

Zone Descriptions

Zone 1: Public Space

Description: Paths, stages, parks, booths, Dragon Plaza, and other areas open to the public (excluding parking lots and roads).

Current uses: Public participation at the Fair, off-hours and off-season use by Fair Family.

Future uses: Continue current use. Expand public areas, increase path width, develop more parks and fire breaks, improve shade and turf coverage, reduce dust, remove booths from river banks, develop emergency exits.

Constraints: Manage for the annual event. Reduce erosion and flood-carried flotsam.

Zone 2: Parking Lots

Description: All parking lots open to public and staff vehicles except Craft Lot.

Current uses: Parking and unauthorized camping for public and staff, hay production, wetland habitat, roads, pedestrian corridors.

Future uses: Parking, second event venue, wetland and creek enhancement, public space.

Constraints: Maintain adequate parking for the event. Avoid draining existing wetlands.

Zone 3: Staff Camping, South Woods

Description: Oak/ash/maple/conifer woods south and west of Craft Lot, south and east of Chela Mela Meadow.

Current uses: Staff and booth seasonal camping, buffer zones, horse corrals, access roads, pocket wetlands.

Future uses: Camping, infrastructure support, public paths and stages off Chela Mela Meadow, habitat conservation, access roads for services, booths, stages.

Constraints: Proximity to highway may cause acoustic conflicts with stages. Road access must be maintained. Staff camping may move but booth camping should continue. Wetlands and habitat should be preserved.



Zone 4: Staff Camping, Old Indian Creek Channel

Description: Traffic camp, Recycling camp, parts of dahinda's acres and Zenn acres, The Hub, Energy Park camping, Moz Road, Child Care, sauna and staff camping in old creek channel.

Current uses: Seasonal camping for staff and booth members, wetlands, non-public paths and access roads and wildlife habitat.

Future uses: Camping, public paths, services, habitat.

Constraints: Jurisdictional wetlands, high floods. No permanent structures.

Zone 5: Warehouse and Yurt

Description: Includes uplands around permanent structures.

Current uses: Caretaker's and Site Manager's residences, storage, year-round work areas, site office, electrical distribution, communications hut, seasonal camping, water storage and distribution, emergency and service access.

Future uses: Continue current uses. Obtain road easement across neighboring property.

Constraints: Seasonal floods block road access. Roads must be maintained for heavy vehicles, water truck access, year-round staff access.

Zone 6: Craft Lot

Description: Open space south and west of Left Bank, Chela Mela Meadow.

Current use: Staff and booth parking and camping, hay production.

Future use: Camping, public space, stage area. Plant shade trees.

Constraints: Little shade. Camping may move to other sites. Acoustic conflicts with Stage Left, Dragon Gate.

Zone 7: Ash Woods

Description: South woods west of Zone 3, Maui, Waii, and Henderson Woods.

Current uses: Wildlife habitat, buffers, limited camping. Recycling near Bus Road.

Future uses: Maintain current uses. Minimize impact on habitat. Enhance appearance along Bus Road.

Constraints: Good wildlife, native plant habitat. Traffic noise from highway. Seasonal floods.

Zone 8: Indian Creek

Description: Constructed channel between Unorganized Territory and Long Tom River.

Current uses: Wildlife habitat, water barrier, aesthetics and education.

Future uses: Enhanced habitat and wildlife corridor, pedestrian route, rest and play areas.

Constraints: Jurisdictional wetland, fish-bearing stream, seasonal floods.

Zone 9: Old Nursery

Description: Hill slope north of Trotter Field.

Current uses: Former tree nursery for OCF and off-site plantings.

Future uses: Compost processing.

Constraints: Proximity to neighbors, distance from OCF water system.

Zone 10: Unorganized Territory

Description: Wetlands and uplands on west end of OCF property.

Current and future uses: Wildlife habitat. Stay out!

Constraints: Wet area, beaver ponds, seasonal floods.

Zone 11: Long Tom River

Description: River, banks, natural levees, and riparian areas.

Current uses: Water barrier, aesthetics, wildlife habitat.

Future uses: Continue present use.

Constraints: Erosion, channel meandering, floods, undercut banks.

Zone 12: Far Side

Description: Fifty-five acres on the east bank of the Long Tom River. Mixed species riparian forest, wetlands, hay fields.

Current uses: Wildlife habitat, seasonal OCF camping.

Future uses: Staff and booth camping, wetland enhancement, wildlife habitat, greenway, wetland mitigation banking.

Constraints: Zoning restricts uses. River crossings must be temporary. Seasonal floods. Campers' vehicle access through the City of Veneta's poplar plantation.

Zone 13: Chickadee Lane

Description: Twenty-three acres dominated by coniferous forests, with pocket wetlands, along Chickadee Lane, including Alice's Wonderland and the upland parts of Zenn Acres, The Hub, and dahinda's acres. Includes residences, outbuildings, driveways, parking areas, wells, and gardens.

Current uses: Year-round and seasonal camping for Fair family, wetlands and wildlife habitat, service roads, storage, kitchen garden, rental home, meeting space, second-event venue, potable and irrigation water, vehicle parking, work zone.

Future uses: Continue current uses; community center, adirondack, bathhouse, off-season performance venue, expanded storage and work space, selective wood harvest.

Constraints: Zoning restricts certain uses. Not included in OCF non-conforming use permit, cannot be used for public space as part of the Fair. Low areas flood. Forest needs management.

Zone 14: Mauldin Marsh

Description: Twenty-four acres contiguous to the Unorganized Territory. Historically grazed by cattle. Recovering wetlands dominated by herbaceous plants, includes a few shrubs and trees and numerous woody seedlings. Crossed by channelized tributaries of Indian Creek.

Current and future uses: Wildlife habitat, wetland forest recovery and restoration.

Constraints: Wet area with seasonal flooding. Needs management to promote native vegetation.

Zone 15: Reserve Zone

Description: Eleven acres west of Ridiculous Road. A fragmented landscape including seasonal flood channels, a hay field, woodlands, and a seasonal marsh. Historically grazed by cattle. Separated from the Outasite Lot by Ridiculous Road and a fence.

Current uses: Cattle grazing, haying.

Future uses: Habitat restoration, camping, other uses.

Constraints: Seasonal floods, wetlands, grazing agreements with neighbors.