

## **Looking for a unified vision for Harmony District**

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Help develop a sustainable vision for the Harmony area during an open house Thursday, Jan. 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Oregon Institute of Technology Gymnasium.

Participants will be asked to vote at several stations on what they would like to see and experience in the Harmony area — about 100 acres off SE 82nd Avenue and Harmony Road. They will be asked to provide input on the vision statement for the area, based on the previous two meetings. The area includes Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), Clackamas Community College (CCC), North Clackamas Aquatic Park, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) green space below the aquatic park and more. The group will also give input regarding the naming of the Harmony property.

The area under discussion integrates the new Center for Health Education, NCPRD Aquatic Park, park and green space, the future of OIT and the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce.

Students, business partners, government agencies, neighbors and other key stakeholders will be at the tables to help build a unified vision to benefit generations to come. The public meetings along with comments presented online and in other formats will help shape the outcome for the project. The vision plan will provide the framework for future improvements to the site (to be used by all the partners).

September and November meetings included updates from the sponsoring organizations — on Clackamas County's transportation projects, NCPRD's park and fitness proposal, and Clackamas Community College's health education center plans. Hundreds of comments have been received from lively discussion at the previous two meetings. The purpose of this final planning meeting for the entire area is to summarize and hear what is most important to this group of participants.

Along with the County, NCPRD and the college, partners include OIT, North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce, North Clackamas School District and Water Environment Services.

The meeting will be at the OIT Gym, located at 7726 SE Harmony Road, Milwaukie. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.harmonyvision.org](http://www.harmonyvision.org). Interpreters for citizens speaking Spanish will again be available to include public comment.

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