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Dear Patricia,

I am late in finishing the Draft Cultural Landscape Management Plan, and so not able to complete the survey, but I wanted to thank you and your team for the amazing effort you put into developing this comprehensive document. It's full of useful information, and I think it will also serve as an important historical document.

I especially like knowing the historical significance of the park, that it served as a gathering place for Indigenous peoples. I loved learning about the Christmas tree collection near Mission Street! I was always curious about that particular collection of conifers. And I want to register my support for moving the Art Fair to a new location, or at least away from the vulnerable oaks and toward hardscape surfaces.

Thanks so much! I look forward to hearing from you at the SCAN meeting this week.

Nadene LeCheminant

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**From:** City of Salem Parks and Recreation <noreply@cityofsalem.net>  
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# The Draft Plan is Ready for Review!

The draft Cultural Landscape Management Plan for Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens is ready for review and comment through a short survey.

## YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

There are many ways to participate as the draft Cultural Landscape Management Plan is finalized.

- **REVIEW** the [Draft Plan](#).
- **TAKE THE SURVEY** that asks for your thoughts on the overall guidance of the draft Plan.
- **ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING** where your input can be heard. All of the following meetings are public. The agendas, along with participation and viewing details, can be located on the City of Salem website under [Calendar](#).
  - Historic Landmarks Commission - June 17, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
  - Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - July 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
  - South Central Association of Neighbors (SCAN) - July 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
  - City Council - July 26, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

## Learn More

Visit the [Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens Cultural Landscape Management Plan web page](#) for updated information on the planning process and to review all documents related to the CLMP.

## Help Spread the Word About the Cultural Landscape Management Plan

Forward this email to others in your network who may be interested in [signing up to receive email updates](#) on the CLMP. Questions and comments can also be sent directly through email to [BushDeepwoodInput@cityofsalem.net](mailto:BushDeepwoodInput@cityofsalem.net) .

Visit the [Park Planning & Development web page](#) for information about all of the City's current park planning projects.

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RE: PROPOSED BUSH'S PASTURE PARK and DEEPWOOD ESTATE GARDENS Cultural Landscape Management Plan

Dear Councilors Andersen and Nordyke, Mayor Bennett, Members of Council:

On July 14, 2021, we received a very fine presentation on the proposed Cultural Landscape Management Plan (CLPM) for Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens. Members of our leadership have participated in the Stakeholders Group. Scores and scores of neighbors have responded to the survey requests. For decades, SCAN residents have been key volunteers periodically in Bush's Pasture and to save Deepwood. Twice, (1994-1998)(2013-2015), we have worked hard to assist the rehab and supplement funding of the Crooked House Playground. SCAN led the effort (2004-200) to secure safe path lighting, -- designed lampposts, and the installation from the SAA to Leffelle Street. We have cleaned the 1959 Oregon Centennial "Guidance of Youth" sculpture by Avarð Tennyson Fairbanks (1897-1987) after a spontaneous Memorial gathering for a South Salem High School student. We know the park well and we unanimously support the concept of a CLMP.

We add a word of caution: let Bush's Pasture be a park, not a 96 acre museum. Do not overload the park with **interpretive and wayfinding** signage, kiosks, statues, or public art. Respect the living ecological systems, the uniqueness of the habitat, the Oregon White Oaks, the camas, the fawn-lily and riparian habitat and waters of Pringle Creek that flow into the Willamette. Keep in mind play and the need for individual reflection and renewal that a park and natural space can bring, especially in a central city core and its accessibility. Honor the gift that the park is, not from the Bush family, but to us all. Recognize this is an area of national and state significance, and a neighborhood and community Common, with a living neighborhood as quiet day-to-day guardians and partners with the City in care and concern.

SCAN requests priority be given to improving the existing sidewalk connection between Bush and Deepwood Parks along Mission St. over building a new pedestrian bridge over Pringle Creek.

SCAN requests the CLMP recognize the need to balance incremental standard management timelines, and immediate need for specific actions to prevent invasive species from taking hold, such as the recent arrival tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*). Mowing, for example, can cause tansy ragwort plants to perennate. Programs of biocontrol, (e. g., Cinnabar moths [*Tyria jacobaeae*], tansy ragwort flea beetles [*Longitarsus jacobaeae*], mechanical or root extraction by hand,

and limited herbicide use should be timely and species specific, scientifically based.

SCAN requests on-going priority to protecting the riparian area and enhancing the water quality and natural native habitat of Pringle Creek that flows through the park, an ancient resource of the Native peoples, and living natural feature for generations upon generations and youth to enjoy and learn from. BPP and Pringle Creek are "learning labs," "hands on" observation and data collection spaces for science students at SSHS and Willamette University.

SCAN strongly endorses the recommendation to evaluate whether two swing sets can be accommodated in the Upper Leffelle Management Area # 13c (Picnic and Playground sub-area). This area is very popular, as a picnic and gathering space for families, clubs, youth, church and other programs. The swing sets are well-used. Rather than upgrade the play or eliminate it, SCAN would strongly prefer the play equipment be left as is, with the swings re-installed. The City could mitigate safety concerns by refurbishing the fall material below the swings.

SCAN requests CLMP recognize that care is needed in installation of new capital projects, maintenance, and upkeep of pathways, introduction of new plant regimes, and irrigation. Lack of this attention can result in poor and insufficient drainage, seasonal pools of standing water, rival plant materials

and placement that can promote disease and significant failure of the Oregon White Oaks, trees in oak-conifer groves.

Given the time, the circumstances and challenges of our times, this unusual era, this is an outstanding work of engagement and research addressing management, effect, techniques and approaches to protect and sustain a true gem, parkland and recreational area, timeless in our city. The CLMP is a very worthy report and guideline for management.

We commend City, the consultants and team, Patricia Farrell ASLA, Jennifer Kellar and Parks Operations - Brian Smith, Milan Davis, Jacob Snell, Becky George; Paul Agrimis RLA, P. E., GREENWORKS, MIG, Willamette Cultural Resources Associates, the Stakeholders, in particular: the Mission Street Parks Conservancy (MSPC); Ellen Stevens, for her pivotal support of essential research prior to the CLMP project, John Savage of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, Dr. Susan Kephart and Dr. David P. Craig of Willamette University, and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde,

Respectfully,

Lorrie Walker  
President  
South Central Association of Neighbors (SCAN)