


PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND


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Commissioner Amanda Fritz | Director Mike Abbaté



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



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

2014 PARKS REPLACEMENT BOND

NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES POOLS

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NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES BRIDGES & TRAILS

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NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE

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NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES PLAYGROUNDS

SAFE PLACES TO PLAY
 Every child needs a safe and accessible place to play. More than 55,000 Portland households are served by Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) playgrounds or play structures that are rated in poor or very poor condition, and need to be renovated or replaced. Park technicians visit these playgrounds almost daily to check for unsafe equipment, and playgrounds are fully inspected each month. When equipment becomes unsafe, it is removed. There is no funding to repair these structures.

The 2014 Parks Replacement Bond will renovate, replace and remediate 10 to 20 playgrounds and play structures that are at risk of failing, without raising the tax rate. See the back of this page for more specific examples >



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NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES PROTECT WORKERS

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NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES RESTROOMS & URGENT REPAIRS

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NO INCREASE IN TAX RATES ACCESSIBILITY

FOCUS AREAS
 Areas with broad public support and identified as urgent needs by the Parks Bureau

- PLAYGROUNDS
- BRIDGES AND TRAILS
- POOLS
- PROTECT WORKERS
- PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE
- ACCESSIBILITY

REMOVING BARRIERS TO ACCESS
 Portland's parks and natural spaces belong to all of us—from playgrounds to community centers, and pools 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 Equality Index, less than 10 percent of parks in the United States have at least one ramp. Portland's Parks & Recreation has a goal to make all of our parks accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities. Photo credit: Portland Parks & Recreation

FOCUS AREA	NUMBER OF BARRIERS
ACCESSIBILITY	2710
PLAYGROUNDS	493
BRIDGES & TRAILS	691
RESTROOMS & URGENT REPAIRS	1305

65% SUPPORT

A photograph of a person in a wheelchair, seen from behind, looking towards a swimming pool. The person has a grey towel draped over their shoulders and a tattoo on their left shoulder. The pool is blue with a white lane line and a red curb. Other people are visible in the pool. A green arrow-shaped graphic points to the right, containing the text 'FOCUS AREA ACCESSIBILITY'.

FOCUS AREA **ACCESSIBILITY**

Provide increased accessibility in parks; recent report found many barriers across park system.

Areas of focus

Washington Park International Rose Test Garden

- Provide increased accessibility

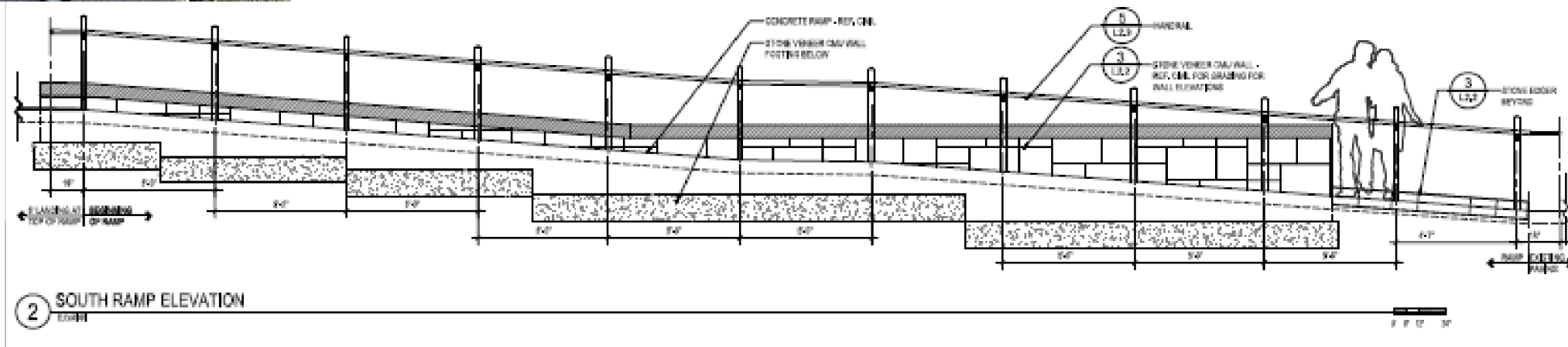


Project Details



CURRENT CONDITION

NEXT YEAR



More Projects on the Horizon

Recent Completion:

- Grant Pool Repairs

Construction begins:

- Wilkes and Parklane Loo Installations
- Dishman Pool Repairs
- Sellwood Bathhouse Roof Repairs

Upcoming bids:

- St Johns CC Roof and HVAC Repairs
- Lents Park Playground Replacement



THANK YOU!

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