

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.

Overview	<p>The purpose of this effort is to establish a Natural Resources Functional Plan for Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD). The Natural Resources Functional Plan will provide broad guidance to manage the efforts of the district's natural resources department. The functional plan will help the district implement one of its eight primary goals, specifically Goal 4, which states that THPRD will:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Acquire, conserve and enhance natural areas and open spaces within the district.</i></p>
Current THPRD Guidance	<p>The natural resources department utilizes the Natural Resources Management Plan, a document adopted in 2002 to provide the framework for the protection and enhancement of natural resources within the district. The Natural Resources Functional Plan will replace this document.</p>
Reason for Review	<p>THPRD's 2013 Comprehensive Plan Update called for the development of functional plans to provide the specifics of how THPRD does its work.</p>
Key Elements of the Natural Resources Functional Plan	<p>Five key focus areas will be addressed in the Natural Resources Functional Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Natural Resources Context:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How THPRD fits into the larger ecosystem b. Creation of a mapping tool/criteria to define wildlife corridors, watersheds and connectivity c. Overview of current habitats/conditions 2. <u>Priorities:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Land acquisition, restoration and maintenance levels of service b. Restoration priority hierarchy c. Site quality/priority matrix 3. <u>Habitat Management Procedures:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Site maintenance management plans b. Site inventory c. Restoration plans d. Documenting site history e. Priorities for research and outside groups

<p>Key Elements of the Natural Resources Functional Plan (con't)</p>	<p>4. <u>Community Engagement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mission and vision for community engagement b. Interpretive and volunteer program goals and objectives <p>5. <u>Decision Making Processes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Values-based decision making overview b. Public access criteria c. Wildlife management <p>6. <u>Work Plan and Funding:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 3- to 5-year work group plan
<p>Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late March 2014 – Project website launched • April to May 2014 – Initial feedback sought via website and survey tools • June to July 2014 – Draft of Natural Resources Functional Plan developed • August 2014 – Meetings held with THPRD advisory committees • September 2014 – Briefing for THPRD Board of Directors • Early October 2014 – Open houses held to provide information and solicit public comments • Mid October 2014 – Draft Natural Resources Functional Plan revised to reflect comments received • November 2014 – Preferred Natural Resources Functional Plan presented to the Board of Directors
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