

# 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**

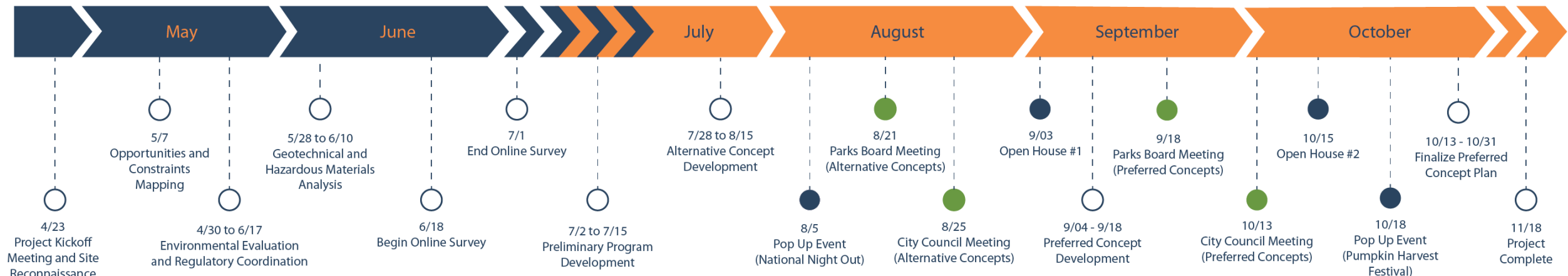
- Restore natural systems, support habitat, and embrace sustainable practices that preserve the park's beauty and function over time.



# Community Engagement

- **Online Community Survey**
  - 451 Respondents
- **Popup Events**
  - August 5<sup>th</sup> National Night Outside
  - October 18<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Harvest Festival
- **Project Website and Social Media**
- **Community Flyers**
  - Posted in Key Locations in the Community
- **Open Houses**
  - September 3<sup>rd</sup> Open House #1
  - 40+ Attendees
  - October 15<sup>th</sup> 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



Traditional Playground



Nature Play



Gathering Spaces



Display Garden



Terraced Seating

### LOWER PARK PROGRAMMING

Prioritizing nature and habitat restoration



Nature Restoration



Scenic Viewpoints



Trails

# Draft Preferred Concept

## LEGEND

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



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# Upper Park



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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 13<sup>th</sup> - Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Incorporate feedback from the community
- **Project Complete – 11/18**



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# Open Discussion



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