



City of Salem Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

March 14, 2024
1:00- 2:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

In Person: City Operations Building, 1457 23rd St. SE, Room 146

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PARTICIPANTS

Board Members

Keith Norris, Chair; Dylan McDowell, Vice-Chair; Alan Alexander; Woody Dukes; Rick Hartwig; Alan Holland; Joan Lloyd; Debbie Miller

Staff

Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation Division Manager; Rob Romanek, Parks Planning Manager; Becky George, Recreation Supervisor; Milan Davis, City Urban Forester/Parks Supervisor III; Leann Moore, Staff Assistant

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Approval of February 2024 Minutes
3. Public Comment - Appearance of persons wishing to address the Board on any matter other than those which appear on this agenda.
4. Board Items/Presentations
 - a. Riverfront Park Playground Redevelopment Grant Application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program – *Rob Romanek* (15 minutes)

Recommendation: Adopt a motion authorizing the Chair to write a letter in support of the City's grant application for improvements to Riverfront Park.

- b. SPRAB Subcommittee Work for 2024 – *Chair Norris* (15 minutes)

Recommendation: Information and discussion of committee

charges and deliverables, desired outcome, staff support, and schedule.

- c. Review Outreach Materials for Neighborhood Association Engagement – *Chair Norris* (15 minutes)

Recommendation: Information and discussion.

- d. Promoting Parks and Recreation via Social Media – *Chair Norris* (15 minutes)

Recommendation: Information and discussion.

- 5. Board Member Updates
- 6. Information Reports – written
 - a. Parks and Recreation Division Report
 - b. 2023 Annal Tree Report
 - c. Parks Damage Report
- 7. New Business
- 8. Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 11, 2024

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City of Salem
Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
February 8th, 2024
Hybrid Meeting
Minutes

Members Present

Dylan McDowell
Keith Norris
Rick Hartwig
Al Holland
Joan Lloyd
Debbie Miller – Zoom
Alan Alexander
Woody Dukes

Members Absent

Staff Present

Rob Romanek
Jennifer Kellar
Leann Moore
Milan Davis
Kimberli Fitzgerald
Julianah Douglas
Brandon Culcasi

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1. **Call to Order** – Welcome and call to order by chair Keith Norris at 1:01pm.
 2. **Roll Call** – All members present. Debbie Miller joining via Zoom.
 3. **Approval of Minutes**
Member Holland motioned approval of minutes from January 11th, 2024. Member McDowell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.
 4. **Public Comment**
 1. **JC Howard – Grandfather and retired member of West Salem Little League Association**
Shared concerns regarding West Salem Little Leagues future access to school district properties for practices and games. Reported that by June 1st, the league will be required to pay \$5,000 to the school district for access to the fields in West Salem. The league has hopes of utilizing Wallace Marine Park and Orchard Heights Park going into the future as a place to reserve for practices and games. They are requesting more information regarding the scheduling, pricing, and priority for reserving the fields.
 2. **Christine Chute – Citizen residing in Ward 2, near Bush Pasture Park**
Shared concerns regarding the proposed Willamette University baseball field expansion into lower Bush's Pasture Park. Salem Baseball LLC has partnered with Willamette University and is proposing an expansion and renovation of the field that would be developed partly on park land. Christine Chute is opposing any proposition that would result in the permanent loss of park land.
 5. **City Council Liaison Updates – Councilor Micki Varney**
 - Member of the Infrastructure Bond Oversight Committee. Reported that there is currently \$4.1 million allocated for paths, trails, and sidewalks rehabilitation.
 - Pedestrian Project request on the city's website, requesting input from the community on sidewalk infills, replacements, and pedestrian crossings. The committee is currently requesting funding for the following:
 - \$3.54 million for The Pedestrian Project
 - \$6 million for sidewalk infills
 - \$7.5 million for sidewalk replacement

Encouraging citizens to submit project requests online, application will close at the end of March.

- Pedestrian Crossing leading into Orchard Heights Park
 - Installation of a flashing beacon due to costs and logistics.
- Sidewalk projects for Orchard Heights Park
 - Infill projects for complete accessibility to the park on all sides.
- City council hearing February 12th to discuss revisions to the 2024 fiscal year budget.
- New recommendations from the Housing Production Advisory Council regarding the preservation of larger trees on development sites will impact the future of tree preservation. Trees, regardless of size, that are in areas of needed streets, utilities, topography, grading and density shall not be required to be preserved. She will be following this with more updates.
- City Council has approved a memorandum of understanding between Willamette University, City of Salem, and Salem Baseball LLC to begin discussing the expansion at Willamette's Stadium and Bush's Pasture Park.

6. Board Items/Presentations

1. Historic Preservation Project Updates – Kimberli Fitzgerald

○ Riverfront Park Signage & Salem's Beaver Board

Salem's historic landmark commission is working with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde to revise and relocate Salem's 'Beaver Board' to Riverfront Park, the original location of the indigenous Tsimikiti village. The commission has a monthly round table with the Tribes, where they have requested the renovation of the Beaver Board Sign and for its specific relocation. Drafts have been sent to the Oregon Travel Information Council (OTIC) for approval and have been preliminarily accepted. The landmarks commission is still trying to decide what to do with the current 'Beaver Board' and its existence.

○ Pioneer Cemetery – Qing Ming Shrine

Excavation of the shrine in Pioneer cemetery in 2018, revived the Qing Ming Festival within Salem's Chinese community. The community has been raising money and working with an architect to redesign and renovate the current existing shrine. Archaeological permits, consultation with the state historic preservation office, collaboration with states physical anthropologists, and coordination with SPRAB would all be required as this is located within a cemetery and city public park.

2. Athletic Courts Improvements at River Road & Sumpter Parks – Tyler Roth – AKS Engineering & Forestry

\$300 million Community Improvement Bond that is to be used to improve parks and public facilities throughout the city. Five Multi-use sports courts have been chosen for this renovation: River Road Park, Highland Park, Hoover Park, Morningside Park, and Sumpter School Park. River Road Park & Sumpter School Park renovations set for summer 2024. Finishing construction estimates, individual park analysis, and allocating funds properly for the completion and renovation of all five parks.

3. Salem Climate Action Manager Introduction – Julianah Douglas

Hoping to be a viable technical resource for departments that currently do not have complete staff or volunteer support. Julianah has identified that within the city there are currently no energy planners and will be first focusing their efforts on this. Will provide overall support for all departments, assisting the pursuance of climate action planning. Identified and will be focusing on 12 of the 183 Climate action plan strategies for this year.

4. SPRAB Subcommittee Work for 2024 – Chair Norris, Rob Romanek & Julianah Douglas

Climate Action Research Subcommittees for SPRAB 2024

- **Alternative Transportation Plans to Parks – Bike & Mobility Hubs – Parking Design Standards**
 - Dylan McDowell, Rick Hartwig, & Al Holland
- **Embodied Carbon Reduction – Low-Carbon Concrete**
 - Alan Alexander & Woody Dukes
- **Electric Equipment Replacement Policy**
 - Debbie Miller & Joan Lloyd

Chair Norris will follow up in the following weeks providing guidelines that outline the expectations and deliverables for each subcommittee.

7. Board Member Updates

- Chair Norris – Current member of the revenue task force. Provided a list of 8 revenue generation ideas. (Information Report)
- Debbie Miller – Attended the Green Cities Undergraduate Project class discussion at the University of Oregon. Strong focuses within the project in the City Solar initiative program and the topic of microgrids. Suggests that the students research be utilized for practical policy implementation within the cities own climate action plan.
- Chair Norris – SPIFF Committee met last week and reviewed submitted grant proposals. Historic number of applications.

8. Information Reports - (Information reports provided as written reports ahead of the meeting.)

- Mission Street Parks Conservancy meeting minutes – November and December
- Parks & Recreation Division Update – February 2024

9. New Business – No new business

10. Next Meeting – Hybrid with the option to join in person, March 14th, 2024. @ 1 p.m.

11. Adjourned at 3:04 pm.

FOR BOARD MEETING OF: March 14, 2024
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4a

TO: SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**FROM: ROBERT ROMANEK
PARKS PLANNING MANGER**

SUBJECT:

Riverfront Park Playground Redevelopment Grant Application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program.

SUMMARY:

Riverfront Park is Salem's premier urban event park, located along the scenic Willamette River in downtown. The park features a variety of amenities including a large playground structure that is scheduled for replacement in 2026, as it has aged beyond its useful life and requires replacement. The City is applying to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for funds to incorporate additional project elements, including inclusive play and accessible design features, as well as other playground improvements identified in the 2018 Riverfront Park Master Plan. Letters from community organizations and actual "users" are requested as part of the application process to demonstrate community support and the need for the project.

ISSUE:

Shall the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board authorize the Chair to write a letter in support of the City's grant application for improvements to Riverfront Park?

RECOMMENDATION:

Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board authorize the Chair to write a letter in support of the City's grant application for improvements to Riverfront Park.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The voter approved 2022 Safety and Livability Bond includes funding to rehabilitate the Riverfront Park playground and replace the aging play equipment. Construction of these improvements are scheduled to occur in 2026. The project location is identified in Attachment 1.

Recognizing that the playground at Riverfront Park is likely the most utilized playground in the Salem Park System, the City is seeking to incorporate inclusive play design principals into its rehabilitation. Inclusive play is a philosophy that children and adults of all abilities can

benefit from playing and interacting together. Concepts associated with inclusive play include the following:

- Whole Child Development. Providing a wide variety and range of play experiences is crucial to the learning and growth of children. Equipment should consider a range from simple to complex experiences for physical, sensory, social, emotional, and cognitive engagement which supports childhood development.
- Layout. The playground layout should have clear sightlines and seating at multiple locations for caregivers' comfort and visual access. The play area should also be easy to comprehend, logical for users, and separated from other park uses.
- Accessibility. Ensuring the playground access and equipment is usable for children and caregivers with disabilities. Playgrounds should exceed the minimum requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for increased accessibility and opportunities to play.
- Supporting Elements. The space must support children and caregivers by providing comfortable seating and space for strollers and mobility devices, as well as providing fencing and shade.

Altering the layout within and surrounding the playground while incorporating inclusive play support elements adds significant capital cost. For example, it is widely acknowledged that all synthetic playground surfacing products come with a higher price compared to engineered wood fiber – the surfacing typically used in City park playgrounds – and requires full replacement after approximately 8-12 years. Synthetic surfacing is used as fall protection in inclusive play to provide accessibility throughout the play area. Additionally, colors and patterns are used to distinguish zones, routes, and increase predictability.

In 2018, the *Riverfront Park Master Plan* was updated and approved by Council. The plan includes two expanded playground elements, a slide mound and nature play. The park master plan graphic is included as Attachment 2, with the expanded playground elements identified as items no. 9 and 11. The City is proposing to deliver these additional play elements with the playground rehabilitation project to provide expanded play opportunities, and to ensure more park visitors can enjoy and engage in play within Riverfront Park.

Nature play refers to unstructured play activities that encourage children to interact with and explore natural elements such as trees, rocks and plants. Nature play contributes to fostering a deeper connection to the natural world and promoting creativity, collaboration, and imagination. A nature play improvement at Riverfront Park is envisioned to feature a stone terrace rock scramble.

On January 3, 2024, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) announced a new round of grant funding through the Local Government Grant Program (LGGP). The grant program helps local government agencies fund parks, outdoor recreation areas, and related support facilities. Notably, there is over \$30 million in grant funds available in 2024, to help

local government agencies fund park acquisitions and improvements. This amount is more than double the available amount last year and the most ever available in one grant cycle. The recent increase in grant funding is the result of yearly increases in State Lottery funds, which are allocated in part to OPRD for Local Government grants.

Rehabilitation of the Riverfront Park playground area, with inclusive play elements and expanded play features, is eligible for funding under the LGGP Large Grant category. For large projects the maximum grant request is \$1 million. The City application will seek a grant award not to exceed the maximum request amount of \$1 million. The City will provide \$1 million in match funds from general obligation bonds (approximately \$600,000) and Parks System Development Charges (approximately \$400,000) to provide a 50 percent match required by the grant program. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2 million. Applications under the large grant category are due April 1, 2024.

If a grant application is successful, it will double the capital budget for rehabilitating and expanding the playground, leveraging the City's investment and emphasizing a commitment to be a good steward of City funds, all while providing exceptional recreation facilities to Salem residents and visitors.

Landscape architecture firm, GreenWorks, is assisting the City with the conceptual design of the project. Community engagement will drive the design process, with outreach and community involvement opportunities scheduled for spring and summer of 2024.

Potential project elements to be funded by a successful grant application including the following:

- Slide mound and nature play, as identified in the *Riverfront Park Master Plan*.
- Park path alterations, providing a clear playground entry and circulation system with an orientation path connecting and organizing the different play zones.
- A playground focal point, an exciting feature that is iconic, attracts attention, and is accessible to all.
- Ramps, surfacing, and accessibility features that allow children to remain in their mobility devices within the playground.
- Low perimeter fencing to keep users safely inside the play area.
- Seating for caregivers to observe play and places for children to sit close to each other for resting and socializing.
- Shade structure over the equipment – in addition to orienting play equipment and furnishings to take advantage of natural shade from existing trees.

Staff are seeking additional support letters from park stakeholders, including actual users (elementary school-aged children) and mothers of children in our community who would benefit from a more accessible playground.

The Local Government Grant Program Advisory Committee will evaluate and score all large grant applications to establish the priority ranking for state funding assistance. Recommendations for funding will be presented to the OPRD Commission in September. If a grant award is approved by the Commission, the City will sign an agreement and receive a Notice to Proceed by October 2024. The OPRD Local Government Grant stipulates that grant projects must be completed within two years from award. Staff is confident that the project can be constructed by September 2026, the designated timeframe.

BACKGROUND:

As defined by the *Comprehensive Park System Master Plan*, Riverfront Park is an Urban Park, meaning it services the entire city and can include facilities that are a regional draw. Riverfront Park is designed and managed to accommodate community-wide gatherings, such as festivals, fairs, and musical events. The park attracts a large number of people from a wide geographic area, and offers support facilities such as restrooms, convenient pedestrian and bicycle access, as well as parking.

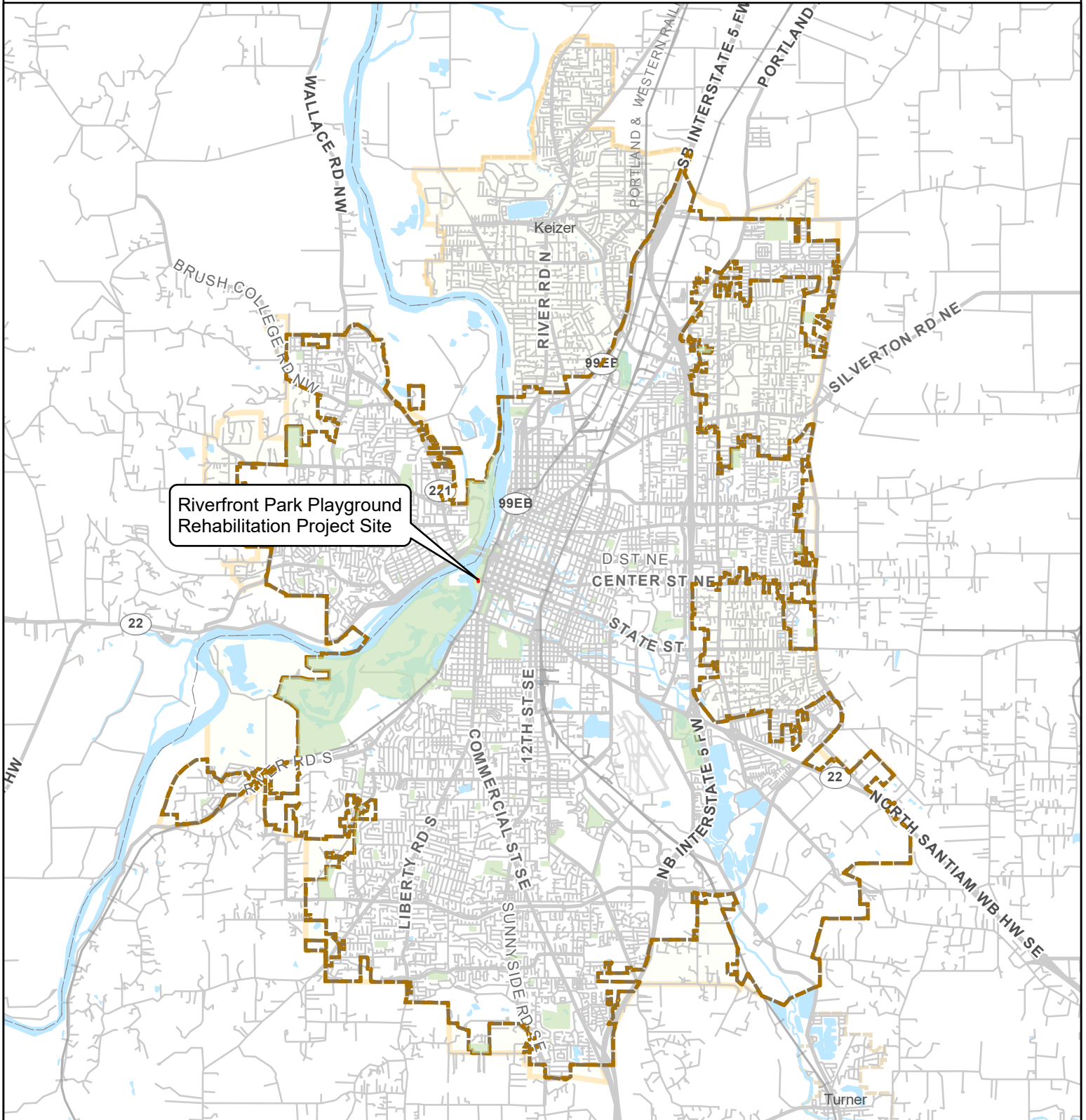
The current playground at Riverfront Park is known as the *Rotary Children's Playground*. It was dedicated in November 1997, over 26 years ago.

Since 1968, the City has completed a total of 52 projects with grant funding provided through programs administered by OPRD. These include Local Government, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreational Trails, and Historic Preservation Grants. Most recently, the City received a Local Government Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to develop a skate park and associated improvements at Geer Park.

Attachments:

1. Project Location Map
2. Riverfront Park Master Plan graphic

Riverfront Park Playground Rehabilitation Vicinity Map



Riverfront Park Playground
Rehabilitation Project Site

LEGEND

- Project Site
- City Limits
- Salem City Park Boundaries



Map dated February 23, 2024



Figure 7: Master Plan



LEGEND

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| ① FUTURE BRIDGE | ⑥ ARRIVAL PLAZA | ⑪ STONE TERRACES - NATURE PLAY | ⑮ EXPANDED DOCK | ⑳ NEW RESTROOMS | ㉔ BIKE SHARE |
| ② PRINGLE CREEK GATEWAY | ⑦ LABYRINTH PAVING OVERLAY | ⑫ EXPANDED PARKING (55-60 SPACES) | ⑯ SEASONAL FACILITY | ㉑ ENHANCED RIPARIAN AREA | ㉕ SMALL PLAZA AND GATEWAY ELEMENT |
| ③ NEW RESTROOMS | ⑧ PICNIC PAVILIONS | ⑬ FLOATING RIVERWALK | ⑰ COURT STREET ENTRY PLAZA | ㉒ KAYAK RENTAL | |
| ④ OVERLOOK | ⑨ SLIDE MOUND | ⑭ PROPOSED CAROUSEL ADDITION * | ⑱ EXISTING SPLASH FOUNTAIN | ㉓ FESTIVAL STREET | |
| ⑤ COVERED STAGE & AMPHITHEATER | ⑩ EXISTING PLAYGROUND AND EXISTING RESTROOMS | ⑰ GATEWAY ELEMENT | ㉘ EXISTING ROTARY PAVILION | ㉖ MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND YARD | |

* SUBJECT TO SEPARATE OUTREACH AND APPROVAL PROCESS

Greenway Setback



SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Parks and Recreation Division Update – March 2024

1. Climate Action Plan – Emission Reduction Goals

- As a follow-up to the presentation last month by Julianah Douglas, Climate Action Plan Manager, specifically addressing the topic of emission reduction goals and the incorporation and utilization of battery powered maintenance equipment by the Parks and Recreation Division, the Parks Operations and Urban Forestry staff are continually evaluating and demo-ing options to replace gas-powered equipment. Companies like Stihl and Husqvarna have held demonstrations for our teams to demo new battery-operated products.

The Urban Forestry team has incorporated into their equipment inventory and has been using small battery-powered chainsaws, power pruners and blowers and the Parks Operations staff are utilizing battery-powered hedge trimmers, weed eaters, hand-held concrete saws, pole saws, hand-held blowers, drills, standard saws, skill saws, band saws, grinders, and paint spray gun to maintain parks.

Crews have appreciated the benefits of using battery-powered equipment like working without exhaust fumes; however, some tasks still require the strength and reliability of gas-powered equipment. A potential complete transition will depend on availability of professional-grade equipment that meets the demands of the division, as well as the monetary impact to existing budget constraints.

2. Issues of Community Interest

- Salem Center Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit – The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is in the design phase of a project that will complete seismic retrofit work on the Center Street Bridge. Further details can be found online: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=21705>.

Park user and natural resource impacts are anticipated, and coordination efforts are in progress. Parks and Recreation staff anticipate significant public discussion once an agreement is reached with the ODOT team regarding staging and site restoration at Wallace Marine Park and Riverfront Park. Any such draft agreement will come to SPRAB for review and consideration before being presented to City Council for consideration.

- *Park User Impacts.* Discussions between the City and ODOT have been ongoing regarding ODOT's construction staging needs and impacts to Riverfront Park and Wallace Marine Park.
 - a. ODOT originally proposed to acquire temporary construction easements from the City for use of nearly all of the northern Riverfront Park parking lot, the Urban Renewal-owned parking lot north of Marion St and, City-owned property in Wallace Marine Park for construction staging.
 - b. The City countered with an offer to allow ODOT temporary use of a smaller area of the north Riverfront parking lot and Urban Renewal-owned parking lot north of Marion St.

- c. ODOT met with Parks and Recreation staff on February 20 and presented further analysis of the construction staging area needs, which included looking at staging requirements for nearby projects of similar scope and gathering constructability input from contractors. Based on this, ODOT has decided the City's proposal for allowing a smaller staging area is not feasible. Further discussions are ongoing on whether the City can accommodate ODOT's request to use a large portion of the northern Riverfront Park parking lot. The City's primary concerns are the parking impact to park users and the impacts on staging and setup for the many income-generating events and festivals at the park.
 - d. Once City and ODOT come to agreement on allowable staging and park impacts, Section 4(f) coordination will be required. Section 4(f) is a reference to an original section within the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 which provided for consideration of park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites during transportation project development.
- *Trees and Natural Resource Impacts.* ODOT has proposed removal of City trees and riparian vegetation along the banks of the Willamette River in Wallace Marine Park and Riverfront Park, with impacts extending across more than 500 linear feet of riverbank. ODOT has further proposed removal of approximately 25 City trees in the northern Riverfront Park parking lot to establish a construction staging site. Parks staff have communicated City tree removal permitting requirements and criteria set forth in SRC Chapter 86. CS Parks and Urban Forestry and PW Natural Resources staff will continue to coordinate with ODOT to minimize impacts to City-managed natural resources while ensuring appropriate site restoration occurs at the conclusion of the project.
- Renovation of the Willamette University Baseball Stadium – Willamette University owns the baseball stadium located at 730 Mission Street SE and uses the facility for its athletic programs. The baseball stadium sits adjacent to the City-owned Bush's Pasture Park and a portion of the stadium lies within the Park subject to an easement. Willamette University and the City have an existing agreement dated 09/24/1982 to allow, in part, for the baseball stadium.

Salem Baseball, LLC intends to form a new summer collegiate baseball team to play in the West Coast League. The West Coast League is a summer collegiate baseball league encompassing Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alberta. It showcases professional prospects from major collegiate conferences around the nation.

Salem Baseball desires to utilize the Willamette University baseball stadium. Salem Baseball and Willamette University envision renovations and improvements to the Stadium for the benefit of their uses, as well as for the benefit of the Salem community. The main improvements desired include the installation of sports lighting, a synthetic turf playing surface and increased accessibility. The renovations and use of the Stadium require expanded encroachment in Bush's Pasture Park. The City has an interest in supporting the improvements at the Stadium for use by the University and Salem Baseball, LLC. Additionally, the City recognizes and supports the benefits and enjoyment to the community by making Salem the home of a new team in a premier summer

baseball league. It is not anticipated that the City would provide financial support for the project but would be asked to allow additional encroachments of the Stadium into the Park.

Following Council authorization on January 22, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Salem Baseball and Willamette University to memorialize the Parties' intention to work collaboratively for the renovation of the Stadium and making it available for use for a potential summer-league baseball team comprised of collegiate players. The MOU has no legally binding force or effect.

Parks Planning staff have been invited to participate in the Parties' discussions. Any draft agreement generated from these discussions will come to SPRAB for review and consideration before being presented to City Council for consideration.

3. University of Oregon Sustainable City Year Program: Landscape Architecture 407/507 Class Project

- On March 7, Parks Planning staff attended the final project presentation of a Spatial Justice course at the University of Oregon. The class is supporting Salem by providing recommendations on how to delineate park service areas. A "service area" is the space around a park that its facilities are considered to effectively serve. The method used to define these service areas impacts their shape and extent, which in turn impacts what park places are prioritized for future development. Of course, this can have major implications for park equity within a city.

The class, composed of undergraduate and graduate students, used a combination of literature review, precedent research, and spatial analysis to explore different options for delineating park service areas. Their work was extremely comprehensive and insightful, ultimately recommending that Salem focus on a mix method approach to triangulate and address park access needs. Their recommendations directly support the goal of incorporating equity considerations into the development of future parkland. Parks Planning looks forward to sharing the students' final report later this year.

4. Neighborhood Trees

- On Saturday, February 10, over 55 volunteers enthusiastically planted trees in and around Ellen Lane Park, located at 3223 Garrett St NW. The event is part of the Neighborhood Tree Program with Friends of Trees, which seeks to increase the tree canopy within Salem while educating community members about the benefits of trees.

With extra motivation from blue skies and sun, volunteers planted 31 native trees (Oregon white oak and Cascara buckthorn) in the park as well as 14 street trees along the park's Garrett Street SW frontage. We saw lots of neighbors who were happy to see us out there, curious about the trees, and even offered to help check up on them. To view photos, [visit this link](#).



Similar events were held at Eagle’s View Park and Lansing Park earlier in the planting season. As the season wraps up, the City and Friends of Trees will be hosting a final volunteer event on Saturday, April 13, focused on planting street trees and yard trees throughout the North and East Lancaster neighborhoods. SPRAB members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the planting event, especially if you have a pickup truck. For more info, visit Friends of Trees event calendar: <https://friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar/>

General information about Salem’s Urban Forest can be found here: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/natural-environment-climate/trees-and-plants>

5. Individual Park Master Planning

- Fairview Park Master Plan Revisit and Refinement – Project consultants, Cameron McCarthy, are preparing two initial conceptual site plan options to illustrate a range of design alternatives for the park master plan, responding to feedback received from the community during the first phase of the project. Parks Planning and Cameron McCarthy are simultaneously preparing for a second phase of community engagement, to review these initial concepts with the community. Further details will be forthcoming; however, staff anticipates that the second round of engagement will kick off on Saturday, March 30 with a neighborhood focused pop-up event at Painters Hall in the Pringle Creek Community, which is near Fairview Park. Other events, focusing on other segments of our community, are being planned for April.

- Fisher Road Park Master Plan – As part of an equity outreach strategy to support engagement with the Latinx communities in the project area, the project consultants, Greenworks and IZO Marketing, have engaged with seven Park Ambassadors within the community. The Park Ambassadors are individuals and community-based organizations with connections to Latinx communities in northeast Salem. Following a training held on January 23, the Park Ambassadors individually held focus groups, generally targeting Latinx residents and community members within the park’s half-mile service area.

On February 25, Greenworks and IZO led a recap meeting to gather feedback received by Park Ambassadors. We learned that the focus groups were well attended, ranging from 20 to over 150 participants. Priorities and concerns regarding the development of the park were generally consistent with the feedback received at an early project open house, and through an online survey. However, the Ambassadors were able to highlight several key issues. For instance, cultural differences in the use of public park space may necessitate a permanent restroom at this neighborhood park. Other priorities include a playground, a path system, parking, soccer use, a place to gather for community cultural events and family parties – including at least one picnic shelter, an enhanced pedestrian crossing of Fisher Road in front of the park, lighting, ample seating, a dog-friendly environment, a sports court (basketball), a skate spot, and a community garden.

On March 6, Parks Planning staff and the Greenworks project team held a design charrette to begin generating initial concepts for the park master plan. Greenworks will be advancing these concepts through mid-April, with further community engagement planned in late-April and May.

6. Park Improvements

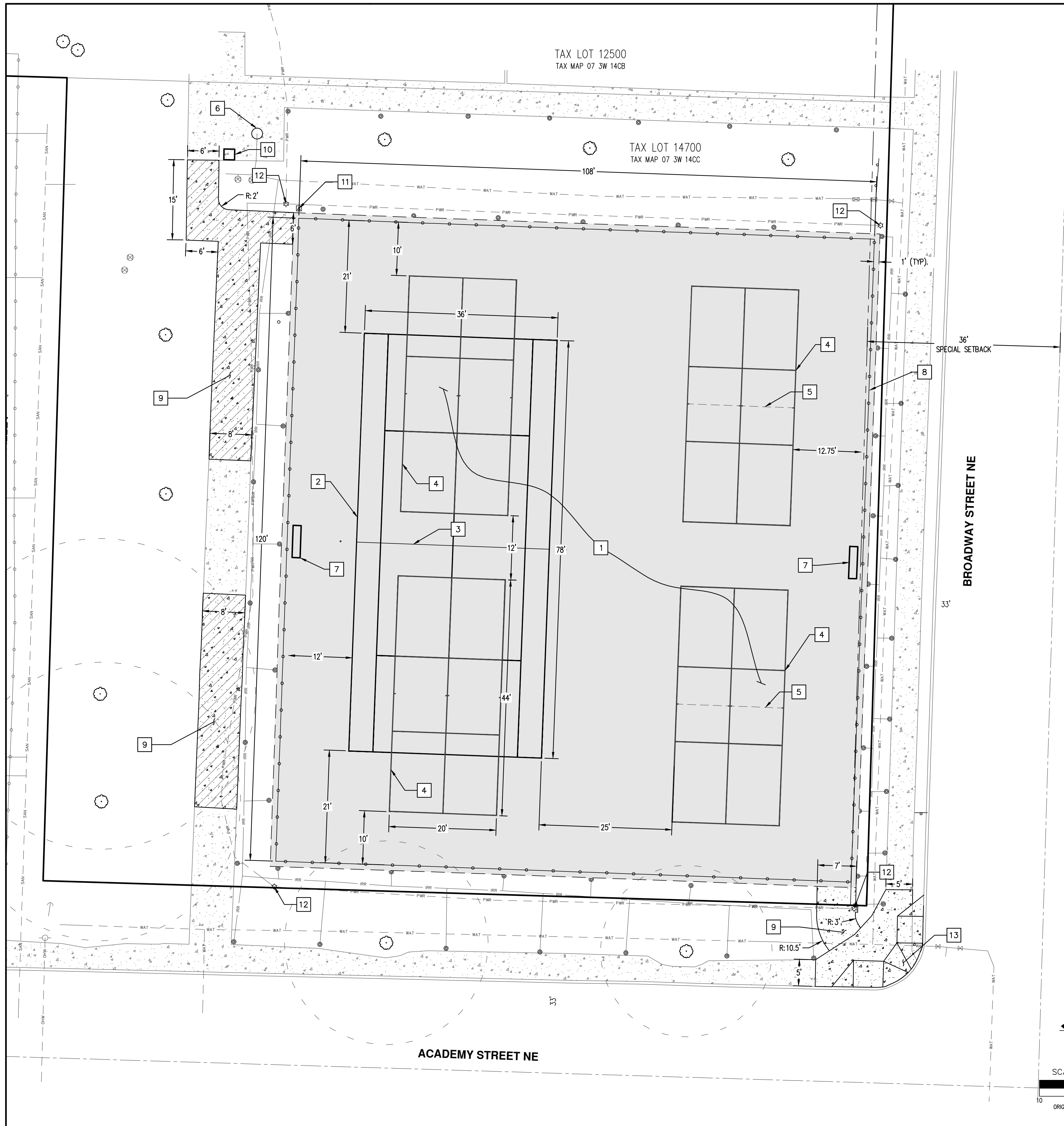
- Geer Park Skate Park and Pathways Project – In mid- to late-February, the City received and evaluated three proposals in response to an RFP for Design Build Services. All three teams include an experienced skate park builder from the Northwest, with two of them based in Oregon. As a next step, all three teams have been invited to participate in an interview with the City project team. Interviews will be held in mid-March. The team receiving the highest combined score for the proposal and interview will be selected to negotiate a scope and fee for the project. Construction of the project is scheduled for 2025.
- Livingston Park and Morningside Park Playground Rehabilitation – Public Works Engineering and Park Planning staff have officially kicked off two playground replacement and park enhancements projects, funded by the Safety and Livability Bond pass by Salem Voters in 2022. The project team recently convened to discuss budget, scope, and schedule for completing these projects. Key topics included inventory of existing conditions, such as topographic surveys, presence of wetlands, stormwater management features, park access and accessibility considerations. As of now, both Livingston and Morningside Parks have undergone topographic surveys, and on-site review meetings have also been conducted. Parks Planning staff is currently in the process of developing a public engagement plan to gather feedback from residents of the Morningside and North Lancaster Neighborhood Associations, as well as residents within a ½-mile radius of the parks.

- Rehabilitation of sports courts – Park upgrades included in the 2022 Safety and Livability Bond include rehabilitation of five sports courts located River Road Park (tennis/pickleball courts), Highland Park (tennis/pickleball courts), Hoover Park (tennis, possibly transition to other uses) Morningside Park (multi-use court), and Sumpter School Park (multi-use court). Project design consultant, AKS Engineering and Forestry, is preparing construction documents and permitting necessary to complete these improves at River Road and Sumpter Parks in the 2024 construction season. Improvements at the remining three parks are slated to occur the following year.

In February, Park Planning conducted online surveys to gather feedback from residents regarding the proposed improvements at River Road Park and Sumpter Park.

Attached to this report are recently completed 30% design site plans for each facility.

- Minto-Brown Island Parking Lot Improvements – Contractor bids for resurfacing Parking Lots No. 2 and 3 at Minto-Brown Island Park were opened on February 20. Sixteen bids were received with the apparent low bid of \$911,499, about \$100,000 below the engineer’s estimate. This continues a trend of strong competition for projects going to construction this summer. This is the first 2022 Safety and Livability Bond project to go to construction. Construction will begin as soon as weather permits and continue through the summer. When completed, we will have newly paved parking lots at the dog park and main lot near the end of Minto Island Road.



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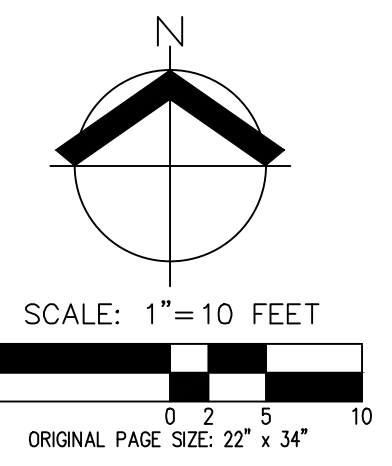
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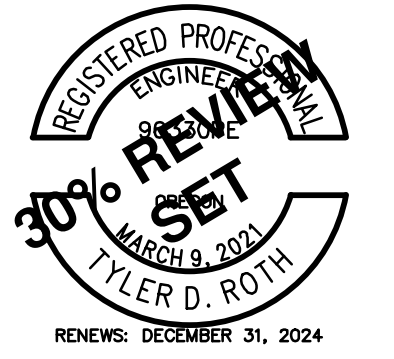


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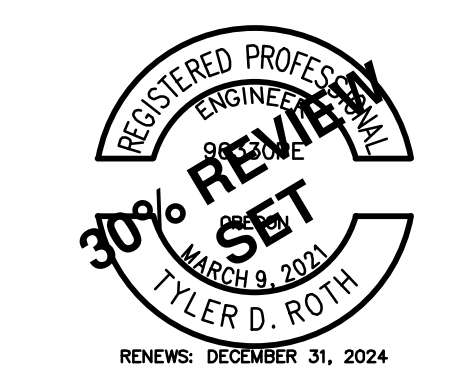
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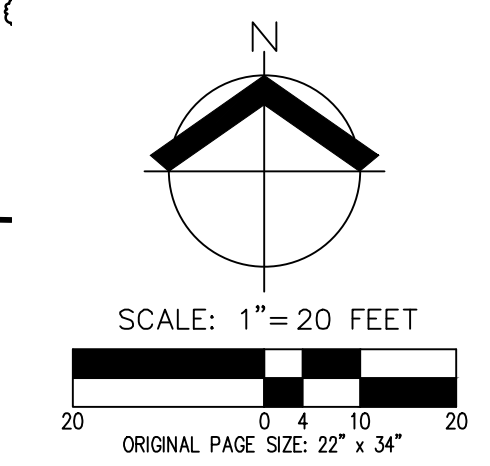
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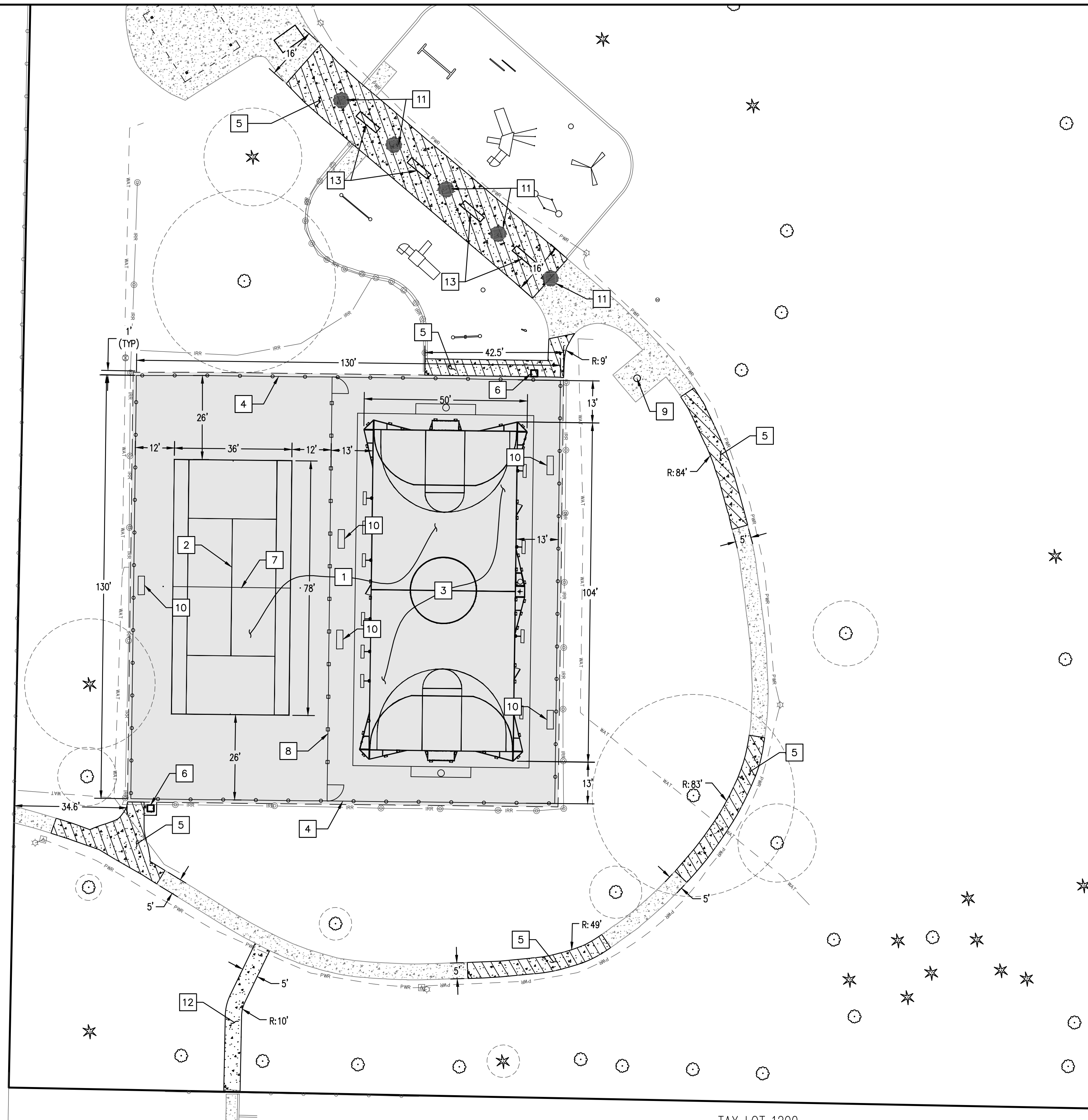
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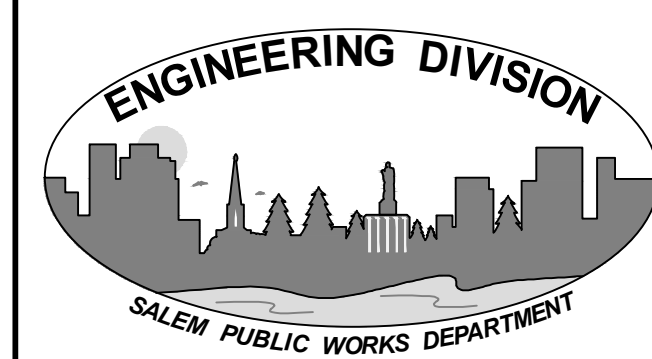
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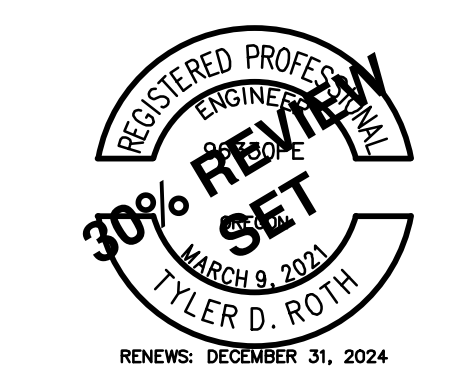


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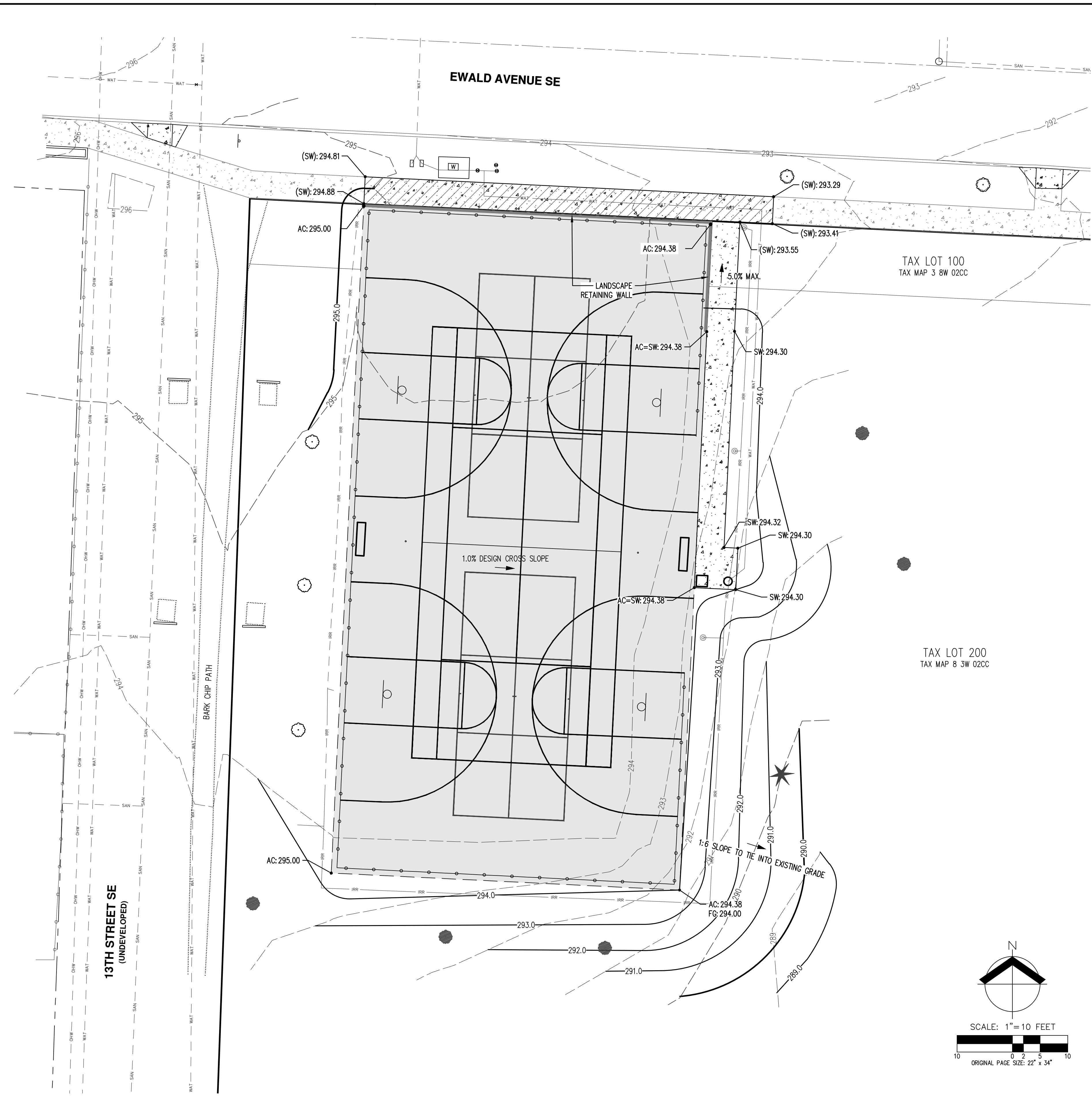
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ABBREVIATIONS:

EXISTING:
(SW): EXISTING SIDEWALK ELEVATION

PROPOSED:
AC: ASPHALT PAVEMENT ELEVATION
FG: FINISHED GRADE ELEVATION
SW: SIDEWALK ELEVATION

DOWNWARD SLOPE: X.X% ↘

IMPERVIOUS AREA DATA:

EXISTING COURT ASPHALT = (NOT DISTURBING SUBGRADE)	5,878 SF
NEW COURT ASPHALT/CONCRETE = (NEW IMPERVIOUS AREA)	1,745 SF
EXISTING SIDEWALK CONCRETE = TO BE REPAIRED (NOT DISTURBING SUBGRADE)	367 SF
NEW SIDEWALK CONCRETE = (NEW IMPERVIOUS AREA)	344 SF
TOTAL NEW AND REPLACED = IMPERVIOUS AREA	2,089 SF

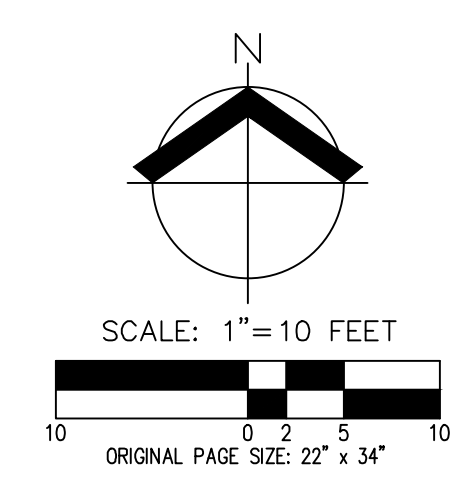
CITY OF SALEM LARGE PROJECT DETERMINATION:

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IN CONCLUSION, THIS PROJECT IS NOT CONSIDERED A LARGE PROJECT, AND DETENTION WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT TRIGGERED.

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CONCRETE SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE		





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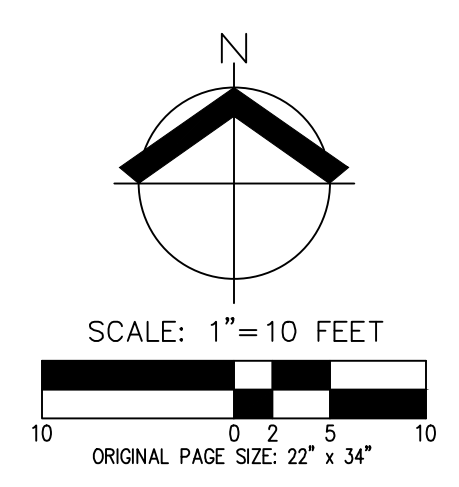
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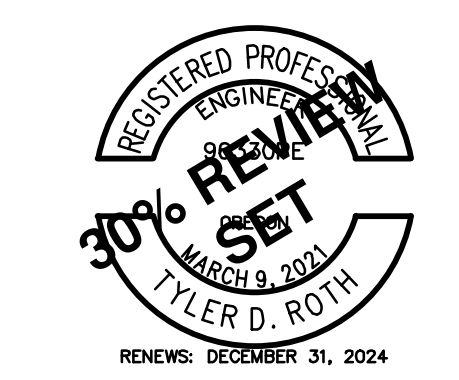
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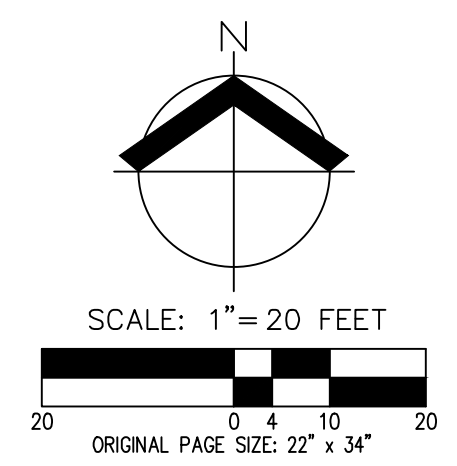
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- NEW 5' WIDE CONCRETE WALKWAY CENTERED IN CITY EASEMENT.
- PERFORATED PIPE TRENCH. DAYLIGHT TO FACE OF CURB ON ROCKWOOD STREET WITH NEW WEEPHOLE. L=103', S=1% MIN.
- ADA RAMP REPLACEMENT. PER CITY DETAIL NO. 307A
- NEW ADA RAMP.
- 3" SCH 40 PVC PIPE FROM FACE OF CURB TO 2-FT PAST FENCE.
- INSTALL CLEANOUT.
- DISPERSION TRENCH.

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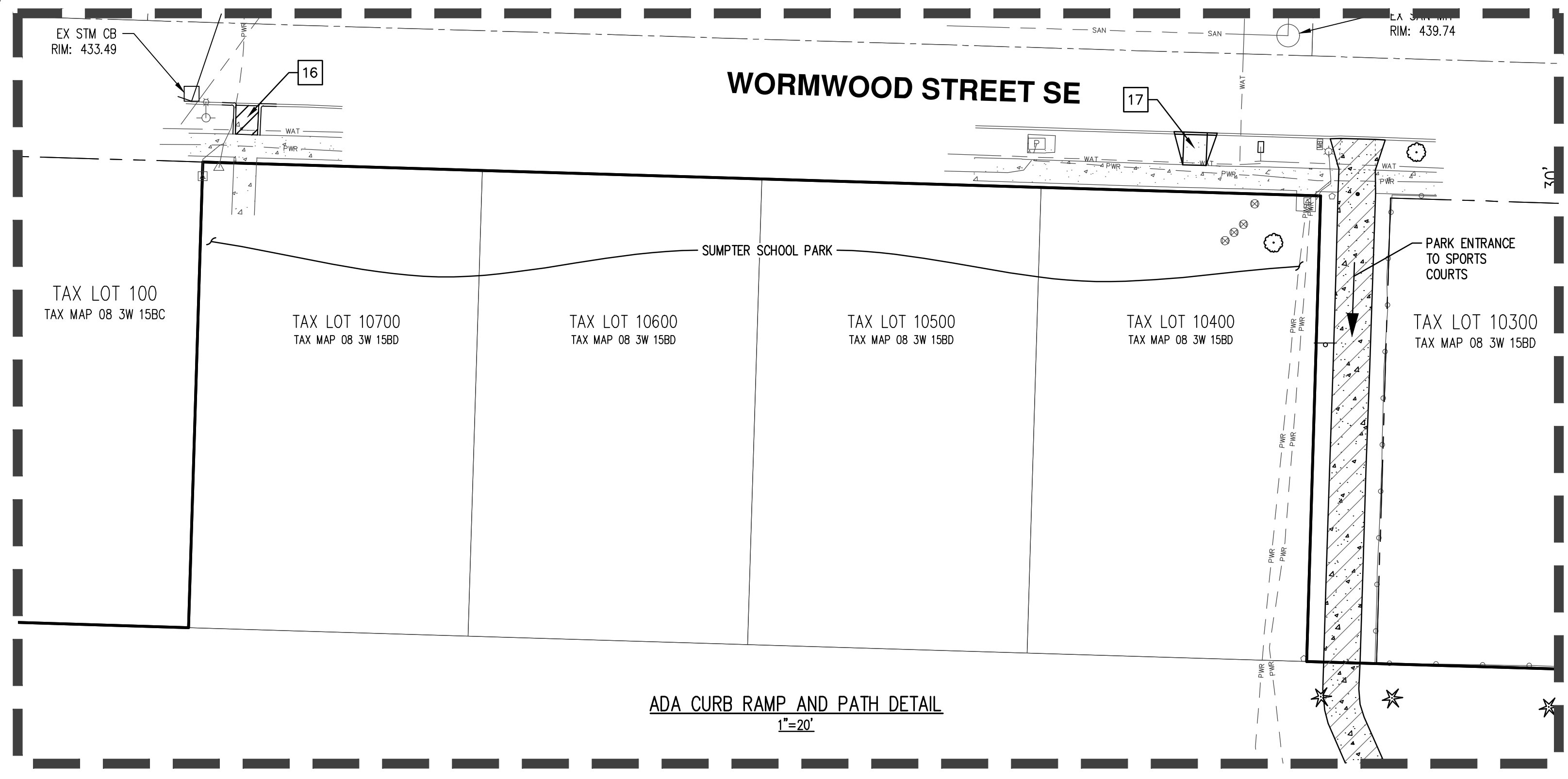
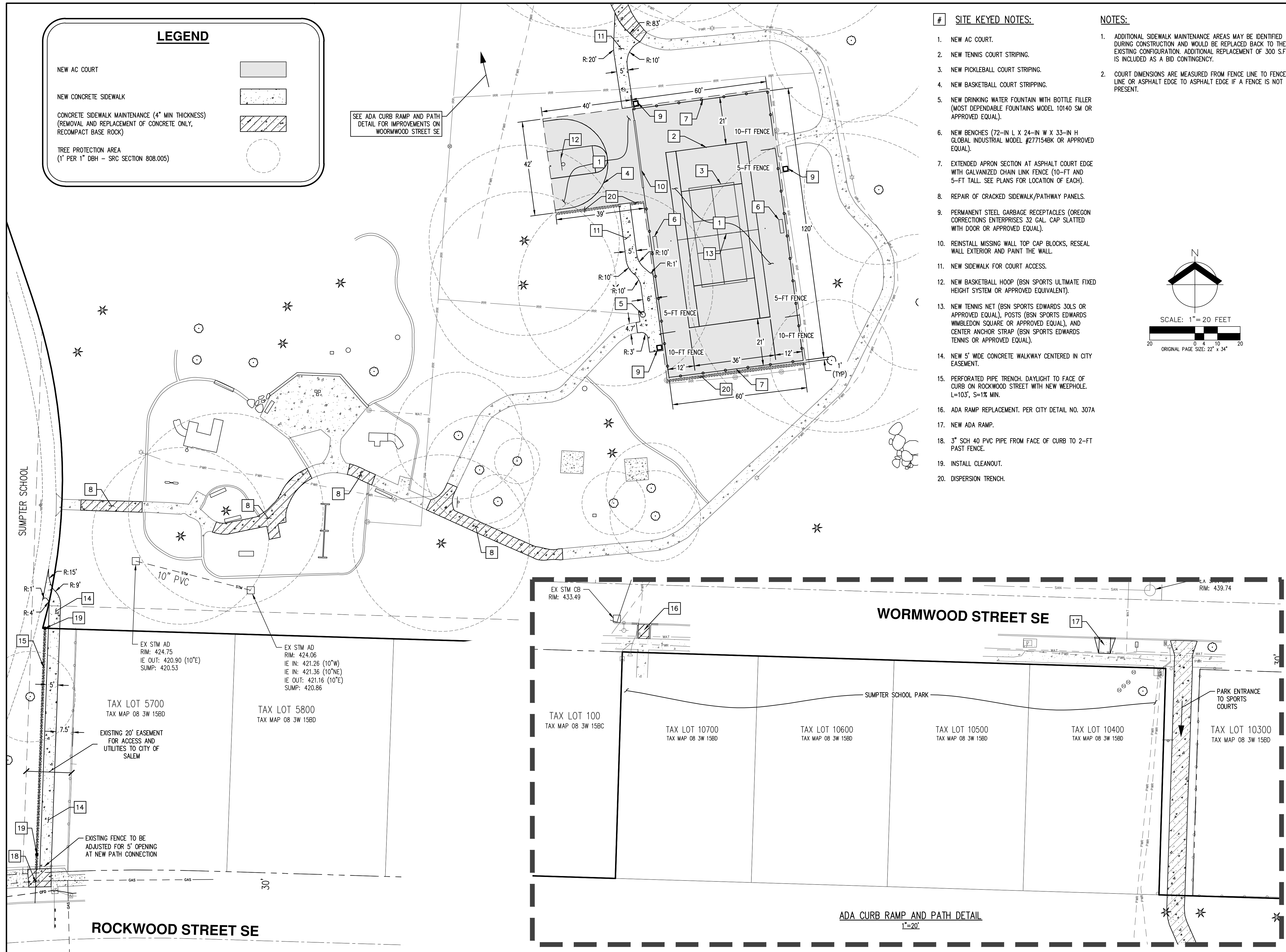
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SEE ADA CURB RAMP AND PATH DETAIL FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON WORMWOOD STREET SE



ADA CURB RAMP AND PATH DETAIL
1"=20'

2023 TREE REPORT



TREE CITY USA

*48 Years of Planting Trees
Charter Member
17 Growth Awards*

The City's Community Forest is managed cooperatively by the Community Services Department (Urban Forestry Division, Parks Planning), Public Works Department (Stormwater Quality, Natural Resources Planning, Climate Action Planning), and Community Planning and Development Department (Planning, Development Services). The information provided in this report encompasses work accomplished across multiple departments and work groups. It does not represent all tree related work completed in 2023, rather focuses on highlights and major accomplishments.

New Trees Webpages

www.cityofsalem.net/community/natural-environment-climate/trees-and-plants



City of Salem Tree Crew



Emerald Ash Borer



Purple prism traps for Emerald Ash Borer

INFORM

A variety of inventories, assessments, and plans INFORM our understanding of the distribution of trees in our city, identify areas with low canopy and high planting potential, and help protect and expand our community forest while responding to ongoing and emerging threats and challenges.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

◆ **City Street Tree Inventory** – Maintained by the Urban Forestry Division, this inventory documents the location, species, size, and condition of City-owned street trees. Since 2018 the Urban Forestry Division has had boots on the ground surveying and adding trees to the inventory. Approximately 90% of trees located in designated planting strips between the sidewalk and the curb have been inventoried. In 2023, we also increased efforts for inventorying trees in developed parks.

Total number of City Trees Documented

(as of December 31, 2023)

35,381

- ◆ 28,765 Right-of-way (aka. street trees)
- ◆ 6,126 Developed Park
- ◆ Total number of suitable planting spaces identified = 5,538
- ◆ Trees added in 2023 = 4,882 (includes existing trees and new trees planted)

◆ In September 2023 the City was notified of a \$1,000,000 grant award from USDA Forest Service. Beginning in 2024 these funds will be used to enhance tree canopy in Salem’s disadvantaged communities.

◆ **Stream Shade Assessment** - PlanIT Geo modeled 2018 streamside shade, identified areas where additional trees can be planted to improve streamside shade, and measured the change of streamside canopy between 2009 and 2018. Results will help guide landowner outreach to promote resources for increasing native vegetation and shade along streams.

◆ **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Planning** – The first detection of EAB on the west coast occurred in June 2022, in Forest Grove, Oregon, less than 50 miles from Salem by vehicle. Throughout 2023, a significant amount of focus was placed on understanding associated risks, evaluating treatment and response options, and drafting a readiness and response plan.

◆ **1st Season of EAB Monitoring** – In 2023 staff established twelve monitoring locations in ash tree stands around Salem and Geren Island. In cooperation with ODF and ODA, we installed purple prism traps at each location in May, checked them in June, and removed and checked them again in September. Ash trees at each location were also inspected each time. No EAB were detected in any of Salem’s traps or trees in 2023.



Friends of Trees-Eagles View Park



Willamette University Planting Event 2023



Willamette Slough Riparian Tree Planting



AAUW tree planting at Stephens Yoshikai Park

INSPIRE

One of the primary goals of Salem’s Community Forestry Strategic Plan is to raise awareness and support for long-term care, planting, and protection of Salem’s trees. One of the best ways to INSPIRE support for the urban forest is through volunteer tree planting and care events and educational opportunities.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Arbor Month Activities:

- ◆ Arbor Month Proclamation – declaring the month of April as Arbor Month (Mar 13)
- ◆ April Clean Streams e-Newsletter, Stream Currents, highlighted Arbor Month with topics covering: Arbor Month, City of Salem Arbor Month Events, Tree City USA, Friends of Trees planting events, Free Tree Program
- ◆ Two Clean Streams Arbor Month Facebook posts: April 2 City Arbor Month Events, April 12 Tree City USA
- ◆ Urban Forestry “Tree Talks” at North Salem High School
- ◆ Volunteer Events all month long, including:
 - 25 trees planted on University St, Oak St & Leslie St (Willamette University)
 - 40 trees planted at Stephens-Yoshikai Park (Friends of Trees)
 - 6 trees planted at Fairmount Park
 - 30 trees planted at Stephens-Yoshikai Park (American Association of University Women)
 - 13 trees planted at Englewood Park with Northeast Neighbors
 - 20 trees planted at Richmond School Park (Richmond Elementary School)
 - 1 Oregon white oak planted with Chemeketa DAR in Bush Park

Mailers:

- ◆ Free Trees for Streams Program Spring 2023 (1,907 Recipients)
- ◆ Annual Streamside Guide, including information about SRC 808, Emerald Ash Borer, and co-existing with beaver (1,865 Recipients)
- ◆ Free Trees for Streams Program Fall 2023 (2,233 Recipients)
- ◆ Utility Bill insert about City-tree protections (SRC 86)

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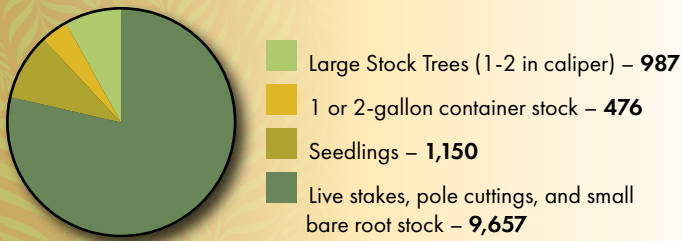
- ◆ Annual Urban Streams Stewardship Symposium included information about native trees, Emerald Ash Borer, and importance of trees for stream health and water quality.
- ◆ City Arborists attended the Englewood Forest Festival to provide info about City trees and Emerald Ash Borer.
- ◆ Urban Forestry staff demonstration on use of stump grinder, tree lift truck, and tree climbing setup at Salem Service Day.

GROW

Tree plantings across the city really add up! In 2023, 12,270 trees were planted by City programs and partners.

TREES PLANTED BY NURSERY STOCK

The trees we plant come in many different sizes, depending on the project, budget, and site needs. Seedlings, bare root stock, live stakes and pole cuttings are primarily used in natural area restoration projects, whereas larger nursery stock are typically used in developed parks and along streets.



TREES PLANTED BY LOCATION

City staff, contractors, and volunteers plant trees in parks, along streets, in the riparian areas of streams, in natural areas, and even on residential properties. The City currently has two tree give-away programs for residential properties: the Free Trees for Streams program which offers native trees to landowners to plant along their stream banks, and the Pilot Yard Tree program which offers large stock trees to residents of select low canopy neighborhoods.

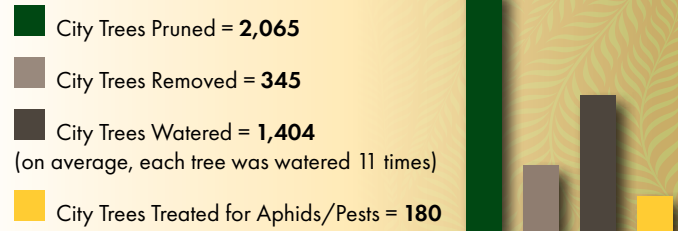


Tree Planting Contractors

- ◆ **Friends of Trees** –Volunteer Planting in Parks, Residential Neighborhoods, and Riparian Areas
- ◆ **Treecology** – Tree Planting and Establishment along Roads and in Parks
- ◆ **Ash Creek Forest Management** – Restoration Contractor for Natural Areas and Streamsides
- ◆ **Integrated Resource Management** – Restoration Contractor for Natural Areas and Streamsides

CARE

Salem Community Services Department’s Urban Forestry Division is the primary manager of City-owned trees located along streets, in City parks, and on other City-owned properties.



◆ ISA Certified Arborists on Staff

- Milan Davis
- Tom Bradley
- Don Gunther
- Kyle Fowler
- Nolan Rogers
- Kevin Pack

- ◆ **New Equipment Purchase:** Teupen Track Lift that can reach 75 feet high and fit through 36-inch-wide fence, great for parks and working in difficult to reach areas.

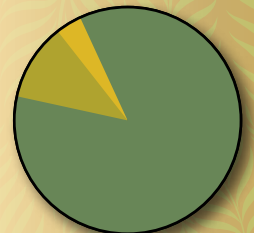


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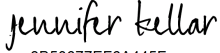
- ◆ Balance as of December 31, 2023 = \$584,595

2023 Tree Fund Revenue

- ◆ Tree code violations = \$148,379
- ◆ Interest = \$18,279
- ◆ Donations = \$550



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1	Bush's Pasture Park	11	155
2	Cascades Gateway Park	1	30
3	Clark Creek Park	1	20
4	Geer Community Park	2	40
5	Gilbert House Children's Museum	1	
6	Hoodview Park	4	60
7	Hoover Park	2	35
8	Lee Park	2	65
9	McKay School Park	4	85
10	Minto-Brown Island Park	2	70
11	Northgate Park	4	120
12	Orchard Heights Park	1	30
13	Pringle Creek Trail	1	
14	Riverfront Park	14	495
15	Wallace Marine Park	1	
16	Weathers Street Park	2	50
17	Wendy Kroger Park	2	30
18	Wes Bennett Park	1	20

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