



VIDERA PARK
PROPOSED RENOVATIONS

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Priority 1 Renovations, to begin construction in Fall 2007 or Summer 2008:

Sidewalks- Concrete sidewalks will be constructed along Blacktail Dr., W 29th Ave, and Randy Lane, and will connect to the active play area. The sidewalks and paving around the play area greatly improves accessibility to and within the park, and safety along the street.

Tree Plantings and Landscaping - Street trees, are proposed to better define the park boundary, and to buffer the active play area. Along West 29th Ave, the existing slope is too steep to mow, so additional trees are proposed in this area to eventually reduce maintenance needs. Irrigated shrub beds with trees, forbs and grasses will further buffer the active play area located around the children's play area.

Children's Playground- A children's play area will be constructed in the developed area on the far eastern portion of Videra Park, set back from the intersection of Blacktail Dr and W 29th Ave.. This area is generally the least sloped in the entire park, and thus the only economically viable place to place a playground. The surfacing will be comprised of engineered wood chips. The play area will consist of swings and a small climbing structure, or other combination of play features that can fit into the allotted space.

Picnic Tables and other Site Furniture- A picnic table will be installed in the area around the new play area. The picnic table will be wheelchair accessible. Benches will be located throughout the park, including along the nature trail. Additional site amenities will include a drinking fountain, trash receptacle, and bicycle parking rack.

Priority 2 Renovations, based on available funding:

Nature Trail- A trail will be constructed to run the length of the park site, through the natural area, parallel to the creek. The trail surface will be gravel, approximately 4' wide, and will connect to the children's play area in the far east corner. There will also be a connection to Randy Lane to the north, and potentially a connection to Herald Lane on the south. There is also a potential opportunity for a pedestrian bridge crossing. The trail enhances park access and safety by creating a corridor through the park, and provides passive recreation opportunities for walking and jogging through the natural area. Depending on interest, trail building could potentially be a volunteer opportunity through the Volunteer in Parks program. Contact Matt McRae at 682-4845, matt.a.mcrae@ci.eugene.or.us

Natural area enhancements: The site contains Oregon White Oak savannah and woodland, an imperiled habitat type according to The Nature Conservancy. This habitat will be enhanced through selective girdling and thinning of encroaching Douglas fir. In some cases an additional strategy may be to release the larger oaks by selective thinning of smaller competing oaks. The natural areas will also be enhanced through the removal of invasive species including Scotch Broom, Blackberry and Ivy, and potentially the planting of appropriate native species. Invasive species removal and native plantings are popular volunteer activities and can be coordinated through the The Stream Team program. Contact Lorna Baldwin, 682-4850, lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us

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