

Goal 15: Willamette River Greenway

BACKGROUND

Statewide Planning Goal 15: Willamette River Greenway

“To protect, conserve, enhance and maintain the natural, scenic, historical, agricultural, economic and recreational qualities of lands along the Willamette River as the Willamette River Greenway.”

GOALS, POLICES AND RECOMMENDED ACTION MEASURES

GOAL

The City shall protect, conserve, enhance and maintain the natural, scenic, historic, economic, and recreational qualities of the Willamette River Greenway.

POLICIES

1. Designate the Willamette Greenway Boundary on the City’s Comprehensive Plan Map, consistent with the location established by the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission.
2. Require non-water related and non-water dependent structures to be set back from the Willamette River.
3. Manage lands within and adjacent to the Greenway to protect and restore natural vegetation.
4. Protect, enhance, and restore the fish and wildlife habitat values of the Willamette River and the Greenway.
5. Minimize the visual impact of development on the Willamette River and the Greenway through measures such as setbacks, height restrictions, building materials and color choices and landscape screening.
6. Protect the water quality of the Willamette River by:
 - a. Regulating development to prevent pollutants and soil erosion from entering the River;
 - b. Ensuring discharge practices conform to state and federal standards, and other requirements; and,
 - c. Protecting and enhancing the natural functions and values of the ground and surface water systems which drain into the River.
7. Preserve significant view corridors to the Willamette River.
8. When appropriate, require dedication of public access easements within the Greenway and to the Willamette River, as part of the development review and approval process.
9. Designate the Willamette Greenway as Protection Open Space.

RECOMMENDED ACTION MEASURES

- i. The Willamette River Greenway Boundary shall include the potential nine-acre acquisition site identified by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department at the confluence of the Willamette River and Tryon Creek.
- ii. Coordinate Greenway planning activities with Clackamas County, the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department and other responsible jurisdictions and governmental agencies.
- iii. Acquire land and easements to protect the Greenway's natural resources and provide for continuous public access along, and to, the River.
- iv. Maintain public safety and protect public and private property from vandalism and trespass along the Greenway.
- v. Coordinate with other involved agencies and jurisdictions and users of the Willamette River to promote safe public use of the River and Willamette Greenway in compliance with local and state goals, policies and regulations.
- vi. Protect, enhance and restore natural vegetation along the Willamette River.
- vii. Identify significant view corridors to the Willamette River Greenway and develop standards to protect them.