

SOUTHWEST

Distinctive Features

Description: The Southwest sub-area (see map at end of this section) includes three distinct geographic districts — the Goose Hollow area, Corbett-Terwilliger, and the larger “southwest community” that is part of the Tualatin Valley. The area consists of lower-density development with pockets and corridors of higher-density and new development. Many areas of Southwest are hilly and wooded.

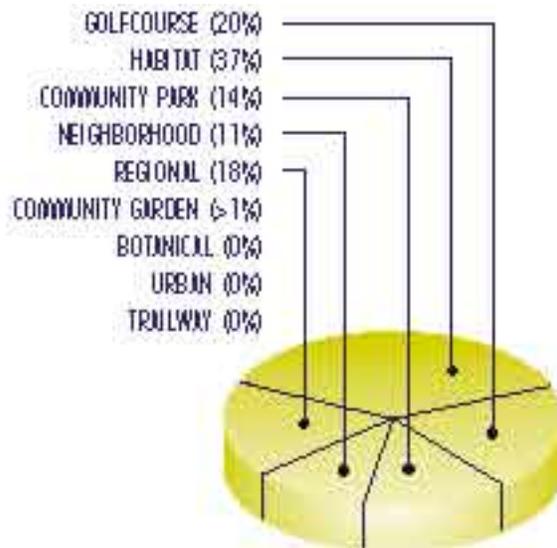
Resources and Facilities: Southwest has 837 acres of parkland, ranking fifth in total park acreage. Southwest has large tracts of habitat areas, including forests, creeks, and riparian corridors. Most neighborhood and community parks are developed and well used.

- Southwest has the largest number of habitat parks, and the third largest amount of habitat acreage in the City. There are a number of valuable watersheds in Southwest including Fanno, Tryon and Stephens Creeks.
- There are four community garden sites with 200 plots.
- The area has two community centers - the new Southwest Community Center and a small facility at Fulton Community Center.
- There are two aquatic facilities –the indoor pool at the Southwest Community Center and the outdoor Wilson Pool.
- The Multnomah Arts Center, a large cultural facility, is located here, as is one Community School program. Southwest includes 18 school sites.
- Major trails include portions of the Willamette Greenway, the Terwilliger and Marquam Nature Trails.

- The recently renovated and rebuilt Red Tail Golf Course serves this sub-area. It is owned and operated by the City, although it is located outside the city limits.

Population – Current and Future: Southwest ranks fourth in population with 64,400 and is projected to grow to 77,750 by 2020 - an increase of 21%.

DISTRIBUTION OF SUBAREA ACRES BY PARK TYPE





Southwest Issues and Needs

PARK SHORTAGES

- A major “park-deficient” area exists in the large area south of I-5. The existing parks in this area are hilly and wooded and cannot provide the basic active recreational opportunities (e.g. playgrounds and sports fields) of neighborhood or community parks.
- The Corbett-Terwilliger area west of I-5 and south of Ross Island is neighborhood park-deficient.

RISKS TO NATURAL RESOURCES

- Increased visitation to the many natural areas may produce environmental impacts that will result in the decline of the health and integrity of the habitat.

RISKS TO URBAN FOREST

- The urban forest canopy on private property is sparse and aging.
- There is a lack of diversity in the tree species in the right-of-way, and limited opportunities to plant trees on unimproved streets.

FACILITY DEFICIENCIES

- Fulton Community Center is a retrofitted gymnasium offering limited programs and services. There is little room to expand this facility, except at the cost of the playground.
- The outdoor pool adjacent to Wilson High School requires complete renovation. Although minor pool improvements were made a few years ago, the mechanical equipment and shell need repair or replacement.

- Demand for sports fields is high, but parks with flat, open land that is large enough for sports fields have already been developed.
- Conflicts exist between those who desire, and those who oppose, additional park uses. These conflicts will increase as demand for active recreation space increases.

PROBLEMS WITH ACCESS, TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY

- The hilly topography, lack of improved streets and poor street connectivity in Southwest make access to parks difficult in many areas.
- Access to the existing community centers from the area south of I-5 is limited by distance and by the I-5 freeway, which acts as a barrier. As the population increases, the need for good access to recreation programs in the area south of I-5 will intensify.
- There is a one-mile gap in the Greenway trail between John’s Landing and downtown Portland.
- Conflicts will increase on the Greenway Trail as more people use it.

Southwest Recommendations

ACQUIRE LAND AND DEVELOP PARKS

- Continue to acquire natural resource areas in all Southwest watersheds.
- Acquire additional flat land to accommodate the need for sports fields and active recreation.
- Develop joint use partnerships with local schools to develop school grounds for sports fields. Work with other institutions that may have large flat sites that could be used for sports.
- Acquire land in the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area for a variety of park types.

PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES

- Work cooperatively with community volunteers, watershed councils and other resource agencies to protect and restore important resources such as Tryon Creek, Fanno Creek and Stephens Creek.
- Work with other city agencies and private property owners to improve the natural resource quality of riparian areas on the Willamette River and its tributaries.
- Educate and inform residents about the value of natural resources, including urban forest assets on private property, since there are few trees in the public right-of-way here.

PROTECT AND IMPROVE URBAN FOREST

- Encourage the planting of new trees to replace the declining canopy on private property.
- Develop an inventory to provide clear information on current conditions that will guide future decisions.
- Ensure that adequate planting strips are provided to accommodate street trees when development occurs.

EXPAND AND DEVELOP RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

- Develop a full-service community center in the area south of I-5.
- Renovate, repair or replace the mechanical equipment and pool shell at Wilson Pool.
- Work with schools and neighbors to light the synthetic grass soccer field at Mary Rieke School.

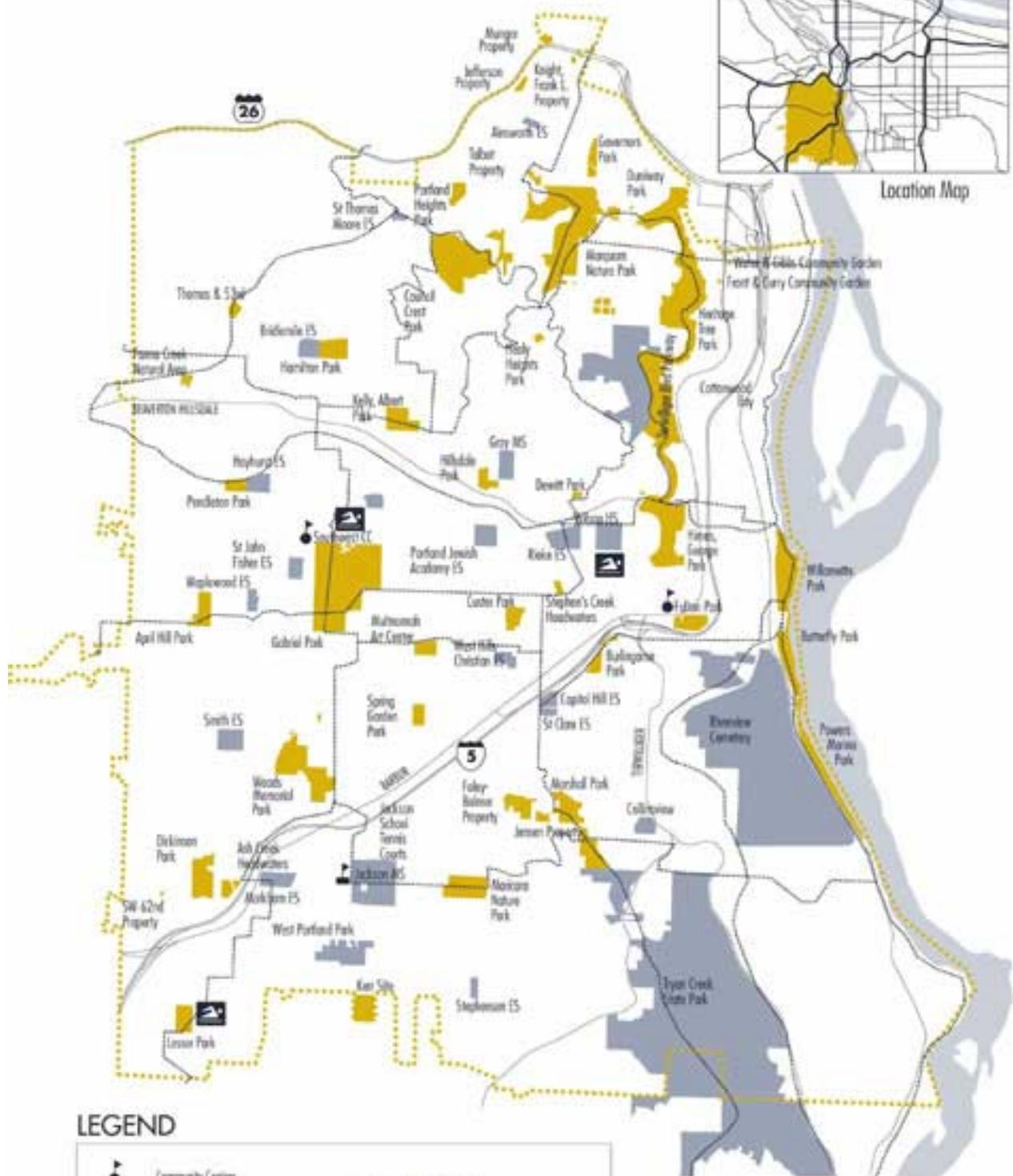
DEVELOP AND IMPROVE PARK ACCESS, TRAILS AND CONNECTIONS

- Build on and implement the work of the Southwest Urban Trails Plan to develop a connected system of trails and walks.
- If feasible, develop and implement plans for the Red Electric Trail to connect with Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's trail system along Fanno Creek.
- Investigate the feasibility of developing a trail along the Willamette Shoreline Trolley to connect John's Landing to Lake Oswego.
- Develop better connections from the neighborhoods to the Willamette River and to Willamette Park.
- Develop new parks along the Willamette River in conjunction with new development.
- Develop new neighborhood parks in the Corbett-Terwilliger area, in the area south of I-5, and in transitional industrial areas.
- Develop neighborhood, urban and habitat parks in the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT



Location Map



LEGEND

	Community Centers		All other Parks, Public/Private School Property
	Community Schools		Open spaces, Cemetery, Golf Courses, Fairgrounds, Stadiums and Community Centers not owned by Portland Parks & Recreation.
	Pools		
	Parks		
	Trails		



P A R K S 2 0 2 0 V I S I O N

SOUTHWEST SUB-AREA – Park Sites to be Developed and Renovated						
Site Name	Develop New Park	Redevelop Exstg. Park	Extensive Renovation	Basic Renovation	Repairs	Notes
April Hill Park				●		
Burlingame Park					●	
Council Crest Park				●		
Custer Park				●		
Dewitt Park				●		
Dickinson Park & Dickinson Woods	●					a
Fulton Park				●		
Gabriel Park				●		
Hamilton Park				●		
Healy Heights Park				●		
Hillsdale Park	●					
Kelly, Albert Park				●		
Portland Heights Park				●		
Powers Marine Park					●	
RedTail Golf Course				●		
Spring Garden Park	●					
SW 62nd Property	●					
Terwilliger Blvd Parkway					●	
Thomas & 53rd	●					
Willamette Park			●			

- Develop New Parks** Unimproved sites to be developed as neighborhood, community or regional parks. Master plans are needed before development. At some sites, additional land may be needed before development can occur.
- Redevelop Exstg. Park** Sites that have a minimal level of improvements. Master plans are needed before development.
- Extensive Renovation** Developed parks that either are (a) already scheduled for renovation or (b) have several basic features that are in poor condition. These sites may have problems that collectively may trigger a larger renovation project.
- Basic Renovation** Developed parks with one or two basic features in poor condition. Correcting these problems will not modify other park features. Some of these may be bond projects that were not fully improved due to a lack of funds.
- Repairs** Developed park with improvements that need only minor repairs or changes to a few features.
- Notes:** a. Master Plan complete



“raised a daughter and grandchildren in Southwest Portland with few park facilities. Now a much greater population of families faces shortages of sports fields, play areas close to home, and equipment to exercise on. Large areas of Southwest have no neighborhood parks.”

Ester McGinnis,
SW Portland resident &
Vision Team member

SOUTHWEST SUB-AREA – Habitat Parks & Natural Areas					
Site Name	R M Plan	Extensive Rehabilitation	Basic Rehabilitation	Repairs	Notes
April Hill Park	●				a
Ash Creek Hdwaters & Taylor Woods Prop.		●			
Butterfly Park			●		
Council Crest Park				●	a
Elk Rock Island			●		
Fanno Creek Natural Area		●			
Foley-Balmer & Jensen Properties		●			
Gabriel Park	●				a
Himes, George Park	●				
Kerr Site	●				
Lesser Park	●		●		
Maricara Nature Park	●		●		
Marquam Nature Park	●		●		b
Marshall Park	●	●			
Stephens Creek Headwaters	●	●			
Terwilliger Blvd. Parkway	●				a
Toe Island	●				c
Tryon Creek Headwaters	●		●		
West Portland Park	●		●		
Willamette Moorage	●		●		
Willamette Park		●			d
Woods Memorial Park	●		●		e

- Resource Management Plan Ecosystem-based plans for parks or properties with significant natural resources
- Extensive Rehabilitation Parks or natural resource areas in poor condition that require extensive rehabilitation
- Basic Renovation Parks or natural resource areas that require basic rehabilitation
- Repairs Trails or facilities that need minor repairs or improvements
- Notes:
 - a. Prepare RMP for habitat portion
 - b. Existing Management Plan over 10 yrs. Old. Renovate trails, up-grade shelter.
 - c. Integrate planning with Ross Island. See note in Southeast sub-area.
 - d. Extensive riverbank restoration
 - e. Functional Plan complete – 1999, but needs RMP. Improve trails. Restore stream.



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