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### **Port Of Pasco Names New Business Park Osprey Pointe**

The region's newest business park has been officially named **Osprey Pointe**. Port of Pasco Commissioners today selected the name, the most recent step in the development of the 125-acre site located along the Columbia River in Pasco.

"We know that this is one of the area's gems featuring the last remaining undeveloped, levee-free shorelines in the Tri-Cities. It is also one of the Port's most valuable pieces of property because of the potential it holds for development and improving public access to the river. We wanted to select a name that represents the region, the fact that this site is actually on the river and that the business park will incorporate both business and quality of life. We believe **Osprey Pointe** does just that," said Commission President Jim Klindworth.

Over 10 years ago the area – provisionally called the Riverfront Business Park – was identified as a major development project for the Port. Since then, development efforts by the Port have included approval of a master plan which offers a mix of high-quality office and mixed-use businesses with waterfront amenities, the realignment of Ainsworth Avenue, creation of a riverfront trail and public access parking and hiring an architectural firm to design the park's anchor building.

Officially naming the park was another step, as the development moves toward ground breaking for the site's anchor building.

The osprey is one of the largest birds of prey in North America and it eats almost exclusively fish. It is one of the most widespread birds in the world, found on all continents except Antarctica. Ospreys are common near large bodies of water at lower elevations throughout Washington. A migratory bird, they generally return to Washington in late March or early April; most of the population leaves in August or September.

“We actually have an osprey nesting platform on the site of the new business park that annually hosts a family. It is delightful to watch the birds come every year and hatch their young. It makes the name **Osprey Pointe** even more meaningful to those of us at the Port, and we know it will for our future tenants,” said Jim Klindworth.

Osprey Pointe is being developed as a Class A business park. The 20,000 square foot anchor building and site infrastructure will be bid in early January with groundbreaking slated for February 2010.

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**More information on ospreys:**

Ospreys build large nests near water, on top of dead trees or artificial structures that are similar to dead trees, such as utility or nesting poles. Nests are made of branches, sticks, and twigs, lined with smaller twigs, grasses, bark, moss, fish bones, and other material. They will reuse nests year after year and continue to add sticks each year, ending up with a huge nest. Nests may be more than seven feet across and over five feet deep. The female typically lays three eggs, although clutch sizes between two and four eggs are normal. Both members of the pair incubate the eggs for 38 to 43 days. After the young hatch, the female stays with them, and the male brings food. Once the young can be left alone, both parents provide food. The young do not fledge until they are 44 to 59 days old.

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