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Chehalem Community Meeting

November 18, 2009



More than 30 citizens of Newberg and Dundee attended the November 18th Community Meeting held to discuss a regional trail serving the Chehalem Valley. Project Manager **Paul Agrimis** outlined the comprehensive benefits of a trail then presented a list of points of interest for possible trail connections. Chehalem Park and Recreation District Superintendent **Don Clements** provided background on the trail concept. Attendees discussed opportunities and constraints to the project and then selected their preferences by placing post-it dots on the points of interest chart (shown at left). Much of the discussion centered on compatibility issues with trail users. The trail program will develop a system which offers various opportunities for

walkers, hikers, school children, cyclists, mountain bikers and equestrians. Areas of significant interest include Ash Island, Bald Peak State Park, Champoeg State Park, Newberg Riverfront Trail and Willamette Greenway Trail. The project team will incorporate these items in the design of the trail system.

For more information on the Chehalem Heritage Trail Community Meeting, please visit the website at www.chehalem-trail.net. If you would like to receive the e-newsletter and future meeting announcements, or if you have questions, please email info@chehalem-trail.net.



The Chehalem Heritage Trail will serve pedestrians, bicyclists, hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians, and will connect numerous historical areas and natural areas. Primary trails run along major greenways: Willamette River; Hess Creek; Springbrook Creek; and Chehalem Creek. The new trail system will eventually connect to the regional trail systems that runs along the Willamette River from the Portland area via Champoeg Park and from Wilsonville to Corvallis. It will also connect to the trail system that runs from Portland to the coast via Forest Grove, Hillsboro, and Beaverton. The overall project also includes restoration of greenways, invasive species eradication, restoration of native vegetation, water quality improvements, and improvements to benefit native fish and other species. Additional benefits will be an increase in tourism and economic development, safe routes for children to get to and from schools, and improved health through access to recreational facilities.

Chehalem Heritage Trail Draft Goals & Objectives

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This project will create an outstanding 50+mile trail system that preserves and enhances the greater Chehalem Valley communities' parks, historic heritage, native habitats, open space, and community connectivity.

Objective 1

This will be a safe and enjoyable trail system with a range of hard surface and soft surface trails (primarily off street) that connect the greater Chehalem Valley to recreation and provides transportation opportunities. This includes:

- The "Safe Routes to Schools" program goals and objectives
- Integration with local jurisdiction trails
- Working with property owners

Objective 2

The trail will link the Chehalem Valley with other trails, parks, and open space systems regionally and beyond:

- The trail system will start with the Chehalem Valley and reach out

- This program may integrate with *The Intertwine* statewide parks and trails program
- Development of the trail system will require substantial public investments



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Objective 3

The trail will emphasize the historical legacy of the Chehalem Valley and include historical features and interpretive materials that encompass the following:

- Geological History
- Willamette River and Willamette River History (riverboat landings, RR facilities, etc.)
- Yamhelas Indians
- Ewing Young
- Northwest Fur Company

- British Settlers
- Quakers
- Approximately 200 registered historical homes
- Dundee and Newberg History
- George Fox University
- Museums
- Herbert Hoover



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- Agriculture
- Timber Products
- Red Electric Trolley
- Wine Industry

Objective 4

The trail will include habitat restoration including the removal of invasive species, and interpretive materials (with standardization) that include the following:

- Willamette River
- Chehalem Creek
- Hess Creek
- Springbrook Creek
- Wetlands
- Stream
- Riparian Zones
- Upland Forests
- Heritage Trees (Native American, Survey Bearing Trees, etc.)
- Prairies
- Fish, Wildlife, and Native Vegetation
- Wildlife Corridors

Objective 5

The trail will provide safe connections within the Chehalem Valley emphasizing off-street trails and side street shoulders for non-motorized users with lighting as may be appropriate:

- Pedestrians / Hikers
- Bicyclists
- Equestrians (including staging areas)
- Roller bladders and skate boarders
- Families with strollers and small children

- Universal Access (ADA needs that could accommodate carts, etc.)
- Canoe and kayak trails (on the Willamette)

Objective 6

The trail will promote the local economy and tourism:

- Providing a huge potential to shape the community
- Promoting the local economy, education, and tourism:
 - Creating new opportunities for existing businesses and attracting new businesses
 - Featuring Cultural Centers
 - Featuring Vineyards
 - Chehalem Glenn Golf Course
 - Featuring Resorts such as the Allison Inn
- Providing connections between residential areas and job centers including:
 - Providence Newberg Hospital
 - George Fox University
 - Austin Dental
 - SP/White Birch
- Offering family-friendly recreation close to the population centers of the Northern Willamette Valley
- Integrating with the Ecotourism:
 - Willamette River Trail
 - Champoeg State Park
 - Bald Peak State Park
 - Potential development of Ash Island as a state park, and other parks
 - Audubon birding sites
- Adding to the quality of life



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Chehalem Heritage Trail Online

Please visit the
Chehalem Heritage
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www.chehalem-trail.net. The
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pages and links with the
following:

- **Homepage**
Current photos,
announcements and a
search engine to locate
information.
- **Trail System**
A description of the
project. Maps to follow
soon.
- **Partners**
A list of organizations that
support the Chehalem
Heritage Trail. If you
know of interested civic
groups, agencies or other
organizations that would



View Northeast from Ash Island

CHEHALEM HERITAGE TRAIL

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT
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TRAIL SYSTEM
PARTNERS
RESOURCES
CONTACTS

Project Manager Paul Agrimis discusses the Chehalem Heritage Trail with citizens at the November 18th Community Meeting. [More at Resources](#)

[Chehalem Heritage Trail Email](#)

Lat 45° 18' 30" N
Long 119° 0' 0" W
Chehalem Valley,
Chehalem Mountains,
Red Hills, Newberg,
Dundee, Yamhill
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Resources

This webpage contains
documents, maps,
photography and related
websites. If you have
additional contacts and/or
materials relevant to this
project, please contact us.

Contacts

A directory of project
organizers is listed for specific
queries and project
coordination.

Connections e-Newsletter

The project e-newsletter will
be published approximately
quarterly to correspond with
progress. If you have a story
about trails, announcements
or photos you would like to
share, please email to
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