

ACTIVATING ALBANY'S WATERFRONT TO BECOME AN ICONIC CENTER PLACE

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The city of Albany, Oregon has made great strides in rehabilitating and enlivening its historic First Street with new stores, historic signs and restored architectural facades. A logical next step is to rehabilitate and activate the city's Willamette River waterfront just one block to the north. This landscape of Water Avenue is now under used and empty most of the time but has a fine waterfront trail and parks with large trees near the river. Monteith Park is part of the waterfront landscape and forms a landscape hinge between the new carousel building being finished and the Water Avenue and trail corridor. This park also serves as a theater and hosts well attended summer evening concerts. The city's senior center is next door and is a hub of social meetings.

We will develop options for redesigning this park and avenue landscape to become the iconic and well loved place that citizens and visitors will think of first in identifying with Albany as a newly growing and vibrant city. We will design improvements to the shore trail extending further to the east. We will develop strategies to link the new waterfront with the rest of downtown while also making it become part of downtown.



This studio project will serve the U.O. sustainable City Year initiative's engagement with Albany this year.