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Planning for Beaver Creek State Natural Area & Ona Beach State Park

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Where Are We In The Planning Process?

The first phase of our planning process for Beaver Creek State Natural Area (SNA) and Ona Beach State Park has been underway for more than a year. Our main focus during the first phase has been on studies of the natural and cultural resource conditions in both parks. These studies help us determine which areas within the parks are best suited for future resource management activities and/or recreational use. We are now ready to discuss, in our public involvement forums (see meeting schedule below), the preliminary findings of the resource assessments and what these findings tell us about the opportunities and constraints related to future use and management of the parks.

As most of you probably know, Ona Beach State Park is a long-established oceanfront park located along Highway 101 south of Newport. Beaver Creek SNA, located a short distance inland from Ona Beach, was recently opened with initial improvements as Park-of-the-Year for 2010. We have recently acquired additional lands, adding to the total park acreage being studied and planned for. Most of the land recently added is adjacent to ONA Beach. A long term plan is needed to guide future resource management and recreational uses in both parks. In the planning process OPRD will be taking a comprehensive look at natural and cultural resource conditions and management needs, outdoor recreation trends in the region, areas within the parks that are suitable for recreational uses, measures needed to avoid significant impacts on local public services and neighboring land uses, and related ideas and concerns identified through public input.

Upcoming Public Involvement Opportunities

In the park planning process, OPRD holds meetings followed by written comment opportunities to ask for public input on park-related issues, goals, use and development concepts and management strategies. Three types of meetings will be held in each public involvement phase: 1) Meetings for the general public will be held at two locations, at a local venue and a venue in the Portland area. 2) Owners of properties adjacent to one or both parks are being invited to attend neighborhood meetings at a local venue to share their issues and ideas about the parks and their relationship to the neighborhood. 3) Meetings for the planning stakeholder committee (see below) will also be held at a local venue. The first round of meetings is scheduled as follows:

Meeting	Date	Time	Where
Stakeholder Committee	Mar. 13	2:00-4:00 PM	Newport Recreation Center, 225 SE Avery St, Newport
Neighbors	Mar. 13	6:00-8:00 PM	Newport Recreation Center, 225 SE Avery St, Newport
General Public	Mar. 14	6:30-8:30 PM	Central Lincoln PUD, 2129 North Coast Hwy, Newport
General Public	Mar. 15	5:30-7:30 PM	Wilsonville Library, 8200 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville

What Will Happen At The Meetings?

The primary purpose of these first meetings is to ask for input on any issues or other information that should be considered in formulating a draft plan for the parks. At each meeting, staff will begin by providing an overview of the planning process and schedule and summarizing current information on park resource conditions and opportunity areas based on resource assessments. Park resource conditions will be summarized geographically, illustrating which areas of the parks are best suited for resource management and recreational development. Anyone may attend any of these meetings, however, only comments from the committee will be taken at the committee meeting, and only comments from the neighbors will be taken at the neighborhood meeting. The general public meetings provide opportunities for anyone to comment.

What Will Happen After The Meetings?

Staff will discuss the information gathered at the meetings and in follow-up written comments with the OPRD planning team, and begin formulating park goals and strategies and sketching out basic design concepts for park access corridors, recreation use and facility areas, and resource management areas. This information will be presented for discussion in the next round of stakeholder, neighborhood and public meetings to be held a few months later.

The Stakeholder Committee

The stakeholder committee will be made up of representatives of interest groups and agencies that have direct interests in one or both parks. The following interest groups and agencies have been asked to participate through committee representation:

Lincoln County Planning	Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife
Lincoln County Public Works	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Mid-Coast Watershed Council	Lincoln County Outdoor School Association
Wetlands Conservancy	Oregon Equestrian Trails
Yaquina Birders and Naturalists	Oregon Dept. of Transportation
Corvallis-to-Sea Trail Partnership	Oregon State Police
Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District	Oregon Coast Visitor Association
Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council	Lincoln County Economic Development Alliance
Central Coast Fly Fishers Association	Park neighborhoods
Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition	

Where Can I See a Map of the Park Properties?

A map showing the extent of OPRD's current ownership of properties that will be part of the planning process is available for review at the web site address below.

Where Can I Review The Draft Plan?

OPRD's [planning web site](#) (to be updated by February 21). As materials produced during the planning process become available, including the draft plan, any addendums to the draft, the final plan, newsletters, etc., they may be reviewed at the planning web site at http://egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/PLANS/planning_Beavercreek-Ona.shtml

OPRD offices. When available, the plan can also be viewed at the OPRD headquarters office in Salem (see address below), and at the South Beach State Park office near Newport, at 5580 South Coast Highway.

Questions or Comments?

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