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METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 NEWS



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Beaverton, Durham,
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Tigard, Tualatin and
Wilsonville.



A message from Carl Hosticka

Metro works to serve as a good steward of the region, planning for fair, responsible growth. People here enjoy an enviable

quality of life, in part due to planning we did in the 1990s. That planning work, however, is not easy.

Current forecasts show that within the next 25 years, 1.1 million more people will live in the five-county Portland metropolitan region. That would be the same as adding two more cities the size of Portland.

So now we are taking a new look at how we carry out our long-range planning. When making decisions that deal with 30 years in the future, how do we maintain flexibility in our plan, while still fulfilling our state-mandated charge to provide land for growth?

In November, the Metro Council made a difficult and controversial decision about expanding the urban growth boundary. We voted to protect more farmland in the Cornelius area and provide more land for industrial use near Hillsboro. The process made it difficult.

We are exploring ways to modify the current planning law. We want to make our process for planning our community more responsive to today's needs, while preserving options for the future.

— *Carl Hosticka*

Metro hosts public forums on bond measure proposal

This spring, the Metro Council will develop and refer to voters (for consideration at the November 2006 election) a bond measure proposal for the protection of natural areas, clean water, and fish and wildlife habitat. Through a 1995 bond measure, Metro successfully acquired more than 8,100 acres and 74 miles of stream and river frontage from willing sellers. A 'Blue Ribbon' committee of local business and civic leaders recently recommended that the Council develop a new \$220 million package to continue successful efforts to preserve critical wildlife habitat, protect water quality, and provide opportunities for future generations to enjoy natural areas as our region continues to grow.

Now it is your turn to weigh in. Metro will host public forums throughout the region in January and February to explain the bond measure proposal and to receive your ideas on what elements should be included.

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, Light and Power Building Auditorium, 1818 B St., Forest Grove

1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland

9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd., West Linn

7-9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2, Tualatin Hills Nature Park, 15655 SW Millikan Blvd., Beaverton

For more forum dates and information, please visit www.metro-region.org or contact Ken Ray at (503) 797-1508 or rayk@metro.dst.or.us.

Nature in Neighborhoods grant pre-applications due Jan. 12

Are you a private property owner, non-profit community group or local government agency that would like to initiate or continue restoration efforts in your neighborhood or watershed? Metro's new Nature in Neighborhoods grant program will provide financial support for nature-friendly projects in neighborhoods throughout Metro's service area. Through this program, individuals and communities will be actively participating in making a positive difference in their watershed.

Metro is inviting pre-applications from citizen groups, businesses, non-profits, school groups, government agencies and service groups. Grants from \$1,000 to \$25,000 will be awarded to projects related to restoration, protection of water quality or education. They must either link participants and citizens to their watershed through education and active restoration, develop partnerships and possibly

foster innovative public/private enterprise, or focus on expanding existing restoration projects or developing new projects that become anchor sites for future restoration.

Projects must be within Metro's jurisdictional boundary. Pre-applications are due at Metro by 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12.

Funding for this two-year program was provided by Metro excise taxes collected on solid waste disposal during the last several years. In this funding cycle, approximately \$500,000 will be available.

For more information, call Janelle Geddes, restoration grants coordinator, at (503) 797-1550 or send e-mail to NINrestore@metro.dst.or.us. The hearing impaired can call TDD (503) 797-1804.

Housing Choices Task Force issues report on affordable housing

The Housing Choices Task Force has drafted a preliminary report that discusses affordable housing as a primary component of regional livability, the role of Metro and local jurisdictions in ensuring housing choices, and the status of today's housing market.

Three Metro work teams created the report: Land Use Policies Solutions, Regional Funding Solutions and Pilot Project Solutions. The Metro Council charged these groups with identifying solutions for increasing the supply while decreasing the cost of affordable housing.

Solutions generated by the teams included recommendations for further discussion. Metro staff will present a draft report to the Metro Council at a January work session, followed by presentations in February to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, the Metro Technical Advisory Committee, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and the Oregon Housing Council. The revised draft will be presented to the Council in the spring.

For more information, contact Gerry Uba at (503) 797-1737 or ubag@metro.dst.or.us.

Earth Day contest invites entries

Students from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties are invited to create a design for a billboard that encourages people to conserve and protect resources through waste prevention, recycling, composting or using fewer toxic products.

View contest rules and application instructions at www.metro-region.org. For more information for elementary schools, call Freda Sherburne at (503) 797-1522 or send e-mail to sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us. For more information for middle and high schools, call Amy Wilson at (503) 797-1521 or send e-mail to wilsona@metro.dst.or.us.

About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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