



PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday, February 8, 2021



6:00pm

Public Meeting Session - Virtual (GoToMeeting)

PAC Meeting

- I. Introductions – (5 min.)**
- II. Public Comment – (up to 10 min.)**
- III. Assignment Review – (5 min.)**
- IV. Review of Meeting Summary – All (2 min.)**
- V. Staff Updates/Reports – (30 min.)**
 - 1) Facility Condition Assessment Update
 - 2) Parks Funding Task Force Update
 - 3) Holiday Farm Fire Recovery
 - 4) Year in Review Maintenance Report
- VI. Old Business – All (15 min.)**
 - 1) Election of Officers
- VII. New Business – All (20 min.)**
 - 1) Recommendation of West Lane District PAC Member
- VIII. Open – All (5 min.)**
- IX. Natural Areas Operations Report - (5 min.)**
- X. Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments – (5 min.)**
- XI. Adjourn**

2021 Meeting Dates:

JANUARY 11

MAY 10

SEPTEMBER 13

FEBRUARY 8

JUNE 14

OCTOBER 11

MARCH 8

JULY NO MEETING

NOVEMBER 8

APRIL 12

AUGUST NO MEETING

DECEMBER 13

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Members Present: Ashley Adelman, Jim Mayo, Kevin Shanley, Greg Hyde, Carl Stiefbold, Mike Allen

Members Absent: Ashley Adelman

Staff Present: Brett Henry, Michelle Hunt, Ed Alverson, Cynthia Schlegel, Dan Hurley

Guests Present: None

Vice Chair Mayo called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

00:01:00 Public Comment

- None

00:01:31 Assignment Review

- Henry stated Hurley approved Allen to give updates to the PAC for the Climate Action Committee. Also, Henry sent an email to the Large Events Task Force stating the meeting was on hold as no large event applications were received and COVID restrictions prevent Parks from approving outdoor gatherings at this time.

00:02:00 Review of Meeting summary

- Approved as written; Shanley motioned, Stiefbold seconded, motion passed unanimously. Shanley noted typo to correct.

00:04:42 Staff Updates

- Facility Condition Assessment Update - Assessment is underway with four parks: Orchard Point, Richardson, Armitage and Baker Bay. The subcontractor to Faithful + Gould is currently gathering the below ground infrastructure data. The sewer system at the Armitage campground is near capacity so the engineering findings will inform if the new sites will tie into existing sewer system. Faithfull & Gould will send report of initial findings this week. Contract terminates at the end of March.

- Parks Funding Task Force Update – Henry presented FM3’s proposal for polling the public on funding mechanisms. Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21, 2021. Christine Moody, Lane County Budget Manager, will give a presentation on how discretionary funds are distributed.

00:15:48 Old Business

- 2020 PAC Accomplishments & 2021 Goals – Henry presented the PAC’s 2020 accomplishments and discussed goals for 2021.

Parks 2020 Goals:

- Work with Parks staff with the implementation of the Parks Master Plan through Action Plans.
 - Support Parks staff with the implementation of the HBRA Habitat Management Plan.
 - Participate and support the Parks Funding Task Force to search for long-term sustainable funding opportunities.
 - Support of a Business Plan with a marketing/branding strategy and an Economic Impact Analysis to determine long-term sustainability of the parks system.
 - Support an annual review of Parks Fees.
 - Support a Facilities Condition Assessment to prioritize the maintenance backlog.
 - Support a Preventative Maintenance Schedule as recommended by the Facilities Condition Assessment.
 - Support Parks staff with the Armitage Campground Expansion project.
 - Participate in a Park tour.
 - Ride-along with Parks maintenance personnel at least once.
 - Fill any PAC member vacancies.
 - Receive an update on the McKenzie Fish Hatchery Discovery Center project.
 - Continue to support internship opportunities.
 - Continue to evaluate the dog policy at HBRA.
 - Explore an opportunity for a lease agreement with Department of State Lands for the North Jetty property.
 - Support involvement with our partnership approach in the transfer of the Willamette Confluence Preserve.
 - Support the Adopt-a-Park volunteer program.
 - Participate in the County Climate Action Plan.
 - Receive a year-end maintenance presentation from Ranger Bowen.
 - Host an Open House at Armitage Park.
 - Explore purchasing a trail-finder app to orient park visitors.
 - Support emergency management education at all Lane County parks.
- Henry stated that most 2020 goals should be carried over to 2021 as ongoing goals and stated some goals were disrupted due to COVID-19. The PAC decided all 2020 goals should remain as 2021 goals as well. Henry will have Ranger Bowen give a year-end maintenance presentation to the PAC at the next meeting in February.
 - The PAC decided to add the Climate Action Plan, hiring a new volunteer coordinator, and the year-end maintenance presentation from Ranger Bowen as 2021 new goals and to add a separate goal for outreach for 2021.

- Stiefbold would like to see the concession stand at Orchard Point open. Henry stated both Orchard Point and Richardson concession stands need to be refurbished.

00:44:00 New Business

- Recruiting PAC Member (West Lane District) – Hunt reported that one application was received for review. Alverson noted that outreach should be further than the coast area for West Lane area. Henry stated Mike Allen could change districts if need be and Parks will look at extending the deadline for the application.
- Election of Officers – Move to next meeting when absent PAC member is present.

00:54:55 Open

- Concerns about the speed limit in Blue River around Eagle Rock were addressed during last PAC meeting. Henry stated he reached out to the LCPW Roads Division Manager Orin Schumacher and is waiting to hear back, but will follow up with him.
- Shanley inquired about Parks financial state since COVID-19. Henry stated Parks' biggest hit was March through May when the campgrounds were closed. Also, Camp Lane was closed for the season and Country fair was canceled for 2020. In July, the budget was balanced by supplementing the operating budget with the contingency fund. However, overall doing better than expected with revenue from fees from admissions but operating revenue is about 20 - 30% short with car rental and transient room tax revenue decrease. The staff is only working on projects where funds were received from County Administration or grants. Henry stated Parks will be resuming taking reservations at Camp Lane with restrictions in place. Richardson campground was extended for a short time until the water system would not keep up with the season as well as experiencing other winterization issues at the campground. Shanley asked for an update on the pallet camping project. Henry sent a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers asking for approval, but has yet to receive a response.

01:03:14 Operations Report

- Henry presented Parks' operations report. The past month was focused on minor repairs and cleanup at the coast after the windstorm. The shoreline by the boat ramp at Hendricks Bridge had some minor erosion after the water level increased and will need another in-water work variance to place riprap in some areas. The Marine Board will share the cost for the work along with the contractor. Alverson stated Parks is waiting for the final contract with McKenzie River Trust to remove hazardous trees and debris at the fire damaged facilities. In December, Parks finished the union review process for the Friends of Buford Park's Annual Work Plan at HBRA.

01:10:51 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- Bowen will give year end maintenance report at the next meeting. Wisteria Stewart from the McKenzie River Discovery Center will give an introduction presentation in a future PAC meeting. Henry will follow up with Pete Petty as well. The PaC will also continue to recruit for a West Lane PAC member and Henry will follow up with Ashley Adelman regarding interest in serving one more year as the Board Chair.

Mayo adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2021.



PARKS FUNDING TASK FORCE

AGENDA

Thursday, January 21, 2021



6:00pm

Public Meeting Session - GoToMeeting

Parks Funding Task Force Meeting

- I. Call the Meeting to Order – (5 min.)**
- II. Introductions – (10 min.)**
- III. Public Comments – (10 min.)**
- IV. Consider Approval of November 19, 2020 Minutes – (5 min.)**
- V. Community Survey Questionnaire and Discussion – (30 min)**
- VI. Lane County Finances and Discretionary Revenue Sources – Christine Moody - (20 min)**
- VII. Deferred Maintenance Study Update – (5 min)**
- VIII. Further Discussion of Potential Revenue Sources – (30 min)**
- IX. Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments – (5 min)**
- X. Adjourn**

Parks Funding Task Force

November 19, 2020

Meeting Summary

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Members Present: Janelle McCoy (Chair) , John Clark (Vice Chair), Dale Weigandt, Brad van Appel, James Houghton, Randy Dersham, Art Farley, Scott Coleman, Andy Vobora, Jim Mayo, Don Mathes, Bob Warren, Erika Thessen

Members Absent: Renee Jones, Kevin Shanley

Staff Present: Brett Henry, Ed Alverson, Cynthia Schlegel

Meeting Facilitator: Bob Keefer - SDAO

Elected Officials Present: None

Guests Present: Carolyn Burke - City of Eugene Parks & Open Space Planning Manager, Caitlin Arnot-Copenhaver - Public, Bob Henson - Public

McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

00:00:33 **Introductions** – Introduction of attendees

00:05:48 **Public Comment** - None

00:06:35 **Approval of October 22, 2020 Minutes**

- Brad van Appel motioned to approve the October minutes, Vobora seconded, motion passed unanimously.

00:09:30 **City of Eugene Parks & Recreation Bond Measures**

- Carolyn Burke gave an informative presentation on the background work that went into the successful passage of two important funding measures for the City of Eugene Parks & Recreation program. Their goal was to utilize the public feedback from the Master Plan to solicit ways to subsidize shortfalls within their parks system which included outdated facilities and safety concerns among other issues.
- In the spring of 2018, the City of Eugene passed a \$49M bond measure and \$3M annual operating levy that were put on the ballot at the same time. Burke's presentation included scenario development (capital funding), City Council sub-committee (operations), polling, and assurances.
- Scenario Development – While creating the System Plan, they realized scenario development was key to building a bond measure package so they began to put together different scenarios. Burke

presented a pie chart to represent the whole of Eugene and a 30-year vision. Efforts were then focused on how much they could accomplish in the next 10 years and what the cost would be to accomplish those goals. Polling was used to find out what the community was most interested in funding and the results informed parks staff on the target amount to solicit to make the improvements. The bond measure then focused on projects where they leveraged funding with their local match, grants, and through facilitating partnerships with stakeholders.

- City Council Sub-Committee – The City of Eugene utilized the expertise of a City Council sub-committee to put together their operational funding package. The sub-committee specifically looked at security and maintenance funding. They began by quantifying the need, identifying categories of spending, and identifying the type activities that would happen in those categories. The defined categories were:
 - Safety and Security
 - Illicit Activity Response
 - General Park Maintenance
 - Natural Area Maintenance
 - Future Maintenance
- The City also recognized the need to secure operational funding for future park maintenance. The sub-committee identified funding mechanisms, how much revenue could be obtained through those mechanisms, and how they would be implemented. Then they looked at how those funding mechanisms aligned with some of the other goals and priorities with the Master Plan.
- Polling – After the sub-committee completed their work, they went conducted public polling through a hired firm. They reached out to approximately 400 people looking at topics such as issue context, bond measure support, operating fee support, voter priorities, alternative funding mechanisms, and messaging. The polling efforts were focused on pinpointing what the public would support and understanding their top priorities.
- Assurances – Built into the funding measures was a resolution that stipulated the use of the funds. They also committed to creating a citizen advisory board to oversee implementation of the bond and levy and to perform annual audits of the bond expenditures.

00:47:08 **Staff Recommendations for Reducing Costs**

- Henry presented a number of cost cutting measures identified by staff to reduce expenditures and create efficiencies. Some of the recommendations are currently being implemented and others are ideas for future implementation.
- The Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) kick-off meeting with Faithful + Gould was announced for Monday, November 23, 2020. The FCA will inform Lane County Parks on the magnitude of the deferred maintenance which is needed to understand more about the budget shortfall.

01:05:40 **Discuss Funding Options for Different Categories of Parks, Facilities, and Services**

- Keefer presented a memo and led a discussion on potential funding sources for the Lane County parks system for facilities and services. Keefer reminded the Task Force of some of the priorities the group had identified in previous meetings and the pros and cons associated with each. The Task Force had determined routine maintenance and deferred maintenance as priorities. Keefer

stated the funding target for funding routine maintenance and operations is \$3.5M based on information Henry provided in the last meeting. Currently Parks receives about \$1M in discretionary funds through Transient Lodging Tax & Car Rental Tax.

- Keefer summarized a memo that listed the following funding sources (among others):
 - Utility Tax or Fee
 - Solid Waste Fee
 - Local Option Levy
 - Transient Room Tax
 - Public Private Partnerships
 - Public Service District
 - GO Bonds
 - Timber Sales
 - Grants
- Overall the Task Force favored a Local Option Levy which would require a voter approval to increase property taxes. At the last Task Force meeting Henry presented a funding target of \$3.5M annually to properly operate and maintain county parks. To achieve this amount over 5 years, a home assessed at \$200K would pay \$21 per year in increased property taxes over a 5-year period, if the measure were approved. The 5-year levy could be a way of proving that Lane County Parks will put these contributions into action, and if the results are effectively communicated, the county could ask the public for a renewal of the levy.
- Other options favored by the Task Force were Utility Fees, Video Lottery Funds for economic development, and a County Service District. All of these are viable options but either require public vote and/or legal review and approval.
- Christine Moody who is the county's Budget & Financial Planning Manager is scheduled to speak at the next PFTF meeting to discuss how discretionary funding is distributed within County government.

01:49:27 Determine Meeting Date for Next Meeting

- The Task Force agreed the next meeting would be on Jan. 21, 2020.

01:51:19 Task Force Member Comments

- Keefer will review Task Force members' comments and formulate a draft of funding packages for the group to consider.

01:52:00 Identify Action Points for Next Meeting

- The Task Force will discuss community polling at the January meeting.
- Keefer requested the Task Force review the memo he presented with possible funding options and provide additional input, feedback and comments to him in the next couple weeks. At the next meeting, the Task Force will focus on refining the possible funding sources into several packages.

01:53:59 Meeting Wrap-up/Assignments

- More discussion on funding sources and feedback from the memo of funding mechanisms.

McCoy called for Adjournment of meeting – Clark motioned to adjourn, van Appel seconded. Meeting ended at 7:56 p.m.

AGENDA COVER MEMO

Date: January 21, 2021
To: Lane County Parks Funding Task Force
From: Bob Keefer, Sr. Consultant
RE: Summary Funding Options

Agenda Item:

Further Review and Discussion of Parks Division Funding Options

Action Considered:

Task Force members are asked to provide feedback on funding options.

Background Information:

The task force reviewed a report from the consultant at its November 19, 2020 meeting that outlined funding options for the parks division by category. A copy of the report is attached. As recommended by task force member Andy Vobora, also attached is summary spreadsheet of the major funding options reviewed at that meeting. These funding options could generate \$3.5-\$4.5 million annually for park operations. Additionally, this memo includes an outline of how a variety of funding options could be mixed to support operations, conservation, education, and deferred maintenance.

Recommendation:

None

Discussion:

The task force will be asked to formulate recommendations for funding options after the task force receives input from the community survey. However, during today's meeting, the task force members will be asked to provide their individual preferences for the variety of funding options presented. Please review the attached documents prior to the meeting. The consultant will facilitate a discussion among the task force to develop a general consensus of the group. The consensus will assist with development of the community survey and provide the consultant and staff with priorities for further research and analysis of funding sources.

Attachments:

1. November 19, 2020 Agenda Cover Memo – Funding Options by Category
2. January 2021 – Major Funding Options Summary Spreadsheet
3. January 2021 – Funding Options Outlined

AGENDA COVER MEMO

Date: November 19, 2020
To: Lane County Parks Funding Task Force
From: Bob Keefer, Sr. Consultant
RE: Funding Options by Category

Agenda Item:

Review and Discuss Funding Options by Category of Services.

Action Considered:

Task Force consensus on high priority funding options for each category discussed and determine priorities for additional analysis.

Background Information:

As has been discussed by the task force, addressing long-term sustainable funding for park maintenance and operation is the highest priority of the task force. Second is addressing a very significant backlog of deferred maintenance which quite frankly impacts the ability to address long-term sustainable funding for park operations. Of lesser priority, but very important of the task force is conservation and revenue generation. The task force is also interested in potentially supporting a more robust environmental and cultural education program for youth and adults. Each of these categories have unique funding opportunities and requirements. I have outlined and identified below potential funding sources with a general overview of each funding mechanism. Within the maintenance and operation category I have included brief statements about the pros and cons of each funding source.

Additionally, these funding ideas are based on an overall theme of not making long-term commitments with short-term dollars. Specially, hiring full-time employees and expanding parks, facilities, and services without a long-term plan of sustainably is something that should be avoided. With that said, it may be necessary to secure short-term funding (e.g. 5-year local option levy) to prove the viability of the investment by the public.

Furthermore, attempts are made to identify a nexus between the funding source and funding category. For instance, expansion of camping facilities has an economic impact on nearby communities and businesses. As such, a funding source like video lottery funds which are focused on economic development could be a prime candidate for funding assistance for these types of projects. Parks and natural areas help offset the environmental damage that we as humans create by polluting the air, ground, and water. Therefore, assessing a fee or tax on utilities, solid waste disposal, and/or timber sales is a way for the public to invest in environmental protection and restoration.

Lastly, no one funding mechanism should be considered for subsidizing the entire operation of the county park system or one of the following categories. It will take multiple sources of revenue to fulfill the parks division's mission and vision. Existing resources such as user fees and dedicated state funds will continue to be a vital part of funding the division's operations. The division will need to be innovative, resourceful, and focused on building community support and awareness to fully meet its potential.

The ideas presented here are for discussion purposes only. Much more work will have to take place to evaluate these ideas from legal, political, and financial perspectives.

Discussion:

Category: Maintenance and Operation Funding

Lane County Parks Division Manager Brett Henry provided the task force a rough estimate of the division's funding shortfall to maintain the existing park system without consideration for the backlog of deferred maintenance, improvement projects, and/or new programs. Mr. Henry estimated that approximately \$3.5 million in annual tax support is needed to meet this obligation. Currently, the park division receives approximately \$1 million in discretionary funding from the county general fund through the allocation of funds from the car rental tax and the transient room tax.

As was identified earlier, one key to funding maintenance and operations is that the funding must be sustainable (dedicated) and relatively consistent. The funding source should be able to increase with service demand and inflation. To obtain this goal, the funding source may have to be approved by county voters. By providing a funding source(s) that meets these basic requirements, the county can be assured that in the long term it can maintain its park system.

- Funding Sources –
 - Utility Tax or Fee – At least three cities in Oregon (Medford, West Linn, and Tigard) have imposed a park maintenance fee on city water utilities. Fees range from \$5 - \$16 per unit per month. In California, cities and counties have authority with voter approval to enact a utility tax on water, sewer, electricity, natural gas, and communications. These taxes are basically a consumption tax and range from 2.5% to 7.5%. Cities and counties have used the funds for basic public services such as police, fire, libraries, youth and senior programs, and parks. In Oregon, I was not able to locate a community or county that imposes a utility tax other than franchise fees associated with utility lines in the public right-of-way.

With that said, a monthly utility fee that is assessed per account could generate significant funding at a very low monthly cost to homeowners, renters, and businesses. For instance, assuming that there are approximately 190,000 electric service accounts in the county (based on EWEB's 86,000 accounts and then proportionally based on the county wide population), a monthly fee of \$1 would generate over \$2.2 million annually. If this estimate is close, the monthly fee would need to be approximately \$1.50 per month per account to generate \$3.5 million for park maintenance and operation.

- Pros
 - Low cost per household
 - Invests back into the environment
 - Could be adjusted annually to be aligned with inflation costs
 - No competition from other public agencies
- Cons
 - Untested, will need significant legal review and approval. Must determine if the county can enact the fee and if so, will it require a public vote.
 - Utilities may oppose
 - Additional collection costs...but should be simple if set up as a monthly service fee and forwarded to the county
 - Needs more research to determine number of accounts
 - Additional burden for low income
- County Service District – A County Service District can be formed under ORS 451. The County Commissioners serve as the governing body. It requires approval of voters within the district boundary if a permanent tax rate is proposed. The boundary does not have to be the entire

county. Incorporated cities within the proposed district boundary must also approve of the district before the district can be formed by the county commission or through the public vote. The County Service District cannot perform the same service as other special districts within its proposed boundary unless the county service district takes over the service of that district(s).

- Pros
 - The district has taxing authority and depending on the size and scope of services, the permanent tax rate could be very low...\$.105/\$1000 to generate \$3.5 million in property taxes if the district encompasses the entire county.
 - Funding grows with increases in assessed value
 - Administrative and support costs from the county would be minimal
 - Flexible – Could be established in a smaller geographical area for a specific purpose...e.g. Rivers to Ridges Implementation, Willamette Confluence and HBRA Management, countywide trail development
 - Cons
 - Requires a public vote
 - Cities must approve
 - Could be confusing to taxpayers
 - Scope must be limited to assure that services do not duplicate services of other special districts
- Solid Waste Fee – Over 200,000 tons of waste is deposited at the Short Mountain Landfill each year. The county receives approximately \$19 million annually from waste disposal fees which equates to a fee average of \$95 per ton.

If Lane County were to commit to utilizing solid waste disposal fees to support park maintenance and operation, it would not be the only agency to do so. Metro, the regional government in the Portland area, is responsible for solid waste disposal. Metro charges an excise tax of \$12.47 per ton that generates approximately \$19.2 million in revenue for Metro's general fund. A large portion of those funds support Metro's parks, trails, and open space.

If Lane County increased the waste disposal fee by \$12.50 per ton, the county would generate an additional \$2.5 million for park maintenance and operations. To meet the \$3.5 million funding target the disposal fee would need to increase by \$17.50 per ton.

- Pros
 - Would not require a public vote, although it may be advantageous to do so
 - Invests back into the environment
 - Could be adjusted annually to be aligned with inflation costs
 - Consistent funding stream
 - Fee collection system is in place; administrative costs would be low
 - Lane County has previously supported transfers from waste management to the parks division
- Cons
 - Would require a significant increase in disposal fees
 - The solid waste industry may oppose
 - Solid waste disposal companies may decide to haul garbage to other landfills and thereby reduce overall revenue received by the county
 - Illegal dumping may increase

- Local Option Levy – The Oregon Constitution prohibits Lane County and other public agencies from increasing their permanent tax rate. Therefore, the only option for increasing property tax rates and therefore, property tax revenue, is through passage of five-year local option levies. Levies require approval of voters and require over 50% voter turnout if the levy vote is not held in May or November.

Many jurisdictions throughout Lane County utilize levies to increase and/or maintain their services as noted below:

Lane County: 4-H and Extension Services Levy, Jail and Critical Youth Services Levy;
 City of Eugene: Parks & Recreation Levy, Library Services Levy;
 City of Springfield: Fire and Life Safety Levy; Jail Operations and Police Services Levy;
 Fire Districts: Coburg, Junction City, McKenzie, Santa Clara, South Lane, Upper McKenzie
 School Districts: Crow Applegate, Eugene 4J;
 River Road Park and Recreation District.

Most of the jurisdictions have passed multiple levies to maintain services beyond the initial five-year period.

To meet the \$3.5 million funding target for parks maintenance and operation, county voters would need to approve a five-year local option levy at a tax rate of approximately \$.105/\$1000 assessed value. A home assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$21 per year in increased property taxes if the measure were approved.

- Pros
 - Low cost for typical homeowner
 - The amount collected will increase annually as assessed value grows
 - Fee collection system is in place; administrative costs would be low
 - The public understands the funding mechanism and have approved similar levies for multiple purposes throughout the county
 - The purpose of the levy is clear and focused.
- Cons
 - Would require approval of the public
 - May compete with levies from other agencies
 - Must be renewed every five years to assure sustainability of the division
 - Could cause compression within the metro area
- Transient Room Tax – Lane County collects over \$12 million per year in transient room taxes from throughout the county. Approximately 78% of the taxes are collected in the Eugene/Springfield metro area. The tax varies by locality: Eugene/Springfield – 9.5%; Florence and Cottage Grove – 9%; and the balance of Lane County 8%. The State of Oregon also collects a 1% room tax. County TRT funds are allocated as follows: 70% of the funds are dedicated to tourism marketing of the visitor industry in Lane County; 10% of the funds are set aside for operating the Lane County Historical Museum and other museums; 10% of the funds are used for rural tourism marketing; And 10% of the funds are used for Special Projects. The Parks Division receives approximately \$600,000 from the tax via annual budget appropriation from Lane County.
 - Pros
 - Visitors pay the tax, less burden on county residents

- Prior to COVID 19, the amount of room tax collected countywide has seen a steady increase annually, approximately 6%.
- Fee collection system is in place; administrative costs would be low
- The tax can be enacted by the county commissioners; but a public vote may have some advantages.
- Cons
 - The lodging industry would most likely be opposed; especially considering the COVID 19 pandemic and the recent forest fire in the McKenzie River area.
 - Subject to change and/or reallocation by the county commissioners
 - Would probably require a substantial increase in the rate (above 2% points) to meet the funding target of \$3.5 million for park maintenance and operation.

Recently, Linn County enacted a 1% increase in the room tax. All taxes collected in the Albany area are dedicated to the county fairgrounds. All room taxes outside of Albany are dedicated to the county parks department for capital improvements within the park system.

- Public Private Partnerships – In the western United States, California and Arizona have initiated public private partnerships with management companies (e.g. HooDoo, American Leisure, Recreation Resource Management, and Aramark) to manage and operate campgrounds and large day use areas. The USFS has used similar contracts for operating its campgrounds. Under these operating agreements, private companies are responsible for managing and maintaining the parks and facilities in exchange for receiving the revenue generated on site. The management company either pays a fee to the host agency or in exchange, makes capital investments into the facilities. The host agencies maintain ownership, control the fee structure, and set standards for care of the property. The agreements usually have a term of 10 years or more.

Lane County has used limited service concessionaire contracts in the past to assist with operating marinas, campgrounds, and food concessions. The county has maintained responsibility for facility maintenance and capital improvements. No county park or facility has been totally managed and maintained by a private company. The most viable parks for considering a public private partnership are limited to those in a close proximity to each other and where user fees are charged.

- Pros
 - The financial burden of maintaining the parks is reduced
 - Staff can focus efforts on less populated and developed parks
- Cons
 - Administering and managing the contract
 - Initial contract solicitation and negotiations would take considerable time
 - The public may be confused by the arrangement and question the viability of the contract
 - Feasibility of entering a contract may only be doable at select parks and/or geographical areas within the county

Deferred Maintenance

Lane County has initiated a contract with Faithful and Gould to determine the deferred maintenance backlog at Orchard Point, Richardson, Armitage, and Baker Bay Parks. These highly developed regional parks with extensive utility systems, pathways, roads, and parking lots are heavily used by the public. As

such, a significant amount of the county's deferred maintenance backlog is located at these sites. County maintenance staff will complete an assessment of the remaining parks unless additional funds are available to continue the study by the consultants. For purposes of this discussion, we will consider \$20 million deferred maintenance backlog as our funding target.

Funding for deferred maintenance can take several forms. Slightly different than maintenance and operation funding, deferred maintenance can be funded with limited duration type funding (general obligation bonds, 10-year local option levy for capital projects, grants, one-time general fund commitments, etc.). However, if an operations budget that could provide long-term funding for these types of projects was obtainable, the county could avoid the additional burden of passing another tax levy.

- Funding Sources

- GO Bond – General Obligation Bonds are traditionally used for capital investments in public facilities including land acquisition, park development and improvements, schools, roads, libraries, recreation facilities, and fire stations. GO bonds are funded and backed by tax revenue. As with five-year local option levies, GO bonds require approval of voters and require over 50% voter turnout if the vote is not held in May or November. The payment period for GO bonds is normally 10-20 years. The interest rate varies depending upon when the bonds are sold. Current rates are relatively low. Based on previous work I have done; I am anticipating the bond interest rate (with all origination costs figured into the rate) at 3.5% on a 20-year bond. At this rate and term, the anticipated yearly payment would be \$1.4 million requiring a tax rate in the vicinity of \$.042/\$1000 assessed value. Taxpayers would pay an additional \$8 million in interest payments over the 20-year bond payment period. A home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$8.40 per year in additional property taxes to support the measure.
- 10-year Capital Serial Levy – Similar to local options levies, 10-year capital serial levies require voter approval and require over 50% voter turnout if the levy vote is not held in May or November. The proceeds from the levy must be used for capital projects and not day to day operations. A 10-year, \$2 million per year levy would require a tax rate of approximately \$.06/\$1000 assessed value. A home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$12 per year in additional property taxes to support the measure. Compression may be an issue.
- Timber Sales – Without knowing the amount of timber available at county park sites and other county owned properties, assessing the capacity to fund deferred maintenance is limited. With that said, traditionally proceeds from timber sales have assisted with capital projects. If the county were to set policy that any county timber sold would be allocated to the parks division for capital projects and improvements, the division could use the funds for one-time projects that do not require immediate attention (e.g. foot bridges at HBRA, picnic shelter renovation, energy conservation projects, etc.). A full assessment would need to be completed before determining the viability of this funding option.
- Solid Waste – Please see previous discussion regarding Solid Waste Disposal Fees. In this case, if the disposal fees were increased by \$5 per ton, approximately a \$1 million per year would be available for deferred maintenance projects.
- Grants – Traditional grant sources remain available for deferred maintenance type projects (Land and Water Conservation Fund, Local Government Grant Program, Recreational Trails, County Opportunity Grant). However, all these grant sources require a match and funding is highly competitive. Major restoration and rehabilitation projects seem to compete well when the agency match is secure, the project is essential for visitor safety, and a plan is in place for

maintaining the project once the improvement is completed. Public support for the project must be demonstrated.

Conservation

The Parks Division has not generally set aside funding for conservation type projects. However, through working in partnership with groups like The Friends of Buford Park, Mount Pisgah Arboretum, The Nature Conservancy, and the McKenzie River Trust, the division secured funding and volunteers to make significant progress on conservation projects within the county. Goal Five of the 2018 Parks Master Plan identifies protecting cultural and natural resources as a priority. The funding task force has also identified this goal as a priority. Assuming the division will need to hire at least two full-time equivalent employees and funding for basic supplies and services to support the work, the division will need approximately \$250,000 annually to fulfill this goal.

- Funding Sources – Funding sources listed under the maintenance and operations category could be used to annually subsidize the conservation program. Small incremental increases would be necessary in the proposed taxes and/or fees. Please see the previous descriptions of the funding sources for additional information about each funding source.
 - Utility tax/fee – Increase the fee by approximately \$.11 per month to support the conservation program as described above.
 - County Service District – Increase the proposed tax rate of \$.105/\$1000 to \$.115/\$1000 to support the conservation program as described above.
 - 5-year Local Option Levy – Increase the proposed tax rate of \$.105/\$1000 to \$.115/\$1000 to support the conservation program as described above.
 - Solid Waste – A \$1.25 per ton increase in the solid waste disposals fees would generate \$250,000 annually to support the conservation program described above.
 - GO Bond – Please see previous discussion regarding GO Bonds. Proceeds from GO bonds could be used for capital projects associated with conservation projects. However, day-to-day management and operations would not be eligible.
 - 10-year Capital Projects Serial Levy – Funds from this source would not be eligible for day-to-day management and operations of conservation projects. Capital projects would be eligible.
 - Timber Sales – Proceeds from timber sales would be eligible to support conservation projects. However, the funding source is too unpredictable to commit funding for day-to-day management and operations.
 - Grants – Proceeds from grants are not generally available for long term management and operations. Grants for specific projects are available and have been a routine source for public conservation projects.

Revenue Generation

This category of projects is associated with looking at opportunities to develop projects that will create more revenue than expenses. Developing additional campgrounds that qualify for funding from the State's RV License Fee program may be the best example of projects that meet this objective. Other projects may include expanded marinas, concession facilities, and large group picnic and venue sites. Feasibility studies should be completed on any of the projects anticipated under this category. Public tax support for the projects should be minimal and primarily for feasibility analysis and to support initial start-up costs.

- Funding Sources –

- Revenue Bonds/Certificates of Participation – These funding mechanisms have been used by the county for development of campgrounds and replacement of marinas. Revenue bonds do not require voter approval. However, the county must demonstrate the ability to pay back the bonds through existing and expected revenue. Previous bonds for the campgrounds and marinas had a ten-year term.
- Grants – The availability of grants for these types of projects is limited. However, the County Opportunity Grant for campgrounds is a good source of potential funding for expanding campgrounds within the county and has been used in the past for expansion of Richardson and Harbor Vista Campgrounds and development of the Armitage Campground.
- Video Lottery – Lane County receives approximately \$1.6 million in video lottery funds annually. The funds are dedicated to economic development and support the county's economic development program (staffing and programs) and provides infrastructure funds for local economic development efforts. Competition for the funds is high. However, the use of the funds for projects that demonstrate a direct economic impact on local rural communities should be highly considered. These funds may a great source of matching funds.
- Sponsorships – Private sponsorships may be a source for specific projects with significant advertising exposure and/or meet other objectives of private business. However, funding is limited and highly competitive. The county would need to commit to a robust marketing campaign to support these types of initiatives. County regulations may need to be revised to permit advertising in the parks.
- System Development Charges – Lane County imposes system development charges for parks on new residential building permits outside of the unincorporated areas of Lane County. The system development charge on a single-family residence is \$404. Currently, there is approximately \$245,000 in the SDC fund. The fees are used to expand capacity within the park system and therefore are primarily used for capital projects associated with increasing the ability for more people to use our parks.
- Public/Public Partnerships – Opportunities exist to enter partnerships with other public agencies. For instance, the Linn County Parks Department is managing the USFS campgrounds in the Sweet Home Ranger District. In exchange, the department receives all revenue from the campgrounds except for the reservation fees. The department nets over \$100,000 annually from the contract. Instead of paying the USFS the 5% concession fee, they invest the like amount of money into capital repairs and improvements at the sites.

Lane County has a similar opportunity with the USFS within the McKenzie and Middle Fork Ranger Districts. However, both districts have private contractors managing the campgrounds currently. When the contracts are up for renewal, the county could pursue a partnership with one or both districts. Another opportunity may exist in the Cottage Grove area with the Corps of Engineers. They manage two campgrounds: Pine Meadows (100 sites) on Cottage Grove Lake and Schwarz Park on Dorena Lake. Both sites are very popular. Schwarz Park (82 sites) is located at the base of the dam and on the way to Baker Bay Park.

Education

The Parks Funding Task Force and the 2018 Parks Master Plan support efforts by the Parks Division to develop opportunities for environmental education, nature interpretation, and stewardship. Based on discussions with the task force regarding cost recovery, these types of programs, services, and facilities should recover their direct costs via fees and charges, grants, and use of volunteers. Indirect costs of such services could be funded through public tax support. If at least one full-time equivalent employee is

needed to support this effort, the division would need approximately \$100,000 annually to fulfill this objective.

- Funding Sources – Funding sources listed under the maintenance and operations category could be used to annually subsidize the education program. Small incremental increases would be necessary in the proposed taxes and/or fees. Please see the previous descriptions of the funding sources for additional information about each funding source.
 - Utility tax/fee – Increase the fee by approximately \$.05 per month to support the education program as described above.
 - County Service District – Increase the proposed tax rate of \$.105/\$1000 to \$.011/\$1000 to support the education program as described above.
 - 5-year Local Option Levy – Increase the proposed tax rate of \$.105/\$1000 to \$.011/\$1000 to support the education program as described above.
 - Solid Waste – A \$.50 per ton increase in the solid waste disposals fees would generate \$100,000 annually to support the education program described above.
 - Public/Public Partnership – Many other public agencies may be able to support the education program. Creating a strong partnership with Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Watershed Councils, Lane ESD, school districts, and colleges should be pursued.
 - Public/Private Partnership – Several non-profit organizations could also partner with the county on education programs. Friends of Buford Park, Mount Pisgah Arboretum and others could lead the effort with financial support from the county and grants.
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Although not listed as a separate category, if Lane County took the initiative to be the leader and facilitator of interconnected trail systems county-wide, the project would also need a sustainable funding source. The amount of funding at the time of this report is unknown. Strategically however, such an initiative could provide incentive for greater support from county residents for the overall park system and potentially funds needed to maintain and enhance the system.

By no means is the above listing of funding sources exhaustive. Much more work would need to be done to determine other viable funding mechanisms. Some sources like an increase in the timber severance tax may require a change in state law and therefore, take legislative support from the county's intergovernmental office, Association of Oregon Counties, and state legislators.

I look forward to reviewing this information with you on Thursday evening and discussing which funding options seem viable and worth further study as we move forward.

LANE COUNTY PARKS
SUMMARY FUNDING OPTIONS

January 2021

Revenue Source	Amount or Rate	Annual Revenue	Action Needed to Implement	Administrative Effort to Implement and Manage	Sustainable/Ongoing Revenue	Comments
5-Year Local Option Levy	Less than \$.15/1000; annual property tax payment less than \$30 per yr	\$3.5-4.5m	Refer by BCC; Approve by voters	Minimal	Possibly, but must be approved every 5-years	Traditional; Public Understands;
Utility Fee (Electric)	Less than \$2 per month based on 190k accounts	\$3.5m at \$1.50 per month per meter; \$4.5m at \$1.93 per month per meter	BCC Approval	Collection will require support from utilities; new administration	Yes, but BCC could revoke, change the fee w/o vote	New for the county; utility fees for a few cities is in place in Oregon; Needs more research from legal and base assumption standpoints
County Service District	If county-wide less than \$.15/1000	\$3.5-4.5m	Refer by BCC; approval of city councils, approval of voters, metro plan amendment	County Administration already in place	Yes	Complicated process; have to work through impacts to other p&r districts; can be downsized to be regional;
Solid Waste Fee	\$17.50/ton increase	\$3.5m; can be scaled down for specific purposes	BCC Approval	Minimal	Yes, but BCC could revoke, change the fee w/o vote	Large increase to meet O/M target; may be good source for conservation, education, and/or a portion of deferred maintenance; More research needed on cost of monthly residential fee.
Transient Room Tax Increase	Over 2 percentage points	\$3.5m; can be scaled down for specific purposes	BCC Approval	Collection system already in place	Yes, but BCC could revoke, change the fee w/o vote	\$600k already used to support county parks; Significant increase in tax to meet funding needs for O/M; Legal issues may need to be addressed.

Potential Paths Forward

Strategy 1 – Traditional

- 5-year Local Option Levy with CRT & TRT Dedicated to Deferred Maintenance
 - Levy - \$4.35 million for operations (\$3.5m), conservation (\$250k), education (\$100k), and deferred maintenance (\$500k)
 - \$.132/\$1000
 - \$200k assessed value home annual increase of \$26.40 in property tax
 - County commits a minimum \$500k of CRT annually for deferred maintenance.
 - Ongoing
 - County commits a minimum \$500k of TRT toward *Rivers to Ridges implementation, interconnected trail system, and tourism generated projects (campgrounds, river and fishing access, marketing, etc.)
 - Ongoing
 - May reduce TRT commitment if Video Lottery funds are used to support economic development projects like campground and other recreation facility development that support rural economies.
 - During the 5-year term of the levy, staff would work toward creating agreements for operation and management of federal campgrounds within the eastern and southern portions of the county where the parks division currently has facilities (e.g. McKenzie River, Dorena Reservoir).

*Rivers to Ridges implementation is an example how new funding could be aligned with regional projects that support conservation, open space, and interconnected non-motorized trail systems.

Strategy 2 – County Commission Initiated Resources

- Utility Tax/Fee; Solid Waste Fee; CRT; and TRT
 - Utility Tax/Fee - \$4 million for operations (\$3.5m) and deferred maintenance (\$500k)
 - \$1.75 monthly meter fee
 - Ongoing
 - Solid Waste Fee - \$350k annually for Conservation and Education
 - \$1.75 per ton increase in solid waste disposal fees
 - Ongoing
 - Car Rental Tax - \$500k dedicated to Deferred Maintenance
 - Minimum 10-year commitment
 - Transient Room Tax - \$500k dedicated to Rivers to Ridges implementation, interconnected trail system, and tourism generated projects (campgrounds, river and fishing access, marketing, etc.)
 - Ongoing
 - May reduce TRT commitment if Video Lottery funds are used to support economic development projects like campground and other recreation facility development that support rural economies.

Strategy 3 – Long Term

- County Service District; Revenue Generated Projects
 - Permanent Tax Rate - \$4.35 million for operations (\$3.5m), conservation (\$250k), education (\$100k) and (\$500k) deferred maintenance
 - \$.132/\$1000
 - \$200k assessed value home annual increase of \$26.40 in property tax
 - Car Rental Tax - \$500k dedicated to Deferred Maintenance.
 - Minimum 10-year commitment
 - Revenue Generating Projects – Target \$5-10 million for projects that create more revenue than expense such as new or expanded campground facilities:
 - Revenue Bonds/Certificates of Participation – Paid back through receipts and/or support from TRT
 - Video Lottery Funds – Grant funds from BCC to support projects that impact rural economies
 - Timber Sales – Proceeds for projects that support conservation and education (e.g. interpretative trails/kiosks/centers)
 - System Development Charges – Support projects that expand recreation capacity of parks and facilities.
 - Grants – State Parks: County Opportunity Grant (RV License Fees); Local Government Grant Program (Lottery Funds); Land & Water Conservation Fund (Federal funds from off-shore oil and gas leases)

LANE COUNTY DISCRETIONARY REVENUE OVERVIEW



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Budget & Financial Planning Manager

January 21, 2021 Presentation to Parks Task Force

General Fund

General Operating Fund of the County

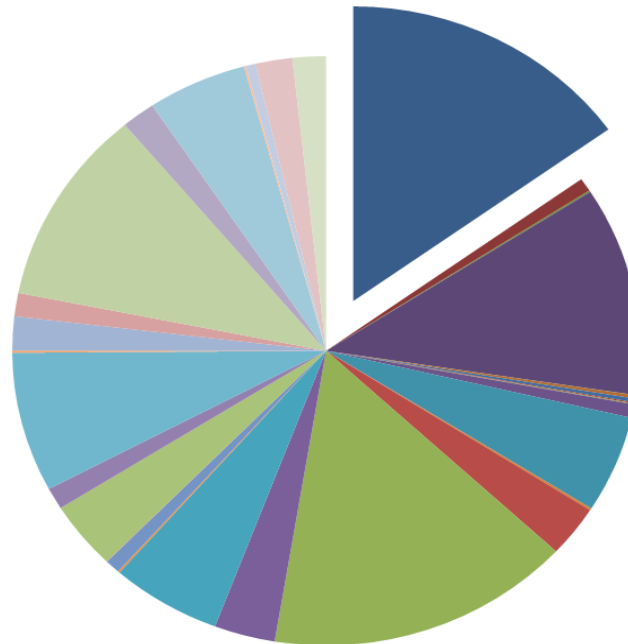
Services provided include:

Public Safety (Sheriff, District Attorney, Youth Services, Justice Courts), assessment & taxation, elections, public health, animal services, property management, finance, facilities, board of commissioners, budget, county administration and county counsel.



General Fund

FY 21-22 Adopted
\$116,932,710

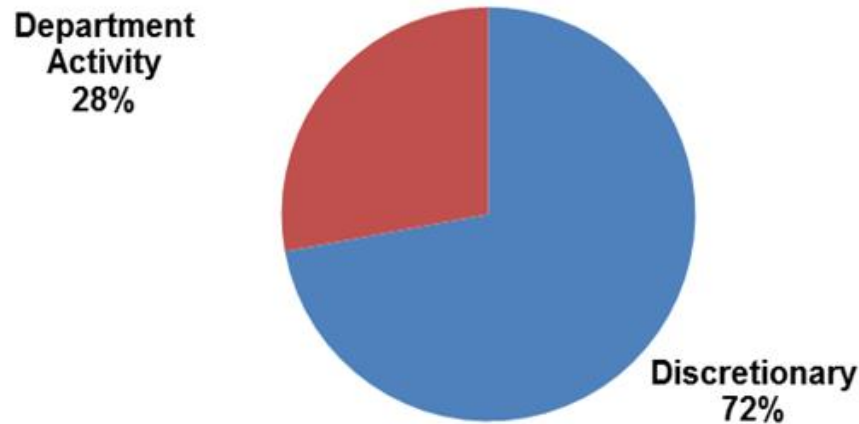


- General
- Road
- County School
- Title III Project
- Industrial Revolving Fund
- Lane Care
- Spe Oblig Bond Retire
- Lane Events Ctrt
- Land Management
- Pension Bond
- Technology Replacement
- Parks & Open Spaces
- Liquor Law Enforcement
- Extension Services
- Special Revenue
- Intergov. Human Svcs
- Local Option Tax Levy
- Notes Payable Debt Service
- Solid Waste Disposal
- Self Insurance
- Motor & Equipment Pool
- Technology Services
- Law Library
- Public Land Corners Preserv
- County Clerk Records
- Animal Services
- Health & Human Services
- Lane Events Ctr Debt Svc
- Capital Improvement
- Corrections Commissary
- Employee Benefits
- Intergovernmental Svcs
- Retiree Benefit Trust



General Fund

General Fund Resources - Discretionary v. Department Activity



\$84,554,529 Total Discretionary

Discretionary General Fund = Revenue not dedicated for a specific purpose. Lane County accounts for Department Activity revenue separately.

Discretionary General Fund

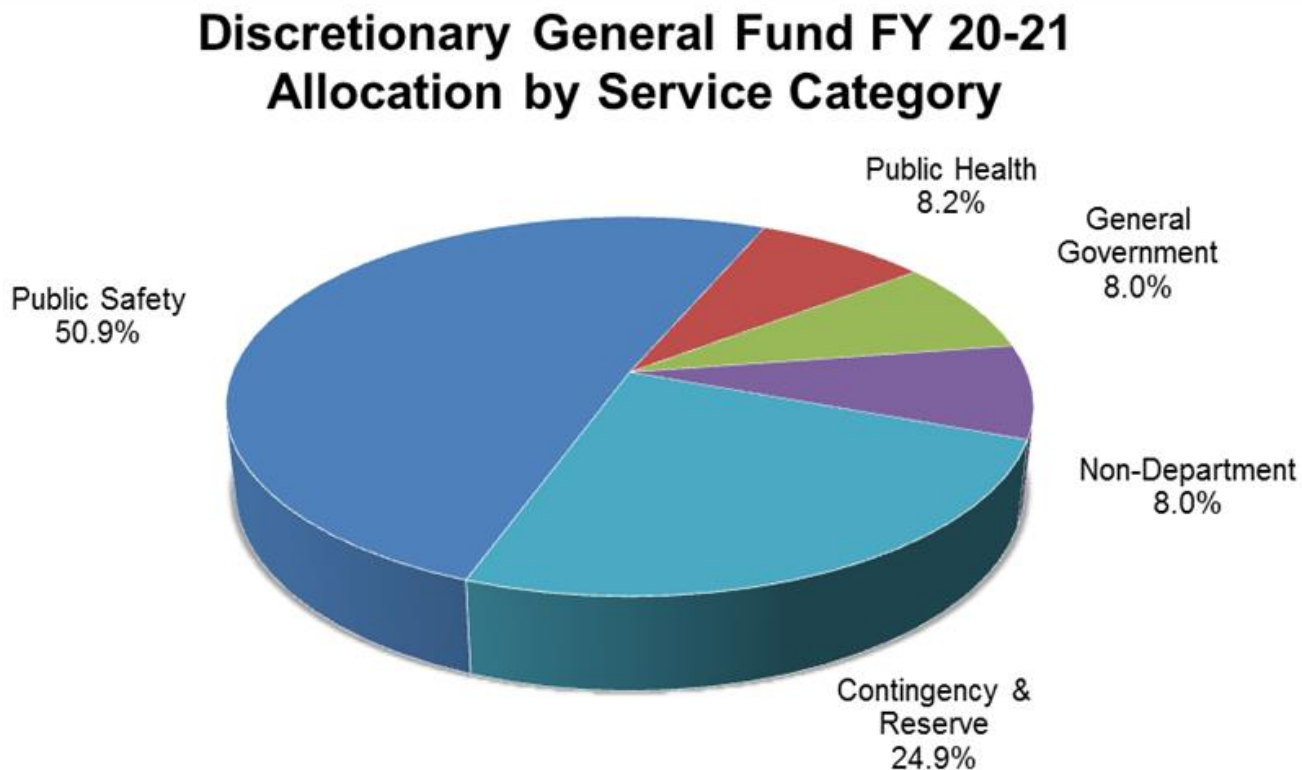
Where does Discretionary portion of General Fund come from?

Resources	Discretionary
Current Year Property Taxes	\$ 44,223,340
Other Taxes & Assessments	\$ 3,277,972
Licenses & Permits	\$ 637,315
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$ 205,000
Federal Revenue	\$ 3,306,588
State Revenue	\$ 4,078,571
Administrative Charges	\$ 546,698
Interest Earnings	\$ 500,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 27,779,045
Total Resources	\$ 84,554,529



Discretionary General Fund

Where is Discretionary portion of General Fund spent on?



Property Taxes

Permanent Property Tax Rates and Limitations

1990 Oregon voters approved Measure 5:

- Restricts taxation for government services to \$10 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Spring 1997 voters approved Measure 50:

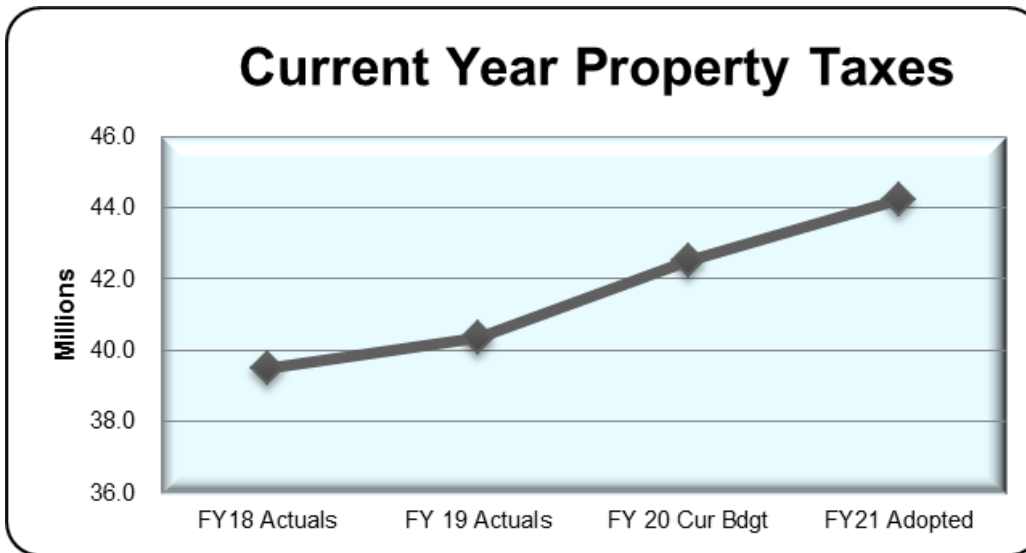
- Rolled back assessed values to the level to two years prior
- Constitutional restriction on growth to 3% annual increase in assessed valuations
- Locked in all of the then current property tax rates, thereby establishing a “permanent” tax rate for each taxing district.

RESULT - Lane County's permanent rate is \$1.27 per \$1,000 assessed value

Lane County currently also has a five year local option levy with a rate of \$0.55 per \$1,000 assess value that must be spent on providing a minimum of 255 jail beds and critical youth services



Property Taxes



FY 21-22 Projection = 0% growth

County also collects Prior Year (late) Property Taxes as well as payments in lieu of taxes from specific entities not subject to property taxes.

Other Tax in General Fund is Car Rental Tax....



Car Rental Tax

Governed by Lane Code Chapter 4.2

Most recent history:

Beginning in 1997-1998; 76% of the Tax was to be used exclusively for Lane County park operations, acquisitions, construction and maintenance and 24% of the tax was to go to the County General Fund.

May 2007 - shift of resources occurred.

Lane Code updated to:

“Unless otherwise directed by the Board through the budget process...the taxes collected...shall go into the County General Fund. “

FY 07-08 Budget Change:

1. Fees were revised/increased;
2. Car Rental Tax was decreased to 24% and the General Fund began receiving 76% of the Tax.
3. Parks received Transient Room tax to replace lost revenue.



Car Rental Tax

FY 16-17 Budget Change:

Shifted approximately \$203,000 annually of Car Rental Tax for Transient Room Tax (from Special Projects) – changed allocation split between General Fund and Parks (now 87.5%/12.5%)

FY 19-20 Budget Change:

Parks was allocated additional Car Rental Tax for the following:
Up to \$123,035 to be combined with \$75,000 additional Transient Room Tax to fund 1.0 FTE Sr. Accounting Clerk and 1.0 Volunteer Coordinator

FY 20-21 Budget continued the additional 19-20 allocations plus 3% growth (total = \$126,726)



Car Rental Tax

	FY 20-21 Budget
Discretionary General Fund	\$1,787,707
Parks	\$297,878
TOTAL	\$2,085,585

** General Fund at 85.7%; Parks at 14.3%*

Budget if subject to change due to ongoing COVID-19 impacts

FY 19-20 decreased by 11.6% from FY 18-19

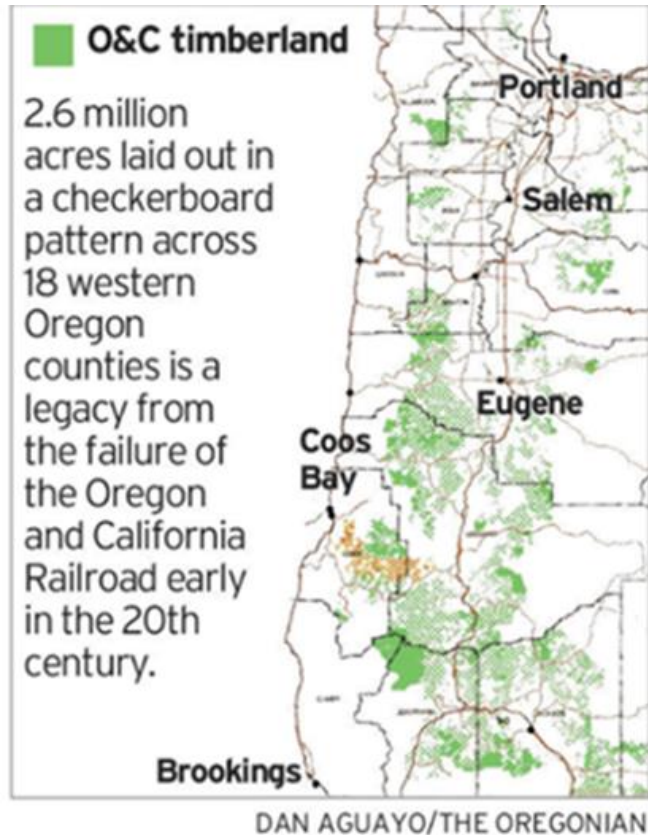
FY 20-21 down 38% first quarter as compared to FY 19-20

Hertz bankruptcy also impacting – down 60%

FY 21-22 projected to grow 3% over lowered FY 20-21 amount



Federal Timber Revenue



General Fund receives timber revenue share from Federal Government or a payment through the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Act legislation. Most recently, one time renewals of SRS have occurred.

SRS payment decreases 5% with each renewal. Most recent payment \$3.1 million.

Timber payment would also be approximately \$3 million if return to timber revenue sharing.

State Revenue

“SHARED” State Revenue:

County receives a % collected by the State

Current FY 20-21 projected receipts:

State Timber Revenue – \$570,000

Liquor Tax – \$2,228,850

Amusement Device Tax – \$82,500

Cigarette Tax – \$300,000

Marijuana Tax – \$1,200,000



Other Revenue

Licenses & Permits -

Franchise Fees (Cable companies – 5% federal cap)

Fines & Forfeitures -

Court Fines

Administrative Charges – reimbursement of expense from prior year

Interest Earnings, Fund Balance

Reserve Policy for General Fund – Minimum 20%



Transient Room Tax

Governed by Lane Code 4.100

	FY 20-21 Budget
Administrative	\$3,265
Parks	\$671,559
Lane Events Center Capital & Operations	\$2,121,220
Lane Events Center Bond Payment	\$689,400
Travel Lane County	\$2,372,448
Lane County Historical Museum	\$304,900
Special Projects	\$67,500
Rural Tourism	\$304,900
Capital Projects	\$181,031
TOTAL	\$6,716,223

Budget if subject to change due to ongoing COVID-19 impacts

FY 19-20 decreased by 21.7% from FY 18-19

FY 20-21 down 26% first quarter as compared to FY 19-20

FY 21-22 projected - TBD



Structural Balance of Budget

Lane County policy to spend one-time revenue on one-time expenditures

STRUCTURAL BALANCE

Ongoing Revenue = Ongoing Expenditures



INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
Wildfire Recovery Operations; Step 2 Cleanup Activities

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the STATE OF OREGON, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as "ODOT;" and **LANE COUNTY**, acting by and through its elected officials, hereinafter referred to as "Agency," both herein referred to individually or collectively as "Party" or "Parties."

RECITALS

1. By the authority granted in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 190.110, state agencies may enter into agreements with units of local government for the performance of any or all functions and activities that a party to the agreement, its officers, or agents have the authority to perform.
2. On August 20, 2020, pursuant to ORS 401.165 *et seq*, the Governor of Oregon declared a State of Emergency due to the imminent threat of wildfire in Executive Order No. 20-35.
3. Pursuant to ORS 401.168 and 401.178 and by the authority granted in Executive Order No 20-60, Proclamation of State of Emergency to Support Ongoing Recovery From Catastrophic Wildfires, ODOT has been directed to lead step 2 cleanup activities and authorized to conduct procurements and enter into contracts and agreements to perform any tasks necessary to effectuate clearance or removal operations in the geographic scope of the wildfire disaster emergency ("disaster recovery area"), which includes Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion Counties.
4. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-60, ODOT has awarded and is continuing to pursue contracts in support of step 2 cleanup activities to include but limited to professional monitoring services of hazard tree and debris removal; removal of hazardous trees; and removal of debris. The services or work provided as a result of these contracts are in direct support of the step 2 of the cleanup process, which includes the removal of ash and debris for homes and businesses in the disaster recovery area.
5. The State of Oregon is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") to determine funding eligibility in each county to include, but not limited to private property debris, cars, hazard trees, concrete removal, confirmation testing, and commercial properties including mobile home parks.

NOW THEREFORE, the premises being in general as stated in the foregoing Recitals, it is agreed by and between the Parties hereto as follows:

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

1. It is the intent of Parties to document in this Agreement, the coordinated efforts of the Parties for wildfire recovery step 2 cleanup activities led by ODOT. Step 2 cleanup activities led by ODOT comprise of performance of any tasks necessary to effectuate clearance or removal operations in the disaster recovery area including but not limited to:
 - a. Removal of hazardous trees and debris that pose a threat to the traveling public.
 - b. Work activities along ODOT right of way ("R/W") and in other areas where requested by the Agency.
 - c. Wildfire debris removal for personal properties where ODOT has received right-of-entry ("ROE") or other authorization, which includes but is not limited to ash and debris, hazard trees, burnt vehicles and concrete foundations.
2. The term of this Agreement shall begin the date all required signatures are obtained and shall be in effect for a period of two (2) years. The Agreement may be extended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement.
3. The Parties agree to cooperate throughout delivery of the services and work supporting step 2 cleanup activities, including but not limited to having open and regular communications on all matters relating to step 2 cleanup activities regarding. As used in this section, "all matters" include but is not limited to scheduling, right of entry, and the overall process including changes.
4. The Parties acknowledge that ODOT is the State of Oregon department leading the procurements and entering into contracts and agreements to perform any step 2 cleanup activity necessary to effectuate clearance or removal operations in the disaster recovery area.

AGENCY OBLIGATIONS

1. Agency shall designate a representative to attend any meetings designated by ODOT for matters relating to step 2 cleanup activities and receive official notices under this Agreement. Attendance to meetings by teleconference or video conference is acceptable.
2. Agency shall provide coordination and leadership to maximize success of the step 2 cleanup activities conducted by ODOT.
3. Agency shall provide ODOT with a written request for step 2 cleanup activities that are not addressed in the private property debris removal ("PPDR"). Step 2 cleanup activities include but are not limited to removal of hazard trees and debris within the

Agency R/W, parks, public water sources and other Agency owned or maintained properties. Written request(s) must be received by ODOT **within 10 business days** after executing this Agreement or as requested in writing by ODOT, whichever occurs later.

Each written requests must include, at a minimum: the specific location (the "Cleanup Location") including as needed, map and tax lot, address, road designation and limits of the request (e.g. mile post to mile post), R/W limits, and estimated quantities of structural debris and hazard trees. The request must also include the lawful documentation that demonstrates that ODOT or its agents have the legal right to access said property, and document access points to the Cleanup Location and designate surrounding areas of the Cleanup Location that may be seriously or directly affected by step 2 cleanup activities (the "Impacted Area").

For each Cleanup Location, the Agency shall provide to ODOT a photograph or video or both to ODOT that shows the Cleanup Location and Impacted Area. The Photograph or video or both must be taken no more than **72 calendar hours** prior to step 2 cleanup activities starting. Photography, video or both must clearly show the current condition(s) of the Cleanup Location and Impacted Area. Agency, at their own accord, shall be responsible for photography or video of the Cleanup Location and Impacted Area during the performance and at the completion of step 2 cleanup activities.

4. Agency shall coordinate with ODOT and local jurisdictions to resolved issues when issues arise that may impact or delay step 2 cleanup activities contracted by ODOT.
5. Agency shall identify to ODOT their highest priority areas so that services and work may be prioritized appropriately and consistent with their needs.
6. The Agency shall designate a contact person for its Agency in the place provided on the signature page and return the Agency signed Agreement to ODOT.

ODOT OBLIGATIONS

1. ODOT will lead the performance of any tasks necessary to effectuate the step 2 cleanup activities in the disaster recovery area including but not limited to:
 - a. Removal of hazardous trees and debris that pose a threat to the traveling public.
 - b. Work activities along ODOT R/W and in other areas where requested by the Agency.
 - c. Wildfire debris removal for personal properties where ODOT has received ROE's which includes but is not limited to ash and debris, hazard trees, burnt vehicles and concrete foundations.

2. ODOT is solely responsible for the costs associated for the step 2 cleanup activities performed by ODOT under this Agreement, or work provided as a result of step 2 of the wildfire recovery cleanup process contracts to include but not limited to non-federal share and any non-FEMA eligible costs. ODOT is solely responsible for seeking maximum reimbursement from FEMA for step 2 cleanup activities to include, but not limited to, private property debris, cars, hazard trees, concrete removal, confirmation testing, and commercial properties including mobile home parks. ODOT will not seek contribution or reimbursement from the Agency for any of the costs associated for the step 2 cleanup activities performed by ODOT under this Agreement.
3. For locations outside of the PPDR, ODOT will acknowledge receipt of written requests submitted by the Agency for Cleanup Locations. ODOT will not perform services at Cleanup Locations until a proper written request is received, acknowledged and ODOT confirms the Cleanup Location.

ODOT will make good faith efforts to restore Impacted Areas to the current condition as shown in the photograph or video received from the Agency. ODOT will not make improvements or develop Impacted Areas as part of the step 2 cleanup activities.

Services or work required to restore Impacted Areas, ODOT and the Agency will be agreed to in writing under a separate agreement on the scope of such restoration services for the Impacted Area.

4. ODOT will designate an ODOT representative who will be responsible for coordination and communication with the Agency and provide notification to the Agency on ODOT designated meetings for matters relating to step 2 cleanup activities that require Agency attendance.
5. ODOT will document appropriately in the recovery process the high priority areas provided by the Agency to ODOT.
6. ODOT will execute the signed Agreement and provide the executed Agreement to the Agency contact person provided on the signature page.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the Parties upon thirty (30) days' notice, in writing.
2. ODOT may terminate this Agreement effective upon delivery of written notice to the Agency, or at such later date as may be established by ODOT, under any of the following conditions:
 - a. If the Agency fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Agreement, in accordance with its terms, and after receipt of written

notice from ODOT fails to correct such failures within ten (10) days or such longer period as ODOT may authorize.

- b. If federal or state laws, regulations or guidelines are modified or interpreted in such a way that either the work under this Agreement is prohibited or ODOT is prohibited from paying for such work from the planned funding source.
3. Any termination of this Agreement shall not prejudice any rights or obligations accrued to the Parties prior to termination.
4. If any third party makes any claim or brings any action, suit or proceeding alleging a tort as now or hereafter defined in ORS 30.260 ("Third Party Claim") against ODOT, or any other Party or Parties with respect to which the other Party may have liability, the notified Party must promptly notify the other Party in writing of the Third Party Claim and deliver to the other Party a copy of the claim, process, and all legal pleadings with respect to the Third Party Claim.
5. To the extent permitted by the Oregon Constitution, and to the extent permitted by the Oregon Tort Claims Act, each Party agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other Parties and their officers, employees, and agents from and against all damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees and costs related to litigation, and to defend all claims, proceedings, lawsuits, and judgments arising out of or resulting from the indemnifying Party's negligence in the performance of or failure to perform under this Agreement.
6. The Parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute arising out of this Agreement. In addition, the Parties may agree to utilize a jointly selected mediator or arbitrator (for non-binding arbitration) to resolve the dispute short of litigation.
7. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Oregon Secretary of State's Office, the federal government, and their duly authorized representatives shall have access to the books, documents, papers, and records of the Parties which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcripts for a period of six (6) years after final payment. Copies of applicable records will be made available upon request. Payment for costs of copies is reimbursable by the requesting Party.
8. The Parties shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, executive orders and ordinances applicable to the work under this Agreement, including, without limitation, the provisions of ORS 279B.220, 279B.225, 279B.230, 279B.235 and 279B.270 incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof; Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Parties expressly agree to comply with (i) Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964; (ii) Title V and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; (iii) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and ORS 659A.142; (iv) all regulations and administrative rules established pursuant to the

foregoing laws; and (v) all other applicable requirements of federal and state civil rights and rehabilitation statutes, rules and regulations.

9. All employers, including the Parties, that employ subject workers who work under this Agreement in the State of Oregon shall comply with ORS 656.017 and provide the required Workers' Compensation coverage unless such employers are exempt under ORS 656.126. Employers Liability insurance with coverage limits of not less than \$500,000 must be included. The Parties shall ensure that each of its subcontractors complies with these requirements.
10. The terms of this Agreement shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented or amended, in any manner whatsoever, except by written agreement signed by the Parties.
11. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts (email or otherwise) all of which when taken together shall constitute one agreement binding on all Parties, notwithstanding that all Parties are not signatories to the same counterpart. Each copy of this Agreement so executed shall constitute an original.

Signature Page to Follow

THE PARTIES, by execution of this Agreement, hereby acknowledge that their signing representatives have read this Agreement, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

Lane County, by and through its by and through its Elected Officials

By _____

Daniel Hurley, Public Works Director

Date _____ Digitally signed by HURLEY

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LEGAL REVIEW APPROVAL (If required in Agency's process)

By _____

Agency's Counsel

Date _____

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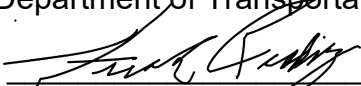
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STATE OF OREGON, by and through its Department of Transportation

By  _____

Frank Reading, Area Commander

Date 1/20/2021

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED

By  _____

Anna Henson, North Operations Chief

Date 1/20/2021

By _____

Date _____

By _____

Date _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL

SUFFICIENCY: Not Required

Lane County Parks - DR 4562**Request for Public Assistance - applicant's request for project grouping for implementation and administration 1/27/2021****Project One: Debris Removal Across All Lane County Parks \$185,399**

A	Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery - Debris Removal	44642 Hwy 126	MP 24	Leaburg	OR	97489	44.143
A	Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery - Tree and Debris Removal	44643 Hwy 126	MP 24	Leaburg	OR	97489	44.143
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A	Helfrich Park - Debris	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 26	Vida	OR	97490	44.128
A	Eagle Rock Park - Debris	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 35	Nimrod	OR	97488	44.108
A	Clover Park (Rosboro) - Debris	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 35.1	Nimrod	OR	97488	44.113
A	HJ Morton Park - Debris	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 37	Blue River	OR	97413	44.12643
A	Forest Glen Park - Debris	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 41	Blue River	OR	97413	44.15256

Project Two: Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery Small Structure Damage \$55,898

B	Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery - Misc emergency work to render facilities and grounds safe	44644 Hwy 126	MP 24	Leaburg	OR	97489	44.143
B	Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery - Stand-up ad hoc Emergency Response Center	44644 Hwy 126	MP 25	Leaburg	OR	97489	45.143
E	Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery - Commerce Building	44643 Hwy 126	MP 24	Leaburg	OR	97489	44.143
G	Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery - Campsite/Hook Up for Recreational Vehicle	44646 Hwy 126	MP 24	Leaburg	OR	97489	44.14300
E	Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery - Historic Barn	44648 Hwy 126	MP 24	Leaburg	OR	97489	44.143

E	Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery - Contents of Historic Barn	44648 Hwy 126	MP 24	Leaburg	OR	97489	44.143
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Project Three: Eagle Rock Park Small Structure Damage \$27,500

E	Eagle Rock Park - Barn	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 35	Nimrod	OR	97488	44.108
E	Eagle Rock Park - Carport	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 35	Nimrod	OR	97488	44.108
E	Eagle Rock Park - Pump House	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 35	Nimrod	OR	97488	44.108
E	Eagle Rock Park - Submersible pump	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 35	Nimrod	OR	97488	44.108

Project Four: Forest Glen Park Restroom Replacement \$80,000

E	Forest Glen Park - Restroom	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 41	Blue River	OR	97413	44.15256
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Project Five: Restoration of Miscellaneous Park Facilities Damaged by Fire \$12,000

G	Eagle Rock Park - Electrical	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 35	Nimrod	OR	97488	44.108
G	Eagle Rock Park - Entrance Gate	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 35	Nimrod	OR	97488	44.108
G	Eagle Rock Park - Pedestal	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 35	Nimrod	OR	97488	44.108
G	Forest Glen Park - Entrance Sign	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 41	Blue River	OR	97413	44.15256
G	Forest Glen Park - Kiosk	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 41	Blue River	OR	97413	44.15256
G	Helfrich Park - Fence	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 26	Vida	OR	97490	44.128
G	HJ Morton Park - Entrance Sign	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 37	Blue River	OR	97413	44.12643
G	HJ Morton Park - Fence	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 37	Blue River	OR	97413	44.12643
G	HJ Morton Park - Fire Pits	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 37	Blue River	OR	97413	44.12643
G	HJ Morton Park - Picnic Tables	Hwy 126 (McKenzie Hwy)	MP 37	Blue River	OR	97413	44.12643

-122.607	Fire ash and debris removal - \$124 scrap metal dump fee, \$1109 chipper, \$111 chipper fuel	Fire	\$1,344	100%	FA	N
-122.607	Hazard tree removal near structures by Blue Sky Trees, Inc.,	Fire	\$3,000	100%	DR	N
-122.607	2 "C" level sawyers X \$250/day x 3 days; 20 youth x \$50/per person x 3 days	Fire	\$4,500	100%	DR	N
-122.607	Hazard tree near property line threatening private residence	Fire	\$2,000	100%	C	N
-122.534	315 CY debris; 21 hazardous trees	Fire	\$8,505	0%	MOU	N
-122.426	825 CY debris; 55 hazardous trees	Fire	\$22,275	0%	MOU	N
-122.422	975 CY debris; 65 hazard trees	Fire	\$26,325	0%	MOU	N
-122.38236	2325 CY debris; 155 hazardous trees	Fire	\$62,775	0%	MOU	N
-122.34061	2025 CY debris; 135 hazardous trees	Fire	\$54,675	0%	MOU	N
			\$185,399			
-122.607	2 youth crews x \$8500/wk x 2 weeks donated labor from Northwest Youth Corp	Fire	\$17,000	100%	DR	N
-122.607	Open facilities for community and responders; \$2,068 for fire damaged windows, \$1221 for floor repairs, \$1,038 for electrical work, \$295 for bathroom repairs	Fire	\$4,622	100%	FA/C	N
-122.607	Historic commerce building damages: \$1600 for siding, \$3881 for installation, \$295 for roof vent	Fire	\$5,776	100%	C	N
-122.60700	Electrical box damaged (\$5,000) and Waste water disposal receptacle damaged (\$1,000)	Fire	\$6,500	0%	C	N
-122.607	Property damage/loss (historic barn) *applicant requests value of loss applied to alternate project	Fire	\$18,000	0%	FA	N

-122.607	Contents of barn were destroyed by the fire *applicant requests value of loss applied to alternate project	Fire	\$4,000	0%	FA	N
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			\$55,898			
-122.426	Barn destroyed	Fire	\$15,000	0%	FA/C	N
-122.426	Carport destroyed	Fire	\$8,000	0%	FA/C	N
-122.426	Well pump house destroyed *applicant requests value of loss applied to alternate project	Fire	\$3,000	0%	FA/C	N
-122.426	Pump destroyed *applicant requests value of loss applied to alternate project	Fire	\$1,500	0%	C	N
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			\$27,500			
-122.34061	Double Vault Restroom destroyed	Fire	\$80,000	0%	C	N
-122.426	Utility post w/ electric panel / meter destroyed	Fire	\$1,000	0%	C	N
-122.426	Gate to Park entrance destroyed	Fire	\$1,000	0%	FA/C	N
-122.426	Pedestal for Park host destroyed	Fire	\$4,000	0%	FA/C	N
-122.34061	Park entrance sign destroyed	Fire	\$1,000	0%	FA/C	N
-122.34061	Information kiosk destroyed	Fire	\$2,000	0%	FA/C	N
-122.534	151 linear feet of damaged fencing	Fire	\$500	0%	FA	N
-122.38236	Park entrance sign destroyed	Fire	\$500	0%	FA/C	N
-122.38236	Fencing destroyed	Fire	\$400	0%	FA/C	N
-122.38236	4 fire pits destroyed	Fire	\$800	0%	FA/C	N
-122.38236	4 picnic tables destroyed	Fire	\$800	0%	FA/C	N



Park Accomplishments For 2020

- **Started Facilities Condition Assessment at Richardson, Orchard Point, Armitage and Baker Bay.**
- **Installed underground power and new host site at Baker Bay.**
- **Replaced vault door at Baker Bay.**
- **Replaced dump station information board at Baker Bay.**
- **New boat ramp and expanded parking lot at Hendricks Bridge Wayside.**
- **Installed Hendricks Bridge entrance sign.**
- **Stripped day use parking lot at Hendricks Bridge.**
- **Installed memorial bench at Hendricks Bridge.**
- **Built small Dog Park at Armitage.**
- **Painted J shelter at Armitage.**
- **Extensive tree trimming at Richardson marina and Orchard Point marina.**
- **Leaf removal in all Parks.**
- **New metal roofs on both restrooms at Camp lane.**
- **Rebuilt gate at Camp lane.**
- **House, shed and carport remodel at Camp lane.**
- **New gate at Konnie Memorial.**
- **Extensive trail maintenance at the North Jetty property.**
- **McKenzie Fire Staff.**



Lane County
**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APPLICATION**

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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: Peter Holland, Eugene	DATE: Jan. 11, 2021
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Parks	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.)
I'm a physically active citizen of Eugene. My two young children and my intention to live here forever make me keenly interested in the well-being of Lane County parks.
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?
I believe Lane County's parks are one of our greatest assets, and I want to do my part to contribute to them. I am a professional writer, so I'd like to volunteer my skills in any way that will help.
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.
I have not solicited any specific concerns.

4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)
None
5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, religion, language, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expressions, veteran's status, or political beliefs in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort?
By basing my service on my belief that every member of the community deserves access to safe and clean places to play.
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?
No
7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)
☒ No ☐ Yes Specify:
8. How did you learn about this vacancy? ☐ Newspaper ☐ Word of mouth ☒ Other:
9. In which County Commissioner District do you reside? please check one:
☐ Unsure ☐ West Lane County ☐ Springfield ☒ South Eugene ☐ North Eugene ☐ East Lane County

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Lane County
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APPLICATION

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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: Timothy J Foelker, Eugene (Santa Clara)	DATE: 2021-01-11
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: West Lane County Parks Advisory Committee	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.)
Excellent communication and research skills. Highly technical background in natural sciences, including invasives species, and information technology. Community and volunteer organizing experience.
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?
The need has arisen and I am stepping up. I am very fond of Lane County parks and feel they could use some serious help.
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.
Invasive species mitigation, rehabilitation of natural habitats, improved public usability, and reduced crime and vandalism.
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)
Boards/Committees (SCCO vice-chair, Nextstep Stewardship Council, Neighborhood Plan), Friends of Awbrey Park, LCHS, and
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I will contribute right now. Please choose, over me, any non-white or other-gendered candidate that applies for this position.
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?
Not formally, but involved in Santa Clara Community Organization (SCCO) as vice-chair and all of its dealings with city, county, LTD, etc. Neighborhood Plan, Santa Clara Park public involvement.
7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)
☒ No ☐ Yes Specify:
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<https://santaclaracommunity.org>
9. In which County Commissioner District do you reside? please check one:
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APPLICATION

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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: Tyger Gruber - Eugene	DATE: 01/05/2021
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: West Lane County Parks Advisory Committee	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.)
I grew up next to Clear Lake Reservoir. It has given me a great appreciation for the importance of maintaining the outdoors. I have cleaned up litter and engaged with local wildlife every chance I get.
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?
I want to play a role in bettering my community. I would like to contribute ideas and labor working to improve parks.
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.
Parks play a vital role in ones sense of community. Now more than ever with Covid-19 parks should be mindfully planned to encourage people to safely enjoy local parks. The community concern I would like to see addressed is the potential for parks to fall by the wayside due to coronavirus restorations when proper planning and accommodations could allow for them to be more valuable than ever.
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)
None.
5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, religion, language, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expressions, veteran's status, or political beliefs in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort?
I would uplift the voices of people in disenfranchised groups and communities.
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?
No.
7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)
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Lane County Parks – 2020 Natural Areas Accomplishments

- Parks staff participated in regular meetings and other activities of the Rivers to Ridges Implementation team and the R2R Executive Team meeting on December 6th 2019. One of the major projects for R2R this year was the refresh process for the R2R vision document, this involved compiling and submitting a questionnaire response from Lane County Parks.
- Working with our partners we accomplished a great deal at HBRA in 2020. Working with the Friends of Buford Park Trails Committee we completed the new Coast Fork Trail at HBRA, and finalized the route for the new North Bottomlands loop trail. Parks received funding from BLM to begin fuels reduction projects at HBRA. A small mowing project was implemented in July to start the effort.
- Parks staff walked major trails at HBRA to identify a set of potential new bench/viewpoint locations to be the basis of a ‘bench plan’ for the park. This included photographing and mapping suitable locations and sharing them with HBRA stakeholders for feedback.
- Parks staff co-organized and facilitated the 2020 HBRA Habitat Advisory Team meeting, which was held on remotely in November 2020, and also organized and facilitated the annual meeting to discuss results of the survey of priority invasive plants species for management that was distributed to land managers in the Mt. Pisgah/ Coast Fork/ Middle Fork confluence area.
- Dr. Bart Johnson from the University of Oregon Landscape Architecture Dept. taught a studio during Winter term 2020 that considered design questions around the summit area of Mt. Pisgah. The goal of the studio was to develop options (design and otherwise) that will reduce habitat impacts and support visitor experience at the summit; a book documenting the results is being compiled by two of the students.
- The Natural Areas Coordinator led field trips to the August 2019 HBRA wildfire area for UO students, and gave a “Lunch and Learn” presentation to Public Works staff on the recovery from the HBRA wildfire. During the growing season staff made several visits to the 2019 wildfire area to take photos and document the habitat responses following the wildfire. Staff also visited the 2019 wildfire area on 8/12 with a Register-Guard reporter and photographer to provide information for an article which appeared on the one year anniversary of the wildfire.
- Holiday Farm Fire Recovery and Cleanup: On the first day of the fire The Natural Areas Coordinator staffed the Emergency Operations Center on behalf of Public Works. Staff continue to coordinate with other agencies to work on fire response through the McKenzie Wildfire Recovery Task Force.
- The Natural Areas Coordinator was a member of the Lane County Community Wildfire Prevention Plan Fuels Subcommittee, which developed fuels treatments guidelines to include in the updated CWPP.

-Parks partnered with the Long Tom Watershed Council to complete the OWEB-funded wet prairie restoration project in Kinney Park, including taking before and after photos from photo points that were established prior to the start of the project. A smaller OWEB – funded riparian restoration project with the McKenzie Watershed Council in Vickery Park was also completed in 2020.

-The Natural Areas Coordinator marked off areas in Zumwalt and Armitage Parks to hold off on mowing during the spring season to allow native wildflowers to bloom and set seed.

-City of Eugene Urban Forestry staff did a pro bono pruning of the historic Ellmaker Oak in Zumwalt Park, which has been recovering following major damage from the December 2016 ice storm.

-Permitting has been completed for the Zumwalt Park shoreline stabilization project, which the Corps of Engineers has budgeted funding to implement in 2021.

-The Natural Areas Coordinator provided topic ideas and photos on numerous occasions to the Volunteer Coordinator to post on social media, assisted with web site revisions, and also installed a photo exhibit of Lane County parks at a local coffee shop.