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**CITY INVITES PUBLIC REVIEW OF DRAFT PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

**Hillsboro, OR** — Hillsboro community members are invited to review and provide input on the draft 2009 Parks Master Plan update that is designed to help the City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department determine the direction of parks, trails, recreation and natural resource stewardship for the next 10 to 20 years.

The public may attend a **Parks Master Plan Public Open House** on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Hillsboro Civic Center, 150 E Main St., Room 113, **download a copy of the plan draft** at [www.hillsboroparksplan.org](http://www.hillsboroparksplan.org), or **request a copy** by calling 503-681-6120.

“We need feedback from as many people across the community as possible because this plan will have a significant impact on how Hillsboro Parks & Recreation serves the community and how we use and care for some of the area’s most valuable natural assets,” says Kevin Smith, Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department Development Manager.

The updated and expanded Parks Master Plan is based on a Parks Master Plan originally adopted in 2003. It incorporates new elements including a Trails Master Plan, Natural Resource Analysis, Recreation Program Plan, and Maintenance Plan, and details the Department’s long-term efforts to acquire, develop and maintain parks and natural areas, and to improve and expand recreation programs.

The Parks Master Plan draft is a result of months of planning and research by Hillsboro Parks & Recreation and planning consultants from MIG, Inc. The process included public input through various open houses, a project-based website, community focus groups, and surveys of adults and youth in English and Spanish to solicit input on existing and future parks and recreation facilities, including parks, recreation centers, sports fields and courts, trails and pathways, recreation programs and events, and natural open spaces.

After a public review period ending in mid-June, the Parks Master Plan will be finalized and adopted by the Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Commission and then presented to City Council for final adoption.

For more information, please visit the Parks Master Plan project website at [www.hillsboroparksplan.org](http://www.hillsboroparksplan.org), or call Kevin Smith (503) 615-6531.

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