

SOUTHEAST EUGENE PARKS AND RECREATION

Eugene's Parks and Recreation system is categorized into six neighborhood planning sub-areas. . This report addresses parks and recreation facilities and needs in the Southeast Eugene area. Geographically based planning allows us to look at the unique characteristics and opportunities of each area and how facilities and services are distributed throughout the community.

Existing Resources and Facilities-

The Southeast Eugene sub-area currently has 2,218 acres of parks, recreation and open space (including partner-owned lands), with 2,196 of those acres owned by the City of Eugene. The vast majority of these acres are natural areas rather than developed parks. Southeast Eugene has the following distinct features:

RECREATION SERVICES

- Amazon Community Center provides recreational services and programming that include:
 - Youth and adult programming
 - Youth camps
 - 3 Summer Fun For All Sites (free recreation opportunities for youth in area parks)
 - Special Events
 - Senior and adult services programming
- Hilyard Community Center provides services and programming that specialize in adaptive recreation:
 - Community gathering space
 - Adaptive recreation equipment rental (bicycles, skiing, etc)
- Amazon Pool is a seasonal outdoor aquatic facility that offers:
 - Water Fitness Classes & Lap Swimming
 - Recreation Swims
 - Swim Lessons
 - Youth Camps
 - Swim Team practice facility for clubs and high schools
 - Water polo practice and match facility for clubs and high schools.
- Washington Park Community Center contains the Eugene Parks Foundation office. The center offers summer youth camps, and seasonal pre-school. It is also a community gathering place and rental facility.
- Wayne Morse Family Farm and Museum offers a historical perspective into the family life of Senator Wayne Morse. In the summer time the location is home to youth summer camps.
- Westmoreland Community Center is a City facility leased to the Boys and Girls Club of Emerald Valley (BGEV).
- Laurelwood Golf Course and Club House is a City facility that is operated by an independent contractor.
- The South Eugene YMCA provides facilities for its members, including tennis, pools and a gym and is currently working to expand their facilities.
- KIDSPORTS is planning a multi-court fieldhouse on the former Civic Stadium site and currently leases a building in Westmoreland Park.
- Tamarack Wellness Center provides a warm-water therapy pool for community use.
- The Eugene Masonic Cemetery is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and provides neighborhood open space and a free summer concert series.

PARKS

- Two metropolitan parks, two community parks, and eleven neighborhood parks serve the area.
 - Hendricks Park and Wayne Morse Family Farm are metropolitan parks that offer unique features to the community.
 - Amazon and Westmoreland Parks serve as community parks for the area and include many specialty facilities and sports fields.
 - The neighborhood parks in this area are: Fairmount Park, Washburne Park, University Park, Milton Park, Kincaid Park, Shadow Wood Park, Frank Kinney Park, Tugman Park, Lafferty Park, Crest Heights Park, and Friendly Park.
 - There are no undeveloped neighborhood park sites in this area.
- Specialty Facilities include:
 - Amazon Running Trail system;
 - Amazon Community Garden;
 - Amazon Dog Park;
 - Morse Family Farm Dog Park;
 - 9-hole disc golf course at Westmoreland Park;
 - 9-hole golf course at Laurelwood;
 - Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden;
 - Spray play at Washington Park;
 - Spencer Butte Challenge Course; and
 - Amazon Skate Park.
- In addition to playgrounds at parks, school playgrounds are accessible at Arts and Technology Academy, Adams Elementary, Edison Elementary, Camas Ridge Elementary, Edgewood and Charlemagne Elementary Schools.

SPORTS FACILITIES

- Multi-purpose fields are available at Amazon Park (1), Westmoreland Park (1), and Kincaid Park (1).
- Softball/baseball fields are available at Amazon Park (3), Westmoreland Park (2), and Washington Park (2).
- Artificial turf fields are available at South Eugene High School, Spencer Butte Middle School, and Arts and Technology Academy.
- All-weather surface tracks are available at South Eugene High School and Arts and Technology Academy.
- Tennis courts are available at South Eugene High School (4), Westmoreland Park (4) and Washington Park (2).
- Outdoor sand volleyball courts are available at Amazon Park (4).
- Indoor gyms for basketball and volleyball are available at South Eugene High School, Roosevelt and Spencer Butte Middle Schools and Arts and Technology Academy.

NATURAL AREAS

- Southeast has a large amount of natural area acreage in the Ridgeline Park System that functions as a unique resource for all of Eugene. Some of these areas are not accessible to the public because trails and trailheads have not been constructed yet.

- The Ridgeline Park System and Amazon Creek provide habitat connectivity, and many bike/pedestrian and recreation opportunities.

Issues and Needs-

- Amazon Community Center is outdated and undersized, limiting the capacity and programming available to residents.
- Amazon Pool continues to have a shortage of parking that has impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.
- Westmoreland Community center is outdated and undersized, limiting capacity for programming by the Boys and Girls Club – Emerald Valley.
- Availability of neighborhood parks in some parts of Southeast is limited:
 - One park is in need of major renovation;
 - There is a need for two additional neighborhood park site acquisitions; and
 - Access improvements for safe walking and biking are needed to some parks.
- Sports fields and gym space are in high demand across the community. In particular is a need for a multi-field facility that can accommodate local use and tournaments.
- As a result of illicit camping, and other illicit behaviors and activities, there are safety related concerns along portions of Amazon Creek and Amazon Park.
- Portions of the Ridgeline lack access via trails and trailheads and require some restoration and stabilization prior to allowing safe public access.
- There are gaps in the Ridgeline Park system (See [Ridgeline Area Open Space Plan](#)), including
 - a 2 mile gap between Suzanne Arlie and Coryell Ridge
 - a gap between the City's Coryell Ridge site and Dorris Ranch and Mt. Pisgah on the Springfield side of the Willamette River.

Vision Ideas-

The following ideas were identified as a result of community input and the needs assessment analysis. These are not formal proposals at this time, but ideas intended to promote additional community engagement and a discussion of priorities. Are we on the right track? What have we missed? These ideas are grouped under headings that represent the four key themes that came out of the needs assessment.

Care for and make the most of what we have:

- Fund long term maintenance and management of parks, trails and high priority habitats.
- Consider a major remodel of Amazon Community Center or consolidating programming at an expanded Hilyard Center, resulting in additional capacity and programming while realizing operating efficiencies. Renovations could include:
 - Additional classrooms and meeting spaces
 - Additional gymnasium or fitness space
 - Expanded kitchen
 - Expanded storage and offices
- Renovate and rehabilitate parks and specialty facilities (see chart).
- Restore and provide recreation access (as appropriate) to natural areas (see chart).

- Improve safety along Amazon Path by providing additional lighting and vegetation management. Consider additional security measures such as park ambassadors, hosts or rangers.

Serve the entire community:

- Acquire two new neighborhood park sites in underserved areas and develop them.

Create more connections:

- Establish *Neighborhood Greenways*, making street crossing and route improvements to expand walking and biking access to neighborhood parks and other destinations.
- Add a path and bridge in Amazon Park to facilitate better east/west connectivity in the area of East 27th Avenue.
- Build 3.5 miles of paved shared use paths, including improvements for walking and biking to Lane Community College on the 30th Avenue corridor. For locations see, the [Eugene Transportation System Plan](#), Bicycling Projects Map.
- Build new segments of soft surface trails, totaling approximately 21 miles. For locations see the [Eugene Trails Plan](#).
- Acquire additional lands to complete the eastern edge of the Ridgeline Park System. Develop with trails and trailheads as needed:
 - Suzanne Arlie to Coryell Ridge
 - Coryell Ridge to Dorris Ranch or Mt. Pisgah
 - Pedestrian/Bike bridge to Springfield
 - Ribbon Trail to Coryell Ridge

Build better partnerships:

- Collaborate with Tamarack Pool, YMCA, KIDSPORTS, and Boys and Girls Club for strategic and comprehensive recreation services to the community.
- Work with 4J to update school playgrounds as needed and to replace artificial turf at South Eugene HS, Spencer Butte MS, and Arts and Technology Schools.
- Partner with local health care organizations to provide health, wellness and rehabilitation services.
- Continue to facilitate volunteer efforts in area parks, natural areas and recreation facilities.
- Work with the Rivers to Ridges Partnership to plan and acquire connecting lands between Coryell Ridge and Dorris Ranch of Mt. Pisgah.

System-wide Recommendations:

- Update and implement the Eugene Urban Forest Management Plan..
- Develop and implement a system-wide natural areas assessment and plan.
- Develop and implement a city-wide restroom system master plan.
- Develop and implement a city-wide irrigation system water management plan.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive approach to locating spray play, nature play, inclusive play, and multi-generational playgrounds/exercise equipment.
- Improve accessibility for all ages and abilities.
- Implement comprehensive signage improvements.

Southeast Community Centers and Pools

Facility Type	Develop new facility	Major renovation	Rehabilitate	Maintain
<i>Amazon Community Center</i>		a		
<i>Hilyard Community Center</i>		a		X
<i>Washington Park Annex</i>				X
<i>Westmoreland Community Center</i>		b		
<i>Amazon Pool</i>				X

Southeast Parks

Park Name	Develop new park/ amenity	Major renovation	Rehabilitate	Maintain
<i>Amazon Park</i>			X	
<i>Civic Stadium Park</i>	X			
<i>Frank Kinney Park</i>			X	
<i>Friendly Park</i>				X
<i>Hendricks Park</i>			X	
<i>Kincaid Park</i>				X
<i>Lafferty Park</i>				X
<i>Laurel Hill Park</i>			X	
<i>Milton Park</i>				X
<i>Shadow Wood Park</i>			X	
<i>Tugman Park</i>		X		
<i>University Park</i>		X		
<i>Washburne Park</i>			X	
<i>Washington Park</i>			X	
<i>Wayne Morse Family Farm</i>			X	
<i>Westmoreland Park</i>		c		
<i>Acquisition 1</i>	X			
<i>Acquisition 2</i>	X			

Southeast Specialty & Sports Facilities

Facility Type	Develop new facility	Major renovation	Rehabilitate	Maintain
<i>Washington Park Spray Play</i>				X
<i>Amazon Dog Park</i>			X	
<i>Morse Ranch Dog Park</i>				X
<i>Amazon Skate Park</i>			X	
<i>Amazon Community Garden</i>			X	
<i>SEHS Turf Field</i>		2022		
<i>Spencer Butte Turf Field</i>		2018-2020		
<i>Jefferson ATA Turf Field</i>		2018-2020		

Facility Type	Develop new facility	Major renovation	Rehabilitate	Maintain
<i>Amazon Park Fields</i>				X
<i>Washington Park Fields</i>				X
<i>Kincaid Park Fields</i>				X
<i>Graham Fields at Westmoreland</i>		X		
<i>Amazon Running Trail</i>		X		
<i>Rexius Running Trail</i>		X		
<i>Washington Park Tennis Courts</i>		X		
<i>Westmoreland Park Tennis Courts</i>		X		
<i>Westmoreland Park Disc Golf</i>			X	
<i>Laurelwood Golf Course</i>		d		
<i>Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden</i>			e	
<i>Prefontaine Memorial Park</i>				X
<i>Spencer Butte Challenge Course</i>			X	

- Develop new Build new park or facility. Master plans are needed before development.
- Major renovation Developed parks in overall poor condition and in need of major renovation within a 10 year timeframe.
- Rehabilitate Developed parks with one or two basic features in poor condition and in need of rehabilitation within a 10 year timeframe.
- Maintain Developed parks in good condition requiring only basic maintenance and minor repairs.
- Notes:
- a. Consider major renovation of Amazon Community Center or consolidating with Hilyard C.C.
 - b. Boys and Girls Club is considering a renovation of Westmoreland C.C.
 - c. Develop master plan for Westmoreland Park
 - d. Develop master plan for Laurelwood Golf Course
 - e. Develop ornamental garden management plan

Southeast Natural Areas

<i>Natural Area Name</i>	Trails and Trailheads		Habitat and Ecological Function	
	Develop New	Renovate/Maintain	Restore	Maintain
<i>Ridgeline</i>				
<i>Blanton Ridge Park</i>	X	M		X
<i>Bloomberg</i>	X			
<i>Coreyell Ridge</i>	X		X	
<i>Lorane Connector</i>	a			X
<i>Moon Mountain Park</i>	X	M		X
<i>Mt. Baldy</i>	X	R		X
<i>South Eugene Meadows</i>	X		X	
<i>Spencer Butte Park</i>	b	R		X
<i>Suzanne Arlie Park</i>	X		X	X
<i>Erin Noble Headwaters</i>		M		X

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	Develop New	Renovate/ Maintain	Restore	Maintain
<i>Amazon Headwaters</i>	X	M	X	X
<i>Hendricks Park</i>		M	X	X
<i>Ribbon Trail</i>		M		X
<i>Amazon</i>				
<i>Amazon Parkway</i>	X (Interpretive signage)			X
<i>Amazon Creek</i>			X (19 th to 24 th)	X
<i>Neighborhood Natural Areas</i>				
<i>Amazon Park</i>				X
<i>Crest Heights Park</i>				X
<i>Edgewood Park</i>				X
<i>Frank Kinney Park</i>				X
<i>Glen Oak Park</i>				c
<i>Lafferty Park</i>				X
<i>Laurelwood</i>			X	X
<i>Prefontaine Memorial Park</i>				X
<i>Shadow Wood Park</i>				X
<i>Tugman Park</i>				X
<i>Wayne Morse Family Farm</i>		R		X
<i>Westmoreland Park</i>				X
<i>Willis Park</i>				c

Develop new

Build trails, trailheads and other recreation amenities to facilitate public access. Management Plans are needed before development.

Renovate/ Maintain

Renovate existing trails, trailheads and other recreation amenities within a 10 year timeframe or perform basic general maintenance as needed. (R= renovate, M= maintain).

Restore

Poor condition for habitat that requires extensive restoration within a 10 year timeframe.

Maintain

Requires only basic habitat enhancement or general maintenance.

Notes:

a. Trail could be developed here if other Ridgeline parcels are acquired.

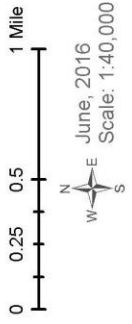
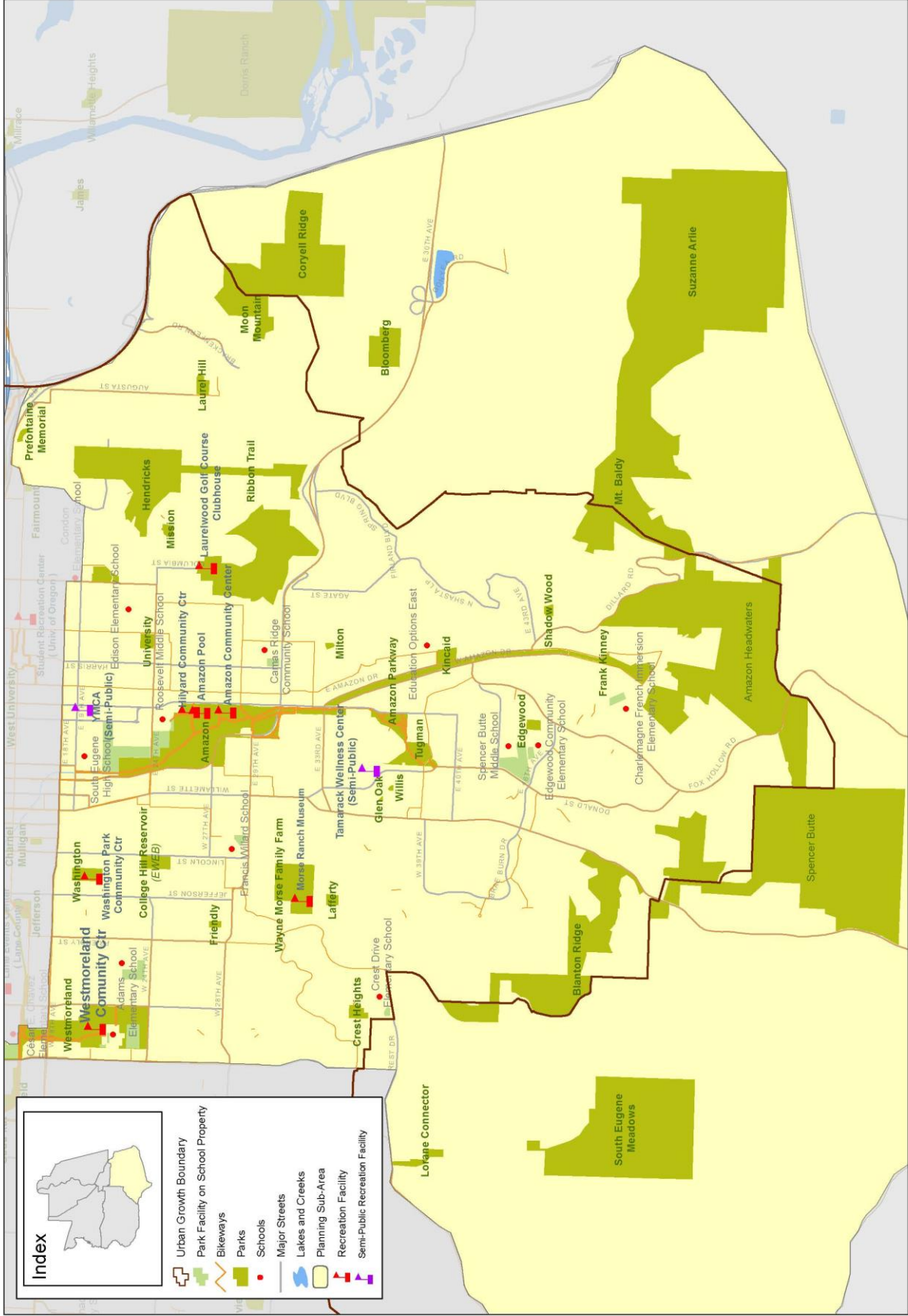
b. Potential for restroom at Spencer Butte main trailhead.

c. Explore removal from inventory/surplussing due to limited access and **limited** public benefit.

SOUTHEAST PLANNING SUB-AREA INVENTORY

Name	Property Owner	Agency Responsible for Maintenance	Total Acres	City Owned
Amazon Community Center	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	1.1	1.1
Amazon Headwaters	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	271.0	271.0
Amazon Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	99.1	99.1
Amazon Parkway	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	20.1	20.1
Amazon Pool	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	2.0	2.0
Blanton Ridge Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	128.2	128.2
Bloomberg	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	18.5	18.5
College Hill Reservoir	EWEB	EWEB	6.1	
Coryell Ridge	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	99.0	99.0
Crest Heights Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	3.4	3.4
Edgewood Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	2.2	2.2
Frank Kinney Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	9.0	9.0
Friendly Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	1.2	1.2
Glen Oak Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	0.3	0.3
Hendricks Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	70.0	70.0
Hendricks Rhody Garden	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	10.3	10.3
Hilyard Community Center	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	0.5	0.5
Kincaid Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	4.1	4.1
Lafferty Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	2.1	2.1
Laurel Hill Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	3.6	3.6
Laurelwood Golf Course	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	91.8	91.8
Lorane Connector	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	5.3	5.3
Milton Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	0.7	0.7
Moon Mountain Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	40.3	40.3
Mt. Baldy	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	79.0	79.0
Prefontaine Memorial Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	1.3	1.3
Ribbon Trail	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	20.7	20.7
Shadow Wood Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	1.6	1.6
South Eugene Meadows	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	193.7	193.7
Spencer Butte Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	389.4	389.4
Suzanne Arlie Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	515.0	515.0
Tugman Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	20.7	20.7
University Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	3.3	3.3
Washburne Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	5.2	5.2
Washington Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	6.3	6.3
Wayne Morse Family Farm	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	27.6	27.6
Westmoreland Comm Center	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	0.7	0.7
Westmoreland Park	City of Eugene; District 4J	City of Eugene; Dist. 4J	63.6	47.6
Willis Park	City of Eugene	City of Eugene	0.4	0.4

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Southeast Sub-Area

