

PRINCIPLE 3:

TAKING THE LONG VIEW

When we build and maintain parks, heritage areas and facilities, we must balance the needs of today's recreation with tomorrow's health. It is incumbent upon us to use environmentally sound and culturally sensitive methods of construction and maintenance.

Vision:

People will reap the benefits of today's park system knowing that tomorrow's park system will be there for future generations, healthy and vibrant.

Strategies:

- Provide first-class park facilities designed to appeal to a wide variety of visitors and uses.
- Create a series of legacy projects that will mark this era in the history of the department.
- Promote the ethic that parks are vital to Oregon's way of life, and that we have a civic responsibility to provide and protect them.
- Preserve Oregon's heritage through cultural and historic sites, events, interpretation and experience.
- Connect Oregonians and visitors with the "Best of Oregon" through programs and events at the Oregon State Fairgrounds.
- Reduce OPRD's environmental impacts at all levels.
- Apply sound planning, industry standards and technology to design, construct, and maintain the physical infrastructure of the park system.

Actions:

1. Open a new state park each year and develop access to previously inaccessible properties.
2. Develop resource management guidelines and apply environment management systems to ensure State Park longevity and reduce negative environmental impacts from park operations.
3. Purchase green power at north coast parks.
4. Increase the percentage of state park fleet vehicles powered by hybrid technology or alternative fuels.
5. For historic properties, follow federal rehabilitation standards which emphasize repairing and maintaining historic features as opposed to remodeling or replacing them.
6. Develop a preservation plan for the historic structures at Fort Stevens State Park as a model for other heritage parks.
7. Periodically poll State Park and Oregon State Fair/Expo customers and follow-up with service improvements.
8. Redefine the character of the grounds of the Oregon State Capitol State Park and the Oregon State Fairgrounds through signage, markers, landscape improvements and by adding more park like elements at the Fairgrounds.
9. Partner with Oregon State University Austin Family Business Institute to use the Oregon State Fairgrounds to showcase and promote Oregon businesses.