



NORTH CLACKAMAS PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT

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Dear Spring Park Natural Area Neighbor,

You are invited to a community meeting focused on the Spring Park Natural Area Phase II Improvement Project, scheduled for construction in late summer 2015

The meeting will be held on June 11th at 5:30PM at the City of Milwaukie Grange 12015 SE 22nd Ave.

Background

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), the City of Milwaukie and many other partners have been working on the Spring Park Project for many years.

The Elk Rock Island (ERI) and Spring Park Management Plan (1994) and Spring Park Master Plan (2006) document management issues and outline measures to positively enhance the natural area. The Spring Park Master Plan (2006) outlined a two-phased approach: Phase I included designing and building a trailhead and playground and was implemented in 2010. The Phase II – Natural Area Enhancement section is the focus of the current project. Phase II improvement project will focus on four priorities: 1) delineation and enhancement of unmapped wetland areas, 2) rehabilitation of upland habitat areas and rehabilitation of riparian backchannel alcove habitat, 3) relocation and formalization of the park's hiking trail, and 4) interpretive signage. Please visit NCPRD.com to access these documents.

Partners

The Island Station Neighborhood District Association (ISNDA) and community members have been leaders in the planning, cleanup and the habitat enhancement of the site. Neighbors have contributed many volunteer hours on site and have been long-time advocates of the rehabilitation of Spring Park Natural Area (SPNA). Based on the desires of the community and following the 1994 Management Plan and 2006 Master Plan recommendations, NCPRD and its partners have:

- 1) Controlled non-native plants and planted native plants
- 2) Delineated the wetlands
- 3) Conducted a land survey to determine how to re-route the current trail out of the wetlands without going further south and taking into account the steepness of the trail.

In addition, all partners are working together with the renewed Friends of ERI and SPNA to harness positive momentum to enhancing the habitat and appropriate access while decreasing inappropriate uses.

Project Plans and Designs

The current Draft Spring Park Natural Area Management Plan (2014) and the draft project designs (2015) can be found at ncprd.com. The SPNA 2014 Management Plan was created in partnership with the City of Milwaukie, ISNDA, Portland Parks and Recreation, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Willamette Riverkeeper, the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council and many other groups and organizations. Many grants have been obtained to support the success of this project.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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