

Vancouver, WA – Portland, OR
Bi-State Regional Trail Plan
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Background
 of Regional Trail Planning in the
 Vancouver-Portland Metro Area




**Metro & Vancouver/Clark P&RD
 Regional Trail Role**

- Convene and facilitate
- Regional planner: work with local jurisdictions
- Strong partnerships with local government
- Technical resource
- Acquisition
- Seek funding for trail design and construction



History: Back to the future
 Portland – bike capital of the U.S. then and now



**1897
 OREGON
 BICYCLE
 GUIDE**


1899: City of Portland bike tax and license fee: \$3.00/year

1901: City ordinance designating city streets for bike paths

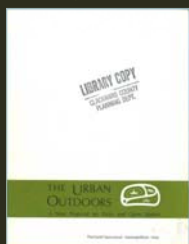
1902: Most bike manufacturers in the U.S.

1903: Buy your bike at Lipman Wolfe's Luxury Department Store

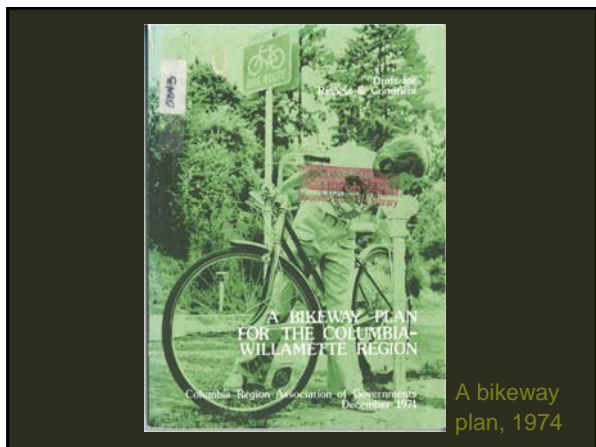
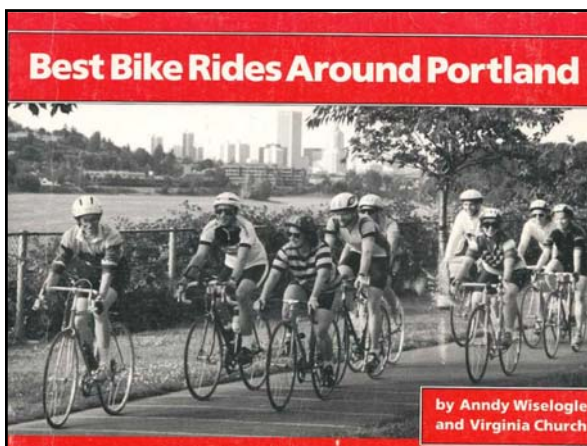
The Olmstead brothers' report, 1903



Adopted by Columbia
Region Associations of
Governments (CRAG) in
June, 1971




Blueprint for
today's
Greenspaces
program



A bikeway
plan, 1974

Master plan, early 1980s
The goal was to complete the loop by 1990.
Gaps still need to be acquired from willing
sellers.






Present Day

Total miles of existing trails in the Tri-County Metro area and urban Clark County:

1043 miles, of which 312 miles are regional trails

Goal for regional trails is 900 miles



Bi-State Regional Trails System Plan - 2010




Welcome to the Intertwine!

The Intertwine: A Collaborative Partnership

Objectives of the Intertwine

to ensure the region's network of parks, trails and natural areas are completed and cared for;

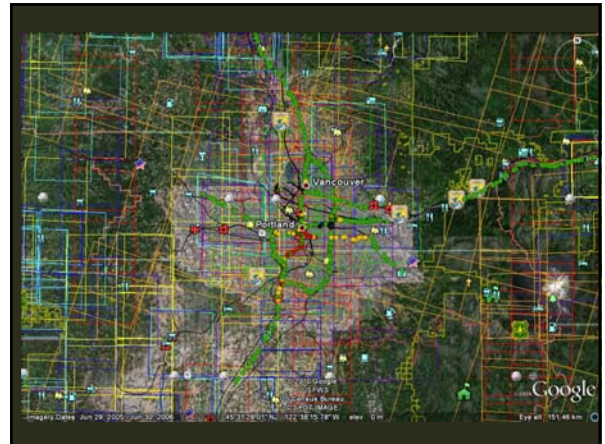
and to help residents of the region connect with nature and live active, healthy lives.

www.theintertwine.org

What is the Intertwine Alliance?

A broad coalition of public agencies, private businesses and nonprofits working together to celebrate, protect and improve this network of outdoor places and trails.

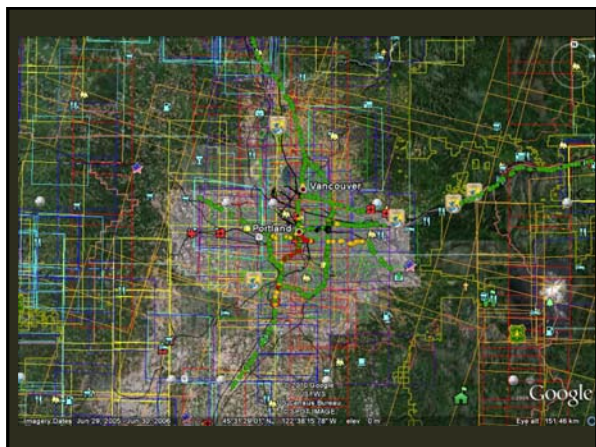
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Bi-State Regional Trail Project (and other efforts of the Intertwine) allow us to:

- **Cross Jurisdictions & Boundaries**



- Potential for joint, Bi-State

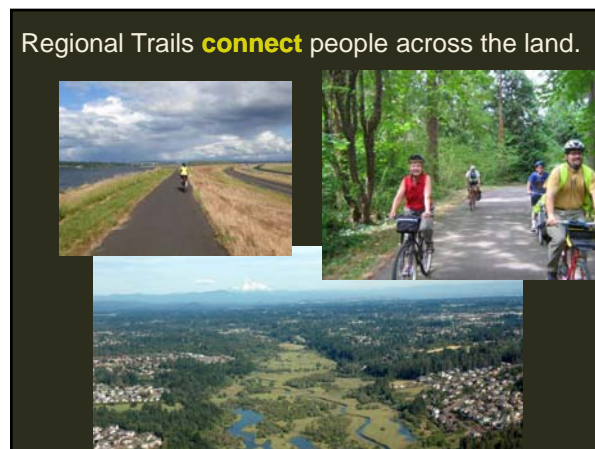
Congressional Support

Other Benefits...

LEVERAGE resources

Regional Trails provide

ACCESS...



Help to **Bring people together**

A Regional System promotes **health, fitness, and well-being**

Trails can help **revitalize neighborhoods, stimulate growth, & encourage development**

VENTURE

The River Block at Seattle Waterfront. An exciting place to do a variety of retail. Discover the first luxury residential building on the River Block - The Meridian. It's the new Seattle waterfront's first new high-rise building. 288 luxury units \$500,000 to \$1.5 million.

For more information or to schedule a general site inspection visit Seattle Front Group, Inc. at 9802 102 Street SW near the Seattle Waterfront Secondary Cluster opening this October. www.seattlefrontgroup.com

Trails & greenways **augment transportation networks and link** parks, natural areas, waterways, public facilities, neighborhoods, & regional centers.

Powerline Trail Beaverton

Springwater on the Willamette

Waterfront Trail, Vancouver

The regional trail network **connects** natural resource and other significant areas **beyond the metropolitan region.**

What is a Regional Trail?

- Typically paved and wide
- Can be a water trail.
- Connects areas and resources significant to the region
- Serves as the "skeleton" of the entire trail network(s).



Collective vision for an **integrated trail network**

in the **Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon Metropolitan Area.**

Draws from the **existing adopted trail plans** in both states

Incorporates Existing Trail Planning Efforts including:

- Metro's Blue Ribbon Trails Committee
- Clark County's Trails & Bikeway Plan
- City of Vancouver's Parks & Trails Master Plan

Power of Partnership WA & OR

- 6 Counties
- 36 Cities
- 118 Neighborhood Associations
- 9 Elected Congressional Officials
- Over 40 nonprofit organizations
- Key State & Federal agencies
- & many, many more

and seeks to **increase support** for the **regional trail network.**

The Bi-State effort is aimed at **planning, developing & promoting** the **regional trail system** throughout the two state metropolitan area.



To **foster** a greater **partnership** among the various entities involved especially **between the two states**.

To **develop** and **pursue** regional **priorities** for **future trails & trail connections**.

To secure **funding** for future **regional trail construction**.



Bi-State Regional Trail Planning Team



- Urban Greenspaces Institute
- Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation
- Metro
- National Park Service



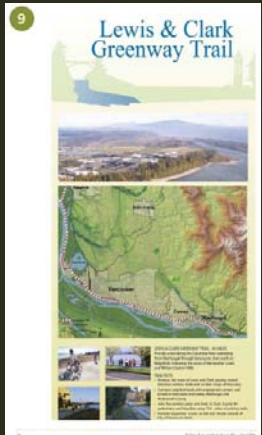
The Bi-State Plan includes recommendations for **37 trails & trail connections**



Washington

1. Battle Ground-Fisher's Landing Trail
2. Camp Bonneville Trail
3. Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trail
4. East Fork Lewis River Trail
5. East Powerline Trail
6. I-205 Corridor Trail
7. I-5 Corridor Trail
8. Lake to Lake Trail
9. Lewis & Clark Greenway Trail
10. Livingston Mountain Dole Valley Trail
11. Lower Columbia River Water Trail
12. North Fork Lewis River Greenway Trail
13. North-South Powerline Trail
14. Padden Parkway Trail
15. Salmon Creek Greenway Trail
16. Washougal River Corridor Trail
17. Whipple Creek Greenway Trail

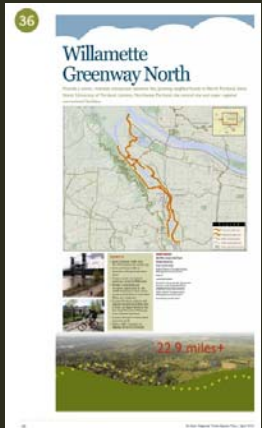
9 Lewis & Clark Greenway Trail



Oregon

18. 40-Mile Loop
19. Columbia Slough Trail
20. East Buttes Loop
21. Fanno Creek Greenway
22. Gresham/Fairview Trail
23. Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail
24. Mount Hood Connections
25. Oregon City Loop
26. Path to the Pacific
27. Portland Maximum Mode Split
28. Rock Creek Greenway
29. Sandy River Connections
30. Scouter Mountain/Mount Scott Loop
31. Sullivan's Gulch Corridor Trail
32. Tonquin Trail
33. Trolley Trail & 17th Avenue Connection
34. Tualatin River Greenway
35. Westside Trail
36. Willamette Greenway North
37. Willamette Greenway South

36 Willamette Greenway North



22.9 miles+



The Bi-State Regional Trails planning team & Intertwine partners have **secured initial funding** to develop a “find-a-trails” webpage.

Funders include:
 Metro, Vancouver-Clarks Parks, UGI, & NPS & OPRD (RTP grant)

Hoped to be online by Fall 2012.

The goals of the webpage:

- one stop comprehensive trails website for the PVMA.
- allow residents and visitors to **search & find existing trails**
- to **encourage** people who do not normally use trails to do so.


Work on The Intertwine continues with mapping and analysis of parks, trails and natural areas across the region.

Successes in SW Washington

- Formation of a SW Washington Trails Group
- Collaboration between WA State Trails Coalition & OR State Trails Coalition Initiative
- Intertwine Regional Trail Sign Standards
- Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trail
- Lake and Lewis Rivers Water Trail Plan
- Clark County Trails Map
- Regional Trail Counts to determine usage

Successes in Portland Metro Area

- Fanno Creek Greenway Trail
- Forty-Mile Loop: Blue Lake Park Trail, Marine Dr. / Levee Trail in Fairview
- Gresham/Fairview Trail
- Mt. Hood Connections: Sellwood Gap, Springwater Corridor, Cazadero Trail
- Westside Trail
- Trolley Trail
- Willamette Greenway North: npGREENWAY, Waud Bluff Trail, Chimney to Pier Park Bike/Ped Bridge
- Willamette Greenway South: Oregon City Promenade



Master Plans Completed (or underway)

Tonquin Trail: connecting Wilsonville, Tualatin & Sherwood; with a connection to Tigard

Westside Trail: King City on the Tualatin River north to Portland and Forest Park

Mt. Scott / Scouters Mt. Trail Loop connecting Portland/Powell Butte/Springwater Corridor south to the Mt. Talbert & Clackamas Buttes in the Happy Valley area

Portland to Lake Oswego **Streetcar with Trail**

North Portland Greenway from the Steel Bridge to St. Johns Bridge

Sullivan's Gulch/I-84 Trail from the Eastbank Esplanade along the Willamette River east to Gateway Transit Center / I-205 Bike Lanes.

Council Creek Trail connecting Hillsboro at the end of the MAX line west to Cornelius and Forest Grove, and ultimately to the Banks / Vernonia Trail.

Bi-State Regional Trail Effort

To find out more and download the plan go to:
www.theintertwine.org/BiStateTrails





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