Project overview

**Project vision**
Master plan a nature park at Gabbert Butte that:

- welcomes people from all cultures, communities, and abilities and enhances neighborhood identity
- protects water quality and wildlife habitat and provides safe, meaningful experiences of nature
- celebrates the unique qualities of Gabbert Butte
- plans for a nature park Metro can take care of for years to come

**Why plan access?**
- to improve public access to Gabbert Butte and improve the trail connectivity and experience
- to plan for and guide public access in a way that continues to protect water quality and wildlife habitat on Gabbert Butte
- to provide access to accommodate broad range of community members

**What is included?**
- plan for parking & entry to welcome visitors
- identify activities, amenities, and program opportunities
- improve trails on Gabbert Butte
- Improve trail connections to Saddle Trail and consider connections to Hogan Butte

**Project Schedule**

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The Gabbert Butte master plan is an opportunity for the City and Metro to work together to incorporate previous planning work that has been done in the East Buttes into a future vision for Gabbert Butte.

Below are recent plans that have been completed for the area:

**Gresham parks, trails and natural areas master plan** *(Gresham 2009)*
- Identified opportunities to enhance the City’s park and recreation system that includes developing a 2.9-acre neighborhood park on Gabbert Butte.
- Community input in the master plan process identified the three greatest park needs: walking and biking trails, nature trails and neighborhood parks.

**Trails and paths master plan map** *(Gresham 2015)*
- Provides a framework for a connected network of trails and paths in Gresham.
- Gabbert Butte master planning considers these trail alignments in the proposed trail alternatives.

**Gabbert Butte Interim Access Plan** *(Metro 2010)*
- Completed to formalize management of public access at Gabbert Butte until a more comprehensive plan could be completed.
- Formalized trail loop on the butte, and provided new signs.
- Recommended completing a full access master plan for Gabbert Butte.

**Regner Road neighborhood park master plan** *(Gresham 2008)*
- As part of the Hogan Butte Master plan process, a master plan was developed for a 2.9 acre neighborhood park across from Southeast 29th Street at Regner Road.
- Gabbert Butte Master planning expands on this vision to plan a nature park incorporating elements of the neighborhood park master plan.

**East Buttes Site Conservation Plan** *(Metro 2014)*
- East Buttes Complex Site Conservation Plan (SCP) identified desired future conditions and a long-term strategy for conservation of Metro managed natural areas in the East Buttes.
- The plan identified areas south of Butler road as habitat preserves, to be prioritized for large core habitat areas with very limited access for people.
- The plan recommended Gabbert Butte as an opportunity for providing public access, and promoting experiences of nature.