SALEM PARKS FOUNDATION



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department 725 Summer Street NE, Suite C Salem, OR 97301

To Whom It May Concern,

The Salem Parks Foundation (SPF) supports the City of Salem's application for a Local Government Grant to fund a restroom facility at the north end of Riverfront Park.

Our mission is to enhance, improve and advocate for the park system of Salem, Oregon.

Currently, this area is far from convenient restroom facilities. A restroom in this part of Riverfront Park would add to the convenience and accessibility of park use. This area is popular with walkers, joggers and bikers. It is close to the walking and biking trail that connects Wallace Marine Park and Riverfront Park over the Union Street Railroad Bridge.

The north end of Riverfront Park is home to the splash fountain and the picnic pavilion. These park features are very popular in the summer and the area gets a lot of use from families enjoying the park.

Part of our park advocacy is the encouragement of active use of Salem's parks. One of the limiting factors of park use can be the lack of convenient restroom facilities. We believe a restroom facility at the north end of Riverfront Park would encourage a higher level of park use in this area.

We enthusiastically support this grant application.

Sincerely,

Carol Snyder, President