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

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.

Adopted in July, 1992
(Origin of priority areas for preservation and acquisition)
**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

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**Bi-State Regional Trails System Plan - 2010**

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**Welcome to the Intertwine!**

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**The Intertwine:**

A Collaborative Partnership

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**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](http://www.theintertwine.org)

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**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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Why a Bi-State Regional Trail System?

Bachelor and Sauvie Islands

Washougal River, WA

Willamette Narrows, C Bruce Forester
Bi-State Regional Trail Project (and other efforts of the Intertwine) allow us to:

- Cross Jurisdictions & Boundaries

Benefits of a Bi-State Regional Trail System
• Potential for joint, Bi-State Congressional Support

Other Benefits… LEVERAGE resources

Regional Trails provide ACCESS…

Access to Areas for Recreation & Leisure

Regional Trails connect people across the land.
Help to **Bring people together**

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

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

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

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).
About the Bi-State Regional Trails Plan

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.

**Goals of the Bi-State Project**

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

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. Troth Yute & 17th Avenue Connection
34. Tualatin River Greenway
35. Westside Trail
36. Willamette Greenway North
37. Willamette Greenway South
What's Happened?

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: Willamette GREENWAY, 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. Tabert A 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.

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Bi-State Regional Trail Effort

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