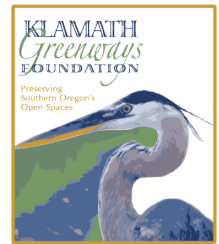


Fact sheet

KLAMATH VISTA POINT PROJECT

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SUMMARY: The Klamath Greenways Foundation is exploring ways to obtain property for an interpretive highway vista point overlooking Klamath Lake and the greater Klamath Falls area.

LOCATION: The proposed Klamath Vista Point would be located beside Highway 97 at the Oregon Avenue interchange. The 28-acre property being sought is a stalled subdivision known as Link River Estates.

PROJECT VISION: The Klamath Vista Point Project will provide motorists on Highway 97 with a convenient opportunity to get an overview of the Upper Klamath River Basin from a hilltop vantage point ideally suited for interpretation of numerous themes central to the region's history and current issues. This, in turn, is expected to entice many travelers to linger in the Klamath Basin to explore the region.

FACILITIES: A short trail loop is envisioned, with viewing platforms and interpretive signage providing information on a wide array of topics, including the following: water issues, endangered species, hydropower, agriculture, forest and range management, Native American culture, geology, recreation opportunities, and regional history, as well as the proximity of Crater Lake National Park, the Lava Beds National Monument, the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, and six national wildlife refuges.

GRANT PROGRAMS: The Greenways Foundation is seeking grant opportunities to help with the very high cost of this project.

WILLING SELLER: A Grants Pass-based mortgage company currently owns the property, after the subdivision stalled in 2009. The company has expressed a willingness to sell the parcel for use as a public space. A well-engineered street with a sidewalk has already been constructed on the property, but no residential lots have been sold.

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED: The owner of the site is asking \$1.8 million for the property. An appraisal is needed to establish the current market value.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS: Converting the subdivision to a public vista point will enhance protection of a sensitive site rich with historical, cultural, wildlife and scenic values. Public ownership of this hilltop site will play a key role in preserving the integrity of more than 700 acres of adjacent park lands and open space in the Link River Canyon and Moore Park area.

DONATIONS: The Klamath Greenways Foundation is not seeking donations at this time, as it's not yet clear how much money might be needed. However, pledges of cash that might be needed in the future are welcome.