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WATERSHED HEALTH & RESILIENCE

- Prepare for the effects of climate change by taking steps to reduce the future flood, landslide and wildfi
- Identify priority areas and support future efforts to restore in-river and upland habitat.



- Identify and protect high quality South Reach views to increase the community's visual connection to and appreciation of the Willamette River and its surroundings.
- Create a diversity of land- and water-based recreational experiences through a variety of facilities and programs.

RECREATION & SCENIC RESOURCES

- Minimize conflicts between recreational uses and activities.
- Ensure safe and seamless pedestrian and bicycle connections to and along the riverfront.



This plan envisions the South Reach of the Willamette River as habitat for fish, wildlife and native plants and people; a safe place to walk, run, swim, paddle, view wildlife, ride and roll; and a destination for riverfront neighborhoods and visitors alike.

- Continue to strengthen the relationship between tribal governments and the City of Portland.

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT & COLLABORATION

- Recognize the cultural and historical importance of the South Reach for tribal nations and the urban native community.



- Continue the City's compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 15 by protecting, conserving, enhancing and maintaining the natural, scenic, historical, economic and recreational qualities of lands along the river.

RIVERFRONT COMMUNITIES

- Develop and implement up-to-date design standards and guidelines for riverfront development.
- Improve the multi-modal transportation system to facilitate safe and convenient access to the riverfront area.

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WATERSHED HEALTH AND RESILIENCE



THE RIVER PLAN

WHAT ARE THE GOALS...

Minimize the impact of future development on natural resources and expand options for mitigating new development.

- Establish a minimum river setback of at least 50 feet.
- Apply standards to minimize the effects of site and building design on fish and wildlife, including new standards for bird-safe glazing, riverbank landscaping and exterior lighting.
- Update the River Environmental overlay zone to allow for the creation of mitigation banks.

Protect and enhance in-river, riverbank and upland habitat to improve conditions for native species and strengthen habitat corridors to the Willamette River.

- Regulate the removal of all trees greater than 1.5 inches diameter in the river setback and 6 inches diameter elsewhere.
- Add a standard to limit the size of residential docks and locate them away from shallow water habitat.
- Require floodplain development to mitigate to maintain flood capacity and habitat functions.

Identify priority areas for future in-river and upland habitat restoration.

- Target future restoration efforts that expand shallow water habitat, restore tributary streams and strengthen connections to habitat corridors outside the planning area.
- Evaluate strategies to increase shallow water habitat and improve riverbank and upland habitat on private property.
- Continue to evaluate options for minimizing harmful algal blooms in Ross Island Lagoon.

Prepare for the effects of climate change by taking steps to reduce the future flood, landslide and wildfire risk to development, parks and natural areas.

- Apply the River Environmental overlay zone to undeveloped and developed floodplains (including the 1996 Flood Inundation Area) to limit development and improve floodplain habitat. Update tree replacement standards to meet FEMA Biological Opinion criteria.
- Require non-river-dependent development in floodplains within 170 feet of the river to improve floodplain habitat function.
- Work with FEMA and/or other organizations to better assess future flood risk.
- Evaluate the current and potential risk of wildfire associated with existing development and develop strategies to reduce future wildfire risk.



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RECREATION & SCENIC RESOURCES



THE RIVER PLAN

WHAT ARE THE GOALS...

Create a diversity of land- and water-based recreational experiences through a variety of facilities and programs.

- Complete an Oaks Bottom Complex Management Plan that includes addressing the off-leash area and user conflicts at Sellwood Riverfront Park.
- Fund and implement completion of the Willamette Park Redevelopment and Phasing Plan (2012).
- Plan for future recreational use of the public property formerly known as the Staff Jennings Marina.
- Complete a public swimming beach study that considers site and other characteristics and looks at potential conflicts with boating and natural resources.
- Allow a limited amount of retail at three mapped park sites to serve recreation users.
- Explore public-private partnerships for new recreational opportunities (e.g. Oaks Amusement Park).
- Rezone the northern tip of Ross Island from Commercial Mixed Use 2 (CM2) to Open Space (OS)
- Rezone publicly owned land north of the Sellwood Bridge on the west side of the river, to Open Space, to reflect existing and future recreational use.
- Identify funds, plan for and implement in-river recreational improvements like a boat launch at the end of SE Spokane St. and boat storage.



Minimize conflicts between recreational uses and activities.

- Develop and expand partnerships that promote boater education and safety.
- Implement actions to reduce conflicts between different types of boaters and impacts on natural resources, riverbank erosion and existing development.



Ensure safe and seamless pedestrian and bicycle connections to and along the riverfront.

- Explore funding and partnerships for Brooklyn neighborhood bicycle/pedestrian access to the Springwater Corridor Trail and the creation of a Brooklyn riverfront park.
- Fund and construct public amenities (e.g. benches) and make safety design improvements



Identify and protect high quality South Reach views to increase the community's visual connection to and appreciation of the Willamette River and its surroundings.

- Adopt the River Plan/South Reach Scenic Resources Protection Plan to recognize the best river views for public enjoyment and appreciation. For high quality viewpoints, require amenities such as benches and signage.

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TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION



THE RIVER PLAN

WHAT ARE THE GOALS...

Continue to strengthen the relationship between tribal governments and the City of Portland.

- Update the 2035 Comprehensive Plan to reference tribal nations as governments and to use consistent terminology.

Recognize the cultural and historical importance of the South Reach for tribal nations and the urban native community.

- Coordinate with tribal nations and the urban native community to:
 - ◇ Generate ideas, seek funds and implement programs and projects that promote culture and history and educate the public.
 - ◇ Investigate developing a citywide tribal cultural resources first foods harvesting program where tribes historically harvested foods and other resources.
 - ◇ Enhance natural areas to increase viability of culturally important fish, wildlife and native plants.
 - ◇ Determine barriers to, and plan for desired culturally-specific activities and programming in South Reach parks and natural areas.



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RIVERFRONT COMMUNITIES



THE RIVER PLAN

WHAT ARE THE GOALS...

Continue the City's compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 15 by protecting, conserving, enhancing and maintaining the natural, scenic, historical, economic and recreational qualities of lands along the river.

- Apply the River General (g*), River Recreational (r), and River Environmental (e) overlay zones to properties in the Willamette River Greenway boundary and:
 - ◇ Set back new development that is not river-dependent or river-related at least 50 feet from the river to accommodate a variety of riverfront uses.
 - ◇ Establish regulations for landscaping, exterior lighting, bird-safe glazing, residential docks, and archaeological resources protection, among others.
 - ◇ Rezone the former Staff Jennings Marina site and adjacent public property to Open Space.
- Adopt the River Plan/South Reach Natural Resources Protection Plan and the River Plan/South Reach Scenic Resources Protection Plan to support the protection of viewpoints and environmental overlay zones.
- Support the work of the Joint Office of Homeless Services and strengthen coordination among public entities to minimize the impacts of transient boaters and campers, while providing needed services to the homeless population.



Develop and implement up-to-date design standards and guidelines for riverfront development.

- Repeal the Macadam Corridor Design Guidelines (1985) and apply the Citywide Design Guidelines and Standards to be adopted through the Design Overlay Zone Amendments (DOZA) project in spring 2020. Set back new development that is not river-dependent or river-related at least 50 feet from the river to accommodate a variety of riverfront uses.

Improve the multi-modal transportation system to facilitate safe and convenient access to the riverfront.

- Implement Transportation System Plan (TSP) projects in the South Reach area, including:
 - ◇ Tacoma Main Street improvements.
 - ◇ The Lake Oswego to Portland trail (working with Metro, the City of Lake Oswego and others).
 - ◇ The Johns Landing Streetcar Extension (working with ODOT and others).
- Prepare a Brooklyn Neighborhood River Access Project study to identify the best route(s) for a pedestrian and bicycle connection to the riverfront.
- Fund a study to find ways to improve the SE Spokane St./Oaks Park Way and Springwater Corridor Trail intersection.
- Evaluate potential river transit stops, near/at Sellwood Bridge and Oaks Amusement Park, as a part of future river transit planning.
- Collaborate with ODOT to create a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly street classification for SW Macadam Avenue.
- Work with TriMet to improve the frequency of bus service on both sides of the river.

