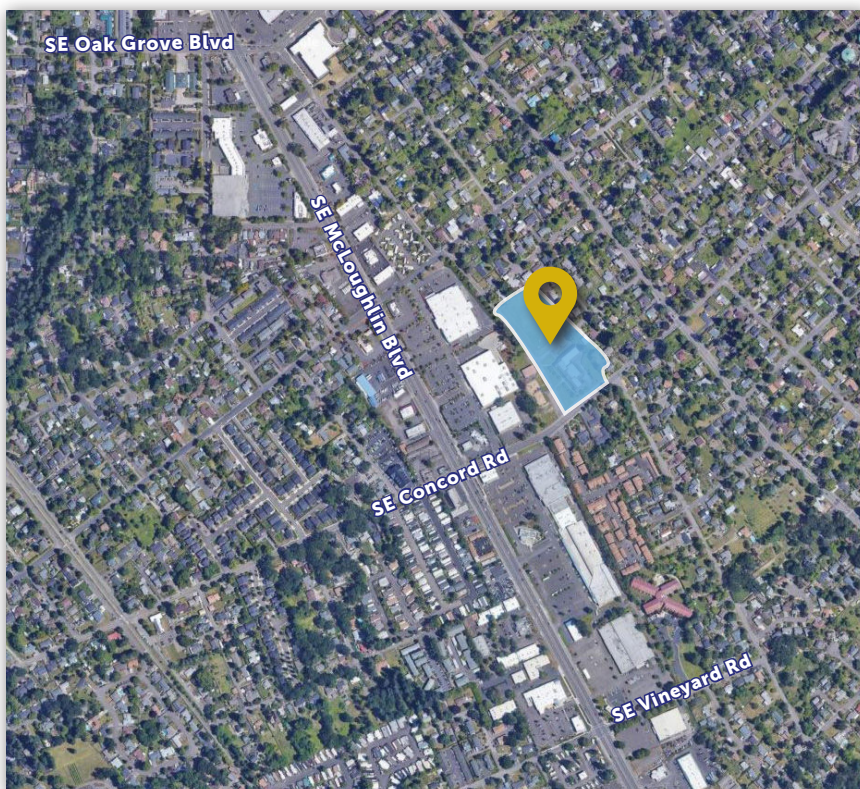




A NEW PARK IS COMING TO OAK LODGE

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) is designing a new park on the Concord Property in Oak Lodge. The nearly 2-acre park will be situated alongside the historic Concord Elementary School building and new Oak Lodge Library, and will provide opportunities for inclusive recreation and connections to nature.



LOCATION:

3811 S.E. Concord Road, Oak Lodge, OR

PROJECT SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Start of construction – Fall 2023

Park opening – Spring 2025

Get involved! For more information, to sign up for email updates, and find public engagement opportunities, visit ncprd.com/concord-project.



FAQ

When will the park and playground be complete?

The park, including Phase I of the playground, is anticipated to be open to the public in early 2025!

What features will the new park have?

Informed by community input and goals, the new park will include a walking path, play area, natural features, flexible open space for recreation and events, restroom and picnic shelter, and a large events plaza to serve the neighborhood and broader community. Phase II of the playground will be developed at a later time when additional funding becomes available, and will include expanded inclusive play options.

Will the play area incorporate natural play?

When we asked the community which type of play they wanted to see most at the park, "nature play" ranked the highest. We listened, and now NCPRD is working with a landscape architect that specializes in designing and building nature-based play spaces. Phase I of this playground will focus on physical play in the form of logs, boulders and rope climbers as well as some sensory and imaginative spaces. Play areas that are infused with nature result in beautiful spaces that stimulate imagination and provide grounding experiences.

Will the nature-based play area also be inclusive?

NCPRD understands that ability is a spectrum and people land at different points along the spectrum. The nature-based play area will be ADA compliant and integrate inclusive play elements where possible. However, truly inclusive designs create environments that are easy to get into and around, which is why Phase II of the play area development will strive to create even more spaces that promote play between children of all abilities. The play spaces will balance physical with sensory and imaginative play, leaving all children feeling included, respected and independent.

Why is the play area being phased?

The play area at the Concord Property is being phased due to available funding sources. Phase I of the park includes the development of the nature-based play area, and the plan is to fund it with NCPRD funds and other funding sources. Phase II of the play area will include additional accessible play spaces. NCPRD plans to develop Phase II at a later time when funding becomes available.

How has community input informed the park and play area design?

Over 1,300 residents provided input on the community center, park and library planned for the Concord Property in Oak Lodge. A variety of engagement opportunities – including open houses, surveys, comment cards, stakeholder interviews, and focus groups with under-served communities – allowed us to listen and hear your preferences for the site. The community feedback helped to inform a Master Plan, which was approved by the NCPRD Board in 2021, and will guide the project moving forward. The expressed community goals for this site included the creation of a park with natural features, walking path, play area, flexible open space for recreation and events, restroom and picnic shelter, large events plaza and future splash pad.

How is the park being funded?

The park, including Phase I of the play area, is being funded with a combination of NCPRD general funds, System Development Charges (SDCs) and other funding sources. Additional funding is needed for Phase II of the play area.

Where can I find more information on the future community center and Oak Lodge Library, planned for the same site?

For more information on the Concord Property and community center, owned and operated by North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, please visit ncprd.com/concord-project.

For more information on the Oak Lodge Library, operated by Clackamas County, please visit www.clackamas.us/libraryproject.

Does the park have an official name?

Not yet! As the park project nears completion, NCPRD will engage the community in the naming process and provide opportunities for public input.