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## Chehalem Heritage Trails Phase I Master Plan

### Introduction

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The Chehalem Park and Recreation District (CPRD) is creating the Chehalem Heritage Trails Phase I Master Plan to begin implementing the proposed trail development concepts and key recommendations identified in the Chehalem Heritage Trails Strategic Plan completed Spring 2010. The goal identified for this trail system is:

*The Chehalem Heritage Trail will create an outstanding 50+ mile trail system that links the greater Newberg-Dundee area through parks, historic preservation, habitat restoration, multi-modal transportation, education, and tourism.*

The strategic plan supports the development of off-street and on-street trails providing safe and enjoyable connections at neighborhood, community and regional scales within and beyond the Chehalem Valley.

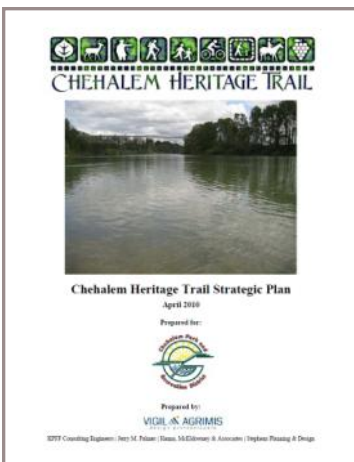
For a copy of the CHT Strategic Plan, click on the link in the left sidebar. For more information on the Chehalem Heritage Trails, please visit the website at [www.chehalem-trail.net](http://www.chehalem-trail.net). If you would like to receive the e-newsletter and future meeting announcements, or if you have questions, please email [info@chehalem-trail.net](mailto:info@chehalem-trail.net).

CPRD began the Phase 1 Master Plan for the Newberg-Dundee Connector in August 2010. This effort is focused on



Existing multi-use trail along Dayton Avenue

about 20 miles of the CHT system: Dayton Avenue, Central Newberg, the Willamette River from Dundee to Rogers Landing, Lower Chehalem Creek from Ewing Young Park to Waterfront Street, and Lower and Middle Hess Creek from the 90 Acres to The Allison Inn. There are three trail types: multiuse trails, bike lanes and sidewalks, bike boulevards and sidewalks. CPRD is working with an Advisory Committee to make recommendations on alignments, trail types, and trail features and safety measures. The Advisory Committee will meet for its third meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>.



[Strategic Plan](#)

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 Champoege 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.

## Newberg-Dundee Connector Advisory Committee

### Appointed Members

The Advisory Committee for the Chehalem Heritage Trails Newberg-Dundee Connector is composed of the following local and regional representatives:

- **Ken & Joan Austin**, Newberg Property
- **Barton Brierly**, City of Newberg
- **Paul Chiu**, City of Newberg
- **Larry Christensen**, Newberg Property
- **Ted Crawford**, Dundee Civic Association
- **Tom & Kay Edwards**, River Farms
- **Patricia Farrell**, Yamhill Partners for Land & Water
- **Jeremy Geelan**, White Birch Paper
- **Rocky Houston**, Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept
- **Ken Huffer**, Yamhill County Parks Division
- **Sheryl Kelsh**, Newberg Chamber of Commerce
- **Stuart Lindquist**, RiverGlen at Dundee
- **Cathy Martin**, Dundee Hills Winegrowers Association
- **Galen McBee**, Yamhill County Parks
- **Brian Nielson**, Champoege Park
- **Luke Pelz**, City of Dundee & City of Newberg
- **Tim Potter**, Oregon Department of Transportation
- **Claudia Stewart**, Newberg Public Schools
- **Clyde Thomas**, George Fox University
- **Dave Walsh**, White Birch Paper
- **Mike Wilson**, Grande Ronde Tribes

For information about Advisory Committee participation and meetings, contact CPRD Public Information Coordinator **Kat Ricker** at [rickerk@cprdnewberg.org](mailto:rickerk@cprdnewberg.org).



Hess Creek Canyon Botanical Garden at George Fox University

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Cyclist crossing Chehalem Creek Bridge on Dayton Avenue



Advisory Committee members studying trail alignment

## Economic Benefits

**E**conomic benefits anticipated/desired from the Chehalem Heritage Trails are a key component of the Strategic Plan. Comments taken during advisory committee discussions include:

- Promote the trail system for recreation, learning and connectivity
- Integrate historical features in the signage and wayfinding to help distinguish the trail system and the many points of interest accessible
- Design the trail system to be an amenity for employers/employees
- Create a wayfinding program to help potential users be aware of the trail system and to aid users navigating the

trail system

- Develop a phone/online wayfinding systems and maps to direct visitors to wineries, restaurants, museums, shops, businesses, parks, etc.
- Direct people to the Willamette River to help them discover this wonderful resource and then want to return
- Provide parking, restrooms, and associated conveniences to make using the trail system a comfortable experience and encourage more frequent and longer usage.

To learn about the full spectrum of trail benefits, please see the Strategic Plan (front page weblink) and/or visit the website at [www.chehalem-trail.net](http://www.chehalem-trail.net).

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## CPRD Blog

The Chehalem Park & Recreation District Blog provides news and updates for district-wide activities and events. The following is an excerpt.

**Chehalem Heritage Trails** - That's the official name of the proposed 77-mile trail system CPRD is working on. Monday night, Sept. 20th, ten members of the Advisory Committee met to work on the first segment of the trail, which will connect Newberg and Dundee through Dayton Avenue and the Willamette River.

City administration from Newberg and Dundee, ODOT, Oregon State Parks, the Newberg School District, and Champoeg State Park were represented in the inaugural meeting. A tour was conducted during the second meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The third meeting will review trail alignments and features. Public input is welcome.

Beyond identity, the committee examined the proposed trail alignments, discussed possible tie-ins with federal programs, and ways to integrate the project with other planning and development efforts.

Visit the CPRD blog at :

<http://chehalemparkandrec.blogspot.com>



## CHT Website

The Chehalem Heritage Trails Website contains announcements; project goals and description; a directory of partners and supporters; resources and web links; maps, documents and photography; advisory committee members and contacts.

The Chehalem Heritage Trails Strategic Plan and Master Plan are on the Resources webpage.

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