

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