

River View Natural Area Management Plan – Stakeholder Interviews Summary

Ten stakeholder interviews were conducted in Fall in 2013 by Maija Spencer with Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and Shannah Anderson with the Bureau of Environmental Services as part of the public involvement process for the Management Plan.

Organization	Name(s)
Dunthorpe Neighbor	James Alderman
PP&R's Disability Advisory Committee	Georgena Moran
PP&R Rangers	Dave Barrios
River View Cemetery	David Noble
Riverdale High School	Paula Robinson, Rob Pridemore, and Kate Loggan
Sellwood Cycle Repair	Erik Tonkin
Travel Oregon	Harry Dalgaard III
Tryon Creek State Natural Area	John Mullen
Urban Greenspaces Institute	Mike Houck
West Multnomah Soil & Conservation District	Dick Springer and Michael Ahr

Offers were made to interview the Trails Club of Oregon and a representative from the angling community but were not able to be scheduled in this time period. All stakeholders asked to be updated as the plan moves forward.

Interview Questions:

1. Are you familiar with the site and its history?
2. What relationship do you or your organization have with River View Natural Area?
3. How do you or your organization use the Natural Area? What types of users (age, other demographics)? How often? What times of day?
4. What are your desired outcomes or concerns about the future use of the site?
5. What could be improved? What do you want to preserve?
6. How would you like to be involved going forward? How can we best involve you (and your community) in the planning process?
7. Is there anyone else that we should talk to?

Highlights from Interviews:

Trail Design and Signage:

- Develop sustainable, inclusive, and well-marked trails with sightlines for user safety.
- Use signage with Trail Access Information on name and type of trail, slope, distance to allow users to determine their ability to use.
- Consider the Powell Butte model of self-management (don't ride when wet) and shared use trails. Directional signage can help with traffic flow.

- Improve connectivity between Powers Marine Park, Lewis & Clark College, and Tryon Creek Natural Area.
- Seating and resting spots are welcoming to older users or users with children.
- Create a safe place for all users
- Design trails for a variety of users – easy to difficult and sign appropriately
- Connect to Sellwood through a bridge or tunnel under Hwy 43.
- Plan for responsible trail systems especially in regards to stream crossings.

Management and Restoration:

- Recreational uses should be secondary to natural resources protection. Area should be kept as natural as possible. Natural resources, green infrastructure, and climate adaptations are integral elements that need to be included in the plan.
- Invasive removal work should focus on edges. Time restoration work in tandem with work on Lewis & Clark campus and River View Cemetery to leverage resources.
- Diversify the tree species.
- Culvert design at Hwy 43 should better accommodate wildlife crossings, and the plan should address wildlife corridor connectivity to Tryon Creek State Park and Powers Marine Park. Look at the regional goals for the area.
- Consider the impacts of dogs – even on leashes.
- Security and parking will be concerns for neighbors. Work with security at Lewis and Clark College to outreach to students on desired uses in River View NA.

Stewardship and Education:

- Develop relationships with Lewis & Clark College and Riverdale High School for educational, scientific research, and stewardship opportunities.
- Provide interpretive displays about natural resources
- Educate users about uses to help manage conflict