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CITY SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT ON FUTURE OF HILLSBORO'S PARKS, TRAILS & NATURAL RESOURCES

(Hillsboro, OR)— The City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation department is seeking community input on the City's parks, recreation services & facilities, and natural areas through a 10-minute online questionnaire and two upcoming community workshops that will help the department determine the direction of parks, trails, recreation and natural resource stewardship for the next 10 to 20 years.

"This is an opportunity for community members to have an impact on how Parks & Recreation serves the community of Hillsboro and how we use and care for some of the area's most valuable natural assets," says Corinne Bloomfield, Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department Community Resources Manager, "We want to hear from people across the community – adults and youth, families, individuals, businesses, community groups, and the growing Latino community - about their experiences with Parks & Recreation and what they would like to see in the future."

Community input will guide the planning team, made up of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation staff and planning consultants from MIG, Inc., as they work to update a long-term plan for the park system and develop a strategy for future stewardship of Hillsboro's natural resources. The Parks and Trails Master Plan and Natural Resource Analysis will detail the Department's efforts to acquire and develop parks and natural areas, and to improve and expand recreation programs.

More details on the survey:

Available in English and Spanish, the survey questionnaire asks for input on existing and future parks and recreation facilities in Hillsboro, including parks, recreation centers, sports fields and courts, trails and pathways, recreation programs and events, and natural open spaces. For those under 18, a special youth-focused questionnaire is also available. Surveys can be taken one of two ways:

- Online through the Master Plan website at www.hillsboroparksplan.org.
- Paper surveys can be obtained and filled out at the Hillsboro Parks & Recreation office at 4400 NW 229th Avenue, Hillsboro, 97124.

The deadline for taking the survey in either form is September 5, 2008.

More details in the two community workshops:

Park & Recreation Master Plan Community Workshop #1

- Date: September 23, 2008
- Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Where: Walters Cultural Arts Center - 527 E Main St, 97124

Park & Recreation Master Plan Community Workshop #2

- Date: September 24, 2008
- Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Where: Hillsboro Parks Administration Bldg. - 4400 NW 229th Ave , 97124

Please visit www.hillsboroparksplan.org for more information about the plan, and an easy link to the questionnaires. This project website includes detailed information about the master plan update process and will also include additional information on public meetings and how the public can get involved. Check this project website regularly to learn more about the plans and to find out about upcoming opportunities to participate. For more information, contact Kevin Smith (503) 615-6531, or share your ideas by posting a comment through the website.

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