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RENOVATION PROJECT COMPLETED AT AMACHER COUNTY PARK



(Douglas County, Ore.) Douglas County Commissioners Tom Kress, Chris Boice, and Tim Freeman along with Douglas County Parks Director Mark Wall are excited to announce the completion of a much-needed renovation project at John P. Amacher County Park and Campground. The renovation project, which started in August 2022, included the installation of a new concrete boat ramp with reinforced steel and grooving for improved traction, new curbs, new stormwater catch basins, and all-new pavement and striping for the expansive East parking area. The new parking area boasts 47 total marked parking spots (22 single-vehicle, 2 accessible single-vehicle, 22 vehicle and boat trailer spots, and 1 accessible vehicle and boat trailer spot). The parking area also includes new curbs complete with detailed signage to assist in directing patrons. Additionally, three bio-swale vaults were embedded in the lot to filter stormwater to markedly improve the water quality of the runoff leaving the parking area.

“Amacher Park is one of Douglas County’s most popular venues for recreation in Douglas County with its heavy use during the winter steelhead and spring salmon seasons followed by floaters in the summer,” stated Commissioner Chris Boice. *“As a board, we want to intentionally invest in and steward our parks in ways that will improve the user experience well into the future. We prioritized upgrading this boat ramp to make it one of the best on the North Umpqua and also streamlined the parking for users so that their whole recreation experience is more enjoyable from the time they pull into the lot.”*

The Douglas County Commissioners and the Oregon State Marine Board made the renovation a funding priority due to its heavy use and significant stormwater drainage issues. Prior to the improvement project, there was a lack of accommodation for drainage and stormwater runoff which led to silt and petroleum products draining into the North Umpqua River from the parking lot. The worn-out and rutted asphalt boat ramp, as well as the park’s previously disorganized parking situation and pot-holed gravel, were also issues corrected in the renovation.

The project cost approximately \$825,000 with funds for the project provided by Douglas County, [Umpqua Fishery Enhancement Derby](#), [Oregon Fish and Wildlife](#), and the [Oregon State Marine Board](#). The contractor for the project was [Knife River Materials](#), the Engineer of Record was Jeff Smith of the Oregon State Marine Board, and Project Managers included Douglas County Parks Director Mark Wall, Greg Bastian (Knife River), and Stuart Jantze (Oregon State Marine Board).

John P. Amacher County Park and Campground, located along the banks of the North Umpqua River, about 6 miles north of Roseburg is situated adjacent to the Winchester Bridge at 5750 NE Stephens Street in Winchester, Oregon. The County park offers day-use recreational opportunities like boating, fishing, swimming, rafting, tubing, picnicking, and walking, and a pavilion for events. The Campground has 20 full hook-up and 10 non-hook-up campground site accommodations complete with showers and restrooms.

For more information, or to locate a park, campground, or boat ramp near you, log onto the Douglas County Parks Department’s page on the Douglas County, Oregon Government Website at: <https://douglascounty-oregon.us/265/Parks>.

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