



CITY of
TUALATIN

Veterans Plaza Shade Structure

BACKGROUND

The City of Tualatin manages over 200 acres of parks, trails, and natural spaces. The Veterans Plaza will be Tualatin's newest park feature, located at Lake of the Commons Park in downtown Tualatin's vibrant commercial area. The park is a primary gathering place for the community with events ranging from lunchtime concerts in the summer to the 20,000+ attendees at the annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta in the fall.

Beginning in 2020, the City engaged the community in a process to design a public space to honor veterans. Over 900 community members participated in the initial planning process and 650 community members helped to determine which elements should be included in the project.

CHALLENGES

- The City's Climate Action Plan identifies a need to create more shade in public places to help people adapt to changing climate conditions.
- In addition, the project's needs assessment identified seven crucial components for the project, including a shaded area.
- Due to escalating construction costs, the planned shade structure had to be removed from the project.

SOLUTIONS

- Construction of the Veterans Plaza is underway. Design for the shade structure is already complete and the feature can be added at any time. Anticipated cost: \$250,000.

The City of Tualatin passed a \$25 million Parks and Trails General Obligation Bond in November of 2022 that will contribute \$3.5 million to the Veterans Plaza. The City is seeking \$250,000 in state funding in 2025 to complete the project.



Veterans Plaza Under Construction, September 2024



Veterans Plaza Site Plan, May 2022

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