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Dear Neighbor:

This letter includes important information about the Graham Oaks Nature Park. You are receiving this information because you live adjacent to or near the park boundary and are invited to attend an open house about the park in November.

Graham Oaks Nature Park Open House
Hosted by the Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13
Wilsonville City Hall, 29799 SW Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville

Graham Oaks Nature Park isn't scheduled to open to the public for another year or more but Metro and city staff are preparing now for construction to begin. Find out how the plans for the new regional nature park are shaping up. Preview the new trail alignments, learn what park amenities are planned for visitors and the nature-friendly development practices that will be used. Get a better idea of the timeline for construction. Information about the park's connections to CREST, Villebois and the Park at Merryfield will be available as well as how it helps with Safe Routes to School.

For several years Metro has been working to improve and restore a mix of historic and native wildlife habitats at Graham Oaks Nature Park including oak savanna and woodlands, conifer forests and wetlands. Home to red-tailed hawks, deer and more than 150,000 new trees and shrubs planted there last winter – the park is destined to become one of the region's premier natural areas.

Wilsonville's land use review process includes the review and recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to the city's Development Review Board about the planned park development. For questions about the open house or the park project please call Chris Neamtzu, City Planner at 503-682-4960 or email neamtzu@ci.wilsonville.or.us. You can also find out more about the natural area and habitat restoration at Graham Oaks Nature Park on Metro's website at www.oregonmetro.gov.

Sincerely,

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