



## New plan to help maintain Forest Park

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PORTLAND, Ore. -- A new partnership will help take care of Portland's biggest park.

Earlier this year the city admitted maintenance was no longer keeping up with park use due to finances.

Portland Parks & Recreation announced the new agreement with the Forest Park Conservancy to maintain Forest Park.

The city said the agreement will streamline the development of a yearly work plan for the park and clarify the roles of the two organizations in ongoing advocacy efforts.

A City Club of Portland committee of volunteer researchers studied Forest Park and found the Park's health was in jeopardy due to high off-trail use and the rapid spread of invasive non-native plants like English Ivy.

The City Club report suggested the Parks Bureau at least triple its Forest Park budget for five consecutive years just to get rid of the dreaded invasive plants.

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