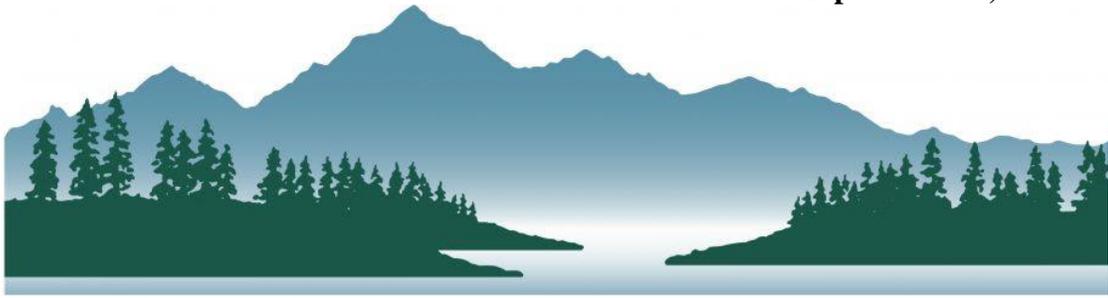


Good news on the Boise Greenbelt's Plantation Island Bridge!

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Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands is Idaho's oldest land trust. We protect lands for the people of Idaho.



We did it! We raised enough money to restore the Plantation Island bridge!

We met our fundraising goal!

We asked for your help, and you stepped up big time! Thanks to the generosity of you and your neighbors, the Plantation Island Greenbelt bridge and pathway will soon be restored.

Just last month we, the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands, spread the word that we needed your help to repair the Plantation Island bridge that had spanned the beloved Greenbelt. And you listened!

We shared that we had received partial funding for the repairs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). We called on you to help us raise the extra \$75,000 needed to get us across the finish line. You did it! As of today we have raised the funds and are gearing up to get the bridge back in action! We could not have done it without you. Thank you!

Special thanks to Foundation for Ada and Canyon County Trail Systems, Linda Yanke, Don and Kay McCarter, and Citizens for an Open Greenbelt for their generous gifts, and to all of you in the community who gave gifts of all sizes! Thanks as well to all the individuals, businesses and organizations that helped spread the word.

What happened to the bridge?

The bridge at Plantation Island was located on land owned by IFPL, a public benefit nonprofit corporation. Due to extreme flood levels of the Boise River, the City of Boise, Ada County and the Ada County Highway District arranged for the removal of the bridge and it was lifted off its abutments on April 3, 2017. The damage to the island and abutments from the over 9,000 cfs flow of the Boise River was extensive.

The emergency declaration by Governor Otter for the overall flooding event allowed IFPL to apply for grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help with repair costs. Unfortunately, hurricanes and massive forest fires across the nation stretched FEMA resources thin, delaying funding approval for more than a year. [Learn more.](#)

What's next for the bridge?

IFPL is meeting with the Corps of Engineers, Idaho Department of Water Resources and Quadrant Consulting Inc. to submit a river permit for the construction work needed. This fall, a Request for Bids will be issued for the repair work. This winter, construction should begin and should last approximately two weeks. This should allow for a soft opening during early 2019 and formal opening and party this spring.

Still want to help? You're in luck! We are working to protect one of the last bald eagle nesting sites in Boise.

IFPL cares for dozens of beautiful and important properties in Idaho. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our work and the places we protect, including east Boise's Barber Pool. This unique urban wildlife refuge covers nearly 450 acres in one of the fastest growing areas in the nation and is home to hundreds of species of wildlife, including bald eagles. Find out more about our [work to safeguard this rare treasure](#).

[Make a gift to IFPL today](#) and help us continue to care for many of the places you love!

Stay tuned for an invitation in the coming months to a celebration of Plantation Island bridge and our shared success in its return. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Thank you!

Contact Jan Johns, Executive Director, at 208-344-7141 for more information.

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