



It takes a place
to create a community
and a community
to create a place.

Project for Public Spaces



Board Update: On Monday, October 10, the Sutherlin City Council accepted the OPRD's Local Government Grant for the Ford's Pond Master Plan. This grant is made possible through lottery funds. The City is not contributing any funds towards this process, with the cash match being provided by the Friends of Ford's Pond through our successful fundraising campaign.

The City is moving forward with the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the master plan design contract. Our goal is to have a Master Plan for City Council approval by November 2017. This will allow us to be on track for applying for capital improvement grants in early 2018, in order to take advantage of the remaining three grant cycles where the City can use the land acquisition cost as the match, before this opportunity expires.

The purpose of a Park Master Plan is to develop a comprehensive vision for the Ford's Pond property, taking into account the primary need for treated wastewater storage, existing natural resources, and the vision of the community. Public input is vital, not only to hear all thoughts and ideas, but so we can design a place citizens are proud of, visitors will want to return time after time, and where events and activities can be held to benefit our community and sustain the park. What a great opportunity before us!

Visit our website or Facebook page, or the City of Sutherlin's Facebook page and website, for more information as the process begins.

The FOFPP received a generous donation via ONEHOPE Foundation (www.viaonehope.com). It seems there was a wine tasting/fundraising event held with FOFPP selected as the receiving non-profit. So, if YOU were at the party and bought wine: Salute! Cheers! L'Chaim!

At Ford's Pond: The rains have returned and the path has begun to disappear under the standing water. Walk carefully.

As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, your donations are tax-deductible. Donations by check should be made out to Friends of Ford's Pond and mailed to: PO Box 99, Sutherlin, OR, 97479. Donations may also be made on our website www.fordspond.org via PayPal (we pay the processing fee).