

PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND

CITY COUNCIL - Wednesday, April 6




Commissioner Amanda Fritz | Director Mike Abbaté



**PORTLAND
PARKS & RECREATION**
Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland



Over the last century, Portlanders created and have maintained our parks system through a series of capital investments (bonds and levies).



2014 Parks
Replacement Bond
provides \$68 million
for repairs and
replacements across
the system.
(74% yes vote)

SEVEN FOCUS AREAS

2014 PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND
NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES | POOLS

2014 PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND
NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES | BRIDGES & TRAILS

2014 PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND
NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES | PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE

2014 PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND
NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES | PLAYGROUNDS

2014 PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND
NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES | RESTROOMS & URGENT REPAIRS

2014 PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND
NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES | ACCESSIBILITY

2014 PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND
NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES | PROTECT WORKERS

Identified as urgent priorities by Parks bureau and through public involvement.

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NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES

FOCUS AREAS
Areas with broad public support and identified as urgent needs by the Parks Bureau are additional one-pagers by details on each area.

PLAYGROUNDS
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THE NEED
Over the last century, Portlanders have created and maintained our parks system through a series of capital investments, including bond measures and levies. However, our park structures and facilities have finite life spans, and require ongoing investment to remain safe and accessible. Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) has identified more than \$365 million in necessary replacements and major maintenance projects that need to be completed over the next 10 years.

PUBLIC SUPPORT
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Due to improving needs, many Parks playground structures had to be removed.

ACCESSIBILITY

REMOVING BARRIERS TO ACCESS
Portland's parks and natural spaces belong to all of us—from playgrounds to community centers, and public to community gardens, there's something for everyone in Portland's parks system. Unfortunately, not everyone has equal access to what Portland's parks have to offer. A preliminary citywide assessment has already identified more than 20,000 ADA barriers to access in Portland's parks. Missing handrails, inaccessible paths, outdated wheelchair lifts, and steep slopes are just a few of the kinds of barriers that prevent people with disabilities or mobility challenges from fully enjoying our parks. While significantly more funding is needed to correct all barriers, the Parks Replacement Bond would remove many, making our parks and playgrounds more accessible to everyone, without raising the tax rate.

According to the Disability Futures Report: 1 out of 5 Americans have at least one family member with a disability. Today, all four parks facilities and 100 trails are accessible to people with disabilities. Public spaces should be places for everyone to gather and enjoy.

ACCESSIBILITY
Remove access barriers to public, most report fewer than 100 barriers at 100 parks across park system.

RESTROOMS & URGENT REPAIRS
Restrooms are essential to park use. The Parks Bureau has identified more than 1,000 restrooms in need of repair or replacement. The Parks Replacement Bond will fund the repair and replacement of these restrooms, making our parks more accessible to everyone.

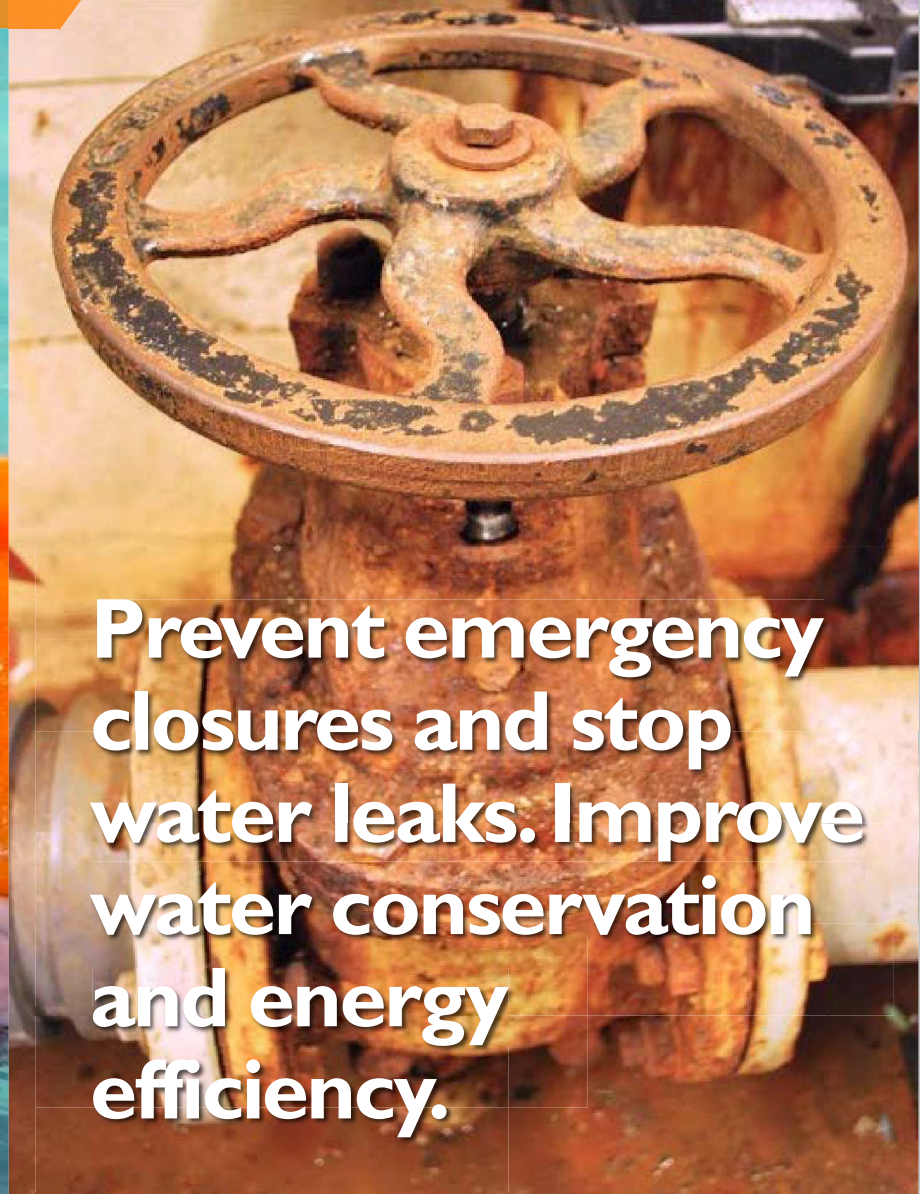
ADMINISTRATION & AUDITS
The Parks Bureau will conduct an audit of the Parks Bureau's financial records to ensure that the Parks Bureau is using funds responsibly and efficiently.

THE REPLACEMENT BOND:
The Parks Replacement Bond will fund the repair and replacement of 100 restrooms, making our parks more accessible to everyone. The Parks Replacement Bond will also fund the repair and replacement of 100 playgrounds, making our parks more accessible to everyone. The Parks Replacement Bond will also fund the repair and replacement of 100 bridges and trails, making our parks more accessible to everyone. The Parks Replacement Bond will also fund the repair and replacement of 100 Pioneer Courthouse Square, making our parks more accessible to everyone.

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FOCUS AREA
POOLS

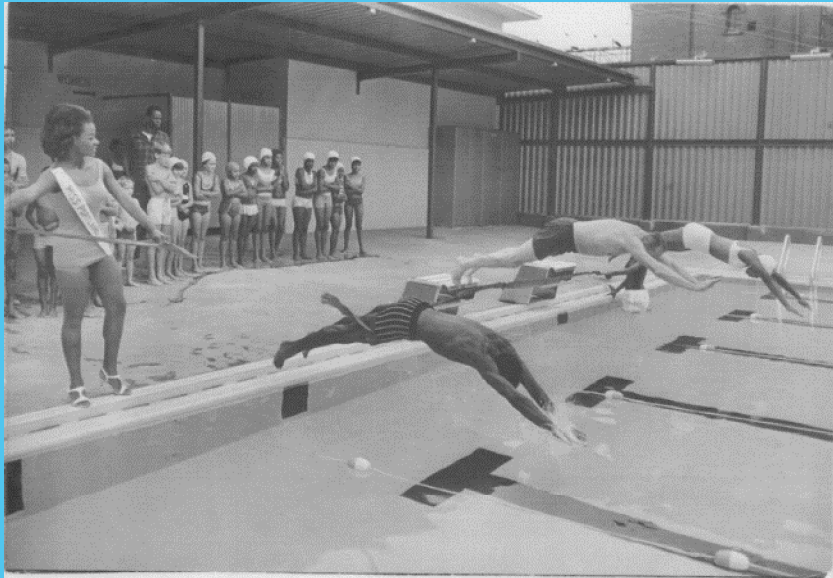


Prevent emergency closures and stop water leaks. Improve water conservation and energy efficiency.

Project Details

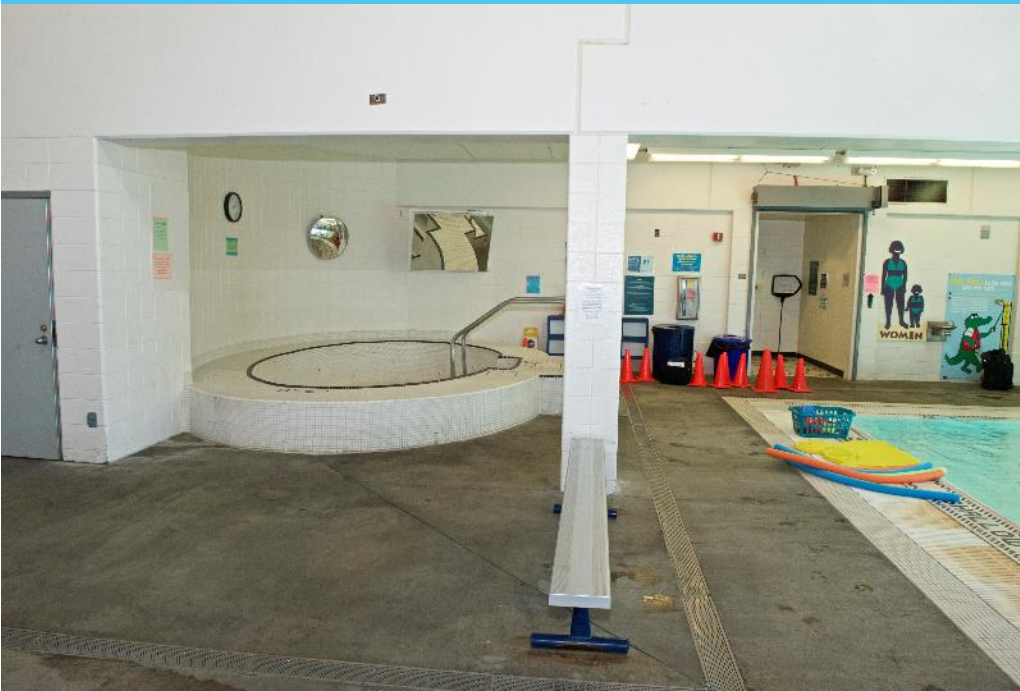
Matt Dishman CC Pool

- Bidder selected by the end of April
- Substantial Completion: Oct 2016



Area of focus

- Replace deteriorating pool plaster
- Rebuild and expand existing whirlpool



More Projects on the Horizon

St Johns Community Center renovation

- New roof
- HVAC

Sellwood Bathhouse renovation

- New roof
- Seismic improvements

Maintenance Facilities design contract

- Mt Tabor Yard
- Urban Forestry HQ



THANK YOU!

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