



## Background & Project Information

- ▶ Colorado Dam Safe Passage
- ▶ Deschutes River Trail & Parks
- ▶ Pine Nursery Park Phase 2
- ▶ Land for Southeast Bend Parks
- ▶ Simpson Ave. Recreation Community Center

Detailed project information at  
[www.bendparksandrec.org](http://www.bendparksandrec.org)





**Bend Park &  
Recreation**  
DISTRICT

## Why Now?

The Bend Park & Recreation District Board of Directors has placed Bond Measure 9-86 on the ballot for these reasons:

- ▶ Land prices are low.
- ▶ Construction costs are competitive.
- ▶ Acquiring land ahead of new development allows for parks to be integrated into our community.
- ▶ Key land parcels and trail links are currently available.
- ▶ Partnerships with river recreation, sports groups and OSU-Cascades have been formed to leverage taxpayer investments and recreation opportunities.
- ▶ The district has the capacity to maintain new parks and trails through stewardship planning.
- ▶ Bond (loan) rates are low.

## Bond Measure No. 9-86 Project Information:



Deschutes River Trail connection to US Forest Service lands and trails to Sunriver

### ▶ **Protection of Bend's Natural Beauty & Quality of Life**

#### *Full connection of the Deschutes River Trail from Sunriver to Tumalo State Park*

The bond would provide:

- Gopher Gulch Community Park development; creating 1.5 miles of the Deschutes River Trail.
- Trail connectivity through land adjacent to Gopher Gulch Community Park.
- Footbridge and trail development to connect both sides of the Deschutes River Trail and to US Forest Service trails.
- Easements and improvements linking the trail to downtown Bend and Pioneer Park.
- Total of 3 miles of new Deschutes River Trail.



Colorado Dam improvements  
(artist's rendering)

### ▶ **River Safety**

#### *Colorado Dam Safe Passage*

Thousands of people float the Deschutes River and must exit the river to go around the dam to avoid serious accidents. The bond would provide:

- In-stream river channel improvements to diminish hazards and enhance recreational enjoyment for locals and visitors.
- Replacement of the Colorado Dam footbridge.

Additional project fundraising led by Bend Paddle Trail Alliance.



Deschutes River Trail connection to Tumalo State Park

## ► Preservation of Natural Areas & Water Quality

### *Colorado Dam and Deschutes riverfront parks and trails*

The bond would provide:

- Protection of natural areas along river banks to support water health and wildlife habitat.
- Trail development to manage access within a wildlife sanctuary.
- Preservation of natural areas and wildlife protection along the Deschutes River at Davis Park.

## ► Economic & Community Development

### *Simpson Ave. Community Recreation Center with OSU-Cascades*

OSU-Cascades and Bend Park & Recreation District plan to combine resources to co-develop the Simpson Ave. parkland (former Mt. Bachelor Park & Ride) to serve the needs of residents and students. Bond funded projects would provide new jobs in construction, service and recreation industries.



Simpson Ave. Community Recreation Center



Pine Nursery Park Phase 2

## ► Expansion of Year-round Recreation for Kids & Families

### *Simpson Ave. Community Recreation Center, Pine Nursery and Southeast Bend Parks*

The bond would provide:

- A covered, outdoor recreation facility on Simpson Ave. to host a winter ice rink as well as other year-round sports and special events. Funding includes required road and utility work for park development.
- Required road and utility work for expansion of Pine Nursery Community Park sports fields.
- Two land purchases in southeast Bend: 25 acre+ for future community park and land for expansion of Larkspur Park and the Bend Senior Center.

Additional recreation facility and field development funding by Bend Ice and Bend-based Oregon Rush Soccer Club.



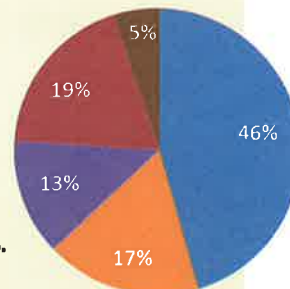
Southeast Bend Community Parks

## What the Bond Would Cost?

The bond is \$29 million spread out over 20 years, or \$.24 per \$1,000 assessed property value. For example, the average assessed value of a Bend home is \$200,000 which would cost \$4 per month or \$48 per year.

## Transparency & Accountability

The Bend Park & Recreation District is accountable to tax payers and patrons. The bond includes requirements for citizen oversight and regular audits to ensure that tax dollars are spent effectively.



### Distribution

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- Simpson Ave. Community Recreation Ctr.
- SE Bend Community Parks
- Pine Nursery Phase 2



# November 6th Bond Measure No. 9-86

**Parks. Trails. Natural Areas. Recreation.** These are in large part what create our community's quality of life. In Bend, these services are provided by Bend Park & Recreation District (BPRD), a separate taxing body established in 1974 for the sole purpose of providing park and recreation services.



## Responding to Community Priorities for Today and Future Generations

Parks, trails, river access and natural areas close to home enhance our quality of life, build upon Bend's unique character and increase long-term property values.

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- ▶ Partnerships with local non-profits will leverage taxpayer investment.
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Future leg of Deschutes River Trail

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