

ECOLA CREEK FOREST RESERVE PLANNING GOALS

The Ecola Creek Forest Reserve shall consist of approximately 220 acres of riparian forestland, including the City's existing 60 acre water supply property, the newly acquired 40 acre "Parcel A," and the 120 acre "Parcel B." As currently proposed, the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve shall be managed to preserve and enhance municipal water quality, as well as the ecological integrity of the forest ecosystem and its constituent aquatic and riparian habitats. The management plan for the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve shall have the following general goals:

1. PROTECT AND ENHANCE FOREST HEALTH

Preserve existing mature forest, and allow second- and third-growth forest areas to mature.

Reduce fragmentation of mature forest habitats through the coordinated management of forested City lands in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry and adjacent private landowners.

2. PROTECT MUNICIPAL WATER QUALITY

Preserve the integrity of existing springs and in-stream water intakes.

Protect municipal water quality through restoration activities that might reduce suspended sediments and enhance natural wetland water filtration processes upstream from City water supply intakes.

3. PROTECT AND ENHANCE SALMON HABITAT

Preserve existing floodplain forests, riparian wetlands, and side-channel habitats.

Restore salmon habitat through such actions as the restoration of historically degraded riparian wetlands and side-channel habitat, and the identification and stabilization of upland sources of erosion.

4. FOSTER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FOREST RESERVE

Facilitate opportunities for public education, focusing on the Forest Reserve's unique ecosystem.

Facilitate opportunities for passive recreation within the Forest Reserve that are compatible with general goals 1, 2, and 3, above.