

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING FIRST) RESOLUTION NO. 06-3697
ROUND FUNDING FOR THE NATURE IN)
NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS) Introduced by: Michael Jordan, Chief
Operating Officer, with the concurrence of
David Bragdon, Council President

WHEREAS, Metro has established a regional fish and wildlife protection, restoration and greenspaces initiative named "Nature in Neighborhoods", as provided in Resolution No. 05-3574A adopted May 12, 2005 ("Establishing a Regional Habitat Protection, Restoration and Greenspaces Initiative Called Nature in Neighborhoods"); and

WHEREAS, Metro has established a grants program funded by \$1,250,000 of the Recovery Rate Stabilization Reserve fund, as provided in Resolution No. 05-3580A adopted June 9, 2005 ("Transferring \$1,250,000 from the Balance of the FY 2004-05 Recovery Rate Stabilization Reserve to a General Fund Reserve for Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Projects"); and

WHEREAS, Metro has solicited and received applications for this grants program and selected the projects which best meet the criteria for the grants program and the Nature in Neighborhoods initiative; and

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife habitat depends on healthy functioning watersheds that follow the natural contours of the landscape, while political and organizational boundaries frequently split watersheds and divide the natural landscapes; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping frequently occurs in natural areas near or in streams and rivers, posing a particular threat to our region's clean water, to the health of our watersheds, and to healthy functioning fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, by protecting natural areas from illegal dumping and restoring and enhancing our natural areas, that is, by protecting nature in neighborhoods, the region can enjoy the benefits of nature in neighborhoods for years to come, protecting our region's clean water and the health and vitality of our watersheds; and

WHEREAS, it will take concerted and sustained efforts to restore and protect the region's wildlife habitat areas and this challenge provides new and unique opportunities for the solid waste community, habitat restoration organizations, education community, building trades firms and organizations, industry groups, environmental groups, business people and property owners to create new partnerships to protect and restore the region's natural areas; and

WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is the listing of grant award recipients and respective funding amounts (See Exhibit A); now therefore,

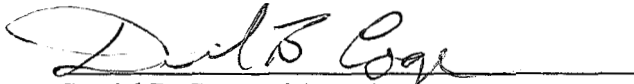
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby approves the first round funding for the Nature in Neighborhoods grants to those recipients listed in Exhibit A and for the amounts listed for each individual award.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 11th day of May 2006.



David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

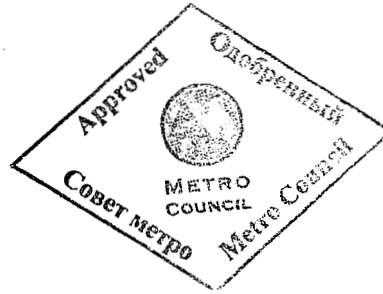


EXHIBIT A
RESOLUTION NO. 06-3697
PLACEHOLDER

GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS AND AMOUNTS

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 NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS AND AMOUNTS

City of Beaverton	
Camille Pond	\$ 3,180.85
Golden Pond	\$ 2,371.52
Clackamas County Water Environment Services	
Three Creeks Community Restoration	\$25,000.00
Clackamas River Basin Council	
Clackamas River Regional Riparian Habitat Project	\$72,854.00
Columbia Slough Watershed Council	
Watershed Community Capacity Building	\$21,024.00
Slough School Education Program	\$41,783.50
David Douglas School District – Ventura Park Elementary	
Spreading the Green Word from the Heart of Multnomah County: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Restore	\$25,000.00
Ed Kerns, private citizen	
Lents Springwater Habitat Restoration Project	\$17,325.00
Friends of Trees	
Youth Tree Corps	\$18,000.00
Natural Area Restoration Program Capacity Building	\$25,000.00
Hector Campbell Neighborhood District Association	
Homewood Park Natural Area Restoration and Trail Enhancement	\$ 1,000.00
Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve	
Neighborhood Ecology	\$14,360.00
Johnson Creek Watershed Council (projects combined)	
Johnson Creek Watershed Council Community Outreach Brochure	\$16,000.00
Johnson Creek Watershed Signage Project – Phase II	
Owens Corning	
Wise Water and Waste Management (W3M)	\$25,000.00
Portland Parks and Recreation	
Fanno Basin Community Stewardship Project	\$20,318.00

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-3697, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING FIRST ROUND FUNDING FOR THE NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

Date: May 11, 2006

Prepared by: Janelle Geddes

BACKGROUND

On June 9, 2005, Council adopted Resolution 05-3580A (“Transferring \$1,250,000 from the Balance of the FY 2004-05 Recovery Rate Stabilization Reserve to a General Fund Reserve for Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Projects”). Of the monies transferred, \$1,000,000 was provided for a two-year grants program for use in restoration projects. In October 2005, Metro Council discussed and agreed that approximately 60% of the available monies would be allocated for the first round of grants.

The first round of grants was launched in November 2005 with invitations to apply sent to more than 3000 potential applicants - local jurisdictions, private landowners and organizations throughout the Metro region. In January 2006, 83 pre-applications were submitted to Metro, which included 99 total projects in the region. Proposals were evaluated and invitations to participate in the final grant application process were sent to over 40 applicants who submitted a pre-application.

In April 2006, 44 final applications were received by the Nature in Neighborhoods team. An interdisciplinary team made up of twelve individuals within Metro reviewed these applications and recommended those projects which best met the criteria and intent of the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program.

Of the 44 final grant applications received, 32 are recommended for either full or partial funding. The projects recommended for funding best met the criteria for funding and are located throughout the region. The recommended projects represent innovative partnerships, the education community, the solid waste community, groups, organizations and individuals doing on-the-ground restoration work, hands-on education and curriculum development and community/partnership building.

The total for the first round of funding is \$560,000. It is anticipated that another round of funding will be announced in the early fall of 2006.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition:**

None.

2. **Legal Antecedents:**

- Resolution 05-3551, (“For the Purpose of Designating Council Projects and Assigning Lead Councilors and Council Liaisons”) Metro Council Project Proposal titled “Nature in Neighborhoods”.

- Resolution 05-3574A, (“Establishing a Regional Habitat Protection, Restoration and Greenspaces Initiative Called Nature in Neighborhoods”).
- Resolution 05-3580A, (“Transferring \$1,250,000 from the Balance of the FY 2004-05 Recovery Rate Stabilization Reserve to a General Fund Reserve for Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Projects”).

3. **Anticipated Effects:** This Resolution approves the first round funding and award for Nature in Neighborhood grants and begins the individual contract award process for the selected grant applicants with an anticipated start project date of July 1, 2006. Projects are from one to three years in length.
4. **Budget Impacts:** A total of \$1,000,000 has been approved for this program. The budget exists in the FY2005-06 budget and is included in the proposed FY 2006-07 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Chief Operating Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 06-3697.