



**NORTH CLACKAMAS**  
PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### PUBLIC INVITED TO HELP PLAN FOUR FUTURE PARKS IN MILWAUKIE

**Clackamas County, OR** – Community members are invited to a series of upcoming visioning meetings in September and October to weigh in on four new Milwaukie neighborhood parks. North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District (NCPRD) and the City of Milwaukie are partnering to plan and develop the parks, which are currently known as Balfour, Bowman-Brae, Robert Kronberg and Wichita parks. While funding to build the parks is not currently available, community input will help shape the concepts for the future parks.

NCPRD has contracted with Lango Hansen Landscape Architects, who will develop design options for each park and assist with community involvement, information gathering and presentations to the NCPRD District Advisory Board, the NCPRD Board of Directors the Milwaukie Parks Advisory Board and Milwaukie's City Council.

#### ABOUT THE PARKS:

**Balfour Park** is a .8-acre, undeveloped neighborhood park site located in the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek neighborhood at 3103 S.E. Balfour St. in Milwaukie. The City of Milwaukie purchased the land in 2008 with funds from Metro's voter-approved 2006 natural areas bond measure.

**Bowman-Brae Park** is a .69-acre undeveloped neighborhood park located at the intersection of Bowman and Brae streets in Milwaukie. The City of Milwaukie purchased the land in 2011 with assistance from Metro's voter-approved 2006 natural areas bond measure.

**Robert Kronberg Park** is approximately 5 acres located between Kellogg Lake and McLoughlin Boulevard, just south of downtown Milwaukie. The property includes land deeded to the City in 1991 by Robert Kronberg and his wife Dena Swanson and land purchased by the City of Milwaukie with funds from Metro's voter-approved

1995 natural areas bond measure. Current light rail construction includes a bicycle and pedestrian bridge spanning a portion of the lake and park site. NCPRD staff and community members have worked together to enhance the natural resources of the property over the past six years, including reestablishing native trees and removing trash and weeds.

**Wichita Park** is a 1-acre undeveloped neighborhood park site located in the Linwood neighborhood at 5908 S.E. Monroe Street in Milwaukie. This property currently has an open lawn area with a few trees planted by neighborhood volunteers. The existing master plan for the park includes a play structure, a half-court basketball court, a perimeter path, picnic tables, benches and a disk golf basket. It was adopted into the Milwaukie Comprehensive Plan in 1999. Updates to the Wichita Park Master Plan were made in 2011 by the Linwood Neighborhood Association with assistance from consultants and approved by the Milwaukie Planning Commission in May. This project will include developing an initial set of construction drawings and a detailed cost estimate.

#### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY VISIONING MEETINGS:**

These are the first of many community meetings about the four new parks. The public is invited to share their vision for these future neighborhood parks at these meetings, or by submitting comments to Katie Dunham at (503) 742-4358 or [kdunham@clackamas.us](mailto:kdunham@clackamas.us). Submitted comments will be presented during the public meetings. For more information about the projects and upcoming meetings, go to [ncprd.com](http://ncprd.com).

- **Balfour Park meeting:** 6:30-8 p.m. Sept. 24, Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 S.E. 36th Ave., Milwaukie
- **Bowman-Brae Park meeting:** 6:30-8 p.m. Sept. 30, Milwaukie Center, 5440 S.E. Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie
- **Robert Kronberg Park meeting:** 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 1, Milwaukie Grange, 12015 S.E. 22nd St., Milwaukie
- **Wichita Park meeting:** To be determined

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***North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District*** is a service district of Clackamas County dedicated to providing exceptional parks and recreation programs, facilities and services. Voters approved the formation of the District in 1990 because they saw the need for greater parks and recreation services in the north end of the county. The District – which serves more than 116,000 residents in a 36-square mile area – includes the cities of Happy Valley, Milwaukie, a portion of the City of Damascus, and a large area of unincorporated Clackamas County. It includes more than 38 parks, 25 natural areas, 15 miles of trails including the 6-mile Trolley Trail, Mount Talbert Nature Park and three facilities: Hood View Sports Complex, the Milwaukie Center and the North Clackamas Aquatic Park. NCPRD's mission: To enrich community vitality and promote healthy living through parks and recreation.