

The header image features a blue background with a silhouette of evergreen trees. The text 'LAKE OSWEGO' is written in a large, bold, blue serif font, and 'Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas System Plan' is written in a smaller, white serif font below it.

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Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas System Plan

Community Intercept Event Summary

Community Concert: August 25, 2010

Movie in the Park: August 27, 2010

Lake Oswego Farmer's Market: August 28, 2010

As a kick-off to the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas (PRANA) System Plan, the City's planning team developed a series of questions for community members to answer. For this first public input activity, the questions were taken, in the form of six display boards, to three community events. By providing input opportunities at a variety of well attended events, the City was able to start a conversation with over 150 residents (and a variety of visitors) about the future of parks, recreation and natural areas in Lake Oswego. These were the first of many opportunities for the community to help shape this plan through a continuing conversation that will occur over the year as the plan is developed.

This planning effort will also include an update and expansion of the Luscher Farm Master Plan that addresses the opportunities created by the property acquisitions around the farm site. This planning effort will focus on the unique role that the Luscher Area properties have to play within the context of the larger parks, recreation and natural areas system.

The six questions asked at the intercept events identified the benefits, functions, faculties and programs that are most important to Lake Oswego residents and park users. Community responses received at these events suggested topics needing further public input

In addition to placing dots on display boards to indicate their preferences, participants added additional notes and had conversations with the planning team during the events. A record of these additional comments is provided at the end of the document.

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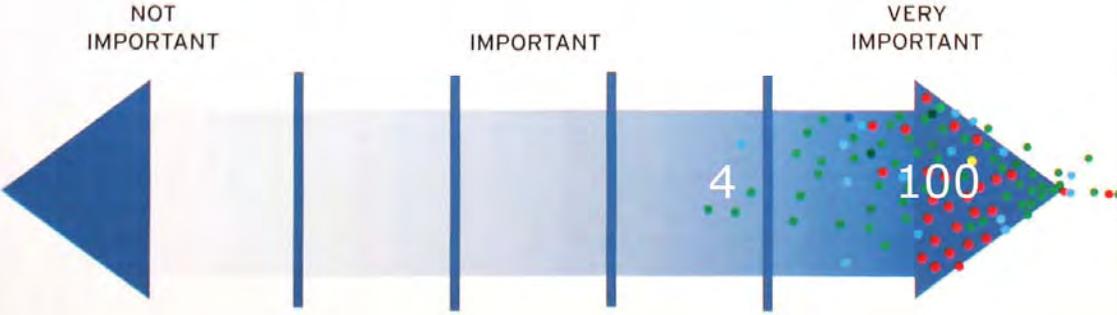
Tell us what you think!

Lake Oswego is creating a new system plan that integrates parks, recreation and natural areas into one clear document that recognizes how each element interacts to make life better in this community. Let us know what is important to you to help guide the development of the system for the next 20 years!



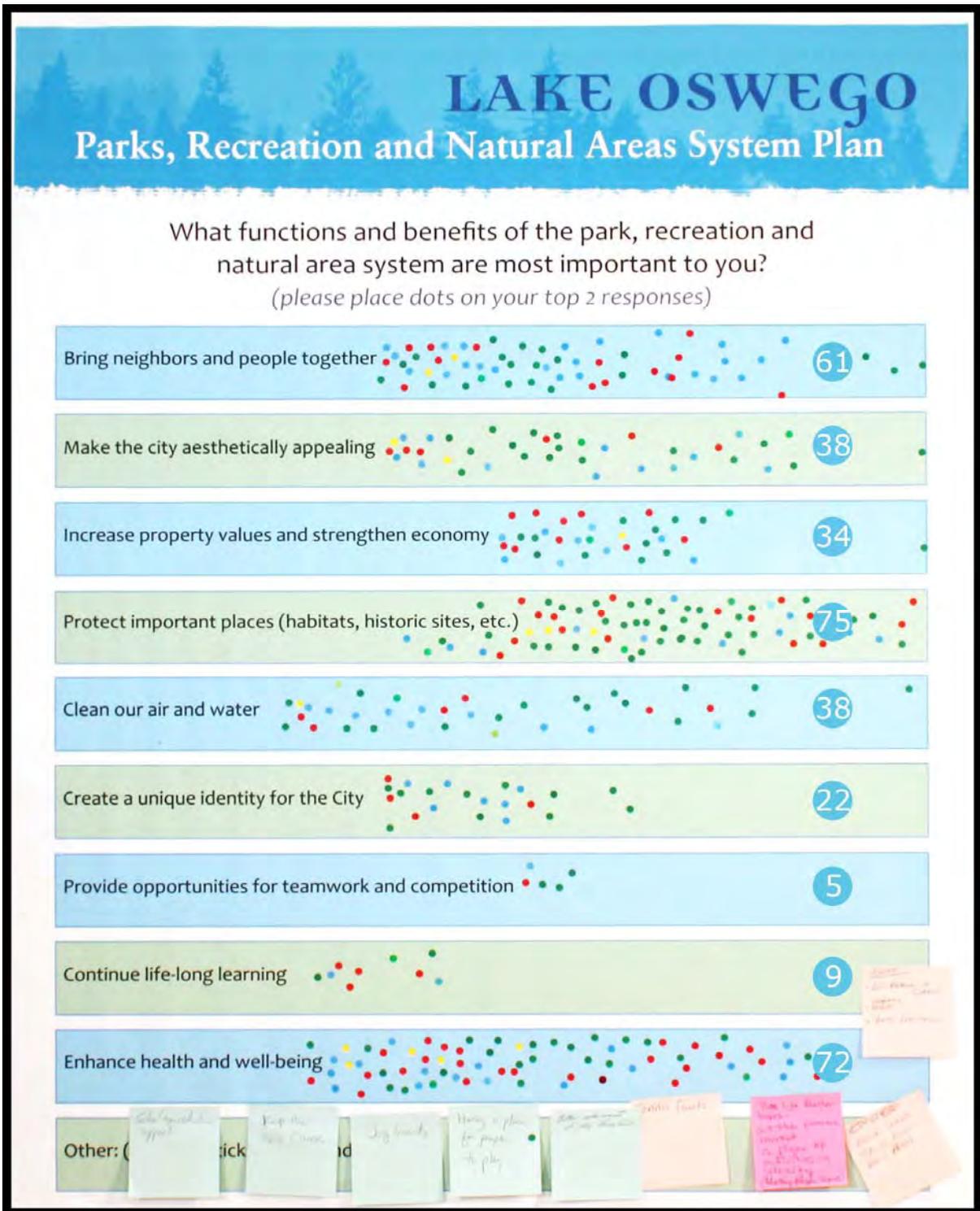
How important are parks, recreation and natural areas to Lake Oswego's quality of life?

Please place a dot in the area of the scale that represents your opinion.



Importance Level	Number of Responses
NOT IMPORTANT	0
IMPORTANT	0
(Unlabeled Section)	4
VERY IMPORTANT	100

The responses to this question were consistently high response with nearly all responses in the "Very important" area of the scale.

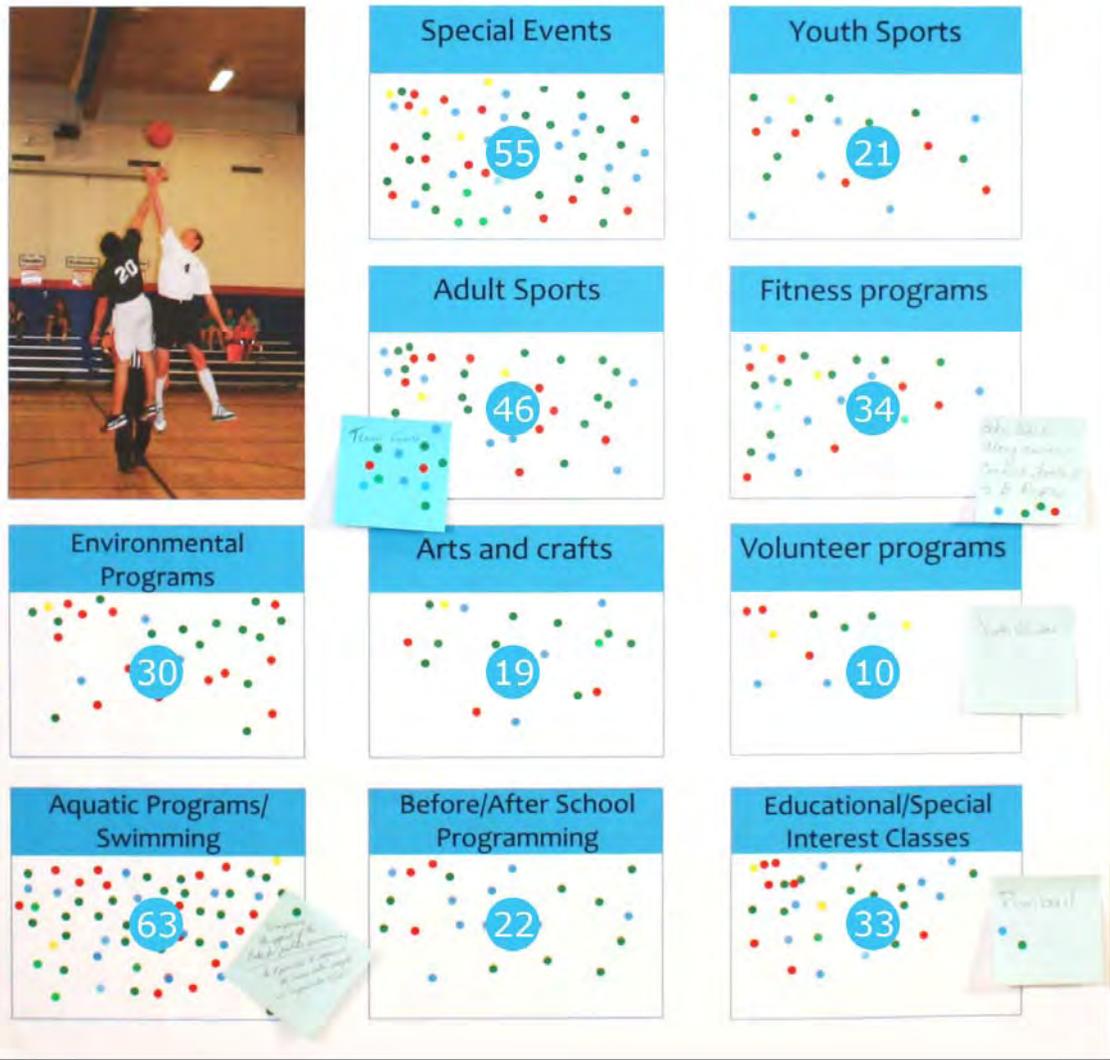


The responses to this question indicate the most important functions of the park system are: protecting important places (75), enhancing health and well-being (72), and bringing neighbors and people together (61). These findings will help focus further questions as the public input continues.

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What types of recreation programs are most needed or need to be enhanced in Lake Oswego?
 (please place dots on your top 2 responses)



Aquatic programs and swimming (63) were selected as the most needed programs, followed by special events (55) (likely influenced by the fact that each intercept was held at a Lake Oswego special event) and then adult sports (46) (with special interest in tennis). Fitness programs, environmental programs, and education/special interest classes also received a significant number of responses.



For opportunities close to home, experiencing nature (92) was the most important to intercept participants. A second cluster of responses included group gatherings, play for children and exercise.

Luscher Area Plan Ideas

- CSA-!!! Keep community farm plots/expand, sustainable programs
- CSA continue, Farm space
- CSA is great
- Continue gardening. Complete walking path into West Linn
- Place for parties reunions, outdoor weddings
- Open space with trails and information signs
- Leave it as a farm but use it as a "dude" farm with paths for spectators
- Leave it alone as much as possible - no amenities except perhaps a few paths - NO pavement, asphalt, picnic tables, etc.
- Luscher Farms nature trails environmental center keep as natural as possible
- Some recreation, keep it open. Some arena sports fields
- Running and walking paths. Gardens like Rose and fuchsia gardens. Fairs like art fair.
- Walking path with bark chips (get mileage re-2 mile loop)
- Walking paths
- Never ending bike paths, bike paths, bike paths, bike paths!! And long, long, long!!
- Bike paths that connect - Luscher/West Linn/Lake Oswego and Tryon.
- Bike path
- Dirt bike bmx pathways
- Biking paths, swimming pool
- Pool-community center
- Pool and community center.
- Recreational pool
- Not housing, add pool, community center
- Golf course, swim facility
- Tennis courts
- Need more convenient parking: accessibility, more community garden
- Bike paths, golf course, running path, NW demonstration garden
- Arboretum
- Rural Chinese garden like the one outside Seattle - charge admission
- Create an artist-in-residence program using existing Farr House as residence-seek environment/park/community themed arts.
- Demonstration garden for native plants/plant nursery!
- Big festivals. Centennial was great!
- Place for socializing, dog park/coffee, socializing outlet while dogs play
- Make the centennial an annual event!

Additional Ideas and Comments:

Please note the crack at George Rogers Park Tennis Court, it is becoming a hazard

Continue planning native white oak at Rassekh property

Move City Hall to the West End Building

Hedges along south shore crowd walkers out onto the street

Better access to park and recreation events, email lists and flyers

City booth at farmers market with info about city events

Natural area strategies will also be useful to private open space managers, which will benefit the city as a whole.

The theater group that practices/performs at iron furnace in George Rogers Park is loud, I like that they can use this space but it seems like it is every night.

I don't believe the City should purchase land without a purpose in mind (referring to Luscher area properties)

The positive impact of special events like this (movie at Millennium Plaza) on businesses like mine should be noted

Box like realtor boxes at the farmers market. A flyer of activities in the city (advertising of pageants and events).

Golf course. Sports field. Bike paths.

Keep: LO reads is great, farmers market, arts festival.

Aquatic-Improve the appeal of the lake for public swimming. Is it possible to improve the "swim water" maybe in conjunction with LOIS.

Nature-More linked trails for a longer hiking experience.

Bike trail along river connect Foothills to G. Rogers

Programming:

- School age education support
- Keep the golf course
- Dog friendly
- Having a place for people to play
- Better enforcement of dog leash law
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