

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Members
Patricia Alvarez, Chair
Ronald Woodhead, Vice-Chair
Stephanie Hendrickson
Eden Foster
Connie Moczygemba
Deanna Casey



November 6, 2025

6:00 PM

Central Point City Hall, Council

Chambers

140 S 3rd St, Central Point, OR

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10. Meeting Called to Order

20. Roll Call

30. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of August 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

40. Changes to Agenda

50. Public Appearances

60. Business

- A. A Resolution to Rename Twin Creeks Park to Hank Williams Park
Dave Jacob, Park Planner
- B. Mike Parsons Memorial Discussion
Matt Samitore, Parks and Public Works Director
- C. Dog Park Sites Update
Dave Jacob, Park Planner
- D. An Ordinance Amending the Central Point Municipal Code (CPMC) by Adding a New Chapter to TITLE 4 PARKS to Establish Off-Leash Dog Parks and Rules for the Same.
Dave Jacob, Park Planner
- E. Chair and Vice Chair Election & Commission Member Term Updates
Dave Jacob, Park Planner
- F. Parks and Recreation Commission Student Member Update
Dave Jacob, Park Planner

70. Updates

80. Upcoming Meeting Date

90. Adjournment

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



August 21, 2025

6:00 PM

Central Point City Hall, Council Chambers

140 S 3rd St, Central Point, OR

www.centralpointoregon.gov

1. Meeting Called to Order: Patricia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Patricia Alvarez, Chair; Ron Woodhead, Vice Chair; Stephanie Hendrickson; Eden Foster; Deanna Casey; and Connie Moczygamba

Staff: Matt Samitore, Dave Jacob, Nikki Petersen, Elizabeth Blodgett, Michelle Duddy, and Abigail Weber

The Commission and staff acknowledged the recent passing of Mike Parsons, recognizing his many years of service to the city and community.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. May 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Correction noted: on page 4, change “Central Point American Greenway” to “Central Point Greenway.”

Motion: Approve minutes with correction.

Moved by: Ron Woodhead Seconded by: Deanna Casey

Vote: All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

4. Changes to the Agenda: None

5. Public Appearances: None

6. Business

A. Public Meeting – Petition for a Dog Park at Forest Glen Park

Dave Jacob reviewed the citizen petition presented to City Council on June 12, 2025, which was subsequently referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Staff met with petitioner Don Chandler to discuss the review process and scheduled this public meeting. Notice was mailed to residents within 500 feet of Forest Glen Park, and all written comments received were entered into the record.

Dave presented an overview of Forest Glen Park, which is designated as a Neighborhood Park in the City’s Comprehensive Plan—small parks intended to serve residents within a half-mile

walking distance and typically limited in amenities. He also reviewed design standards for dog parks, including recommended size, fencing, double entryways, and water access.

Public Comments: Rhonda Klug, representing the petitioners, stated that over 300 signatures had been collected, mostly from residents with dogs living near the park. She emphasized the need for a safe, enclosed space where dogs can socialize off-leash. Don Chandler and Kelly Reid also spoke in support.

Commission Discussion: Ron Woodhead asked whether the group had considered other sites. Mr. Chandler stated they had only looked at Forest Glen Park. Commissioners discussed the potential for increased use, parking, and neighborhood impacts. Members noted the need for more than one dog park citywide to distribute use and reduce crowding. Matt Samitore mentioned that potential sites along the Bear Creek Greenway could be evaluated. Patricia expressed concern about limited parking at Forest Glen. Ron suggested stronger enforcement for leash violations if off-leash areas are provided. Matt noted that a 2008 ordinance prohibited dogs off-leash in parks but enforcement has been a recurring challenge.

Written Comments: Several written comments were received before and after the meeting, expressing opposition. Opponents expressed concerns about noise, odors, supervision, increased traffic, and impacts on neighborhood character. (Full comments are included in the official meeting record.)

Motion: Request that staff draft a new section of the Municipal Code to allow for the establishment of dog parks (off-leash areas) and provide a list of potential locations citywide.

Moved by: Deanna Casey Seconded by: Ron Woodhead

Vote: All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

B. City of Central Point Urban and Community Forestry Planning Program Development Project

Dave reported that the City received a \$59,000 grant through the Oregon Department of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Program. The project will focus on underserved neighborhoods and Title I-A elementary schools, aiming to expand tree canopy, update community forestry policies, and strengthen long-term resilience to climate change. Work will begin in fall 2025 and conclude within a year.

C. Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board – Technical Assistance Grant Proposal: Bear Creek RM 4.5 Design and Permitting Project

Dave reported that the City has partnered with the Rogue River Watershed Council to submit a proposal to OWEB for technical assistance funding. If awarded, funds would support design and permitting for a restoration project along Bear Creek at the Creekside site. The project would create a braided-channel system to improve hydrology, habitat, and water quality while providing community benefits. Activities would include landowner engagement, engineering and cost analysis, cultural resource survey and tribal consultation, and preparation of permit-ready designs. Awards will be announced later this fall.

7. Updates:

Recreation: Elizabeth reviewed upcoming fall and winter events:

- Made in Southern Oregon – Saturday, September 27 – 9am to 4 pm
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration – Friday, October 3 at 5 pm
- Movies in the Cemetery – Saturday, October 25
- Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11 at 9 am
- Liam's Downtown Business Boo-Bash – Saturday, October 25 – 11 am to 2 pm

Nikki said that the recreation department is busy with preparing for fall classes and introduced Abigail Weber the new Recreation Specialist.

Park Projects:

Don Jones Memorial Park Playground: The City was awarded over \$700,000 through the OPRD Local Government Grant Program for playground replacement. Total project cost is approximately \$1.2 million. Installation is planned for fall 2026.

Central Point - Bear Creek Greenway Bike Park: American Ramps is developing a concept plan for a bike park along the Central Point segment of the Greenway. The draft plan will be presented to the Commission in February.

Pfaff Park Tot Lot Replacement: Funded by a 2024 OPRD grant, installation will begin after July 4, 2026, due to surfacing requirements. The park will also receive a new irrigation system and will be closed during construction.

Moore Family Fields: The back fields are being reconstructed with new fencing and scoreboards. Work will be completed by winter for the next Little League season.

Community Center: Construction remains on schedule, though some material delays may shift opening to late 2026 (August–November).

Central Point Cemetery: The Cemetery Improvement Committee has launched a bench donation program and will extend water lines on site.

Parks & Recreation Foundation: Eden Foster reported that the Foundation has launched a park donation program to fund benches, ADA picnic tables, and drinking fountains. Site preparation for the Flanagan Park Pollinator Garden begins in September, with a community planting event planned for October.

8. Upcoming Meeting Date: Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 pm.

9. Adjournment: Patricia adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

and trail network. His support for downtown revitalization, the Bear Creek Greenway connections, and consistent parks expansion reflected a strategic understanding that livability and civic pride are closely tied to public space and community design.

Leadership During Challenging Times: Mayor Williams provided steady and pragmatic leadership during two of the most difficult periods in recent city history—the 2020 Alameda Fire and the COVID-19 pandemic. During the Alameda Fire, he coordinated closely with city staff and regional partners to assist displaced residents, maintain essential services, and communicate accurate, reassuring information to the public at a time of widespread uncertainty. Under his direction, the City adopted temporary emergency housing ordinances allowing the use of recreational vehicles on private property, offering immediate shelter options for families who had lost their homes.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Williams worked with City management to maintain government operations while protecting staff and residents through modified service delivery, remote meeting protocols, and public health compliance measures. His approach emphasized accessibility, compassion, and continuity of local government during an unprecedented public health crisis. Collectively, these efforts reflected his commitment to practical problem-solving and to the well-being of Central Point residents.

Investment in Public Facilities and Services:

Mayor Williams consistently prioritized reinvestment in the City’s physical and operational infrastructure to meet long-term community needs. Under his leadership, the City authorized financing and design for a new **City Hall and Civic Plaza**, replacing an outdated facility and positioning Central Point to serve a growing population with improved customer service, accessibility, and emergency readiness. He also supported the planning and construction of the **Parks and Public Works Operations Facility**, consolidating maintenance divisions that had long operated from undersized, inefficient sites. The new complex improved equipment storage, fleet management, and operational response during regional emergencies.

In partnership with **Jackson County**, Mayor Williams championed development of the **Central Point Community Center**, a multi-purpose facility now under construction that will expand recreation programs, senior services, and emergency shelter capacity. His direction helped secure intergovernmental agreements and leveraged local resources to make the project financially feasible. Collectively, these capital investments reflect his commitment to efficient service delivery, long-term fiscal stewardship, and community resilience.

Civic Identity and Legacy: Mayor Williams fostered a culture of **public participation and volunteerism**, encouraging residents, service clubs, and youth organizations to take part in civic improvement projects. Under his leadership, Central Point’s reputation for accessible government and community-oriented service was strengthened. Upon his retirement, regional media described the transition as “the passing of the gavel from a leader who left an indelible mark on Central Point,” acknowledging both his personal dedication and his role in shaping the city’s modern civic identity.

Why a Park Renaming is Fitting: Parks are enduring civic spaces that reflect community identity and values. Renaming Twin Creeks Park for Hank Williams would:

- Recognize a significant period of city leadership.
- Connect residents' daily experiences in the park to a tangible legacy of public service.
- Celebrate a neighbor and civic leader who devoted over 20 years to Central Point's well-being and future.

Parks staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission formally support the renaming of Twin Creeks Park to "Hank Williams Park" and forward this recommendation to City Council for their consideration, consistent with the process outlined in Resolution No. 1138.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. Twin Creeks Park Renaming Resolution 10-17-2025
2. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR NAMING PUBLIC LANDS AND FACILITIES
3. Twin Creeks Park Map
4. 'Indelible mark'_ Central Point mayor passes gavel after more than two decades _
Rogue Valley Times

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RENAMING TWIN CREEKS PARK TO HANK WILLIAMS PARK

WHEREAS, Henry “Hank” Williams faithfully served the City of Central Point as Mayor from 2002 through 2024, providing more than two decades of continuous leadership; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure the City advanced key long-range planning efforts, including updates to the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan, which continue to guide the growth, livability, and investment of Central Point; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Williams led the City through significant challenges, including emergency responses during the 2020 Almeda Fire and the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring residents’ safety and continuity of services; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Williams supported improvements to municipal facilities and services, including authorization of financing for the Parks & Public Works Operations Facility and the planned Community Center, demonstrating long-term stewardship of public resources; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Williams’ legacy is recognized across the region, with the press noting the “indelible mark” he left on Central Point through his dedication, stability, and community-focused governance; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the City honor his extraordinary public service in a lasting and visible way that residents and visitors can enjoy for generations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has established procedures and guidelines for naming public lands and facilities through Resolution No. 1138, “A Resolution Providing for Public Procedures and Guidelines for Naming Public Lands and Facilities,”;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that an exception to the naming criteria is justified to recognize the outstanding contributions of Mayor Williams, a living person, due to his significant contributions to the City of Central Point over an extended period of time, and that this renaming is consistent with the intent and criteria of that policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Central Point, Oregon, as follows:

SECTION 1. Twin Creeks Park, located at 555 Twin Creeks Crossing Loop, shall hereafter be officially known as *Hank Williams Park*.

SECTION 2. City staff are directed to update all official maps, signage, publications, and related records to reflect the park’s new name.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Passed by the City Council and signed by me in authentication of its passage this ___ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor Tanea Browning

ATTEST:

City Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 1138
(Including Resolution 1360 Amendments – Bold Text)

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR NAMING PUBLIC LANDS AND FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Central Point requires consistent guidelines and a public process for naming public lands and facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT, OREGON, that the City's policies and procedures for naming public lands and facilities will be as follows:

Section 1. Purpose: To provide procedures and guidelines whereby City of Central Point public lands and facilities may be officially named by the City Council.

Section 2. Definitions

Public Land: Lands which are owned or controlled in use by the City of Central Point for the long-term benefit of the community. These lands may be within or outside of the corporate limits. Examples include, but are not limited to, parks, open space, and plazas.

Public Facilities: Physical facilities owned or controlled in use by the City of Central Point for the long-term benefit of the community. Examples include buildings, bridges, rooms, and ball fields. Street-naming procedures are covered by a separate City Council policy.

Section 3. Naming Criteria:

A. City of Central Point public lands, facilities **and amenities** may be named after persons or **corporate sponsor(s)** after a place or location, or after an event that has created an important legacy or achievement. A person's name is eligible for consideration after two years of their death, with special benefactors excepted. The following criteria may be used by the City Council in determining the appropriateness of the naming designation:

1. A noteworthy public figure or official; **(a person that made a significant contribution to the City of Central Point or Central Point Parks.)**
2. A person, place, or event of historical or cultural significance;
3. Special benefactor(s) [living or dead] (benefactor will be recognized as a person or group that provides funding of 50 percent or greater value of the park, **or a person or group that provides “substantially all” of a structure or amenity that they wish to carry their name.)**

4. A person, group, place, or feature, particularly identified with the public land or facility;

5. The wishes of the community in which the park or facility is located will be considered;

6. Exceptions to the naming criteria can be approved by City Council if an occasion to recognize the outstanding contributions of a living person is determined. The following criteria may be considered:

- a. When 50 percent of the value of the park or facility is donated, or
- b. When "substantially all" of the development is donated.
- c. When public individuals have made a significant contribution over a long period of time to, or have special interest in the park, facility, and/or other civic programs.

B. Because temporary "working" designations tend to be retained, the Parks and Recreation Director will carry out the naming process for a new park facility as early as possible after its acquisition or development.

Section 4. Procedures

A. Initiation of Proposed Name

1. Preliminary consideration of naming proposals by City Council may be initiated by a citizen, Council Advisory Committee, Commission, or City Task Force, or elected or appointed official. Naming proposals for public facilities which have not originated from an advisory committee or task force shall be given directly to the City Council through the City Administrator. The City Council will then direct the request to the appropriate advisory committee or task force for the public notification and review.

2. Prior to naming proposals being forwarded to City Council for preliminary review, naming proposals shall be formally reviewed by the appropriate advisory committee(s) or task forces(s), as determined by the City Council, in public meetings with opportunity provided for citizen input requested through advanced meeting advertisement. The City Council, through the appropriate department, will solicit public input prior to deciding on a naming request not assigned to a committee or task force for preliminary review.

3. Meeting minutes or staff reports shall be prepared that fully document input received from citizens, committee or task force discussions, and a specific naming recommendation(s) for preliminary review of City Council.

B. Preliminary City Council Review and Formal Decision

1. The item will be placed on the City Council meeting agenda for discussion and action. Minutes from committee or task force meetings which include a naming recommendation, or an appropriate department staff report, will be transmitted to the City Council for review.
2. City Council, after consideration, by motion and majority vote may:
 - a. Formally name a public land or facility, or
 - b. Formally reject a naming proposal, or
 - c. Hold a public hearing.
3. The decision of City Council to name or reject a recommendation to name, public lands or facilities at preliminary review is subject to review by appeal.

C. Additional Public Input and Public Hearing

1. If additional public input is needed, the City Council, prior to making a formal decision on a naming proposal, will hold a public hearing no sooner than 30 days following the Council meeting at which recommendations were received by the Council. That public hearing will be announced at least 10 days in advance by a block advertisement in a local newspaper.
2. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide opportunity for additional public input.
3. City council will do one of two things at this time: a. Formally name a public land or facility, or b. Formally reject a naming proposal

D. Formal City Council Decision: A formal decision of a naming recommendation may be made at the time of:

1. Preliminary review or following;
2. Additional public input and public hearing.
3. Any decision to name a public land or facility or reject a recommendation to name a public land or facility, is subject to review by appeal.

E. Appeal Procedure

1. Any decision to name or reject a recommendation to name a public land or facility is subject to review by City Council through appeal. Appeals must be filed in writing with the City Recorder within 30 days of the formal Council decision.
2. Written appeals shall include:

- a. Name and address of persons requesting reconsideration,
- b. A statement of specific grounds for appeal,
- c. A specific naming recommendation for the subject public land or facility.

3. If written appeal is filed in the appropriate time period, the public land or facility-naming decision at issue will be suspended until that name is reaffirmed, modified, or deleted by City Council.

4. Properly filed appeals shall be forwarded to City Council. In considering appeals, the Council, by motion and majority vote may:

- a. Dismiss the appeal with no further review,
- b. Act on the appeal upon review without further input, or
- c. Set a public hearing date for additional citizen input regarding the appeal, and then modify, reaffirm or delete the public land or facility name.

5. Once formal action on an appeal has been completed by City Council, the public land or facility name shall become effective immediately, as applicable and as determined upon City Council decision. The City Administrator shall determine the appropriate

6. There is no fee associated with an appeal. All citizens are considered to have a standing in public land and facility naming matters, regardless of residency.

F. Public Notifications

1. The City Council finds widespread public involvement essential in considering naming of public lands and facilities. It is the intent of this policy that committee or task force meetings and individual citizen recommendations are adequately advertised and opportunity exists for citizen input prior to developing recommendations for preliminary Council review. Advertisements shall specify the public land or facility being discussed and any proposed recommendations which may exist.

2. If additional input is desired by Council, advance notice will be provided for City Council public hearings.

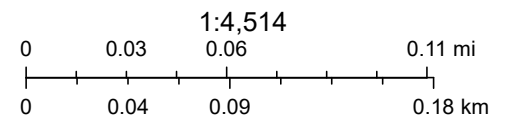
3. Chairs of the advisory committees, task forces, and appropriate city departments, on behalf of the City Council, are charged with the responsibility of ensuring adequate opportunity is provided for citizen input throughout the process.

4. The City Council may amend the naming procedures at any time to facilitate appropriate levels of citizen involvement

Twin Creeks Park



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‘Indelible mark’: Central Point mayor passes gavel after more than two decades

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By **BUFFY POLLOCK**

Rogue Valley Times



Recently retired Central Point Mayor Hank Williams presided over hundreds of meetings and community celebrations, often in his 1957 Thunderbird, for the past two decades in office.

Asked to serve “just one term” in 2002, Central Point Mayor Hank Williams recently passed the gavel after governing his favorite Southern Oregon town for 22 years.

Williams, 89, only handed it off in a figurative sense. He’ll keep his well-worn wooden mallet, which newly appointed Mayor Tanea Browning had engraved with Williams’ initials in tribute to the hundreds of meetings he presided over for the past two decades.

Williams, a retired commercial banker who grew up in Klamath Falls, announced last year that he would not seek reelection. Browning, a councilwoman since 2015, threw her hat into the ring, she said, to bring continuity to the well-run city. Browning was sworn into office at the first council meeting of the year, Jan. 9.

While he admitted to enjoying his time in office, Williams said he’d never aspired to serve in city government when he accepted an invitation from former Mayor Bill Walton all those years ago.

“He talked me into one term, so I said, ‘OK, but that’s it,’” Williams remembered recently with a smile.

“It turned out be more fun than I thought it was gonna be.”

City officials and former and current employees describe Williams as steadfast and easy-going, though outspoken when necessary.

Williams has been actively involved in regional issues, including water rates, transportation planning and operations of the Jackson County fairgrounds, which is located on an island partially surrounded by city limits. Williams served during his time as mayor on the Central Point Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Mayors Association, League of Oregon Cities, Rogue Valley Council of Governments, the county fair board and “wherever they needed me to.”

His focus as a city leader, he said, has been to hire “the best people and let them do their job,” not overspend tax dollars and focus on livability for citizens. Quoted upon his first election in 2002, Williams said at the time, “I’m gonna dance with the ones that brought me.”

“You hear about a lot of past mayors of elected officials who were in it for ‘What can Central Point do for me?’ and not ‘What can I do for Central Point?’” Williams said. “I tried to listen to what the citizens wanted.”

Some contrasts he’s proud of between Central Point and other cities in the region include an approach to addressing the region’s homelessness problem — the city prohibits camping inside the city but pays for dedicated beds at regional shelters — and being among the first in the state to pass an ordinance a decade ago when medical marijuana was legalized against allowing cannabis dispensaries operating inside city limits.

In one of his first contentious issues to wrangle as mayor, Williams presided over town hall meetings in which citizens and business owners disagreed over proposed development of a Walmart Supercenter along Pine Street. The idea failed.

“I was brand-new, and the decision had been made before I got there — no Walmart in Central Point. It would have affected some of the downtown businesses if we let it come in here,” Williams said, though adding with a laugh,

“Although the council I have now probably would approve a Walmart!”

Retired Community Development Director Tom Humphrey said he appreciated Williams' consistent leadership and support of staff in managing city growth, from early Walmart meetings and downtown revitalization efforts to developing an artisan corridor and navigating changing state land-use laws.

Humphrey said Williams and City Administrator Chris Clayton were an effective duo that "brought sanity" to tough decisions.

"Hank's always been outspoken. Occasionally we'd disagree about land-use laws and the way they're applied in Oregon — and I can't say it isn't bureaucratic at times — but Hank always found ways to make things the state dictated happen on our own terms," Humphrey said.

"He brought consistency, and I think people really liked having him in office. He's a mayor who really listened to people."

Clayton said he would miss Williams' mentoring of himself and city staff, as well as his outspoken nature and quick-witted humor at city meetings. Clayton said Williams' "steadfast dedication and leadership" left an "indelible mark" on the community.

"Mayor Williams is 'old school' in the best sense, a leader who values hard work, honesty, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of his neighbors," Clayton said during a tribute at Williams' final council meeting.

"His blue-collar, pragmatic approach has made him a trusted steward of our city and a champion for the rural values that define Central Point."

Williams said he would miss day-to-day interactions with staff but feels he's "leaving the city in good hands and in good shape."

Browning, co-founder of CraterWorks MakerSpace and executive director for the non-profit Direct Involvement Recreation Teaching ("DIRT") park, located along Highway 99 inside the city, said she looks forward to her own tenure as mayor, continuing with what has served the city well and focusing on future needs.

Browning said she'll focus on a campaign pledge to work to encourage young people to be involved in city government and to connect state and federal funding with local projects. She applauded Williams' "legacy of cooperation and focus on shared outcomes."

"We all have been part of the efficient and thoughtful operations of the city, and I think that was something Hank was very proud of. He took pride in having the right people in the right places, because they are the best at what they do," Browning said last week.

"I'm excited to continue that legacy and focus on community engagement and participation."

For his part, after "just one term" evolved into two decades of parades, community celebrations and countless government meetings, Williams said he looks forward to watching the city's future growth from the opposite side of the council dais.

Williams' wife of 65 years, Hope Williams, passed away last week. Williams said he'll spend time with family and "finally slow down some."

He's eager to see completion of some big projects underway; a Little League complex, a shared emergency response/community center facility planned adjacent to the county fairgrounds; and transformation of the city portion of the Bear Creek Greenway into a regional park.

"I always stayed on to see things through but there's just always been so much going on and there always will be," Williams said.

"Central Point is one of the best-run cities in the state. I guess we kept 'em on the straight and narrow. ... It's a well-run town and a great place to live."



DEPARTMENT: Parks and
Recreation

MEETING DATE: November 6, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Dave Jacob, Park Planner

SUBJECT: Mike Parsons Memorial Discussion

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

Mike Parsons served the City of Central Point for many years as a city council member and as the council representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Parsons also volunteered with the Central Point Police Department and served on many community boards and associations. To honor his legacy of service, parks and recreation staff would like to name an appropriate park amenity in his name. Staff will review options with the commission.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

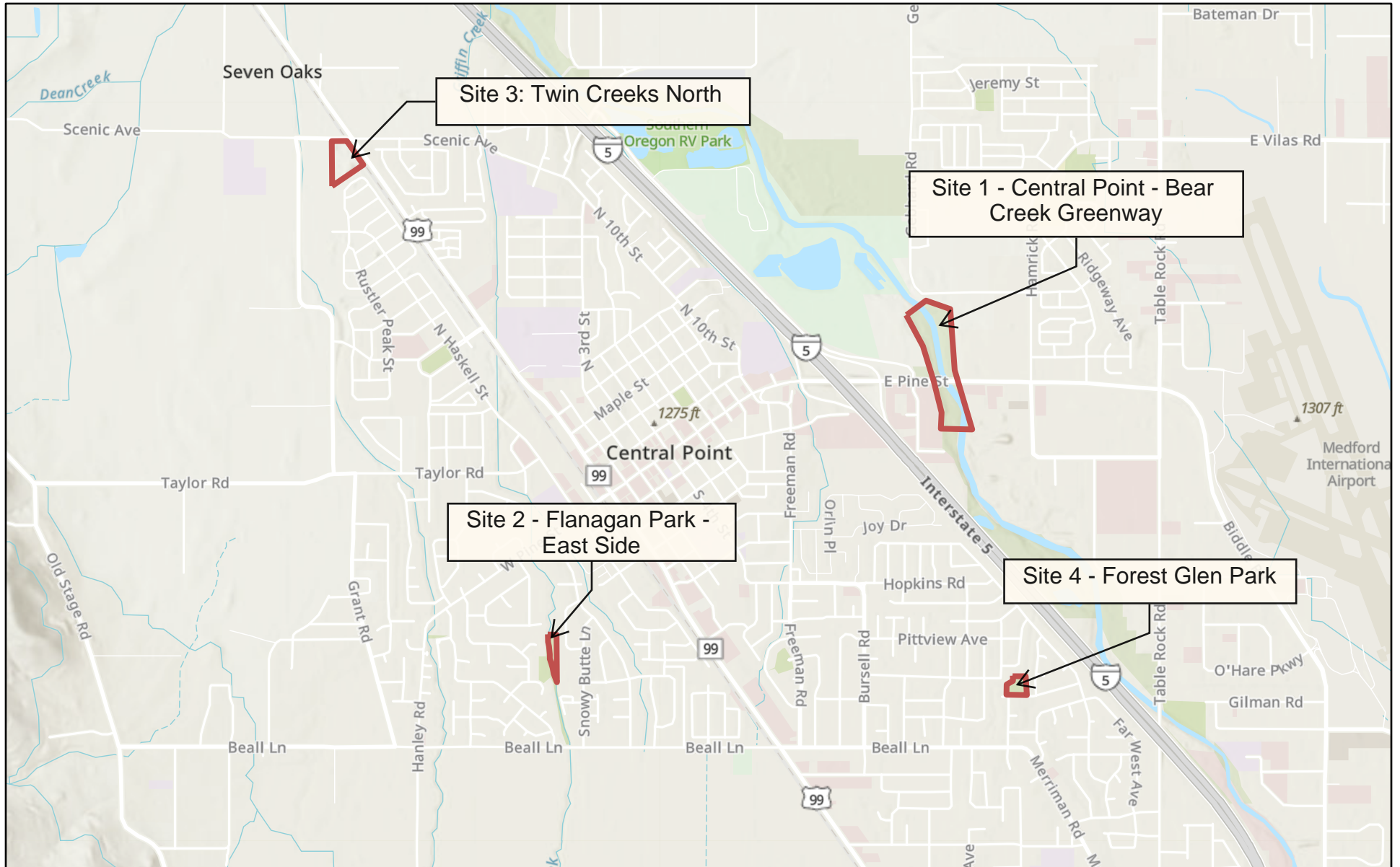
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federal regulations. Staff will continue to seek out potential dog park sites particularly as urban growth boundaries are expanded but also within existing city limits.

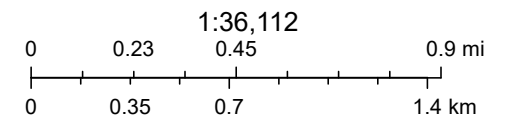
ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. City of Central Point Dog Park Locations for Park Commission 10-27-2025

City of Central Point - Dog Park Locations



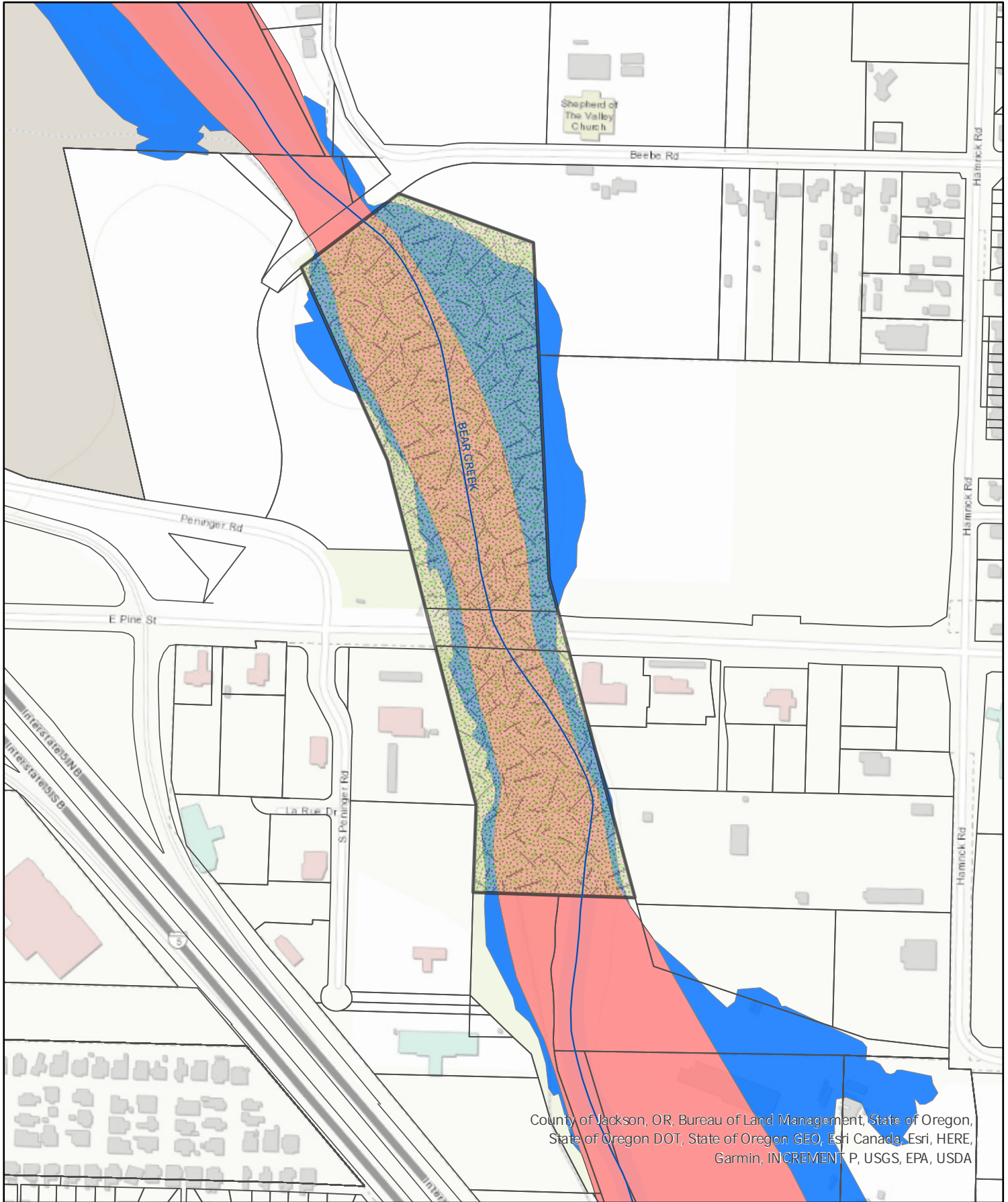
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Jackson County GIS

Dog Park Site #1 - Central Point - Bear Creek Greenway



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Flood Hazard Zones

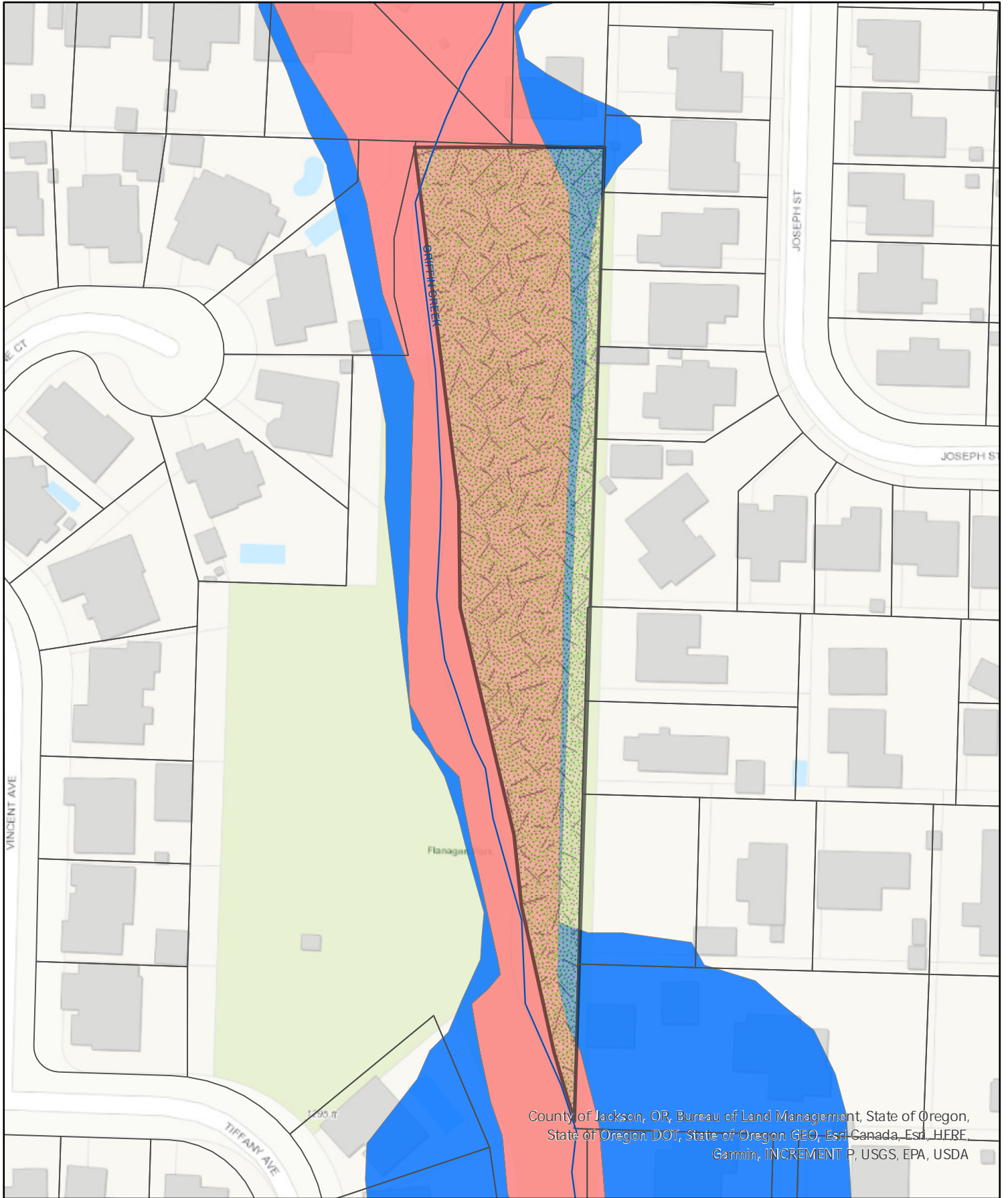
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Possible Dog Parks



Dog Park Site #2 - Flanagan Park - East Side



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**Flood Hazard
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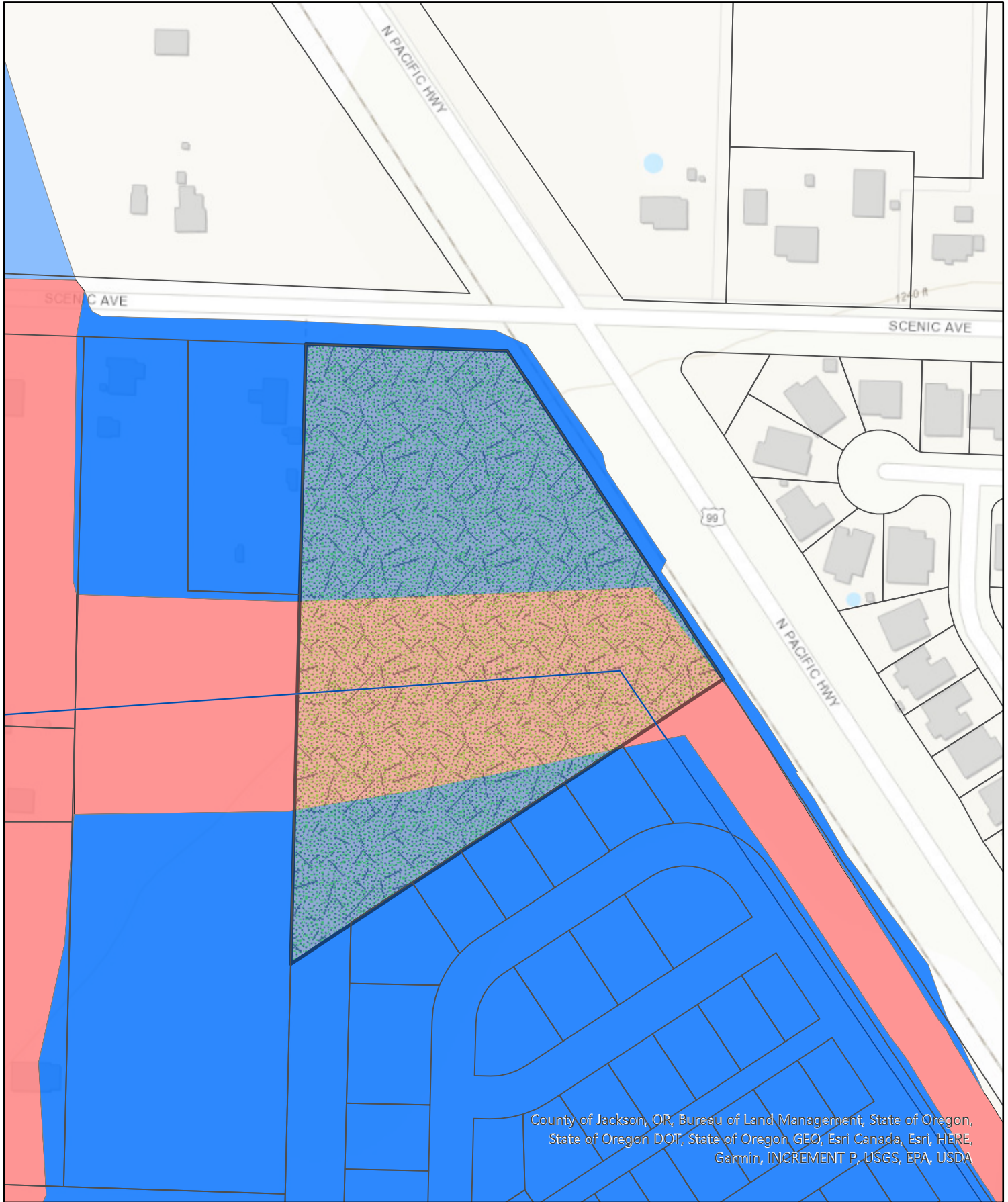
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Possible Dog Parks



Dog Park Site #3 - Twin Creeks - North

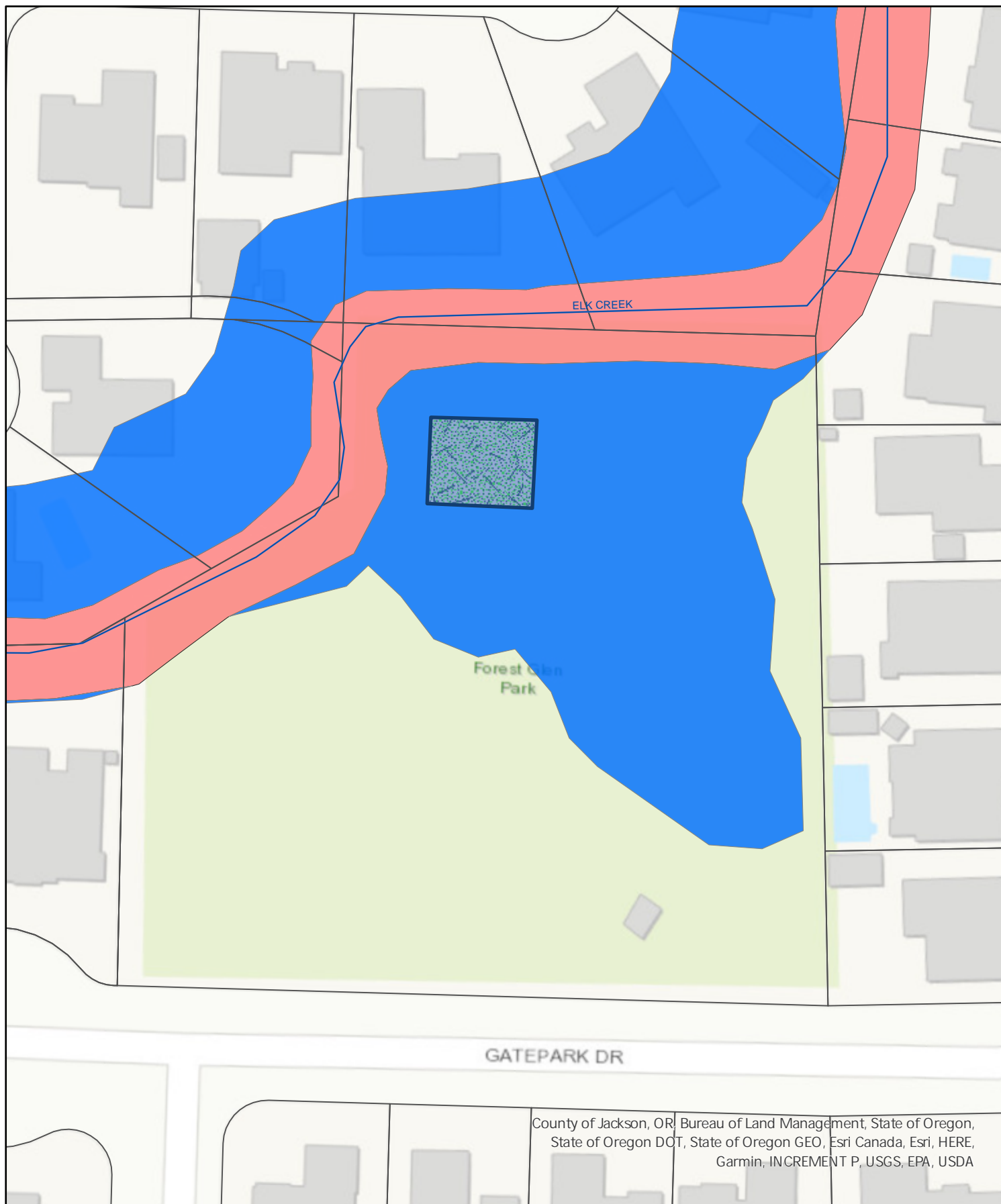


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Flood Hazard Zones

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Dog Park Site #4 - Forest Glen Park



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SUBJECT: An Ordinance Amending the Central Point Municipal Code (CPMC) by Adding a New Chapter to TITLE 4 PARKS to Establish Off-Leash Dog Parks and Rules for the Same.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

Background: At the direction of the Parks and Recreation Commission, park staff have drafted an ordinance that would allow for development of dog parks within the city. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a regulatory framework within Title 4 – Parks of the Central Point Municipal Code that formally allows for the creation and management of designated dog parks and off-leash areas within City parks. The ordinance provides clear definitions, operating standards, and enforcement provisions to ensure that such areas are safe, accessible, and compatible with surrounding park uses. It also integrates environmental protection measures to safeguard sensitive riparian and natural resource areas located within or adjacent to parkland.

Summary: The proposed ordinance adds a new chapter titled “Dog Parks and Off-Leash Areas” to Title 4 of the Municipal Code. The chapter authorizes the City to designate specific areas within City parks where dogs may be legally off leash under controlled conditions.

Key provisions include:

- Designation Authority: City Manager or his designee may establish dog parks or off-leash areas by resolution or administrative action.
- Operational Rules: The ordinance outlines requirements for dog licensing, waste removal, voice control, and leash use when entering or exiting the area. It also prohibits aggressive dogs, unvaccinated dogs, or dogs in heat.
- Prohibited Conduct: Dogs are not permitted off leash outside designated areas or within restricted zones such as playgrounds, athletic fields, picnic shelters, or riparian restoration areas.
- Maintenance and User Responsibility: The City will maintain fencing, signage, and waste stations, while users assume personal responsibility for their safety and that of their dogs.
- Enforcement: Violations are enforceable as civil infractions, with potential fines or suspension of privileges for repeated offenses.
- Environmental Protection: The ordinance emphasizes protection of natural resources by limiting off-leash use in or near waterways, wetlands, and

restoration sites. Seasonal restrictions may be imposed to protect wildlife and prevent erosion.

- Implementation: The ordinance provides flexibility for the City to develop administrative rules, adopt signage standards, and set user fees as needed.

Intended Outcome: Adoption of this ordinance will provide the City with a clear legal mechanism to create and manage off-leash dog park facilities. It ensures consistency with community expectations, park design standards, and environmental stewardship goals while promoting safe, responsible, and enjoyable recreation opportunities for residents and their pets.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

1. ORDINANCE NO ____ CHAPTER 4. __ DOG PARKS AND OFF-LEASH AREAS
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ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CENTRAL POINT MUNICIPAL CODE (CPMC)
BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO TITLE 4 PARKS TO ESTABLISH OFF-LEASH
DOG PARKS AND RULES FOR THE SAME.**

WHEREAS, the City of Central Point recognizes the benefit of parks in providing recreation opportunities for residents and enhancing quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that designated off-leash dog park areas provide a safe, controlled environment for dogs and their owners and encourage responsible pet ownership; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to regulate such areas to protect public safety, park users, and the natural environment, including adjacent riparian zones and habitat;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Central Point as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 4 (Parks) of the Central Point Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter (Chapter 4.__) (“Dog Parks and Off-Leash Areas”) to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4.__ DOG PARKS AND OFF-LEASH AREAS

4.__.010 Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this Chapter is to authorize the establishment and management of designated off-leash dog park areas within City parks under Title 4, to provide a safe environment for dogs to exercise, socialize and train off leash, and to ensure that such uses are compatible with other park uses and protect public safety, park resources, and the environment.

4.__.020 Definitions.

For purposes of this Chapter:

A. “City park” means any park, open space, recreation area or facility owned or managed by the City of Central Point under the authority of Title 4 of the Municipal Code.

B. “Dog park” means an enclosed or otherwise designated area within a City park where dogs may be off leash subject to the rules of this Chapter.

C. “Off-leash area” means a portion of a City park where dogs are allowed to be off leash under the conditions set forth herein.

D. “Owner” means any person who owns, keeps, harbors or exercises control over a dog.

E. “Leash” means a line, cord or strap not more than six feet in length by which a dog is controlled by its owner or handler.

F. “Aggressive dog” means a dog which has attacked or bitten a person or other animal, or exhibits behavior that a reasonable person would regard as aggressive.

G. “Park Director” means the City Manager or designee responsible for parks administration.

4.__.030 Designation of dog parks and off-leash areas.

A. The City may designate one or more dog parks or off-leash areas within City parks by separate resolution of the City Council or by administrative action of the City Manager, or their representative, consistent with policy.

B. A dog park or off-leash area may be fenced or unfenced depending on location, size, sight lines, and other factors as determined by the Park Director.

C. Posted signage shall clearly identify the boundaries of the off-leash area and the rules applicable to it.

4.__.040 Hours of operation.

Unless otherwise posted, off-leash areas shall be open during the same hours as the host City park. The City may limit hours of operation (for example dawn to dusk or other specified hours) for safety or maintenance reasons.

4.__.050 Rules for off-leash use.

Within a designated dog park or off-leash area:

A. The dog’s owner must ensure that the dog is licensed and vaccinated in accordance with applicable state and local laws.

B. The owner must remove and properly dispose of the dog’s waste immediately.

C. All dogs must be under the direct voice control of the owner or handler. The owner must be able to recall the dog on command.

D. Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the off-leash area, unless or until posted otherwise.

E. Puppies under six months of age, unvaccinated dogs, or dogs in heat shall not be permitted in the off-leash area.

F. The owner must prevent the dog from digging holes, destroying vegetation, or harassing people, wildlife, or other dogs.

G. If the dog displays aggressive behavior, the owner shall immediately leash and remove the dog from the area. The owner may be subject to removal and forfeiture of use privileges.

H. Owners must comply with any posted rules regarding equipment (e.g., toys, agility structures), number of dogs per owner, and other posted conditions.

I. The City may temporarily close the off-leash area for maintenance, repair, or environmental protection and shall post notice of closure as soon as practicable.

4.__.060 Prohibited conduct.

A. Outside of a designated dog park or off-leash area, no dog shall be off leash in a City park unless otherwise posted and approved by the City.

B. No dog shall be permitted off leash in restricted areas such as playgrounds, athletic fields, picnic shelters, or riparian restoration zones unless designated.

C. No person shall tamper with or remove signage or fencing associated with a dog park or off-leash area.

D. The City retains the right to exclude any owner or dog from the off-leash area for violation of rules or for public safety reasons.

4.__.070 Enforcement and penalties.

A. The Park Director and designated City staff, and any law enforcement officers having jurisdiction, shall enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

B. Violation of any provision of this Chapter shall constitute a civil infraction punishable by a fine or penalty as provided by City ordinance. Repeated violations may result in suspension of off-leash privileges and/or revocation of access to the dog park.

C. The City may adopt administrative rules, fee schedules (for example for registration or permit to use dog park) and signage standards to implement the Chapter.

4.__.080 Maintenance and user responsibilities.

A. The City shall maintain the off-leash areas in good condition, including fencing (if provided), signage, waste-station supplies (bags, trash receptacles), and turf or surface repair.

B. Users of the dog park agree to use the area at their own risk. The City shall not be liable for injury to persons or dogs arising from the use of the off-leash area, except as otherwise provided by law.

4.__.090 Natural resource protection and restoration considerations.

A. In or adjacent to riparian zones, waterways, wetlands, or restoration areas (for example under the City’s ADA Transition Plan, Parks & Recreation Master Plan, or riparian restoration initiatives), the off-leash area shall be sited, designed, and managed to avoid adverse impacts on sensitive habitat, erosion, and vegetation.

B. The Park Manager may restrict off-leash use seasonally (for example during ground-nesting bird periods, high-use restoration work, or high-erosion periods) for ecological protection.

C. Users must comply with any posted environmental protection rules (e.g., stay on designated trails, limit number of dogs, keep dogs out of streams) when using the off-leash area.

4.__.100 Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Chapter.

4.__.110 Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption by the City Council and approval by the Mayor (or at such other date as specified herein).

SECTION 2. The City Recorder is directed to insert appropriate cross-references in the Table of Contents of Title 4, assign a chapter number for this new chapter, and to coordinate numbering of any other sections as required.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds that the provisions of this ordinance relate to the public health, safety and welfare and are necessary for the orderly administration of the City parks and recreation system.

PASSED by the Council and signed by me in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor Tanea Browning

ATTEST:

City Recorder



DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: November 6, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Dave Jacob, Park Planner

SUBJECT: Chair and Vice Chair Election & Commission Member Term Updates

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

As per Central Point Municipal Code 2.18.010, each year, prior to the first regular meeting of the parks and recreation commission, the mayor shall appoint a commission chairperson. The chairperson shall hold office for one year. The commissioners will nominate and elect a chairperson and vice chairperson who will be approved by the Mayor in January. New terms will start in February. Park Commissioner terms are as follows:

	First Name	Last Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Chair	Patricia	Alvarez	3/9/2006	12/31/2027
Vice-Chair	Ronald	Woodhead	11/19/2021	12/31/2025
	Stephanie	Hendrickson	5/14/2020	12/31/2026
	Eden	Foster	2/18/2022	12/31/2026
	Connie	Moczygemba	1/25/2024	12/31/2026
	Deanna	Casey	10/1/2023	12/31/2025
Student Position	Vacant			

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

None



DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

MEETING DATE: November 6, 2025

STAFF CONTACT: Dave Jacob, Park Planner

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Commission Student Member Update

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The Central Point City Council approved AN ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART CENTRAL POINT MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.18.010 – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION--ESTABLISHED – MEMBERSHIP--TERMS at their August 14, 2025 meeting. Shortly after this meeting, parks staff sent student commission member application materials to local high schools. Contacts with each high school responded enthusiastically to the program and stated that they would actively recruit for the position. Student applications were due by October 1st with the goal of having the youth member selected and approved by city council prior to the November 6th Park and Recreation Commission meeting. No applications were received by the October 1 deadline. After this date, three applications were submitted, all by current sophomores attending Crater High School. As per the ordinance, sophomores are not allowed to serve but can apply for the position and begin serving the summer prior to their junior year. Staff recommends that the application period be opened this spring with the goal of having the student member in place for the August 2026 meeting. Staff will notify those who submitted applications this fall. They will be able to resubmit their existing application or provide an updated application.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

None