

LCFW Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form
Supplemental Pages as directed in LWCF PD and Environmental Review form Step 1

Step 2, B

B1. The physical improvements that will be developed with LWCF assistance area:

- New development of a hard packed aggregate recreation trail 1740 foot long by 8 foot wide. The public will access the south trail head at the directly adjacent parking area and by parking along the curb on Weirich Drive. Public access and parking area also available at the north trail head.

B2 When will the project be completed and public allowed access?

- The trail will be open immediately upon completion of trail development and shortly after grant award.

Step 2, D

D1

- No, this new site will extend the existing Cheadle Lake North Shore Trail.

D2a What is the name of the existing area?

- Cheadle Lake, North Shore Trail

D2b Is the existing public facility included in 6f?

- No

If no, will it be included in 6f?

- The existing area is protected by a previous OPRD park boundary agreement created when the North Shore Trail was funded. This new trail project if/when funded by LWCF will be included in the 6f boundary.

D3 What will be the name of this new public area?

- North Shore Trail.

D4a Who will hold title?

- The City of Lebanon

D4b What is the sponsor type of ownership?

- Fee simple ownership via recorded Public Right of Way.

D5 Nature of the Right of Way.

- Upon notification of grant award the current owner, Lebanon Community Foundation is donating the entire 10 foot wide by 1740 long trail corridor as a Public Right of Way to the City of Lebanon. Lebanon will pay for and facilitate the recording of the Right of Way.
- The City of Lebanon and the Lebanon Community Foundation understand that a conversion would occur if non-public / non recreation activities occur in the new Right of Way.

D6 Over head lines

- No overhead lines exist within the proposed Public Right of Way

D7 New outdoor recreation provided, capacity, short and long term public benefit.

- This trail creates a new outdoor recreation opportunity where none previously existed. The trail makes the first and only trail connection to the 50+ mile Lebanon Trail system and to over 5 miles of proposed trails in the Cheadle Lake Recreation Area.
- The capacity of this trail and usage is estimated at 100 visitors per day at its peak.
- Short and Long term benefits include:
 - Free close to home outdoor recreation
 - Wildlife viewing, Fishing, Biking, Kayaking, access to open space.
- Outlet for exercise to promote physical activity to overcome adult and childhood obesity.

D8 Non-Public use.

- This trail site is currently un-developed. No non-public use is proposed for the future within the 6(f) boundary.

D9 Planning process

D9a In 2007 a Master Plan for this property was developed. The public was invited to all public meetings facilitated by Cameron McCarthy, Gilbert & Scheibe, and Landscape Architects to develop a master plan for the proposed 244 acre site. The well attended public meetings took place on 12/6/2006 &

1/25/2007. Comment cards were provided to the community and verbal responses received at public meetings. These public comments are included in and were used in the development of the Cheadle Lake Master Plan.

On 2/4/08 an advertised public meeting was held soliciting public input on public recommendations for open access and use of the lake property. The public's recommendations were included in a letter of request for a State Marine Board ruling on regulation governing the use of the lake.

The Lebanon Community Foundation (LCF) holds monthly public meetings and over the past several years has independently created and revised several master plans for their property at the Cheadle Lake Recreation Area. LCF repeatedly states their plans to develop the Cheadle Lake Festival site and donate the land after development for inclusion in the Cheadle Lake Recreation Area.

Build Lebanon Trails (BLT), a very active citizen based group, holds monthly public meetings and trail walks to promote Lebanon's Trails Connectivity Plan. Annually since 2005 on the 4th of July, BLT has lead well attended community outreach walks at Cheadle Lake during the Star Spangled Celebration. The event includes repeated escorted loop trail walks around Cheadle Lake, highlighting and promoting the 3.3 acre North Park property.

Beginning in 2008 the National Park Service's (NPS), Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program have been holding public meetings in Lebanon. These public meetings are setting the future direction for development of the Cheadle Lake site. The Core Planning Team established by the NPS and the City of Lebanon recently completed an electronic public survey to gauge the public's priorities on specific site improvements. This survey repeated previous public accounts for development of passive recreation at this site. The survey was available on the City of Lebanon's web page, public library and public offices with hard copies available by request

D9b. What information was made available to the public for review and comment?

All planning information was made available at the public meetings and the completed plan was available on the City of Lebanon's web page, public library and public offices with hard copies available by request. All comments were incorporated in the Cheadle Lake Refinement Plan.

D10 Implement statewide outdoor recreation goals.

This project was selected after review of the Land and Water Conservation manual and the project ability to meet the requirements and specification of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant evaluation process and the technical review it will receive from OPRD and NPS staff.

SCORP 2008-2013

An Increasing Diverse Oregon Population.

- This project will provide recreation opportunities to adjacent communities including Albany, Corvallis and Sweet Home. Albany and Corvallis are projected to experience higher levels of increase in the listed populations. Lebanon is a bedroom community for both cities.

Oregon Physical Activity Crisis

- This project creates a non-motorized, close to home, trail opportunity for Lebanon youth. Our community has an above average percentage of over weight and obese youth. Although not listed as a crisis county, Lebanon is in dire need of non-motorized trails for youth to access.

Statewide Needs Assessment

- Lebanon's project meets the Statewide Priority for this area with **Non-motorized trails and Nature study/wildlife watching sites.**

County Level Need

- Lebanon's project meets County Level Needs for Linn County with:
 - Non-Motorized trails

- Land Acquisition. (The land for the trail is being donated by the Lebanon Community Foundation)
- Sports and Playfields. (This trail provides the first formal hard surface access to (2) two new ballfields being developed in 2010 by the community on the adjoining Lebanon Community Foundations property.)

SCORP Youth Criteria

This trail creates a direct connection to over 100 acres of natural play areas. There are so very many current and proposed connections to nature for youth at this site. They include:

- Natural habitat surveys partnering with ODFW biologists.
- Habitat restoration projects, Over 1000 students experience nature projects last year at this site.
- Bicycling trails place youth in the middle of the 100 acre site where birds, trees, waterfowl, rodents, and pond turtles share special moments with children.
- Eagle Scouts built viewing benches along the trails that this trail head leads them to.
- (Supports Outdoor Youth Programs) Lebanon Community School Administrators and teachers again this year have scheduled outdoor school projects along this new trail section. Students are very excited to experience the natural environment that this crucial trail section makes possible. Over 1000 local students volunteered at Cheadle Lake during school hours in 2009.

SCORP Aging Populations

- This new trail head and trail section creates the only north to south couplet to the non-motorized 50+ mile Lebanon Trail system. Within a short walk from this trailhead is an over 55 only trailer court who will have free easy access to the trail system. In January of 2010, Lebanon with the assistance from the National Parks Service conducted an on-line survey to asses the community's priorities at this site. The survey overwhelmingly chose the development of Trails and walking/hiking opportunities as the top priority. Over 56% of the participants were over 50 years of age. This result matches previous surveys conducted during the development of the Lebanon Strategic Trails Plan and the recent revision of the Lebanon Parks Master Plan.

This project meets the previous (2003 – 2007) SCORP goals as follows.

- Statewide Issue A. (Major Rehabilitation) When acquired this property (an old mill site) will be rehabilitated to provide public outdoor recreation facilities. The lake for decades has been providing recreation with no efforts from the private sector owners to rehabilitate public access or address safe access concerns. Public ownership will provide *health and safety improvements, ensure critical natural resource protection, provided ADA access, renew a facility that is beyond its normal life expectancy and, rehab a facility destroyed by manmade neglect and vandalism.*
- Issue B. (Recreational Trails/Trail Connectivity) This acquisition provides a critical connection to the Lebanon trails plan that includes over 50 miles of fully ADA accessible paved trails connecting the entire community.
 - Is the major trail connection to the Cheadle Lake islands and the Strawberry Fair festival site
 - Provides trail connectivity from the south (UGB) Urban Growth Boundary to the north UGB which includes connections to numerous City parks including land and water trails along and in the South Santiam River.
 - Provides trail head parking.
 - Provides direct access to the Oregon Historic Trail #16 (circa 1865 – 1939) Santiam Wagon Road, through the Cheadle Lake Trail Corridor.
- Issue C. (Land Acquisition) SCORP, Lebanon's Parks Master Plan and the Cheadle Lake Master Plan each call for the acquisition of land to meet the existing and growing need for park properties that provide close to home, inexpensive, outdoor recreation opportunities. The donated trail Right of Way meets all of the identified needs for acquisition in several Lebanon Comprehensive plans.
- Issue D. (Ball Fields) **This planned Cheadle Lake trailhead at this site provides the direct connection on the north side of the three public ball-fields currently being developed by the Lebanon Community Foundation (LCF) at the Cheadle Lake Festival site directly southeast of the acquisition. The proposed parking** on this site provides the only north access and parking area

for the ball fields. The main ball field parking area is south of the fields on LCF land.

- Issue E. (Water-Based Recreation resources and facilities) This property acquisition provides property to construct the first public access to the lake and one of two planned boat ramps and boarding doc facilities on Cheadle Lake. This includes over 4 miles of water trails and over 4 miles of public lake bank access.

Regional SCORP Issue Region 3:

(Issue A) (Major rehabilitation of existing recreation facilities). The lake for decades has been providing public recreation with no efforts from the private sector to rehabilitate public access or address safe access concerns. Public ownership and planned developments will provide *health and safety improvements, ensure critical natural resource protection, provided ADA access, renew a facility that is beyond its normal life expectancy, rehab a facility destroyed by manmade neglect and vandalism.*

(Issue B) (Non-motorized recreational trail connectivity) This acquisition provides a critical connection to the Lebanon trails plan that includes over 50 miles of fully ADA accessible paved trails connecting the entire community. The property will provide the first public access to the Cheadle Lake water trail and is the major trail connection to the Cheadle Lake islands, Strawberry Fair festival site, provides trail connectivity from the south Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to the north UGB which includes connections to numerous City parks including land and water trails along and in the South Santiam River and provides trail head parking and direct access to the Oregon Historic Trail #16 (circa 1865 – 1939) Santiam Wagon Road, through the direct connection to the Cheadle Lake Trail Corridor.

(Issue C) (Providing River and Water Access) This acquisition will provide public access to the 100 acre Cheadle Lake water trail, fishing, water fowl, wildlife viewing, and water associated family activities, including the site of a safe boat ramp access, fishing and boarding docs. This property is also directly connected to the trail leading to the water trail access of the South Santiam River at Riverview Park.

SCORP Regional Facility Needs Region 3: (Swimming in an outdoor pool) A protected outdoor swimming facility is included in the Cheadle Lake Recreation Area Master Plan and open water swimming is allowed.

D11 List all sources and amounts of financial match.

Source	Type of Match	Value
City of Lebanon	Cash from Parks SDC funds	\$5,000
Build Lebanon Trails	Cash donation	\$ 200
City of Lebanon	In-kind	\$ 4846
Build Lebanon Trails	In-kind	\$ 4009

D12. Is LWCF project scope part of a larger project?

- Although this project is a stand alone project it is part of a larger master plan. Future adjoining projects include the Cheadle Lake Master Plan. This trail intersects a current private non-profit project building two baseball fields. This trail project is also the first connection from the south of Lebanon to the 50 + mile Lebanon Trail system and also the direct connection to North Park at Cheadle Lake where numerous public outdoor recreation elements have recently and are currently being developed.

D13. Required permits.

- No permits are needed to develop this trail section. A letter noting the local planning department approval is included in the grant application.

Step 5 Summary of previous environmental reviews

1. Date and purpose of environmental reviews

- 1997, Lebanon Community Foundation with funds from the National Forest Service contracted an environmental review of the property the proposed trail project is over. The purpose was to assess the property prior to ownership.
- 1997, Lebanon Community Foundation with funds from the National Forest Service contracted a Cultural Survey of the property the proposed trail project is over. The purpose was to assess the property prior to ownership.
- March 2008, The City of Lebanon's, Environmental Manager completed an EA for this and adjoining sites. (**EA is attached**) The purpose was to assess the property prior to ownership.
- August 2009, The City of Lebanon contracted with Environmental Science Associates to complete a Wetland Delineation for the adjoining properties. DSL and the Corp of Engineers concurred with the delineation report in late 2009. The purpose was to assess the property prior to completing proposed public park recreation improvements.
- January 2009, The City of Lebanon contracted with Scott Stuenkel, MS, RPA to complete a Cultural Survey of the area. The purpose was to assess the property prior to completing proposed public park recreation improvements. A cultural significant site was discovered on a property approximately ½ southwest of the proposed trail project site.
- 2009, The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife began and continue wildlife assessments at Cheadle Lake. This trail project property is directly adjacent the ODFW assessment site.

Step 5, 2 Proposed action

- The proposed action is to build a publicly owned recreational trail and trail head.
 - Alternative is to not build the trail and not provide the free, close to home outdoor recreation it provides. This alternative would not provide public access to the recreation amenities currently developed to the north on Cheadle Lake.

Step 5, 3 Who identified resources?

- Resource impact issues were identified by:
 - Oregon Department of State Lands and Corps of Engineers were involved with the 2009 wetland delineations which lead to concurrence by both agencies.
 - Darrel McLaughlin with the City of Lebanon completed the environmental assessment in 2008.
 - The Lebanon Parks Committee, City Council, The Lebanon Community Foundation and the general public attended 2 public workshops during the development of the Cheadle Lake Refinement Plan. The National Parks Service, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program representative Dan Miller has been working with the community since 2008 developing an Action Plan for the greater Cheadle Lake Recreation Area which includes this trail project. The US Forest Service wildlife biologist KC Briggs has been an advisor since 2008 on the site. The fish biologist, Gary Galovich with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has been an advisory and has been completing assessments at the site since 2008.

Step5, 4 Environmental resources analyzed and impacts

- Proposed recreational trail developments at the Cheadle Lake Recreation Area have been determined to have minimal impacts.

Step5, 5 Mitigation measures

- No mitigation measure or conflicts have been identified as needed for this trail development. Delineated wetlands are outside of the proposed trail development area and will not be impacted by the proposed trail development.

Step 5, 6 Intergovernmental Review Process

- Intergovernmental Consultation Forms (A requested review of a proposed outdoor recreation project which Federal Assistance Has been request) have been completed and sent to the intergovernmental agencies specified in the LWCF grant application.
- Agency review comments have not been received to date and are being forwarded to the granting agency.

Step5, 7 Public Comment Period

- Public comments have been and continue to be solicited since the initial 2007 process of developing the Cheadle Lake Refinement Plan through public process.
- Question D9a above details the public comment period. This information is not duplicated in this step to save on the length of the document.
- Numerous grants have been applied for and received for the Cheadle Lake Refinement Plan area. Each grant application requested public comment and solicited government agency comments.

Step5, 8. Formal discussions.

- Formal discussions lead to the Concurrence of the Wetland Delineation of adjoining properties including Cheadle Lake proper.
- Formal discussions lead to an identified cultural site on property south and outside of this project area.

Step5, 9 Federal action reviewed previously?

- This proposed trail section was included in the greater review and discussion during the development of the public process that developed the Cheadle Lake Refinement Plan.

Environmental review comments: Specific environmental review document references:

* March 2008, completed by Darrell McLaughlin, City of Lebanon Environmental Manager.

Environmental Impacts of Proposed Action

The environmental elements that would be affected and the anticipated impacts are:

Land use: The project site is zoned Mixed Use which allows parks and open space and is compatible with the surrounding areas.

Fish and wildlife, vegetation, and water quality would be enhanced by the proposed actions of:

1. recondition the “wetland areas” as a stormwater treatment and mitigation area,
2. remove noxious and invasive non-native vegetation and replace with suitable native vegetation on the upland and riparian areas, and

Water resources/hydrology would be enhanced by the proposed actions of:

1. recondition the “wetland areas” as a stormwater treatment and mitigation area,
2. remove noxious and invasive non-native vegetation and replace with suitable native vegetation on the upland and riparian areas, and

Transportation would be enhanced by the proposed actions of:

1. construct walking and hiking trails as designated in the City of Lebanon’s Parks Master Plan.

Step 6 Environmental Screening Form (ESF)

Access would not be impacted as the proposed project site is currently served by adequate transportation infrastructure.

Socioeconomic effects would be positively felt at all levels by providing the residents of the City of Lebanon and surrounding communities with a unique recreational opportunity.

The project is not located in a floodplain or wetland and there are no threatened or endangered species on the site.

Historic/archeological resources;

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be contacted to assure that the project proposal complies with state laws regarding archaeology on lands or historic properties.

No project element calls for alteration, rehabilitation, renovation, or demolition of a historically, culturally, or architecturally significant property or property contributing to the integrity of a cohesive older neighborhood or historic district.

No historical, cultural, or archaeological site exist on the project site.

If human remains are found during an excavation, the local State Police office will be contacted to determine if they are Indian or are evidence of a crime scene. If the remains are Indian, the Legislative Commission on Indian Affairs will be contacted for a list of appropriate tribal contacts and the SHPO for a list of archaeological consultants.

If other archaeological materials are found during a ground disturbing activity, the SHPO will be contacted to see if the project area has been surveyed and for a current list of archaeological consultants.