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Chapter I: INTRODUCTION

A vision for Jack B. Lively Memorial Park:

With the implementation of this master plan, Jack B. Lively Memorial Park will fulfill its potential as a true community park for the people of Springfield. Its varied landscape, pastoral views, and the regional draw of Splash! Lively Park Swim Center, all set the stage for an attractive and exciting destination in east Springfield. A critical mass of features will bring people of all ages and abilities to the park. It will be both a place for peaceful contemplation and a gathering place for friends, families, and the community. A water-theme flows through the park—from Cedar Creek at the north end, the dry pond in the garden at the south end, and an outdoor water feature right in the middle that will build on the success of our much-loved Aquatics program.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The Lively Park Master Plan identifies and documents the long-term, desired development of Jack B. Lively Memorial Park (Lively Park), home of Splash! Lively Park Swim Center, in East Springfield. The purpose of the master plan is to:

1. Provide guidance for future decision-making regarding capital expenditures for site improvements;
2. Provide the advance planning and information that is typically required for the preparation of grant applications; and
3. Provide some direction for future decision-making regarding site management issues.

Project objectives include:

1. Identifying issues, policy framework, existing conditions, opportunities and constraints;
2. Involving interested parties, neighbors, and District staff in the planning process; and
3. Developing recommendations and a park program for Lively Park as a community park.

Not included in the Lively Park Master Plan are a facility rehabilitation plan, operations plan, or budget for Lively Park Swim Center (LPSC). The Lively Park Master Plan elaborates on previous planning efforts, incorporating insights and input received from various interest groups and the general public. It reflects a shared vision of Lively Park as a vibrant and dynamic place where the community can come together to enjoy a wide range of recreational opportunities.

PROCESS

A staff Project Team was established to help develop the master plan. The main elements of the project included:

Needs Identification and Assessment: Staff collected background information to determine relevant issues, opportunities, and constraints on the site. This included research on park acquisition and development history; review of past planning efforts; identification of land use and regulatory issues; assessment of natural and built features; and assessment of park usage and trends, among other things. Products included development of the existing conditions map and site inventory and analysis chapter.

Public Input: In order to develop a master plan reflecting community needs, desires and expectations, staff developed a public involvement process that solicited information from a wide range of people, including staff, neighbors, special interest groups, the Willamalane Board of Directors, other local and state elected officials, and the general public. Over 650 invitations were sent out for each of our public meetings, held in February and June 2005, and 36 people participated. Input was also solicited through notices, articles, and advertisements in *The Register-Guard* and *The Springfield News*, articles in the Willamalane Program Guide and Team Springfield Newsletter, and information posted on the Willamalane Web site. Individual meetings were also held with adjacent landowners, School District 19, City of Springfield, and Mrs. Gwen Lively.

Plan Development: Information gathered from the first round of public input (in January and February 2005) was used to develop a preliminary plan diagram, development areas diagram, recommendations and cost estimates. A second round of input (in June and July 2005) was held to review these documents and refine recommendations. The plan was compiled and fine-tuned in August and September 2005.

Upon completion of the Draft Plan, staff presented it to the Willamalane Board of Directors for final review and approval on September 28, 2005.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS AND STUDIES

This is the first master plan developed for Jack B. Lively Memorial Park. In 1992, consultants developed a preliminary concept design or “facilities diagram” for the park, but the process was never completed. Lively Park Swim Center, the only developed portion of the park, is referenced in numerous Willamalane studies and plans. However, these recommendations are largely out of date or outside of the scope of the Lively Park Master Plan process.

The 2004 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* gives direction to this master planning process through broad goal and policy statements of Districtwide bearing, and others targeted directly to Lively Park, namely, Action 2.4, “*Lively Park Master Plan and Development: Develop and implement a master plan for full improvement of Lively Park as a community park.*” For additional documentation of previous planning related to Lively Park, see p.12, “Site Planning History.”

PLAN ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Lively Park Master Plan was approved by the Willamalane Board of Directors on October 7, 2005. As the Lively Park Master Plan is conceptual in nature and neither a refinement to the Metropolitan Area General Plan nor a formal application for development review, it is not scheduled to be adopted by any other body.

Implementation of particular features of the plan (e.g., construction of a major facility such as the outdoor water play area) would require submittal of development plans to the City of Springfield, and a formal approval process in accordance with the City development code. Permits from additional public agencies may be required for some development as well.

Other master plan features may require only implementation through Willamalane's ongoing operations as stewards of Lively Park, providing preservation and enhancement of the site for its various functions and uses.

Any significant variance from this plan should be approved by the Willamalane Board of Directors as a plan amendment.

Chapter 2: SITE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

LOCATION AND CONTEXT

Jack B. Lively Memorial Park (Lively Park) is located at 6100 Thurston Road in the Thurston area of Springfield. Thurston Road is classified a minor arterial and is the main east-west connection for travelers in northeast Springfield. The Springfield city limits and urban growth boundary bisect the park. The developed portion of the park is within the city limits and the UGB, while the park's undeveloped area that borders Cedar Creek is outside both the city limits and UGB. Besides Cedar Creek, Thurston Middle School, single-family residences, and farmland border the park.

SITE DATA

Address: 6100 Thurston Road

Planning Area¹: East

Ownership: Willamalane Park and Recreation District

Size: 32.64 acres

The property comprises four different tax lots, as shown below:

Map #	Tax Lot	Size (acres)	Date Acquired	Land Use Jurisdiction	Metro Plan Designation	Zoning
17-02-27-00	1101 ²	10	Apr-62	Springfield/ Lane County	Parks and open space / Agriculture	Public land and open space/ Exclusive farm use
17-02-27-00	1004	0.7	Sep-85	Springfield	Parks and open space	Public land and open space
17-02-34-21	400	17.91	Sep-85	Springfield	Parks and open space	Public land and open space
17-02-34-21	1200	4.03	Nov-88	Springfield	Low density residential	Public land and open space

¹ From the 2004 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*.

² The Springfield City Limits and Urban Growth Boundary bisect tax lot 1101 (see Existing Conditions map at the end of Chapter 2). Therefore, the land use jurisdiction, *Metro Plan* designation, and zoning are all split.

Utilities and
Services:

Electrical service and water service provided by Springfield Utility Board

Gas service provided by Northwest Natural Gas Company

Phone service provided by Qwest

Sanitary sewer provided by City of Springfield

Storm sewer provided by City of Springfield (portion of site)

Fire protection provided by City of Springfield

Easements:

Electric and communications easement to City of Eugene (EWEB), recorded August 1956. Affects tax lot 1004.

Power line easement and right-of-way granted to City of Eugene (EWEB), recorded June, 1965. Affects tax lots 400 and 1200.

Temporary private ingress-egress easement, recorded March 1979. Affects tax lots 400 and 1200.

Easement for ingress-egress and utilities granted to Larry and Pamela Saunders and Kathleen Halbert, first recorded September 1985, and amended July 1990. Affects tax lot 400.

Utility easement agreement granted to AT&T Wireless Services, recorded June 2001. Affects tax lots 400 and 1004.

Boundary and
Easement Issues:

In June 2005, Branch Engineering mapped the park property boundary and above easements for Willamalane. The property boundary they used is based on a boundary survey by Gary K. Sheldon that was filed July 17, 1987, as county survey file No. 27927, and the boundary survey by William D. Robinson that was filed March 4, 1988, as county survey file No. 28165.

Branch Engineering found that the fences along the north line of tax lot 400 and the east and west lines of tax lot 1101 do not match deed lines as shown on said survey map(s). Said survey map(s) also note a possible deed overlap of 16 to 19 feet along the west line of tax lot 1101. Past deed overlaps along the east line of tax lot 400 were handled by dedications and property line adjustments. While past deed overlaps have been adjusted, there may still be issues regarding some of the easements identified in the title report, and the underlying ownership at the time they were granted.

Floodway:

The northernmost portion of tax lot 1101 is within the floodway, according to FEMA's 1999 Flood Insurance Rate Map.

Built Features: Lively Park Swim Center (Splash!) is a 38,560 sq. ft. indoor facility built in 1989. It contains a 6-lane, 25-yard lap pool, a 6,000 sq. ft. wave and slide pool, family play area with water umbrella, kiddie pool, hydro-jet whirlpool spa, meeting space, concession stand, and sundeck. Outside, park improvements include the associated driveway, sidewalk, parking, lighting, and site furnishings (bike rack, benches, trash receptacles). In the summer, there are two or three picnic tables located under the trees west of the pool patio.

Natural Features: The site is relatively flat to gently rolling due to natural drainage patterns in the northeast and southwest and to the previous placement of fill material north and south of the swim center. Stands of well-established trees and areas of open grassland characterize the park. Views from the site include the Coburg Hills to the northwest, Mohawk hills to the north, and Cascade Foothills to the east and south.

The site is split into two relatively distinct areas (see Existing Conditions Map):

The southwest area (which includes the swim center and associated improvements) contains two mature Oregon white oak trees at the park entrance, a large patch of Armenian blackberry and rough-mowed grassland with berms providing a buffer for the park neighbors along Thurston Road; a remnant drainage swale and remnant apple, cherry, and pear trees near the west property line; and an open turf area immediately behind the swim center, connecting to a thick buffer of Armenian blackberry before reaching a relatively intact natural area with mature deciduous and coniferous trees, including grand fir and Bigleaf maple. Some of these coniferous trees, mostly grand fir, are showing stress, possibly due to the reported dumping of fill material from the swim center construction covering their root systems. The predominantly native understory includes sword fern and trailing blackberry, with little evidence of English Ivy.

The northeast area contains a natural drainage swale-turned engineered bio-swale bisecting the property. The swale, which conducts stormwater from the swim center parking lot, connects to Cedar Creek along the property's north boundary. Numerous incense cedar seedlings and young cedar and Douglas-fir trees border the swale. East of the swale is an open rough-mowed grassland adjacent to Thurston Middle School sports fields. West of the swale is woodland connecting to Cedar Creek. The woodland includes a mix of mature trees, including Douglas fir, Bigleaf maple, incense cedar, alder, and Oregon ash, and a cluster of Oregon white oak farther from the riparian edge. While there are significant patches of Oregon grape, snowberry, and sword fern, English Ivy dominates the understory here, with extensive mature ivy growth threatening many trees. Reed canary grass and Armenian blackberry are also threats along the edge of Cedar Creek.

Soils and
Geology:

Soils consist of alluvial deposits of clays, silts, sands, and gravel derived from the McKenzie River system. Test borings were made in 1987 prior to construction of LPSC. These borings found fill material throughout the site, brown clayey silt and sand/gravel layers.³ In addition, there is evidence of a significant amount of fill material deposited in the open grassland in front of and behind the swim center.

Access, Parking &

Site Configuration: The northern portion of the site is located behind the swim center, and most of it is visually blocked by the large facility. The footprint of the building does not capitalize on the natural area opportunities (i.e., the building faces away from the natural area and hides it from most users).

The park's linear, relatively narrow shape, with TL 1101 off-set to the east, constrains it in the center (between the Saunders property and Thurston Middle School).

The northeast 10 acres of the park (TL 1101) is fenced off from the public, although informal activity clearly occurs. An informal pathway connects pedestrians from the gate at the gravel road, north along the swale to Cedar Creek. It continues along Cedar Creek on Willamalane property, and east along School District property. There is evidence of some BMX use near the riparian edge.

There is a gate connecting the Middle School to the park at the edge of the parking lot, however it is usually locked. This limits pedestrian access opportunities to/from the park. However, there is a well-used but informal path that runs along the south property line of TL 1101, from a gap in the fence to/from Thurston Middle School grounds (see Context Map).

A well-traveled informal pathway also connects pedestrians from the dead-end at 62nd Street to LPSC.

The street frontage on Thurston Road is relatively narrow and provides limited visual access into the park. It also makes it difficult to see the park entrance and sign until you are very close.

There is no crosswalk, light, or stop sign on Thurston Road to help pedestrians and vehicles access the park. Most of the residential development is on the other (south) side of the road.

There are 150 parking spaces, 5 of which are accessible, in the front (public) parking lot. The back (staff) lot contains 21 parking spaces, one of which is accessible. Parking is more than adequate all but a few times a year (Spring

³ Northwest Testing Laboratories, Inc.

Break primarily) when the lot comes closest to filling. The lot has not overflowed onto the entry drive for several years now.

There is no clear accessible route of travel from the parking lot to the building entrance. There is an accessible sidewalk from Thurston Road to the swim center entrance.

Picnic tables placed on turf in summer months are not accessible for persons with disabilities.

Site Maintenance and Landscaping:

According to the Park Services Division Park Maintenance Standards, Lively Park is maintained at a “Class A” service level. Class A parks are considered the District’s “premier” sites, such as community parks and sports parks, having many improvements and requiring the greatest level of maintenance. Park maintenance service levels provide the basis upon which maintenance and staffing decisions are made in the three Park Services Division departments: horticulture, site improvements, and structures and systems. It is important to note that while the entire 32+ acre site is classified at a “Class A” service level, it is only the area immediately surrounding the swim center, parking lot, and driveway that is maintained to this level (approximately 9 acres).

There is evidence of dumping of fill material, yard debris, and other waste behind the swim center, along the swale, and in the blackberry patch in the front section of the site. Some of this dumping is by Willamalane maintenance staff.

Many trees originally planted around the parking lot and in the parking lot islands have been removed and not replaced.

Maintenance staff mow the parking lot islands and the area around the perimeter of the swim center, parking lot, driveway, and park entrance. These areas are also irrigated. Willamalane contracts with the City to rough mow the front, side, and back grassland areas three times a year, which are not irrigated.

Existing Park Use:

Lively Park Swim Center (LPSC) patrons are the predominant park users, as there are no other developed facilities on site. LPSC patrons come from around the region to recreate at the West Coast’s first indoor wave pool. Aquatics activities include wave and slide play swims, kiddie pool play swims, swim lessons, rentals, deep and shallow water exercise, lap swims, and soaking in the spa. Monthly usage peaks in July and August, with the highest daily usage during the week of Spring Break in March. Staff reports that overall usage has dropped from the early days of the swim center. In addition, after Amazon Pool in Eugene re-opened, there has been a decline in attendance in the summer.

In the summer months, Willamalane's free playground program operates west of the swim center sundeck. The Lively Park site has been consistently one of the best-attended playground programs, even though there are no developed outdoor recreation facilities (such as a playground or basketball court). On average, 20-25 kids participate daily, and 60-75 are pre-registered. Kids use the pool only once or twice a summer.

The Easter mEGGa Hunt takes place in the front and west meadow and parking lot of Lively Park. It draws approximately 3,000 to 4,000 participants annually. There are egg hunts for toddlers through 5th graders, and other activities such as music, face painting, and crafts. There is no on-site parking for the event; Willamalane coordinates with the School District and provides free parking and shuttle service from Thurston High School.

There are also other special events programmed at the natatorium, and in the park itself, including the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, a road race with 800 participants plus families.

Non-programmed park uses include walking, bird watching, berry picking, and dog walking/exercising. Public access is technically allowed throughout the property during park hours, even though fencing and signage ("No unauthorized vehicles beyond this point," and "Private Driveway") discourages public use in the northern portion.

Some off-road driving on turf and trespassing on property after hours has been reported. There have also been property crimes reported during hours of operation, such as vehicle break-ins and vehicle theft. There is evidence of some dumping of off-site material, trees cut down around Christmas time, and BMX use near Cedar Creek, as previously noted. There has been very little vandalism to the swim center facility.

Development
Issues:

Staff held a Development Issues meeting with City of Springfield staff on September 8, 2005. The following information was identified or confirmed:

As noted above, the north portion of tax lot 1101 (approximately 7 acres) is outside of the City Limits and Urban Growth Boundary. If development occurs on that site, it will have to be compatible with County EFU (Exclusive Farm Use) zoning and will require a special use permit. There is a 100 ft. riparian setback in EFU zones on Class I streams. If a pedestrian bridge is built in the setback area it will likely require a riparian modification permit. A zone change could also be pursued; in a PLO zone there is a 50 ft. riparian setback on Class I streams.

There is anecdotal evidence that the bioswale was developed to handle runoff from future as well as current site development. If true, this will save costs. According to City of Springfield, preliminarily it appears large enough

to handle stormwater detention when the site is built out. There are other stormwater requirements which will need to be met before additional development can occur.

We will most likely need to develop a noise attenuating barrier between the outdoor water play area and the Jones property, which is zoned residential. This would need to be more than a vegetative screen; it could potentially be a 6-foot tall concrete masonry unit block wall. An acoustic study may need to be performed prior to site plan approval.

Traffic and parking studies will need to be completed for site plan approval. We should check with LRAPA about whether we need a permit due to the number of new parking spaces proposed. We will need a Drinking Water Protection Overlay Zone permit, and a Land and Drainage Alteration Permit from City of Springfield. We may also need a tree felling permit if we remove more than 5 trees per year greater than 5" dbh. Also for site plan approval, our planned parking areas will need to take into consideration emergency vehicle ingress, egress, and turn-around requirements, per Springfield Fire and Life Safety.

Adjacent

Property Issues: Residences along Thurston Rd. and 62nd Street back up to Lively Park. They will be directly impacted by increased development at the park, especially in the front grassland area. Neighbors along 62nd Street could also see increased pedestrian use along their street into the park.

The only entrance for the Saunders property is through Lively Park. They act as "eyes on the park" for the north natural area. Increased use of the park could create increased noise, traffic, and potential trespassing concerns.

If the Jones property west of the park is subdivided it could impact park aesthetics, development, and programming.

Property across Cedar Creek is potentially impacted by increased discharge into Cedar Creek caused by increased development.

Increased development and use of Lively Park could put additional pressure on Willamalane and Springfield School District to formalize agreements regarding parking and pedestrian access to/from the two facilities.

SITE ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

The full 32.64 acre site was acquired piecemeal over time through a variety of land transactions.

On April 21, 1962, tax lot 1101 (10 ac.) was acquired from William and Suzanne Rennie and Gordon and Sandra Rennie.

On September 4, 1979, Mr. Jack B. Lively donated \$100,000 to Willamalane, in order to “initiate a park, recreation and open space foundation for the purpose of acquiring and developing Springfield park lands.”⁴ The Board of Directors subsequently authorized the formation of the Jack B. Lively Foundation for Parks, Recreation and Open Space.

On September 20, 1984, Willamalane deeded a portion of tax lot 1102 to School District #19.

On September 19, 1985, tax lot 1004 (.7 acres) was acquired from Larry and Pamela Saunders and A. Kathleen Halbert.

On September 20, 1985, tax lot 400 (17.91 ac.) was acquired from the Westover family.

On October 3, 1985, the Willamalane Board of Directors named the park in honor of Jack B. Lively.

On November 7, 1985, Willamalane deeded tax lot 1100 to Gordon and Sandra Rennie.

On October 29, 1987, Willamalane acquired tax lot 1200 (4.03 ac.) from Bronell and Ruby Jones through condemnation. (With this acquisition, the planned park entrance was moved from 62nd Street to its current location.)

In 1988, construction began on the Lively Park Swim Center.

In 1989, Lively Park Swim Center opened to the public.

On October 6, 1989, Willamalane deeded a portion of tax lot 1101 to Larry and Pamela Saunders and A. Kathleen Halbert.

SITE PLANNING HISTORY

In 1983, Willamalane undertook a formalized capital improvements planning process. Out of that process, the need for an aquatics facility for the Thurston area (recently annexed to the District) was identified. At that time, a competition-oriented 50-meter pool facility was programmed. Between 1983 and 1986, plans were revised to develop a recreation-oriented facility, which would complement the existing competitive pool at Willamalane Park, and provide for a more complete aquatics program for the District. Preliminary planning was completed in January 1986. Voters were asked to pass a bond measure in June 1986 to fund the planned aquatics facility. The bond measure passed on the second attempt, in November 1986. Final program and design work began in January 1987. Although not included in the original design, it was noted in 1987 that “in addition to this facility, it is envisioned that the WPRD aquatics program would be enhanced by an outdoor aquatics facility adjacent to this pool sometime in the future.”⁵

⁴ From Willamalane Park and Recreation District Press Release, September 7, 1979.

⁵ From Robertson/Sherwood/Architects “Facility Program, New Pool at Lively Park,” May 1987.

In October 1992, Lively Park neighborhood residents were surveyed to gather information on how they used Lively Park, and their concerns and preferences regarding programs and development at the park. This was part of a process to develop a master plan for the park, which was initiated in early 1992. The firm of Cameron, McCarthy & Gilbert Landscape Architects was hired to develop a concept design or “facilities diagram” for the park, dated September 1992. Two neighborhood meetings were held, in June and October 1992. The impetus for the master plan appears to be the potential development of a playground and memorial tree grove by the Springfield Rotary. It is unclear why this project was never implemented; all that shows for it is a plaque west of the swim center.

Recommendations for the Lively Park Swim Center appear in Willamalane’s 1990 Facility Assessment Report, and the 1991 Recovery Action Plan Update. In general, these recommendations are out of date or outside of the scope of the master plan process.

In 2001, Willamalane again hired Robertson/Sherwood Architects, with ECONorthwest as a subcontractor, to help with an evaluation of expansion options for the Lively Park Swim Center. Phase I of the evaluation was a preliminary assessment to identify potential expansion options and criteria for evaluating those options. Four potential expansion options were analyzed, and the consultants determined that “it is possible, but not easy, for LPSC to generate the additional use needed. Option B with a \$.50 to \$1 average fee increase is the option most likely to generate enough use to cover its operating expenses.”⁶ Option B included: A water play pool 0’-4’ deep with multiple interactive water features; paved and lawn picnic/play areas for sunning and socializing, with provisions for rentals; a summer bathhouse; and at least two water slides, at a cost of \$2.5 million.

In 2002, work began on Willamalane’s *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan)*. This included a Districtwide park and facility assessment. Lively Park and Swim Center were included in this assessment, and relevant findings have been incorporated into this document.

As part of the Comp Plan’s Community Needs Assessment, consultants performed an analysis of anticipated need for future parks and recreation facilities. Recreation facilities that are projected to be needed in the District by 2022 (and may be already undersupplied) include basketball courts, community gardens, dog parks, outdoor water play parks, playgrounds, skateparks, sports fields, paved and soft-surface trails, and volleyball courts. Indoor facilities include a community center and gymnasium space.⁷ When community members were asked to rank their most desired outdoor recreation facilities, an outdoor water play park ranked second out of six. Off-street bicycle paths and trails ranked first.⁸

Three actions directly relate to Lively Park in the Comp Plan, which was finalized in 2004:

Action 2.4: Lively Park Master Plan and Development: Develop and implement a master plan for full improvement of Lively Park as a community park.

⁶ From ECONorthwest “Expansion Options at the Lively Park Swim Center,” January 2002.

⁷ Table A-17: Recreation Facility Standards and Anticipated Need, page A-51, 2004 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*.

⁸ Table A-11: Desired Outdoor Recreation Facilities, page A-14, 2004 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*.

Action 2.5: *Lively Park Expansion: Evaluate needs and opportunities for expansion of Lively Park.*

Action 2.6: *Lively/Thurston Middle School/Park: Pursue a partnership agreement with SD 19 to optimize use of Lively Park and adjacent Thurston Middle School grounds for outdoor recreation.⁹*

Lively Park Master Plan and Lively Park Development are also listed in the Comp Plan's Phase I CIP (Years 2004-2009).

⁹ Table 2: Community Parks, page 45, 2004 *Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan*.

Chapter 3: RECOMMENDATIONS

The overall program for Lively Park is defined by its location and natural and built features, as well as by the needs and desires of the immediate neighborhood and the larger community. The park program is designed to create an inviting, vibrant, and economically sustainable community park in East Springfield for a wide-variety of users. Lively Park will support both active and passive recreation, from a multi-featured outdoor water play area, to a soft-surface walking path and riparian restoration activities.

The **Development Areas Summary Table** below lists the activities and facilities included in the eight different development areas illustrated in the Master Plan Diagram and Development Areas Diagram. The **Development Areas Descriptions and Recommendations** section more fully describes the development areas and associated recommendations. Lastly, the **Additional Recommendations** section describes park wide recommendations, or those related to general park design and administration. Together, this chapter will inform overall park development and use.

DEVELOPMENT AREAS: SUMMARY TABLE

Development Area	Primary Activities	Primary Facilities	Support Facilities
1. Natural Area	Forest/riparian restoration Nature appreciation Environmental education Bird watching Service learning Walking Running/Jogging	Natural areas Soft-surface trail Footbridge	Trash receptacles Benches Picnic tables Interpretive signage
2. Dog Park	Dog exercising Socializing Walking Volunteer opportunities	Perimeter Fencing Soft-Surface Path Turf Area Possible small dog exercise area	Potable water Trash receptacles Pet waste bags Parking Sidewalk Shade/rain structures Trees Seating Rules sign Irrigation Possible storage

Development Area	Primary Activities	Primary Facilities	Support Facilities
3. Garden/Entry	Group picnicking or other events Leisurely walking Lawn games Sitting/relaxing	Gazebo w/food prep and service tables Ornamental Garden Circular lawn with perimeter plantings Dry pond	Picnic tables Benches Potable water Landscaped buffer Parking Sidewalk Trash receptacles Park entry sign Lighting Storage Possible rest room Possible play sculpture
4. Group Picnic Shelter	Group picnicking or other events, and associated activities	Park Shelters (2) Food Prep Area Turf Area Sand Volleyball Ct. Basketball Ct. Rest room	Picnic tables Service tables Irrigation Parking Sidewalk Trash receptacles Potable water/ drinking fountain Lighting Information display Possible horseshoes Possible storage closet
5. Playground	Playing	Signature element (net climber or similar) Play structure (age 6-12) Tot lot (age 2-5) Swings Sandbox Possible water feature	Accessible surfacing Landscaping/trees Sidewalk Parking Seating Trash receptacles Irrigation
6. Outdoor Water Play ¹⁰	Floating, splashing, sliding, boarding & “hanging out” in water Picnicking Sunbathing	Water Slide Water Playground FlowRider or similar Action River	Changing facilities Rest rooms Potable water Seating Shade structure(s) Trash receptacles Parking Perimeter fencing Rules sign Safety stations

¹⁰ Primary and Support Facilities may change pending additional study and advances in water-play technology.

Development Area	Primary Activities	Primary Facilities	Support Facilities
			Safety equipment Pool mechanical equipment Possible concessions Possible lighting
7. Fitness Center/ Multiuse Addition	Exercise: weight lifting, circuit training, etc. Enrichment programs: classes, lectures, meetings & parties	Fitness area with exercise machines, stationary bikes, free weights, etc. Multipurpose rooms	Family changing rooms Storage Rest rooms Misc. equipment for fitness and multi- purpose rooms Drinking fountain

DEVELOPMENT AREAS: DESCRIPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Natural Area

Participants: The primary users of the natural area will be neighbors, but community-wide and countywide residents will also visit this part of the park. Students from Thurston Middle School may also use the area as an outdoor classroom. Participation levels will fluctuate seasonally: restoration work will primarily take place in the fall and winter and recreational activity will occur with greatest intensity when the weather is favorable.

Primary Activities: Restoration activities will predominate in the natural area, and participants will include staff, contractors, and volunteers. Restoration activities will include non-native invasive species removal (Armenian blackberry, English Ivy, reed canary grass, and false brome, among other species); replanting native understory plants, trees and shrubs; and monitoring progress. Other visitors to the natural area will primarily walk or run along the soft-surface trail. They may bird watch, nature watch, or participate in volunteer service learning or environmental education activities.

Primary Facilities: The natural area includes approximately 6 acres of forested and riparian land—3 acres are north of the future group picnic shelter area and 3 acres are north and west of the dog park, bordering Cedar Creek. Enhancement of the riparian area along Cedar Creek and the natural drainage swale-turned engineered bio-swale will be a key feature of the northern portion of the natural area. An unpaved, compacted all-weather surface will be used for the approximately 1-mile loop pedestrian trail that will wind through the natural area and connect to Thurston Middle School. A footbridge will be installed where the trail crosses the drainage swale.

Support Facilities: Benches and interpretive signage will allow for resting and nature appreciation along the loop trail. A few picnic tables and trash receptacles will also be

provided along the trail for informal picnicking opportunities and to help keep the natural area clean.

Aesthetics: The natural area will provide an opportunity for visitors to experience a quiet walk in the woods in addition to the active recreation opportunities at Lively Park. In time, the natural area will be restored, so that invasive plants are removed and its native understory thrives. The natural area will enhance the overall park character while providing additional opportunities for exercise, relaxation, and nature appreciation. Materials will be low-profile, durable, vandal-resistant, and coordinated with the surrounding built environment.

Maintenance and Operations: The natural area at Lively Park will need to be added to the Park Services Division Park Maintenance Standards. It is recommended that the area be maintained at a Class D service level. However, restoration work will require additional time and resources that will need to be planned and staffed accordingly.

2. Dog Park Area

Participants: Users will primarily be neighborhood, eastern, and central Springfield-area residents. Residents from west Springfield will likely use the dog park in Alton Baker Park. Use will be primarily by adults with one or multiple dogs, with use also by families. Participation level will vary depending on time of day, time of year, and weather. Activity will occur with greatest intensity after work and on the weekends when weather is favorable. Volunteers will be solicited to help maintain, monitor, and fund-raise for the dog park.

Primary Activities: Open turf areas will provide ample room for ball-throwing, retrieving, and doggie play. Visitors will walk on the soft-surface perimeter path. They will also gather to rest, socialize, and watch their dogs at seating areas and under shade structures.

Primary Facilities: The dog park will be defined by a perimeter fence made of either chain-link or simple farm-fencing materials. The entrance will be double-gated so that dogs cannot easily escape when the gate is opened. There will be an accessible pedestrian path around the perimeter of the dog park. The dog park may include a separate exercise area for small dogs.

Support Facilities: Potable water will be provided for both human and canine consumption. Water and “kiddy pools” will also be provided for cooling of dogs in the summertime. Trash receptacles, disposable bags, and other devices will be provided for removal of waste. A storage area will be provided for maintenance equipment. Paved and lighted parking will be provided adjacent to the dog park. This parking area will also be available for other park use and for possible overflow parking for events at Thurston Middle School (see recommendation 8.2). A concrete sidewalk will connect the dog park to the parking area and other recreational facilities. Two small covered areas and associated seating will be provided for shade and rain protection. Trees will be planted and protected

from dogs to allow for additional shade. Turf will be irrigated to aid in its health and recovery.

Aesthetics: As the dog park's main built facility is its perimeter fence, it will have a low-impact on the overall park aesthetic. Materials will be simple, vandal-resistant, and coordinated with the built environment, as appropriate. An outstanding feature of the dog park will be the views of surrounding hills to the north and south.

Maintenance and Operations: The dog park will need to be added to the Park Services Division Park Maintenance Standards. It is recommended that the Dog Park be maintained at a Class C service level.¹¹

3. Garden/Entry Area

Participants: There will be a wide range of users of the garden/entry area, including neighbors, communitywide and countywide residents, and businesses/non-profit groups and clubs renting the gazebo. Participation levels will be a function of availability and season. Activity will occur with greatest intensity on the weekends when weather is favorable.

Primary Activities: The use of this area is varied. Programmed activities will include group picnics, special events, and rentals (e.g., weddings) held in the gazebo and adjacent lawn area. Informal activities include leisurely walking through the ornamental garden, lawn games (such as bocci ball and croquet), picnicking, and sitting and relaxing. The lawn area will not be programmed for organized sports.

Primary Facilities: The six-sided decorative gazebo will be the primary built structure. The maximum occupancy of the 45 ft.-diameter gazebo is 85 people. Reservations will be required. Adjacent to the gazebo will be an ornamental garden, with the specific planting plan to be determined. Ideas include a rose garden, Japanese-theme garden, or butterfly garden. A dry pond will be located on the south end of the garden area, utilizing the existing utility vault, and echoing the park's water theme. Dense perimeter plantings will buffer this area from adjacent neighbors and to some degree from the park entry drive. An approximately 1½-acre, highly manicured, circular lawn surrounded by ornamental plantings will be irrigated and used separately or in conjunction with the gazebo.

Support Facilities: Parking will be located adjacent to the garden area, and connected by a concrete sidewalk. This sidewalk will also connect to 62nd Street, providing a second park entrance for pedestrians. The parking area will also be available for other park use and for possible overflow parking for events at Thurston Middle School (see recommendation 8.2). Visitors will have access to a nearby rest room facility, either in the garden area or in LPSC. A storage area (possibly included as part of the rest room facility) will be provided for maintenance equipment. Movable picnic tables will be provided for group rentals, as well as potable water, electrical hookups, lighting, and trash receptacles. Benches and a few

¹¹ This assumes that the updated PSD Park Maintenance Standards will include different service levels for different areas within a park. Please see Appendix B for a description of the current Park Maintenance Standards, including an explanation of Class A-E service levels.

permanent picnic tables will be provided in the garden and/or lawn area. A play sculpture may also be included.

Aesthetics: The garden/entry area will provide a beautiful and inviting entrance to Lively Park. It will enhance the overall park character while providing additional opportunities for revenue generation, relaxation, and play. Aesthetic improvements to the park's frontage along Thurston Road will be made to improve site visibility, including a new park entry sign identifying the site as "Jack B. Lively Memorial Park." Materials will be durable, vandal-resistant, and coordinated with the surrounding built environment.

Maintenance and Operations: The garden/entry area at Lively Park will need to be added to the Park Services Division Park Maintenance Standards. It will likely need to be maintained at a higher level than our current parks, due to the ornamental garden and manicured lawn. A "Class A" service level is recommended, since this is currently the highest standard used. The garden/entry area will also need to be included in the District's park reservations program, and publicized and staffed accordingly.

4. Group Picnic Shelter Area

Participants: Users of the group picnic shelters will primarily be communitywide and countywide residents (family reunions, parties, weddings); businesses, non-profit groups, and clubs (corporate picnics and events); and Willamalane recreation programs during the daytime in summer months (Playground Program, Summer Camp, etc.). Participation levels will be a function of availability and season. Rentals will occur with greatest intensity on the weekends when weather is favorable. Neighborhood residents will also use the basketball and sand volleyball courts, which are included in the group picnic shelter area.

Primary Activities: Primary use will be as a rental facility for group picnicking or other gatherings where protection from the elements and cooking facilities are desired. The two shelters and food prep area will provide for structured medium-to-large-scale special events. The basketball court, volleyball court, and rest room will also be used by people not renting the group picnic shelters.

Primary Facilities: The group picnic shelters will be designed to be used in tandem or individually. The maximum occupancy of one shelter is 150-200 people, and two shelters with the associated turf area can accommodate up to 500 people. The food prep area contains sinks, stovetops, bbq's, and counter space for food preparation. Reservations of the picnic shelters would be required for group use. The irrigated open turf area will provide ample room for informal field sports, and participants will also have easy access to a basketball court and sand volleyball court.

Support Facilities: Parking will be located adjacent to the group picnic shelter and will connect to a concrete sidewalk (which also connects to other recreational facilities). The parking area will also be available for other park use and for possible overflow parking for events at Thurston Middle School (see recommendation 8.2). Participants will have access to a nearby rest room facility. Picnic tables will be provided for group rentals, as well as

potable water, electrical hookups, trash receptacles, and lighting. A storage closet may be included in the shelter for Willamalane programs. The group picnic shelter area will be located so that users can conveniently use other facilities in the park—primarily the playground, natatorium, outdoor water play area, and natural area. An information kiosk may be located in this area, or park information may be displayed on the exterior of the rest room facility.

Aesthetics: The design of the group picnic shelter area will be integrated with overall park development. The group picnic shelters will enhance the overall park character without dominating the natural beauty of this area of the park. Landscaping will provide some screening of adjacent parking lot and other facilities, while still maintaining good site lines for safety and visibility. Materials will be durable, vandal-resistant, and coordinated with the surrounding built environment.

Maintenance and Operations: The group picnic shelter area at Lively Park will need to be added to the Park Services Division Park Maintenance Standards. It is recommended that the area be maintained at a Class A service level. It will also need to be included in the District’s park reservations program, and publicized and staffed accordingly.

5. Playground Area

Participants: Users of the playground will be neighbors, as well as communitywide and countywide children and families. There will be play elements for children ages 2-5 and 6-12, and ample seating for adults. Participation levels will be a function of season, nearby group picnic shelter rentals, and weather. Activity will occur with greatest intensity on the weekends and after school when weather is favorable.

Primary Activities: The playground will have a variety of different play elements for children of varying ages. For children ages 2-5 the focus will be on imaginative play and gross motor skill development, for children ages 6-12 there will be activities to challenge themselves physically and places to “hang out” with friends.

Primary Facilities: The playground will contain a wide variety of age-appropriate play equipment. The playground will be community-park scale (approximately 10,000 sq. ft.) and will contain a signature element visible from other areas of the park, such as a net climber. It will also contain a sandbox, swings, tot lot, and play structure, among other things. To tie in with the park’s water theme, it may contain a small-scale water-play element. The playground will be designed to meet or exceed all safety and accessibility guidelines.

Support Facilities: Parking is located adjacent to the playground and is connected by a concrete sidewalk. This parking area will also be available for other park use and for possible overflow parking for events at Thurston Middle School (see recommendation 8.2). Landscaped areas with shade trees and benches will buffer the playground from the adjacent parking.

Aesthetics: Play equipment materials and colors will be coordinated with the overall park palette. Well-designed and fun to use play elements will be selected. Materials will be durable, vandal-resistant, and coordinated with the surrounding built environment.

Maintenance and Operations: The playground area at Lively Park will need to be added to the Park Services Division Park Maintenance Standards. It is recommended that the playground area be maintained at a Class A service level.

6. Outdoor Water Play Area

Participants: Users will primarily be families, teens, and children from the metropolitan area and Lane County. Participants will range from single guests to large groups. The outdoor water play area will be developed to build on the success of LPSC, engaging a broader variety of participants than are already served. The facility will likely be open in warm weather and for special events. Programs and participation levels will vary depending on day of the week, time of day, and weather.

Primary Activities: The outdoor water-play area will allow for a wide-range of water-based activities, with the goal of engaging the senses—auditory, visual, tactile, and kinesthetic. Participants will be able to engage both actively or passively, depending on age, skill, and interest. Individuals and groups will also be able to picnic and sunbathe while watching others in play. Group rentals will be available.

Primary Facilities:¹² A variety of outdoor water play elements will be provided to create a critical mass of features, and designed in a manner to allow for phasing in over time. Types of facilities may include: (1) a water slide—available in a variety of sizes and configurations, from 1-3 flumes, enclosed or open, with a run-out or splash pool; (2) a water playground with multiple interactive water features, with either a zero-depth play surface or in a wading pool; (3) a FlowRider “wave in a box,” where participants boogie-board on a simulated wave; and (4) an Action River, a channel with moving water that has multiple depths, widths, and speeds. All elements can be designed in a variety of configurations. Proven materials and technology will be used.

Support Facilities: Support facilities will include ample seating, shade structures and/or umbrellas, potable water, trash receptacles, perimeter fencing, associated parking, rules signs, safety stations, and necessary mechanical equipment. A hard-surfaced area for picnicking, sunning, and socializing is a key element of the outdoor water play area. There will be provisions for group rentals. Also likely to be included are a bathhouse with showers, lockers and an admissions office, and rest rooms. The area will also possibly include concessions and lighting for evening use.

Aesthetics: The outdoor water play area will be designed to integrate with the existing aquatics facility, other park improvements, and adjacent areas. Themes and colors should

¹² As noted above, specific primary and support facilities may change pending additional study and advances in water play technology.

be simple and appropriate for the site. At the same time, the outdoor water play area should visually draw interest from the park entrance at Thurston Road and other areas of the park.

Maintenance and Operations: The intent of the outdoor water play area is for it to operate without increasing the overall subsidy to the Aquatics Division. The outdoor water play area will be designed to maximize the efficient use of resources, including lifeguards, maintenance, and administrative staff. Durable and easily maintainable materials will be used, and features will be designed to be easily accessible. The outdoor water play area will require additional maintenance responsibilities for the Aquatics Division, which will need to determine appropriate maintenance standards and schedules for the outdoor water play area. Landscaped areas (if any) will need to be added to the Park Services Division Park Maintenance Standards. It is recommended that the Outdoor Water Play Area be maintained at a Class A service level.

Next Steps: The current outdoor water play area design is very conceptual in nature. A number of other steps should be completed before design development begins, including:

- Additional public input, such as conducting surveys and focus groups with users of Lively Park Swim Center and others to truth-check staff's assumptions regarding different types of facilities.
- Visit other outdoor water play areas to see new water play elements, observe use patterns, and interview staff and patrons, so that the facility is designed to take into consideration others' experiences.
- After further design development, meet with aquatic design specialists to refine further. Ensure the outdoor water play area is designed in a manner that can be phased in. Also review the design with the State Health Inspector to make sure the facility will meet applicable code requirements.
- Develop a feasibility analysis to determine the economic viability of the long-term operation of the desired outdoor water play facility, then refine as necessary.

7. Fitness Center/Multiuse Addition

Participants: Users of the 10,500 sq. ft. fitness center/multiuse addition will primarily be neighbors and eastern- and central-Springfield residents. Clubs and businesses from around the community will also rent the multiuse space. Participation levels will be a function of day of the week and time of day. Activity will occur with greatest intensity on the weekends and evenings.

Primary Activities: The fitness center will be used for circuit training, weight lifting, and aerobic exercise. The multiuse addition will allow for a wide-range of related fitness classes (yoga, karate, kick boxing, dance, etc.). It will also provide space for enrichment programs, such as classes and lectures for adults or after-school activities for children. It will be rented for meetings and parties, and will also be used for Lively Park Swim Center (LPSC)-related activities.

Primary Facilities: The 3,500 sq. ft. fitness area will contain exercise machines, stationary bikes, free weights, and related exercise equipment. The 5,000 sq. ft. multiuse area will have flexible space for 1-3 multipurpose rooms. There will likely be an entrance directly outside and one into Lively Park Swim Center.

Support Facilities: Approximately 2,000 sq. ft. will be allocated for rest rooms, family changing rooms, and storage facilities to support the fitness center/multiuse addition. There will also be a need for a variety of equipment, such as mats, mirrors, chairs, tables, drinking fountain, etc.

Aesthetics: The fitness center/multiuse addition will be designed to blend seamlessly with the existing Lively Park Swim Center. Materials will be durable, vandal-resistant, and coordinated with the surrounding built environment.

Maintenance and Operations: The fitness center/multiuse addition will be designed to maximize the efficient use of resources, including Recreation Services Division maintenance and administrative staff. Durable and easily maintainable materials will be used, and features will be designed to be easily accessible for maintenance. The fitness center/multiuse addition will require additional maintenance responsibilities for the Recreation Services Division, which will need to develop appropriate maintenance standards and schedules. Fees and charges policies and procedures will also need to be developed.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

8. Administration

- 8.1 Investigate the feasibility of acquiring adjacent vacant property as future additions to Lively Park, as opportunities arise.
- 8.2 Develop an intergovernmental agreement with School District 19 regarding Lively Park and Thurston Middle School joint issues, such as shared parking, access to/from both properties, and other topics, as appropriate.
- 8.3 Pursue alternative funding opportunities to leverage available District funds for implementing capital improvements and restoration work, per the Lively Park Master Plan.
- 8.4 Establish fees, charges, and subsidy levels for revenue-generating facilities, including the outdoor water play area, group picnic shelters, gazebo, and fitness center/multiuse addition.

9. Planning, Design and Development

- 9.1 Apply for a special use permit or zone change from Lane County before developing the north portion of tax lot 1101, if necessary (the approximately 7 acres outside of the Urban Growth Boundary).
- 9.2 Work with School District 19 to investigate the feasibility of extending the pedestrian loop trail onto Thurston Middle School grounds in order to develop a longer loop trail for use by students and the public.
- 9.3 Work with property owners bordering Cedar Creek on the feasibility of developing a pedestrian path connection between Lively Park and Ruff Park.
- 9.4 Work with Middle School/School District 19 to investigate the feasibility of expanding the Cedar Creek riparian area restoration onto TMS property, possibly reclaiming the original Cedar Creek drainage, and using the area as an outdoor classroom opportunity for students and the public.
- 9.5 Design park improvements to meet or exceed Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines, using Lively Park as a local model of universal design.¹³
- 9.6 Implement recommendations in the Willamalane ADA Transition Plan that relate to Lively Park.
- 9.7 Resume discussions with the City about installing a crosswalk on Thurston Road at the park entrance during the site plan review process prior to park development.
- 9.8 Maintain/enhance key views into and through the park for safety and visibility, and so patrons know what facilities are available for use and rental.
- 9.9 Maintain open site lines in the park to the surrounding hills, a key aesthetic feature, while buffering and screening adjacent residential neighbors.
- 9.10 Design perimeter plantings in order to screen adjacent fences and properties, and to provide additional privacy for neighbors, where needed.
- 9.11 Develop and implement a restoration plan for the natural area, based on the Eastgate Woodlands model [this also belongs in the Park Operations section below].
- 9.12 Investigate using rubberized surfacing for the playground area.

¹³ “Universal design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.” Ron Mace, 1997 NC State University, The Center for Universal Design.

- 9.13 Provide bicycle parking as appropriate near facilities throughout the park.
- 9.14 Work with the City and/or ODOT on installing directional signage for Lively Park at appropriate locations, such as the intersection of 58th and Thurston Road.

10. Park Operations

- 10.1 Explore expanding security patrols in the park and investigate other security measures such as physical amenities (e.g., gates, fencing, cameras) or use of volunteers, such as park watch or neighborhood watch groups.
- 10.2 Continue working with the Springfield Police Department to ensure that park security activities complement police patrols and enforcement.
- 10.3 Add trees to the existing LPSC parking lot, to provide shade for vehicles. P&D work with PSD on locations and planting plan.
- 10.4 Find alternative locations outside of Lively Park for depositing yard debris and other material.
- 10.5 Program the gazebo in the Garden/Park Entry Area with the goal of keeping impacts to adjacent neighbors at a minimum.
- 10.6 Use maintenance-friendly design principles and techniques.

Chapter 4: PHASING AND COST ESTIMATES

The Development Areas below correspond with the Development Areas in Chapter 3, Recommendations. The phasing schedule below indicates the District's current priorities developed through the master planning process; it takes into consideration both staff and public input. The phasing schedule and cost estimates may be revised annually during the District's Capital Improvement Planning process.

Cost estimates include design and engineering costs. They are based on current year (2005) costs, and inflation is not taken into consideration. Cost estimates are preliminary in nature, and developed solely for the master planning process.

The phasing of park improvements will be greatly dependent on funding availability, including grant opportunities. There may be additional phasing within certain development areas, particularly the Outdoor Water Play Area, which will be designed to allow a phased approach.

Phase	Development Area	Preliminary Cost Estimate
1	Natural Area ¹⁴	\$132,000 - \$146,000
2	Dog Park Area	\$186,000 - \$205,000
3	Garden/Entry Area	\$411,000 - \$454,000
4	Group Picnic Shelter Area	\$709,000 - \$784,000
5	Playground Area ¹⁵	\$375,000 - \$410,000
6	Outdoor Water Play Area ¹⁶	\$5,458,000 - \$5,731,000
7	Fitness Center/Multiuse Addition	\$2,550,000 - \$2,800,000
	TOTAL	\$9,821,000 - \$10,530,000

¹⁴ Natural area improvements include restoration activities and development of the soft-surface trail and footbridge. Restoration costs are for 7 acres of invasive plant removal and replanting with native seed and plant materials. Subsequent restoration and monitoring activities are not included.

¹⁵ The Group Picnic Shelter and Playground Areas will be developed simultaneously, if funding is available.

¹⁶ Portions of the Outdoor Water Play Area may be phased in sooner, if feasible.



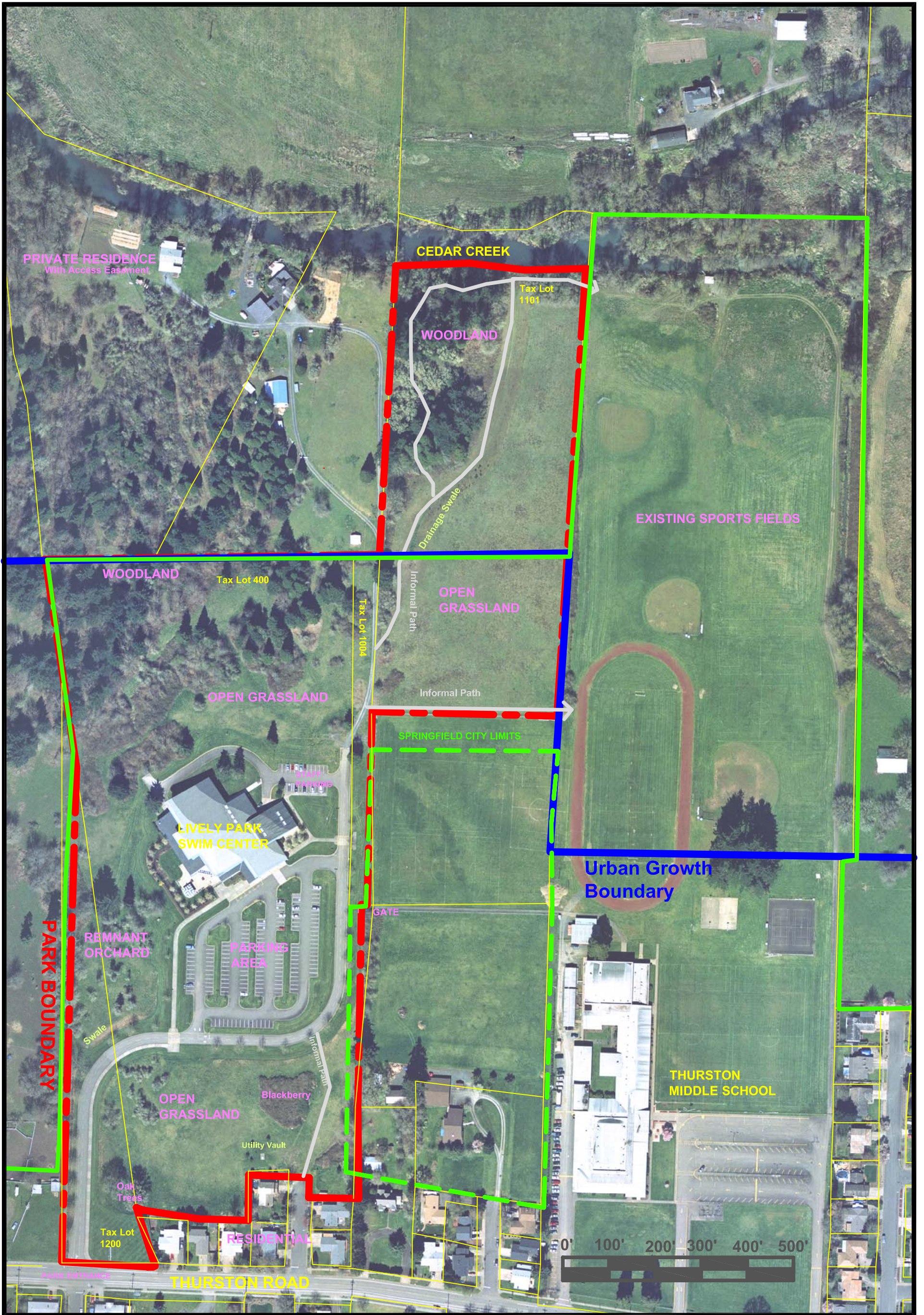
Lively Park Master Plan

Context Map

Willamalane Park and Recreation District



SCALE: 1"=1,000'

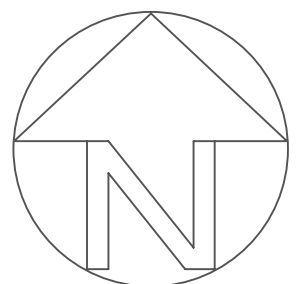


Lively Park Master Plan

Existing Conditions

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

Scale: 1"=200'





**DRAFT Lively Park Master Plan
Plan Diagram**

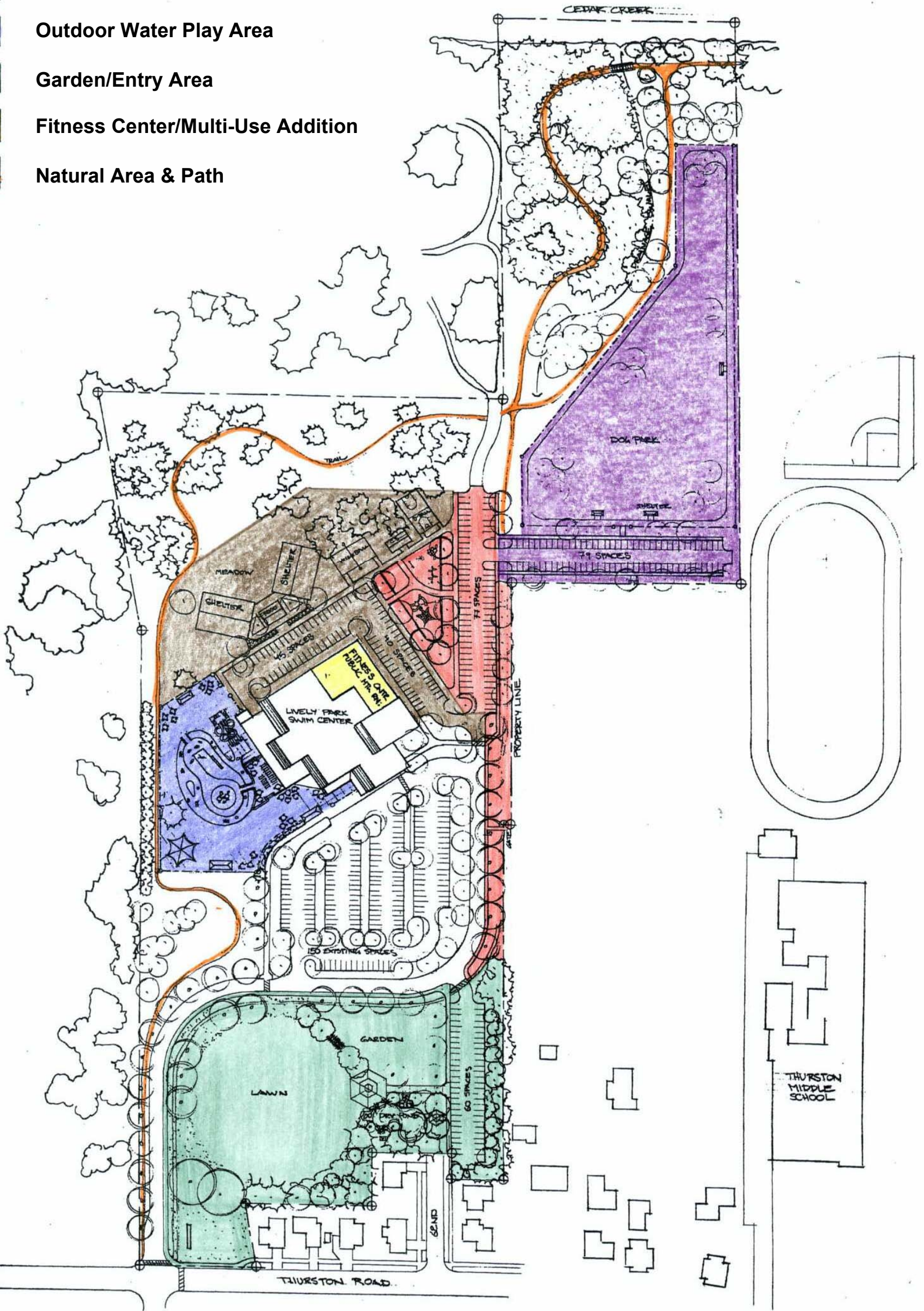
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LEGEND:

-  Dog Park Area
-  Group Picnic Shelter Area
-  Playground Area
-  Outdoor Water Play Area
-  Garden/Entry Area
-  Fitness Center/Multi-Use Addition
-  Natural Area & Path



**Lively Park Master Plan
Development Areas**

Willamalane Park and Recreation District, September 2005



North

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY from Lively Park Master Plan Meeting #1

February 2, 2005 / Thurston Middle School / 20 attendees

(Summary compiled from meeting discussion, meeting questionnaires and correspondence)

Improvements:

- I like the ideas you've presented, generally
- Put picnicking facilities behind the pool
- Develop path through the woodlands -- good wildlife viewing
- Indoor workout facility attached to pool
- Plan for safety/security – visual access
- Limit noise at night
- There is less need for soccer, more need for youth football and baseball
- Put parking in the south grassland area
- Locate parking strategically close to facilities
- Formalize/harden path from 62nd Street to LPSC
- Additional vehicular access from High Banks Road? This was looked at when the pool was developed; it may alleviate some traffic in neighborhood.
- Path from 62nd Street should be easy to do
- Develop a path from Lively Park to Ruff Park along Cedar Creek
- Develop a path from High Banks Road to Lively Park.
- Put a crosswalk at the park entrance (this has been talked about for years; why never done?)
- Additional parking will be needed, and parking lots can flood – okay to put parking in the northern area of site
- Put active recreation – group picnic shelters, bbq, water play features – in the area west of the pool and parking lot, since that portion of the parking lot is underused
- The area behind the pool should be used for quieter recreational activities
- Connect LPSC parking to TMS fields; charge for soccer parking; be entrepreneurial; work with the SD on this
- Consider new facilities that do not generate traffic or parking
- Put additional parking behind the staff parking lot
- People are already using the area as a dog park – formalize it
- I favor less active recreational development
- Do some regrading of the filled area behind pool; open it up; add walking paths
- Add an indoor fitness facility with weights, cardio, and multi-use room for group exercise classes and other uses (flexible space)
- Dog park
- Outdoor basketball or volleyball courts
- Open field area near picnicking for informal games, multi-use activities
- Outdoor water feature looks expensive. We already have a pool; don't need more. Okay if it's not too expensive.

- Walking/running trails through the natural woodland areas, dog park and Cedar Creek/woodland restoration seem relatively inexpensive and easy to do – develop these first when phasing?
- Provide opportunities for a wide-range of ages – adults and seniors, too, not just kids

Issues/Opportunities:

- When LPSC was built, neighbors were promised the rest of the site would remain natural, with only low-impact passive recreation.
- Traffic and parking are significant issues for neighbors during times when soccer fields at Thurston Middle School are in use.
- If we are going to work jointly with the School District, we need to address the need for additional parking
- Concern that more recreational development will increase trespass problems (pedestrian short-cuts, litter, noise, parking). A buffer would help (as you are showing at Lively Park).
- Most of these problems are soccer-related School District issues
- Realize there are flooding issues in area – North end of TMS was filled; area subject to flooding
- The City may need portion of east side of TMS site for stormwater pre-treatment
- SUB wellheads on TMS site
- There may be an opportunity for constructed wetlands/environmental education on the NE corner of the TMS site
- More development will bring more foot traffic and associated nuisances though 62nd Street
- The late-night nuisance behavior in the park at night has lessened lately.
- Why is LPSC parking not available for soccer parking? Don't duplicate parking needlessly
- Dog trespass is an issue; it would be better if dog recreation was managed
- Are we lacking sports fields? Are there other sites that are better alternatives for sports field development?
- TMS is overused for soccer; this neighborhood is suffering more than its share of the impact
- Do not want to see any high-density facilities added. The area is already on overload during soccer and softball season. Not nearly enough parking.
- Gate locked at BAP is a problem; can't park along Thurston Road and walk in; open the gate so all can use it

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY from Lively Park Master Plan Meeting #2

June 14, 2005 / Thurston Middle School / 18 attendees

(Summary compiled from meeting discussion, meeting questionnaires and correspondence)

Questions:

- *What's your timeframe?* (A: Within 10 years, pending funding)
- *In what order would phases occur?* (A: Not determined yet. What's your input?)
- *Bad activity is occurring in back area (especially at night). How will you address this problem?* (A: "Eyes on the park" concept; more legitimate activity will discourage undesirable behaviors; example of Eastgate Woodlands)
- *How will you limit soccer parking?* (A: It is yet to be determined, but will include an agreement with the school district)
- *Do pools make \$ or lose \$?* (A: Our goal with the outdoor water play area is that it at least break even).
- *Will you have \$ to maintain the improvements* (A: We will only build what we can maintain)
- *Will there be a signal at 61st St and Thurston Road?* (A: No knowledge of that. Staff has requested that the City install a crosswalk.)
- *What would the fitness center be like?* (A: Designed like a scaled-down DAQ, with two multi-use rooms for classes, meetings, activities, etc.)
- *Would people buy memberships to the fitness center or annual passes to Indoor/outdoor swim/fitness center?* (A: Possibly. This hasn't been determined yet.)
- *Will the existing picnic area west of the pool be changed in this plan?* (A: Yes, it will be eliminated, but a picnic area will be included in the water play area.)
- *Have we considered access from Highbanks Rd., as discussed at the first meeting?* (A: We determined that it was likely too expensive, complicated and not necessary, but we are noting the input.)

Input:

- The dog park is too big. Land is precious. Put a smaller dog park in the front area instead.
- There should be a second vehicle entrance at 62nd Street.
- I am concerned about a playground between two parking lots.
- Need area for small family picnics, not just for big groups.
- I like how you've spread out the parking.
- Lots of people are walking dogs and running dogs already in the park. The dog park is better located in the back. A few said they like the dog park as is.
- Include benches and picnic tables along the path so there are places to sit and small picnic areas.
- Nice lawn at the front "circle" area.
- The dog park is awesome.
- The big lawn area is really needed at the entrance.
- Overall, a good plan.
- Supports crosswalk – a "must"
- Opposes second vehicle entrance at 62nd Street.
- The bus stop gets a lot of use with kids going to LPSC.

- I just love your plan.
- The dog park and trail should be Phase I.
- Likes the large shelter in the northern area, but what about the chemical smell from the exhaust system?
- Provide adequate bicycle parking.
- Appreciates that there are no active recreation facilities at the front/entrance area—this proposal is okay.
- Minimize light trespass on adjacent properties.
- I appreciate the generous parking.
- Parking on my street now is used by out-of-neighborhood cars.
- I like your plan.
- Include bioswales for water quality treatment.

Preferred Phasing of Development Areas (based on voting):

1. Garden/Park Entry (23)
2. Trail/Riparian and Woodland Restoration (16)
3. Dog Park Area (14)
4. Picnic Shelter Area (10)
5. Playground Area (2)
6. Outdoor Water Play and Multi-Use Fitness Addition (each 1)

Input from Questionnaire:

What do you think of the proposed improvements illustrated in the Draft Lively Park Master Plan Diagram?

- The dog park may not be a good idea so close to an existing working farm/ranch.
- I believe it's a well thought-out plan that will be utilized.
- Overall, the plan isn't bad. I question if there is adequate parking for high use times. I feel the improvements are too expensive.
- I like it. Clean up wooded area first, create the walking path. Then develop front circle and provide additional parking. The dog run area would be very good also. It already is a dog run, however it is not currently fenced, and an we get into the wooded area from it?
- I love it!
- Awesome!
- By-in-large we approve of them.

Are there any additional facilities or programs you would like to see offered at Lively Park in the future?

- Expanded swimming facilities
- The biggest concern is traffic
- Better use of outdoor trails; not s interested in high impact development.
- Racquetball court?
- I'm happy so far 😊
- Not now

- More individual picnic sites for families

Would you be willing to pay additional property taxes to help fund future improvements?

- No, existing funds for Park and Recreation are stable. Yes, only for specific modifications.
- This is not a yes or no question. I would need more details but by and large I would support a bond measure. One concern—I know people who use the Willamalane pools at city prices because they give false addresses.
- No.
- I guess, as long as it isn't all that much.
- As long as it didn't break me.
- Yes, some.
- Probably.

What should be our top priority for developing Lively Park?

- Improving parking for events like the Easter Egg hunt.
- The front lawn/picnic area. I believe that the unkempt front is a detour to its current use. I think it's an inexpensive way to show a lot of people what it can be, and would encourage others to support the project. Next perhaps the forest/riparian trail.
- 1. Front entrance improvement; 2. Forest/riparian restoration and trail; 3. Individual picnic places
- Same answer as q. 1 (riparian/forest restoration; walking path; front entry/garden; additional parking; dog park). Create more walking paths in other areas.
- 1. Dog park; 2. Forest/riparian restoration and trail; 3. Garden/Park entry; 4. Playground area
- 1. Dog park; 2. Entry; 3. Picnic area; 4. Outdoor water play
- 1. Gazebo area; 2. Dog park; 3. Nature Trail area; 4. Picnic shelters

Other input from questionnaire:

- The chemical smell that may increase from outside water facilities may need to be addressed. The current light smell is okay but may get worse.
- Lively should be a park for this area and our city, not a destination place for people from other areas of the state.
- Please don't allow access to facility through school yard. My house is next to their sports field. It gets busy enough now just with soccer and other sports.
- I would like to donate my time to help you make it happen. So if I can help, call me.
- Beats the bejabbers out of anything in Eugene!!
- The City really needs to put in a crosswalk at the entrance and the entrance needs to be more visible.

Input from Correspondence or Phone Calls:

- Neighbor at Golden Oaks Mobile Home Park would like the dog park designed with an area for small dogs. They can only have dogs that are less than 20 lbs at the mobile home park (and there's another one down the street). So, there are a lot of small dogs

in the neighborhood, and there would be lots of use of something like this. Her dog has gotten attacked by big dogs at other dog parks, so she would like someplace safe for small dogs to get exercised.

- An out-of-District resident and his wife who use Lively often would like to share photos of an outdoor water play facility they saw in Ontario Canada that they thought was great. Couldn't make the meeting. Will call when they are back from vacation.