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# Newell Creek Canyon

Interactive Community Event

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Pioneer Community Center - 615 5th St, Oregon City

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Welcome to the second community event for Newell Creek Canyon Natural Area! Our next step in the process will discuss comments received from the last meeting to conserve natural resources in the canyon and identify opportunities within the canyon to create a unique experience for the Oregon City community.

The last community event brought together over 80 attendees and 175 comments about the future of the canyon. The comments focused on three key values for the canyon:

- Conservation of natural areas
- Recreation opportunities
- Educational experiences

Our evening will begin with a few brief presentations and follow with an interactive event around the opportunities for Newell Creek Canyon. Come, grab some food and chat with the planners, scientists, and your neighbors about the future of Newell Creek Canyon.



## Quick Facts Newell Creek Canyon

### What's so special about this place?

#### History

Metro is committed to working with Oregon City residents to plan Newell Creek Canyon Natural Area. Metro has been involved with the natural area since 1995 when residents campaigned for Metro's bond measure to purchase land to protect the Canyon. With the success of the 1995 and 2006 bonds 304 acres have been purchased to protect the Newell Creek Canyon watershed, with 218 acres around the immediate canyon.

#### Values

There is funding today to create and implement a plan for Newell Creek Canyon that is shaped by voices of the community. Kicking off this spring with extensive community engagement, community members have opportunity to contribute their values to help create a natural area that resonates with the community's values.

#### Unique Geology

Subtle but grand, Newell Creek Canyon boasts charismatic geology that inspires both the novice and expert naturalist. Soils within the canyon have been moving for more than 15,000 years creating unique formations such as scarps and sag ponds - it's an active place. The canyon is primarily made of the Troutdale formation with an upper crust of Boring Lava and a base of Sandy River Mudstone and Columbia River Basalt. These layers form the

foundations of slopes and hills in other areas of Oregon City. Newell Creek Canyon offers a lesson to teach us about a dynamic geologic process happening right under our feet.



#### Visitor Experience

Habitat conservation and visitor experience opportunities in Newell Creek Canyon are possible through creating safe public access and unique educational opportunities. Metro is committed to working with community members to identify their values, wishes and desires for the canyon in order to create a plan for safe public access and use as well as educational opportunities. For more information visit us on the web at [www.oregonmetro.gov/newell](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/newell)

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