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City of Lincoln City Receives LOC's Good Governance Award

NORTH BEND, Ore. – During its 2025 Local Government Spring Conference, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) presented its Good Governance Award to the city of Lincoln City for its Schooner Creek Discovery Park project. The award, which recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services, was presented to co-recipients, with the cities of Chiloquin and Ashland also winning

About the Schooner Creek Discovery Park Project

Schooner Creek Discovery Park is the first community park built in Lincoln City in more than 20 years. It covers nearly seven acres, and will feature: permanent pickleball courts; a covered outdoor stage and lawn area; turfed soccer fields; and the first fully inclusive and accessible public playground on the Oregon Coast. The design process began back in 2016, and community engagement determined that a key component of the park had to be accessibility for people of all ages, and ability levels. The city worked with multiple partners to raise \$3.6 million in alternative funds for this \$11 million project. Phase 1 opened last December, and since then, city staff have met with numerous agencies to share their knowledge of how to plan and construct more inclusive amenities for parks and cities.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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