

# Oakridge Mill Park

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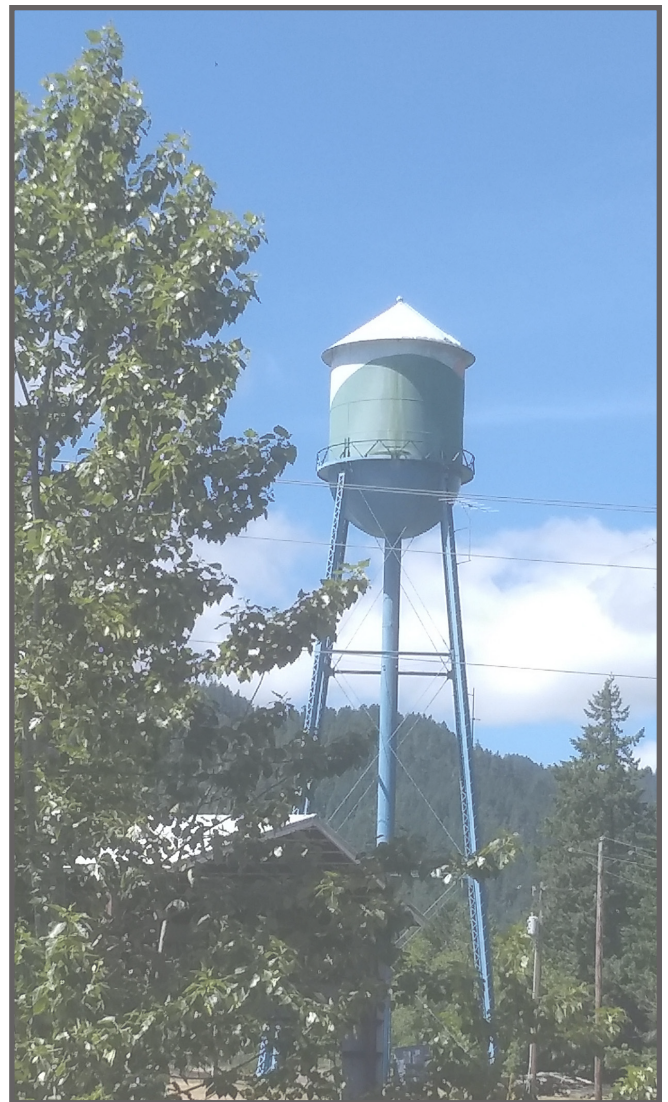
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## PURPOSE

The Oakridge Mill Park Conceptual Plan is intended to illustrate a vision for the designated park and open spaces that surround the old Pope and Talbot Sawmill. This document is neither meant to be a master plan nor a strategic plan. It is not intended to detail construction or engineering documents.

This concept plan does show where existing recreation opportunities are within the City-owned parks and open space lands and how proposed amenities can create a regional park that all can enjoy. It is hoped that this plan will help the City acquire public and private funding which will be essential in the development of the Mill Park.



*Water tower at mill site*



## BACKGROUND



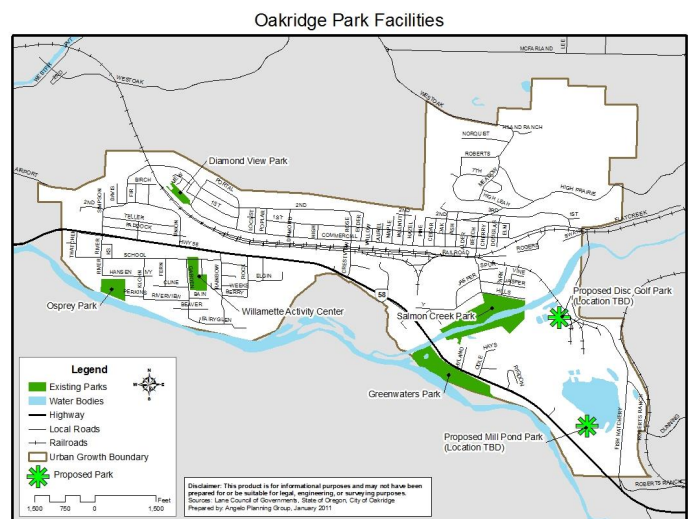
Historic photo of Pope & Talbot Sawmill

The City of Oakridge acquired the old Pope and Talbot Sawmill in the 1990s with the intention of using the mill site to support economic development in the community. Most of the buildable lands are zoned for business and industrial use. The City of Oakridge has set aside a portion of the site to be used for parks and open space. The City also owns lands on the other side of Salmon Creek including the City's water wellheads, maintenance sheds, community garden and Salmon Park. In addition, there are levees on both sides of Salmon Creek that are used as hiking and biking trails.



# EXISTING PLANNING FRAMEWORK

The City of Oakridge has a parks master plan and a community trails plan. Both plans do an excellent job of detailing existing opportunities as well as make recommendations for future development. The Oakridge Mill Park Conceptual Plan is meant to tier off of both these plans and is designed to accompany them.



Map of Oakridge Park Facilities-  
Oakridge Park Master Plan

In 2008, the City of Oakridge partnered on the Oakridge-Westfir Community Trails Plan (a past NPS-RTCA technical assistance project), which detailed the existing and potential trails of the area including the recommendation for trails within the old mill site.

In 2011, The City developed the Oakridge Parks Master Plan with assistance from Angelo Planning Group and the University of Oregon's School of Landscape Architecture. The plan discusses the existing park and open spaces of the City and makes recommendations for new parks including the Mill Park.



# THE MILL PARK PLANNING PROCESS & NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ASSISTANCE

In the Fall of 2017, The City applied for and received a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (NPS-RTCA) program to help the City work with partners and stakeholders to develop a concept plan for the portions of the mill site that have been set aside for parks and open space.

NPS worked with the City of Oakridge for two years to form a planning team comprised of local organizations and citizens. The first step was to inventory the lands at the planning site. The NPS and City then partnered with the Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA) to host an intensive design workshop in the Summer of 2018.



*Site visit with partners and stakeholders*



*Partners and stakeholders inventorying lands at site*





*Workshop participants highlighting areas on map*



*Participants reviewing overview map*



*ASLA representative working with group*

ASLA brought in over a dozen professional landscape architects who brought their expertise and guidance pro-bono. The ASLA landscape architects were paired with graduate students from University of Oregon's School of Landscape Architecture to facilitate five different tables where Oakridge community members worked with the design professionals to generate distinct alternatives.

In total, over 65 people participated in this intensive all day workshop. The planning team analyzed these designs and created a draft conceptual plan which was posted online along with a community-based survey designed to get feedback on the draft plan. This conceptual plan represents the final plan after community feedback.



# COMMUNITY-BASED SURVEY

In the summer of 2019, an informal, online survey was conducted to gather information from the community about who they are and where they live, what features they would prefer to see in the park, and what trail type they would want to see. The survey was available online for two months. Hard copies at City Hall were also available if desired/needed. 50 people responded giving their input about park details. Respondents answered a set of questions to gauge their interest and preferences as well as given the opportunity to write some comments in their own words.

***“Trails and multi use outdoor space is much needed by the Oakridge/ Westfir community. I like the hiking trails - they are close enough for use during scout meetings.”***

***“Implementation of any of these plans should include using native vegetation, robust and durable construction materials, and proper choices to minimize maintenance of these amenities.”***

***“I selected dirt trails because it will be the easiest/ cheapest option to start with. Eventually a mix of surfaces would be nice, but those should be added as money comes available.”***

*Samples of survey respondents written comments*





Some important insights and highlights gathered from the survey:

- All of the suggested Kids Nature Play area elements polled at over 50% approval with bouldering and logs to climb on being the most favored.
- All proposed park amenities had approval ratings over 50% except for the frisbee disc golf course, which still had more people liking than disliking it. It should be noted that the largest portion of respondents didn't care or have an opinion about the disc golf course.
- The White Water Park, Sawmill Rail to Trail and Mill Pond Loop Trails were the amenities most desired by survey respondents.
- 72% respondents were residents of Oakridge.
- 76% of survey takers were either "Very Excited" or "Excited" about the proposed park while less than 6% were "Not liking" or "Hating" the plan.
- Most respondents were in favor of naming the park Oakridge Mill Park.
- Respondents were split on trail surface type with a small majority in favor of compacted gravel for both the Sawmill Trail and Mill Pond Loop Trail.

After reviewing survey responses it can be concluded that there is large support for the park overall and in particular the Whitewater Play Area, Sawmill Trail, Mill Pond Loop Trail, and the Kids Nature Base Play Area. Responses were mixed on preferences towards the Frisbee Golf Course and Historic Ramp. There was no clear preference on trail type however permeable surface implementation and cost reduction were both mentioned in the comments section in favor of dirt paths.



One of the main goals of the survey was to find out what features the community was most and least excited about. Two questions were asked to gauge level of interest.

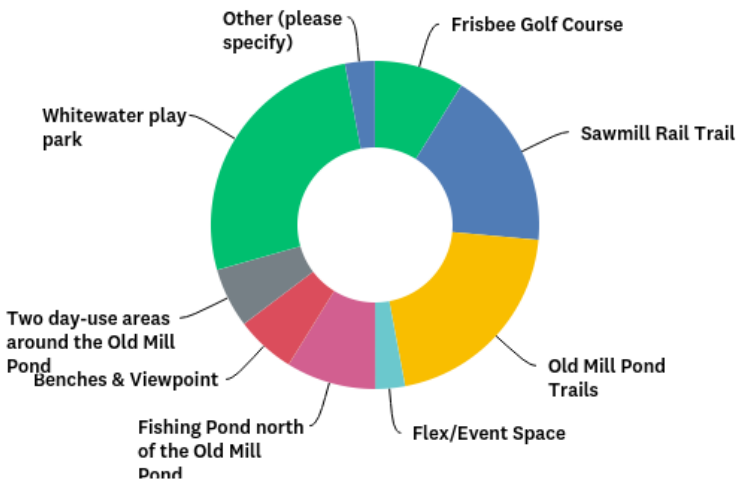
### RANKED AMENITIES

The amenities which respondents listed as their favorite included the Whitewater Play area (26%), Mill Loop Trails (20%), and Sawmill Trail (17%).

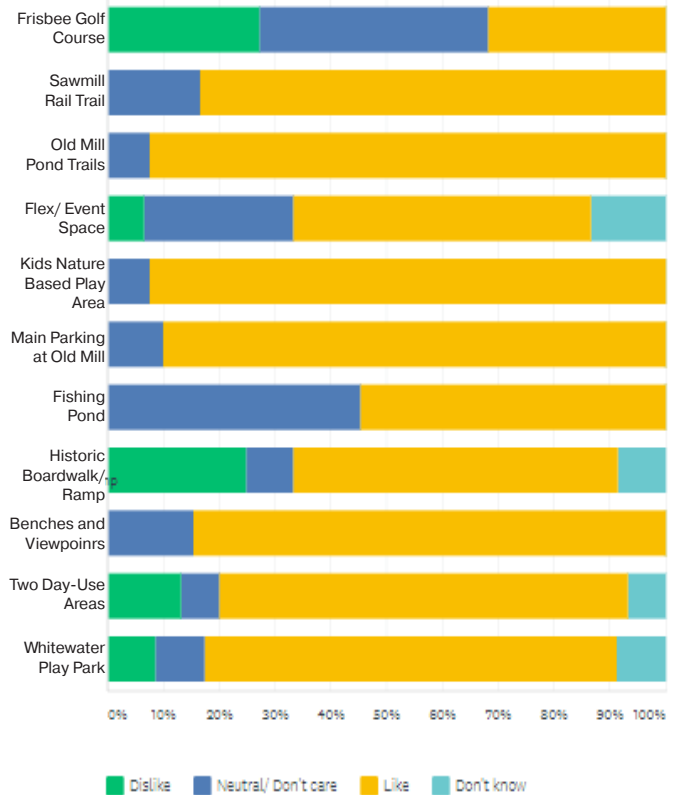
### OVERALL FAVORITE

The amenities that had 80% or more of the respondents say they “liked” them include the saw mill rail trail, the trails around the mill ponds, a kids nature-based play area, parking at the mill ponds, and benches and viewpoints.

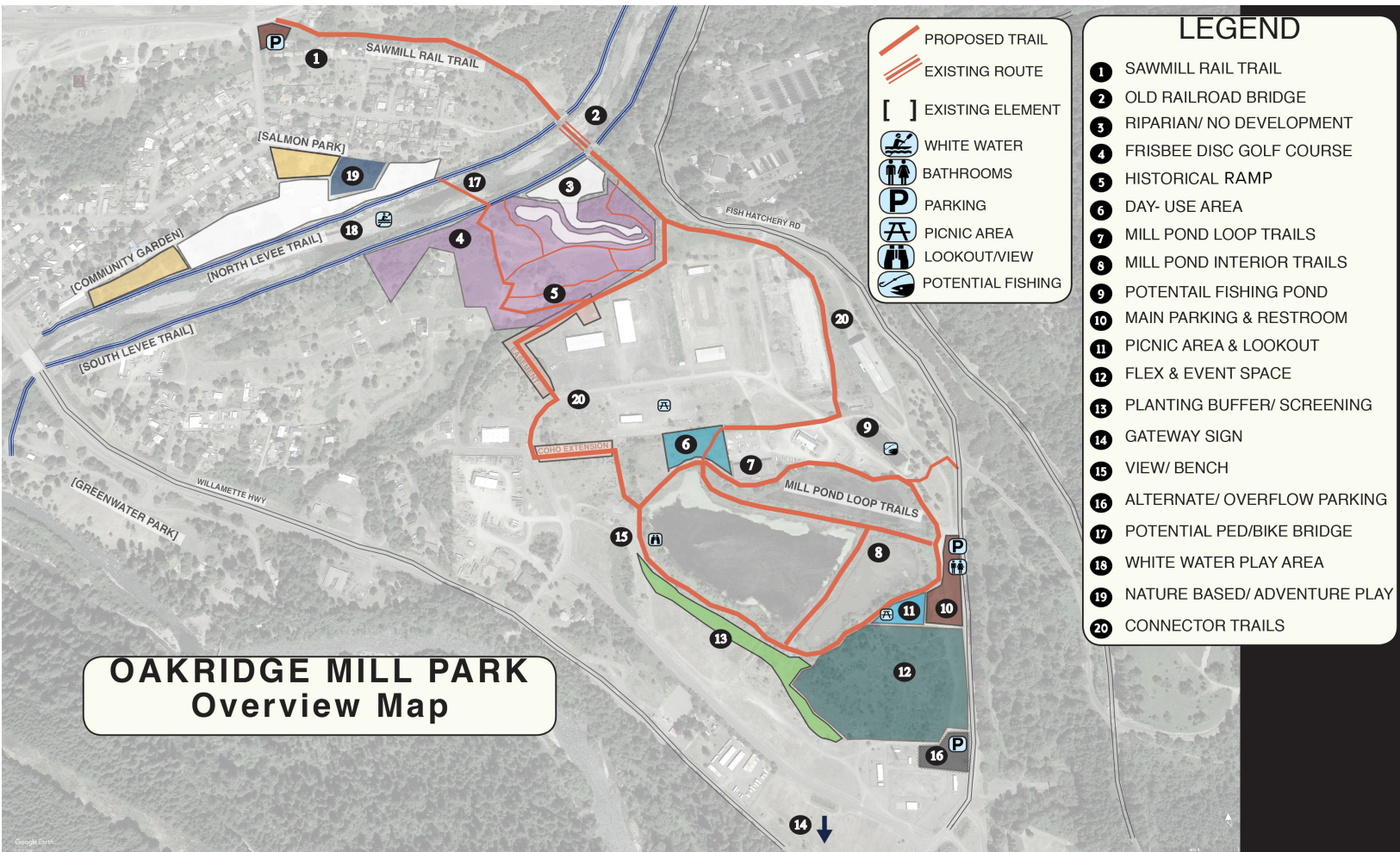
Q7: Which of these is your favorite feature of the plan?



Q6: Please tell us how you feel about the following recreation amenities.



# MAP



# MILL PARK, SURROUNDING PARK, & OPEN SPACE ELEMENTS (Existing & Recommended)

## 1 Sawmill Rail Trail

This old spur line leading to the old mill site will serve as the access point and trail for most residents in Oakridge. It should be surfaced with gravel or asphalt and allow for pedestrian and bike traffic. Parking for the Sawmill Rail Trail will be at the southeast corner of the intersection of Beech St. and Railroad Ave. This will be a simple access point allowing for 8-12 parking spots. If future use dictates, a portable toilet or restroom could be installed here.



*Artist rendering of Sawmill Trail*



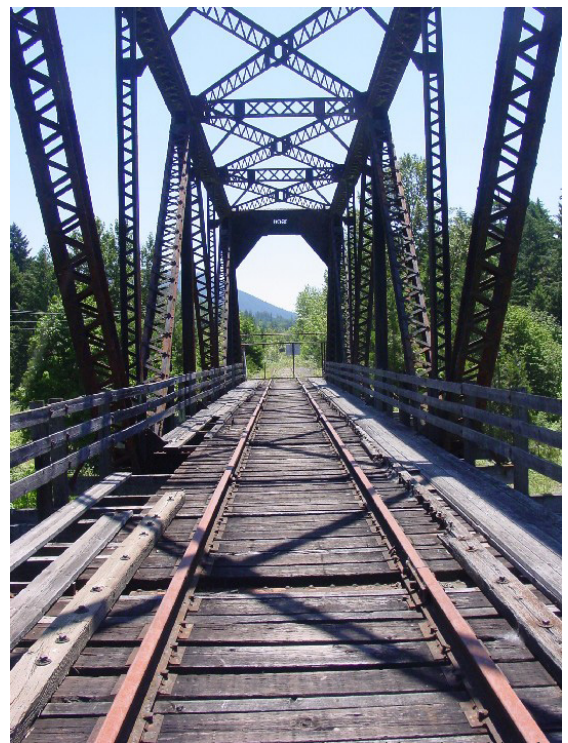
## 2

### Old Railroad Bridge

Although this bridge has been deemed safe for recreation traffic, it will need to have an engineering inspection and analysis so that it can be re-decked to allow for bike and pedestrian traffic.



*Old railroad bridge*



*View from old railroad bridge*

## 3

### Riparian Area/No Development Zone

These areas have been designated as riparian or sensitive areas and will not have any recreational developments to prevent damage to the resource(s) and will also serve to protect the water quality for the adjacent USFS fish hatchery.



## 4

### Frisbee Disc Golf Course

A 9-12 hole Frisbee disc golf course is planned for the north end of the old mill site. If more holes can be designed here, an 18 hole course would be ideal. Careful layout will be needed to ensure good play and to reduce conflict with walkers/bikers. A “system” of trails will need to be designed to work with the disc golf course configuration. These trails will allow people to go from disc golf hole to hole and also allow pedestrians to access the South Levee Trail and old mill site.

## 5

### Historical Ramp

Workers would walk to/from the old Pope and Talbot Sawmill on a ramp up to the mill site. Rebuilding this ramp will serve as a connection to the community’s past and allow for interpretation of the rich logging and mill history of the area.

## 6

### Day-use Area

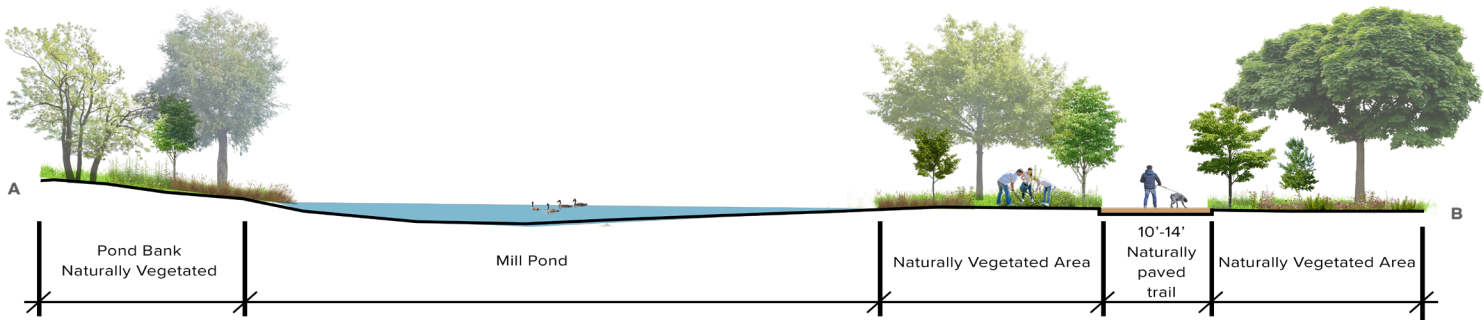
At the northwest end of the mill pond, a day-use site could be developed with benches and picnic tables. This could serve as the gateway to the mill pond portion of the park and also be utilized by workers at businesses of the old mill industrial park. Interpretive signs on the old Pope and Talbot sawmill and the log ponds could be displayed here.



# 7

## Mill Pond Loop Trail

This trail provides excellent vistas of the mill pond and will likely be a popular walk for locals and people working at the old mill industrial park. It should be surfaced with crushed compacted gravel or asphalt to ensure ADA compliance and be 6-12 feet in width. Bird blinds and/or vegetative screening could be installed to enhance viewing while protecting the birds from becoming disturbed by the presence of humans.



# 8

## Interior Mill Pond Trails

These two trails are located on the old spoils from the lumber mill. These will need to be studied to see if they can support the weight of a trail directly or if a boardwalk(s) will need to be constructed.



*Artists rendering of Mill Pond Trails*



## 9

### Potential Fishing Pond

The larger mill ponds are not suitable for fishing or swimming. The small pond to the northeast of the larger mill ponds flushes regularly and could be a good place to develop a kids fishing pond. The City should consult with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and determine if a partnership can be formed to construct and maintain this fishing opportunity.

## 10

### Main Parking & Restroom

This area is well suited for parking development. Twenty plus cars can easily be accommodated here. A restroom should be installed here. Park information and nearby trails and amenities could be displayed here.

## 11

### Picnic Area & Lookout

Immediately to the west of the Main Parking is a high point that provides a nice vista of the mill pond and sawmill site. This is the ideal spot for 1-3 picnic tables and a bench or two. This spot could also serve as a place to install interpretive signage on the site and the history of logging in the area.

## 12

### Flex & Event Space

Oakridge is lacking a good place to host large events. This mostly flat 5-7 acre portion of the site could be graded and surfaced with gravel to create a large space for trail and recreation related events (side by sides, mtn bikes, Cycle Oregon, etc.) The restroom at the main parking area could be utilized along with temporary installing of portable toilets if needed. This space is not meant to be a camping area unless the size of the event does not allow for participants to utilize the existing private camping and lodging in the area.





## 13

### Planting Buffer/Screening

Vegetation should be planted to provide shade and screening for trail users. This will enhance the experience of the visitors and allow for some separation between park users and industrial park tenants.

## 14

### Gateway Sign

A gateway sign to the park should be installed on Hwy 58 that directs people to the main parking area and serves as an attractive visual for people driving on Hwy 58.



*Example of gateway sign*

## 15

### View/ Bench

This high point is a good spot for a viewing platform and/or bench.

## 16

### Alternate/Overflow Parking

This parking area could be developed in lieu of the Main Parking area or as an overflow parking spot when events are happening.



# 17

## Potential Pedestrian and Bike Bridge

This is a potential bridge that could be developed if the bridge on the planned Sawmill Rail Trail is unable to be utilized for trail use. Both bridges over Salmon Creek could be developed to form a loop trail and/or if need arises.

# 18

## Whitewater Play Feature

Salmon Creek could serve as a place for year-round whitewater play. A study for the potential to develop a play hole or wave should be conducted first. The City should consider partnering with American Whitewater, who may have monies or staff that can assist the City on this.



*Example of Whitewater Play Area-  
Bend, OR*

# 19

## Nature-based/Adventure Play

This could serve as an extension/ expansion of the existing Salmon Park but focus on nature-based or adventure play. Elements of an adventure play area could include a low elevation zipline, climbing wall, boulders and log to climb and play on, hand-pump splash park, etc.



*Example of nature-based play area-  
Johnson Habitat Park, CO*



## 20

### Connector Trails

These trails are designed to connect the Levee Trails and Sawmill Rail Trail to the Mill Pond Loop Trail. They should be hard surfaced and 6-12 feet in width.

## 21

### Future Open Space & Parks Expansion

Currently this area is the City's water wellheads and boneyard (public works buildings). The City plans to decommission these buildings and return this parcel to open space/parks and could serve as an expansion for disc golf if more space is needed. The City's wellheads will remain and continue to be protected through fencing and barriers.

*“The community has been so excited about this project, especially in the early stages. The City of Oakridge pitched in and cleared the brush from the rail spur and the trails around the ponds so that citizens could gain a better understanding of the possibilities for the Mill Ponds Park Project.”*

*-Lynda M, Local Business Owner*



# INTERPRETATION

In the course of this planning effort, many themes emerged that would be excellent for interpretation. These themes included (but are not limited to):

- Native American history and habitation of the area.
- Early pioneers
- Logging of the nearby forests
- The Pope & Talbot Mill
- The Mill Ponds
- Restoration efforts on site
- What the Mill site means for Oakridge's future
- The birds of the Mill Ponds
- The trail system in and around the Mill Ponds
- Nearby recreation opportunities



*Historic photo of two men logging in Oakridge, Oregon*



*Pacific Wren- common bird species found near Mill Ponds*

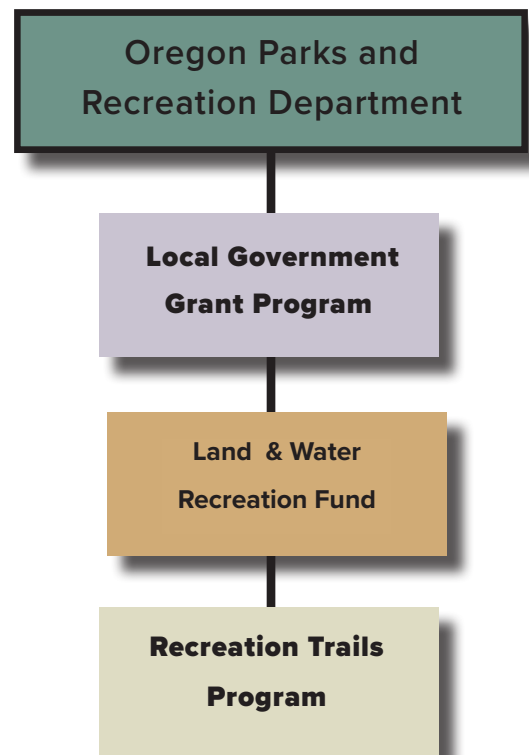


# FUNDING

Oakridge Mill Park is intended to be funded through grant monies and public-private partnerships. This concept plan will assist in the development of successful grant requests and will show the level of community-involvement and planning that went into the actions proposed in any money request.

Prior to any funding request, the City should consider partnering with one or more organizations for that project. These organizations can help directly with funding, show further community support and may be able to help with on-the-ground planning and design. Likely funding sources for elements of this plan include the Recreation Trails Program, Local Government Grant Program, and the Land & Water Recreation Fund all of which are administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

## Likely Grant Sources



## RECREATION AMENITIES SUGGESTED but not included in the plan

Ballfields, soccer fields, and a dog park were all recreation amenities that were suggested or explored through the planning process and/or ranked high in existing plans for Oakridge (see existing planning framework section) but were not included in the final plan for this site. In all three cases, these amenities were deemed to be important for the town but better suited for other locations. Potential locations for each amenity are shown in the Appendix.

## NEXT STEPS

Suggested next steps for Oakridge's Mill Park include:

- City Council adoption of this park plan
- Selection of initial park elements to construct (first phase)
- Develop cost estimates for first phase of development
- Develop appropriate partnerships to implement and maintain the first phase of park amenities
- Submit grant proposals to secure funding for implementation of the first phase of park development



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# APPENDIX

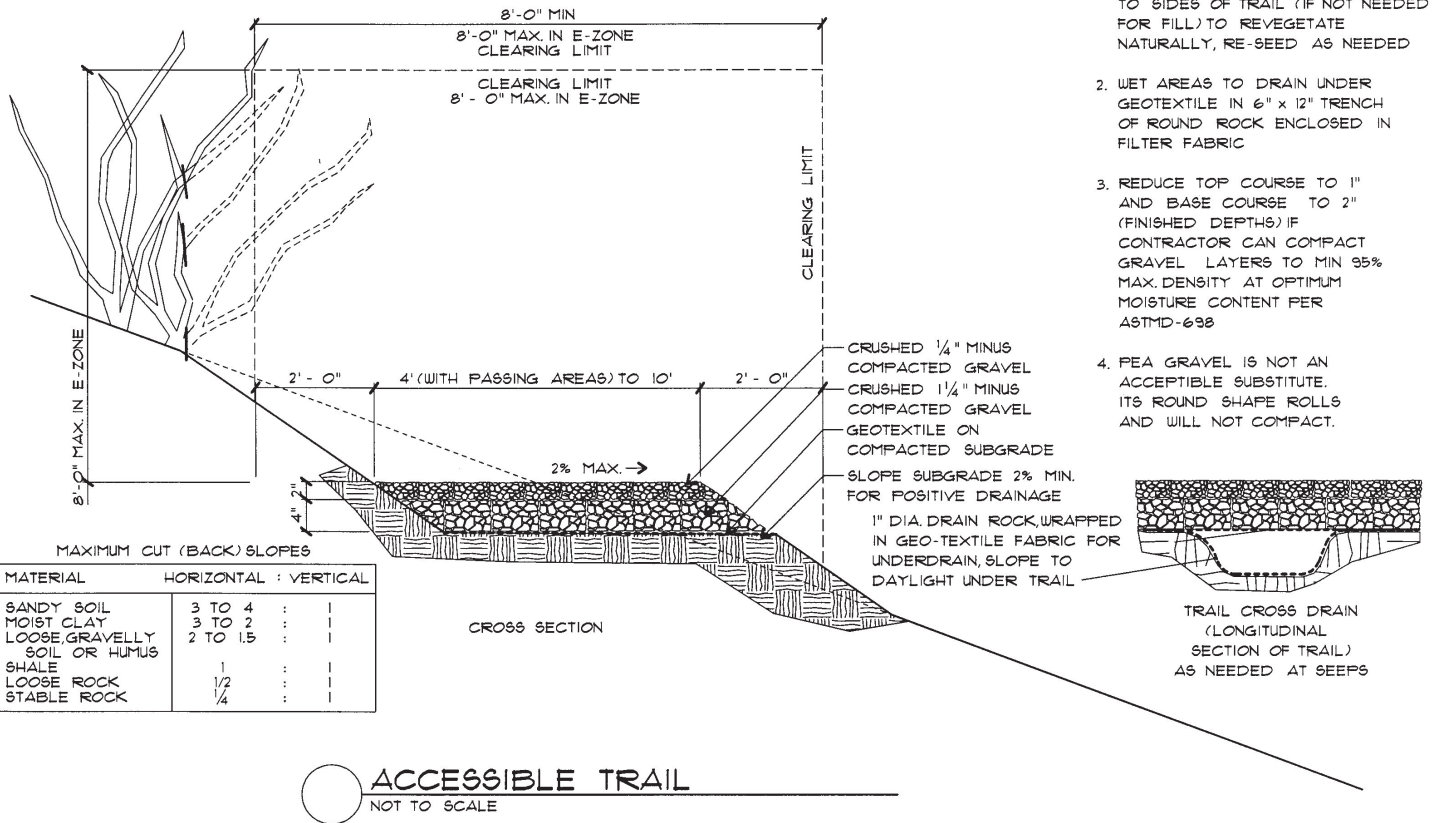
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# Trail Design Guidelines

## Type C- Accessible Hiking Trail Specifications



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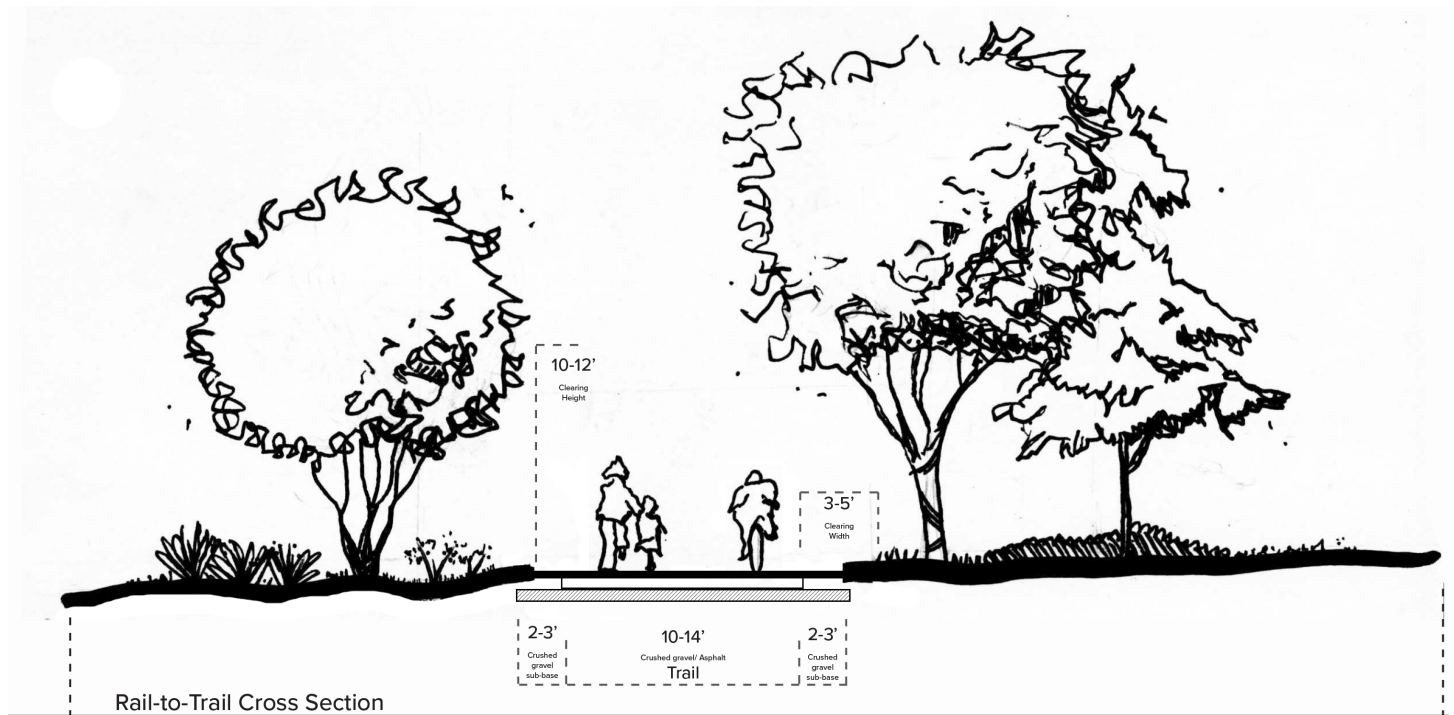
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4. PEA GRAVEL IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE. ITS ROUND SHAPE ROLLS AND WILL NOT COMPACT.



## Rail-to-Trail Design Specifications

### Notes:

1. Trail sub-base should be 14' to 16' in width and 3-4" in depth.
2. Sub-base compacted gravel should be 3/4" minus.
3. Trail tread should be asphalt or crushed compacted gravel 1/2" minus or less in size.
4. Trail tread slope should be 2%.



## Charrette Attendees

1. Eugene Cathcart
2. Bobbie Whitney – Senior and Disabled Services
3. Leslie Gustafson
4. Rick Wiemholt - OEDAC
5. Jim Shafer – KC’s RV Park
6. Shar Wassenberg – KC’s RV Park
7. Kyla Wilder - Student
8. Justice Allen - Student
9. Bernice Petit - Student
10. Micah Abarca - Student
11. Raelynn Hammock - Student
12. Cora Melton - Student
13. Maiah Flack - Student
14. Myiah Lindsay - Student
15. Triniti Mason - Student
16. Ailah Altemus - Home schooled Student
17. Ivan Chamberland - Home schooled Student
18. Lehi Zylstra - Student
19. Rep from Orchid Health – Medical Provider
20. Rep from Willamette Mtn Mercantile – Bike Shop
21. Kevin Gobelman – City Council
22. Kathy Holston – City Council
23. Viki Burns – Chamber of Commerce
24. John Omlan – Valley Power Sports – Side by Side
25. Steve Hardesty – Arbor Inn, Owner
26. Paul Nemoede – Arbor Inn, Manager
27. Laurie Nemoede – Arbor Inn, Manager
28. John Malandin – OEDAC
29. Charlie Nichols – Parks and Community Services Committee
30. Robeart Chrisman – Oakridge Public Works
31. Rick Zylstra – City of Oakridge
32. Lynda Kamerrer – Parks and Community Services
33. Dan Miller – NPS
34. Chisto Brehm – ASLA
35. Audy Spliethof
36. Sarah Altemus



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Alexis Amavisca – Travel Lane County

## **National Park Service - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance**

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Dan Miller - Project Manager

Tory Callahan - Plan Design & Layout



# Community Survey

## Oakridge Mill Park Survey

Welcome to the Oakridge Mill Park Survey

**This questionnaire is designed to provide feedback to the draft plan for the parks and open space surrounding the old mill site. It should take you 5-10 minutes to complete the questions. We value your time and want to thank you in advance for your input.**

## Oakridge Mill Park Survey

Some background

**The City of Oakridge acquired the old Pope and Talbot Sawmill in the 1990s. The City has the intention of using the mill site to support business in the community. Most of the buildable lands are zoned for business and industrial use. The City of Oakridge has set aside a portion of the site to be used for parks and open space.**

**The City recently applied for and received a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (NPS) program to help the City work with partners and stakeholders to develop a concept plan for the portions of the mill site that have been set aside for parks and open space. NPS worked with the City of Oakridge for two years to form a planning team, inventory the lands, conduct an intensive design workshop with landscape architects from the American Society of Landscape Architecture, and ultimately develop this draft plan.**

**Once this plan is finalized, the City will pursue grant funding and partnerships to implement the recommendations. The City does not anticipate using City funds for anything other than seed money for matching grants.**

**Your feedback will help us fine-tune the plan. Thanks again for your time.**



## Oakridge Mill Park Survey

### A few things first

When you are taking the survey, do not use your browser arrows to go back or forward. Use the Prev and Next buttons at the bottom to advance or go back in the survey. You will probably lose your data/answers if you hit the arrow buttons on your browser.

Throughout the survey, we have uploaded a map to help you find trails, different park elements, and more. It is highly recommended that you pull up the map in another window to look at or print of a map. If you are viewing this survey/map on your phone it is possible to zoom in and view the map in better detail.

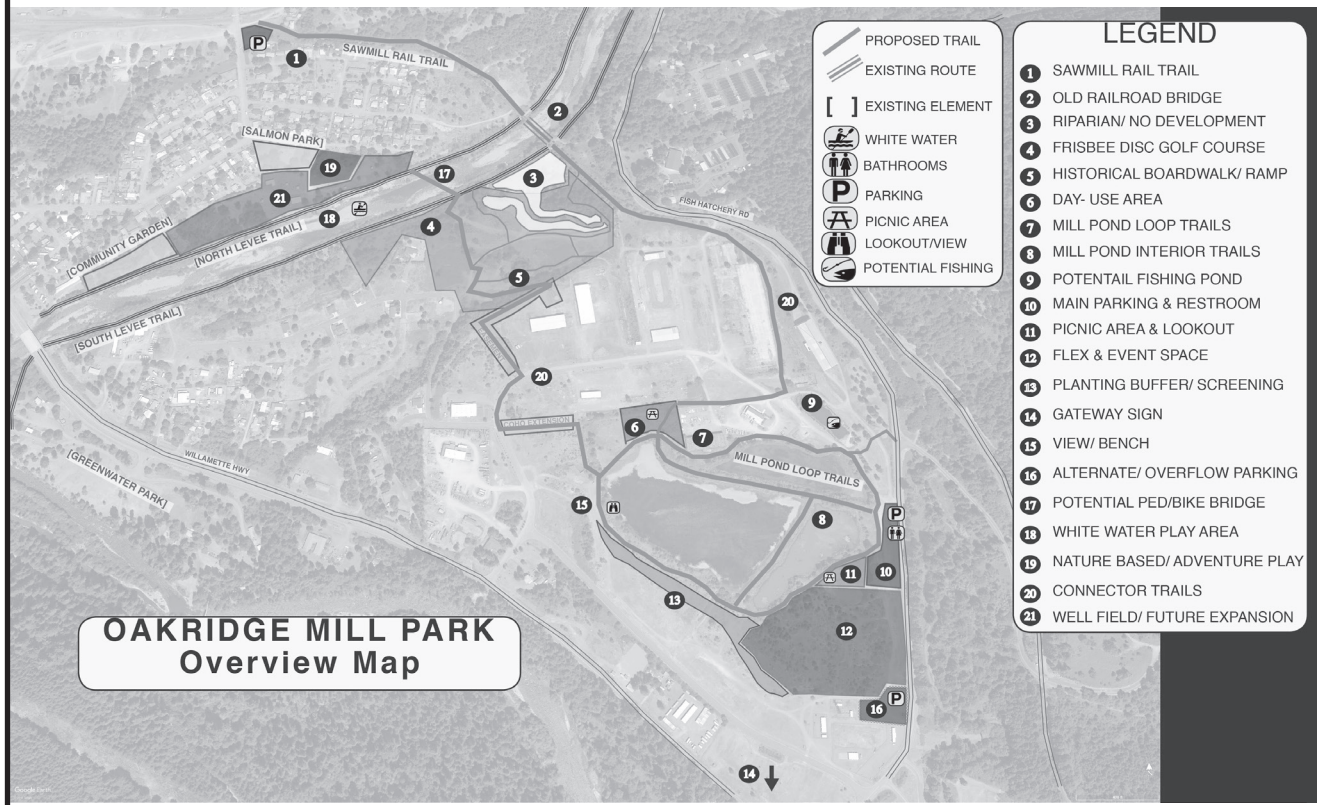
To download the map and the accompanying word document click on the link below:

[Oakridge Mill Park Overview Map and Elements Information](#)

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### Oakridge Mill Park Overview Map



## Oakridge Mill Park Survey

\* 1. Where do you live?

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Oakridge   | <input type="radio"/> Pleasant Hill             |
| <input type="radio"/> Westfir    | <input type="radio"/> Eugene                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Lowell     | <input type="radio"/> Other town in Lane County |
| <input type="radio"/> Fall Creek | <input type="radio"/> Outside of Lane County    |

2. How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18-35
- 36-61
- 62 and over



## Oakridge Mill Park Survey

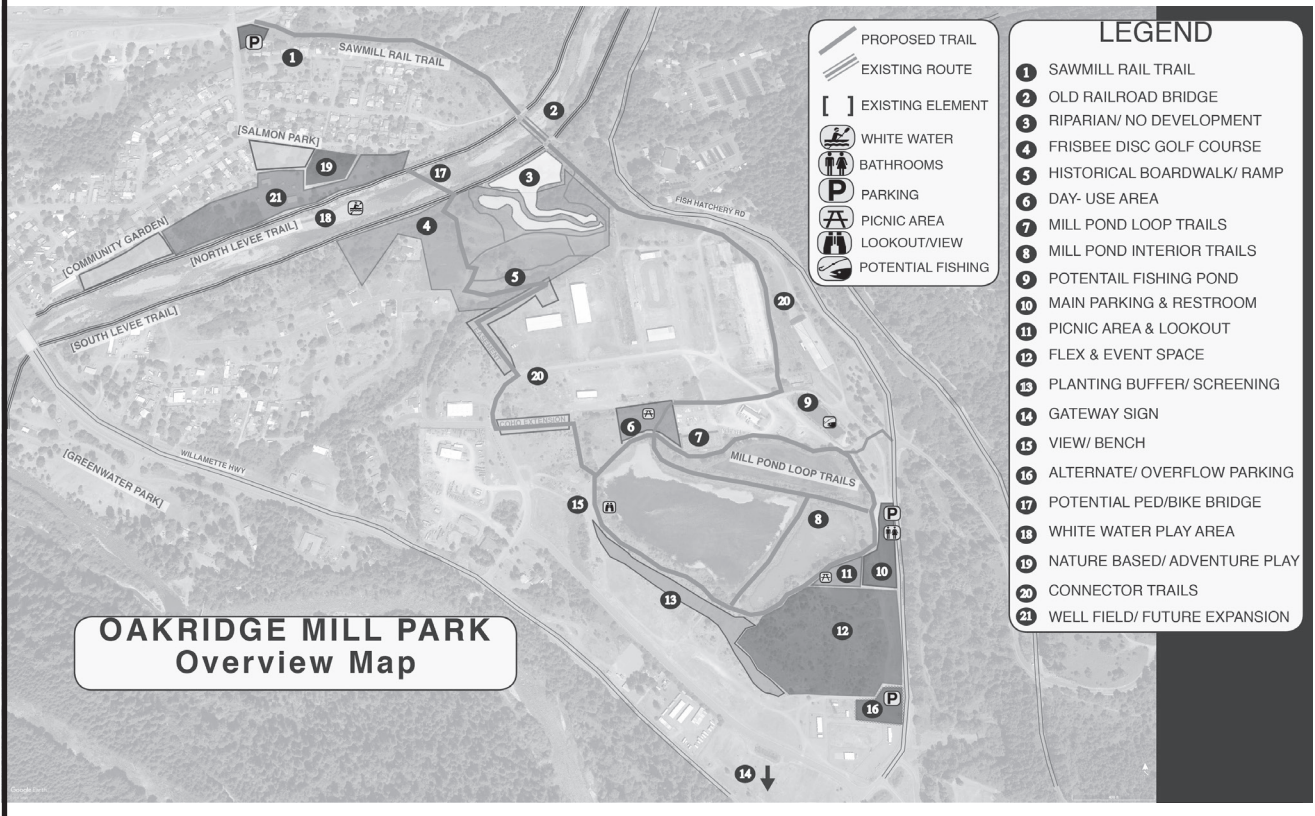
### 3. What trail surface would you prefer for the old railroad trail (Sawmill Rail Trail)?

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| <input type="radio"/> Compacted gravel | <input type="radio"/> Wood chips                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Asphalt pavement | <input type="radio"/> Dual surface (parallel paved & natural paths) |
| <input type="radio"/> Dirt             | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/care/no opinion                    |

### 4. What trail surface would you prefer for the Mill Pond Trails?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Compacted gravel | <input type="radio"/> Wood chips                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Asphalt pavement | <input type="radio"/> Dual surface (parallel paved & natural paths) |
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## Oakridge Mill Park Overview Map





## Oakridge Mill Park Survey

5. Which amenities for the kids adventure play park would you like to see?

- Climbing wall
- Hand pump splash park
- Low-to-the-ground zipline
- Boulder and logs to climb and play on
- Other (please specify)

6. Please tell us how you feel about the following recreation amenities.

	Dislike	Neutral/ Don't care	Like	Don't know
Frisbee Golf Course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sawmill Rail Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Old Mill Pond Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flex/Event Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kids Nature-based Play Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Main Parking at Old Mill Ponds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Historic Boardwalk/Ramp	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Benches & Viewpoints	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Two day-use areas around the Old Mill Pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whitewater play park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



# Oakridge Mill Park Survey

## Proposed amenities that were dropped from this location

During the course of the planning process, three recreation elements were discussed as being important to the community but were eventually dropped from this proposed plan because there were better locations for them. These amenities were a dog park, soccer fields, and softball/baseball fields. See maps below for the potential alternative location proposed for these amenities.

### Dog Park: Potential Alternative Location

Soccer Field: Potential Alternative Location

Potential Soccer Field Location - Oakridge



### Dog Park Alternative Locations in Oakridge

Dog Park Option 2

- Dog Park Option 2 (represented by a dog icon)
- Dog Park Option 2 (represented by a dog icon)

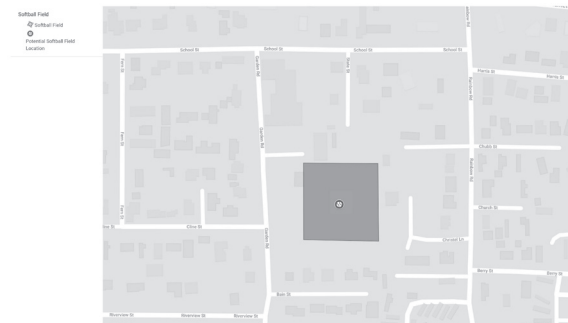
Dog Park Option 1

- Dog Park Option 1 (represented by a dog icon)
- Dog Park Option 1 (represented by a dog icon)



Ball Field: Potential Alternative Location

Potential Softball Field Location - Oakridge



## Oakridge Mill Park Survey

7. Which of these is your favorite feature of the plan?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Frisbee Golf Course            | <input type="radio"/> Fishing Pond north of the Old Mill Pond    |
| <input type="radio"/> Sawmill Rail Trail             | <input type="radio"/> Historic Boardwalk/Ramp                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Old Mill Pond Trails           | <input type="radio"/> Benches & Viewpoint                        |
| <input type="radio"/> Flex/Event Space               | <input type="radio"/> Two day-use areas around the Old Mill Pond |
| <input type="radio"/> Kids Nature-based Play Park    | <input type="radio"/> Whitewater play park                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Main Parking at Old Mill Ponds |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify)         |  |

8. Bearing in mind that the City anticipates using grants and partnerships to fund these park and recreation amenities...

As a whole , how excited about these proposed recreational developments at and around the old mill site are you?

- Very excited
- Excited
- Neutral
- Don't like this
- Hate this
- Don't know/care



## Oakridge Mill Park Survey

9. What would you like to see this area be called?

- Oakridge Mill Park
- Oakridge Mill Business Park & Recreation Area
- Oakridge Sawmill Park
- Other (please specify)
- Oakridge Sawmill Business Park & Recreation Area
- Don't know/Don't Care/Anything is Fine

10. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about the trails and recreation amenities and elements of this plan and the Old Mill site?

## Oakridge Mill Park Survey

Thank You!

Thanks for taking the time to provide feedback to the plan. If you have any questions regarding the plan you can email Rick Zylstra with the City of Oakridge at [rickzylstra@ci.oakridge.or.us](mailto:rickzylstra@ci.oakridge.or.us)

Next steps for the City and partners is to develop and secure grants to fund the first phases of park and trail developments.

Again, this is a link to the overview map and its elements.

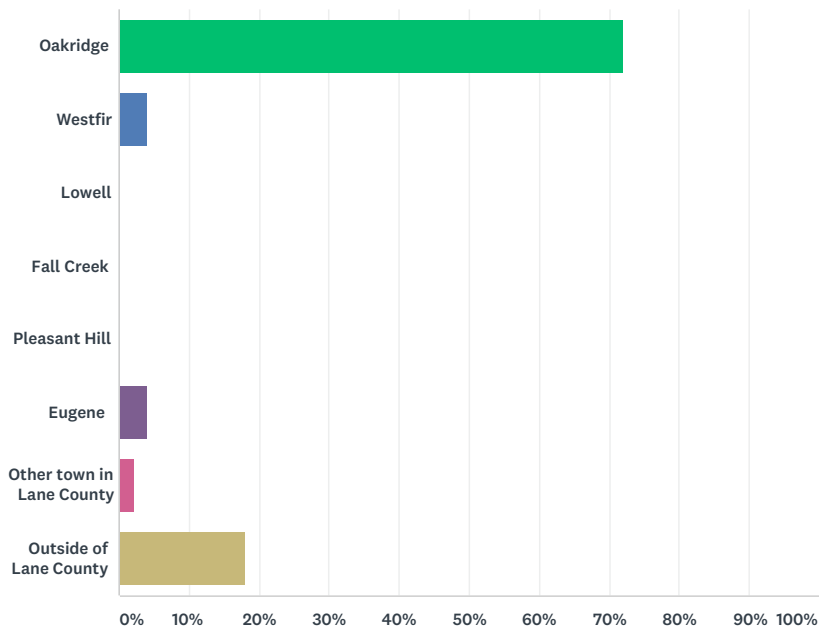
[Oakridge Mill Park Overview Map & Text](#)



# Survey Results

## Q1 Where do you live?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0

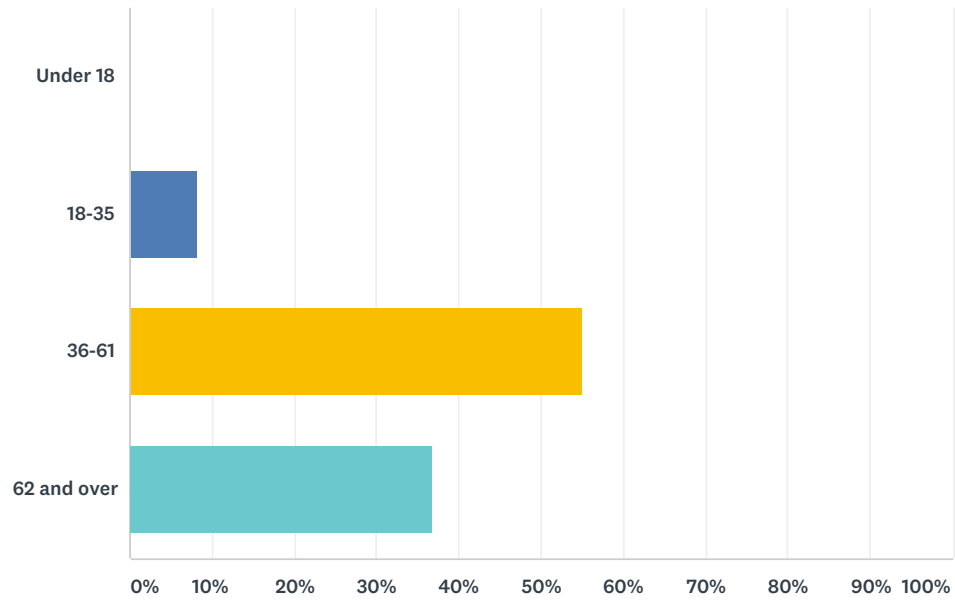


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Oakridge	72.00%	36
Westfir	4.00%	2
Lowell	0.00%	0
Fall Creek	0.00%	0
Pleasant Hill	0.00%	0
Eugene	4.00%	2
Other town in Lane County	2.00%	1
Outside of Lane County	18.00%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50</b>



## Q2 Hold old are you?

Answered: 49 Skipped: 1

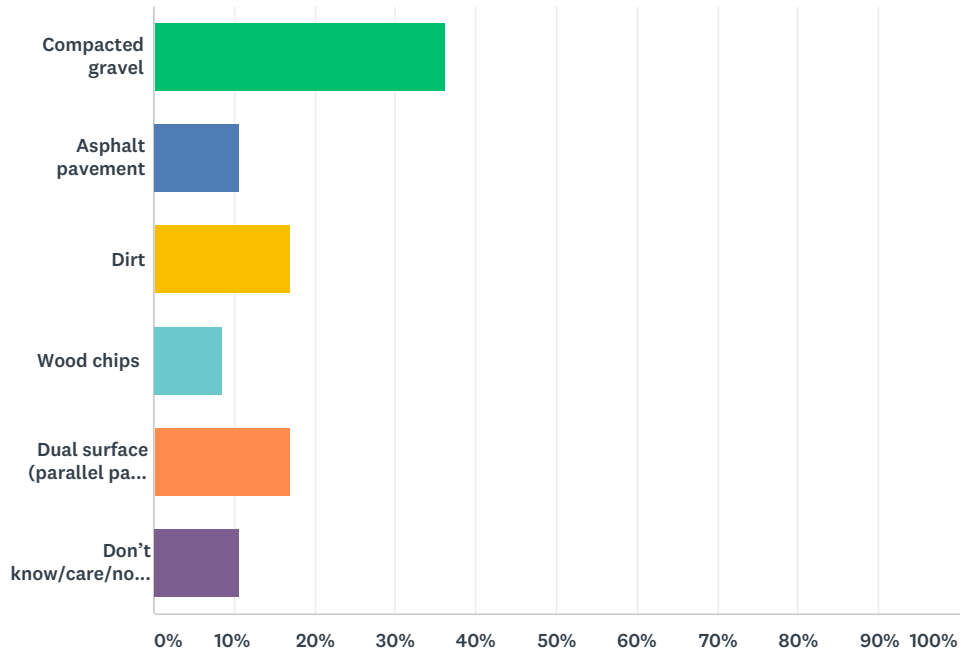


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-35	8.16%	4
36-61	55.10%	27
62 and over	36.73%	18
TOTAL		49



### Q3 What trail surface would you prefer for the old railroad trail (Sawmill Rail Trail)?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 3

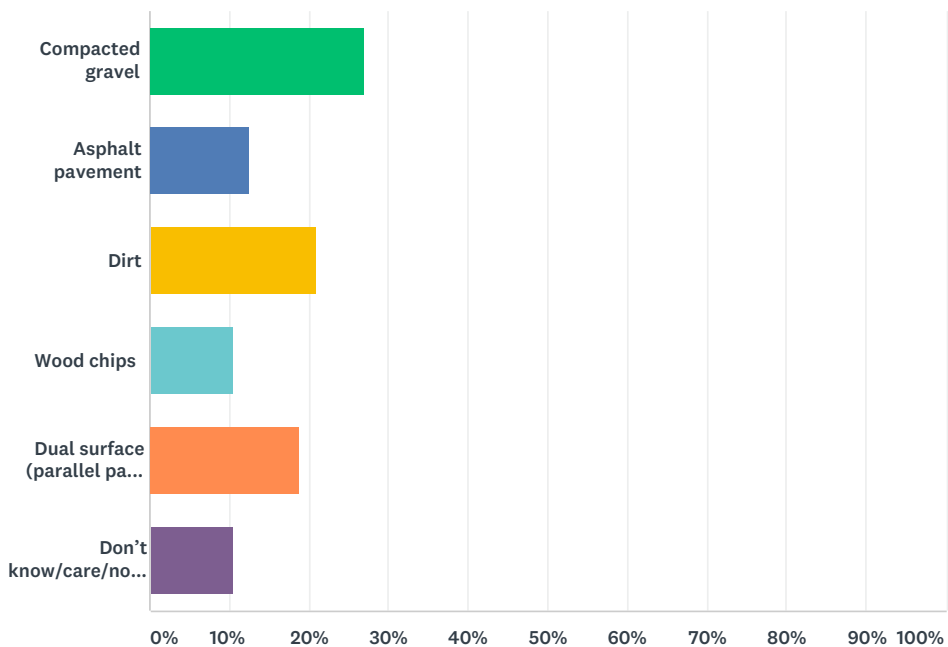


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Compacted gravel	36.17%
Asphalt pavement	10.64%
Dirt	17.02%
Wood chips	8.51%
Dual surface (parallel paved & natural paths)	17.02%
Don't know/care/no opinion	10.64%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>



## Q4 What trail surface would you prefer for the Mill Pond Trails?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 2



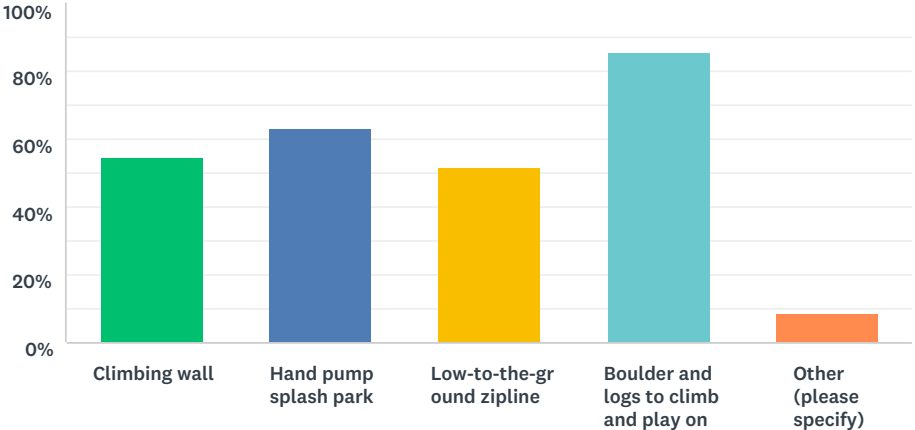
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Compacted gravel	27.08%	13
Asphalt pavement	12.50%	6
Dirt	20.83%	10
Wood chips	10.42%	5
Dual surface (parallel paved & natural paths)	18.75%	9
Don't know/care/no opinion	10.42%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>48</b>





## Q5 Which amenities for the kids adventure play park would you like to see?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 15

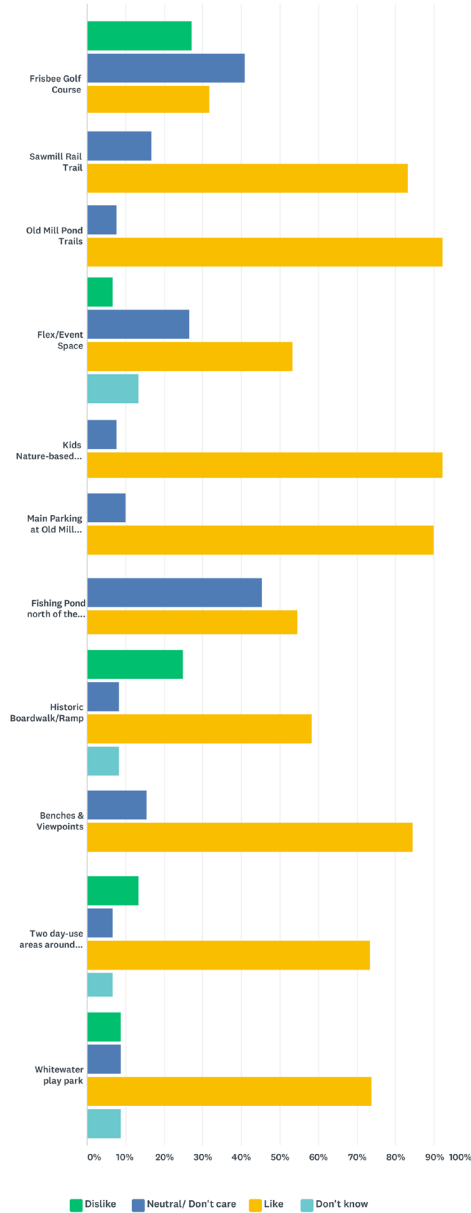


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Climbing wall	54.29%	19
Hand pump splash park	62.86%	22
Low-to-the-ground zipline	51.43%	18
Boulder and logs to climb and play on	85.71%	30
Other (please specify)	8.57%	3
Total Respondents: 35		



Q6 Please tell us how you feel about the following recreation amenities.

Answered: 35 Skipped: 15

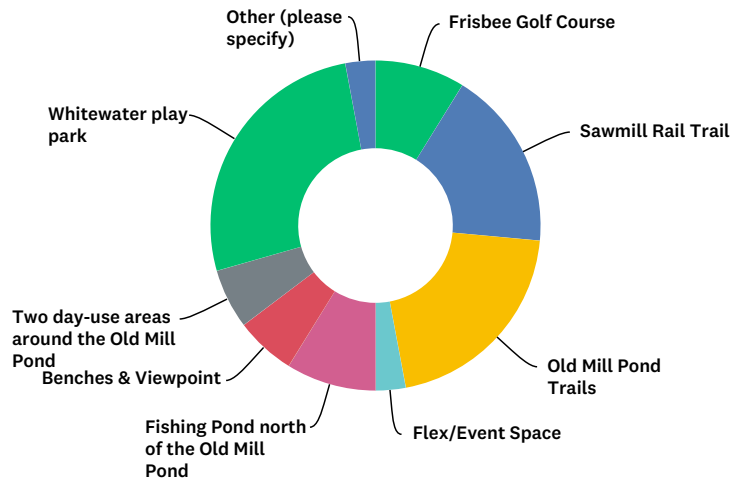


	DISLIKE	NEUTRAL/ DONT CARE	LIKE	DONT KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Frisbee Golf Course	27.27% 6	40.91% 9	31.82% 7	0.00% 0	22	2.05
Sawmill Rail Trail	0.00% 0	16.67% 2	83.33% 10	0.00% 0	12	2.83
Old Mill Pond Trails	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	92.31% 12	0.00% 0	13	2.92
Flex/Event Space	6.67% 1	26.67% 4	53.33% 8	13.33% 2	15	2.20
Kids Nature-based Play Park	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	92.31% 12	0.00% 0	13	2.92
Main Parking at Old Mill Ponds	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	90.00% 9	0.00% 0	10	2.90
Fishing Pond north of the Old Mill Pond	0.00% 0	45.45% 5	54.55% 6	0.00% 0	11	2.55
Historic Boardwalk/Ramp	25.00% 3	8.33% 1	58.33% 7	8.33% 1	12	2.17
Benches & Viewpoints	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	84.62% 11	0.00% 0	13	2.85
Two day-use areas around the Old Mill Pond	13.33% 2	6.67% 1	73.33% 11	6.67% 1	15	2.47
Whitewater play park	8.70% 2	8.70% 2	73.91% 17	8.70% 2	23	2.48



## Q7 Which of these is your favorite feature of the plan?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 16

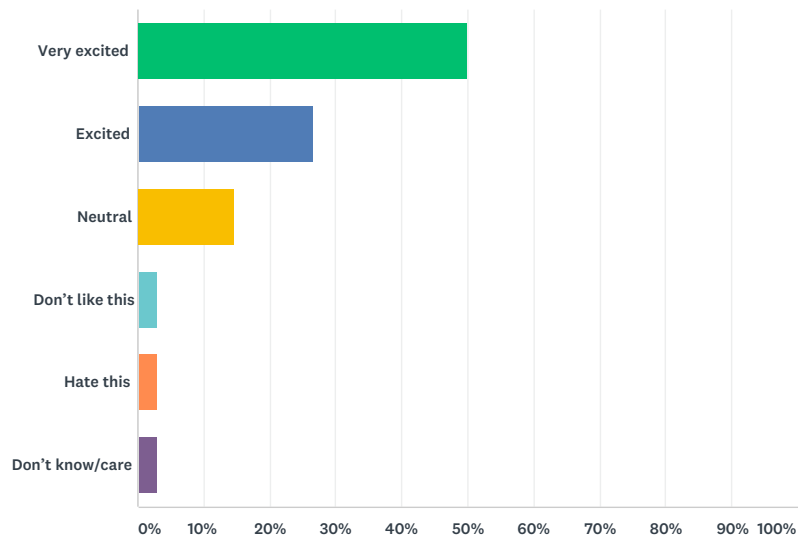


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Frisbee Golf Course	8.82%	3
Sawmill Rail Trail	17.65%	6
Old Mill Pond Trails	20.59%	7
Flex/Event Space	2.94%	1
Kids Nature-based Play Park	0.00%	0
Main Parking at Old Mill Ponds	0.00%	0
Fishing Pond north of the Old Mill Pond	8.82%	3
Historic Boardwalk/Ramp	0.00%	0
Benches & Viewpoint	5.88%	2
Two day-use areas around the Old Mill Pond	5.88%	2
Whitewater play park	26.47%	9
Other (please specify)	2.94%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>



Q8 Bearing in mind that the City anticipates using grants and partnerships to fund these park and recreation amenities...As a whole , how excited about these proposed recreational developments at and around the old mill site are you?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 16

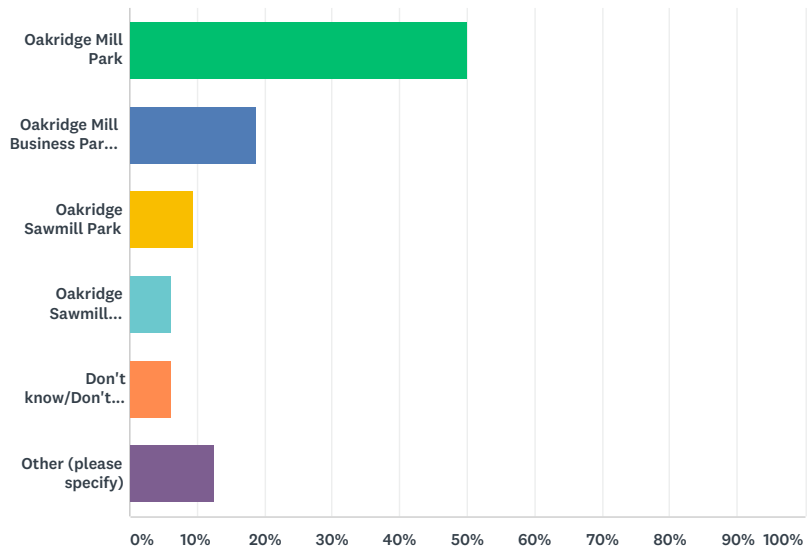


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very excited	50.00%	17
Excited	26.47%	9
Neutral	14.71%	5
Don't like this	2.94%	1
Hate this	2.94%	1
Don't know/care	2.94%	1
Total Respondents: 34		



## Q9 What would you like to see this area be called?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 18

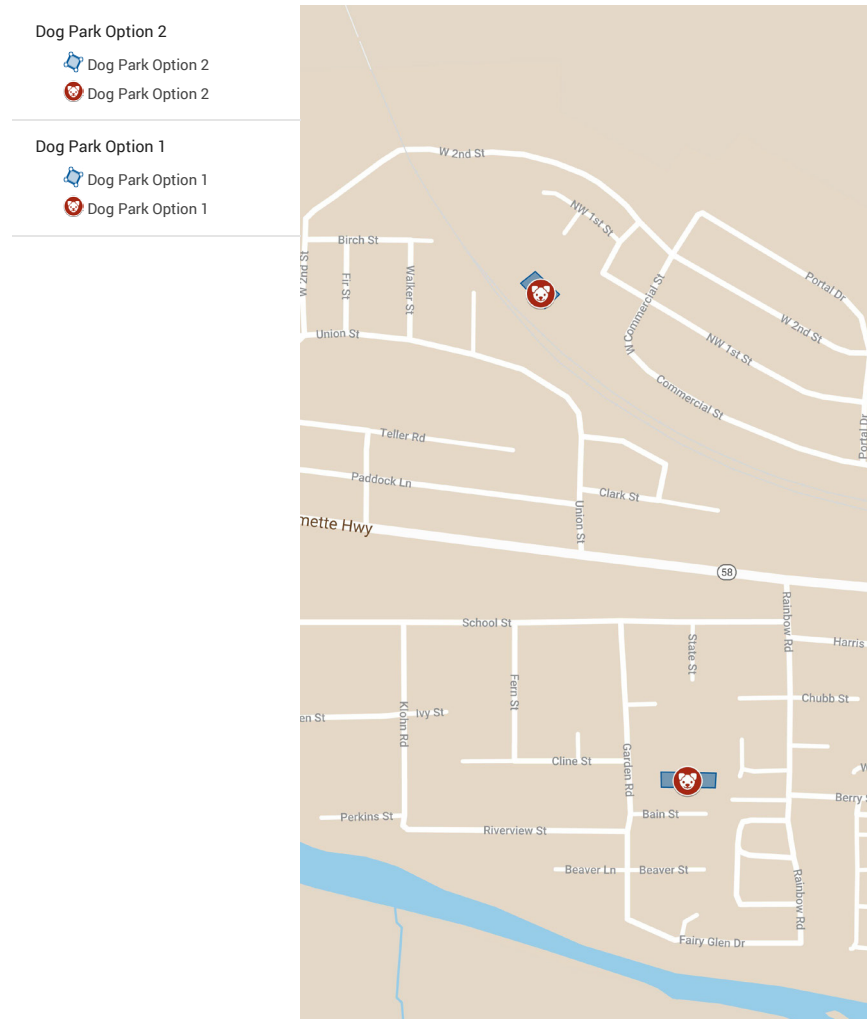


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Oakridge Mill Park	50.00%	16
Oakridge Mill Business Park & Recreation Area	18.75%	6
Oakridge Sawmill Park	9.38%	3
Oakridge Sawmill Business Park & Recreation Area	6.25%	2
Don't know/Don't Care/Anything is Fine	6.25%	2
Other (please specify)	12.50%	4
Total Respondents: 32		



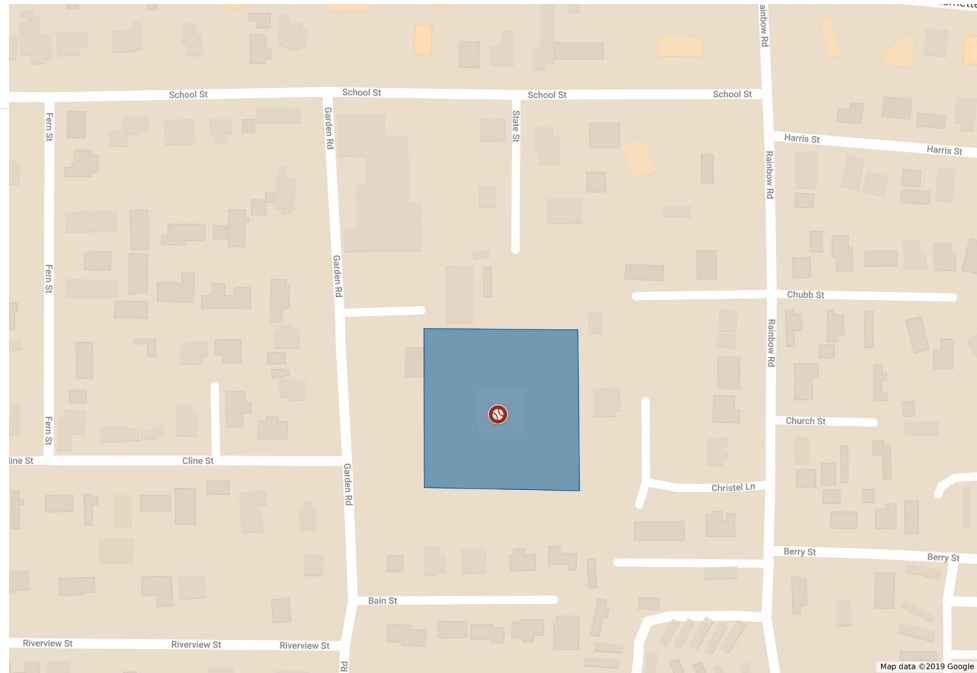
# Amenities Considered

## Dog Park Alternative Locations in Oakridge



## Potential Softball Field Location - Oakridge

- Softball Field
- Softball Field
- Potential Softball Field Location



## Potential Soccer Field Location - Oakridge

- Potential Soccer Field
- Potential Soccer Field
- Potential Soccer Field Location

