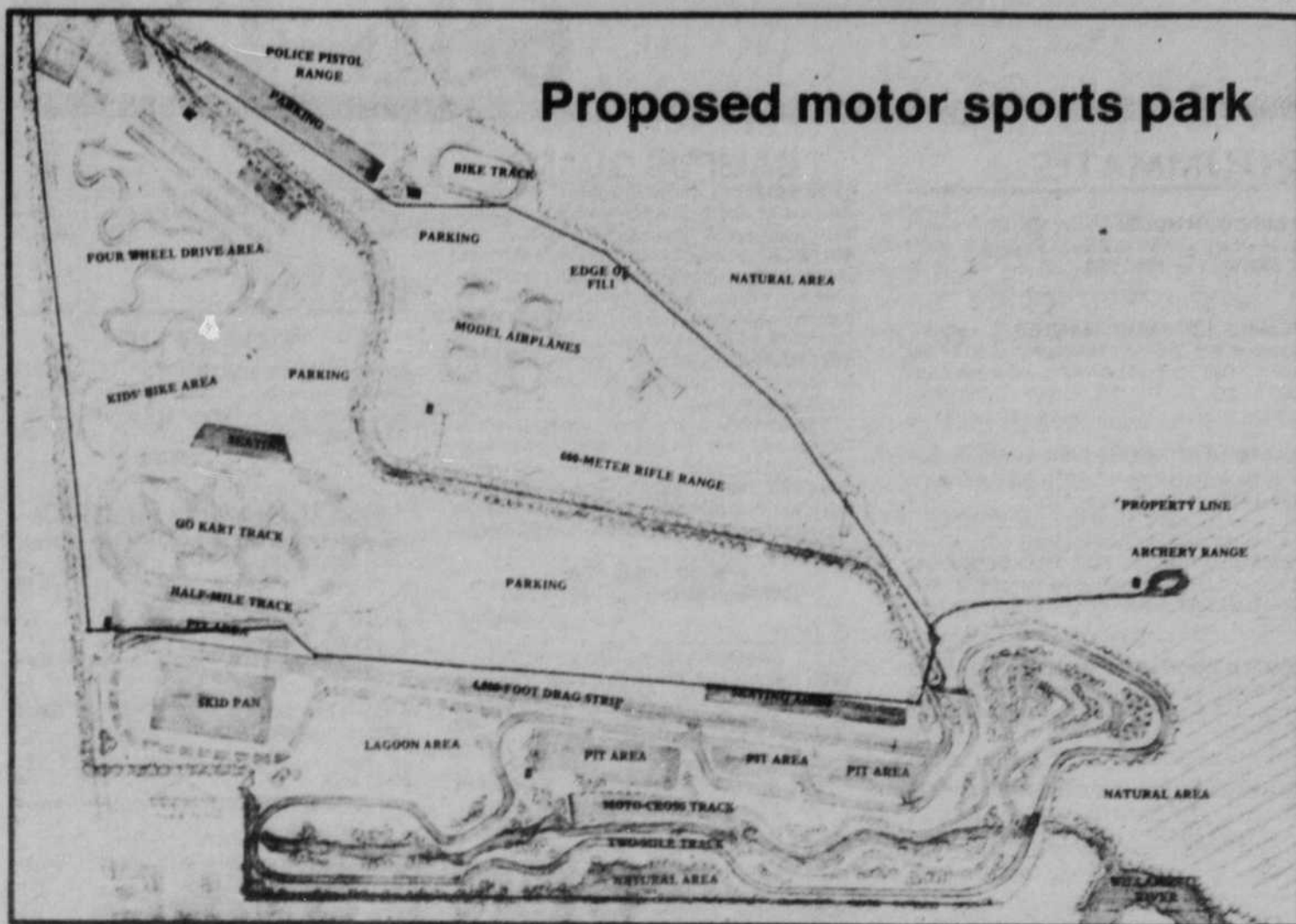




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The proposed Creswell motor sports park has drawn complaints about possible noise from nearby residents. The park, located on the site of a landfill, will cost \$3.85 million and will take ten

years to complete — if it's built at all. The plans include areas for using four-wheel drives, go-carts, model airplanes, race cars, and pistols. A large wall would be built to contain the noise.

Planned park draws fire

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Garbage isn't the only thing raising a stink at the Short Mountain Landfill these days.

A proposed motor sports park has drawn complaints from the Creswell Planning Commission (CPC) about noise, added traffic and a lack of participation with the Lane County task force that is planning the park. The CPC met with the task force July 19 to discuss the problem.

Plans for the \$3.85 million park, which isn't estimated to be completed for another decade, call for a variety of facilities, including pistol and rifle ranges; four-wheel drive, go-cart, motocross and bicycle areas; a half-mile and two-mile track; a drag strip; a bicycle velodrome; an archery range; and space for model airplane flying.

Many of these activities are notorious noisemakers, which has CPC Chairer Bruce Bittle up in arms.

"It's one thing to accept Eugene's garbage, but I'll be damned if we have to accept its noise, too," Bittle said in a recent interview. "Noise control is an indirect science at best."

Noise is nothing new to the area, however. The Short Mountain site used to be a racetrack, but the track lasted for only three races before financial problems shut it down.

The nearest dwelling is about a half-mile away from the site. Plans call for large "berms," or dikes, to prevent noise from escaping the site, but these berms will add significantly to the park's cost. Favorable winds should also channel noise away from sensitive areas.

Residents irritated by the noise that escapes the barriers will receive little help from the Department of Environmental Quality. All sanctioned racing events are exempt from noise standards. Recreational use, however, would be affected by the standards.

The park will be privately funded — with a few exceptions. The pistol range, to be used by law enforcement agencies, would receive separate funds. Some federal money could be used as matching funds for donated labor and materials as well as for sanitary facilities. Concessions will be built with private money in exchange for long-term leases. No local taxpayer money is budgeted for the

park.

The park won't be built in the immediate future, though. The landfill has priority over the site, and will be filling the area of the proposed park for 10 more years. All facilities built must be temporary in nature, which compounds funding problems because of a limited usage time before relocation and construction is necessary. Task force Chairer Fred Simmons described the facility as "a living, growing thing" which will constantly be changing.

Model airplane enthusiasts are currently using the site, and law enforcement officers practice on a pistol range. The shooting, though, has been curtailed with the approach of the landfill operation. A new sheriff's range is scheduled for construction sometime this summer in a better location, in accordance with plans for the rest of the park.

Before any construction starts, hearings will be held to receive public comment about the park. After this process is through, approval from the county commissioners must still be obtained before any construction begins. It promises to be a long, noisy process.

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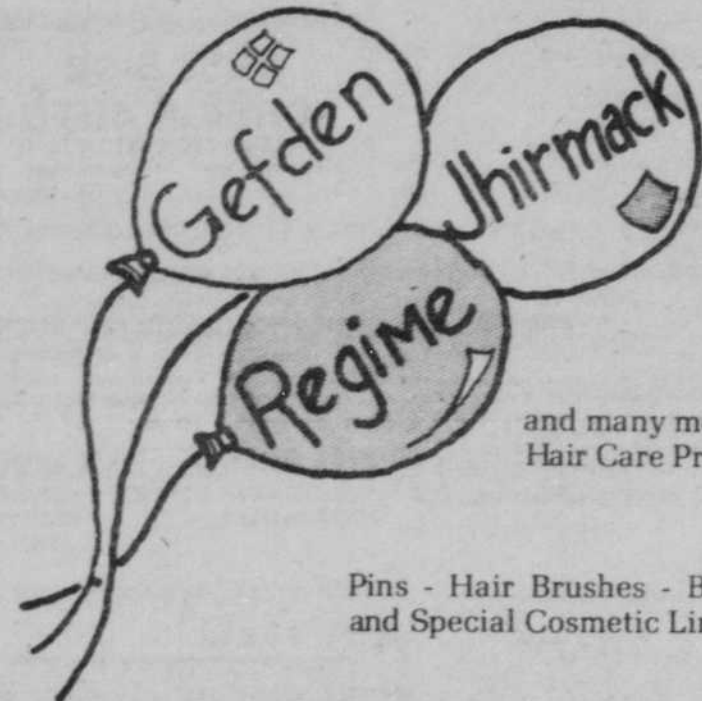
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