

As an outcome of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan update, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) is undertaking a review of several district policies and procedures. Following a public input and review process, any proposed changes to the policies and procedures will be taken to the THPRD Board of Directors (Board) for adoption if policy changes are needed. If procedural changes are warranted, staff will seek feedback from the Board prior to the general manager’s approval of the changes. Information about the different topic areas under review can be found on the district’s website at [www.thprd.org/compplan](http://www.thprd.org/compplan).

<p><b>Overview</b></p>	<p>The purpose of this effort is to establish a Trails Functional Plan for Tualatin Hills Park &amp; Recreation District (THPRD). The Trails Functional Plan will provide broad guidance on how the district acquires land, prioritizes new trail development and upgrades substandard trails. The functional plan will help the district implement one of its eight primary goals, specifically Goal 5, which states that THPRD will:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Develop and maintain a core system of regional trails, complemented by an interconnected system of community and neighborhood trails, to provide a variety of recreational opportunities such as walking, biking and jogging.</i></p>
<p><b>Current THPRD Guidance</b></p>	<p>The district adopted a Trails Master Plan in 2006. The plan recommended improvements to upgrade the existing system where needed, fill in missing gaps and connect to significant environmental features, schools, public facilities, local neighborhoods, other parks and business districts throughout the region.</p> <p>The previous plan listed eight goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Providing recreation opportunities</li> <li>2) Trail development and regional connections</li> <li>3) Access</li> <li>4) Community linkages</li> <li>5) Amenities</li> <li>6) Maintenance and emergency access</li> <li>7) Preservation</li> <li>8) Funding</li> </ol> <p>The Trails Functional Plan will update the trails inventory and review the previous goals as well as develop new recommendations for the district’s trail framework. The functional plan will replace the 2006 Trails Master Plan.</p>
<p><b>Reason for Review</b></p>	<p>THPRD’s 2013 Comprehensive Plan Update called for the development of functional plans in a number of areas. The Trails Functional Plan will review existing standards and guidelines to ensure residents are provided with a quality trail network. This review will define how THPRD acquires land for trails, prioritizes new trail development and upgrades substandard trails and trail segments.</p>

<b>Reason for Review (con't)</b>	<p>The previous plan, the 2006 Trails Master Plan, set forth the vision and benefits of a trail network and established design guidelines for the range of trails that the district provides. With the development of the Trails Functional Plan, THPRD will prepare a continued vision for how its trail network is planned, developed, upgraded, and maintained.</p>
<b>Key Elements of the Trails Functional Plan</b>	<p>Five key focus areas will be addressed in the Trails Functional Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Existing Conditions / Current Inventory:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. General description and definition of trail types, classifications and trail counts</li> <li>b. Description of trail jurisdictional relationships and transportation plans within the metro region and within Washington County</li> <li>c. Trails within Bonneville Power Administration and Portland General Electric powerline easements</li> <li>d. Development of trails within linear parks</li> <li>e. Description of existing trail system and trailshed analysis</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <u>Trail Standards:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Design standards by classification</li> <li>b. Operations and maintenance standards</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <u>Preferred Strategy:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Establishment of prioritization criteria</li> <li>b. Prioritization of land acquisition</li> <li>c. Itemized list and maps of priority areas or segments</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <u>Financial Analysis:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Description of possible funding sources</li> <li>b. Prioritization of capital improvement program (CIP) funds for new trails and upgrading of substandard trails</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. <u>Success Monitoring:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Establish performance measures</li> <li>b. Establish monitoring procedures</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Next Steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late March 2014 – Project website launched</li> <li>• July 2014 – Project scope established</li> <li>• August – October 2014 – Trails inventory work begins</li> <li>• January 2015 – Initial draft of Trails Functional Plan developed</li> <li>• March 2015 – Meetings held with THPRD advisory committees</li> <li>• April 2015 – Briefing for THPRD Board of Directors</li> <li>• Early May 2015 – Open houses held to provide information and solicit public comments</li> <li>• Mid May 2015 – Draft Trails Functional Plan revised to reflect comments received</li> <li>• June 2015 – Preferred Trails Functional Plan presented to the Board of Directors</li> </ul>
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