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Beaverton, Durham,
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Help shape the nature of your neighborhood

The Metro Council is working to implement the natural areas bond measure that voters of the region passed last November, and we need your help. The \$227.4 million bond measure identified 27 regional target areas and general goals for water quality and habitat protection. The target areas were selected for their natural resource values and restoration potential.

Now the Metro Council and staff are working to gather more information and public input to develop specific objectives and adopt detailed acquisition plans for each target area. This process is called “refinement” and involves stakeholders and residents across the region. The strategies will help protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat and provide opportunities for future public use of these lands. The plans will strive to incorporate both outright purchase and the use of conservation easements. As with the previous Metro bond measure, we will purchase lands only from willing sellers.

During April and May, staff is meeting with targeted groups and individuals with expertise and special knowledge of the regional target areas. Research, including biological assessments, fish and plant surveys and study of local planning information, is also being conducted.

In June, Metro Councilors will host public open houses throughout the region to hear from citizens about what they think the priorities should be for protection in each target area. You can view maps, see proposed plans and fill out a questionnaire about objectives, priorities, trade-offs and acquisition strategies. People who do not attend the public meetings can participate in a “virtual open house” by completing the questionnaire online. (See related article for more open house information.)

I hope that you will take the time to share your opinions with the Metro Council as part of this refinement process. We will use your input in shaping the acquisition plans that we will adopt late this summer. Those plans will direct the spending of millions of taxpayer dollars to protect acres of natural areas and miles of stream frontage that will leave a legacy for generations to come. I think it’s worth your time. I look forward to seeing you at the open house on June 14 in Beaverton and hearing your ideas. And if you cannot attend, you can complete the online questionnaire from the comfort of your own home.

— Carl Hosticka

Metro to host open house meetings on natural areas

In June, residents of the region are invited to attend any of eight open houses and a virtual open house to learn more about the specific areas Metro plans to purchase with funds from its 2006 natural areas bond measure (see message above). Councilors and Metro staff will review plans and seek

input. At press time, these meetings are planned, but may be subject to change. To confirm meeting information and see a full list of meetings during which the 27 target areas will be discussed, visit www.metro-region.org/naturalareas. The virtual open house will debut on Metro’s website June 12. At that time citizens can find additional information, view maps and take online surveys about each of the target areas.

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Natural areas open houses

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6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 14, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Nature Park
15655 SW Millikan Blvd., Beaverton

Host: Metro Councilor Carl Hosticka

Regional target areas featured:

- Cooper Mountain
- Tualatin River Greenway
- Lower Tualatin Headwaters
- Tonquin Geologic Area and Trail
- Fanno Creek Linkages and Trail
- Westside Trail

6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 18, Athey Creek Middle School

2900 SW Borland Rd., West Linn

Host: Metro Councilor Brian Newman

Regional target areas featured:

- Tryon Creek Linkages and Trail
- Stafford Basin
- Willamette Narrows and Canemah Bluff
- Abernethy and Newell Creeks

6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, Forest Grove Community Auditorium

1915 Main St., Forest Grove

Hosts: Metro Councilors Kathryn

Harrington and Rod Park

Regional target areas featured:

- Killin Wetland
- Dairy and McKay Creeks Confluence
- Gales Creek
- Chehalem Ridgeway to Refuge
- Wapato Lake
- Council Creek

Metro purchases 93 acres in Washington County to protect water quality

In April, the Metro Council purchased a 93-acre parcel near the confluence of Dairy and McKay creeks in Washington County as part of the natural areas, parks and streams bond measure that voters approved in November. Located west of Hillsboro and east of Cornelius, this purchase provides opportunities to protect water quality, restore a wetland system and provide a natural buffer between the two communities.

The property features almost one mile of creek frontage, a significant floodplain and waterfowl habitat. The acquisition resulted after the owner approached Metro and

offered the property for sale. Although the land will continue to be farmed, in the future, the riparian areas could be restored and the floodplain could be used for flood storage, contributing to overall improvement in water quality.

Oregon Zoo hosts fun, family-oriented events in May

Spring has sprung, and it's time to get outside to enjoy some of the fun events at our Oregon Zoo. Enjoy a brunch on Mother's Day, a day-long event called Celebrating Wildflowers, Bear Fair and even a visit from Spider-Man!

Treat mom to the Zoo's Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 13 at the Cascade Crest Banquet Center. The event is so popular that we recommend reservations. Call (503) 525-4299 to reserve a spot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you've already got plans for Mother's Day, then consider visiting the zoo on Saturday, May 12, when Marvel Comic's Spider-Man swings by for autographs and photos to help kick off the zoo's summer of Backyard Habitat activities. One of those activities is "Celebrating Wildflowers," which takes place on the same day. Learn how plants in your own backyard are beneficial for animals, and help the zoo plant some habitat for all of the birds, insects, squirrels and other animals that live there. Both events are free with zoo admission.

At Bear Fair on Saturday, May 19, everyone is invited to bring their teddy bear or other stuffed buddies to visit the zoo's bear exhibits and activity stations. Activities include a repair-a-bear vet station, games, storytelling and a teddy bear picnic. Free with zoo admission.

For more information on these and other events, call the zoo at (503) 226-1561.

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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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