



**RIDGEFIELD PARKS BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022
RACC - Columbia Assembly Room
510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642**

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone requesting to speak to the Board regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 9/14/22 Meeting**

IV. MEMBER REPORT

V. PRESENTATION

- 1. Clark Co. Pet Waste Management - Community Outreach Coordinator, Grace DeMeo**
- 2. Port of Ridgefield Waterfront Park - Chief Executive officer, Randy Mueller**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Parks & Trails Sign Policy - Parks, Trails, & Recreation Manager, Galina Burley**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Parks Municipal Code Review - Parks, Trails, & Recreation Manager, Galina Burley**

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IX. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Public Works: Parks Updates**

X. FROM THE BOARD

- 1. Board Member Updates**
- 2. Council Update**
- 3. Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings**

XI. ADJOURN

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<http://ridgefieldwa.iqm2.com/Citizens/>**



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2022

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Present	
Sandy Schill	Board Member	Present	
Bruce Carpenter	Board Member	Present	
Jake Bredstrand	Board Member	Present	
Sarah Scott	Board Member	Present	
Whitney Randall	Board Member	Present	
Beth Bicknell	Board Member	Present	

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:31 PM](#)

None.

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:32 PM](#)

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 8/10/22 Meeting

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

MEMBER REPORT - [6:33 PM](#)

None.

OLD BUSINESS - [6:34 PM](#)

1. Skate Park Consultant, Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley provided updates regarding project. A consultant has been retained to move forward with an alternative analysis for location, concepts, and cost. Consultant has a lot of experience with skate parks built in Washington. Recommended signing up for updates from the Ridgefield Roundtable to get the survey when it's out.

2. Boyse Park Survey Results, Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley shared that the City is in early planning stages. The city finished a community survey, which Burley shared with the board. Many natural park elements were of

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Sep 14, 2022 6:30 PM (CONSENT AGENDA)

high priority to the community. There will be further information brought to the board to update with high level ideas for input. There may possibly be funds to move forward with a phase 1.

NEW BUSINESS - [7:14 PM](#)

1. Parks Foundation Intro & Donations Program, Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley introduced the Parks Foundation of Clark County's Executive Director, Dellan Redjou. Redjou shared background on the organization and that it awarded Ridgefield earlier this year with a grant to help with the Nature Play Park at Abrams. They currently help with administering donations for items to within Ridgefield parks. There will be an upcoming meeting for Parks and Recreation boards and staff in the area that she invited the Board to attend.

2. Park Fees Update, Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley provided an update in changes to park rental fees. Burley provided a background of use of parks and the rental agreement process. Advised that the agreements are part of the fee schedule that can be updated. There will be a new online vendor that will be utilized for rentals soon, and because of this there will be some changes to how renters are charged for use. Discussion held between the Board and Burley regarding questions.

MOTION MADE: To recommend supporting staffs research in setting fees as presented, isolating Bennett Kitchen at Abrams Park.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rian Davis, Board Member
SECONDER:	Bruce Carpenter, Board Member
AYES:	Davis, Schill, Carpenter, Bredstrand, Scott, Randall, Bicknell

3. Smoke & Tobacco Free Parks, Galina Burley, Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager

Parks, Trails and Recreation Manager Burley presented a draft policy for smoke and tobacco free parks. Burley shared information regarding the background that smoking is prohibited by playgrounds per current Code. Focus would be on voluntary compliance if put in place. A Special Event permit would be required in some cases.

MOTION MADE: To recommend Council adopt smoke free policy as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandy Schill, Board Member
SECONDER:	Jake Bredstrand, Board Member
AYES:	Davis, Schill, Carpenter, Bredstrand, Scott, Randall, Bicknell

PUBLIC COMMENT - [8:23 PM](#)

None.

STAFF REPORTS - [8:24 PM](#)

Public Works: Parks Update

Burley reminded the board to use the shared drive as it is a great resource. Burley also shared that Council approved Keystone Inc for the Overlook Park splash pad construction . The bid was approximately \$120k over budget, but will start working on a schedule and timeline that will have the least impact on events or traffic.

FROM THE BOARD - [8:26 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Board Member Schill would like the City to approach a property owner in downtown regarding land that they have that could be dedicated to the City for use as a future community garden. Board Member Scott shared that in discussion with the property owner, they desired more input on history for the area when looking to make future decisions.

Board Member Carpenter discussed concerns on trails and HOA owned trails and would like to see a consistent standards and O&M. Burley advised that the City would be meeting with the County GIS team to discuss how they map facilities presently. Carpenter would like signs sharing when it's a public trail.

Council Update

None.

Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

None.

ADJOURN - [8:30 PM](#)

Chalea Johnston, PW Administrative Assistant

Beth Bicknell, Chair

Clark Conservation District Proposal for Signage in Parks

Grace DeMeo – Community Outreach Coordinator
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Poop Smart Clark

Poop Smart Clark is an outreach program focused on reducing bacteria from poop in our local waterways. It is a partnership between Clark Conservation District, Clark County, and WSU Extension. Funders for this program include the Washington Department of Ecology, Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Washington State Conservation Commission, and the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.

This program is county-wide and focuses on reducing pollution from four sources: manure from livestock, dog waste, human waste from septic systems, and human waste from recreation. While the program is county wide, there are also four target watershed areas including Jenny Creek, Brezee Creek, McCormick Creek, and the north end of Rock Creek. There is also a portion of the program launching this fall that targets Lacamas Lake and the surrounding waterways. A map has been provided on page 4, though it has not yet been updated with the Lacamas watershed area.

Overview

Poop Smart Clark partner staff just completed a door-to-door outreach campaign to over 400 properties in our target areas. We are now turning our attention to public outreach that can complement the other forms of outreach we are doing elsewhere. We are hoping to provide signage in public outdoor areas that encourages waste management and informs the public about Poop Smart Clark.

We know that each park in Clark County is unique and has its own priorities and visitor culture. To this end we are offering four options, and our hope is that we can set up at least one of these options in at least 3 parks in each designated area. These four options are working draft proposals and we hope to finalize them in collaboration with you.

Clark Conservation District would cover all costs and maintenance (including installation, upkeep, and removal) for all signs. All signs would be removed at the conclusion of grant funding in September 2024.

Location

Our main priority for location is at parks near waterways like streams, rivers, and lakes. Our secondary priority is locations where dog walkers congregate. We offer a list of locations below that provide examples, and we are open to guidance if there are additional/alternative locations. Photos of some locations have been provided on page 5.

City of Ridgefield:

- Public Port of Ridgefield (near McCuddy's Marina). We could post a sign similar to the ones on the ruddy red pillars going down the boat launch and a laminated sign in the kiosk.
- Davis Park. We could post signage near the dog bag dispenser or towards the entrance/playground.

- Abrams Park. We could post signage near the dog bag dispenser or other high traffic dog areas.
- Ridgefield Skate Park.
- Other locations?
 - We know there are three new parks being built/proposed in the area- if any of those would be completed soon or be an ideal location, we are curious to learn more.
 - Does Carty Lake have any opportunities for signage?
 - Similarly, do you have a contact for Rolling Freedom Skate Park in Woodland?

****SIGN EXAMPLES ARE DRAFT IMAGES****

Option One – Boat/Kayak Launch Sign

One aluminum sign (18 x 24) posted on a wooden post.

Goal: To inform the public about fecal contamination in Clark County waterways, drawing connections to stream habitat and fish health.

Intended Audience: Those who are using waterways for recreational purposes like kayaking, boating, fishing, etc.

Ideal Locations: Boat/kayak/canoe launches, marinas, fishing holes, fishing piers, recreational waterways.



Option Two – Waterways Trails

Two corrugated plastic lawn signs (24x 18)

Goal: To inform the public about fecal contamination in Clark County waterways and connect them to the Poop Smart Clark program.

Intended Audience: Those who are using waterways for leisurely recreational purposes like walking along trails, picnics, outdoor playgrounds, etc.

Ideal Locations: Near trashcans, benches, or other places of respite along trails that are close to waterways (but not blocking or obscuring any views!).



Option Three – Pet Waste

One aluminum sign (18 x 24 or smaller) posted on a wooden post.

Goal: To inform the public about the Poop Smart Clark program and bolster existing signage & programs around pet waste in parks.

Intended Audience: People who are walking their dogs, particularly those who are more likely to read informative/interpretive materials in kiosks or signage areas, such as those who are new to a park or keen on signage.

Ideal Locations: Trail entrances, existing kiosks, existing dog bag dispenser infrastructure.



Option Four – Pet Waste

Two corrugated plastic lawn signs (24 x 18). These would be a small, actionable reminder for those who might have bagged their dog's poop and meant to pick it up on the way back.

Goal: To inform the public about the Poop Smart Clark program and bolster existing signage & programs around pet waste in parks.

Intended Audience: People who are walking their dogs, particularly those who are *not* likely to stop at kiosks or look at signage at park/trail entrances.

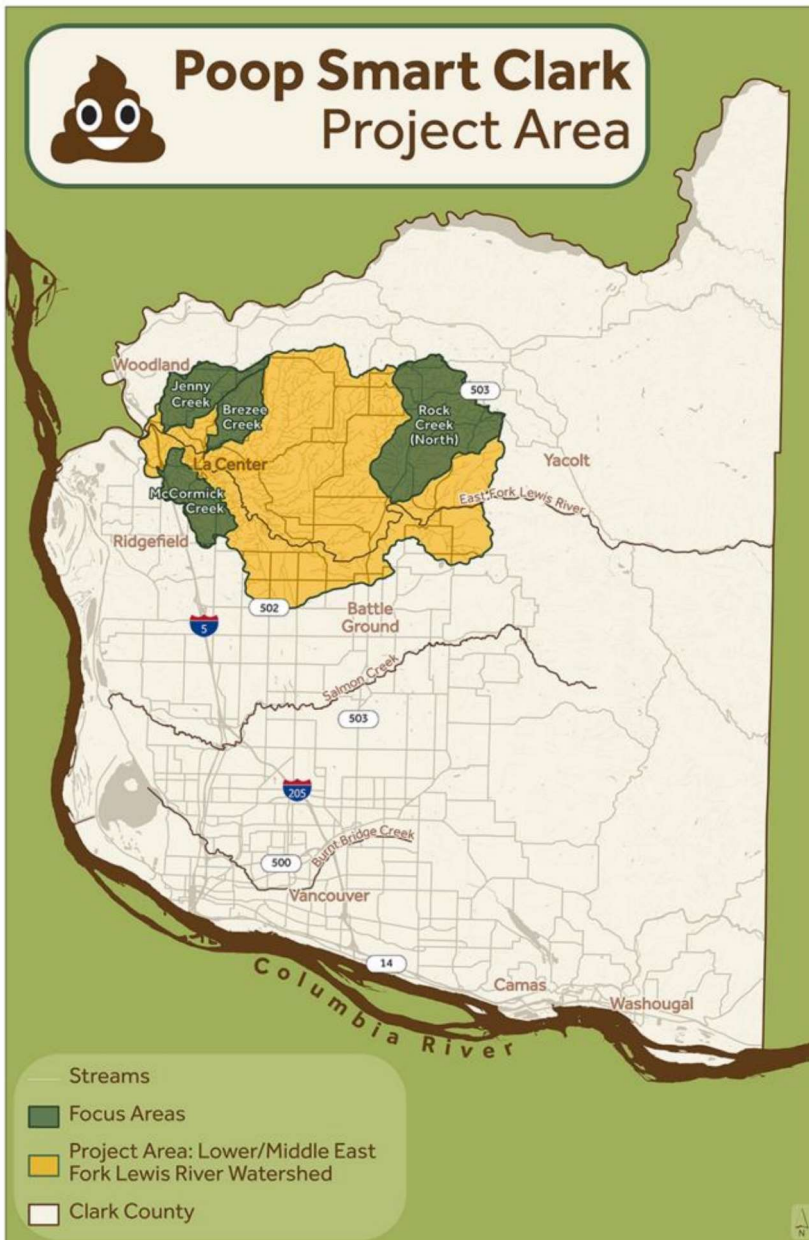
Ideal Locations: Along dog walking trails, dog parks, or places with extended trail space.



Additional Resources/Research:

- Much of this work has been based on Department of Ecology's [Water control program recommendations](#) which recommends that signage not be the only component of the program and should be used to bolster other components of the program. This is just one branch on the tree!
- We also based much of this work & our messaging on work done by Eric Lambert with Clark County Clean Water for the [Canines for Clean Water campaign](#).

Poop Smart Clark Program Area:



Ridgefield Waterfront Update



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Port of Ridgefield
May - July 2022



Community Engagement Plan & Goals

Informed by the Port of Ridgefield Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements, adopted 11/12/2008

- **Goals:**



Generate Interest



Inform



Gather Input

- **Key Engagement Tool:** Online Community Survey
- **Target Audience:** Community of Ridgefield, including residents, businesses, and partner organizations

Key messages were developed to share the history of the waterfront site, past work and investments, and to solicit feedback from the community on what they'd like to see developed within the property's current mixed-use zoning.

Community Engagement Methods

- Messaging & Materials
- Digital Engagement
- Community Tabling
- Online Community Survey
- Incentives for Engagement



Community Engagement Results

Frequently Requested Amenities



100%
Access to Lake River
for boaters and
swimmers



93%
Open space and
community park



93%
Dining &
entertainment



92%
Walking trail

Community Priorities



100%
A walkable community
where people can live,
work and play



99%
A more vibrant and
accessible waterfront in
Ridgefield



84%
Shopping and
entertainment activities

Community Concerns



30%
Impacts to the natural
environment and wildlife



24%
No concerns



18%
Increase in traffic in
downtown Ridgefield



11%
Loss of open
space

Conclusion

Based upon community feedback received, the Port should:



Develop the site while preserving open space and protecting the environment



Focus on smaller scale development to integrate with downtown and the surrounding landscape



Increase public access to the site through thoughtful planning



Include an outdoor event space for the community to gather



Limit residential housing and large retailers/commercial businesses

Port plans for Waterfront Community Park

RIDGEFIELD, Wash. – During the Port of Ridgefield's spring 2022 community engagement process around the future of the Ridgefield waterfront, residents identified access to and open space on the waterfront as leading amenities for this port-owned property on Lake River. The port is making this a top priority as it examines next steps for the site, which is key to the future of the port and community.

"The most important uses people identified were public access to Lake River and open space or a community park at the waterfront," said port CEO Randy Mueller. "We heard the community loud and clear, and this is also consistent with port goals for the site, so we are making this our top priority for the waterfront right now."

Port staff are working to permanently designate approximately 8 acres of industrial land along the Lake River and Carty Lake shoreline for public access and recreational purposes. The port hopes to plan and develop the park in partnership with the City of Ridgefield and build it in phases as funding becomes available.

Later parts of this process will include planning and creating new commerce on the remaining non-shoreline area of the 41-acre site, which is zoned for mixed-use development.

"As part of cleaning up the contamination from past uses at the waterfront, we tore down most of our leasable buildings, which historically provided the majority of the port's operating revenue," said Mueller. "So, to build the public amenities that we all want to see at the waterfront in the future, we need to replace that revenue with facilities that can support the port and our community going forward."

"Building Ridgefield's waterfront will be a years-long process, and we are committed to working with our community and partners to make the journey and the result something we can all be proud of."

Learn more about the Port of Ridgefield at www.portridgefield.org.



The Ridgefield Waterfront, early 1970's

- Wood products industry: mills, wood treatment
- Hundreds of great family wage jobs
- No public access allowed; property unsafe



The Ridgefield Waterfront, 2004

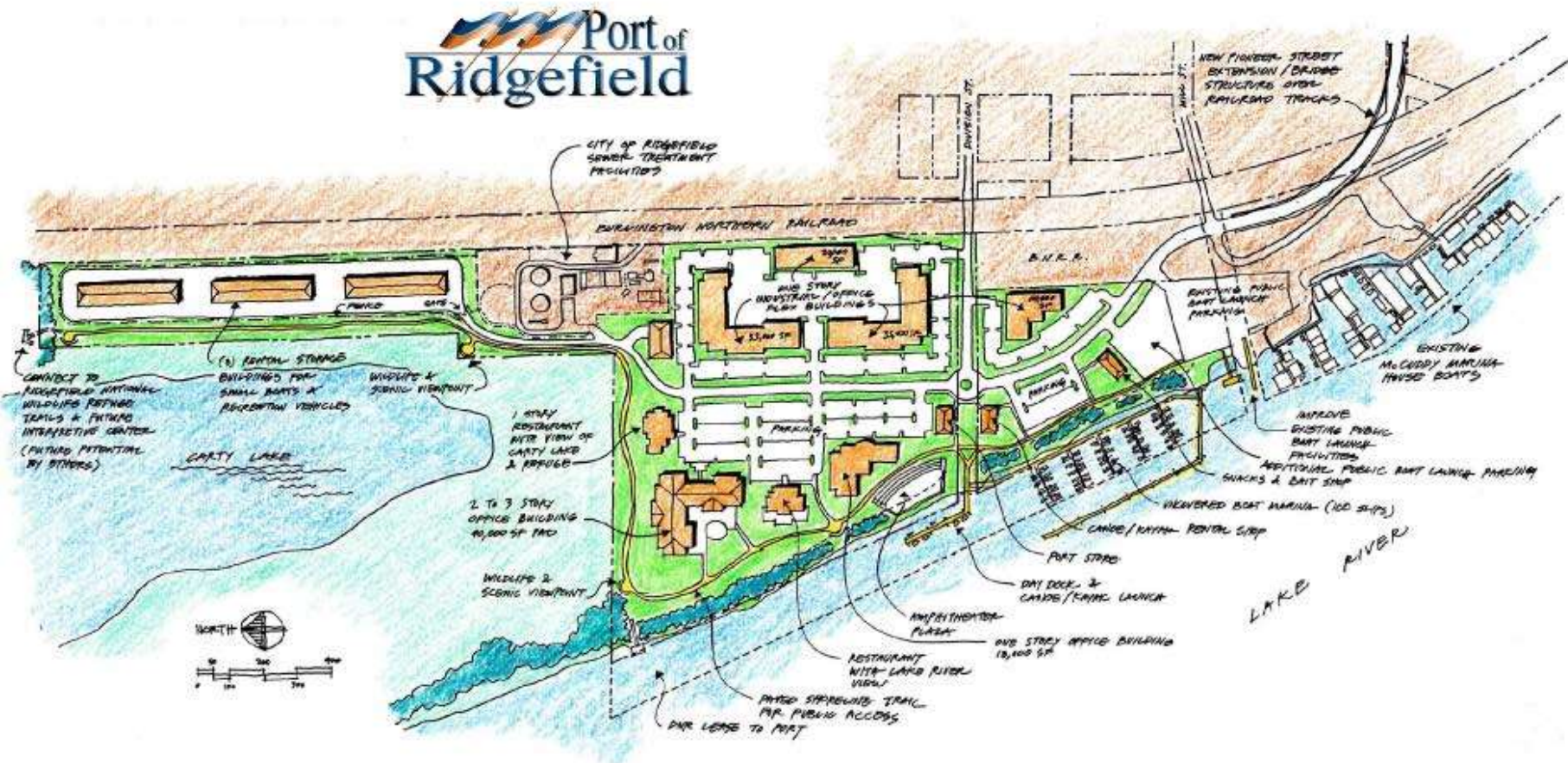
- Heavily polluted
- Cleanup was just beginning
- Still an Industrial employment center
- No public access allowed; property unsafe



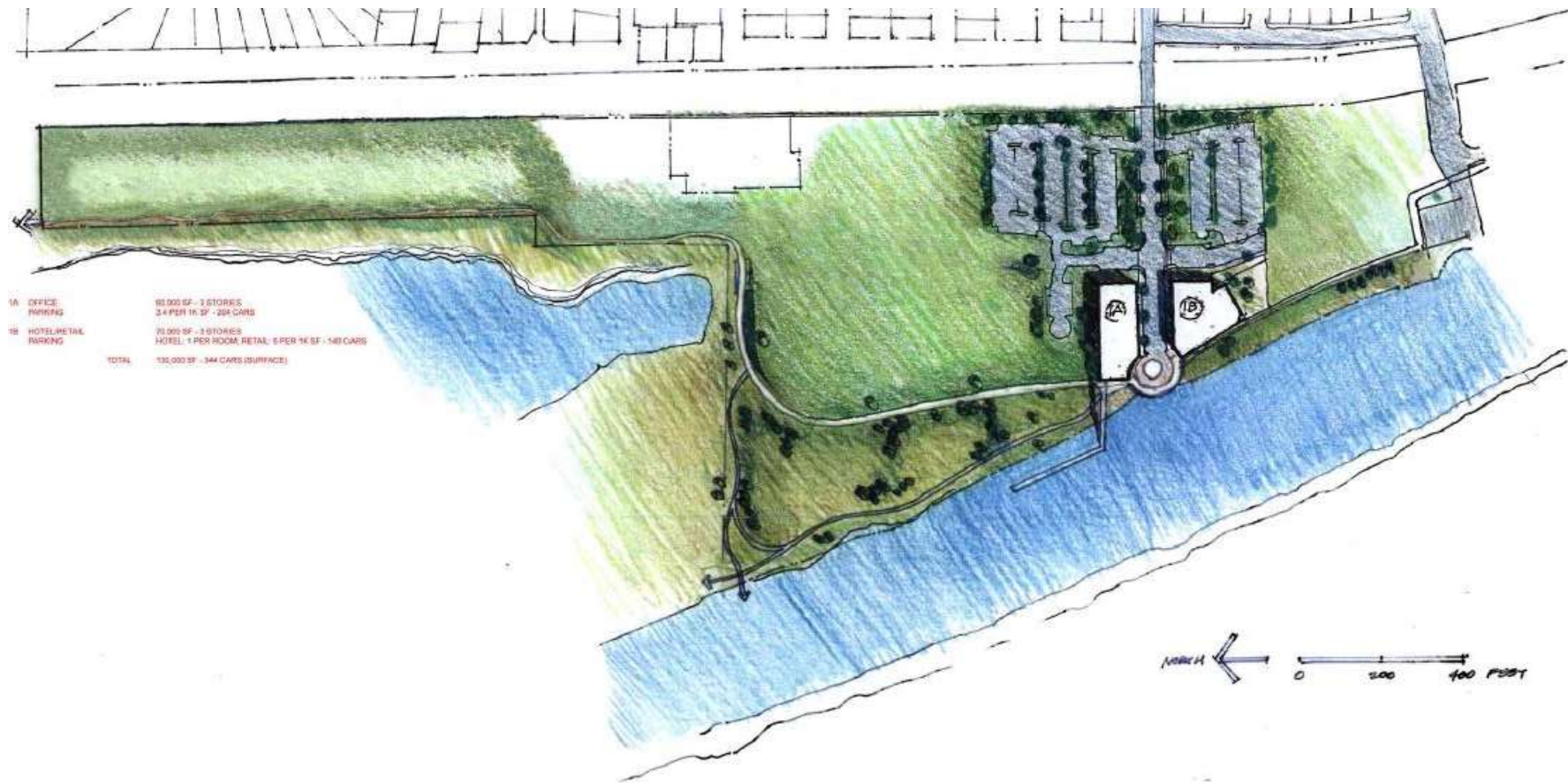
The Ridgefield Waterfront, 2022

- Cleanup is complete, the property is now safe for the public.
- No more Industrial uses, transitioning to other employment types.
- Some public access in place now, more amenities are planned.

2001 Plan for Ridgefield Waterfront (full build out)



2009 Plan for Ridgefield Waterfront (phase 1)



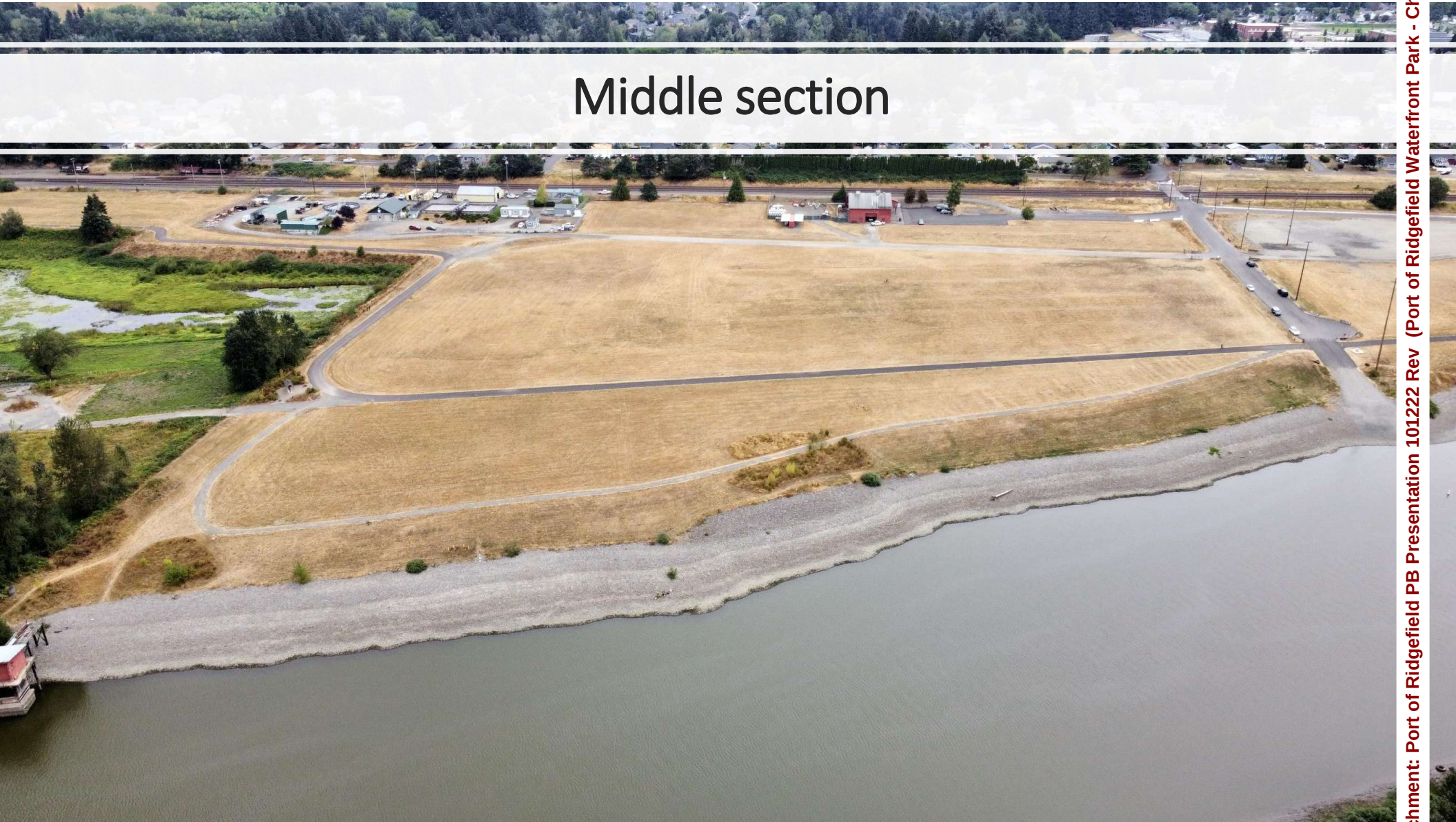
2009 Plan for Ridgefield Waterfront (phase 7)



South section



Middle section



North section



Ideas for Waterfront Park Amenities

sandy beach surface

day dock

public restrooms

ADA kayak launch

kayak storage

trail seating

interpretive signage

picnic tables

Osprey nest poles

outdoor amphitheater

outdoor fitness equipment

swimming area

Beach volleyball with sand

basketball court

pickleball court

wheelchair ramp to water

Native peoples of the Columbia River exhibit

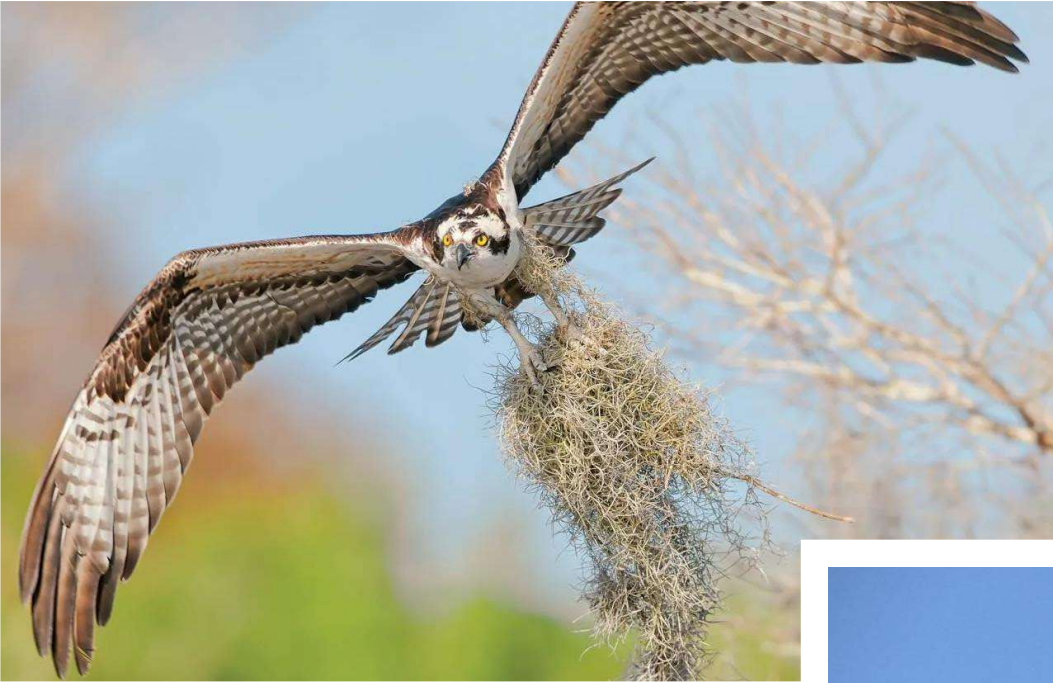












Thank you!

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