



# Riverbend Community Park and Bend Metro Park and Recreation District Office

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A new district office and a community park are planned at 799 SW Columbia Street. The 14 acre Riverbend Park borders Columbia Street to the north and the Deschutes River to the south. This park will be a beautiful site to host a family picnic or community event, and will provide river and trail access. The new district office will occupy the portion of the park site closest to Columbia Street.

## Riverbend Community Park

The master plan for the community park includes improved river access, an extension of the river trail, riparian habitat restoration, large open lawn areas, picnic facilities, restrooms, and fully accessible walking trails. Riverbend Park is also designed to host special events and will include power, lighting and access drives to support this function.

## Bend Metro Park and Recreation District Office

The 21,400 sq. ft. facility will provide the community with a large event room and outdoor plaza for hosting a meeting or event. Over 100 parking spaces will give the public access to the park, river and Deschutes River Trail. The facility occupies about 2% of the park space and includes offices for recreation services, district administration, and planning and development. The building will also allow the district to upgrade registration technology to better serve residents.

### Park and Building Features

- A. District office
- B. Community room and reception area
- C. Beach and river access
- D. Picnic shelter and restrooms
- E. Riparian restoration
- F. Open lawn
- G. Plaza with power and water
- H. Paver Pathway





## Building Green

This building incorporates green architecture to minimize the impact on the environment and to save energy costs.

- > Radiant heated and cooled floors
- > Water efficient fixtures
- > Water efficient landscaping
- > Recycled and regionally obtained construction materials
- > Low-emitting building materials for healthy air quality
- > Minimum energy requirements
- > Solar hot water
- > Green “living” roof for efficient insulation



## Why is this building needed at this time?

The district office has exceeded its capacity. When park and recreation moved into the existing office 41 years ago, Bend's population was 12,800 and the district employed four full-time employees. Today, Bend's population is over 75,000 and the district employs 91 full-time and as many as 350 part-time staff in a year.

## How will it be paid for?

The money for this building comes from saving general fund dollars specifically for this purpose over several years. In 2004, the Board of Directors recognized that a new office was critical to the district's ability to meet the growing demand for providing park and recreation services.

## How does this building help provide recreation opportunities for the community?

Recreation programs have grown 24% in the past year alone. Programs for seniors, special recreation, outdoor recreation, enrichment, fitness and more require space for planning, coordinating and training. This new facility will allow BMPRD to continue offering high quality recreation programs to our community for many generations to come.

## Why build green?

The benefits of building green include reducing operating costs, conserving natural resources, optimizing the life-cycle of a building and improving occupant productivity. Bend Metro Park & Recreation District is committed to environmental sustainability in both natural and developed resources.

## Why build a new building instead of leasing or buying an existing building?

Before choosing to build, the district considered leasing or buying an existing building. It was determined that retrofitting an existing space would compromise function and customer service. Paying someone else's mortgage would not be a responsible use of public funds in the long-term. The new building has been designed to meet a variety of needs to serve the public for at least the next 50 years.

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