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# Off-road Cycling Master Plan Focuses on Sustainability

The intent of the Portland Off-road Cycling Master Plan is to develop a citywide system of off-road cycling facilities, including sustainable trails. Creating sustainable trails starts with selecting the right locations, and requires designing and managing trails to protect natural resources and other users.

A screening and assessment of City-owned properties as potentially suitable for off-road cycling facilities is just getting underway. To inform this process and to help develop guidelines for sustainable trail development and management, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff and the Off-road Cycling Master Plan consulting team researched and summarized studies from around the nation related to the impacts of off-road cycling, and the best practices to address impacts.

The reports (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/71289>) describe impacts to soil, vegetation, wildlife, water and safety, and provide an array of best practices for the planning, design and management of off-road facilities to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts. The reports also find benefits of off-road cycling to health and the economy.

Take a look at the Off-Road Cycling Master Plan website (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/68157>) for more information about off-road cycling issues and project progress. You can follow the discussions of the Project Advisory Committee (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/69070>), sign up to receive project emails (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/538608>), and fill out our online questionnaire (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/offroadcycling>) about off-road cycling needs and priorities. Once the initial site screening process is complete, there will be an online mapping tool to provide input on potential sites for off-road cycling.

You can also send the project team an email at [offroadcycling@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:offroadcycling@portlandoregon.gov) (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/mailto:offroadcycling@portlandoregon.gov>) with questions or general comments.