

River Plan / South Reach

Online questionnaire

June 27, 2018

Title: River Plan South Reach Online Questionnaire

Description: What's your vision for the future of the southern portion of the Willamette River?

Introduction:

We're launching a new planning project for the South Reach of the Willamette River, from Ross Island Bridge to Dunthorpe (excluding the South Waterfront area). Click [here](#) from map of South Reach planning area.

What do we want the future of the South Reach to look like? How do we want the surrounding neighborhoods, parks, trails and riverbanks to evolve over the years? This planning effort will aim to answer these questions.

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas with us. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Recreation

The South Reach area offers a variety of recreational opportunities on land and in the river (think bicycling and rowing, for instance). There are also lots of public places where people can enjoy scenic views of the river, bridges and downtown Portland.

Tell us what's important to you and how it could be improved. Click [here](#) to see a map showing existing parks, open spaces, and viewpoints.

1. What types of recreation in the South Reach are most important to you? (rank in order of priority)
 - a. Parks (Willamette Park, Sellwood Riverfront, Staff Jennings, etc.)
 - b. Bike and pedestrian trails (e.g., Willamette Greenway, Springwater Corridor)
 - c. Public docks (Sellwood Riverfront, Willamette Park Boat Launch, etc.)
 - d. Natural areas (Oaks Bottom, Willamette Moorage, etc.)
 - e. Entertainment and activity (e.g., Oaks Amusement Park, Willamette Sailing Club)

- f. Dining and picnicking
 - g. Other or additional comments (please specify): _____
2. What would improve your recreational experience in the South Reach? (choose all that apply)
- a. Greater connectivity between the riverfront and surrounding neighborhoods
 - b. Increased transit options between South Reach and other Portland areas
 - c. More public docks and/or launches for non-motorized boating (e.g. canoes and kayaks)
 - d. More public docks and/or launches for motorized boating
 - e. More places to wade and/or swim in the river
 - f. More/better bike and walking trails
 - g. More amenities like restrooms, boat storage and bicycle parking
 - h. Better signage and information (e.g., directional signs, marked public parking areas)
 - i. Small retail venues with food, drink and recreational equipment rental (e.g., paddle boards, kayaks)
 - j. Improved water quality and expanded public education about potential water quality issues (e.g., testing notifications, signage)
 - k. Other or additional comments (please specify): _____
3. What would improve publicly accessible scenic views in the South Reach? (choose all that apply)
- a. Better tree management at public viewpoints
 - b. More amenities, such as informational signage, seating and lighting
 - c. More designated viewpoints from streets, trails and other public locations
 - d. Restricting building heights that might block views
 - e. Other or additional comments (please specify): _____

Natural Resources

Natural features abound in the South Reach, including Oaks Bottom, the City’s only wildlife refuge, and Ross Island. The Willamette River is home to seven Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed fish and many other important species. Large areas of high-value, native Oak habitat areas are found just east of the Willamette River and on the bluff above. Compatibility

between natural resources and public recreation can be achieved. Strategies designed to protect and preserve both environment and recreational opportunities will be critical to reaching this goal.

Tell us what you think about natural resources in the South Reach. Click [here](#) for a map showing natural resources in the area.

1. What are the biggest natural resource challenges in the South Reach? (rank in order of priority)
 - a. Lack of riverbank vegetation to provide adequate habitat for critical species
 - b. Encroaching adjacent development
 - c. Poor water quality
 - d. Stormwater run-off from development
 - e. Need for additional habitat restoration and enhancement projects (e.g., riverbank laybacks, salmon habitat)
 - f. Invasive plants
 - g. Human encroachment in natural areas
 - h. Other or additional comments (please specify): _____

2. Where should we enhance natural areas? (rank in order of priority)
 - a. Riparian habitat areas (e.g., riverbanks, floodplains)
 - b. Upland habitat areas (e.g., woodlands/oak habitat, steep slopes/hillsides)
 - c. Parks and other recreational facilities (e.g., Willamette Park, public docks, trails)
 - d. Bridgeheads and riverfront neighborhoods (e.g., Brooklyn, Sellwood, Johns Landing)
 - e. Commercial areas (e.g. Ross Island Sand and Gravel, Oaks Amusement Park)
 - f. Other or additional comments (please specify): _____

3. What are the best strategies for ensuring compatibility between fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and development? (choose top 3)
 - a. Expanded development setbacks for the riverbank
 - b. Clearly designated areas for public recreation
 - c. Restricted public access in key fish and wildlife habitat areas
 - d. Increased enforcement of existing rules

- e. Educational materials, signage and outreach
- f. Other or additional comments (please specify): _____

Nearby Neighborhoods

Neighborhoods in and near the South Reach project area are characterized by a mix of housing types and a variety of businesses that serve both the neighborhood and the broader region. People live near or on the river to take advantage of the South Reach’s scenic and recreational amenities. Others come to the South Reach to take advantage of boating, hiking, and parks along the river.

Tell us what you think about South Reach neighborhoods.

1. How can getting to the river be improved for nearby residents and businesses? (rank in order of priority)
 - a. Pedestrian improvements (e.g., sidewalks, trail connections, safer crosswalks, pedestrian bridges)
 - b. Bicycle improvements (e.g., dedicated bike lanes, better signage, bike parking)
 - c. Improved nearby transit service (e.g., bus, MAX, streetcar extension)
 - d. Directional signage
 - e. More auto parking options
 - f. Other or additional comments (please specify): _____

2. What one thing (e.g., change in activity, use, transportation options, development type) could be done to strengthen the relationship between neighborhoods to the east (Brooklyn and Sellwood) and/or west (South Portland) and the river? Feel free to provide a recommendation for one or both sides of the river.

Any other comments you want to share about the South Reach?

Tell us about yourself!

Thank you for participating in the **River Plan / South Reach Visioning Survey!** Demographic information provided below is anonymous and used to ensure equity and diversity in our public planning processes. This is optional and not required for your responses to be considered.

What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-34
- 35-64
- 65 or older

What best describes your household income?

- Less than \$15,000
- \$15,000 - \$29,999
- \$30,000- \$59,999
- \$60,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$250,000
- \$250,000+

What is your zip code?

Does your family rent or own your home?

- Rent
- Own
- N/A

Do you live in a:

- House
- Floating House
- Apartment
- Condo/Townhouse
- Other (please specify): _____

How do you identify your race and/or ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

- Native American, Indigenous, or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Latino/a/x or Hispanic
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Other (please specify): _____

Other than English, which languages are spoken at home?

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