf and use courses all over the region. Disc Golf Courses which are maintained, have extensive signage, and naturally blend in with the natural areas were noted throughout the survey responses.
- **Nature:** People love being outdoors and are looking for local spaces in which they can explore natural areas.
- **Safety:** A huge factor in whether a park is well attended is safety. If a space does not feel safe enough to walk through or bring their children to, then it will be avoided. The parks mentioned in the survey are favorites do not have this problem.
- **Benches:** People like to have a place to sit, whether to rest or even just to enjoy the nature around them.

**Question 11** was also analyzed using a series of keywords to determine the main themes of the open-ended answers.



Question 11 received 181 answers. Of the two open-ended questions, this is likely the most helpful to know what people would like to see happen at North Regional Park. The top eight topics mentioned in the answers were Safety, Maintained, Disc Golf, Signs, Trails, Access (includes Parking), Restrooms, and Benches. The rest were mentioned six or less times.

- **Safety:** Safety was by far the most mentioned factor precluding people from going to North Regional Park. Most of the issues of safety revolve around the perceived lack of safety due to the known population of people experiencing homelessness in the park.
- **Maintained:** Next to safety, the maintenance of North Regional Park is extremely important to the future of the park. Many of the topics which came up during this section of the survey can be traced back to the current lack of basic maintenance of the disc golf course and larger park.
- **Disc Golf:** The course is very important to people both in and near the community. Most respondents want to see the course improved and maintained.
- **Signs:** People like signs, and their presence often indicates that City's value both the park layout and the experiences of those visiting the park. In the responses, people talked about disc golf course signs, historical signs, educational signs, map signs, and signs within the community pointing the way to the park.

- **Trails:** People love nature and consider trails to be excellent ways in which to experience it. The current layout of the trails is not very engaging often to not feel safe for those in the park. Some suggested fixes include the improvement of the trails, the addition of other trails, boardwalks, and nature loops with educational materials.
- **Access (including Parking):** Access came up as something that precludes people from going to the park. It was expressed that the parking lot does not feel friendly or inviting, does not have a bike rack, and that the paths are not developed enough to be accessible to the entire community.
- **Restrooms:** Restrooms were mentioned several times, though some respondents did clarify the statement by adding that the restrooms could become unsafe due to the current homeless population and undermine its purpose of attracting more visitors.
- **Benches:** People want to be able to sit. Due to the lack of seating in the park, the park does not attract as many people as it does not feel like a friendly “living room” space.

## Demographic Questions

- **Question 12** data shows that half of the respondents live within the Cottage Grove city limits, with the other half divided across the region and even across the country.
- **Question 13** demonstrates that this survey did not successfully reach people under 25. However, the ages of respondents were fairly evenly split between the older demographic ranges.
- **Question 14** shows that there were more women who filled the survey out than men, though only by a 15% margin.

## Summary

The two survey results showed that the community has great in the future of North Regional Park. The Disc Golf Course is the most recognizable and public facing portion of the park, as well as the most consistently utilized. For those who play disc golf, there is great interest in improving the course with new equipment, ongoing maintenance, and new signage. The basic maintenance of the Disc Golf Course may prove to be a big draw to the public, with each improvement adding to the value of users' experiences.

As for the rest of the park, many visitors expressed a desire to see the park maintained and improved. The areas meant to be "natural" are instead overgrown and often occupied by people experiencing homelessness. Due to the lack of perceived care by the city, visitors do not feel secure in much of the park, thus do not utilize the area as much as it might be if those issues did not exist. Despite the park being connected to the larger Cottage Grove bike path system, riders often do not feel safe enough to ride through the park, let alone stay for any meaningful amount of time.

North Regional Park has a big potential to become a favorite park within the Cottage Grove park system, especially if the park expands to the north and is able to be improved. Until then, the surveys indicate that the park will remain relatively unpopular until major changes are made.

## Next Steps

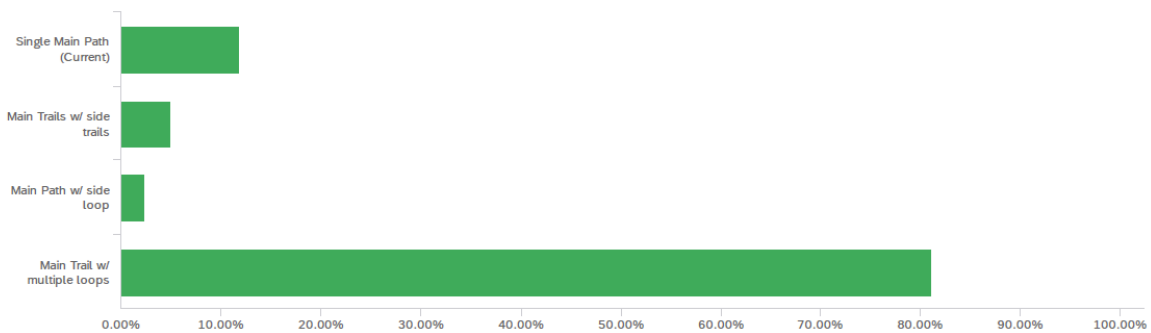
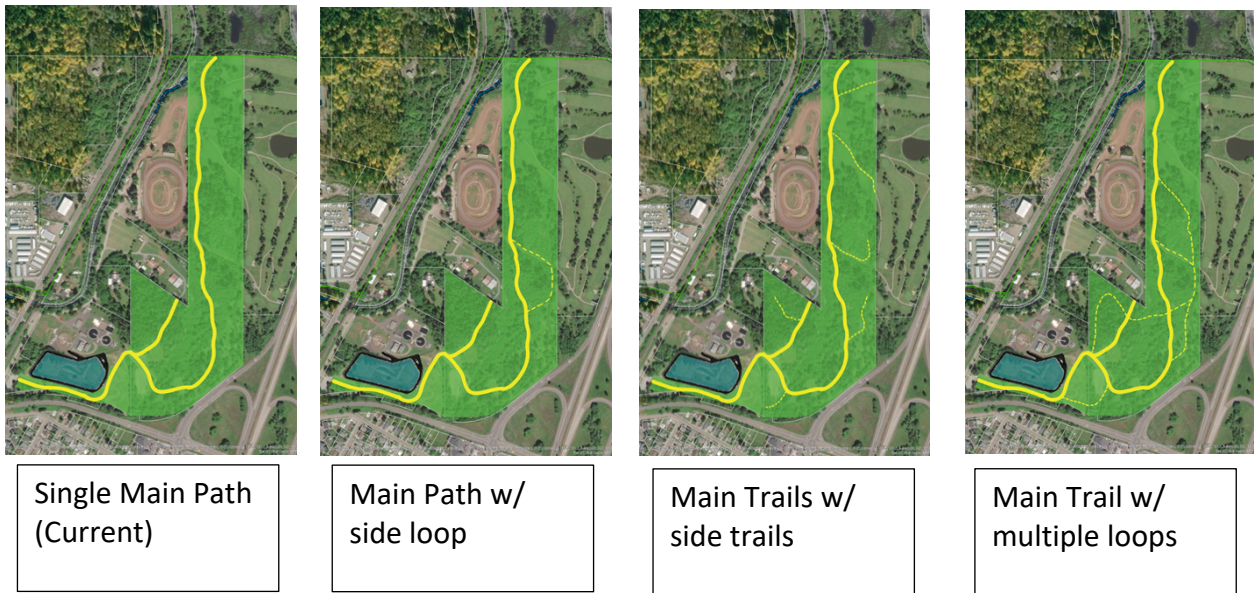
Now that the two surveys have been completed and analyzed, the Planning Intern will begin work on the North Regional Park Master Plan. The intent of the Master Plan will be to create guidance and recommendations concerning the future of the park.

# Survey Results

The following section contains the survey questions in the order given. Each question shows the response graph, raw response data, and any qualitative data requested in answers marked "Other".

## Multiple Choice Questions

**Question 1:** The City has a few different options on how to improve the park, one of them being whether to add more trails. Choose your favorite North Regional Park design from the following map examples: (Artist's renderings, path placement has not been determined)





| # | Field   | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|---|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | The City has a few different options on how to improve the park, one of them being whether to add more trails. Choose your favorite North Regional Park design from the following map examples: (Artist's renderings, path placement has not been determined) | 1.00    | 4.00    | 3.53 | 1.03          | 1.05     | 264   |

| # | Field                        | Percentage |
|---|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Single Main Path (Current)   | 11.74%     |
| 2 | Main Trails w/ side trails   | 4.92%      |
| 3 | Main Path w/ side loop       | 2.27%      |
| 4 | Main Trail w/ multiple loops | 81.06%     |
|   |                              | 264        |

**Question 2:** If the City created more side trails in the park, which of the following trail designs appeal to you most?



Image 1

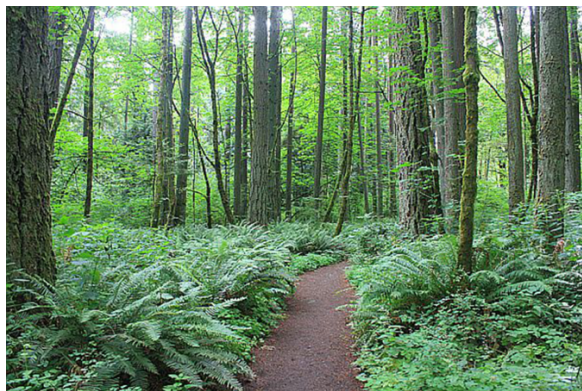


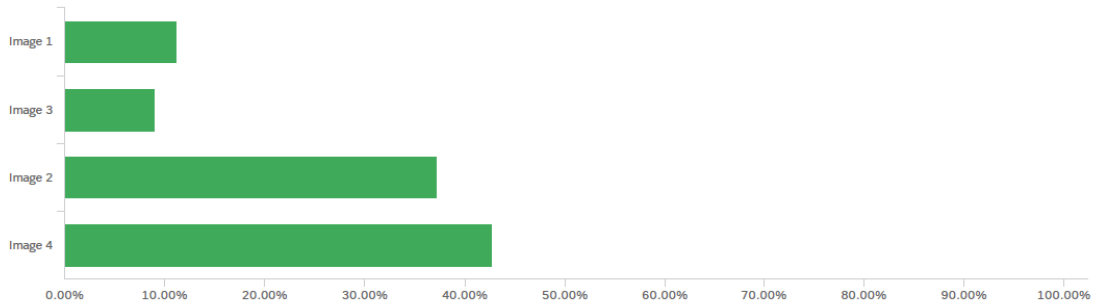
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Image 3



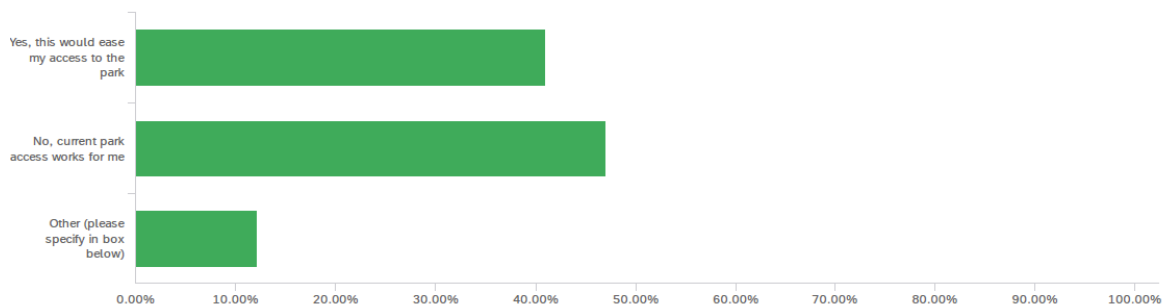
Image 4



| # | Field  | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|--|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | If the City created more side trails in the park, which of the following trail designs appeal to you most? | 1.00    | 4.00    | 3.12 | 0.97          | 0.95     | 269   |

| # | Field   | Percentage |
|---|---------|------------|
| 1 | Image 1 | 11.15%     |
| 2 | Image 3 | 8.92%      |
| 3 | Image 2 | 37.17%     |
| 4 | Image 4 | 42.75%     |
|   |         | 269        |

**Question 3:** [Below] is an artist's rendering of an option to extend a route into the park in order to accommodate visitors who find the walk from the existing parking lot into the main part of the park to be difficult. There would be a small parking lot for 1 to 3 cars included. Would this be an idea in which you would support?



| # | Field   | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|---|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | Above is an artist's rendering of an option to extend a route into the park in order to accommodate visitors who find the walk from the existing parking lot into the main part of the park to be difficult. There could be a small parking lot for 1 to 3 cars included. Would this be an idea in which you would support? - Selected Choice | 1.00    | 3.00    | 1.71 | 0.67          | 0.45     | 264   |

| # | Field                                      | Percentage |
|---|--|------------|
| 1 | Yes, this would ease my access to the park | 40.91%     |
| 2 | No, current park access works for me       | 46.97%     |
| 3 | Other (please specify in box below)        | 12.12%     |
|   |  | 264        |

Other (please specify in box below)

i have never been to go to this park

I have no accessibility issues but I believe the option for an alternative route with Disabled Parking would be a boon for those who have mobility issues.

Access is important for those unable to walk. Even though I don't personally need it I think it is necessary.

As long as there is a kept path from the parking lot to the main trail, I think the current park access is sufficient.

Does not impact me directly, but I support the park being accessible to as many people as possible

Cars on the course have been problematic, no cars on the course is most safe.

Additional access would be great as long as it doesn't interfere with the disc golf course

I wouldn't use it, but it would help others.

A path into park would be nice, with the option of diagonal parking along the walkway

get rid of the race track and make that the parking lot and access

It is a great idea for those who need easier access.

Handicap parking only

I think the small parking lot should be for handicap parking only.

I'm good either way, but down to do anything to make it easier for others.

I like both options. It's nice to be able to accommodate to other people.

no opinion

With reduced visibility and small size, the new parking area will attract garbage and bad behavior.

I don't need it, but I think it's a great idea.

I am happy with the way it currently is, but I am open to new ideas that help other's be able to access the park more freely, or make the access easier for them. .

more than 1-3 parking spots are required to make this a useful option.

Current access works for me, but might be better for others and I wouldn't miss walking by th eponds

While the idea of the additional 'limited parking' area has advantages for the disabled or limited mobility user, it is my thought that the area would not serve the demographic for which is is designed. I hate to say it, but people are selfish and if it is more convenient to use the limited parking area, they will, thus denying it to those for whom it was designed..

I like the idea of adding a closer park access, but I think it would be used by those who really do not need closer access, thus not utilizing the investment dollars as well as they could be utilized. Therefore, the current park works for me.

I do not access the park, too many homeless camps and stray dogs and garbage.

Current works for me but I would support the other if it made it easier for some

I like the idea of being able to drive futher into the trails/park. It'd be a nice hub for a variety of activities!

I support the additional parking for those who need it.

It would be better to more parking closer to the park area. Having only 3-4 parking spots up there will I believe will just create a bunch of traffic into an upper parking area that would be generally unavailable. Which in turn would cause a walking hazard from the current main parking lot.

I'm fine with either.

There appears to be new disc baskets along this proposed road. If you allowed cars there, this wouldn't work. You would need to find alternative places for the holes (which this area has largely been ruined as an enjoyable area by the effluent pond and fence anyway).

It would help the older people to have better access.

Need more like 10 car parking at the end.



**Question 4:** Currently, North Regional Park has very little signage. The City is thinking about improving and increasing the numbers of signs in the park. Of the following images, which type of wayfinding sign design appeals to you most? (Choose 1 or 2)



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4

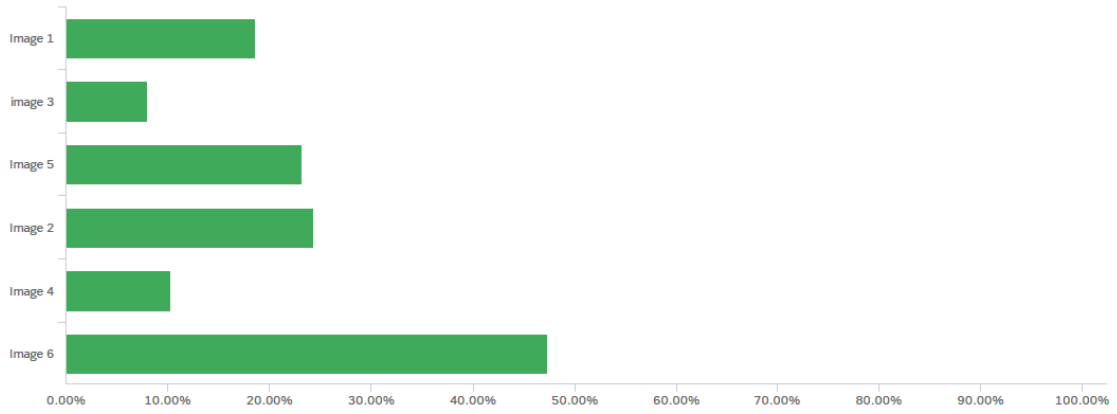


Image 5



Image 6





| # | Field   | Percentage |
|---|---------|------------|
| 1 | Image 1 | 14.12%     |
| 2 | image 3 | 6.05%      |
| 3 | Image 5 | 17.58%     |
| 4 | Image 2 | 18.44%     |
| 5 | Image 4 | 7.78%      |
| 6 | Image 6 | 36.02%     |
|   |         | 347        |



**Question 5:** North Regional Park has great potential for educational opportunities, which includes providing information about the area's nature, history, and water treatment methods. Looking at the following sign designs, layouts, and sizes, which sign style appeals to you most? (Choose 1 or 2)



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



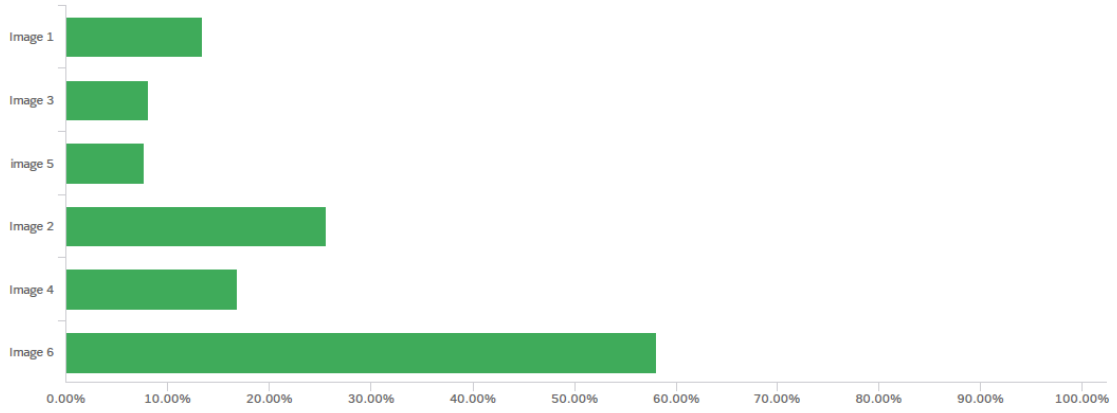
Image 4



Image 5



Image 6



| # | Field   | Percentage |
|---|---------|------------|
| 1 | Image 1 | 10.32%     |
| 2 | Image 3 | 6.19%      |
| 3 | image 5 | 5.90%      |
| 4 | Image 2 | 19.76%     |
| 5 | Image 4 | 12.98%     |
| 6 | Image 6 | 44.84%     |

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Question 6: Benches can have a big impact on the feel and character of a space. Thinking about the park, which type of park bench appeals to you most? (Choose 1 or 2)



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



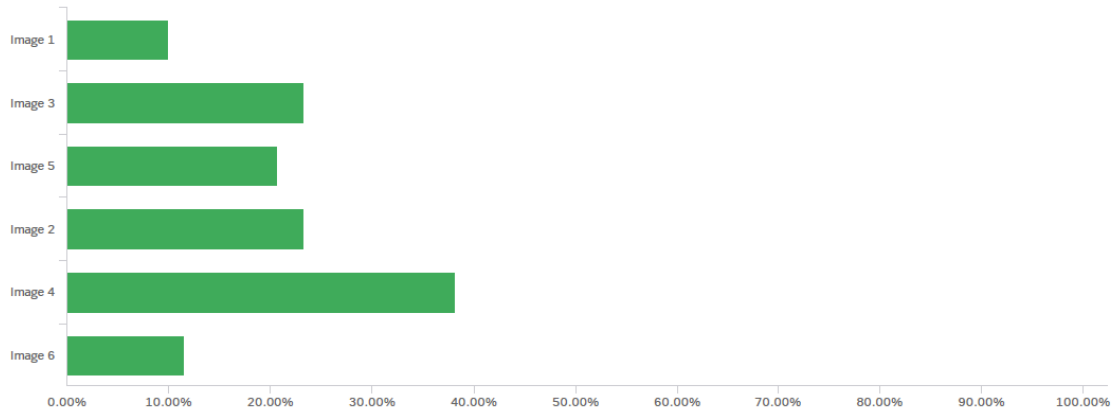
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Image 5



Image 6



| # | Field   | Percentage |
|---|---------|------------|
| 1 | Image 1 | 7.83%      |
| 2 | Image 3 | 18.37%     |
| 3 | Image 5 | 16.27%     |
| 4 | Image 2 | 18.37%     |
| 5 | Image 4 | 30.12%     |
| 6 | Image 6 | 9.04%      |
|   |         | 332        |





Question 7: Thanking about design, which of the following boardwalk designs appeal to you most? (Choose 1 or 2)

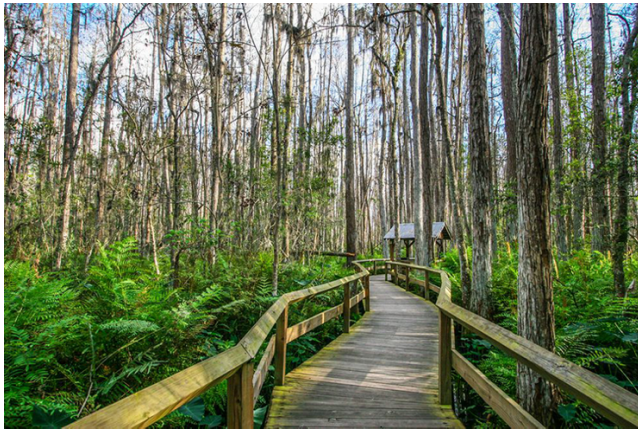


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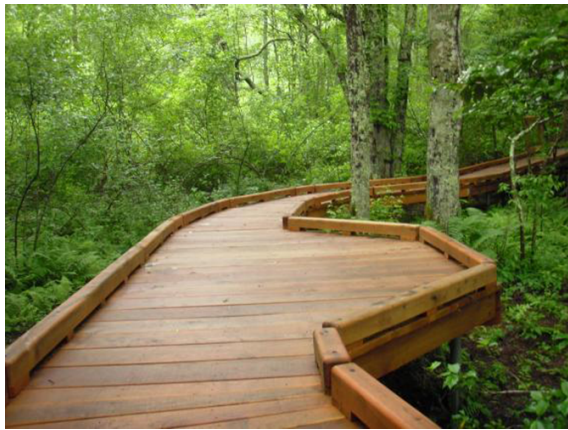


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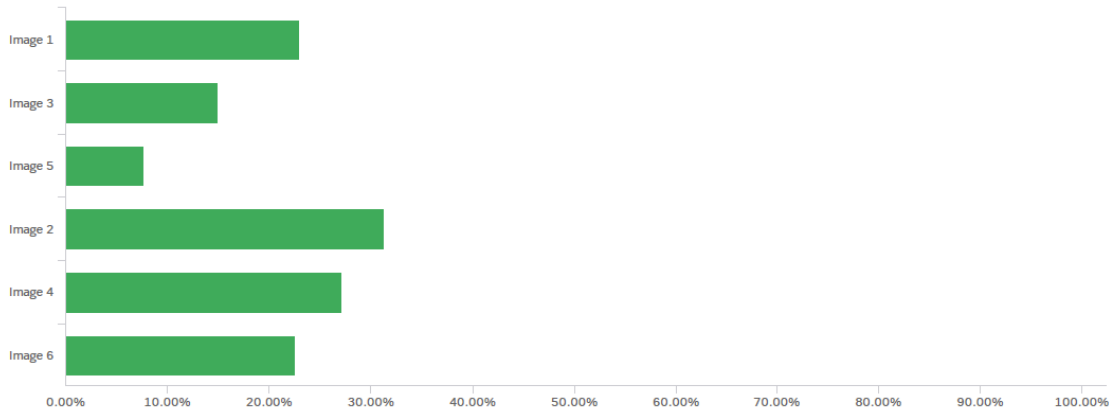
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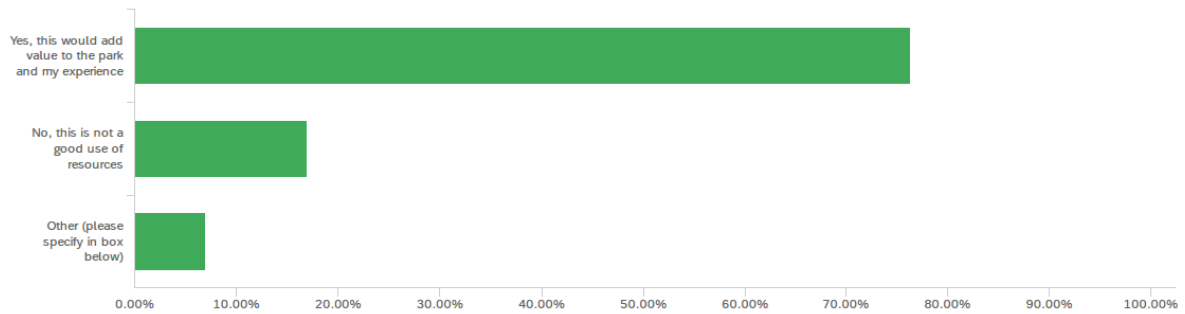
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**Question 8:** Should the park include signs denoting native types of plants and trees in park (similar to the one [below])?



| # | Field   | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|---|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | Should the park include signs denoting native types of plants and trees in the park (similar to the one above)? - Selected Choice | 1.00    | 3.00    | 1.31 | 0.59          | 0.35     | 261   |

| # | Field   | Percentage |
|---|---|------------|
| 1 | Yes, this would add value to the park and my experience | 76.25%     |
| 2 | No, this is not a good use of resources                 | 16.86%     |
| 3 | Other (please specify in box below)                     | 6.90%      |
|   |   | 261        |

Other (please specify in box below)

I probably would not pay attention but think others might find it interesting

We need disc golf signage as well. At least a course overhead for visitors and for time golfers to find their way around.

The plants may change or overgrown the signage

If there are the resources available, I know my family would love the educational tool

Yes, plant ID signs would add value, but they tend to "disappear" - temporary installment for outdoor nature classes and events would be helpful.

Yes, but only in a "native plant trail" or some other designated portion of the park.

Yes, and our Girl Scout troop would love to assist with this!

A few of these are helpful, but too many can be overwhelming and just become vandal targets

If combined with educational programming

Some in the board walk wetlands area would be appropriate where people won't mess them up

I don't think they would last long in this dynamic environment

I could take it or leave it

Yes they would be of value if accurate, maintained and accompanied by more information via pamphlet, download, etc. Need to account for seasonality of the species too. Simple labels not all that helpful.

Yes, but it is an expense that could go elsewhere

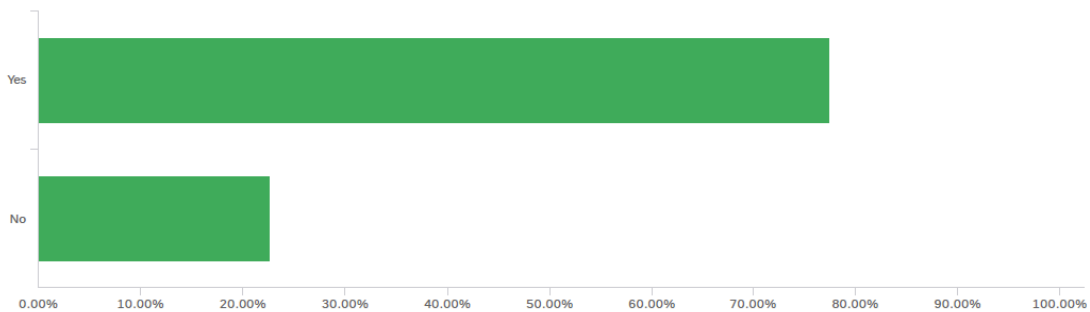
I really like the idea of having these and it's a great idea... BUT... There's been a LOT of vandalism around our town. Bohemia park has been trashed several times. :(

I would opt for smaller less expensive sign

It wouldnt make the park any better for me but I can see how some would enjoy it.

Maybe but i personally feel that could be an addition if the funds are available but not a necessity.

**Question 9:** Similar to changing East Regional Park's name to Row River Park, should the City consider changing the name of North Regional park to reflect something more specific about the region or community?



| # | Field  | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|--|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | Similar to changing East Regional Park's name to Row River Park, should the City consider changing the name of North Regional Park to reflect something more specific about the region or community? | 1.00    | 2.00    | 1.23 | 0.42          | 0.17     | 257   |

| # | Field | Percentage |
|---|-------|------------|
| 1 | Yes   | 77.43%     |
| 2 | No    | 22.57%     |

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## Open Ended Questions

**Question 10:** Beyond Cottage Grove, have you been to a park that impressed you? What did you like about it? What made it special? Explain elements in detail of you can.

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I love the idea of a wooded foot bridge path. I am a construction foreman and I would love to be a part of the construction. Our company is also willing to put in a bid for the building of the path

Mt rose in lake Tahoe

Over the years I've been to several Parks and Recreation areas that were maintained in part by various scout troops. Some of their work was amazing! I will say that I think because of the low traffic surrounding this patch that any design should minimize hidy holes for safety... Clear lines of sight

I like seeing benches in parks that are easy access. Trash cans and outdoor bathroom and sink. Bike trails and keeping the disc golf.

Parking

No, I love cottage Grove and I prefer to stay here.

No

Nature

No

Interactive water features or splash parks are rare; great for families and would probably bring people from other areas which would mean revenue for our local businesses

Mt. Pisgah Large Area lots of places to walk of sit and enjoy nature. Lots of native plants and wildlife for photography enthusiasts. Easy to navigate trail system which offer a variety of different options for athletics purposes too (ie Walkers, Runners or Hikers)

There is a great park in Tallahassee, Florida that is in similar setting. It has a boardwalk through a wetland, many trails in forests and seating at various places. It has some shelters for picnics and a bird chart for identifying birds.

It is very well used for exercise and relaxation. What is nice is that it is not

#### Bathrooms

The sign's. Where you are, what's your location. Info about the area.

I have not

I like the rose garden park in Eugene. The winding paths and places to sit are nice. The signage for the types of roses is good.

People are nice. Campgrounds are clean.

Ash Meadows, a part of Death Valley Nat'l Park, has lots of water, unique fish and lovely boardwalks - or did have 20 yrs ago.

Signage makes visits to parks special to me. Plant names, animal species especially.

I like the Wayne Morse park in S. Eugene with several trails, lots of trees, easy parking lot, several areas for dog parks, and a historical building with signage near the building. However, it is more dog friendly than a general park

When I was a child our family spent alot of time in Tilden Park. I remember the trails being as close to nature as possible. It felt like we were in a special place hat had minimal effect on the natural habitat. There were wooden boardwalks through wetlands. We were able to see the frogs and birds up close.

Honestly, the parks that are safe but still in the nature are the best. This park is not safe, I don't feel safe going here alone due to the homeless sleeping along the edges. That scares me especially if I was to bring my Kids. It's a problem with all the parks in coffage arove.

Dexter, Pier, Champoeg, Dabny - I enjoy the mixed-use and family/dog-friendly environment. Disc golf is a favorite family activity to get the dog out and exercised, we love plant signage as it gives us a chance to educate children while we play. Although not applicable to this park,

camping and boat ramp access is a wonderful addition to disc golf, plant identification and exercising the pooch.

I love the parks in Eastern Or. They are simple and have plenty of room for not only the people, but nature itself.

Well manicured public spaces, helpful signage, various habitats to observe (wetland, woods, grassy areas, bird areas)

Canopies of trees!

Hendricks Park in Eugene is beautiful and feels safe.

I think bathrooms with a sink with soap and paper towels would be great. Also covered picnic areas with plenty of seating would be nice.

The upkeep of the park and the police presence.

Engaging signs for my kids, benches for kids to take breaks, clearly marked distances on signs at each fork in the path so I can keep track when trail running, clear disc golf signs and maps, fun things to hold my kids' (and students for possible field trips) interests, like slice of a tree to count the rings, labels on plants so we can look for more of them, signs about sounds

I enjoy any park with trails easily traversed by any age group, adequately spaced "rest" stops, plenty of shade, and kept clean and well maintained.

MiloMciver it still has a natural feel while also having excellent trails and camping and disc golfing visit as much as possible with my 2 sons disc golf is an amazing family sport that all incomes can enjoy

Well manicured trees and well maintained forest floor. Trash cans so we have less garbage and the homeless population will take more pride in our city parks. A clean forest is a healthy forest, get rid of the dead and beetle damaged trees and widow makers.

Mcminnville has a park near there airport. I would love to see something like that park in Cottage Grove Galen mabee airport park. Look it up.



One of my favorites is probably Waterloo I find it very peaceful and clean. With lots of benches and trash cans along trails. Good clean bathrooms safe parking lot. Picnic tables . There's also camping there but I never spend time in that part.

I always appreciate a park that has informational signage, both an overview and also a couple of opportunities to stop and read more detailed info. That meets the differing time needs - when I have limited time to explore or when I have a no schedule to meet. A few spots for stopping to rest or wait for others is always good.

I love the park in Dexter. The park is clean, has easy access, and a great disc golf course. While its not extravagant, the cleanliness and safety of the park makes it a favorite.

Nice trails and nice flora. Well kept, trash cans and bathrooms easily accessible.

I love when a park has things to do so definitely keep as much of the disc golf course as you can. Dexter golf course is a good one to model after. I loved the old emerald park in Eugene with the Lincoln log structures, walking close to any water is also a nice feature

Sweet Creek Falls Trail in the Siuslaw National Forest is a beautiful forest trail with portions being a wooden boardwalk suspended over the creek. Interpretive signs relate to the native plants. An interpretive sign at the trailhead provides historical background on the location. I love the Mount Pisgah Arboretum's walking trails through woods, meadows and along the river. You can push someone in a wheelchair on some of them. There is lots

Yes, our family has been to many disc golf parks in multiple states. We love parks that have clear signage (location of pad, basket, par, how many yards, etc.). Clever names are a plus. Being maintained, especially the blackberry bushes is something we take into consideration. We love taking our kids, but nobody wants to spend hrs fishing discs out of thorn ridden bushes.

Disc golf is why I come out to the park. Making sure signs warn walkers bikes the discs may cross new trails would be important.

Yosemite is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen.

Information kiosk, bathrooms, and benches are a must.

Disc golf

It had places you could sit with your loved ones and not sit with a crowd of people. It was off the main path and it had covering to stay out of the heat or rain . I would love to see benches that you could swing on. It would be nice to see water fountains that you can stop and get a quick drink of water. I would like to see a play structure for the kids and adults to play together

Forest Park in St. Louis, MO with remnants of the 1904 World's Fair - because those items were built to endure: Iron bird cage the size of a building with a bridge walkway in the middle that traverses a waterway. Habitat within same as habitat surrounding it; open metal structure allows birds to fly in and out at will. Closer to home: Mt. Pisgah and Buford Park offer many trails that are well-tended and incorporate river access. Also parking is substantial to provide access for large gatherings; pavilion allows educational presentations to educate patrons which promotes respect and a sense of community. Elk viewing station outside Reedsport provides easy access with deck and educational signs to inform public while gazing at elk in their natural habitat. Seating allows for repose to take in the surrounding environment, but also provides greater access for seniors or those with disabilities. I also find it difficult to conceive of a park so close to that race track - the noise already makes living in town unbearable during race events. We have to close all windows and doors, and turn volume on tv all the way up, cannot enjoy our own back yard or have friends over because of the noise. We are forced to leave town or grumble and bear it. I've seen how those who speak up about it are ostracized in the newspaper and refused access to businesses. I cannot understand why a city would allow the desires of a few to dominate and impact the lives of so many. The park would not be enjoyable while race events were taking place. The close proximity of these two venues does not make sense.

Dorris Ranch: I like the trails there with the refreshing views of the river and filbert trees. I like that it is very clean and peaceful. I like that there are signs that talk about some of the history of the land and the ranch.

Drake park in Bend is nice, lots of areas to sit in grass or benches, open areas to throw frisbees, shade trees, bridge, ducks, biking/walking trails, recreational boating area, lots of activity options.

Room for Festivals

variety of natural experiences. ie: woodlands, meadow, riparian, industrial,marsh,

Paths that are easily accessible by all ages is important

Benches. With shade. Or shelter from rain. Plant details. Distances between locations on trails.

I've been to many in San Diego. The natural setting and all the information bores where my favorite reasons of going. And the dick golf course were built around the nature not the other way around. Feeling like your out in nature in the middle of town basically is a mini paradise.

None coming to mind at the moment.

Stewart pond, nice clean area great signage and easy access. Trails are simple while being wooded. Great disk golf course, and I would like courage Grove to be the same.

Hedricks park in Eugene, nice integration of views, trail access, and flora.  
Lithia park in Ashland nice trails

I like having information about native plants so that I can share information with my kids.

I haven't been to a park in a couple years. I do like the botanical gardens park in Florence. Definitely need to have good rails. Toddlers, kids, etc afraid they might run off the edge. maybe a bathroom more like the ones at Mosby Creek park. They have someone pickup garbage and check the bathroom. Even lock it at say 8pm every night. Add cameras. While homeless, I would use bathroom, and I understand what idiots did to several

Different state, clean park, informative signage, patrolled regularly to keep the riff raff out. Lighting, easy access parking, good garbage receptacles drinking fountain, mostly keep it safe for all ages...

Any park that is well maintained and is safe for all park users is impressive to me.

Variety of trail styles (paved, rock or bark, and dirt) and types (easy and more difficult) Benches to sit on Tables to picnic on Informational signage (maps and wildlife, plant info) Public restrooms Viewpoints with mountain or valley names identified

We don't particularly have a favorite park that has impressed us. just little bits of different parks that we have enjoyed. Parks that take us out of the city life are the best and my daughter says that every park needs a swing set!

Yes, I liked the walking paths that were paved and the water features like a fountain.

Most of my park experience is related to Disc Golf. Educational and informational signage about plants, animals and landscape. Also history. Paths and facilities maintained.

The things I enjoy about a park is when every manmade element of the park seems to blend in to the environment as much as possible. I especially enjoy knowing the plant/animal species native to that area. I love enjoying parks with my family.

trails, signs, trash cans, routine maintenance. Beauty in simplicity and the small things.

Nice wide paths where people can easily pass by each other and you can bike or walk, easy access for handicapped people. Lots of seating along the trail with an expanded area, like a pull out with signs about the local foliage or history. It would be nice to have drinking fountains intermittently through the trails. It would be extremely nice to have a water feature that kids and adults could play in. Like a water fountain and splash pad. Covered areas for picnics, birthday parties etc. An outdoor movie screen for movies. An interactive interpretive center with educational videos about the area, like Hatfield Marine science center does or some museums.

Sladden park in Eugene is very nice and well kept everything for everyone

Parks with multi-use areas are appealing because they allow many different people to enjoy the space. Mingus Park in Coos Bay is a great example of lots of different uses spread across the park: walking and hiking trails, pond with fowl and flowers to admire on the flat paths, a small playground, a specialized garden (Japanese style), as well as toilets and their town pool. Obviously our pool is across town, but the mixed uses make Mingus a very special place.

Charleston, OR South Slough has a boardwalk through it. During the hike you are able to go through the different elevations that take you through the wetlands using a boardwalk structure.

Elijah Bristow—retains ecology while offering river access, off leash dog area, group gathering sites.

I like flowers and nature. Any improvement is a good improvement.

The darlingtonia park near Yachats is beautiful. Please make sure funds are available for custodial services.

I enjoy Alton baker for disc golf. I really like the feel of Stewart pond as well, it's a great place to play disc golf and a wonderful place for birding.

My husband worked for the City of Hillsboro Parks Department and I was very impressed with Rood Bridge Park that has picnic areas, and trails that are possible for those with ADA needs. There is also a beautiful pond and stream in there. They also have a building that can be rented for events. It's beautiful and home to many species of wildlife which is great for people of all ages. One plus is that it is well cared for and very safe feeling. It's probably the pride of my husband's career and is just a great family gathering place but you definitely feel like you're in a park.

Dexter park. No hobos, more garbage cans and less litter around the park

Very clean and no homeless/transient people! Felt safe!

Dallas City Park, good integration of disc golf along with other park activities

More multi use for biking walking and bird watching

The dexter disc golf course is beautifully maintained as are several other courses and parks. It draws in more people and offers a good venue for pro level events. These events are a revenue source for the towns.

Natural landscape and keeping in line with recycled materials

Dexter, Alton baker, whistlers bend all parks with hired grounds keepers or state workers keep it nice they all have outstanding signs for tee pads they have paved walking paths that are a great accommodation to everyone

Just the beauty of the park. And I like that the native plants have info about them

I think the park just needs some updates. Benches, lighting, easy access paths, pretty much the pictures I answered to before. Overall a good place, but can be better!

I have played many disc golf courses. Its always nice to have some open holes, some around trees some through and under trees. Its also very nice to have extra brush and black berries cleaned away. The game moves much faster when you are not always looking for lost discs.

I am impressed by clean parks where the garbage is picked up regularly and trash cans aren't overflowing, and parks that have a restroom.

I have been to great parks all over the world. Costa Rica, Caribbean, Mexico, Germany, Austria, France, Canada, and more. The best parks are accessible, but not overly infiltrated with infrastructure and human inputs.

Let it be a place to explore, natural, and wild, and mildly kept. Sometimes less is more.

In these times with the pandemic coinciding with the planing process, efforts should be made to create a park that will support healthy outdoor recreational activities. For example, trails/paths should be wide enough so that users traveling in opposite directions are able to maintain the 6 ft social distance and whenever possible create sight lines along the trails (not cutting down all the trees though). The benches or other installed amenities should be safe surfaces like plastic or metal that can be more easily cleaned. Use materials like recycled plastics whenever possible. Accessibility is also important. For example, the board walk - if there are side railings, which would be good for accessibility, should not be too narrow so as to allow a canoe/kayak to be carried comfortably without bumping into railings... please plan to provide dog waste bag stations and adequate trash cans I see this park as being similar to Clearwater Park (Walamalane) in Springfield in some ways. I enjoy that park because it has a lot to offer (disc golf, river

Yes many different parks. I liked that there were signs telling us what plants and animals we could see. Also I like the comfort of the parks and being out with the family. I also like that I can take all my special needs kids from class and they can all benefit from the trip. Benches and restrooms are a must water is a bonus. And maybe a playground along the way. And trash cans for everyone who enjoys the park can have access to. And lights in case it gets dark before you can you out

The more signage to read about what I am seeing, as in what it is, history, culture, etc. the better.

Landscaping. Comfortable sitting areas and cool secret spots!

Lithia Park in Ashland. Beautiful walkways, greenery, shrubs, grass and ponds.

Hendricks park, trees, paths, flowers, Big cypress everglades, boardwalk, benches, wildlife, plant markers Shark Valley everglades, facilities, benches, wildlife, plants, cleanliness, Multiple parks where you can choose how far you want to go by choosing a loop at anytime or go to the end. Benches are always welcome to let visitors rest along the way .

Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. It had lots of different elements within it including a disc golf course and none of the elements clashed with one another. They all work well in harmony. Even to the point where as you played the disc golf course you got to see some of the cool parts of the park

I think it will increase the opportunity for people to see more of the beauty of our town. I love the idea of having signs to show native flowers and plants, I've seen that in other parks. I also love the idea of benches every so often, it makes it much more accommodating to our elderly and disabled who need to take a break every so often.

Howard Buford Park. Good signage. Volunteers attacking weeds, planting natives, etc.

Park in Ashland. The ponds are wonderful. Landscaping beautiful. Haven't been there in awhile, so I can't tell you much more.

1-Ft. Clatsop/Lewis and Clark. 2- Coos Bay estuary loop. 3-Darlingtonia, north of Florence. All are great models; similar to my choices.

Native plants identified. History of the first nation people.. History.

The more natural the trail and markings, the better. I like knowing facts about the area, plants, trees, animals, bugs, etc Having a "safe" place, free of the homeless camps and drug trash is very important. Trash receptacles are important too as is lighting if the trails are open at night

In a lot of the parks I enjoy, I like a lot of the tree rings over trails. The more natural though the better.



Mohawk national forest , Great hiking and rock climbing . It could've done without tourist traps but a refreshment center would have made better use.

Can't think of one right now.

I love Alton baker park. I love the many trails, and that there is multiple access points to be able to play safely in the river. I love the natural surroundings, the water play at the play ground, and the science portions of the park, with the sculptures and information pads.

Diversity of environment is appealing. Passing through open space, dense forest, waterways (riparian), and elevation changes makes for a great and dynamic experience. Experiencing the park over the variability of the season is important to keep renewed interest.

Yes, I love when I go to a park and it's clean and well maintained. It makes me feel safe and want to return.

I really enjoy parks that provide various trails, great signage with trail lengths, and info about animals in that area. Also, if possible, including an area that is off leash for dogs as well definitely determines where I go for a walk. A lovely area in Eugene is Delta Ponds where you can often see wildlife. However, it doesn't provide much shade in a hot day. There is a beautiful, well hidden park, sling the lake, in Veneta ( can't remember it's name) that has lots of open areas to walk and explore and allows off leash dogs with no enclosure (I like dog enclosures).

Parks with purpose(s) help a lot; good signage, available information on what one is experiencing (like a botanical garden) are much more interesting. Themes of botany, ecology, riparian structure, observable small and large animal life seem opportune in this setting Park structures and paths need to be well maintained to avoid a look of neglect and abandonment; no mossy benches, failing or falling signage, cleaned up vandalism and litter. By making it looked cared for, I would expect that

I love when parks have details about the area and the wildlife that live there

First, what kind of usage should the park allow? Bicycles? Walking? Both? The trails should be designed to fit the use. If walking only, then narrower and more natural pathways would suffice. If both are to be allowed, wider and more durable pathways should be considered. Nature trails are always beneficial for young and old. Ever wonder what kind of plant that is, or what kind of tree? Some of the "loops" could be purposed in that manner. A park can never be everything to everybody ("You can't please all of the people all of the time"), but a thoughtful 'city parks plan' could purpose various parks for various interests. Cottage Grove has already started down this 'path' whether by design or by happenstance. Bohemia Park is one example of a well designed multiple use park. The Row River Trail is great for those who

I like a park with a great disc golf course

Lots of PNW coastal parks have detailed signage throughout, as well as restrooms, and adequate garbage cans throughout the parks. Benches are also nice.

I like perks that have scenic beauty, feel safe, and have nice amenities.

Lithia park in ashland. There are many options for hikers, walkers, kids and water play.

I really like central park in southerlin. It has a great splash pad for summer use with large covered picnic area, plus a great play ground area for all ages.

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A park in Seattle. The landscaping was very zen.

I have been to many parks that impressed me! A nice, clean presentation without too many railings and structures that can appear dilapidated over time. Ease of maintenance will be important, the use of materials that resist vandalism and therefore appear welcoming and nice. Easy access both via a walking path from town as well as from the parking lot is important and clear, easy signage that a non-English speaker could easily understand.

Also, the idea of adding signs pointing out native flora and fauna would be lovely!

I love Bohemia Park; the water feature, having clean bathrooms available to public, pathways to walk, and space to hold concerts.

I like Alton Baker park in Eugene. It's spread out, there are many trails and walking opportunities and most importantly it has a great dog park. I'd like to see a better dog park in Cottage Grove that is covered in some way so we can bring our dogs when it rains. Possibly keep the current dog park and make it for small dogs and build a new one in North Regional Park.

Yes, the disc golf course in Dallas Oregon. I loved all of the bridges and trails along the water it had. It was a beautiful course.

Safety. (Primarily, no homeless camps.) Trails through varied terrain. Water access (rivers, creeks, ponds, lakes). Info panels about local history, geology, plants, wildlife, etc.

Tyron park in Portland

The homeless camps and drug use back there is terrible. I hope that it will be patrolled by the police and cleaned up. It's unsafe as are many of the bike paths in Cottage Grove.

SMALL DOG PARK so smaller dogs can play without fear of injury or death from large untrained or aggressive dogs. (Unlike how it is at the current dog park.) Clean, safe bathrooms even if they are outhouses or porta potties. Loops in paths so you are not backtracking as much. Places to sit so those of us who have limitations can rest and ultimately walk more, see more and be healthier. Picnic tables. Educational information on park flora & fauna that is presented in bite size digestible blocks distributed throughout the

I recently went to the Finley Wildlife refuge. The boardwalk through the forest was magical, though I wished for more seating, as I'm disabled.

For disc golf Camp Serene. For a multifunction park, Alton Baker, Bryant Park (Corvallis). Good uses of areas. Good paths for walkers, joggers etc, nice disc golf courses, open areas, clean.

Parks that have well-maintained paths. Parks that have quiet, isolated spaces. Parks that have lots of trails.

Griffith Park in L.A. is vast, but it includes multiple areas designated and appointed for various uses.

I use a park with trails for horses.

Lake Marie in Winchester Bay OR. It has a trail that goes completely around the lake. Plants are identified via plaques.

Naturalness. Paths for walkers and bikers. Places to sit and look at the view/rest. Easily accessible to all.

El Dorado park in Long Beach, CA was very unique in several ways. It had long connecting pathways and ponds. There was a connected nature park & trail, which had signage for the plants in the area. It is a huge park with lots of amenities: <http://www.longbeach.gov/park/park-and-facilities/directory/el-dorado-nature-park/>

I like somewhere I can go sit and collect my thoughts. I'd love to see an area where you could sit alone or with just another person. Some where to escape.

1) signs with maps. 2) benches for sitting & resting for us older out of shape people. 3) it would be nice to have bathrooms but that would only bring in vandalism and a wast of tax payers money. 4) doggie bags to pick up waste. 5) picnic tables for gathering. 6) playground equipment for young children

I like a park that is more minimalistic. I prefer a narrower path rather than a highway but now with covid i tend to avoid too narrow a path! A small park bench with a back to lean against to sit and take in the surroundings would be nice. I prefer a Dirt path vs. paved path, and a meandering path. I also appreciate a small display highlighting the flora and fauna of the area, and something about the history of the site if there is something special. As a taxpayer i say keep it a simple design -using natural materials and moderate in price. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Water features, natural landscaping, little man made intrusions.

Stewart pond which is mixed use and has similar traits to North regional park. The disc golf course is the highlight of my visit to either park.

Little details like signage for local plants or historically significant events that may have happen. Nice walkways with a natural look

Easy walking paths with lots of places to sit and watch the wildlife tons of signs to tell the names of plants and trees and even scavenger hunts for kids

Clean & well organized. Homeless aren't able to live and leave their trash. A place where everyone can enjoy coming and be able to recommend it to others.

One park in particular that stands out to me is McKay park in Pendleton, Oregon. Really nice, clean, and welcoming. The amount of signage around that park would be amazing to have at north regional park.

I will speak about disc golf below that is my main area of concern thank you!

Tons of them! Love signage, trail maintenance, access and developed trails.

I can't think of any

Having areas that have an exercise experience. Steps up and down, etc

Having a good picnic area and restrooms , garbage cans

I have been to many parks. Something I like to see is clear signs of where and how far you have walked. Benches are wonderful for reflection

The Buffington Park Disc Golf Course in Gold Beach is a phenomenal park. The disc golf course is supremely designed, there is excellent wildlife habitat, it is clean and well kept, and there is an exercise trail with activity stops that is interwoven in a manner that seems to rarely cross the disc golf

Pier Park in Portland is a well maintained city park that offers many activities for people. Softball/little league field, picnic tables and restrooms, disc golf course, and ample parking. Alton Baker park in Eugene has running trails, walking trails, bike path, disc golf course, restrooms, and sheltered picnic group areas. It also sports the Cuthbert Amphitheater for concerts and such. Both of these parks are multi use and well maintained.

The Jackson Frazier Wetlands in Corvallis. We lived near there and loved taking our kids out there. It was nice to see a park that didn't change the wetlands but allowed us to enjoy the wetlands.

We love to walk the different gardens at Belknap Hotsprings, though not a park.

I haven't been to another park in so many years. I can't recall anything in particular that I liked or disliked.

the Redwoods, duh :)

Yes, we went to a park in Idaho that had wide walking paths that were easily accessible to my husband who was in a wheelchair at the time. It was nice that he could join us and we did not block the entire path with his chair.

Ashland's park downtown. Lots of shade Easy accessible trails  
Water features Family friendly

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Drake Park in Bend, Oregon is my favorite park that I have personally visited. There are several different walking paths and within the park they created little pockets where you could stop and have lunch or look at the lake. The change in environment was smooth with boardwalks, paved trails,

The trail was well maintained, there were viewing decks to stand and watch the wildlife off the main path, the trails were wide enough so four people could walk abreast or two could walk in each direction.

## Question 11: Thinking about North Regional Park & Disc Golf Course, what would need to change for you to visit more often?

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more maintenance

more plants identified

I'm new to town and I'm also new to disc golf. I've been told by residents of CG that the disc golf course is overgrown and not taken care of making it hard to play disc golf.

Signs

I visit quite often

Less people hahah

To feel safe there

Safety

COVID goes away

No gift course. Please let the park be natural.

Playground and splash park (interactive fountains/sprinklers)

I am sorry to say we have never been to this park.

I didn't even know there was a disc golf course down there (I'm from Eugene) I play disc golf often and always looking for new courses to explore with my friends and get some exercise. I would love to visit a course that was well kept yet challenging too! I would and should come visit the course soon!



With the holding pond, the disc golf course would need to be altered and improved as the construction took away several holes. I would like to see the boardwalk in the wetlands and more trails.

Nothing I really enjoy just walking the trail.

Closer car access and parking, nice trail with benches. Shade

I am new to Cottage Grove and have never been there, so I don't know.

Your doing it

Good and well marked paths.

Plenty of shade in hot weather and dog friendly areas.

I have not been there in the past year but I would not feel comfortable going there without my husband. There were many transients and it didnt feel safe. We rode our bikes through, I wouldnt walk it. To scary.

More user friendly. Make it safer. I shouldn't have to pack my pistol to a park to make myself feel safe.

Ensuring the trails are clean and free of illegal campsites, shaded areas to picnic or more dispersed picnic tables throughout would encourage us to come and stay longer, water/restroom facilities, and more parking.

Lights! It would be nice to have light so when someone goes in the evening on a walk or run, it feels safer. There are a lot of transients in the evening/night.

More family interactive environment.

I would love to see tee signs, garbage cans, and restrooms.

18+ permant teenage and baskets

## Advertising

a map of the course that makes sense. Also, everything you asked about in the survey and the item I mentioned above. I teach first grade at Harrison and can see us utilizing this park for field trips when those changes have been made. We could learn about the history of the people and the lands there, take a nature walk to look and listen for the things on the signs and then eat lunch (so enough covered seating for 50, which would be 2 classes.) The more self-led and engaging the experience the better.

Informational signs that appeal to kids with information they can hold onto. Some of the signs around town are very wordy and my kids lose interest when I am reading them. More signs along the trails instead of a couple big ones at the beginning would draw kids into the experience more.

Have only visited the park once. Disc golf not a draw for me personally and the stroll was fine but nothing to draw me back.

## Better signage and restrooms

The homeless situation is borderline dangerous and I don't bring my kids with me on the disc golf course, it does not feel safe or appropriate for children.

Yes since I don't disc golf.

I visit often now several times a week. Looking forward to the changes. Hopeful the changes will help keep the homeless at bay or at least keep the trash under control.

Good signage to get there, ample parking.

It would need to be clean, well maintained, and above all, safe. I love disc golf and this course is extremely convenient for me, but I will not take my family there because they do not feel safe. I was nearly attacked by a transient with a sword my first time playing the course. I would love to see this become more playable and I think it has potential to be one of the nicest

I would come for disc golf.

Many of the proposed added elements would entice me to visit more often. The large undeveloped entrance area that is dominated by the disc golf course makes the park very uninviting. Clearer division of disc golf course and trails, with proposed main trail, side loops and clear signage for trails would be a wonderful addition for the entire community!

Maintained paths, poison oak removal, main areas as far from treatment plant as possible, better indicators of the next hole and signs showing the course and pin location, benches at throwing platforms

Right now there are lots of homeless people camping in that area that makes me uncomfortable to use it. Improvements in lighting and creating trail loops would make it safer and more inviting to me. I do not play disc golf so I have no comment on that.

The smell from the treatment plant is pretty awful.

Answered above, plus safety. I don't love the idea of multiple side paths with all the transient foot traffic the park already gets. I want to feel that my kids can safely play disc golf without worrying about someone camping out there or doing drug deals (we've seen this many times unfortunately).

nothing

Cleaning it up would help a lot. Possibly taking some of the more aggressive homeless population away would help as well.

Easier access from parking lot. And I don't know how to make it feel safer, but I often worry about who might be hanging out in the woods. I usually won't take my kids here unless there is a mother group of adults to go with.

Improvement of the disc golf course. New tee signs with the altered layout.

I would love some nesting structures to increase the birds in the area and add value to sightseers

Better tee pads

Easier access and lighting . Bathroom and water.

Improve access by developing other entry and paving Douglas: it's too narrow and pot hole-riddled. Been that way for a very long time. I avoid using that road if at all possible. And get rid of the race track.

Until today, I was not aware of this park until a friend posted a link to the survey on Facebook. I live in Springfield and used to work in Cottage Grove. The mention of disc golf caught my attention as my husband and friends have been talking about going to play frisbee golf somewhere. So you may get more visitors by advertising or promoting it more on social media to the surrounding areas. I love to learn about trails and parks in the area. Maybe advertise on some of the Oregon, coast, Cottage Grove and Eugene and surrounding area social media pages and travel pages which will also bring it to the attention of travelers or people new to the area.

N/A

Keeping homeless population down.. Keeping parks clean and safe

More maintained trash bins, trash clean up of former and current homeless camps, cutting down overgrowth of blackberry vines and other overgrown thorny plants.

More kid/family friendly disc golf course! Water fountains. More benches. Less drunk people congregating.

More signs and maps to the disk golf course its way to confusing figuring out were to go next if never been is really difficult

Knowing about it (I didn't before now) and ease of access. Once I figure out where to park and whether it's safe I'll likely visit. :-)

Improve trail surface/condition. Pave parking lot. Add secure location to park bicycles at disc golf course parking lot. Improve signage and mapping of disc golf course. Open up side areas so that there are more nature walks and loops so you can walk around the park (rather than through it).

Add permanent bathroom, and keep it maintained.

I think the proposed changes would make me more interested in visiting.  
The loop system of trail and the boardwalk expansion

## Paths and maps

Myself. car and my legs to work again. That's out of your job description!  
Lol. I am trying to get a wheelchair so I can visit more than just the parking area. As long as trails are wheelchair and disability access, that would be a lot nicer. I will go more and see what I am missing.

Clean it up, get rid of the tweakers and their needles and trash and poop of unlicensed animals. Lighting and patrols, its unsafe to use now...

parking in the shade

Bike rack, regular maintenance, rest room(s), more holes on the disc golf course and removal of poison oak, blackberries, and other invasive species.

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Better trails, places to sit and picnic, signage, and a map (both printed and available online).

If there were some small play structure or preferably a swing set, we would visit far more often!

Contain the garbage problem and the homeless problem there.

Put some love into it, its a great space.

I have only been to the park once so I will answer from my limited experience. I would want to feel like it was a safe place to visit if it was just me and my children there. If I felt unsafe in an area I would avoid it.

Dont forget why the disc golf course was put in. The problem was people who spend lots of time there and do not clean up after themselves. Most disc golf courses are put in place to establish continuous use, in order to displace those people who are abusing the space. Lets remember who did all of the work to clean this place. We can thank Disc Golf for that! Whatever the new design is, it should not infringe on the Disc Golf course. What you are planning is very reminiscent of Berkley Aquatic park in Berkley , ca. That park is shared by disc golf, drug and sex users, children and walkers. Sound like a strange mix? Thats because it is. The walkers are

anoid at the disc golfers and vise versa. The children have a play area and the drug, sex people have the bushes. The point of this is when you combine too many things together it begins to be congestied. North reginal park is not quite big enough for your proposal. You may wish to pair that down. Besides who really wants to hike next to a waste water treatment plant? Mahalo

Online presence, like a website with information about the park that shows up when internet searching north regional park and disc golf course.

The smell from the sewage plant is very off putting at times. More things to do there with easy access trails.

Better clean up

The homeless problem is by far the biggest factor,Ive heard many stories of homeless people being aggressive there and human feces in the park,When people talk about cottagrove dgc the homeless problem is known,lots and lots of poison oak aswell

I try to bring my kids here a few times a year to walk the paths. Bringing in families with children tends to reduce vandalism, at least during the day. This park is nice because of its more freeform natural format, but perhaps some wooden or rock climbing areas suitable for kids would be nice—away from the sewer pond. I hate to admit that the reasons we don't come more often are ones you all can't do anything about: freeway noise and sewer smells. But the paved trail is great when my kids want to ride their bikes or scooters.

I would need to become much more proficient with a frisbee.

Safe exit to golf course or road by speedway in case of being followed or harassed. Currently the park is very isolated from help.

More baskets! And plant info.

Bike access

I would like for a place to sit after playing disc golf, and enjoy the nature around me. I like the idea of having more trails and benches to sit and bird.

I want to be able to walk my dogs and not encounter homeless encampments and drug activity

Hazard maintenance and hobo maintenance

Keeping the homeless and drug dealers out

I have always loved the disc golf course. Maintaining as many of the original holes as possible while possibly expanding with a few additional holes would be wonderful.

Better signage always help on a disc golf course. I know they are tough to maintain but a bathroom would be nice.

More frequent mowing is critical. Extra time spent searching for discs takes the fun level down.

Homeless and drug users need to be kept out!

Maintenance first and foremost. More holes, better tee pads.

Lights to play at night

I live closer to other parks so it isn't my first, quick choice.

it needs more signs for baskets and general direction and benches at each teepad so in the winter we dont have to set our disc golf bags in the mud at each hole

Not much other than the occasional homeless problem.

For the disc golf course just add some shot posts (a picture on a post to show you the where the baskets are so you know where your shooting/throwing the disc) beside that, things are good!

I have not played the new layout. But i feel like it might be slightly less fun then prior. Using the back half would add a lot.

Add a bathroom. Make it less habitable for the homeless tweaker crowd.

I would like to see the disc golf course be improved to its full potential. I believe that it attracts more people to the area, while



requiring from the city the least amount of human alteration and resources. It brings people to Cottage Grove from far and wide daily during the warmer seasons. It allows you to explore, to be curious, and to come back again, and again for the challenge that it brings. It gives people a reason to be outside, to walk, to be athletic, to be with friends. The disc golf course is loved by many. Hundreds of folks play this course in the dead of winter, in the heat of summer, and play weekly leagues. If a nature viewing park is to made of this space, please, please, please, allow the disc golf course to remain in its fullness, cooperatively with the other uses. I have loved making new friends, and seeing people from all walks of life get along together despite their opposing worldviews, if not for a couple of hours, where they otherwise never would interact. It is a great disc golf course, and a cost friendly outlet for so many people. I have visited the park nearly every week since 08-09 when I put the disc golf course in with the help of some great volunteers. I would visit more if I had the time for it. I hope that we will see a continuation of what was started back then. The park was a sad state, with only a glimmer of potential when the disc golf community banded together to clean it up and make use of it years ago. Let's see its legacy continue!

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A full 18 holes. Better kept up in terms of trash ex better trash can placement and management/emptying trash regularly. It seems like transient folks are the main sources of the scattered trash items so addressing that issue is also important. But doing so with a community based approach solving the roots of the problems and lasting solutions, not

More lights, better feeling of security by local police patrols. Clean up the homeless population there. It needs to feel safe and friendly for people to want to use more.

Access and trails would have to be easy to walk. Also, safety has to be considered as one could be relatively remote if someone wanted to attack you. And how to keep the homeless from gathering there on benches, etc.

Picnic areas and really just more people. It attracts sketchy characters but once it's upgraded it will attract more people and that usually ruins the fun of those few sketchy figures that hang out there.

More park like setting. A place to picnic and see nature. Make the golf disk course a part of the park, not the main feature.

Parking, paths, I am currently concerned about homeless or drug use in the area, so safety issues

Keeping the park up and the overgrowth around the disc golf course at a minimum would make me go there more often. Also trying to limit the number of homeless camping and defecating in the park

I would love for it to be a bigger golf course, or maybe even change it up. Maybe an opportunity to buy discs as well, although that may be a hard one. Maybe a city wide raffle where some people are entered into a drawing to win new discs? It could also bring more money forth for the project. I'm so excited to see how this all turns out!!!!

Be sure to minimize conflict between disc golf and walking paths. I really enjoy playing disc golf there. Sad to lose those holes near the sewage plant. Try to make up for it with sensible expansion to the north.

I've never thought of it as a park, just a disc golf course. I don't play disc golf, so I would need more trails for sure, maybe bathrooms, picnic shelter. Bigger parking lot. Maybe a water feature.

More waysides and benches. Some directly on primary path(s). Semi secluded sitting/viewing areas. Creating a more quieting meditative and reflection opportunity. Love all of these various concepts offered.

I have never gone do to poor signage and lack of sanitation facility parking.

Get rid of the homeless camps.

Maintenance of tall grass and bushes.

Bicycle friendly access with secure places to lock up.

Restroom facilities, water fountains to fill water bottles, clear signage to the paths, play structure for the kids.

I have never been there. I will visit it soon.

I visit regularly now. I would like to see some more trails, maybe a few more picnic benches, as my families loves to hike/bike ride and have picnics. If at all possible I would love a trail or 2 to the river to be able to access it for swimming. (I don't know how feasible that would be for safety, etc. but it's my idea.)

Reducing littering. The transient population can be very offensive at the park. This is mostly commenting on the existing "camps" when accumulation of garbage exists. More garbage cans that are regularly emptied will help, along with increased usage from the public.

The homeless people in the area bother me. In border for me to visit more, I'd like the homeless camps removed.

Well, I think a person needs to feel comfortable, safe, especially while walking alone. Some areas are a bit iffy...

See above. Avoiding impact of the raceway next door is important. Improving the appeal of the approach past the water treatment facility all aimed at providing a good natural respite that seems more removed from the urbanized neighborhood than it really is. Making it interesting and attractive enough that it becomes an essential part of what Grovers include when they host visitors and want to tour the town.

Vandalism and trash are the two things that give me not so nice feelings about the park. It would be nice to have some more upkeep!

Signs to encourage visitors to keep their dogs on leash.

Easier paths to follow along with clear paths for the golf course

The main thing for me is safety. There are many that have made campsites there. I do not feel comfortable walking by myself any further than the open area because of all the left over homeless camps I have come across. It is a beautiful park though.

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Unfortunately, disc golf is beyond my capabilities. More power to those who can do it. It is great to have something like it available.

More benches

Maintain a good disc golf course. More Garbage cans to promote less litter. Repair benches when they are no longer functional.

The smell. And homeless activity.

#### Improvements to the disc golf course

On the disc golf course it would be nice if there was signs for each hole giving a accurate description of basket placement. Also on the course more regular maintenance of the overgrowth on/in the fairways.

I would love to see better up keep of the disc golf course including signage, mowing and garbage pick up. I used to visit a few times a month. This course was a hidden gem There used to be tournaments And people maintaining it. I have quit visiting it because of several questionable experiences including being harassed by homeless, lots of garbage, and

A sense of security

Spruced up. Its pretty sketchy especially right next to a water treatment facility

Remove the homeless population.

Open it up a bit! Right now, it is very enclosed throughout which is not overly welcoming for females and children, who would enjoy using the disc golf course. It is welcoming, however, to transients and those who loiter and leave their trash, adding to the unwelcoming vibe. It needs to feel safe, well

Better trails that are established and signs. More things to do (see the wetlands, hike other trails, bbq and seated area, a water feature, etc). I'm sure there is nothing that can be done about the smell, but if that could be changed, I would frequent way more often in the summers.

Things to do and a dog park

Less bushes and places to lose discs

A mountain bike track would bring in out of town people to spend money in the community.

Clean up the homeless and drug infested places there.

When signage includes maps, please orient them to the surroundings. The worn out maps along the Row River bike trail are posted backwards, which causes confusion. Thank you and good luck!

More open areas to discourage camping. Regular maintenance.

Changes such that it does not feel like it is the exclusive territory of the homeless, and therefore, feels more welcoming and safe. Wider paths would feel safer. Places to sit along paths to rest would make to more accessible for me. Loop paths. Bathrooms. I also strongly believe a nice dog park with a small dog only section would bring a lot more people to the park and shift the sense of agency of the park. I think more outdoor recreation type people would use the park, not only for the dog park, but for the whole family, and that would make it feel safer. The current dog park is not used by many dog owners because of its has some problems with very dominating dogs, and no where for smaller dogs to play safely. It does not feel like a healthy or comfortable environment for me or my dog. Healthy, functional, attractive dog parks, with a designated area for smaller dogs, draw recreational users, and repel those who might be less that respectful of humans and property. I walk every day and go to many parks in Cottage Grove but not the the North Regional Park. I think of going there often, and would like to enjoy it as an out door space, but my instinctual self always says "nope" potential for human danger. In part, this is due to few recreational users, and my experience of people tucked back in the brush off the paths. With a small dog park, and a few other changes that make it feel like a safe place for everyone, (dogs of all sizes included), I would go there multiple times a week, and be grateful and delighted to add it to my outdoor activity rotation. Currently, I go to Amazon dog Park in Eugene with my dog when able.

Thanks for asking for my thoughts! I have not felt safe to go to that park due, in part, to people hanging out in the underbrush. After finishing out the survey, I visited the park with my small dog curious to see if it still feels unsafe to me. I found that it does. And while I was there, a man with two children told me: "Ma'am there are some really weird people that hang out here. I mean really weird. You should have a knife or some mace with you if you are going to walk on these paths." Honest to God, I was little surprised to have my concerns validated that bluntly. While there, it also occurred to me that I had failed to communicate what, in my opinion, would be the most important change to make people feel safer and much more likely to use the park. And, that is removing a great percentage of the underbrush, especially near the pathways. The sense of vulnerability people have in that park comes from knowing that non-recreational users linger in the brush (and sometimes being

surprised by their emergence). Clearing a majority, but not all, of the underbrush, would make it less desirable, and less useful, for those in the park for non-recreational reasons during the daytime hours. It would also make those of us that would love to walk the park, feel like we could do so without the risk of becoming a potential victim. My visit made it clear to me that I will not return until the underbrush is dramatically reduced or there is some mechanism that prevents non-recreational uses from lingering in the underbrush during the day. As background, last year I visited 14 National Parks and Monuments via car camping and did some hiking. As a young person, I backpacked as much as 14 miles into the wilderness to camp. I have scuba dived. I have traveled alone often, and sometimes in dangerous environments but I was observant and strategic. It is not that I am adverse to all risks, or underbrush in general. It is that, in that particular park, the combination of underbrush, and the presence of a subset of the non-recreational users, is a setup for being excessively vulnerable. You cannot protect yourself from what you do not know is hiding near you. I am around people who do not have homes in Cottage Grove on my walks regularly and I feel safe around most of them. But in that park, it is different. My instincts tell me there is potential for danger there; I can feel it. Clearing a great deal of the underbrush would, I believe, change the dynamic dramatically, providing a more safe feeling experience for recreational users, and motivation for the non-recreational to be somewhere else during the daytime hours (or, at the least, they would at be visible).

I don't even know how to get there...

less garbage, homeless, drugs, stray dogs.

Less trash, homeless, better taken care of course. Why couldn't Middle Field Golf Course help with care of the park? (Mowing, clean up etc). Again for disc golfers and then other traffic, it would probably look amazing.

If there were more trails.

Seating

I have never been there. Didn't actually know anything existed beyond disc golf and a homeless camp

Less areas for homeless camping. I do not feel safe going there currently

Signs up all dogs on leashes! Bags in machines provided to pickup feces.  
This is a problem. No alcohol tolerated. Garbage cans throughout the trails,  
secured. No illegal camping tolerated.

Plenty of shade and picnic areas. Additionally, preventing squatters  
and homeless camps from appearing. Alto Baker Park in Eugene is  
a really neat park, but I don't want to go there anymore because of  
all the homeless/squatters.

Grass to lay out, picnic area, somewhere to sit and watch nature.

Dog Park

1) more time on my behalf.

Can't think of anything.

Expanded course, more holes, more pin locations.

Safety and cleanliness.

Look better, be cleaner, have places for people to discard cigarette butts.

Increasing patrols for homeless activity as well as vandalism.

Availability for trash disposal.

General maintenance but over all the course is decent

Easy walking path with more shaded areas to sit and rest

Homeless being dealt with, even though most of them are nice...they have  
no where to leave their trash or go to the bathroom.

Thinking about North Regional Park & Disc Golf Course, what would  
need to c...

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First and foremost Their needs to be signs of the hole layout for  
each hole for the entire course. The course in Cottage grove is too  
woodsy and unmaintained to just go play and guess where the

basket is if you've never played the course before. Also, as someone who lives in the CG area and plays the course often, I have been turning away from it as of late specifically due to the amount of homeless camps and their trash piles. I do my best to clean up what I can but I go to the park to play disc golf and enjoy my time outside doing what I love, not to be the garbage man. I understand y'all are limited on what you can do about that, but I'd rather drive to Creswell, or Eugene to play a round of Disc Golf at this point just due to the fact that it's clean and always taken care of. In conclusion, signs and maintenance of the park is really all that I feel is needed to make me be there nearly every day. Thank you.

I go to the park mostly for disc golf so I will speak on that. Having multiple pin placements makes for more variety and a more fun course. Signage is also important hopefully if you improve the rest of the course, you can add durable signage, tee signs are often defaced or torn down by people who don't play the sport it would be great to have signs which are on 8x8 wood or something where the sign doesn't sit off to either side which makes it easy to bend and eventually tear off. It would also be cool to improve the teeboxes some of the teeboxes at the course are too short for a proper run up. Signs to point toward the next tee would also be great for people unfamiliar with the course. Extending the course into the extra space in the park would be great too. There is a lot of unused area which we have used for a temporary course in years past which would make for some new holes since we lost a few to the new pond. Other than that I am excited for the new park stuff.

More trails and access with a boardwalk loop

Get rid of disc golf. A wading or splash pool would be an amazing addition! I love the idea of expansion with the boardwalks and having more trails. Biggest concern is the homeless population that live out there and the trash and destruction that they do.

For me to not be so lazy. Dog park area.

Better care of the trash and fairways

I love our park and have been visiting it way before it connected with the golf course trail.



The 2 main drawbacks with North regional park are the effluent smell, which seems inevitable based on location, and the littering problem. I would love to see more native plant and wildlife habitat development and invasive plant control. I have concerns with nearly all of the proposed side trail maps in one of the earlier questions. It is hard to tell from the pictures, but they all seem

It would be nice to know what the future of the disc golf course is going to be going forward. It has been a great resource for the disc golf community and has helped to slow the spread of vagrant activity in the area. The city has been good to work with and very supportive, as it is mutually beneficial for both parties, I believe. Thanks from the Eugene Disc Golf Club, Ralph Huntoon Treasurer.

Not fearing getting bonked in head by frisbee

Access. Don't really know where to park now.

Please don't negatively impact the disc golf course any more than you already have. Disc golf vastly improved this park and is probably the reason you are even considering these changes. Disc golf is enjoyable by all ages. It is affordable, eco-friendly recreation, and Cottage Grove is underserved for disc golf. Please don't punish disc golfers and the community for saving this park by taking away the reason it is used.

Get the homeless out of there to feel safe!

Making sure it's a safe place for women & children.

accessibility

Less homeless taking over Access to the river Family biking trails

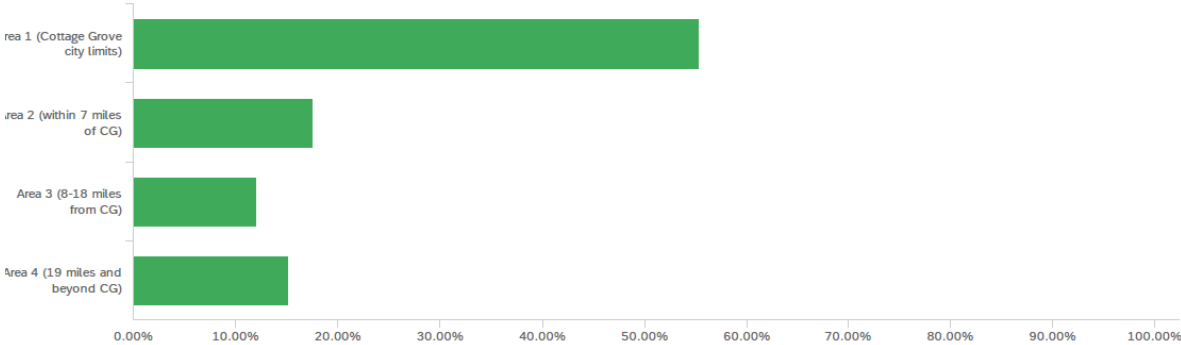
Too many transients and transient camps for me to want to bring my family to this park.

It's vaguely creepy because people camp out there and you never know who's going to come wandering out of the woods. A loops back to town/ the golf course main entrance would be nice so we don't have to backtrack on the same route. we're not allowed to go on the inside of the golf course.

Bathrooms and drinking water.

# Demographic Questions

**Question 12:** Approximately how far from North Regional Park do you currently live?



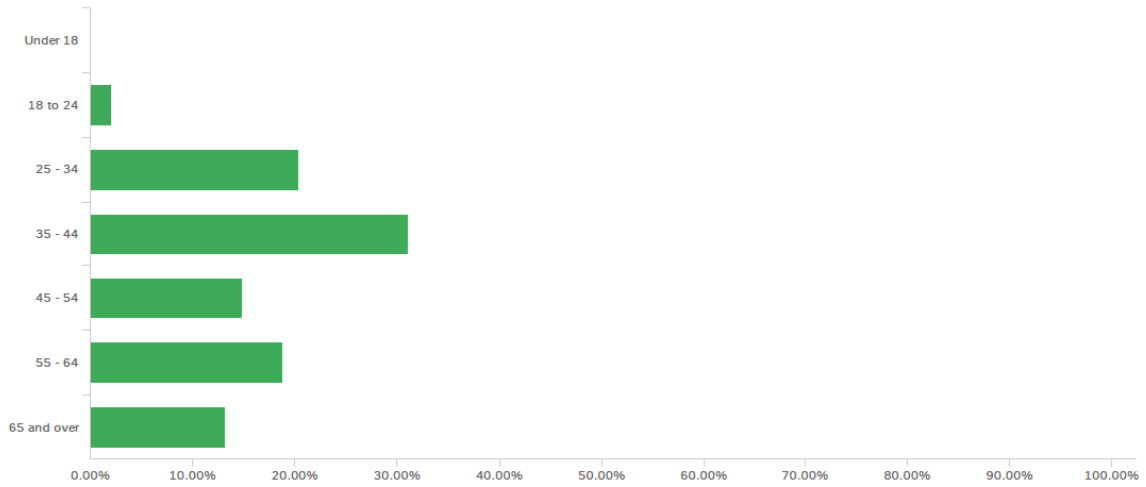
| # | Field   | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|---|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | Approximately how far from North Regional Park do you currently live? | 1.00    | 4.00    | 1.87 | 1.12          | 1.26     | 251   |

| # | Field                              | Percentage |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Area 1 (Cottage Grove city limits) | 55.38%     |
| 2 | Area 2 (within 7 miles of CG)      | 17.53%     |
| 3 | Area 3 (8-18 miles from CG)        | 11.95%     |
| 4 | Area 4 (19 miles and beyond CG)    | 15.14%     |

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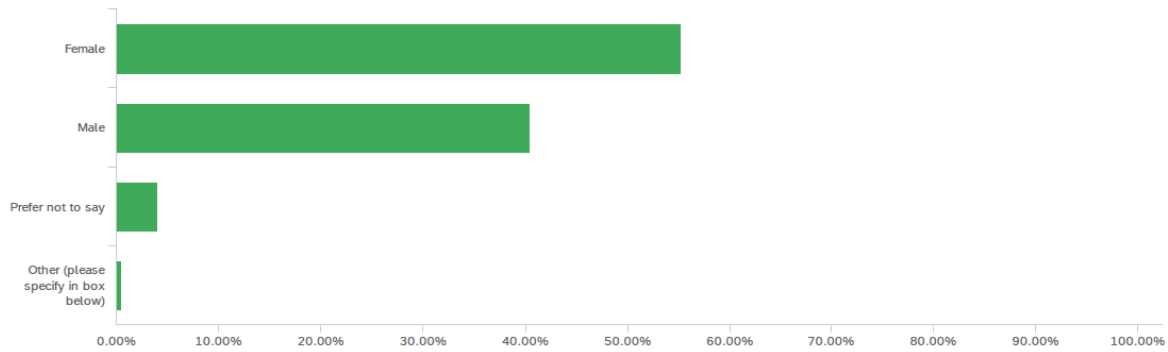
## Question 13: What is your age?



| # | Field             | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|-------------------|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | What is your age? | 2.00    | 7.00    | 4.67 | 1.38          | 1.91     | 251   |

| # | Field       | Percentage |
|---|-------------|------------|
| 1 | Under 18    | 0.00%      |
| 2 | 18 to 24    | 1.99%      |
| 3 | 25 - 34     | 20.32%     |
| 4 | 35 - 44     | 31.08%     |
| 5 | 45 - 54     | 14.74%     |
| 6 | 55 - 64     | 18.73%     |
| 7 | 65 and over | 13.15%     |
|   |             | 251        |

## Question 14: What is your gender?



| # | Field                                  | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|--|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | What is your gender? - Selected Choice | 1.00    | 4.00    | 1.50 | 0.59          | 0.35     | 250   |

| # | Field                               | Percentage |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Female                              | 55.20%     |
| 2 | Male                                | 40.40%     |
| 3 | Prefer not to say                   | 4.00%      |
| 4 | Other (please specify in box below) | 0.40%      |
|   |                                     | 250        |

Other (please specify in box below)

Don't understand what this has to do with anything.

[End of Survey]