

STRINGFIELD FAMILY PARK

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Stringfield Family Park is a 4.5-acre neighborhood park site located at the intersection of Naef Road and Blanton Street in Oak Grove. The property includes a single-family house, open fields and a perennial stream (Boardman Creek). Boardman Creek bisects the park diagonally from north to south.



The property was purchased by North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) in 2003 to develop a local park and a trailhead facility for the future Trolley Trail. The Trolley Trail is a future 6-mile regional trail that runs directly adjacent to the park on the east side.

Funding for the purchase of the park was made possible through a partnership between the Oak Lodge Sanitary District (OLSD), NCPRD, Metro and the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund through Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the National Park Service.

OLSD partnered with NCPRD to purchase the Stringfield Family Park site with the intent of restoring the riparian corridor along Boardman Creek. Located entirely in the urban area, the Boardman Creek watershed contains largely deteriorated riparian areas. Improvements to the creek will ultimately serve as a demonstration and educational tool for OLSD's surface water management program.

NCPRD maintains full ownership of the site but has an intergovernmental agreement with OLSD regarding future improvements on the site.

In January 2007, NCPRD, OLSD and the community completed a concept plan for the park that meets the needs of both agencies and helps guide future improvements on the site. The concept plan integrates the creek restoration with the recreational improvements to create a seamless and complementary plan for the development of the park.



Planned improvements to the site include children's play equipment, picnic areas, walking trails, natural resource restoration enhancements and environmental interpretation, parking, restrooms and renovation of the house for public use.

Construction of the park began in May 2008 and should be complete by December 2008. Funding for the improvements is from NCPRD capital funds, Metro's 2006 natural area bond measure, OLSD surface water funds and Oregon State Parks local government grant.



Additionally, OLSD has applied for a Nature in Neighborhoods grant from Metro. A decision on this grant application is expected by July 2008.

Currently, the park is open to the public for informal use. Access to the house is currently closed. The mature blueberry bushes, planted by the Stringfield family, supply fruit for NCPRD's Meals on Wheels program that provides meals for home bound seniors throughout the North Clackamas area.

Comments or questions about Stringfield Family Park or other NCPRD facilities can be directed to 503-794-8041 or by e-mail to parks@co.clackamas.or.us. Find more information about parks and recreation in Clackamas County at www.co.clackamas.or.us/ncprd.

