



PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

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Gabriel Park - Southern Park Concept – includes Community Garden, Orchard, Meadow Area, Parking for the Community Garden and Winter Dog off leash area (DOLA), and the connected natural areas.

Issues: This portion of the park has numerous uses and is the intersection of Community Gardens, City Nature and Zone Management of the developed portion of the park.

1. Community Garden Expansion – add 6 more ADA/raised beds and expand the Community Orchard. Also, provide space for a children’s garden.
2. Parking – presently used by gardeners and winter dog off leash users. There are 11 spaces, with a possibility to provide a total 16 spaces with striping within the same space. There may be opportunities for additional parking.
3. Gathering Space – located a covered gathering place that is accessible and easy to maintain.
4. Passive Open Space – this areas is across from the community garden. It is regularly mowed and underutilized recreation space. It is adjacent to the area that is managed by City Nature.
5. Habitat conversion of the natural area adjacent to the community garden – The area adjacent to the community garden is mixed conifer and shrub scrub. The conifers are starting to shade out the community garden. The area would have higher ecological value for wildlife as a mixed native shrub and small tree and riparian habitat. This would require removing some trees, and planting shrubs and lower growing vegetation.

Concept: This concept is developed to guide future uses (see Concept Map).

1. Community Garden Expansion – expand in the mowed area adjacent to the garden. Implement expansion in 3-5 years.
2. Parking – Options include: possible implementation in 2015/2016
 - a. Better use of the same space by striping present parking location to increase the number of spaces
 - b. Expand along the property line east of the present road
 - c. Continue to explore other options
3. Gathering Space – amphitheater style that has covering for up to 30 people (1 classroom), ADA accessible, and includes bench seating. Size and material will be determined through a separate design process, when funding becomes available. Possible locations include:
 - a. Within the garden area, in presently mowed area
 - b. Southeast corner of the passive area, within the area that would be converted to pollinator habitat.
4. Passive Open Space –convert the approximately 1.25 acres to a pollinator meadow. This area would then be managed by City Nature. The design and maintenance details will be completed by City Nature. Conversion would start November 2015.
5. Remove invasive trees such as cherry and English hawthorn, selectively cut conifers that are overcrowded or will shade out the community garden. Replant with diverse native trees and shrubs.

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Public Outreach: present concepts at planned meetings and post in the park

1. SWNI Parks Committee presentation on Oct. 1, 2015
2. Friends of Gabriel Park meeting on Oct. 21, 2015
3. DOLAs – post on notice boards
4. Community Garden – post on notice board
5. Community Center – post information and include a survey that can be returned to the desk.
6. Parke Diem – Oct. 10, 9am-12pm – post information, table
7. Pollinator Meadow Tour – Oct. 22nd from 4:30-5:30, meet at the parking lot next to the community garden

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