

Arch Bridge/Bolton Advisory Committee

Community input is a large component of the Arch Bridge/Bolton Plan. The volunteer committee members worked all year to help shape this plan. Here are just a few reasons why they chose to get involved.

"I chose to be part of the process because it's a rare opportunity to take a forgotten part of Oregon history and raise it up to become a real place. Right now, the Arch Bridge area doesn't highlight the place West Linn has played in creating Oregon's character. If we can help, as a community, to build a center that reflects that history and offers new amenities and housing, I'm all for being part of it."

Nancy King

"West Linn has a shoreline to the Willamette River, yet limited access to the river by its citizens. The Arch Bridge project has the potential of opening up easy access through a variety of venues. West Bridge Park and ODOT planning for near and under the bridge areas, (park/trail development, Territorial Drive mixed-use development to the river, and trails to West Linn dock areas that are ADA approved. There may be some commercial recreation development company to attract to create various access and activities."

Mike Watters



"I am excited to see the prospects for development of the Arch Bridge area as part of the larger effort to make the Willamette Falls area a special place for locals and visitors alike (with components on both sides of the river) to enjoy access to the river, the falls and the many historic places that inhabit it (e.g., the effort to restore and reopen the 141-year-old Willamette Falls Canal and Locks)."

Jim Mattis

"The Willamette Falls is one of the most beautiful and significant natural resources in the Northwest. West Linn has the opportunity to protect and utilize the land north of the river to ensure appreciation for the falls for generations to come. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with my fellow residents to advise the city on the stewardship of this special land."

Todd Jones

"There are so many things that excite me about the Arch Bridge/Bolton plan. First of all, it recaptures the essence of historical West Linn — a center that was lost to the I-205 freeway years ago. It promises an opportunity to connect with the Willamette River through views and pathways. It creates a feeling of 'arrival' and connection to Oregon City. And, finally, it provides a Main Street area plan mixing affordable housing and services for young adults and for empty nesters like me."

Christine Steel