

SOUTH REACH PROJECT SUMMARY



With its proximity to Downtown and the Central City, the South Reach of the Willamette River is a distinct environmental and recreational asset within the city.

The River Plan / South Reach project will update the Willamette Greenway Plan (1987). It will establish a renewed vision for the area, update existing policies and regulations, identify implementation actions, and prioritize future investments for the South Reach of the Willamette. This new plan will :

- Develop an urban design concept that establishes a vision for the area and identifies attractions and activity areas, key access points to and along the river, potential development opportunities and other considerations.
- Strengthen connections to and interactions between neighborhoods and the river.
- Address land- and river-based recreation and viewpoint opportunities and challenges.
- Identify fish and wildlife habitat, including environmental restoration opportunities.
- Apply environmental zoning and setbacks tailored to the ecology and existing uses of the area.
- Address floodplain management issues, including the potential implications of the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Biological Opinion (BiOp).
- Assess zoning code provisions that apply to riverfront communities and floating homes.
- Explore options for locating and permitting new and existing docks.



The South Reach project boundary, in red above, extends from the Ross Island Bridge down to and including the unincorporated Multnomah County neighborhood of Dunthorpe to the south. The boundary is aligned with SW Macadam Blvd to the west and generally follows the bluff to the east.

The South Reach stands out from other reaches of the Willamette River due to its mix of parks and open spaces, housing types adjacent to and on the river, and commercial uses — all within a short distance from Downtown. The area provides numerous recreational opportunities for communities near and far.



Floating homes and multifamily buildings offer unique housing choices along the South Reach.



Residents of nearby neighborhoods have easy access to amenities like Oaks Amusement Park.



The Willamette Greenway trail was made for runners, walkers, rollers and strollers of all ages and abilities.

“Enhance the role of the Willamette River South Reach as fish and wildlife habitat, a place to recreate, and as an amenity for riverfront neighborhoods and others”

Comprehensive Plan Policy 3.82

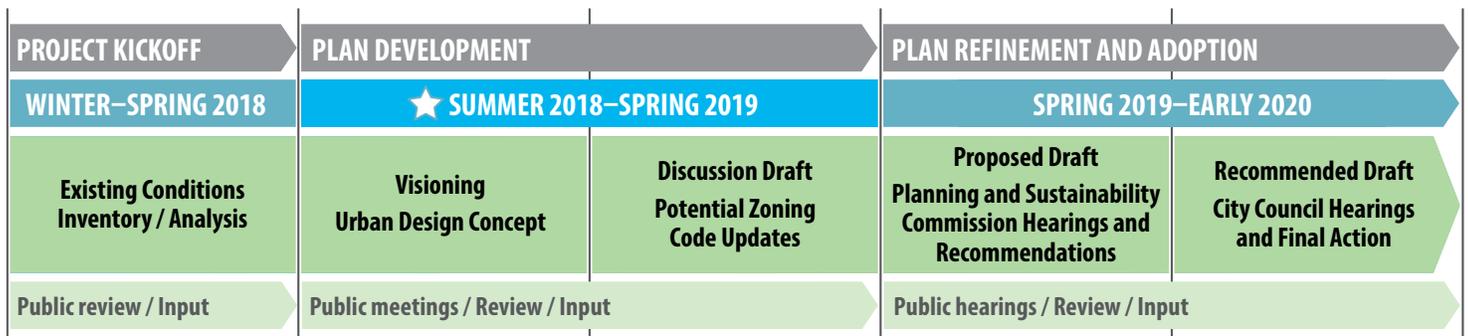


Single-family homes next to the river's edge are common in the South Reach.



Water-based recreation opportunities abound on the South Reach.

Project timeline



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