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# Troutdale to Gresham Trail

*Weigh in on closing a key trail gap that will realize a vision 100 years in the making*

Imagine riding your bike or enjoying a run from the Sandy River in Troutdale to Johnson Creek in Gresham.

A vision for an interconnected system of trails for recreation and commuting has been on the books for decades, and much of it has been completed. However, to create a full loop around the metro region, this six-mile gap must be closed.

Now is the time to weigh in on identifying a preferred alignment to take walkers, runners and cyclists safely from the mouth of the Sandy River to the Springwater Trail. The future trail will lead people up steep canyons, through glades near Mt. Hood Community College, through communities, and into the peace and quiet of nature alongside the running water of Johnson Creek.

In 1903 pioneering landscape architect John Charles Olmsted proposed to the Park Board of Portland a 40-mile loop of parks and greenways encircling the city. Today's 40-Mile Loop is in fact nearly

140 miles and includes many of the region's premier off-street trails for hiking, bicycling and jogging, such as the Wildwood Trail, Marine Drive Trail and Springwater Trail. When completed, the 40-Mile Loop will connect more than 30 parks along the Columbia, Sandy and Willamette rivers, Johnson Creek and the Tualatin Mountains.

In 2012, the East Metro Connections Plan identified closing this trail gap as a key priority for community members. The Troutdale to Gresham Trail Master Plan is a first step toward realizing the vision.

The master plan process is guided by a stakeholder advisory committee and public input. The plan is a partnership between Metro and the cities of Gresham and Troutdale.

The project began in spring 2016, with community engagement events held over the summer. A draft master plan is scheduled to be ready for public review in spring 2017.