

Ridgeline Area Open Space Vision - Map Key

The Ridgeline Open Space Vision has been developed to serve as a conceptual framework for future open space and recreation planning purposes for the Ridgeline Area. The locations of the elements shown on the map are conceptual, are subject to voluntary land owner participation, and do not change the underlying plan designation/zoning or imply regulatory restriction. Vision map elements include:

Trail/Habitat Corridor

The dashed green lines indicate the approximate location of the proposed ridgeline trail corridor. The trail corridor would be accommodated through a combination of land acquisition and purchase or donation of access easements from willing sellers. In addition to accommodating the trail, this corridor would also serve to provide connectivity between key habitat areas. The ultimate location of this corridor will be dependant on land availability.

Multi-Use Path

The pink lines indicate hard surfaced trails (similar to the existing Fern Ridge Path) that accommodate multiple non-motorized modes including pedestrians and bicycles. Proposed multi-use trails are outlined with a black dash.

Shared-Use Trail

Shared-use trails, shown in red, are soft surfaced trails similar to the existing ridgeline trail. In addition to accommodating hikers and trail runners, these trails will be built to a standard that would also accommodate mountain bikes where feasible. Trail design and siting will be done in a way that maximizes user enjoyment and safety, while minimizing impacts to adjacent properties and important habitats.

Equestrian Trail

Indicated with a green dashed line, these are trails designated primarily for equestrian use. The primary equestrian trail identified in the ridgeline vision is located along the Amazon Diversion Channel, with additional facilities potentially sited on nearby private or public lands in the future once identified.

Bicycle Touring Route

These are paved roadways within the Ridgeline Area that are commonly used for bicycle touring and are indicated on the vision map with a yellow line (dashed or solid). The dashed line indicates those roads where improvements are needed in order to better accommodate bicycles such as wider shoulders, more frequent sweeping of the road surface, and improved signage.

Trailhead Parking

These are designated parking lots at major trailhead locations and are shown on the map as a "P" within a circle. New parking lots will be sited and designed in a way that maximizes safety and security and minimizes visual impact to adjacent properties.

Key Habitat Areas

These are areas where large blocks of high value native habitat are known to exist and include a mix of rare or declining habitat types such as prairie; oak-pine savanna; oak woodland; riparian and headwater forests; and older coniferous forests. Because much of this land will remain in private ownership over the long-term, financial incentives, information, and other technical information will be offered as a way to help assist private property owners conserve and enhance these valuable habitats on a voluntary basis.

Key Waterways

Numerous waterways exist within the Ridgeline Area and provide an important water quality and habitat function. Enhancement efforts along these waterways will maintain and improve their function.

Community Gateways

These are major points of entry into the community where the open space system can be utilized to form scenic gateways into the city as well as portals to the ridgeline trail system. Gateways may include amenities such as trailhead parking, visitor information, trail guides, interpretive signage, and outdoor art.