



The secret of getting ahead
is getting started.

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News: On March 28, the Sutherlin City Council unanimously approved Resolution 2016.05 to submit a grant request this May to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) for a Master Plan for the Ford's Pond property. A Master Plan is needed before we can apply for any other grants for improvements to the property. This will be the opportunity for public input and where community needs are identified, through a process led by the Sutherlin Parks Advisory Committee. The FOPF has committed to raising the matching funds needed for this grant as the City of Sutherlin will not provide any funding for the development of any new parks. More information will be coming, stay tuned! We are excited for the future!

Wondering how a park around a wastewater storage pond could look? Check out:

Talking Water Gardens, Albany, Oregon

<https://www.cityofalbany.net/departments/public-works/wastewater-services/twg/>

Fernhill Wetlands, Forest Grove, Oregon

<http://www.fernhillnts.org/>

These sites are different from Ford's Pond because the ponds are part of the wastewater treatment operations, as opposed to only being used for post-treatment storage. But we couldn't help notice the similarities in appearance, especially at Fernhill.

We liked the compact surface for running, mountain biking, or pushing a jogging stroller. We didn't trip on blackberry vines or slip in the mud!



Thank you to our most recent donors (list through March 31, 2016): Sharon and Rick Troxel.

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