

## **Parks and Recreation Bond and Levy Next Steps**

On May 15, 2018 Eugene citizens made an investment in the future of their parks and recreation system by supporting the Parks and Recreation Bond Measure 20-289 and Operating Levy 20-288. With the passage of these measures, City staff will begin working on the first steps in implementing the newly funded projects and increased service levels.

The **\$39.35 million General Obligation Bond** funds capital work to renovate and build new parks, trails and habitat areas, renovate two recreation pools and a community center, build four new turf fields as part of a new sports complex, and replace turf fields in partnership with Eugene school districts.

### Initial next steps include:

- Develop an eight year schedule of work for park, trail, habitat and lighting enhancement projects, and the building of new parks.
- Develop final plans for renovations to Echo Hollow Pool and Campbell Community Center with community input
- Replace turf fields at local schools
- Complete the Delta Ponds Loop Trail
- Improve lighting along the riverfront park system
- Community engagement and design of the new Downtown Riverfront Park on the former EWEB site

The **Operations and Maintenance Levy is for \$3.15 million over 5 years** that funds increased public safety presence in parks; increased park, habitat and natural area maintenance; general maintenance and operations of new and renovated parks, and renovated pools and community centers; and phase one of a new sports complex.

### Initial next steps include:

- Hire two full time City of Eugene Park Ambassadors by the end of summer 2018. To date these positions have only been seasonal and temporary.
- Recruit and hire an additional five park operations maintenance positions
- Open restrooms at Sheldon Park, Hendricks Park and Sladden Park
- Implement a swing shift park clean-up crew for high use park locations
- Implement two additional camp clean-up crews for all parks
- Implement a graffiti abatement program for parks and paths
- Increase maintenance of trails throughout Eugene's natural area system
- Increase turf and tree care service levels