

Port of Camas-Washougal Recreational Lands & Facilities Plan Element

Executive Summary

The Recreation Lands & Facilities Plan Element is a proposed amendment to the Port of Camas-Washougal Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements and Strategic Plan. The plan element addresses recreation lands and facilities under the purview of the port and emphasizes recreational boating facilities and waterfront parks and trails. The plan addressing the following subjects:

- The organization of the port and its functions.
- Recreational facility planning process.
- Existing recreation lands and facilities under the port's purview.
- Efforts to involve the public in the revitalization of the waterfront east of the marina and recreational facility planning and the results of these public involvement efforts.
- Recreation facility goals, strategies and objectives.
- Analysis of information indicating the need to improve existing and develop new recreational facilities.
- Proposed recreational facility projects—improvement of existing and development of new recreational facilities.
- Six-year recreational facilities capital improvement program—project schedules, cost estimates, funding sources and general project priorities.
- State and federal programs that may provide funding support for recreational facility projects, as well as potential funding from private entities and non-profit foundations.
- Project permitting requirements.
- Local park and trail siting and design guidelines.
- Other agency recreational facility project proposals which would complement the port's existing and proposed recreational facilities.
- Management of port recreational facility projects and ongoing operation and maintenance of recreational facilities.
- Future update of the plan element.

The plan proposes the following port recreational facility projects. Certain projects have already been completed:

Marina and Related Facilities

- Replace H dock and slightly modify its current configuration in order to provide for additional moorage slips accommodating larger vessels—2013.
- Remove three unused dolphins (six pilings) located in the vicinity of H dock—2013.
- Replace the 810-foot marina headwalk with a structurally sound and environmentally sensitive structure, which will allow more natural light to reach the marina basin than the existing opaque headwalk and, thus, mitigate the shadows resulting from the upgrade of H dock, i.e., enhance fish habitat—2013.
- Remove 30 creosote-treated deteriorating wood pilings anchoring East dock and B, C, D and E docks in the upper marina and replace them with 28 steel pilings—2013.
- Install upgraded electrical power serving the Breakwater-Guest Dock, adding six connections to the onshore power supply line—2013.
- Extend the walkway on G dock 35 ft south—2014. The extended walkway will serve as a vessel staging area in the near-term and provide a framework for possible future expansion of the dock.
- Upgrade the marina security gate controls at all four marina entry gates—2014.
- Pave the marina and port office parking area (44,000 sq ft) north of the port office—2014.
- Dredge the entire marina basin (152,274 sq ft), removing approximately 12,100 cubic yards of sediment, returning the basin floor to -4 to -6 Columbia River Datum. Dredge spoils may be discharged to the Columbia River south of Lady Island—2015.
- Install a 4-foot sight-obscuring fence (e.g., black vinyl chain link) extending 1,000 feet along the west, north and east perimeter of the boat trailer parking area serving the marina and boat launch—2018.

Parks

- Construct a 3.44-acre park on the state-owned parcel of the shoreline property adjacent to and south of the proposed waterfront trail—2015-16.
- Install a cover on the overlook platform in Marina Park and rebuild the overall facility—2017.
- Revitalize the newly acquired 13.25-acre Hambleton site—a series of development projects, including shoreline public access facilities in addition to a waterfront trail—2015-16.

Trails

- Construct a 0.83-mile waterfront trail on port-owned shoreline property in the vicinity of the marina, port office, newly acquired Hambleton property, and the South Sixth Street and South A Street properties—2015-16.
- Continue Columbia River levee maintenance and enhancement projects. The crown of the levee supports a multiuse trail extending 3.2 miles from Steamboat Landing to East Gate 6—a total distance of 6.4 miles return. The levee trail connects with the 2.5-mile Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge loop trail. The port budgets approximately \$50,000 annually for levee maintenance projects.

The locations of the port's recreational facility projects are shown on the map entitled Port of Camas-Washougal Recreational Facility Projects, which appears in Section 7 of the plan on page 38.

Once the Port Commission adopts the Recreational Lands & Facilities Plan Element as an amendment to the Port of Camas-Washougal's Strategic Plan and the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) approves the plan, the port will be eligible to apply for RCO-administered grants to cover a portion of the costs of constructing the waterfront trail and park. Other projects identified in the plan also may be eligible for grant funding assistance.