



Parks, Recreation and Nature. In our neighborhoods. Close to home.

Parks. Recreational opportunities. Natural areas and open space. These are a part of what creates our quality of life. In our community, these services are provided by the Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District (THPRD).

THPRD serves more than 200,000 people within the City of Beaverton and fast-growing areas of unincorporated Washington County with:

- ▶ 200 park sites
- ▶ 40 miles of trails
- ▶ 8 swim centers
- ▶ 6 recreation centers
- ▶ About 1,100 acres of nature preserve

More People. More Demand.

Our community is growing, and that growth is putting pressure on our parks, recreational opportunities and the natural areas and open space that define our community.

Since the last THPRD Bond Measure was approved by voters in 1994, the district's population has grown by 48,000 residents, or 28%. Another 65,000 residents – 30% more than today – are forecast to arrive by 2026.

That growth has translated into increased use of THPRD facilities and services: in the last 10 years alone, usage of THPRD programs has increased by 66.7%.

The THPRD Bond: Responding to Today's Needs — and Tomorrow's

To respond to the increasing demand and the growth of our community, the elected THPRD Board of Directors has placed a bond measure on the November 4 General Election Ballot. Parks Bond Measure 34-156 would:

- ▶ Add new and upgrade existing parks
- ▶ Expand trails
- ▶ Add athletic fields
- ▶ Preserve natural areas and open spaces
- ▶ Help protect water quality and wildlife habitat
- ▶ Replace, expand and upgrade facilities for safety and disabled access

These improvements are proposed for areas throughout THPRD and would benefit users of every age group.

The total cost of the bond would be \$100 million over 20 years. Property owners would pay an average of 37 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The average homeowner would pay approximately \$5.86 per month, or \$70 per year.

Accountable to the Community

THPRD takes seriously its responsibility to be accountable to taxpayers and patrons. The Parks Bond includes requirements for independent citizen oversight and regular audits to ensure that tax dollars are spent effectively and as promised.

The Parks Bond was designed based on input from citizens throughout the district. There are a number of additional public meetings happening throughout the community this fall to discuss the bond and answer questions.

For a schedule, visit www.thprd.org/bond or call 503-645-6433.

Open here to see more facts and a map of what the Parks Bond would provide!

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Bond: Connecting People, Parks and Nature

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Bond Measure 34-156 will appear on your November 4 General Election Ballot. Here is the official language of the measure:

Parks Bond Measure 34-156

CAPTION:

Bonds to preserve natural areas, water, improve parks, create trails.

QUESTION:

Shall Park District protect local natural areas and water quality; improve parks; create trails; issue \$100 million general obligation bonds?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11 b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY:

This measure directs Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District to buy and restore natural areas for the protection of water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, improve existing parks and facilities, and purchase and develop new parks. Proceeds would be used to purchase land for new trails and trail connections. It would establish a citizen oversight committee and require a yearly independent financial audit. Bonds would mature up to 21 years from date of issuance and could be issued in more than one series. Approval of the measure would provide funds for the district to:

- Preserve local natural areas
- Preserve and restore lands near creeks and streams for the protection of local water quality and fish and wildlife habitat
- Build new trail connections and purchase land to create new local trails
- Improve existing local neighborhood and community parks, including sports fields and play equipment
- Purchase and develop land for new local neighborhood and community parks
- Improve, expand, and renovate certain existing local facilities, including safety and seismic structural upgrades

Election Day is November 4, 2008.

Please Remember to Return Your Ballot

Learn more at www.thprd.org/bond or call 503-645-6433

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The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Bond:

New Trails

Preserve Natural Areas & Water Quality

Upgrade Facilities

Expand and Improve Parks & Athletic Fields

Connecting People, Parks and Nature



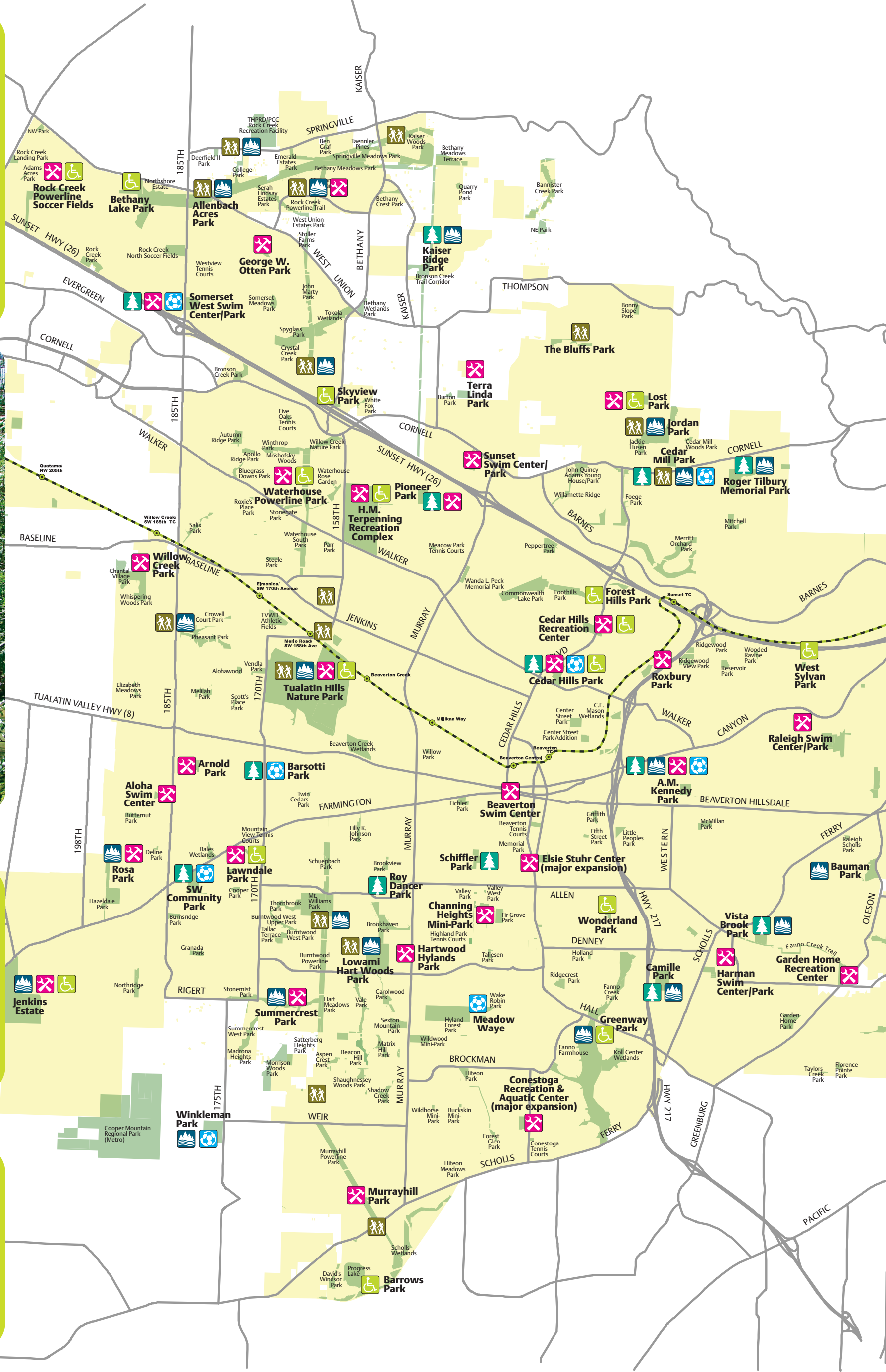
Look inside for the facts on Parks Bond Measure 34-156!

The Tualatin Hills Parks Bond

Connecting People, Parks and Nature

Natural Area and Wildlife Habitat Preservation

Growth puts incredible pressure on the natural areas and habitat that help define our part of Oregon. Parks Bond Measure 34-156 would preserve additional natural areas (such as wetlands, forests and stream corridors) through land acquisition and restoration/enhancement work. Natural areas provide habitat for fish and wildlife and improve water quality.



LEGEND

- Park Additions and Upgrades
- Trail Expansions
- Natural Area Preservation
- Facility Replacements and Upgrades
- Athletic Field Development
- ADA Projects



Park Additions and Upgrades

Existing neighborhood and community parks would be improved, including sports fields, picnic areas, pathways and play equipment. The Parks Bond would also be used to purchase and develop land for new neighborhood and community parks.

Trail Expansions

The bond measure would provide funds to purchase land and develop new trails and trail connections throughout the district. Not only would this expand people's access to nature, it would make important pedestrian connections throughout neighborhoods.



Building Expansions and Facility Upgrades

Certain buildings would be expanded to ease crowding and accommodate new services for users of every age, across the Park District. The Parks Bond would also renovate and rehabilitate buildings and parks, including play structures and bridges and boardwalks, and make critical safety, seismic and disabled access improvements.

Athletics and Aquatics

To ease crowding and provide more athletic opportunities, additional youth athletic fields would be developed and existing fields would get new synthetic surfaces. Swim facilities would receive upgrades and two new splash parks would be added.



Providing For Our Future

In addition to addressing the needs of today, Parks Bond Measure 34-156 would make cost-effective investments for our future. The bond includes funding to purchase property for future parks, trails and facilities at today's lower prices, offering potential savings in the millions of dollars.

The Parks Bond would also make strategic improvements throughout the district to connect neighborhoods, nature and people, creating a parks system that would truly serve everyone in the community.