

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING) RESOLUTION NO. 99-2819
THE COOPER MOUNTAIN TARGET)
AREA REFINEMENT PLAN) Introduced by Mike Burton
Executive Officer, and Jon Kvistad
Metro Councilor

WHEREAS, in July 1992, Metro completed the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan which identified a desired system of natural areas interconnected with greenways and trails; and

WHEREAS, at the election held on May 16, 1995, the Metro area voters approved the Open Spaces, Parks and Streams Bond Measure (Measure 26-26) which authorized Metro to issue \$135.6 million in general obligation bonds to finance land acquisition and capital improvements pursuant to Metro's Open Spaces Program; and

WHEREAS, the Cooper Mountain target area was designated as a greenspace of regional significance in the Greenspaces Master Plan and identified as a regional target area in the Open Space, Parks and Streams Bond Measure; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1996, the Metro Council adopted a refinement plan for the Cooper Mountain target area ("Refinement Plan"). Resolution No. 96-2275A, which authorized the purchases of sites in the target area, illustrated in a confidential tax-lot-specific map identifying priority properties for acquisition; and

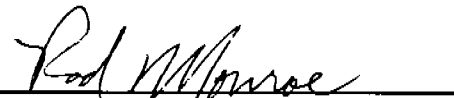
WHEREAS, a Tier I objective of the Refinement Plan calls for the establishment of a regionally significant natural area with a core component of 700 acres that will support a diversity of plant and animal wildlife; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public to incorporate a greater number of properties in the refinement plan in order to meet this goal; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council amends the Cooper Mountain target area refinement plan to include the Properties, as identified in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by Metro Council this 12th day of AUGUST, 1999.


Rod Monroe, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

Exhibit A
Resolution No. 99-2819

Properties to be added to the Cooper Mountain target area refinement plan:

Washington County

<u>Tax Account Number</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Section 01, Willamette Meridian	
Tax Lot 00200	17.08
Tax Lot 00201	10.70
Tax Lot 00400	1.5
Tax Lot 00500	1.00
Tax Lot 00800	17.64
Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Section 36, Willamette Meridian	
Tax Lot 00200	9.78
Tax Lot 00400	7.1
Tax Lot 00401	1.5
Township 2 South, Range 1 West, Section 06, Willamette Meridian	
Tax Lot 00301	14.12
Tax Lot 00302	22.42
Tax Lot 00400	10.26
Tax Lot 00403	11.90
Tax Lot 00404	10.26
Tax Lot 00500	15.95
Tax Lot 00600	12.00
Tax Lot 00700	9.8
Tax Lot 00800	30.84

Staff Report

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-2819 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE COOPER MOUNTAIN TARGET AREA REFINEMENT PLAN

Date: July 8, 1999

**Presented by:
Charles Ciecko
Jim Desmond**

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolution No. 99-2819 requests amendment of the Cooper Mountain target area refinement plan.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In May of 1995, voters in the region passed the Open Spaces, Parks and Streams bond measure enabling Metro to purchase open space properties with \$135.6 million worth of bond funds. The bond measure identified fourteen regional target areas and six regional trails and greenways for property acquisition, including Cooper Mountain in Washington County. On February 15, 1996 the Metro Council approved a refinement plan for the Cooper Mountain target area, setting forth-specific acquisition goals, including a tax-lot specific acquisition map.

The Tier I objectives of that refinement plan include the establishment of "a regionally significant natural area with a core component of 700 acres that will support a diversity of plant and animal life and sustain key biological features.... ." The initial acquisition goal was set at 428 acres.

To date a total of 219 acres have been acquired with an additional two properties (30 acres) under contract. As land for the future regional park is acquired, it has become evident that the refinement plan needs to be adjusted to allow for suitable access points for the public. Under the guidelines set out in the Open Spaces Implementation Work Plan, Metro Council approval is needed to amend the refinement map. Three additional land areas are proposed as additions to the refinement plan. These areas, totaling 213 acres, border SW Scholls Ferry Road, SW Tile Flat Road and SW Grabhorn Road, all of which would afford superior access opportunities for future public use.

FINDINGS

Amendment of the Cooper Mountain target area refinement plan is recommended based upon these findings:

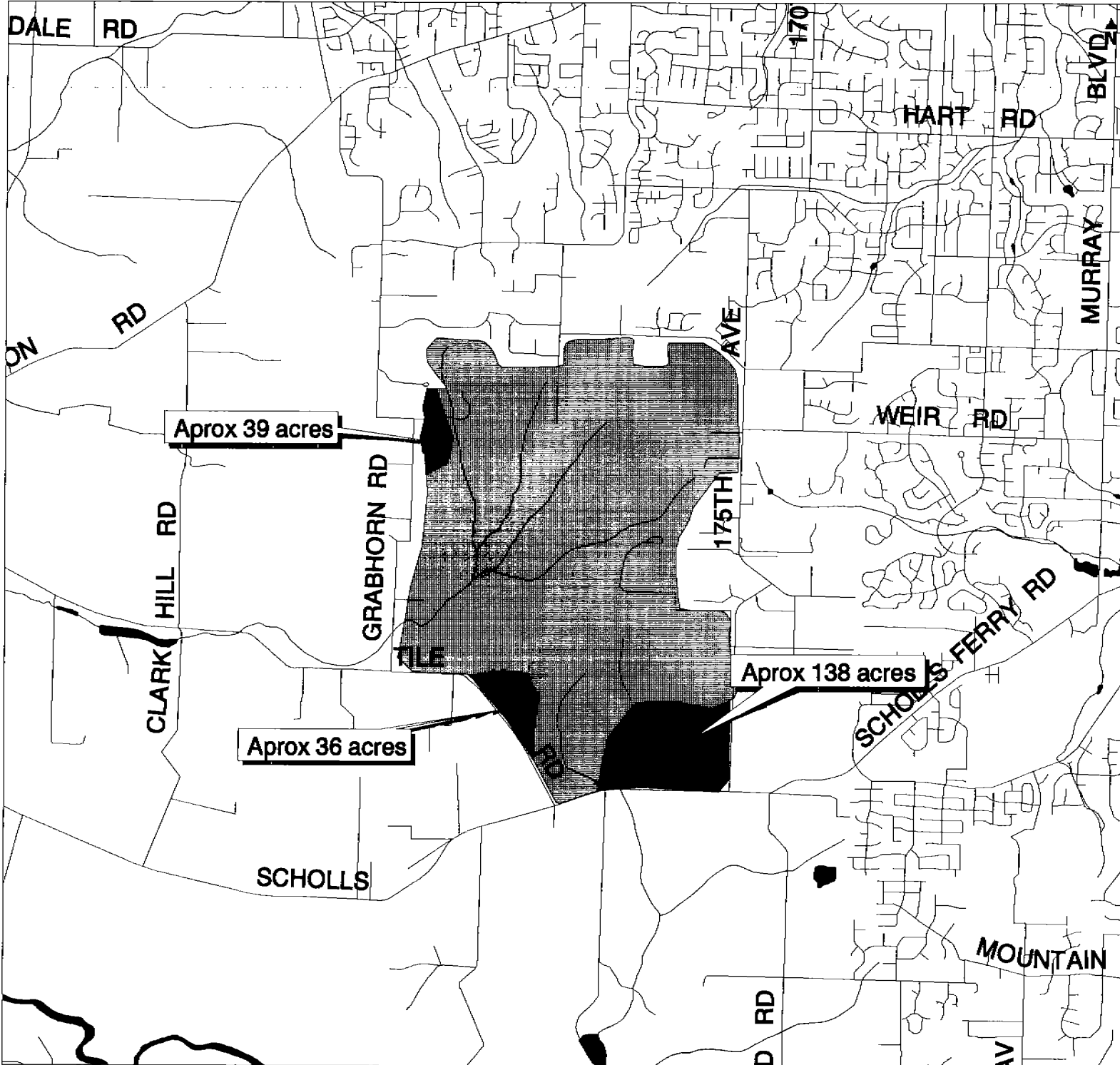
- The Tier I objectives of the refinement plan for the Cooper Mountain target area set a goal of establishing a regionally significant natural area, with a minimum size of 428 acres.
- Research completed since the adoption of the refinement plan has verified that this amount of acreage is necessary to provide a regional-scale facility and protect the natural resources found at Cooper Mountain. In addition, there is a need to acquire land that will allow sufficient access to a regional-scale facility.
- In order to meet the goals of the target area, an additional 213 acres bordering three different streets need to be added to the refinement plan.
- The proposed amendment will expand the pool of properties for acquisition consideration.

BUDGET IMPACT

Bond funds will supply acquisition money. Additional land banking costs are expected to be minimal and consistent with what was anticipated at the time of adoption of the refinement plan.

Executive Officer's Recommendation

The Executive Officer recommends passage of Resolution No. 99-2819.

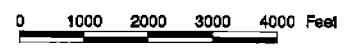


ATTACHMENT A

-  Original Target Area Boundary
-  Potential Additions to Target Area



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