

**CITY OF CANNON BEACH**  
**PLANNING GOALS**  
**ECOLA CREEK FOREST RESERVE**

Adopted 9/6/11

The Ecola Creek Forest Reserve consists of approximately 1,040 acres of City owned property in the Lower Ecola Creek watershed, including the springs that are the City's primary water source. The City will manage the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve to restore the ecological integrity of the forest ecosystem and its constituent aquatic and riparian habitats. The City will also manage the Reserve to preserve and enhance municipal water quality. Passive recreation opportunities will be provided for in a manner that is compatible with the goals of restoring the forest ecosystem and the protection of City's municipal water supply. The management plan for the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve will have the following general goals.

**1. PROTECT AND RESTORE THE LOW ELEVATION COASTAL TEMPERATE RAIN FOREST**

*Restore* ecologically functional forest habitats that support species and ecological processes found within late-successional conifer forests on the northern Oregon Coast.

*Reduce fragmentation* of late-successional conifer forest landscapes by partnering with others to increase connectivity among similar forest landscapes in our area.

**2. PROTECT MUNICIPAL WATER QUALITY**

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

*Protect* municipal water quality through measures that reduce stream sedimentation and enhance the water filtration properties of stream associated wetland areas.

**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.

