

Beaverton Creekside: Downtown's Next Great Place



Potential creekside park in the District

Downtown Creeks Plan

The Downtown Creeks Plan is one of three major components of the Beaverton Creekside District Master Plan and represents an important step in implementing the Beaverton Civic Plan. The Creekside Master Plan will help implement a priority goal of the Civic Plan and Community Vision to “establish Beaverton Creek as an urban amenity” by restoring and rejuvenating downtown’s three creeks and nurturing the local economy to create an innovative, sustainably-designed downtown neighborhood and business district.

Beaverton was once a small town with a creek system along a wide and shallow floodplain. As the city grew, the forests were logged, ponds and marshes were drained, and creeks were channelized to make the land suitable for agriculture and industry.

Today the remaining floodplain in downtown Beaverton has been largely filled in and paved over. The result is a largely unseen creek system, with water quality problems, regular nuisance flooding, and few opportunities for recreation or public access.

With many partners, the city and Clean Water Services are working in the Creekside District to create a compelling vision and plan for

THE BEAVERTON CREEKSIDE DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

The Beaverton Civic Plan, adopted in the spring of 2011, recognizes the Creekside District, with its transit access, natural resources and central location, as having significant untapped potential for new places to work, shop and live. With the help of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant, the Beaverton Creekside District Master Plan is enabling the City and its partners to fulfill the goals of the Civic Plan to help create an economically vital and beautiful downtown that attracts a diversity of residents, visitors, employees, and employers.

There are three major components of the Master Plan: the **Downtown Creeks Plan**, the **District Transportation Plan**, and the **District Housing and Redevelopment Plan**. Together, these three components will guide planning and public investment to assist owners in realizing the greater potential of their properties, enhance and beautify downtown creeks, and improve transportation and infrastructure to help people move around downtown Beaverton and better support the district’s businesses.

Learn more about the **Downtown Creeks Plan** as well as other elements of the Beaverton Creekside District Master Plan online:

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the entire creek corridor. The Downtown Creeks Plan is intended to provide clarity and predictability for property owners and identify public and private investment opportunities to create open spaces and enhance water quality.

The resulting plan will provide property owners with a single master Service Provider Letter for the district to help streamline the permitting of new housing, jobs and activities in the area. The Downtown Creeks Plan will also include the design and engineering for a new park and plaza to bring people and the creeks together.



Downtown Creeks Plan Timeline:

The redevelopment and revitalization of Beaverton Creekside will take time and considerable collaboration. The Downtown Creeks Plan is a three-year initiative among Washington County's Clean Water Services, the City of Beaverton, and property and business owners. Here is the schedule for the project:

- Research to understand the existing natural area conditions and how the streams and drainage systems operate – *fall 2012 to spring 2013*
- Identify goals, opportunities, and challenges with stakeholders including property owners, business owners and residents – *winter 2012 to fall 2014*
- Develop an overall community vision for the look, feel and function of the creeks – *late spring 2013*
- Discuss options and select a new park design and enhanced stream landscape – *summer 2013 to winter 2013*
- Finalize the Downtown Creeks Plan – *winter 2013 to summer 2014*
- Adopt the plan and make needed changes to city policies or investment plans – *summer 2014 to winter 2014*

Results of the Downtown Creeks Plan Will Include:

- Design and engineering for a new park and plaza at the Round, bringing people and Beaverton's creeks back together
- Solutions to improve water quality and address frequent flooding impacts from the downtown creek system
- Regulatory improvements and incentives to guide sustainable development
- Engagement with formerly underrepresented populations to help shape the future of this emerging district



The Beaverton Creekside District comprises nearly 50 acres in Beaverton's downtown. It is located at the confluence of Beaverton's three creeks, and sits at the core of the regional center's transit systems.

It is the natural focal point for a revitalized downtown Beaverton.



Stay up to date and find out how you can participate!

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