

CPW Community Planning Workshop is an applied planning, workshop public policy, and economic development research program located in the University of Oregon's Department of Planning, Public Policy, and Management. CPW provides graduate and undergraduate students with experience working with Oregon communities, organizations, agencies, and individuals assisting to improve economic, environmental, and social conditions in Oregon. CPW has a staff of six faculty and planning professionals and typically engages 30-40 graduate students in planning-related projects throughout the year. CPW has completed over 300 planning-related projects since 1977. Moreover, CPW has won numerous awards including the 1000 Points of Light Award, the American Institute of Certified Planners Student Project Award, several awards from the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association, and the Oregon Emergency Management Association. CPW has extensive experience in preparing Parks Master Plans for Oregon communities. In the past seven years alone, CPW has completed parks master plans or plan updates for fourteen Oregon communities including: Mt. Angel, Monmouth, Troutdale, Bandon, Talent Lebanon, Eagle Point, Jackson County, Seaside, Estacada, Canby, Brownsville, Turner, and Brookings — an average of two Plans annually, many of which are updates. In addition to working directly with communities, CPW has also worked with several of Oregon's state agencies in solving planning problems. These agencies include: (1) Department of Land Conservation and Development (2) Department of Transportation; (3) Tourism Division; (4) Economic and Community Development Department; (5) Forestry Department; and (6) Housing and Community Services Department.

RECENT MAJOR PROJECTS:

- ***Turner Parks System Master Plan***

In this Master Plan update, CPW inventoried and made recommendations to improve existing park facilities, developed a redesign of the city's largest park, provided recommendations for a city-wide trail system and future land acquisitions, and developed a detailed capital improvement plan for the system. A critical component in the master plan update was to create a cohesive design concept for Fifth Street Park, which included integrating a new 15-acre land acquisition with the existing 13-acre park site. CPW worked with city staff, a newly formed parks advisory committee, and the public through interactive design workshops to craft a park program that included a trail system, riparian education center, and new baseball diamond in addition to improvements to existing park facilities.

- ***Hood River Park & Recreation District Master Plan***

CPW created a Master Plan for this Park District that included an inventory of existing park and recreational facilities, a parks and recreation needs analysis based on community's surveys and outreach activities, and goals and objectives to guide the Park District in developing new projects over the next 10 years. Because of the increasing number of Latino residents in the Hood River area, we developed specific bilingual and bicultural public involvement techniques. Working with a local non-profit, we hosted focus groups in Spanish and distributed surveys in Spanish to local agencies that work with the Latino population. The concerns gathered from the Latino input directly influenced the goals and recommendations in the final plan.