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Hub City Greenways: Centralia Housing Committee unveils trail and neighborhood hub connectivity proposal



A brochure for Hub City Greenways shows plans for trails and neighborhood hubs in Centralia.

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By Owen Sexton / owen@chronline.com

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Biking and walking around Centralia could become easier should the urban and nature trails in the Hub City Greenways proposal be implemented.

Following a year and a half of research, the Centralia Housing Committee unveiled the Hub City Greenways proposal during a workshop prior to the Centralia City Council meeting on Tuesday.

Mayor Kelly Smith Johnston, Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron McGee, Councilor Mark Westley and city staff have been meeting with partner agencies including the Office of Chehalis Basin, Twin Transit and the Centralia School District while developing this plan, according to Centralia Deputy City Manager Amy Buckler.

"Hub City Greenways is a vision for Centralia of a connected trail system that winds throughout the city and links natural areas, recreational areas and neighborhoods," Buckler said. "Along the way are neighborhood hubs that serve as places to connect and engage with one another."

By adding a total of 25 miles of urban and nature trails in Centralia, residents will be able to traverse the city all the way from the Seminary Hill Nature Area to Rotary Riverside and Fort Borst parks to the Discovery Trail, Buckler said.

Buckler said she believes this is a project Centralia residents would be interested in from her work updating the city's parks plan.

"I've been reviewing some of the prior feedback from the public from the past update, and the No. 1-ranked item that people would like to see more of in the parks system was trails," Buckler said.

Proposed nature trails will run along both the Chehalis and Skookumchuck rivers to better utilize the 1,905 acres of shoreline Centralia has. While flooding is a risk, Buckler said most of the year the trails wouldn't be flooded.

"When they do flood, it's OK because trails can handle it," Buckler added.

Additionally, she said she believes the trails can help connect people in 10 neighborhood hubs, which will help preserve Centralia's small-town feel as it grows in the future. Centralia is predicted to see a 31% population increase by 2045.

"The committee was tasked with taking a deep dive into housing and supporting the city's housing action plan, which was adopted in June," Buckler said.

In June, the Centralia Housing Assessment and Action Plan (CHAAP) was approved unanimously by Centralia City Council. It aims to maintain housing production while diversifying housing types and focusing on affordable housing for those earning less than 30% of the area's median income.

Other objectives include reinvesting in existing neighborhoods, making effective use of existing infrastructure, expanding infrastructure to effectively use urban land and encouraging walkable neighborhoods.



Buckler said committee members also focused a lot on the city's projected growth while developing the CHAAP, and wanted to take advantage of the growth to maintain Centralia's community connections.

Some parts of the Hub City Greenways project are already being carried out.

The project includes plans to improve walking routes to schools for students with new sidewalks, marked crosswalks with flashing beacons and Americans with Disabilities Act-

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The project includes plans to improve walking routes to schools for students with new sidewalks, marked crosswalks with flashing beacons and Americans with Disabilities Act-approved curb ramps. The sidewalk improvements included in the Reynolds Avenue and Harrison Avenue improvement project and the Westside Connector project will add urban trail routes, too.

Though these projects are already in motion, the full Hub City Greenways proposal will be completed gradually over the next 20 years.

"The trail aspect of Hub City Greenways would need to be incorporated into the parks plan," Buckler said.

Smith Johnston said she believes it will help create a cohesive vision for growth and community connection over the next 20 years.

If implemented, Hub City Greenways will be incorporated not only into Centralia's Parks Plan but its 20-year Comprehensive Plan.

"Because it's a 20-year vision, it has to live through 10 councils because you get a new council seated every two years," Smith Johnston said.

Centralia residents will get the opportunity to provide input on the Hub City Greenways project at an upcoming open house at Fort Borst Park on Nov. 13 and throughout 2024 during the Comprehensive Plan's public outreach process.

"I really want the community to have pride in our town and see a future that is wonderful and work toward it, but I worry with all the immediate challenges it'll feel frivolous, and I don't think it's frivolous at all," Smith Johnston said. "We are actively working on multiple issues."



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Our Vision

A city known for our walkable green spaces, connected waterways and appealing neighborhoods. As we grow, people continue to feel a sense of belonging and connection through our neighborhood hubs.

Our greenways will reduce flood impact and connect our neighborhoods with multiple transportation alternatives. Our neighborhood hubs will develop attractive housing for a wide range of housing needs.



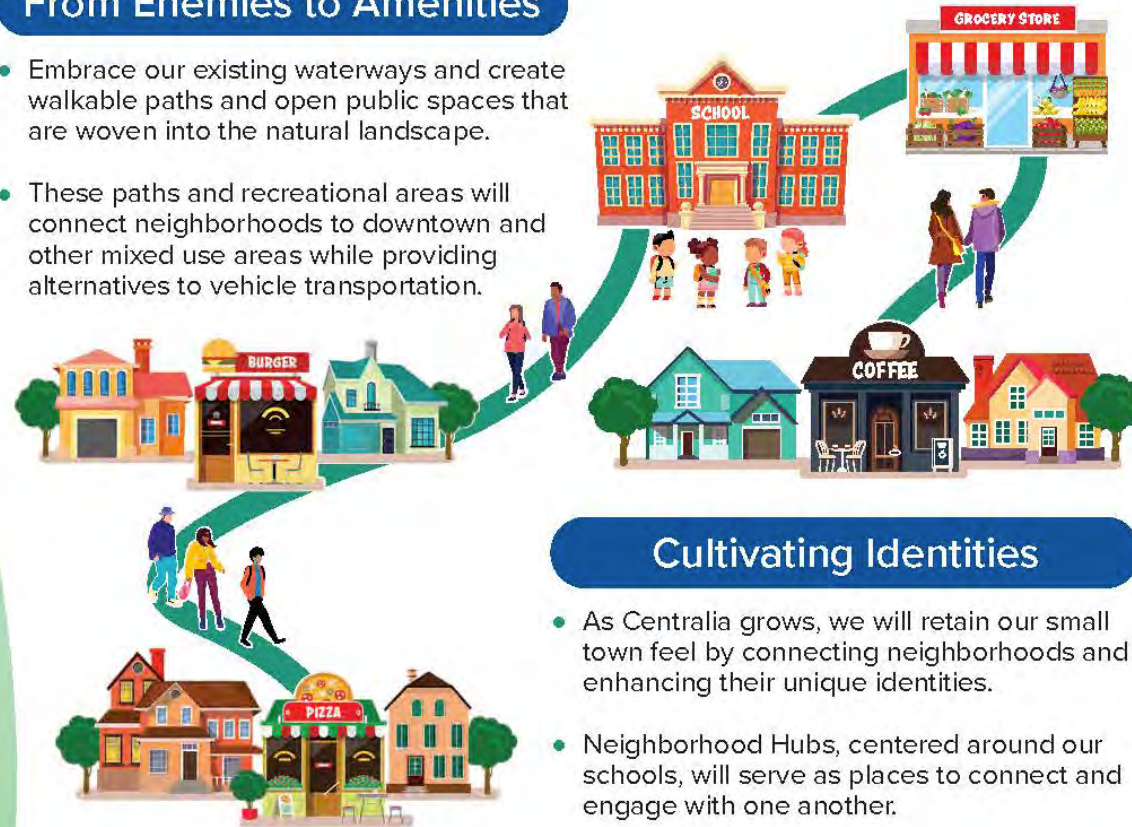
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- **Promote** economic vitality via recreational or eco-tourism
- **Protect** and restore natural areas and wildlife
- **Protect** land so it can safely flood without harming homes or businesses
- **Enhance** the beauty and special features of our city
- **Attract** new businesses, residents and neighborhood revitalization
- **Encourage** physical fitness and healthy lifestyles
- **Increase** opportunities for social connection

Hub City Greenways

From Enemies to Amenities

- Embrace our existing waterways and create walkable paths and open public spaces that are woven into the natural landscape.
- These paths and recreational areas will connect neighborhoods to downtown and other mixed use areas while providing alternatives to vehicle transportation.



Cultivating Identities

- As Centralia grows, we will retain our small town feel by connecting neighborhoods and enhancing their unique identities.
- Neighborhood Hubs, centered around our schools, will serve as places to connect and engage with one another.

31%

Centralia's projected population increase from 2022- 2045 (18,360 to 24,000)

414

Acres of parks and open space in Centralia

10

The number of neighborhood hubs proposed

35

The number of miles of trail proposed. Of that, 8 miles are currently developed

1,905

Acres of shoreline in Centralia

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Centralia School District (CSD)



Collaborating with CSD's centrally located schools, we will create micro-communities focused on neighborhood plazas and inclusive community engagement, ensuring all voices are heard and represented.

Office of Chehalis Basin (OCB)



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City of Centralia hosting first open house for updating parks plan



Kitchen #2 is located along Fort Borst Park Road in Centralia.
 JARED WENZELBURGER / JARED@CHRONLINE.COM

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By The Chronicle staff

Centralia residents are invited to help shape the city's parks plan as city staff are moving ahead with updating it by holding an open house even to gather public input.

Anyone interested can attend the open house, which will be held on Monday, Nov. 13, at Fort Borst Park kitchen No. 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. according to a news release from the city.

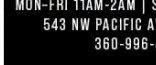
“This is a drop-in event where the public can learn more about what’s in the draft plan so far and share their ideas with the parks board and staff,” the release stated.



The parks plan dictates city staff decisions revolving around parks, trails, natural areas, open spaces and historic cemeteries in Centralia.

For more information, contact Centralia Deputy City Manager Amy Buckler at abuckler@cityofcentralia.com or visit <https://www.cityofcentralia.com/262/Parks-Recreation>.

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Kitchen #2

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- Share your ideas with the Parks Board & staff
- Help shape the Plan

SEE YOU THERE!



The Parks Plan guides City decisions about parks, trails, natural areas, open spaces and historic cemeteries in Centralia

City of Centralia

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Centralia Parks Plan Open House

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- Share your ideas with the Parks Board & staff

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Maintenance Manager Jeremy Smith points out features of the natural gas-powered Chehalis Generation Facility to Lindsey Senter, CEO of the Port of Chehalis.

Chehalis Generation Facility utilizes natural gas and steam to generate power

By Buddy Rose
Business to Business

Business to Business Reporter Buddy Rose and Port of Chehalis CEO Lindsey Senter recently toured the Chehalis Generation Facility, located in the Chehalis Industrial Park on Bishop Road. The natural gas-fired generating plant is owned and operated by PacifiCorp. It was initially constructed by Suez Energy Generation in 2003. PacifiCorp purchased the plant in 2008.

Plant Maintenance Manager Jeremy Smith explained the Chehalis facility is a combined cycle, thermal power plant. It features two General Electric combustion turbines combined with a steam turbine generator that utilizes steam produced by waste heat from the gas turbine exhausts. Each of the gas turbines produces about 170 megawatts (MW) and the steam turbine is about the same for a total plant capacity of 520 MW. Smith noted that is enough electricity for 300,000 homes.

Natural gas for the facility is supplied by the nearby Williams pipeline and comes from Canada. Water for the facility is supplied by the City of Chehalis along with water recycled from steam by an air-cooled condenser after passing through the steam turbine.

Electricity produced by the plant is fed into the nearby Bonneville Power Administration 500 kilovolt (KV) transmission line, which is part of the Western Interconnection grid. The Western Interconnection encompasses Western Canada and the Western U.S.

from the coast to the Great Plains and south to the Mexican border. The Western Electricity Coordinating Committee promotes the reliability of power within the grid by coordinating the supply to the major transmission lines such as the 500 KV line going through the Chehalis area.

Smith said the Chehalis Generation Facility is a like a Ferrari race car within the grid's electrical power production system. The facility is able to quickly respond to changes in electrical demand being fed by the 500 KV line. They can start up and be generating full power within a matter of a few hours at any time of the day, which is much quicker than other major electrical production sources, such as hydropower or coal. He said they are in constant contact with grid controllers in Portland, who communicate when and how much power they need to supply to the grid.

Similar to other natural gas-fired thermal plants, the facility emits a number of pollutants during power generation, including nitrous oxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulate matter of varying sizes, volatile organic compounds and carbon dioxide. By reducing those emissions during operations using various catalytic reduction systems, the facility meets current emissions standards allowed by a permit with the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, current use of electricity in the U.S. by sector is

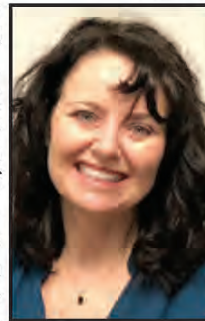
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Anderson to retire in spring

By Susan DeLaire
Business to Business

Jill Anderson, Chehalis City Manager, has announced she will be retiring. Anderson said she'll be staying until April or May 2024 to allow the city time to find a replacement and to give herself time to finish up some projects.

"There's still a lot of work to do," she said. Anderson began her position in September 2016, and celebrated her seventh anniversary with the city this year.



Jill Anderson

Anderson said she and her husband, who retired last year, will be staying in Chehalis.

While she expects to be involved with the city in some way as a volunteer sometime after she retires, her plan initially is to tackle the list of things she wants to complete at home.

"Chehalis has been a phenomenal place to work," Anderson said. "It has been a privilege to work with the city council, staff, and community. It's brought me a lot of joy."

Hub City's Greenways vision identifies opportunities

By Susan DeLaire
Business to Business

The Hub City's Greenway vision, featuring neighborhood hubs for people to gather and trails, came out of some work the city's housing committee (made up of three council members and representatives with partner agencies like the school district and the county) was doing, according to Centralia Deputy City Manager Amy Buckler. Buckler shared what she termed the city's "emerging vision" at the Twin Cities Sports Commission meeting on Oct. 24.

Like many cities, the City of Centralia is preparing to update its Comprehensive

Plan next year, she noted. "This is our big 20-year goal and policy document," Buckler said, that sets goals for housing, land use, utilities, transportation, and parks. "It's pretty much everything that the city does."

The Comprehensive Plan helps the city plan for growth, she continued, adding the city is expected to grow from its current population of 18,000 residents to 24,000 residents by 2025. As the city readies itself for the work, Buckler said one of the questions the city has been exploring is "how can we take advantage

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