Welcome!

Community Meeting:
North Albany County Park & Natural Area

October 13, 2016
6:00 – 7:30 pm
Agenda

6:00 – 6:30 pm: **Light Dinner & Expert Stations**

6:30 – 6:40 pm: **Welcome, Intro. & Background**

6:40 – 6:50 pm: **Presentation of Concept Plans**

6:50 – 7:20 pm: **Breakout Groups**
- Feedback on Concept Plans

7:20 – 7:30 pm: **Wrap Up & Next Steps**
Background

Jeff Powers, Director
Benton County Natural Areas & Parks
Outreach & Engagement

• Stakeholder Interviews: April - May
• First Community Meeting: June
• Online Survey: June - August
• In Park Survey: July
Other Important Input

- American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assessment
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Evaluation
- Physical Activity Observations
Priority Design Elements 1 of 2

- Keep as many trees as possible
- Keep open feel
- Dogs to run freely
- Make ADA accessible
- More/separate picnic space
- Improve/create pedestrian connections
Priority Design Elements 2 of 2

• Create natural surface path on park perimeter, connecting entrances
• Improve baseball/volleyball areas
• Update restrooms
• Add safety lighting
• More parking
• Safer playground
• Update playground equipment
Priority Playground Features

• ADA accessible
• Keep the boat!
• Nature play, climbing, swings, slides
• Surface to support falls
• Multi-use space (e.g., play equipment with loop path for bikes, strollers, walking, etc.)
• Toddler and youth equipment
Vegetation & Storm Water Management Plan

Jenna Tilt, Assistant Professor
College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences
Oregon State University
All plans include the following:

- ADA compliant; from shelter parking area to playground, restrooms & shelter
- 2 new ADA parking spots in front of restrooms
- 10 new parking spaces around loop
- 1 new parking spot at shelter
- 2 new spots in north parking lot
Draft Park Concept Plans 2 of 2

- New 4ft. wide natural surface perimeter connector trail
- Restroom upgrade to four direct-entry unisex restrooms
- LED lighting
- Improved volleyball and baseball fields
- New alternate picnic area with BBQ, north side of shelter
- Shelter revisions
Concept A
Concept B
Breakout Groups

• 30 minutes total
• 4 rotations, 6 min. per concept station
• Nametag indicates starting station
  • Park Concept #1
  • Park Concept #2
  • Park Concept #3
  • Natural Area #4 (Concepts A, B, C)
• 4-8 per station
Breakout Questions

1) What are the positive aspects about this concept? / What do you like?

2) What are the negative aspects about this concept? / What don’t you like?

3) What’s missing? What changes would you make?
Next Steps

• Compile input and use to update the Concept Plan
• Next version of the Concept Plan ready by early December
• Concept Plan distributed for review
• Master Planning process finished by the end of December
Thank you!

Before you leave:

• Please vote with your dots on the overall Park Concept Plan and Natural Area Concept you like the best.

• Vote with your dots however you like.

• Examples:
  • 3 dots on the park concept you really like, and 1 on the natural area concept you like the most.
  • All 4 dots on the park concept you really like.
  • Or....