

Healthy Ecosystems and Parks 2025:

Key Goals and Recommendations from the Parks 2025 Plan (Adopted July 31, 2012)

GOAL 1 FILLING GEOGRAPHIC GAPS

1.5 Connect natural area corridors.	<i>Protect land to expand and connect existing natural resource habitat clusters.</i>
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The Plan text identifies six discontinuous clusters; linking them will improve wildlife habitat and enhance opportunities for outdoor recreation and nature experiences.

GOAL 2 INVESTING IN EXISTING PARKS & FACILITIES

2.2 Implement existing site master plans.	<i>Implement completed site master plans to enhance existing park sites. Depending on the site, these actions will expand recreation opportunities and support the ecological function of natural areas.</i>
2.4 Stabilize natural areas.	<i>Plan, prioritize and initiate natural area stewardship programs to stabilize natural areas, address public safety hazards and halt deterioration.</i>

The Plan text identifies this as needed to stop the spread of invasive species, minimize fire threat and address safety issues.

2.5 Enhance river connections.	<i>Provide public access to the Willamette and Tualatin Rivers.</i>
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The Plan text names these scenic places that support a variety of recreation; also, river overlooks.

GOAL 4 ENHANCING STEWARDSHIP, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

4.2 Enhance the existing system-wide maintenance plans.	<i>Enhance the existing maintenance plan for parks and recreation based on a tiered system for different parks types.</i>
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The Plan text includes action steps to incorporate "stabilize" and "restore" tasks into natural area maintenance.

4.3 Develop natural resource management plans.	<i>Create natural resource management plans for prominent natural character sites or large hybrid parks with significant natural resources.</i>
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The Plan text states that the plans should address site access, compatible uses, maintenance and stewardship needs, and short and long-term stabilization and restoration needs.

4.4 Restore habitat.	<i>Restore selected natural areas to their highest resource value and ecological function.</i>
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The Plan text states that once stabilized, the City should select natural areas that have a high ecological function and environmental value for restoration to a more natural, less degraded state.

Policies Related to Other Action Areas

1.3 Identify and Integrate Natural Features (*Inspiring Spaces and Places/Community Culture-Recreation*)

2.3 Develop sustainable facilities. (Community Health and Public Safety)