An initiative promoting innovative use of public parks and recreation spaces to advance equity and inclusion.

Access for All

Tualatin Hills PARK FOUNDATION
Build community through parks, people and partnerships
Inclusive Parks

A pathway to community equity

Public recreation spaces, from parks to nature trails, from community centers to athletic fields, are among the greatest public resources we have. For many, shared use of these spaces defines community. For people who feel left behind or left out, increasing access to public parks and recreational spaces can be a gateway to greater inclusion in civic life.

We envision parks as public spaces where people from diverse backgrounds can share civic resources and visibly demonstrate equity and inclusion in action.

Collaboration

Businesses, private contributors, park district, park foundation

Access for All is about effective collaboration to lower barriers for participation in the most visible and popular public spaces — our parks and recreation centers.

Diverse community groups and volunteers work together with THPRD (Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District) to promote a stronger, more integrated community.

Businesses and private donors work together with the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation to build opportunity for equity and inclusion in public parks and recreation spaces.

Demographics

Washington County, with 597,700 residents, is the third most populated county in Oregon, and the most diverse according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

17% Hispanic
11% Asian/Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Mon-Khmer, Japanese
3% African-American/Black
2% Native American/Pacific Islander
4% Multiple Races/Other

1 in 6 people experience a disability and would also benefit from Access for All.

Diversity + Inclusion = Equity
Impact: Equity through Inclusive Parks

Total investment: $450,000 per year
Beginning January 2020

- **Financial aid to eliminate barriers to park program participation**
  Supported by THPRD staff and volunteers providing outreach to communities facing highest barriers – $225,000/yr

- **Cultural programs addressing equity and inclusion objectives**
  Portions of this funding will support cultural celebrations, disability events, and after-school programs – $185,000/yr

- **Access for All coordination**
  This investment is augmented by in-kind support from staff and volunteers – $40,000/yr

Matching Support: 200% Increased Impact
Contributions by businesses and private donors to Access for All will be matched 2:1 by Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District.

Social Impact
- 597,700 people benefit
- 221,100 are people of color
- 99,300 are people with disabilities

Benefits to Contributors
Commensurate with level of support:
- THPRD social media recognition
- THPRD e-news blast and leader board recognition
- THPRD web page recognition
- On-site banner and poster recognition (limited & exclusive)

Participants represented on the Access for All Champions Council contribute $5,000 - $50,000 per year. Multi-year commitments to Access for All are welcomed and encouraged.
“I support Access for All because it is simply the right thing to do. The entire community benefits when we make our parks and recreational opportunities available and accessible to residents of all backgrounds and abilities. Helps us make this a reality.”
– MIKE McMURRAY, Board President, Tualatin Hills Park Foundation

“Me pareció una excelente iniciativa, muy bien organizado y me dio la oportunidad de saber sobre otras actividades para mí y mis hijos en THPRD.”
– CENTRO DE BIENVENIDA USUARIO

“I think this is a great initiative, it is very well organized, and it gave me and my kids the opportunity to find out more about other activities we didn’t know THPRD had.”
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Take the next steps to advance Access for All

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