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Waterfront Park Project

The City of Vancouver is planning a new 8-acre waterfront front as part of the redevelopment of an old Boise -Cascade mill site along the Columbia River just west of the Red Lion in at The Quay.

The 7.3-acre waterfront park is part of a 32-acre, high density, mixed use urban redevelopment project that will include office space, retail space and residential units.

The park will integrate public open spaces with a more natural river edge, park landscapes and the dynamic opportunities of the adjacent urban development. The design incorporates the fluctuating character of the Columbia River, the site's cultural history, and public art. Year-round access, flexible spaces for activities and events, and a unique experience will capture the imagination of every visitor.

The Vancouver Waterfront Park is an investment in our future, connecting you to your new park and future jobs, housing and retail. It will also help reconnect our downtown to the nearby water; and our historic past to our bright future.



Waterfront Park: At-A-Glance Timeline

View the current timeline of milestone events related to the park project and the overall waterfront redevelopment project.

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Reconnecting to the Waterfront

Work is now underway to reconnect downtown Vancouver with the Columbia River waterfront - access that has been blocked for over 100 years. Work includes the 35-acre private waterfront development project, a 7-acre waterfront park project and Vancouver's waterfront access project, which will wrap up construction in late 2013.

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Vancouver's future waterfront includes community park, beach and pier

Press Release Date:

Monday, November 4, 2013

The City of Vancouver's Waterfront Park Plan was unanimously approved by City Council Nov. 4, 2013. The redevelopment plan is part of the City' vision to improve Vancouver's waterfront area and reconnect residents to the Columbia River.



Plans include a new waterfront park, a pier, extension of the City's popular Columbia River Renaissance Trail and a mixed use development just south of downtown Vancouver, on former industrial land along the Columbia River waterfront.

The project includes a 7.3-acre community park that would play key role in Vancouver's redevelopment. Work began in 2012, when the city punched through the BNSF Railway berm to extend two downtown streets just south of City Hall.

The park would also include new community gathering spaces, a "festival lawn," an improved, stabilized shoreline, public art and interpretive signs that describe the history of the Columbia River.

- [Article: Vancouver OK's plan for waterfront park \(The Columbian, 11/4/13\)](#)



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City Council Meeting

View the agenda, minutes and associated documents for the Nov. 4, 2013 City Council meeting.

Located at:

City Hall
415 W 6th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660

(360) 487-7800

Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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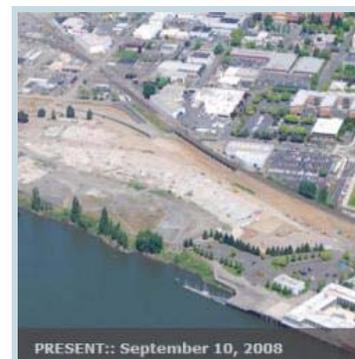
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Your Park Design

The City of Vancouver and Columbia Waterfront, LLC conducted an in-depth public involvement process in 2008–2009 to gather community direction on a park master plan. This plan, approved by the City Council in 2010, provides a clear vision and related principles for [park development](#).

Following the [design principles](#) guiding the master plan, the park design seeks to reconnect the community to the Columbia River. The Vancouver Waterfront Park will integrate public open spaces with a more natural river edge, park landscapes and the dynamic opportunities of the adjacent urban development. The design will incorporate the fluctuating character of the River, the site's cultural history, and public art. Year-round access, flexible spaces for activities and events, and a unique experience will capture the imagination of every visitor.



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Waterfront Park Future

Discover Your Park

Use the Vancouver Waterfront Park as your launching point to experience the sights, sounds, scenic wonders and limitless recreational opportunities – all just a short drive from downtown Vancouver.

Bike, jog or stroll to Esther Short Park, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and Officer's Row at the National Historic Reserve.

There's no place like it. Here, the mighty Columbia River, one of the world's premier scenic rivers, flows past a major downtown area. The River is a magnet, drawing people to connect with one another and with the natural world. With a community park, river access, public spaces and expansive walking and biking trails, the Vancouver Waterfront Park is the natural extension of downtown Vancouver.



With the foundations being built today, the future of Vancouver's waterfront looks bright. New access to 35 acres will include not only jobs, housing and shops, but a new 7-acre park that connects to the popular Renaissance Trail.

Picture yourself enjoying our beautiful natural resources as you bike, jog or stroll to Esther Short Park, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and Officer's Row. Vancouver, Washington, there's no place like it!

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Finalize park design	Fall 2014
Phase one street construction	Summer 2014
Earliest start for private development on site	Spring 2015
Phase one park construction starts	Summer 2015
Phase one park construction completed	Summer 2016
Phase two park construction	TBA



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