



An affiliate member of the National Recreation and Park Association.

### **Mission:**

To provide resources for the public and our members who create community through people, parks and programs.

The Oregon Recreation and Park Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1954, is celebrating over 50 years as a network offering opportunities, information, and contacts directly related to the recreation and park profession.



## **Oregon Recreation Park Association Legislative Platform**

The Oregon Recreation & Park Association (ORPA) adopted a comprehensive Legislative Platform for 2009. The full platform can be viewed on our website at [www.orpa.org](http://www.orpa.org). Our top priority issues and actions are highlighted below.



### **Support Health and Wellness Services Through Park and Recreation**

ORPA supports legislation that promotes health and wellness for our citizens and recognizes park and recreation agencies as partners in the delivery of health and wellness services to Oregonians. ORPA supports legislation that calls for and funds the formation of partnerships to provide such services. ORPA prioritizes legislation that facilitates and funds children's anti-obesity programs, after-school programs, children's supplemental meal programs, and other programs promoting the general good health and well being of Oregon's youth.

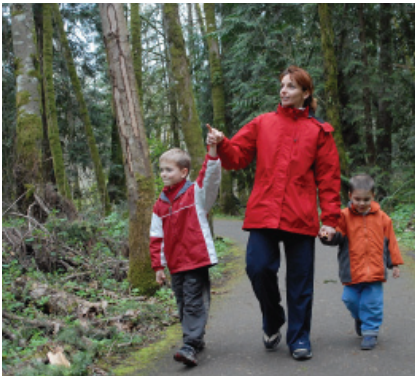


### **Protect Measure 66 Fund Allocations and Support OPRD Budget Request**

ORPA opposes legislation that would divert constitutionally designated M66 funds from park uses. ORPA supports, at a minimum, maintaining the current level of funding for the Local Government Grant Program. ORPA supports increasing funding for the Local Government Grant Program if the increase does not negatively impact existing OPRD programs. ORPA supports and will advocate for the remaining OPRD 2009-2011 budget request.

### **Support Environmental Educations Programs For Park Providers and Partners**

ORPA supports legislation that facilitates the delivery of environmental education for all ages, particularly children. ORPA supports funding for local park and recreation agencies, in cooperation with local and statewide partners, to provide environmental education experiences and programs for K-12 school children.



### **Protect Systems Development Charges For Parks and Recreation**

ORPA opposes legislation that negatively impacts the ability of local governments to assess, collect, and use Park System Development Charges (SDCs) for growth related improvements and park land acquisition.

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