

The Path Planning Committee wants your feedback!

The Fair needs to add public space to reduce crowding, provide park space and rest areas, accommodate riverbank erosion, and entertain, amuse, and educate our guests. The most frequent complaint among the paying public, according to an exit survey in 2009, is about crowding. Moving some booths and reorienting others may be necessary to reduce traffic congestion. Added parks and open space will help.

The river continues to gnaw away at its banks, resulting in the dislocation of many booths over the years. Shady Grove, Daredevil Palace, and dozens of booths are threatened by erosion. Community Village is bursting at the seams. Energy Park needs a sunny space for solar technology demonstrations. New educational and entertainment opportunities may lead to new venues for participation and performance.

For more than a decade, no additional area has been opened to the public. Open space and rest areas have been turned into booth sites. In the future, an estimated 30 replacement booth spaces will be needed. Possible development areas include the Crafts Lot, Main Camp, former Pony Ride area (called "Gypsy Way" for planning purposes), Recycling Dock, and Traffic Camp.



The Path Planning Committee sponsored an all-Fair-Family design charrette in April 2010, focusing on the Crafts Lot and Gypsy Way. Many creative maps were drawn and later distilled to several concept diagrams. You can learn more about the committee and look at the "maps" page at <http://ocfpathplanning.org/>.

The committee wants your feedback on the future of the Fair. Please send comments to pathplanning@oregoncountryfair.net or to Path Planning Committee, Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence Street, Eugene, OR 97401. Input received by September 1, 2010, will be incorporated into the refinement of these plans.