





# Auburn Conversion Project

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Marion County Parks recently sold Auburn Park to the Salem-Keizer School District. Auburn Park was purchased with Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) money, which gives the County a unique opportunity to build a community park. Marion County has land not currently being used in the Macleay Community that is desirable for development and use. The site is currently closed to the public. Marion County believes this land could be a community park, providing area residents access to a convenient and enjoyable outdoor experience. The County will seek support from the community for this project to develop a park that fits the needs and desires of local residents.

➔ **Marion County Parks commits to provide an interconnected, safe, accessible, and well maintained parks system that provides diverse recreational opportunities to residents and visitors, while preserving our County's bountiful natural and historical resources.**

We believe this property fits well within our stated mission and goals. By engaging the community in this project, the County seeks to achieve the following goals:

-  **Be a community partner**  
*Marion County will engage residents throughout the process of converting this area into a park. We seek to provide area residents a voice in this process.*
-  **Learn from the community to determine the best recreational uses for local residents and potential visitors**  
*As residents, you know more about the area and the needs of residents. Including you in this process will help ensure we develop a park able to be enjoyed by all.*
-  **Address concerns of the local community**  
*We want residents to be comfortable with the development process.*
-  **Educate about the benefits of public parks**  
*Marion County will provide information to residents about the benefits of parks in general and this property in particular.*

Visit our website at [Auburn Conversion \(marion.or.us\)](https://www.marion.or.us/auburn-conversion) to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

