

## Parks and Open Space Visioning Process

The attached map is a consolidation of ideas generated during a multi-jurisdictional staff work session held on December 7, 2001, and input from the *Rivers to Ridges* public forum held on January 23, 2002, and does not represent a final concept. This draft Working Vision is intended to be a starting point for future outreach and will be modified as additional input is received. The legend categories include:

### Existing Open Space Anchors

These include existing regionally significant public parks and open space areas that form the foundation of the existing open space system. These include areas such as the Dorris Ranch Park, Buford Recreation Area, the Springfield Mill Race and Mill Pond, Island Park, Alton Baker Park, Delta Ponds, the West Eugene Wetlands, the Willow Creek Natural Area, Elijah Bristow State Park, Armitage Park, and Fern Ridge Reservoir.

### Potential Future Open Space Anchors

These are areas that have been identified as potential key additions to the regional park open space system based on ecological, scenic, recreational, or cultural values.

### Key Upland Connections (greenways)

These are primarily ridgeline corridors that could be used to connect major open space anchors and serve as recreational and habitat corridors.

### Key Water Based Connections (blueways)

These are linear corridors that follow major rivers and creeks. These corridors typically include the riparian zones and floodplains associated with creeks and rivers and are well suited for habitat protection and restoration, and can accommodate recreational corridors.

### Existing Recreational Trails

These include the existing major multi-use paths and trails within the study area and provide both recreational and transportation uses.

### Potential Future Recreational Trails and Pathways

These potential recreational trails and pathways could provide access to and between major open space anchors and would be sited to avoid sensitive habitat areas. Many of these trails are already reflected in existing plans.

### Community Buffers

This symbol indicates critical areas needed to provide separation between the metro area and nearby small cities. In most instances these separators or buffers could take the form of agricultural or forest lands, riparian corridors, or other natural areas.

### Community Gateways

These are major entry points into the community and have the potential to provide a scenic entry point and a clear urban-rural transition.

### Highly Visible Scenic Resources

These are generally forested hillslopes and buttes that are highly visible from various vantage points and population centers.

# Rivers to Ridges Community Workshop Questionnaire

*The Eugene and Springfield city councils, the Lane County Board of Commissioners, and the Willamalane Park & Recreation District Board of Directors are seeking community input to develop a regional vision for parks and open space in our metropolitan area. Your response to this questionnaire will be used to help create that vision. Please drop off your completed questionnaires today at the workshop or mail to Jeff Krueger at Lane Council of Governments, 99 E. Broadway, Suite 400, Eugene, Oregon 97401-3111.*

1. What, if any, additional scenic, natural, and/or open space areas do you feel are important to the metropolitan area, but are not shown on the map? **Please indicate where they are and why they should be considered** (below or on the map on the reverse side).
2. Are there areas shown on the Vision Map that you feel **should not** be considered as part of our regional vision. If yes, please indicate where they are and why they should not be considered.
3. Of the areas shown, which do you feel should be considered top priority for implementation (either general categories or specific sites)?
4. Where do you live?  
 Eugene       Springfield       Within ten miles of the metropolitan area       Do not reside near the metropolitan area
5. Please add any additional comments you feel would be helpful.