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### **Informal Solicitation**

The City of Lowell is conducting an informal solicitation for tree removal and disposal services along the Railroad Corridor Trail in Lowell, Oregon.

### **Minimum Requirements**

Contractors should provide a not-to-exceed quote for the following services:

- Tree Removal – Removal of fallen and hazardous trees along the trail to City limits, as identified on the attached map. Trees are marked with white paint.
- Stump treatment – All stumps shall be treated with herbicide to prevent regrowth. As per FEMA requirements, contractor shall note disposal method and location for any stumps removed from the project site, including providing dump tickets.
- Disposal – All trees and limbs shall be chipped and left onsite or hauled away. As per FEMA requirements, contractor shall note disposal method and location for any materials removed from the project site, including providing dump tickets.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated by the solicitation agent on price, technical capacity, and references.

- Price (50%) – Proposed cost to complete the project.
- Technical Capacity (25%) – Ability of the firm to provide services that meet base requirements. Firm should submit relevant qualifications, including licenses and/or certifications.
- References (25%) – Track record of success. Minimum of three (3) references should be provided.

**Please submit information necessary to evaluate your proposal as identified above and return by email to Jared Cobb, [jcobb@ci.lowell.or.us](mailto:jcobb@ci.lowell.or.us) by no later than Monday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m.**

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and has the right, in its sole discretion, to accept the proposal it considers most favorable to the City's interest. The City also reserves the right to reject all proposals without awarding a contract to any vendor. The City reserves the right to seek clarification of any proposal submitted. The City also reserves the right to require other evidence of technical, managerial, financial, or other abilities prior to selection. The City further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals with or without cause. The City of Lowell may make an award based upon initial proposals received without discussion of such proposals with the submitting entity.

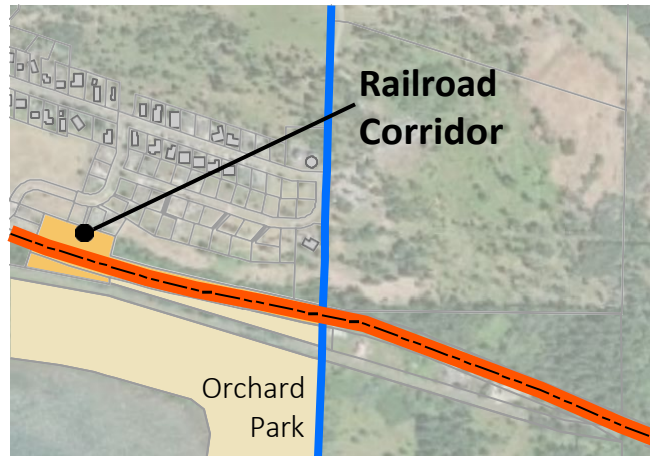
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# Railroad Corridor Park Concept Plan

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## Introduction

Railroad Corridor Park is composed of approximately 7.5 acres of land and is located on the eastern edge of Lowell's urban growth boundary. Other than the railroad corridor itself, much of the property has steep slopes and is densely vegetated with Douglas fir upland forest. The city owned property, with its stable and relatively level railroad bed, provides an excellent opportunity to develop a trailhead and short, forested trail. ICPE has developed the following concept plan and design recommendations to utilize this section of old railroad corridor as the



**Location of Railroad Corridor Park property**

*Source: Institute for Policy Research and Engagement*

beginning of an expanded local trail system and to capitalize on the railroad's historic significance.

## Design Elements & Use Areas

### TRAILHEAD DEVELOPMENT



**Parking** – A parking area will be constructed at the west end of the park off of Weteau Drive. Initially this parking area will be crushed gravel and should accommodate 5-10 vehicles. Over time, if trail use increases, it may be worth considering paving the parking area with asphalt or concrete. This would also allow ADA accessibility to the Railroad Corridor portion of the trail.



**Trailhead information** – A small kiosk will be installed at the trailhead. Some useful information may include: rules and regulations, trail maps, historical railroad interpretation, and other information about forest restoration efforts or local ecological systems.

TRAILHEAD DEVELOPMENT



**Railroad Corridor Trail** – The main trail along the historic railroad right of way will be an 8’ wide crushed gravel trail. This approximately ¼ mile trail will provide an easy walking, jogging or biking experience. Some amenities along the trail could include seating benches as well as constructed overlook areas to utilize views through the forest towards Dexter Reservoir. This trail has the potential to eventually continue along the railroad right of way, connecting to Lookout Point and even as a long term connection to the Eugene to Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Paving this ¼ mile section should be considered in the future to provide accessibility to all.



**Connecting trails** – As a small hub in the local trail system, efforts should be made to connect this trailhead to Orchard Park and to Lowell’s downtown area. A 3’ crushed gravel trail will be constructed to connect the Railroad corridor trail to Orchard Park. A series of steps and switchbacks will need to be constructed in order to get the trail down a steep section between the trailhead and West Boundary Rd.



## FOREST MANAGEMENT

### **Forest thinning, invasive species removal and native species restoration**

– In order to have a safe, healthy and beautiful trail and natural park, the approximately 7.5 acres of city owned park land should be assessed for forest thinning and invasive species removal. In 2002, a trail plan was developed for this park

providing a variety of restoration and management needs. The plan also mentioned the potential of compensating some park costs through the sale of the thinned lumber on the property. Regular forest management will also need to take place to keep this a safe and vibrant park.

## Railroad Corridor Park Design Concept

