

# NEWS



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## **THPRD ACQUIRES BEAVERTON PROPERTY, PLANS RELOCATION OF MAINTENANCE AND SOME EMPLOYEES**

To accommodate growth and better serve its patrons in the future, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District has purchased the former Frito-Lay property near downtown Beaverton.

The property features more than 13 acres of land and a 90,000-square-foot building, which includes 10,000 square feet of office space.

The acquisition will enable the Park District to relocate its Maintenance Operations center and staff to a larger, more centralized location within THPRD boundaries. Maintenance is currently based at the district's Howard M. Terpenning (HMT) Recreation Complex at 158<sup>th</sup> and Walker Road, Beaverton.

### **Centrally located near Allen Blvd and 217**

The former Frito-Lay site is just west of Highway 217 off Allen Boulevard, close to the heart of THPRD's 50-square-mile service territory, which encompasses the city of Beaverton and many unincorporated areas of eastern Washington County.

The transaction will also enable THPRD to move out of a leased space on Arctic Drive in Beaverton. The site currently houses many of THPRD's Planning and Natural Resources employees and hosts a satellite Maintenance facility and staff.

### **'Growth capacity for the next 20 or 30 years'**

"This acquisition provides us with growth capacity for the next 20 or 30 years," said THPRD General Manager Doug Menke. "Several key departments will have more room, and it allows Maintenance to better service our properties at less cost from a more centralized location."

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Menke said he anticipates a phased move-in as the facility is retrofitted to meet the district's needs.

Although firm plans have not yet been set, THPRD anticipates moving out of the Arctic Drive space and into the new site in fall 2011. Relocation of the Maintenance Operations center currently at 158<sup>th</sup> and Walker Road is expected to start in early 2012.

The acquisition makes good on a recommendation in the district's November 2006 Comprehensive Plan, which stated that relocation of the Maintenance Operations center would help the district "more cost-effectively conduct operations and make better use of land at the HMT site."

**THPRD investment totals about \$8.7 million**

THPRD's total investment in the facility, including acquisition and construction costs, is about \$8.7 million. The district is financing the bulk of these costs through tax-exempt Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, which were issued at below-market interest rates. The district is using system development charges to finance the portion of the property dedicated to recreational purposes.

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning about 50 square miles and serving more than 200,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational and educational opportunities for people of all ages. Offerings include a wide variety of classes and more than 200 park sites, 60 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,300 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or call 503/645-6433.

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