

COMMUNITY NOTICE

The City of Rockaway Beach has begun the process of purchasing an approximately 10-acre parcel of land for the purpose of relocating many of its critical facilities outside of the tsunami hazard area. We are committed to keeping our community informed and involved throughout this process.

Why is the City purchasing this piece of land?

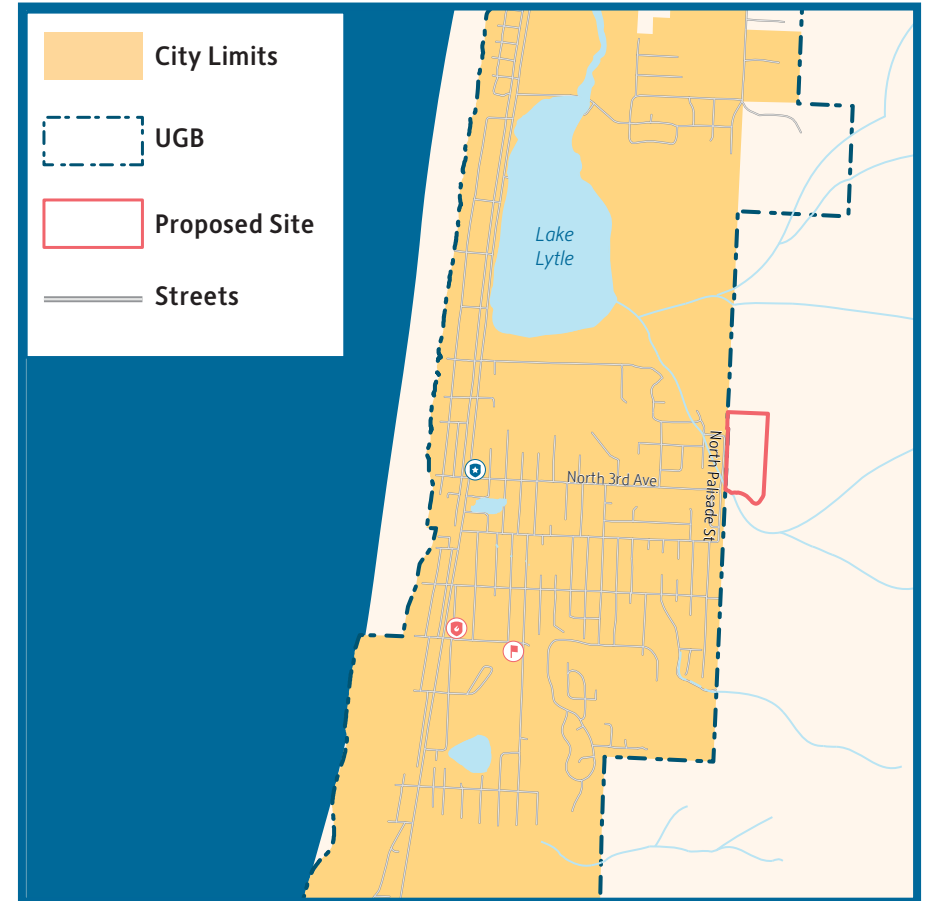
All of the critical facilities in Rockaway Beach are located within the high-risk tsunami hazard area. The 2019 Tsunami Evacuation Facilities Improvement Plan recommends that the City pursue relocation of these facilities, in order to increase community safety. If a tsunami were to strike Rockaway Beach while these facilities are located in the hazard zone, the community would be left without most of its emergency services. By moving these services outside of the hazard zone, we can ensure that they will be available in the event of a tsunami.

When will the relocation of critical facilities occur?

The relocation process will be gradual – it will likely take a few years to begin construction, and up to ten years to begin full operations at the site. The site will also have infrastructure to be used in the event of a tsunami or other emergency.

How can community members be involved

Several public hearings will be held by Rockaway Beach Planning Commission, Rockaway Beach City Council, and the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners as part of the land use processes that must occur prior to purchase of the land. Community members are welcome to provide testimony at any of these meetings. While meeting dates are not yet set, meeting agendas will be available online at least one week prior to the hearings.



Where is the parcel located?

The parcel is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of North 3rd Avenue and North Palisades Street (see map).

Because the parcel is currently designated as forest land and is outside of the Rockaway Beach city limits and urban growth boundary, the City is working closely with Tillamook County and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to follow the correct land use procedures so that the land may be used for critical facilities.



Questions or concerns about this project?
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