Willamette Park: Located on about 26 acres between Southwest Macadam Avenue and the Willamette River, the park includes a boat dock and ramp, paved and unpaved paths, picnic areas, restrooms, a dog off leash area, playground, soccer field, and tennis courts.

The park offers views of Ross Island and its companions, Hardtack, East, and Toe. The Willamette Greenway Trail, part of Portland’s 40-Mile Loop, passes north/south through the park, linking it to downtown Portland on the north and Miles Place, Butterfly Garden, Stephens Creek, Willamette Moorage Natural Area, the Sellwood Bridge, and Powers Marine Park, all on the south. Oaks Park is along the east bank, opposite Willamette Park. From the north end of the park, it is possible to see great blue heron and bald eagle nests on Ross Island and the nests of osprey and Canada geese on the tops of the transmission towers at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, beyond the east bank of the river.

The white gourds attached to a pole near the boat ramp serve as nesting places for Purple martins. Other birds commonly seen in the park include gulls, sandpipers, cormorants, kingfishers, and swallows. Beavers are not uncommon to the area. At the south end of the park, a plaque honors an Oregon White Oak, "one of the largest" along the Greenway.

Hannah Mason Pump Station: The station is named for philanthropist, landowner, and widow of former Portland Mayor William S. Mason, Hannah Mason. At the time of her death in 1908, Mrs. Mason owned most of the land occupied by Willamette Park. This is the first Water Bureau project to be named after a woman.

Opening in June of 2017, the pump station replaces the Fulton Pump station which was built in 1912. Today, up to 14 million gallons of water is pumped daily uphill through Portland’s southwest hills and west to Washington County. Pumping water uphill uses a lot of electricity and is expensive. By using energy efficient pumps, the Portland Water Bureau is able to save money and reduce carbon emissions.

The pump station houses five pumps, public restrooms, and park equipment storage. The building was designed to be a metaphor of the small rocky island off the riverbank just east of the pump station site. The outside of the building utilizes textured concrete which allows lichen and moss to cling to the walls, which will help the building blend into the landscape over time. Since Willamette Park is on the Pacific Flyway, bird friendly glass was used. A green roof and storm water features were also incorporated. In 2018, the Oregon Concrete & Aggregate Producers Association awarded the Hannah Mason Pump Station both the Craftsmanship & Judges’ Choice Award for excellence in building with concrete.

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