

2014 Developed Parks Condition Assessment

Since 2010, a team of parks and open space staff from diverse work areas have come together every two years to rate the conditions at developed parks in Eugene. These parks are given a grade ranging from A to F. In addition to showing parks in need of repairs or renovations, this assessment provides valuable data on the overall health of Eugene’s developed parks.



Rating Categories

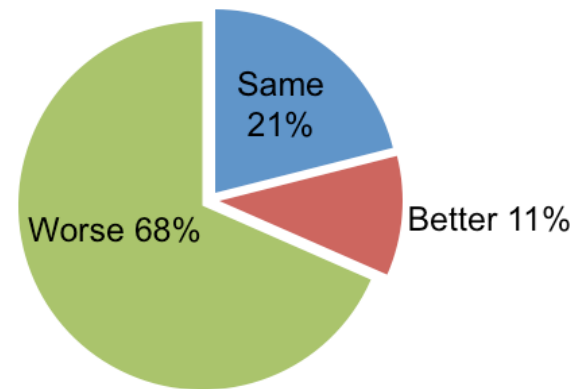
<input type="checkbox"/> overall cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate uses
<input type="checkbox"/> hard infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> open grass areas
<input type="checkbox"/> park amenities	<input type="checkbox"/> landscaping



Findings that lead to lower grades include:

- Numerous pieces of aging playground equipment that, although safe, were not in compliance with national standards and guidelines.
- Park lights in poor condition or non-functional.
- Evidence of illicit activities such as various forms of vandalism, alcohol consumption in “dry parks,” and overnight camping.
- Aging irrigation systems that need high levels of maintenance.
- Many turf areas were brown and in a distressed condition.
- Paved surfaces such as parking lots, sidewalks, pathways, sports courts, and picnic shelter floors were aging and cracked.
- Picnic shelters needed renovation, painting, or improved lighting.
- Turf areas, landscape beds, unpaved paths and trails, and floral garden areas were weedier.

2009 to 2014 Letter Grade Change



The assessments showed that park cleanliness is holding steady or in some cases improving in some parks while inappropriate uses (vandalism, illegal camping, etc.) have been increasing in others. The decline in overall scores is largely a result of the degradation of assets that are not being renovated, replaced or cared for at the levels required to achieve maximum life span.



Park Asset Rating - 2014 Update

			SCORES						2014 Playgrounds			2014 Irrigation			2014 Lighting			TOTALS
Park	Type	Ward	2009/10		2012		2014		Park	Average	%	Park	Average	%	Park	Average	%	
Acorn	NP	8			79	B-	61	C-	Acorn	3.8	75.0	Acorn	2.00	40.0	Acorn	2.00	40.0	54.0
Alton Baker	CP	4	58	D+	70	C+	53	D	Alton Baker: Not Rated	0.0	0.0	Alton Baker	2.75	55.0	Alton Baker	2.25	45.0	51.0
Amazon Park	CP	1	71	C+	68	C	57	D+	Amazon Park	1.8	35.0	Amazon Park	1.75	35.0	Amazon Park	1.75	35.0	40.5
Arrowhead	NP	7	74	C+			85	B+	Arrowhead	4.3	85.0	Arrowhead	3.25	65.0	Arrowhead	4.00	80.0	78.8
Bethel Community	CP	6			73	C+	65	C	Bethel Community	3.5	70.0	Bethel Community	3.25	65.0	Bethel Community	3.00	60.0	65.0
Fairmount	NP	3	83	B	80	B	68	C	Fairmount	2.3	45.0	Fairmount	2.50	50.0	Fairmount	2.50	50.0	53.3
Gilham	NP	5	67	C			59	D+	Gilham	3.0	60.0	Gilham	3.50	70.0	Gilham	4.00	80.0	67.3
Irwin	NP	6	69	C			55	D+	Irwin	3.3	65.0	Irwin	2.75	55.0	Irwin	3.50	70.0	61.3
Maurie Jacobs	NP	7	70	C+	61	C-	62	C-	Maurie Jacobs: Main	3.5	60.0	Maurie Jacobs	2.25	45.0	Maurie Jacobs	1.50	30.0	49.3
									Maurie Jacobs: Myra's	2.5			0.0			0.0		
Monroe	NP	1	76	B-			54	D	Monroe	3.0	60.0	Monroe	2.25	45.0	Monroe	1.50	30.0	47.3
Scobert Gardens	NP	7	77	B-			54	D	Scobert Gardens	1.8	35.0	Scobert Gardens	1.75	35.0	Scobert Gardens	1.75	35.0	39.8
Shadow Wood	NP	2	76	B-			66	C	Shadow Wood	4.5	90.0	Shadow Wood	3.00	60.0	Shadow Wood	4.00	80.0	74.0
Skinner Butte	CP	7	73	C+	60	C-	67	C	Skinner Butte: RP	3.5	67.5	Skinner Butte	1.50	30.0	Skinner Butte	1.75	35.0	49.9
									Skinner Butte: Whale	3.3	65.0		0.0			0.0		
Skyview	NP	8			76	B-	69	C	Skyview	3.8	75.0	Skyview	2.50	50.0	Skyview	4.00	80.0	68.5
State Street	NP	6	60	C-	70	C+	66	C	State Street	5.0	100.0	State Street	1.50	30.0	State Street	1.50	30.0	56.5
Tandy Turn	NP	4	72	C+	69	C	68	C	Tandy Turn	3.3	65.0	Tandy Turn	2.50	50.0	Tandy Turn	1.50	30.0	53.3
Trainsong	NP	7	63	C-			63	C-	Trainsong	3.0	60.0	Trainsong	3.00	60.0	Trainsong	1.50	30.0	53.3
Washington	NP	1	64	C-	73	C+	65	C	Washington	2.8	55.0	Washington	1.50	30.0	Washington	2.50	50.0	50.0
Willakenzie	NP	4	84	B			72	C+	Willakenzie	3.5	70.0	Willakenzie	3.75	75.0	Willakenzie	4.00	80.0	74.3

**Parks and Open Space
Capital Renovation Backlog Project List
Updated 1/12/16**

The following capital renovation projects address maintaining existing assets, improving safety and efficiency, rehabilitating habitat and improving accessibility.

Project	Description	Estimated cost
Accessibility Repairs		
Accessible Parks	Address accessibility deficits throughout the developed park system, including: accessible routes to playgrounds, ballfields, play courts and other facilities; accessible play equipment improvements; add handrails to bleachers; provide fully-accessible benches and picnic tables.	\$ 400,000
Garden Accessibility and Maintenance Efficiencies	Replace gravel walks with fully-accessible, lower maintenance paved paths.	\$ 200,000
Park Walks and Access Repairs	Replace about 75,000 s.f. of broken or failing concrete walks, drives, etc. to preserve safe access and park use. Comprises many projects, small to large in scale, throughout the system.	\$ 1,000,000
Natural Area Rehabilitation		
Gillespie Butte Park and other dispersed natural areas	Invasive species removal, prairie rehabilitation, and establishment of native species.	\$ 500,000
Ridgeline Park	Rehabilitation of Ridgeline Forest, Woodland, and Prairie Habitats. Includes reducing hazardous fuels, removing invasive species such as English ivy, establishing native species to benefit wildlife (such as birds).	\$ 1,000,000
Skinner Butte Park	Rehabilitation of Forest, Woodland, and Prairie Habitats. Includes reducing hazardous fuels, removing invasive species such as English ivy, establishing native species to benefit wildlife (such as birds).	\$ 200,000
Alton Baker Park	Forest and prairie rehabilitation. This includes invasive species removal (particularly English ivy), and establishing native species that attract wildlife.	\$ 200,000
Trail System Repairs		
Spencer Butte Lower Trails rehab	Renovation of .77 miles of lower section of Spencer Butte Main trail to point of 2015 summit trail renovation work. Includes significant trail structure work to accommodate increased use.	\$ 500,000
Spencer Butte West Side Trail Renovation	Renovation of sections of trail accessing Spencer Butte Summit from west side.	\$ 250,000
Running Trail Rehabilitation	Reconstruct 1.25 mile Amazon Park Running Trail.	\$ 200,000
Skinner Butte South Trail Renovation	Renovate south side access trail from Shelton McMurphy Blvd. to Butte Summit and "Big O".	\$ 350,000
Irrigation System Repairs		
Irrigation System Renovation	Rehabilitate or replace old systems at several parks to improve efficiency of water use and reduce maintenance and operations costs.	\$ 2,500,000
Laurelwood Irrigation Replacement	Replace aged, failing mainline and valves with more durable and efficient modern products. Change out heads to more efficient models.	\$ 1,000,000
Develop Water Supply Systems	Develop a well, install pumps, and construct distribution systems and other infrastructure to facilitate use of the City's existing water rights for irrigation water at high water use sites.	\$ 350,000
Lighting System Repairs		
Lighting Systems -River Corridor Parks	Much of the system has direct-buried wire which is failing and unsafe. Replace poles, fixtures and wire for old park lighting systems with more efficient systems that meet current electrical standards.	\$ 1,000,000
Lighting Systems - Other Parks and Running Trails	Much of the system has direct-buried wire which is failing and unsafe. Replace poles, fixtures and wire for old park lighting systems with more efficient systems that meet current electrical standards.	\$ 2,300,000
Park and Playground Renovations		
Neighborhood Park Renovations	Wholesale park renovations of older neighborhood parks. Examples of parks needing renovation include Scobert Gardens, Sladden, University, Tugman, Berkeley and Martin Luther King Parks.	\$ 3,000,000
Playground Rehabilitation	Renovate aging park playgrounds in ten neighborhood and community parks. Sites include Petersen, Lincoln School, Mangan, Monroe, Tandy Turn, Churchill Youth Sports Park and others.	\$ 2,000,000
Replace Poured-in-Place Playground Surfacing	System-wide replacement of worn or failing poured rubber surfacing. Sites include several neighborhood parks, and RiverPlay playground.	\$ 200,000
Spray Play Rehabilitation at Neighborhood Parks	Decommission the abandoned wading pools at Monroe, University, State Street and Sladden Parks and replace with spray playgrounds or other appropriate facilities, equitably distributed throughout community.	\$ 1,250,000
Park Landscape Renovation	Renovate and convert existing park landscape beds to lawn to facilitate long term reduced park maintenance and costs.	\$ 250,000
Park Furniture and Signage		
Park Entrance Signs	Provide park name signs for all developed park sites.	\$ 100,000
Park Furniture - Benches, Tables, Trash Receptacles	Replace worn park furniture system-wide.	\$ 250,000
Core Facilities Repairs		
Parking Lot Rehab	Includes reconstruction of the parking lots at Petersen Park, Sheldon Community Center, and the Science Factory parking lot in Alton Baker Park; and resealing 400,000 s.f. of other parking lots, e.g. at Amazon, Bethel, Hendricks and Skinner Butte Parks.	\$ 300,000
Restrooms - Rehab/Replace	Renovate and reconstruct aging restroom facilities.	\$ 1,500,000
Material Transfer Sites	Develop regional dump sites to improve efficiency of trash collection program for Park Operations.	\$ 225,000
Other		
Alton Baker Park Pond and Canal Rehab	Stabilize canal edges and remove concrete around the main pond to discourage domestic water fowl and protect water quality and improve safety for public around the ponds.	\$ 1,500,000
Tennis Court Rehabilitation	Reconstruct tennis courts at Westmoreland, Washington and Sladden Parks, Sheldon Community Center, and Churchill High School.	\$ 1,500,000

Total of Project Costs \$ 24,025,000