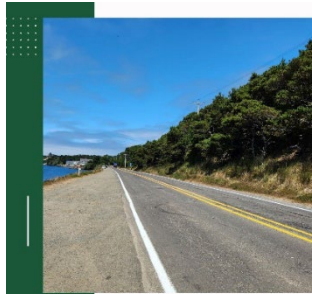


Florence Public Works Projects in 2024

The City of Florence Public Works Department is always busy. Here is a list of the major projects that Public Works plans to start in 2024. You can also keep track of all major City projects at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/projects>.

Rhododendron Drive Realignment and Improvement Project



RHODODENDRON
DRIVE REALIGNMENT
PROJECT



The long-awaited Rhododendron Drive Realignment and Improvement Project, from Wildwinds to 35th Street, will be starting construction in March. K&E Excavating, Inc. out of Salem, Oregon, was awarded construction contract for this \$7.3 million project. Due to the complexities of installing large retaining walls, relocating and upgrading water and sewer lines, and coordinating the relocation of overhead utilities, this will be a long project.

With utility relocations (overhead and underground), retaining walls, vegetated stormwater facilities, realignment of the roadway, creation of a separated multi-use path, and realignment and reconstruction of the New Hope Lane intersection (in partnership with Lane County Waste Management Division), the project is expected to take two years to complete. We appreciate everyone's patience as we complete this much needed project. For additional information on the project, including cross section images of the street sections, please see the December 2023 City newsletter.

The City will be hosting an Informational Open House for the Rhododendron Realignment and Improvement Project at the Florence Events Center on Wednesday, March 6th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, with a presentation at 6:00 pm. We will have our engineering team from RH2 Engineering, K&E Excavating, and City staff on hand to answer any questions you might have on this upcoming project and how it will affect the public.

We will be providing more information and updates when they are available on the City Project website located at this address:

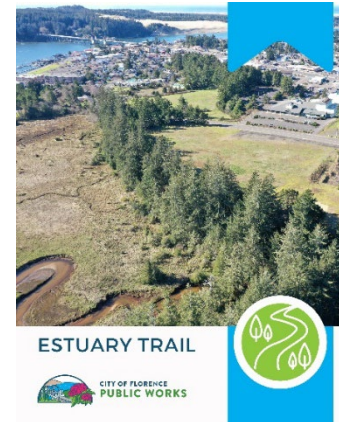
bit.ly/RhodyRealignment



Siuslaw Estuary Trail, Phase 1

The Siuslaw Estuary Trail was developed collaboratively, with input from community members through the Siuslaw Estuary Partnership, a multi-year US Environmental Protection Agency grant funded project. From November 2010 through January 2013, the 'Siuslaw Estuary Trail Vision: Preferred Location and Design' report was prepared by project staff, with input and guidance from the Siuslaw Estuary Trail Technical Team and the Siuslaw Estuary Partnership Interdisciplinary Team. Participants of the technical team included the following:

- City of Florence
- Port of Siuslaw
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
- Siuslaw Watershed Council
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development
- Oregon Department of State Lands
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Bureau of Land Management



Our community stakeholders included representation from the Audubon Society, local birders, Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors, Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, steelheader group, Florence Area Hospitality Association, Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, Salmon Trout Enhancement Program, Surfrider Foundation, Volkswalkers, Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District, Lane County, and Heceta Water PUD.

Over the intervening years since the original trail concept, City staff have further refined the trail and eliminated high dollar components, such as the suspended walkway over the wetlands. The final design provides a trailhead and parking lot on the south side of Hwy 126 at Spruce Street (where Spruce Street would be extended to the south across the roadway). The trail would utilize the existing sidewalk along Hwy 126 to Redwood Street and then a new sidewalk would be constructed to the current terminus of Redwood. A compacted gavel multi-use (pedestrian and bicycle) path would then lead trail users along the upland area of the estuary meandering to Quince Street. The Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) has helped to make this project possible by purchasing the property for the trailhead and the trail along the estuary. Interpretive signage, views of Munsel Creek, and the Siuslaw River Estuary will be the focal point of the project.

The City will providing more information and updates when they are available on the City Project website located at this address: bit.ly/EstuaryTrail

Rolling Dunes Park Improvements

Rolling Dunes Park is a neighborhood park in Florence. It features the City's pickleball and tennis courts, two restrooms, a picnic pavilion, drinking fountain, barbeque, horseshoe pit and community gardens. Landscaping, natural trees and shrubs are dispersed throughout the 1.51-acre parcel.



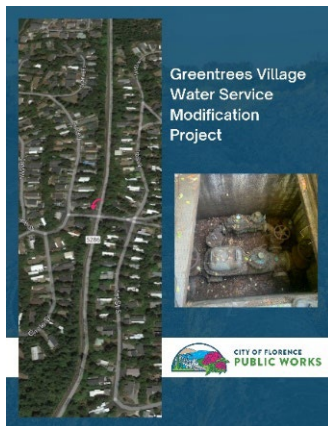
The improvement project would expand the existing outdoor tennis and pickleball courts and upgrade accessibility features such as the parking area, curb ramp, and accessible route at the neighborhood park. The court expansion will increase the current facility from 14,400 square feet to 18,600 square feet. Adding 2 new pickleball courts. We will also be making updates to the existing picnic shelter and updating the existing restrooms to be ADA compliant.

We will be providing more information and updates when they are available on the City Project website located at this address:

<https://bit.ly/RollingDunesExpansion>

Greentrees Master Meter and Water Service Modification Project

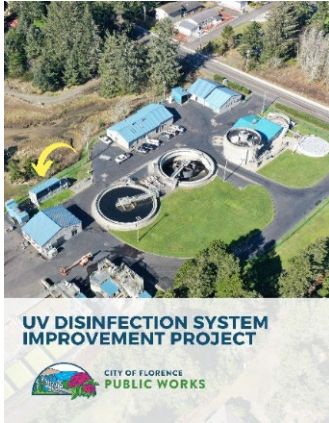
Florence Public Works staff along with RH2 Engineering, Inc. have been working on the design of a much-needed project to replace the existing master water meter and service piping to the Greentrees West subdivision. The existing water meter has been in service since the development was first constructed back in the early 1970's and it has put in many years of service at Greentrees West serving 199 properties within the gated community. This should be a relatively quick project with minimal impact on surrounding water customers outside of the development.



The City will be providing more information and updates when they are available on the City Project website located at this address:

bit.ly/FlorenceORAirport

Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Disinfection System Improvements



The City is upgrading and expanding the UV disinfection system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Rhododendron Drive. Disinfection is considered to be the primary mechanism for the deactivation and destruction of pathogenic organisms to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases to downstream users and the environment. It is important that wastewater be adequately treated prior to disinfection in order for any disinfectant to be effective. The City has been utilizing UV technology for disinfection since 1999, when the City switched from chlorine to UV for disinfection of the treated effluent prior to discharge into the Siuslaw River.

The City will be providing more information and updates when they are available on the City Project website located at this address: bit.ly/WWTP-UV

