

Schmid Family Park Master Plan Update

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide fiscally responsible services that promote our vision of a safe and beautiful community that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Project Purpose

- **Create a Park That Reflects Washougal's Identity**
 - A rare opportunity to design a public space that blends natural beauty, heritage, and community use
 - Reflects Washougal's long-standing connection to the river, land, and ecological values
- **Serve the Growing Needs of the Community**
 - Increase access to recreational and educational spaces in an underserved area
 - Design for inclusivity: all ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds
- **Honor the Land While Making It Accessible**
 - Restore and protect sensitive habitats in the floodplain
 - Create trails, overlooks, and interpretive elements that invite people to learn and explore
- **Leverage Partnerships and Public Support**
 - Funded in part through Clark County Conservation Futures and Washington RCO
 - Aligned with Washougal's Parks System Plan and long-term community goals



Project Vision

Schmid Family Park will be a vibrant, inclusive destination that deepens Washougal's connection to its people, its landscape, and its heritage. By thoughtfully blending nature, art, and history, the park will provide welcoming spaces for play, gathering, and quiet reflection.

Designed for all ages and abilities, it will be a place to learn, explore, and celebrate—fostering creativity, community, and meaningful experiences for generations to come.

Guiding Principles

Celebrate Washougal's Heritage

- Honor the cultural, ecological, and historical significance of the land while creating a park that serves as a living legacy.

Design for All

- Ensure the park is welcoming, inclusive, and accessible to people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

Connect People to the River & Landscape

- Inspire curiosity and stewardship through opportunities to experience the Washougal River, native landscapes, and local wildlife.

Foster Creativity, Play & Community

- Create flexible, engaging spaces that support play, arts, education, and community gathering.

Protect and Enhance the Land

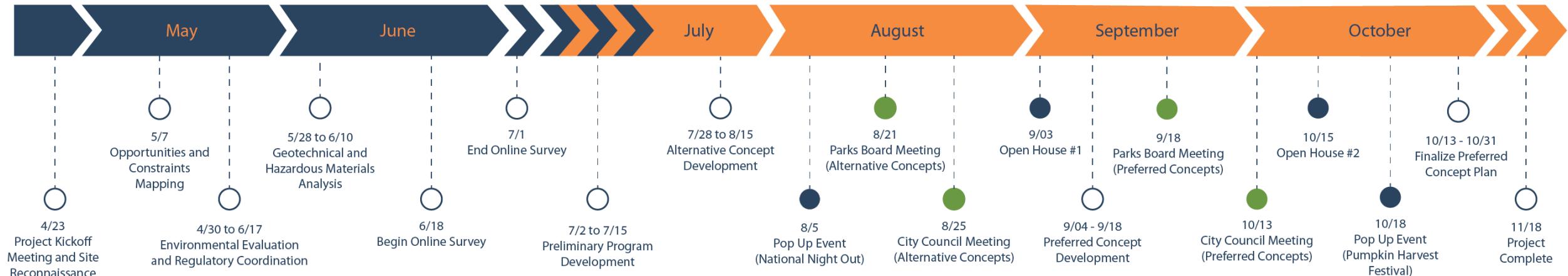
- Restore natural systems, support habitat, and embrace sustainable practices that preserve the park's beauty and function over time.



Community Engagement

- **Online Community Survey**
 - 451 Respondents
- **Popup Events**
 - August 5th National Night Outside
 - October 18th Pumpkin Harvest Festival
- **Project Website and Social Media**
- **Community Flyers**
 - Posted in Key Locations in the Community
- **Open Houses**
 - September 3rd Open House #1
 - 40+ Attendees
 - October 15th Open house #2
- **Stakeholder Interviews**
 - City Operations and Planning Departments
 - Community Partners
 - Cultural and Environmental Groups
 - Schmid Family Representatives

Schmid Family Park Project Timeline



What We Heard – Priorities

- **What should the park focus on?**
 - Wildlife habitat and natural access
 - River viewpoints and trails
 - Nature play and open lawn space
 - Events: music, movies, cultural celebrations
 - Preference for amenities not available in other Washougal parks
- **Design Opportunities**
 - Lower park: habitat restoration, river access, nature trails
 - Upper park: flexible gathering space, nature play, informal recreation
 - Connections to nearby neighborhoods and parks
 - Respecting floodplain, views, and sensitive features
 - Integrated stormwater management



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WHAT THE COMMUNITY VALUES



UPPER PARK PROGRAMMING

Prioritizing both passive and active use areas



LOWER PARK PROGRAMMING

Prioritizing nature and habitat restoration



Draft Preferred Concept

LEGEND

- ① Grand Lawn
- ② Decking Overlook
- ③ Protected Oaks With Split-Rail Fencing
- ④ Nature Play Area
- ⑤ Workout Stations
- ⑥ Parking (62 Stalls)
- ⑦ Picnic Shelter
- ⑧ Restrooms
- ⑨ Stone Steps
- ⑩ Natural Meadow
- ⑪ Tribute Garden
- ⑫ Water Access
- ⑬ Gravel Access Road
- ⑭ Nature Trail
- ⑮ Picnic Table
- ⑯ Interpretative Signage
- ⑰ Buffer Planting
- ⑱ Maintenance Building
- ⑲ Entry Sign
- ⑳ Water Quality Planting
- ㉑ Boardwalk
- ㉒ Wetland Area
- ㉓ Bench With Uplighting



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Next Steps

- **City Council Briefing – 10/13**
 - Draft Concept Plan
- **Open House #2 – 10/15**
 - Draft Concept Plan
- **Pop Up Event (Harvest Festival) – 10/18**
 - Draft Concept Plan
- **Finalize Preferred Concept Development**
 - October 13th - Oct 31st
 - Incorporate feedback from the community
- **Project Complete – 11/18**



Open Discussion



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