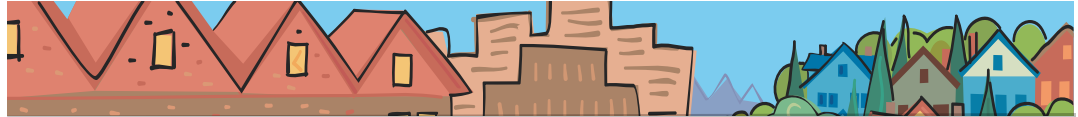


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METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 NEWS



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Portland.



Calling all educators: Let's give students a chance for a "New Look" at their own future

Metro is in the process of refining and updating our plan for life in this region in 2040, thirty-four years from now. The adults of 2040 are in school and college right now. Since it is their future we are discussing, I want to make sure they are a part of our conversations about it.

To reach them, I am calling on their teachers, at all levels, to help me think about how we can make their students real participants in that discussion. It could take the form of imaginative stories about that future, artwork illustrating what they want in their neighborhood of the future or field trips to places that illustrate the choices for our region. For high school and college students, there could be opportunities for research, policy debates and community outreach.

In addition to teachers, the region has many other creative people and organizations who might like to be partners with particular teachers or schools in this project.

If you would like to help, let me know by e-mailing me at libertyr@metro.dst.or.us. In the reference line enter "New Look Student Participation Project."

— *Robert Liberty*

Metro Council Awards \$560,000 in Nature in Neighborhood grants

The Metro Council awarded grants to 27 local organizations for 32 projects to protect fish and wildlife throughout the region. Funding is from a two-year, \$1 million program for nature-friendly projects, and is part of Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods initiative.

"Our region is a great place to live in part because of the nature that surrounds us," said Metro Councilor Robert Liberty. "Now Metro has a dynamic new set of partners in schools, community groups and nonprofit organizations that are making the idea of nature in neighborhoods into a reality."

Projects chosen for funding link citizens to their watershed through education and active restoration, and focus on neighborhood- and larger-scale, multi-partner projects. Because larger grants required matching funds, the \$560,000 in Metro funding leverages a total of \$3.1 million in local projects.

Grants awarded in Council District 6 include:

Rebecca Howe, private citizen - \$ 4,950
Corbett Neighborhood Restoration Project in Southwest Portland

Portland Parks and Recreation - \$20,318
Fanno Basin Community Stewardship Project in Southwest Portland

Portland Public Schools (three grants)
1. Atkinson Elementary School - Wildlife Habitat and Watershed Stewardship Project - \$5,000

2. Grout Elementary School - Partnerships to Build Lifelong Stewards - \$3,878

3. Wilson High School/Hayhurst Elementary School - Growing a Knowledge Base for Watershed Restoration in SW Portland - \$10,573

Ed Kerns, private citizen - \$17,325
Lents Springwater Habitat Restoration Project (Springwater Corridor clean-up and

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Nature in Neighborhoods grants

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restoration, SE 99th St. to SE 103rd Ave.)

Johnson Creek Watershed Council (two projects combined) - \$16,000

Johnson Creek Watershed Council Community Outreach Brochure and Watershed Signage

David Douglas School District – Ventura Park Elementary - \$25,000

Spreading the Green Word: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Restore (projects to take place in Ventura Park School, Fir Ridge Campus, Midland Park and Johnson Creek)

Portland State University - \$25,000

Restoring Johnson Creek Watershed Through Learning Gardens in Schools and Neighborhoods

Friends of Trees - \$43,000

Two projects, throughout Multnomah County and the Willamette Watershed

Youth Tree Corps - \$18,000

Natural Area Restoration Program Capacity Building - \$25,000

WolfTree, Inc. - \$5,000

Kelly Butte Ecological Diversity Project - Kelly Butte Natural Resource Area - SE 103rd Dr.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association - \$5,000

Sunnyside Green Guide, with Sunnyside Environmental School

A full list of region-wide grants can be found at www.metro-region.org/nature.

Volunteer with Robert at Brookside Natural Area on June 3

Metro Councilor Robert Liberty invites you to join him in volunteering with the Friends of Trees on Saturday morning, June 3 at SE 110th Drive and Brookside Drive on Johnson Creek in Portland (just south of Foster Road). The event lasts from 9 a.m. to noon; Robert will be working until 11 a.m. Volunteers will do maintenance to protect newly planted trees, including cutting back reed canary grass, mulching, watering and weeding. Tools, gloves and guidance will be provided. Sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeves are recommended. No need to preregister, unless you have a group of 10 or more. For meeting directions, visit www.friendsoftrees.org and click on “upcoming events” or call (503) 282-8846 ext. 12.

Public comment sought on eastside transit alternatives

Should the streetcar line be extended from downtown Portland to the eastside of the Willamette River? Where should that line run? Would bus service be a better alternative?

These are the questions tackled by the Eastside Project Advisory Committee, which is studying potential transit alternatives for improving circulation among the Eastside, Lloyd, Pearl, Downtown and South Waterfront districts. The committee, made up of community members and business leaders, will take public comments and develop recommendations that will go forward for additional public comment, review and further economic and environmental analysis.

Project partners include Metro, the city of Portland, TriMet, Portland Streetcar Inc. and Multnomah County.

The public is invited to offer its opinions in June in the following ways:

- Visit www.metro-region.org/transportation and select transportation projects to learn more
- Send comments via e-mail to trans@metro.dst.or.us
- Send written comments to Eastside Transit Alternatives Analysis, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232
- Record a comment on Metro’s transportation hotline at (503) 797-1900, option 2
- Check city and county calendars for local jurisdiction adoption meeting schedules and plan to attend.

For more information, call Metro Transportation Planning at (503) 797-1756, fax (503) 797-1930 or send e-mail to trans@metro.dst.or.us. The hearing impaired can call TDD (503) 797-1804.

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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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