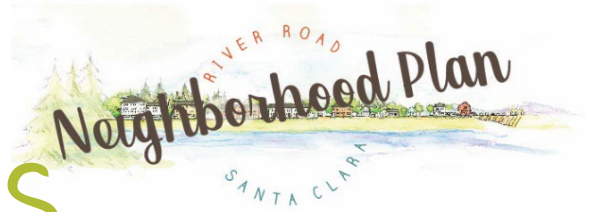


VISION STATEMENT

PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES



River Road and Santa Clara celebrate a rich diversity of private and shared green spaces, including parks and recreation, natural areas that support native plants and wildlife, and farmland for food production. All residents have a clean, safe, accessible, and well-maintained park or recreation facility close to their home. Residents have access to the Willamette River, which is celebrated as a natural asset, a defining characteristic of both neighborhoods, and a statewide resource. Natural assets, such as the tree canopy, soils, and the watershed are protected for future generations and are highly valued and cared for as natural infrastructure that enhances ecosystem health, provides opportunities for recreation, and supports the working landscape.

Goal 7: Maintain and create natural areas which are healthy, thriving spaces that provide habitat for native species and function as natural infrastructure.

Policy 7.1 Stormwater Conveyances: Enhance natural stormwater conveyances to reduce pollution, increase infiltration, protect against flooding, and improve habitat.

Policy 7.2 Stormwater Education: Educate the public about the interconnectedness of function and safety in our natural stormwater system through City and community collaboration.

Policy 7.3 Habitat Corridors: Create new and enhance existing habitat corridors throughout the River Road and Santa Clara neighborhoods through community organizing and collaboration with local service providers to conduct outreach and education to property owners.

Policy 7.4 Public Natural Areas: Create new and enhance existing natural areas, including within the Willamette River Greenway, that are accessible to all residents.

Policy 7.5 Tree Canopy: Promote, conserve, protect, and improve our urban forest by preserving and planting street trees and encouraging private property owners to plant trees with education and incentives, consistent with Eugene's Urban Forestry program.

Goal 8: Provide neighborhood access to recreational opportunities, parks, and community centers.

Policy 8.1 Parks Access: Plan for all residents to have access to parks or publicly owned open space within one-half mile walking distance of their residence.

Policy 8.2 Connectivity: Improve connectivity between parks, natural areas, and public open spaces.

Policy 8.3 Recreational Opportunities and Community Centers: Enhance equitable access to recreational opportunities and well-maintained community centers.

Goal 9: Make the Willamette River a vital, healthy, and accessible part of the neighborhoods.

Policy 9.1 Safe and Convenient Access: Provide safe and convenient access to the riverbank park system for people walking, biking, and using mobility devices.

Policy 9.2 Stewardship of the Willamette River Ecosystem: Work with the community and non-profit organizations to balance preservation and access to the river.

Policy 9.3 Recreational Uses: Promote accessible recreational uses along the Willamette River edge in partnership with local service providers to improve access to the river and provide amenities and programs.

Goal 10: Preserve agricultural land and open spaces within and around the River Road and Santa Clara neighborhood boundaries.

Policy 10.1 Agricultural Land Preservation outside the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary (UGB): Preserve high value farmland (Class 1 and Class 2 soils) outside the UGB for farm use, where feasible or as state allows.

Policy 10.2 Open Space Preservation: Promote a network of publicly and privately-owned open space in collaboration with local service providers and private property owners.

Policy 10.3 Agricultural Enterprises within the UGB: Promote agricultural enterprises within the UGB through legislative updates to local land use regulations, incentives, and collaboration with private property owners.