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### **LAKE OSWEGO'S HAZELIA FIELD RECEIVES 2008 DESIGN AWARD**

LAKE OSWEGO – The City of Lake Oswego's Hazelia Field at Luscher Farm will receive the Oregon Recreation and Park Association (ORPA) 2008 Design Award. The Design Award recognizes the most well-designed public recreation area, park, athletic field, urban mall or recreation building. Criteria included maintenance design, cost effectiveness, visibility and appearance, energy efficiency, price, size, special challenges, innovative design and/or equipment, and most efficient use.

Hazelia Field at Luscher Farm, dedicated in April 2008, is Lake Oswego's newest community park. The 12 acre site includes the first artificial turf athletic field on City-owned property, a 1.5 acre wetland, two dog parks, a playground, restroom facility, parking lot, and trail access to the recently constructed Stafford Basin Trail.

In addition to providing facilities for dogs, sports, and trailhead access, the park's unique design strives to:

- Reduce the visual impact of the park in order to retain the rural character of the landscape. While the facilities are visible, the continuous view of the rolling farmland surrounding the site was preserved.
- Retain the "farm" feel at the site. All facilities, fencing, gates, etc. were designed to resemble farm structures.
- Manage storm water and improve water quality coming from the site. The design of the storm water collection and management system uses open rain gardens in the center of the parking lot to collect storm water. The water is then conveyed through the rain gardens into the wetland, where sediments are settled and the water purified. The storm water from the artificial turf field also is conveyed directly into the wetland.

The \$4,497,174 cost for the project was paid with funds from general obligation bonds approved by voters in 2002, park system development charges, and general City tax support.

ORPA will be presenting the City of Lake Oswego with the 2008 Design Award at the ORPA Annual Banquet on September 23 in Bend.

For more information about Hazelia Field at Luscher Farm, or any of Lake Oswego's parks, go to [www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/parks.htm](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/parks.htm) or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 503-697-6500.

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