

INTRODUCTION



The Jessen Path & Lighting Project enhances the recreation value of Golden Gardens Park and increases multimodal access.

A shared use path through Golden Gardens Park is identified in the city's transportation plan (TransPlan) and in the park's master plan. The addition of a shared use path will increase use and appreciation of Golden Gardens Park and provide a safe and comfortable transportation alternative to busy roads like Barger Street for local residents and park visitors.

This proposed linear path facility would serve the 222-acre natural area located along Jessen Drive north of Barger Street connecting Terry Street on the west to the Beltline Path on the east. The path alignment would feature bucolic viewing opportunities of native trees and grasses, wildflowers, and local wildlife along the Amazon Creek and park pond areas.

PARK AMENITIES



The Jessen Path would feature a 12' shared use path, pedestrian scale lighting, interpretive signs, and park benches.



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The Amazon Channel provides a ribbon of green through Golden Gardens Park.

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SHARED USE PATH



Existing “Desire Lines”, or worn dirt paths (Top), would be improved for ADA accessibility and year-round enjoyment by installing a lighted, 12’ concrete path (Below).



## Jessen Shared Use Path

A 12’ concrete shared use path would be constructed south of the Amazon Channel, north of Jessen Drive connecting on the west at N Terry Street and on the east at the Randy Pape Beltline Path. Pedestrian scale lighting will provide safety for users of the path and will include shields to minimize skyward illumination and the lighting of sensitive natural areas.

Over the years, visitors and residents alike have requested a shared use path that would accommodate all users including walkers, bicyclists, families with strollers, and people with mobility assistance devices. The proposed path alignment will generally follow existing “Desire Lines” identified by a worn dirt paths where some park users have been treading without a formalized path for years. The addition of the path will enable safe year-round access and broaden the park clientele to include users with mobility limitations. The path will be approximately 7,250’ in length and will be constructed to City of Eugene’s standards for shared use paths.

USE & APPRECIATION

## Increasing the Inventory of Educational and Recreational Resources

Golden Gardens Park is a jewel in this neighborhood. Not only does it provide a natural respite from urban living, but it provides a variety of unique wildlife habitat that can be enjoyed throughout the seasons. Benches, interpretive signs, and bicycle parking will be added along the proposed shared use path. These park amenities will encourage users from outside the area to travel to Golden Gardens Park and make it a true regional destination where visitors can rest and enjoy spending time in this natural environment.



Above: additional interpretive signs will be developed to educate and identify points of interest to park visitors.

