

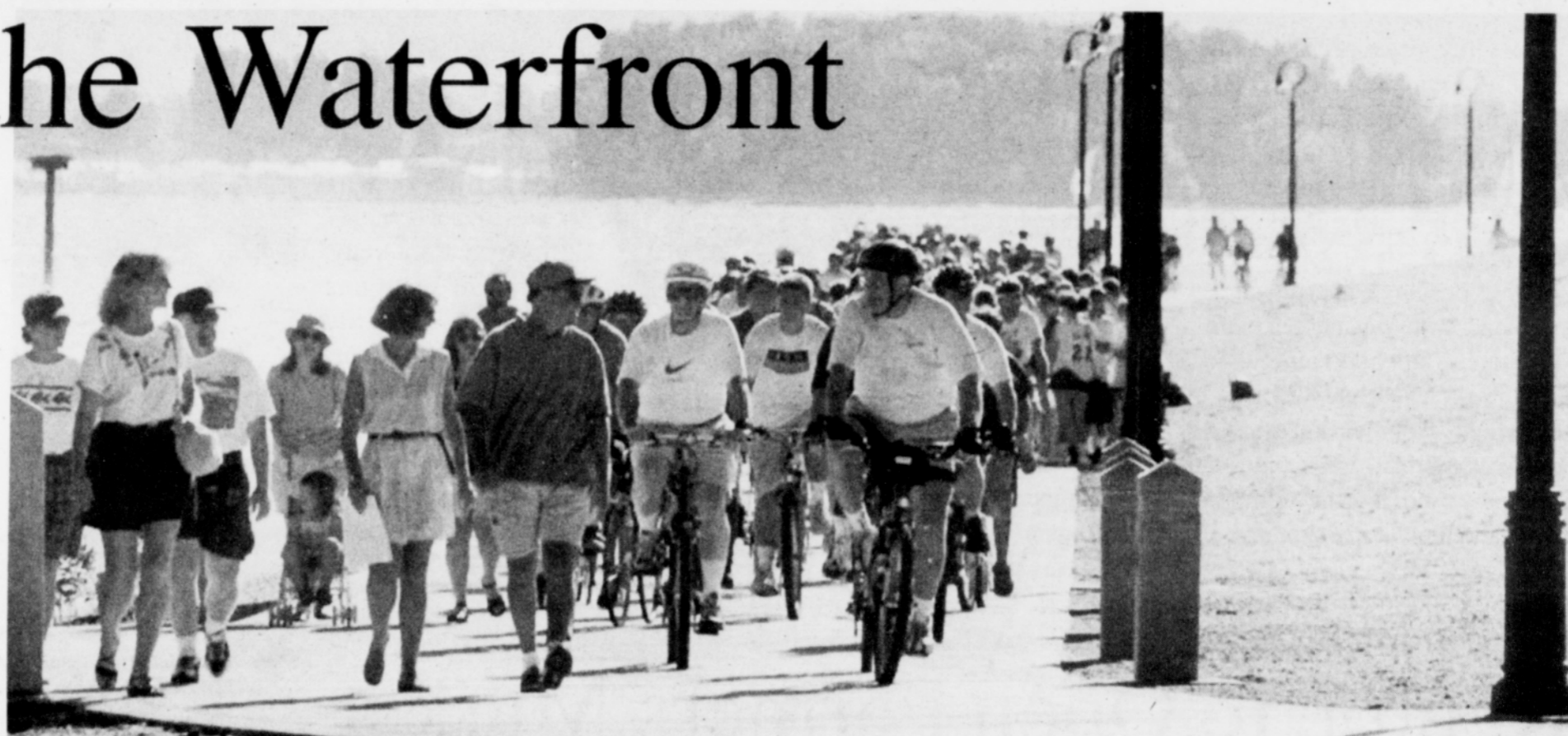
Observing Vancouver

Eye on the Waterfront

Park and trail expansion to connect historic downtown

The State of Washington has granted \$1 million to the City of Vancouver to fund construction of an eight-acre public park and trail extension at Vancouver's Waterfront Park, which is expected to open up a number of new job opportunities.

The funding allows the city to build the first phase of its eight-acre Vancouver Waterfront Park, now in the design phase. The park, a community focal point, will open up



Bikers enjoy Vancouver's riverfront trail on a sunny day.

Diamonds and Denim Gala

Saturday, April 28, 2012

6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel

8235 NE Airport Way

Portland, OR 97220

Champagne Reception (Patron tickets only) 5:00-7:00 pm

No-Host Bar & Silent Auction-6:00 pm

Sit down dinner-7:00 pm

Scholarship Presentations

Music & Dancing 9:00 pm-12:00 am

General Admission:

\$60.00 per person

\$600.00 per table



Patron Champagne

Reception:

\$80.00 per person

\$800.00 per table

For tickets or other information:

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Hosted by The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
and The White Rose Educational Fund, Incorporated

For the evening, wear your fanciest
denim with all that glitters for a
diamond studded Gala.

Music by LaRhonda Steele Band

All Proceeds will benefit The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Scholarship Fund and Programs



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new riverfront public access from the Columbia River to historic downtown.

"This funding certainly is significant, and is, in fact, much more important than just funding a new public park and trail," said Vancouver Mayor Timothy D. Leavitt. "The critical infrastructure constructed with this money will be leveraged to attract major private investment and creation of jobs for Vancouver residents along our waterfront."

In 2011, nearly one million pedestrians walked or jogged Vancouver's iconic Columbia River Renaissance Trail, a five-mile long walking, biking and jogging path with magnificent views and beach access to the Columbia River.

In the last few years, Vancouver invested heavily in renovation of downtown Vancouver and recently moved into a new City Hall, reconnecting the historic downtown to its waterfront nearby.

The city is also investing in new waterfront streets, bypassing railroads that blocked public access.

Long term, the property next to Vancouver

Waterfront Park will include a mixed-use development with homes and offices, blending with restaurants, shops and hotels, public parks and open spaces.

"Vancouver Waterfront Park will build on the community's enjoyment of our popular Columbia River Renaissance Trail, which draws visitors from throughout the region," said Jean Akers, park planning manager for Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department.

The redevelopment project is a critical portion of the planned 32-acre private mixed-use investment project expected to create thousands of new jobs.

"This Vancouver redevelopment is one of the few individual projects approved in the overall state capital budget - specifically because of its link to economic development," Leavitt continued. "This is a turning point in the redevelopment of our waterfront - leveraging \$1 billion in private investment pledged by Gramor Development for the Columbia Waterfront LLC."

For more information, visit cityofvancouver.us/waterfront.



Vancouver Waterfront Trail near the I-5 Bridge will grow with the redevelopment of Vancouver's Waterfront Park next to the historic downtown.