

Investing in Portland's Park System

System Development Charges for Parks, Trails and Natural Areas



Context - Parks 2020 Vision

- Increase access to neighborhood and community parks.
- Maintain current ratio of parkland to population.
- Protect and restore natural areas.
- Provide safe and convenient trail connections.







Park System Development Charge

- One-time fees on new development to cover part of the costs of parks and recreation services.
- Used for new parkland and to develop parks in areas of growth.
- Every \$1 of Park SDC leverages an additional 83 cents in other funds.
- Part of the funding strategy to achieve Parks 2020 Vision.



SDC Investments to Date

281 acres of new parkland

10.4 acres developed / restored

\$18.3 million invested



Examples:

Central City

South Waterfront Neigh. Park Tanner Springs Park

East

Columbia Slough Trail Wilkes Park

North

Columbia Slough Trail - West Kenton Park

Northeast

Sacajawea Park Whitaker Ponds Natural Area

Northwest

Forest Heights Park Forest Park

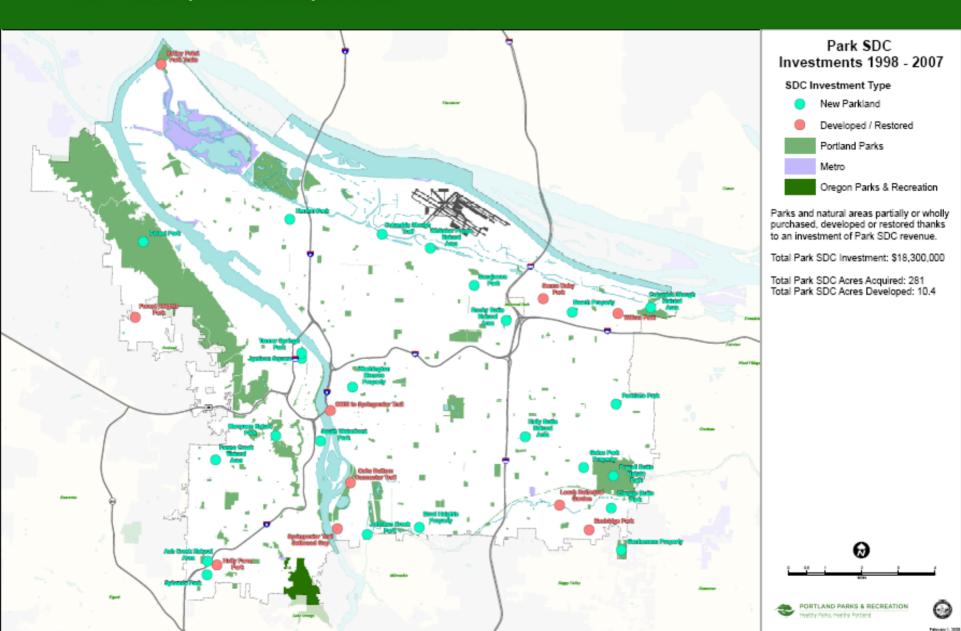
Southeast

Johnson Creek Park Washington-Monroe Site

Southwest

Holly Farm Park Marquam Nature Park

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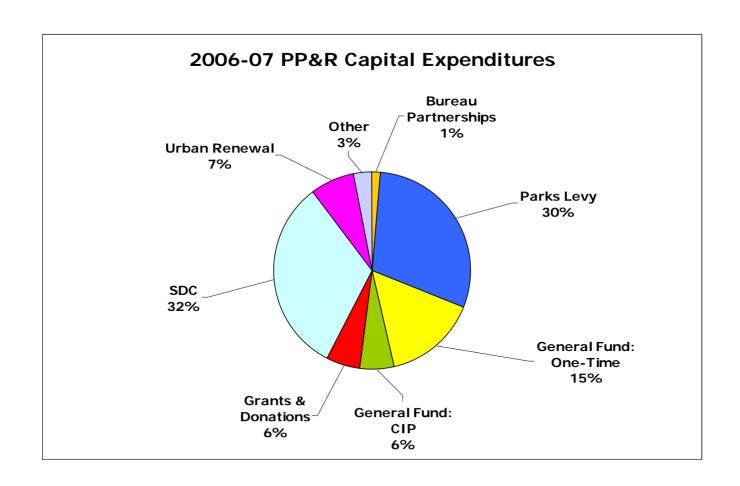
Why update the Park SDC?

By 2020, Portland is projected to have

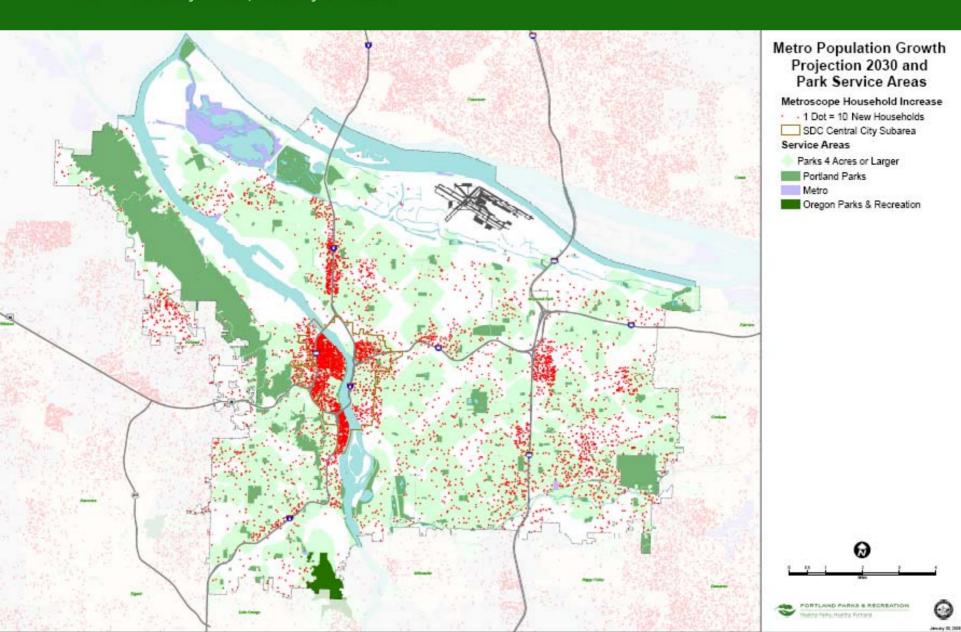
- 70,000 new residents, and
- 100,000 new employees

Current Park SDC fee

- recovers only 25% of costs to develop and acquire new parks in areas of growth.
- does not recognize the impact of employees on the parks system.



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Proposed Changes



- Increase rate to recover up to 75% of costs to serve growing areas.
- Create tiered fee structure to reflect the higher costs in the Central City.
- Include new commercial development.

Timeline

1998 Park SDC established

2001 Parks 2020 Vision adopted with Park SDCs as key funding

2005 City Council calls for update of Park SDCs

Fall 2006 Task Force convened

October 2007 Task Force Report to Commissioner Saltzman

December 2007 Council Accepts Park SDC Update Report

January 2008 Task Force meeting

February 2008 Community discussions

March 2008 Park SDC Proposal to City Council

Public Feedback: What We Heard

- Parks are essential to Portland's economy, environmental health, and livability.
- SDCs are a necessary tool to achieve the community's vision for their parks.
- Employees in Portland who live elsewhere add to the growing demand for new parks.
- A tiered fee structure makes sense.
- What is the right recovery rate? What will the new charge be?
- How will SDC funds be used? What new parks will be provided?
- Adjust the inventory to include city properties with public access.
- Look into offering a way to transfer SDC credits.
- Are exemptions available for affordable housing and small businesses?
- When will the new charges be applied? How will this be implemented?

Our Response

- Recovery rate of 75%
- Two fee levels Central City and Citywide
- Lower fee rates than initial proposal
- Strategic priorities for new parkland and development of park facilities
- Adjust park inventory to reflect market demand and existing capacity
- Refine credit transfer plan
- Maintain affordable housing exemption
- Phased implementation beginning January 2009

Proposed SDC Fee & Rates

To recover up to 75% of costs to develop and acquire new parks. Proposed Fee / Rate Current \$7,669 Central City Single Family Residential \$ 3,117 \$7,600 Citywide \$4,933 Central City Multi-Family Residential \$4,988 Citywide \$ 2.027 \$ 371 **Central City Commercial Rate** \$ 161 Citywide

How Portland SDCs Compare

Current Park SDC

- 14th in Park SDCs
- 15th in Total SDCs
 of 17 metro area jurisdictions

Proposed Park SDC

- 4th & 6th in Park SDCs
- 9th &10th Total SDCs
 of 17 metro area jurisdictions





Potential Park SDC Revenue: \$239.6 million

Projected - through 2020



Parks Acquire: 152 acres

Develop: 226 acres

Trails Acquire: 36 acres

Develop: 36 acres

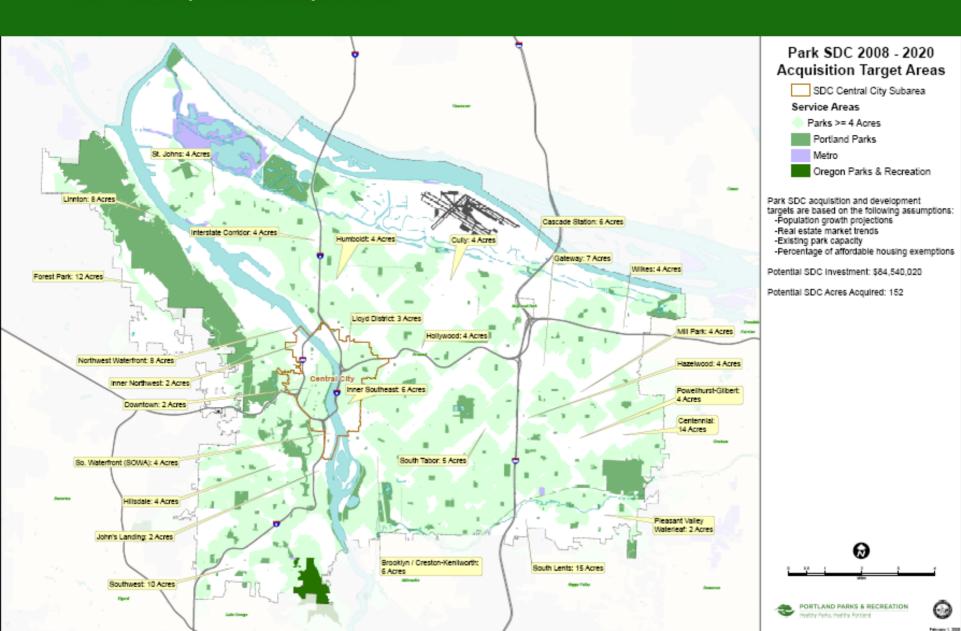
Natural Areas Acquire: 557 acres

Restore: 80 acres

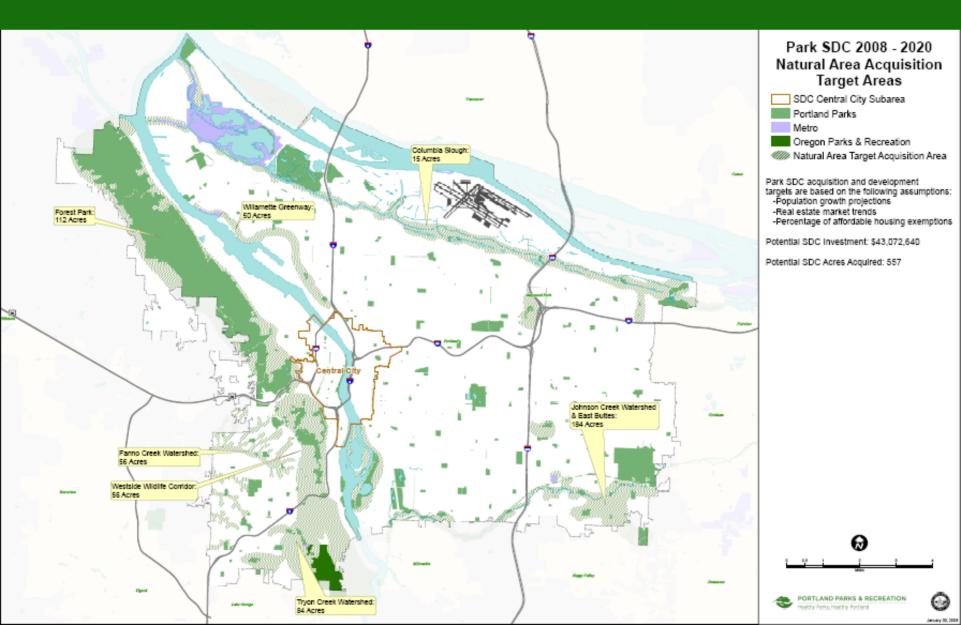
Total Acquire: 745 acres

Develop / Restore: 342 acres

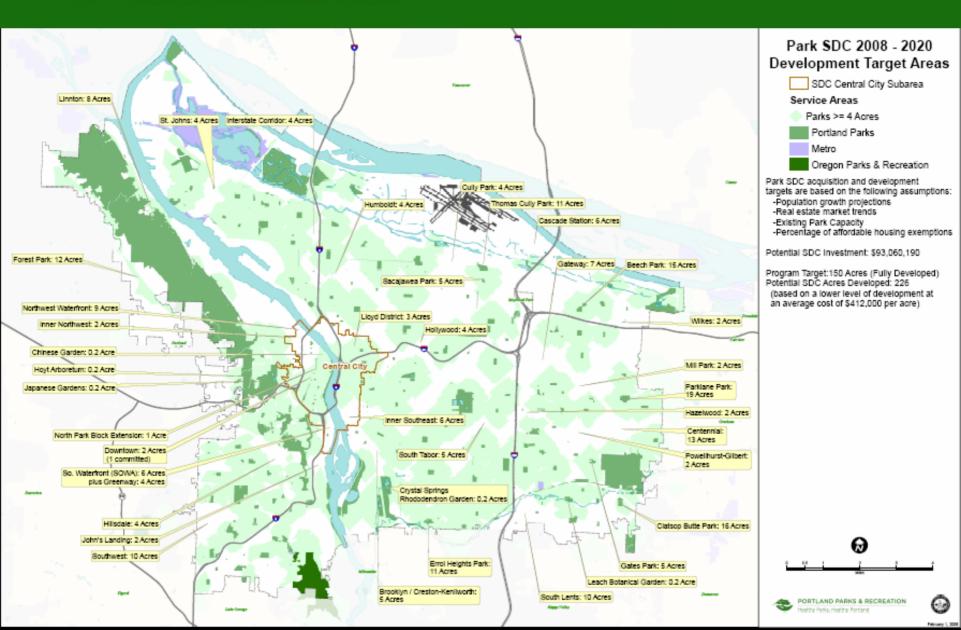
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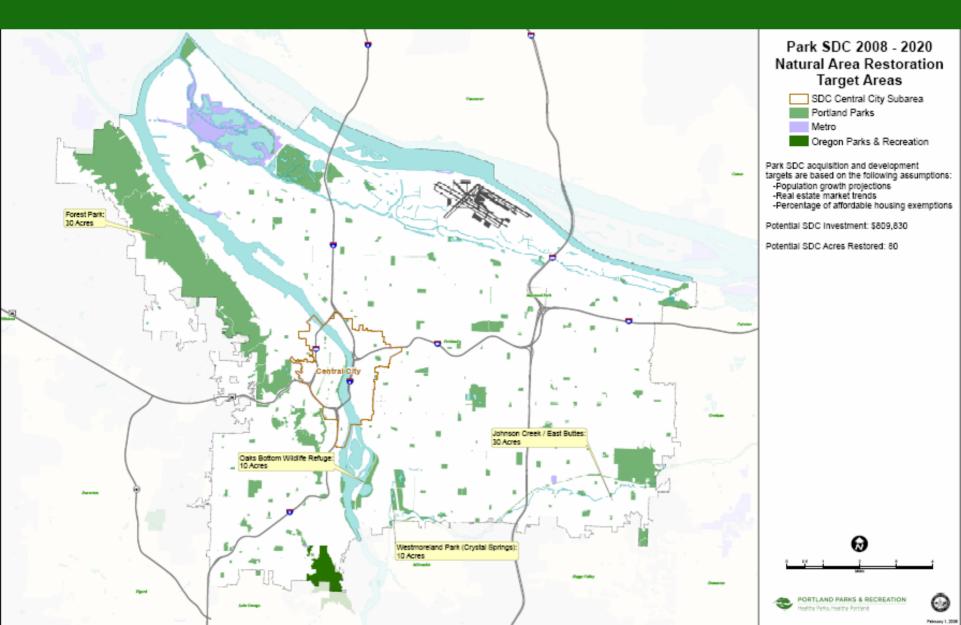
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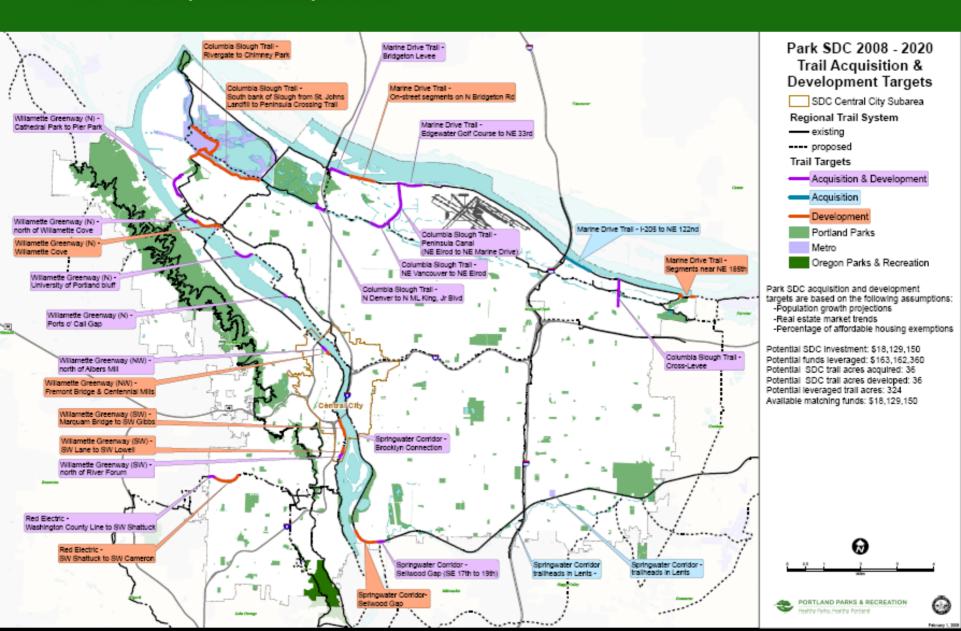


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Achieving Parks Vision 2020

Impact of SDC Investments:

Increase percentage of population within walking distance of a park by 20%

Realize the goal of increasing protected habitat from 1,440 acres to 2,060 acres.

Increase miles of developed trails by 35%







