

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 23, 2025

Agenda Item:	5h	Action
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	WRG-Blue Ruin Landing transfer from ODOT	
Presented by:	Tabitha Henricksen, Property Agent	

Background:

The creation of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) in 1990 required the separation of park lands from those lands held by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for highway purposes.

In 1995, ODOT and OPRD entered into an agreement that facilitated the separation and transfer of property between the agencies; including descriptions of which files/properties would be transferred to OPRD. Although all properties identified in the 1995 agreement have been conveyed to OPRD, we occasionally come across a parcel of park land that was inadvertently left off the list, was transferred to OPRD but obviously, should have remained with ODOT (i.e., the lands described are located under a highway) or, like the example brought today, are transfers involving errors that need remedied.

Property:

The Willamette River Greenway (WRG) park site Blue Ruin Landing is a natural property along the Willamette River Water Trail. Real Estate Services staff have been investigating several potential encroachments along the WRG and determined that the 1999 deed intended to transfer ownership of the Blue Ruin Landing property (acquired by ODOT in 1973) contained an error. The ODOT to OPRD deed transferred ownership in Linn County but did not transfer the portion of the property located in Lane County.

- Warranty Deed, Showalter to ODOT. Linn County 371243 / MF Book 62, Page 109 recorded 05/09/1973 -and- Lane County 73-4837 recorded 02/01/1973
- Quitclaim Deed, ODOT to OPRD (includes transfer of property from Showalter, as well as other WRG sites). Linn County MF 1007, Page 67 recorded 01/28/1999

ODOT has prepared a quitclaim deed to transfer the remainder of this property to OPRD; remedying this error.

The property is obligated to National Park Service through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). ODOT is not currently a party who can hold lands obligated to LWCF for perpetual outdoor recreation.

Prior Action by Commission: None

Action Requested: Approve the acceptance of a quitclaim deed from Oregon Department of Transportation for lands at Willamette River Greenway-Blue Ruin Landing and authorize the OPRD director to sign all necessary instruments effectuating the transaction

Attachments: 5h – Exhibit A – Park map

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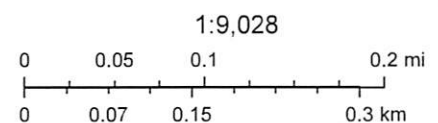
Exhibit A

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