

# Oregon City Natural Resource Committee 2019 – 2021 Activity Planning Sheet

NRC members should evaluate activities with respect to availability of resources and likelihood of success within the 2019 – 2021 biennium. NRC members are encouraged to take the lead in carrying out these activities with the assistance of staff to the extent staff resources are available.

1. Should any activities be removed?
2. Should any be added?

*NRC Mission Statement: In concert with the City, the committee shall advise, evaluate, and advance an agenda that empowers citizen, business and governmental stakeholders to become natural resource stewards who achieve a beneficial balance among people and natural systems now and in the future.*

## NRC Bylaws Article IV: Responsibilities:

1. *Promote community involvement in conservation of natural resources within the City and its Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in partnership with the City, neighborhood associations, and community organizations.*
2. *Initiate recommendations and review updates to the City's comprehensive plan, codes and policy as they relate to statewide Planning Goals that are integral to our mission.*
3. *Receive notice of and comment on land use applications and City activities that have the potential to impact natural resources in the City and its Urban Growth Boundary.*
4. *Conduct orderly meetings that result in good communication to city staff, policy makers, city departments and community to achieve our mission.*
5. *Coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and Planning and City Commissions on at least an annual basis that results in good communication and mutually beneficial results.*

*City Commission Vision: Embrace and advance Oregon City's historic role as a regional leader.*

*City Commission Mission: Build a dynamic community that leads the State in safety, economic opportunity, livability, and historic significance.*

## City Commission Goals 2019-2021:

*Goal 1. Cultivate an Environment for Successful Economic Development*

*Goal 2. Address Critical Facility/Operations Needs*

*Goal 3. Enhance the Livability of the Community*

*Goal 4. Pursue Opportunities to Increase Transparency and Encourage Citizen Participation*

*Goal 5. Maintain Fiscal Health and Long-Term Stability*

## NRC Responsibility #1:

### Promote Community Involvement in Natural Resources Conservation

#### Activities

1. Communicate with Neighborhood Associations, Citizen Involvement Commission and the Business Community. NRC members will promote programs such as the heritage tree program, arbor day, etc. through presentations to other groups and boards.
2. Strengthen and Encourage Participation in the Heritage Tree Program.
3. Simplify the Nomination Process – Remove Arborist Report Requirement. Amend OCMC 12.32. (look at prior code), inform comprehensive tree code update.
4. Brochures, Informational “Wanted” Signs for trees, \$\$\$ for incentives, Further Outreach.
5. Assist and provide input on projects that improve connectivity between Rossmann landfill site, End of the Oregon Trail interpretive center, Cove and Willamette Rivers. This is tied to strategies in the adopted Comprehensive Plan (2003), the City’s adopted Waterfront Master Plan (2001) and the Downtown Community Plan (1999).
6. Establish a process for naming of local natural and geological features. NRC wishes to use the procedures established by the US Board on Geographic Names to formally name such features as unnamed stream tributaries and other sites of geologic, natural and historical interest features, such as Waterboard Park. This could have various benefits, including improved awareness of watersheds, enhanced tourism, etc. For more details visit <https://geonames.usgs.gov/>
7. Pursue and advance habitat projects in and around the Cove by seeking additional funding through Superfund - Lower Harbor Trust Fund – NRDA, Clackamette Cove restoration. A specific restoration strategy has been discussed with the Urban Renewal Commission in the report from Cascade Environmental Group. As this strategy becomes better refined, the NRC would advocate for Oregon City priority for a grant award at the appropriate phase of the redevelopment for the Cove Project.

#### Comments

## NRC Responsibility #2.

Initiate recommendations and review updates to the City's comprehensive plan, codes and policy as they relate to statewide Planning Goals that are integral to our mission.

### Activities

1. Water Resource and Wetland Inventory – Staff to address as resources allow. NRC recognizes the need to update the City's water resources, stream and wetland inventory (1999). This involves an extensive and expensive Local Wetland Inventory and Statewide Goal 5 process. Funding for this effort would need to come from grants. It is unknown whether funding sources are available.
2. Support coordinated strategy for invasive species management in 2019, such as encouraging City participation as a partner to the Clackamas County Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Improve public outreach / information about invasive plants.
3. Consider and advise on Natural Resources Annexation Policy. Review Annexation policies with respect to Goal 5 resources and other natural resources.
4. Consider and advise on NROD, Tree Protection and Upland Habitat Code Amendments as needed.

### Comments

### NRC Responsibility #3:

### Receive Notice and Comment on Land Use Applications and Projects within City Limits and the Urban Growth Boundary

#### Activities

1. Public Works – Upper Yard. The NRC would like to participate and provide input on discussions for future uses at the Upper Yard site, in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC).
2. Review and comment on requests to reduce NROD Vegetative Corridor Width and other significant adjustments to the Overlay District standards.

#### Comments

## NRC Responsibility #4.

### Conduct Orderly Meetings that result in Good Communications

#### Activities

1. Maintain and Update a list of Natural Resources Committee priorities and activities to share with Planning Commission and City Commission.

#### Comments

NRC Responsibility #5.

Coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and Planning and City Commissions on at least an annual basis that results in good communication and mutually beneficial results.

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