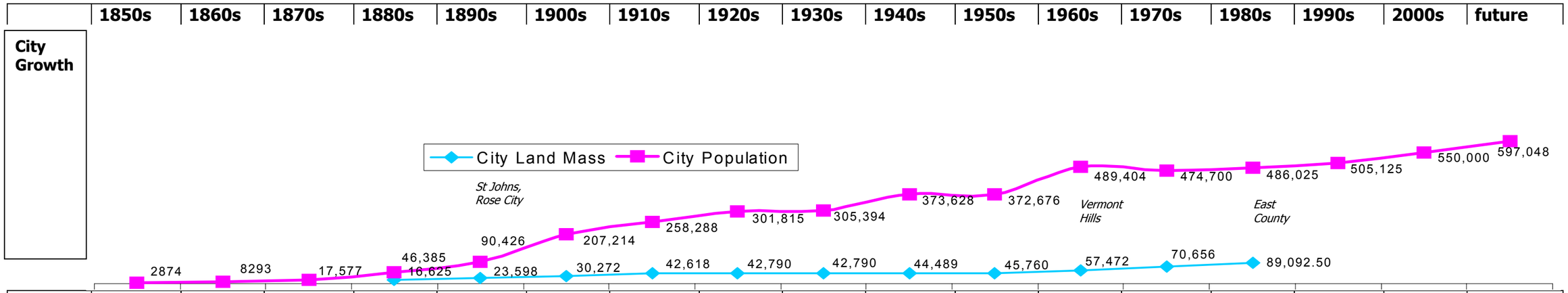

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City Growth																	
Demo-graphic Trends	(1852) City incorporated with 1027 citizens					Influx of new residents - the Lewis & Clark Exposition				Influx of war industry workers. Women working. Vanport Flood	Baby boom – problems for PP&R and PPS				Influx of new residents.	Surge in population of seniors (aging boomers) and teens.	Increase in single family households
Recrea-tion Trends			Socials, river boating, horse racing, sailing, Sunday excursions	Lawn sports, (tennis, badminton)		National Playground movement; first playground in N Park Blocks (1906)	Big expansion of playground program. First interaction: schools and the Park Board. Big summer concerts.	Camping became popular. (prohibited by 1926)	Attendance in free activities increased dramatically while golf attendance dropped by half. 1938 recreation programs began to flourish, coalition between parks and schools for rec activities. New arts classes, summer camps, nature classes.	Need for family recreation, Parks offered free child care for war workers in north Portland parks. Summer playground program tended even small children. Partnership with PPS strengthened, 15 bldgs available for use. First community center in Albina neighborhood for minority groups.	1951 rec increase 35%. Social activities – dances, party nights. Rec participation continued to increase. Partnership w PPS resulted in 53 schools available for use. Volunteers kept many programs afloat but programs for teens & seniors suffered.	Outdoor Education Activities Committee began. Sports Associations formed: PYSA, PTA. Continued rec part. Increases, esp. in social dance and sports. Total of 10,000,000 in 1961. First rec programs for handicapped youth, 1963. Girls sports	Comm ctrs finally open 6 days/wk. Participation in sports program doubled Schools closed early in 1972 financial difficulties, so Parks stepped in. Self-sustaining rec programs (fees for participants) started	Some programs increasingly "spun off": Children's Museum, Japanese Garden, Leach Garden, satellite community centers. Increase in number of community schools.	Mega-centers w/ multi-use facilities. Less drop-in programs - more all-day camps. Synthetic fields that are lighted and can be used year round, 24/7.	Programs for active teens, seniors who have $ (no more bingo). Need for multi-use arena/concer t spaces. Larger covered outdoor picnic sites and event areas. Less senior discounts – more family discounts & non prime-time use discounts. Large multi-sport athletic complexes built in conjunction w/schools.	Recreation program trends: ice hockey, roller sports (hockey, tennis), lacrosse, BMX courses, skateboard parks, indoor soccer, tai chi and other eastern influenced activities, climbing walls, virtual reality games and leagues, technology training, healthy lifestyles, cultural programming, living simply & back-to-nature programs.
Social Trends	Donation Land Act Oregon Trail		Economic depression	Economic prosperity		1904 segregated facilities for men /women at request of women	Parks as curative for society ills. Continuing "gender issues"		Great Depression	World War II. Juvenile delinquency. Racial tension. Concern about unemploymnt		Civil rights & integration	Women's movement Environmental movement		Economic prosperity: emphasis on livable city and open space.		
Staff				1885 first park keeper hired		Emanuel Mische hired 1908	Each property had foreman responsible to public. 26 new playground instructors.		CCC and CWA provided manpower to improve parks.		Volunteers became a big force in parks as a result of late 50s budget cuts.	Volunteers in rec 22,000. Start of friends groups for funding.	Manpower shortage filled by federal programs. Transition to centralized maintenance.	Budget cuts and leveraging of services with volunteers.		Partnering with hospitals. Merging of jurisdictions.	
Budget						1901 tax levy 1907 $1 million bond proposed in 1903	1917 bond for playground Two bonds in 1919: over $1 million	1926 bond for $600,000 was rejected.	1907 bond issue gone – 1938 levy for $1 M over 10 years		1950 park levy, $200K /yr for 10 yrs 1957-58 budget cuts.	Federal Model Cities program – park improvement	Urban Renewal funding for certain parks	1989 $7 million levy	1994 $58.8 million bond Parks SDC adopted		

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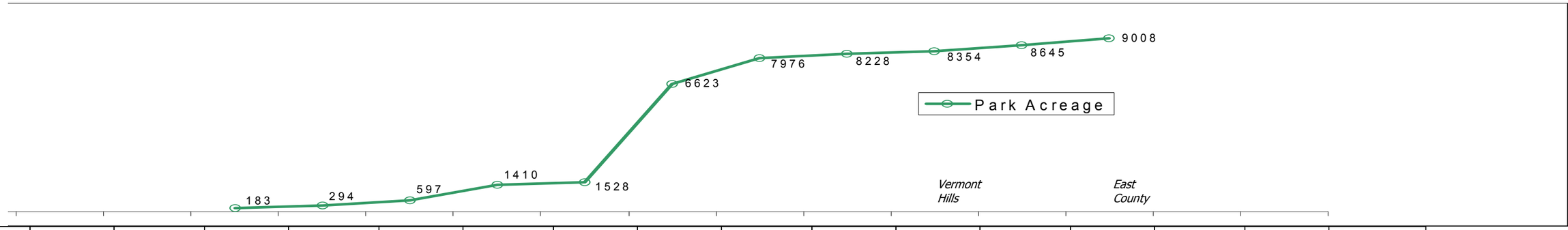

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Parks Added	Plaza Blocks, two Park Blocks Terwilliger & Lownsdale	N Park Blocks	Washington Park (first 40 ac)		Macleay Park (donation)	Donations of 7 fountains & statues; Fulton Park Laurelhurst, Peninsula, Sellwood	First golf course - Eastmoreland, first community center - Peninsula.	Arboretum, neigh. & community parks, first pools (Sellwood, Mt. Scott)	Council Crest, Westmoreland	28 new neighborhood & community parks, Forest Park in 1948.	2 new golf courses, Delta Park (because of Vanport Flood), Gabriel, first community gardens, art centers	Pittock, Japanese Gardens, Community Music Center, downtown parks, Smith & Bybee	Leach Garden, Pioneer Courthouse Square, Marquam Nature Park, Ira Keller fountain.	East County annexations	Springwater Corridor, more East County annexations, mini-parks, 26-26 acreage, first SDC acquisition	East Bank Esplanade, River District parks, N Macadam Parks	
Planning Efforts						Olmsted Report (1903) John Olmsted hired to prepare park acquisition plan (1907)	Large street tree planting. Washington Park complex of zoo, rose garden, bird sanctuary, trails, etc.		1935 P.C. report, urging city acquisition of tax-delinquent property, increase park acreage to 7485 acres.	Robert Moses report – recommended many parks in west hills, downtown, and waterfront. Plan mostly not implemented.			5 year CIP developed with community group input	*Park Futures;* focus on restoration of deferred capital needs & on river.			
Manage-ment			Water Bureau			Park Board voted into existence by Portland Ordinance to control behavior in public parks	Park Board dissolved (1913) 1917: City forester position established.	Charles P. Keyser promoted to Superintendent (until 1949.)		1949 Charles Keyser stepped down.	Fire in Forest Pk destroyed 600 ac. Large tree planting 30,000 trees by HS students.	Columbus Day Storm 1962 – serious damage to park and trees.	Director of Golf position	Charles Jordan appointed Director			

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