

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** \*Accept a boating facility grant in the amount of \$86,055 from the Oregon State Marine Board for the Swan Island Boat Ramp Facility Design and Permitting Project. (Ordinance)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

In 1996, the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) acquired Swan Island Boat Ramp on the Willamette River, with the intention of building a wet weather facility for the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project. In 2003, it was determined that the location did not fit the needs for the CSO project and the site was declared surplus (Ordinance 177333). It is the mission of the City of Portland Parks & Recreation Bureau (PP&R) to provide recreational facilities for the public, and the City is committed to maintaining the parcel in public ownership for this purpose. The City has transferred ownership of the parcel from BES to PP&R (Ordinance 187822). Presently, Swan Island Boat Ramp is one of three motorized boating facilities on the Willamette River operated by PP&R.

The Swan Island Boat Ramp provides access on the east side of the River to boaters in East Portland. The boating facility serves residents and visitors who want to fish and boat in the northern section of the city, away from the shipping traffic moving along the main stem of the Willamette River. As one of few public boating facilities on the Willamette River in Portland, Swan Island Boat Ramp receives heavy use. During the fishing season, the facility is filled with boaters. Boaters use the boarding floats to load gear into their watercraft and to tie up for a short time. The facility is also used regularly by the U.S. Coast Guard for training.

The City is experiencing increased maintenance expenses and user complaints as a result of age and design standards from decades ago. The existing boarding floats and piles, which are over 20 years old, are nearing the end of their expected life. The floats are warped and in poor condition. The outmoded wooden decking boards run parallel to the long access and slope of the ramp, presenting a slip-and-fall hazard to the public. The existing wooden piles are in poor condition, including one that has sustained major damage due to fire. Thus far, the City has not had adequate funds to make any needed improvements to Swan Island Boat Ramp.

Acceptance of the \$86,054.50 in Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) boating facility grant funds represents a first step in bringing the Swan Island Boat Ramp facility up to full functionality, improving safety and relieving some of the pressure from the nearby Cathedral Park boating facility. With an additional \$86,054.50 in grant match from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), these funds will cover costs to

prepare and submit environmental regulatory permit applications, including all other City of Portland permitting for the replacement of the boat ramp, boarding docks, and pilings. Pending adequate funding, future phases will include construction of the above items. Future projects may include parking and sanitation improvements.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The grant itself will not reduce or generate new revenue. Annual Major Maintenance Funding has already been allocated to the project, though the City committed to matching the OSMB boating facility grant and ODFW matching funds with a grant match including staff time to manage the project at \$114,739.00 for permitting fees and consultant contract.

PP&R first received approximately \$60,000 in ongoing maintenance funding for Swan Island Boat Ramp in FY 2017-18. Until the project is constructed, PP&R will cover the ongoing cost for the existing site and facilities (roughly \$60,000 per year). When the project is constructed PP&R will request an increase of 3 percent of the project construction cost in operations and maintenance funding to cover the cost of the expanded asset.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Portland City Council hearings are open to the public, and the public has the opportunity to comment. During the City Council meeting on June 15, 2016, in which the Council passed Ordinance 187822 to transfer ownership of Swan Island Boat Ramp from BES to PP&R and to keep the facility in public ownership as a boating facility, there were no objections from the public.

**100% Renewable Goal:**


N/A

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount
217006	PKSB000004	441100	PRINDEDE00	P00796	PK000057	P00796	86,055
217006	PKSB000004	521000	PRINDEDE00	P00796	PK000057	P00796	86,055

 an behalf of Amy Archer-Masters  
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