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River View Natural Area (RVNA) Management Plan Frequently Asked Questions

What and where is River View Natural Area (RVNA)?

RVNA is a 146-acre forested parcel in southwest Portland, providing a link connecting Forest Park to the north, Tryon State Natural Area to the south, and the Willamette River to the east. It is located between SW Macadam Avenue and SW Terwilliger Boulevard. RVNA has significant ecological value with seven free-flowing streams, wetlands, and multiple plant communities. 130 plant species, 31 mammal species, and 74 avian species are associated with the natural area's ecosystem. The property comprises about half of the forest canopy in the 350-acre Riverview sub watershed of the Lower Willamette Watershed.

Who owns RVNA?

Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) and the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) jointly own the natural area. Metro holds a conservation easement on the property.

What is the RVNA Management Plan?

The RVNA Management Plan is a planning process and document that will direct future management priorities with a science-based approach, protect core natural areas, locate a trail system compatible with the protection of natural resources, identify enhancement projects, and establish environmental interpretation and research opportunities.

What is the timeline for completion of the RVNA Management Plan?

The planning process began in 2013 with data collection and analysis and the creation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Project Advisory Committee (PAC). The planning process will resume this March, with the goal of completing the plan in September of 2015. An Open House for the general public will be held in late spring.

What recreational uses are allowed at RVNA?

Passive recreational uses are allowed including hiking, wildlife viewing, stewardship activities, environmental education, and research.

What uses at RVNA are no longer allowed?

As of March 16th, mountain biking will no longer be an allowed use at RVNA. Trail building, camping, and fires are also prohibited.

Why is mountain biking no longer an allowed use?

In order to protect RVNA's sensitive natural resources, the Commissioners of PP&R and BES have decided to limit uses to passive nature recreation.

What measures will be taken to provide for mountain biking opportunities in the City of Portland?

PP&R will develop a Citywide Off-Road Bicycle Master Plan to identify the most appropriate mountain biking opportunities within the City park system. Funding for this planning process will be included in PP&R's proposed FY 2015-2016 budget.

Where can I find more information about the Management Plan process?

PP&R maintains a website dedicated to RVNA at www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/riverview.

You can sign up for email updates about RVNA at the website.