

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION NO. 01-3096  
ROCK CREEK GREENWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PURSUANT TO THE IGA BETWEEN METRO AND THE City of Hillsboro  
CITY OF HILLSBORO Introduced by Mike Burton  
Executive Officer

WHEREAS, in July 1992 the Metro Council adopted by Resolution No. 92-1637 the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan which identified a desired system of natural areas interconnected with greenways and trails; and

WHEREAS, the Rock Creek Greenway was identified as regionally significant in the Greenspaces Master Plan and chosen as a target area for regional acquisition through the 1995 Open Spaces Parks and Streams bond measure; and

WHEREAS, in May 1997 Metro entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Hillsboro (see attached Exhibit A) for management of Metro-acquired properties within the Rock Creek Greenway Target Area; and

WHEREAS, the IGA requires that Hillsboro prepare a resource management plan that sets forth management, maintenance and operation guidelines for Rock Creek Greenway Target Area properties acquired by Metro; and

WHEREAS, the IGA required that Metro staff participate in development of the plan; and

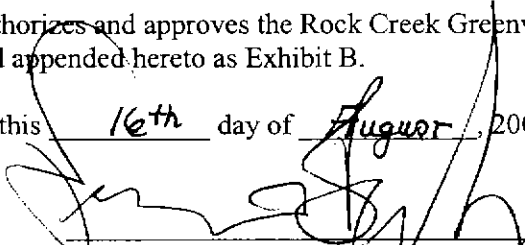
WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the recommended Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan and concluded that it meets all requirements of the IGA and the Greenspaces Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee (RPAGAC) has reviewed and recommends that Metro Council approve the Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan, pursuant to the IGA between Metro and the City of Hillsboro; now, therefore

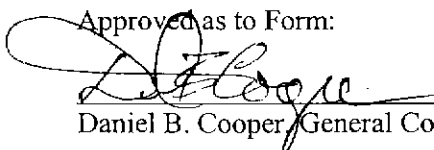
BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council hereby authorizes and approves the Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan recommendations as presented and appended hereto as Exhibit B.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001.

  
David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:

  
Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel



" EXHIBIT A "

(MPI) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Rock Creek Greenway Target Area

This Intergovernmental Agreement ("Agreement") dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997, is by and between Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the state of Oregon and the 1992 Metro Charter, located at 600 Northeast Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97232-2736 ("Metro"), and the City of Hillsboro, located at 123 W. Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123 ("the City").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Metro Open Spaces, Parks and Streams 1995 Ballot Measure 26-26 ("Metro Open Spaces Measure"), Metro will be acquiring properties within the Rock Creek Greenway Target Area ("the Properties"), located along Rock Creek, in the City of Hillsboro, Oregon;

WHEREAS, the Properties are within the Rock Creek Target Area identified pursuant to the Metro Open Spaces Measure, and is also identified as regionally significant open space and natural area in the Metro Greenspaces Master Plan;

WHEREAS, Metro and the City wish to preserve the Properties as open space in accordance with the Metro Open Spaces Measure and the Metro Greenspaces Master Plan;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 1997 the City Council authorized the City to enter into this Agreement and to manage, operate and maintain the Properties in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Metro and the City wish to enter into this Agreement to provide for the responsibilities and obligations of the parties with respect to the acquisition, allowable uses, management, maintenance, and operation of the Properties;

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

**A. Acquisition**

1. Metro anticipates purchasing the Properties with Metro Open Spaces Measure bond proceeds. These acquisitions will be maintained as provided for herein.
2. Metro has executed an agreement to purchase property in the Rock Creek Target Area for the Nofziger property, more particularly described in Exhibit A-1. Upon execution of this Agreement and the close of escrow for the Nofziger property, the City shall manage, maintain and operate the Nofziger property under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
3. If Metro executes agreements to purchase additional properties within the Rock Creek Target Area which Metro would like the City to manage under the terms of this Agreement, Metro shall notify the City in writing in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B ("Notice of Acquisition"). The City shall notify Metro if the City does not wish to accept management responsibilities for this property in accordance with this Agreement, using the City's best efforts to make this notification prior to the closing date for the acquisition. Any property for which the City notifies Metro that it does not wish to accept management responsibilities shall not be part of the Properties subject to this Agreement.
4. Attached hereto are Notices of Acquisition for the following properties, more particularly described in the attached legal descriptions: Courtney (Ex. A-2); Sneddon (Ex. A-3); and Holscher (Ex. A-4). These properties are currently set to close on or around April 2, 1997. The City shall use its best efforts to notify Metro prior to that date if the City does not wish to accept management responsibilities for those properties.

**B. Management, Maintenance, and Operation**

1. The long-term management guidelines for the Properties will be set forth in a Resource Management Plan ("Management Plan") for the Properties. This Agreement shall set forth the interim protection guidelines for the Properties prior to adoption of the Management Plan, and shall also set forth the use limitations for the Properties which must be carried forth and reflected in the Management Plan.
2. Metro and the City agree that, as of the close of escrow for the purchase of any property that is subject to this Agreement, the City shall be responsible for the ongoing management, maintenance, and operation of the Properties, both during the interim period and after adoption of the Management Plan.
3. The term of the City's management, maintenance, and operation responsibilities for the Properties shall be determined by the Management Plan, but in no event shall the term be less than ten (10) years from the effective date of this Agreement, renewable by mutual written agreement for additional ten (10) year periods.

4. Metro grants to the City, its agents and contractors, the right to enter the Properties for the purpose of performing all activities reasonably necessary for the management, maintenance and operation of the Properties and for the fulfillment of their duties under this Agreement and pursuant to the Management Plan.

**C. Interim Protection Guidelines**

1. Prior to the adoption of a Management Plan for the Properties, the Properties shall be managed, maintained and operated by the City in accordance and in a manner consistent with this Agreement, the Metro Greenspaces Master Plan, and the City's Comprehensive Plan, ("the Plans"). In case of conflict among Plans, the Plan affording the highest level of resource protection shall govern.
2. The Properties shall at all times be managed, maintained, operated, and protected in accordance with its intended use as a natural area open space, with the primary goals being protection of the Properties' natural resources, enhancement and protection of wildlife habitat, and public recreation consistent with the foregoing.
3. In accordance with the Metro Greenspaces Master Plan, formal public use of the Properties and site development on the Properties shall not begin until a Management Plan for the Properties has been adopted.
4. Prior to the adoption of a Management Plan for the Properties, in the interim period, at the City's discretion, the Properties may be used informally by the public for passive recreation, habitat enhancement, pedestrian activity, and/or nonmotorized bicycle use. All uses of the Properties in the interim period shall be consistent with this Agreement and with the Plans, and shall not preclude any uses that could later be allowed in the Management Plan.
5. Prior to the adoption of the Management Plan for the Properties, in the interim period the City shall not allow or permit any alteration of any water, timber, mineral, or other resource on the Properties, except for the control of exotic or pest plant species or as necessary to prevent Properties degradation or for security or public safety concerns.
6. Prior to adoption of the Management Plan and thereafter, the City shall maintain security of the Properties, and shall provide additional fencing, gates, signage, and other measures as the City may deem necessary to increase safety on the Properties, and to deter improper public use of the Properties prior to adoption of the Management Plan. During the interim period the City shall control access to the Properties, and shall respond to neighborhood or citizen complaints regarding improper use or noise on the Properties.

**D. Resource Management Plan for the Properties**

1. The City shall develop a Resource Management Plan ("Management Plan") for the Properties. The Management Plan shall set forth the acceptable management, operation, maintenance, types and levels of programmed and public use, and trail and improvement

standards for the Properties. The City shall manage the Properties in accordance with the standards and guidelines developed in the Management Plan.

2. The Management Plan shall ensure that the Properties are managed, maintained and operated in accordance with the Metro Greenspaces Master Plan and with this Agreement, and that all trails and improvements on the Properties comply with the Greenspaces Master Plan and with this Agreement. The Management Plan shall also ensure that the Properties are maintained as a natural area open space, with the primary goals being protection of the Properties' natural resources, enhancement and protection of wildlife habitat, and public recreation consistent with the foregoing. As part of the process of developing the Management Plan, the City shall take an inventory of the resources on the Properties.
3. Metro shall designate at least one staff member to participate in the Management Plan process for the Properties. In addition to any other approvals required by the City, the Management Plan shall be subject to approval by the Metro Council prior to its implementation, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be based on consistency with this Agreement and with the Greenspaces Master Plan.

**E. Permits, Assessments, Coordination with Other Public Agencies**

1. As stated in the Greenspaces Master Plan, by accepting management responsibility for the Properties the City agrees to be responsible for funding the operation and maintenance of the Properties with the City's own resources. The City's management responsibility shall include responsibility for all taxes or assessments for the Properties, including the anticipated future assessment for the extension of Alcock Road and widening of Old Cornell Road. Any obligation of the City to expend funds under this Agreement is subject to appropriation of those funds by the City Council.
2. Prior to adoption of the Management Plan and thereafter, the City shall be responsible for obtaining any permits necessary for management, maintenance or operation of the Properties.
3. Any permits granted by the City to users of the Properties shall comply with the terms and limitations set forth in this Agreement and in the Management Plan for the Properties.
4. The City shall be responsible for contacting and coordinating with other local or state agencies regarding any and all management, maintenance or operation issues that may arise with respect to the Properties.

**F. General Provisions**

1. Indemnification. The City, to the maximum extent permitted by law and subject to the Oregon Tort Claims Act, ORS Chapter 30, shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Metro, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liabilities, damages, claims, demands, judgments, losses, costs, expenses, fines, suits, and actions, whether arising in tort, contract, or by operation of any statute, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and

expenses at trial and on appeal, relating to or resulting from any claim based on any act or occurrence arising from the negligent or unlawful management, maintenance or operation of the Properties, including but not limited to construction of trails or in relation to any other improvement on the Properties.

2. Oregon Constitution and Tax Exempt Bond Covenants. The source of funds for the acquisition of these Properties is from the sale of voter-approved general obligation bonds that are to be paid from ad valorem Properties taxes exempt from the limitations of Article XI, section 11(b), 11(c), 11(d), 11(e), and 11(g) of the Oregon Constitution, and the interest paid by Metro to bond holders is currently exempt from federal and Oregon income taxes. The City covenants that it will take no actions that would cause Metro to be unable to maintain the current status of the real Properties taxes as exempt from Oregon's constitutional limitations or the income tax exempt status of the bond interest. In the event the City breaches this covenant, Metro shall be entitled to whatever remedies are available to either cure the default or to compensate Metro for any loss it may suffer as a result thereof.
3. Signage. The City shall provide on-site signage informing the public that the City is managing the site. Metro will provide on-site signage stating that funding for the acquisition came from Metro Open Spaces Measure bond proceeds. The City shall also document in any publication, media presentation or other presentations, that funding for the acquisition came from Metro Open Spaces Measure bond proceeds. On-site signage that provides recognition of Metro funding shall be subject to prior review and comment by Metro. All signage will be consistent with Metro guidelines for Open Spaces Projects.
4. Joint Termination for Convenience. Metro and the City may by mutual agreement terminate all or part of this Agreement based upon a determination that such action is in the public interest.
5. Documents are Public Properties. All records, reports, data, documents, systems and concepts, whether in the form of writings, figures, graphs, or models which are prepared or developed in connection with the acquisition, management, maintenance or operation of the Properties shall become public Properties. Nothing in this section or in any other part of this Agreement shall be construed as limiting Metro's or the City's ability to consider real Properties transactions in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(e) or as requiring disclosure of records that are otherwise exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to 192.505) or Public Meetings Law (ORS 192.610 to 192.690).
6. Law of Oregon. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the state of Oregon, and the parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the state of Oregon. All applicable provisions of ORS chapters 187 and 279, and all other terms and conditions necessary to be inserted into public contracts in the state of Oregon, are hereby incorporated as if such provisions were a part of this Agreement including but not limited to ORS 279.015 to 279.320.

- 7. Assignment. The City may not assign any of its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement without prior written consent from Metro, except the City may delegate or subcontract for performance of any of its responsibilities under this Agreement.
- 8. Notices. All notices or other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be personally delivered (including by means of professional messenger service) or sent by fax and regular mail.

To Metro: Metro  
 Charles Ciecko  
 Director, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces  
 600 N.E. Grand Avenue  
 Portland, OR 97232-2736

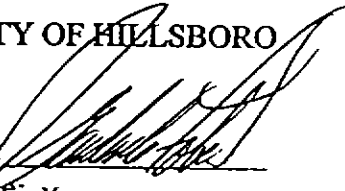
To City: City of Hillsboro  
 Parks and Recreation Department  
 636 S.E. Ninth Ave.  
 Hillsboro, OR 97123  
 Attention: Scott Talbot

- 9. Severability. If any covenant or provision in this Agreement shall be adjudged void, such adjudication shall not affect the validity, obligation, or performance of any other covenant or provision which in itself is valid, if such remainder would then continue to conform with the terms and requirements of applicable law and the intent of this Agreement.
- 10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral or written agreements or representations relating to the matters set forth in this Agreement. No waiver, consent, modification or change of terms of this Agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties.

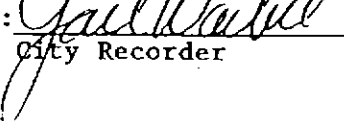
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands on the day and year set forth above.

CITY OF HILLSBORO

METRO

By:   
 Title: Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:   
 City Recorder

EX A-1  
Nofziger

 TICOR TITLE INSURANCE

Report No. W647419-RH

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A tract of land in the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26 and Northeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 1 North, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Washington and State of Oregon, described as follows:

Beginning at the North line of the Isaac Butler Donation Land Claim in Section 26, Township 1 North, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, at a point South  $79^{\circ} 11'$  East 20.67 chains from the Northwest corner of the East one-half of the Isaac Butler Donation Land Claim said point being the Northeast corner of that certain tract conveyed to Peter Nelson and William Nelson by Deed recorded June 28, 1890 in Book 28 page 290, Deed Records; thence South along the East line of the aforesaid Nelson tract 22.67 chains to the Southeast corner of the Nelson tract; thence East along the South line of a tract of land described in Deed to Robert Imbrie, recorded October 20, 1890 in Book 29 page 199, Deed Records, a distance of 701 feet to the Southwest corner of that certain tract of land described in Deed to John W. Baker, recorded February 24, 1912 in Book 93 page 538, Deed Records; thence North  $0^{\circ} 13'$  West along the West line of the aforesaid Baker tract 1369 feet to the North line of the Isaac Butler Donation Land Claim; thence North  $79^{\circ} 11'$  West along the North line of said Claim to the point of beginning;

EXCEPTING THEREFROM those certain tracts of land described in Deeds to Charles Nofziger, et ux, recorded November 20, 1958 in Book 411 page 681, to Philip Eichler, et ux, recorded April 15, 1965 in Book 548 page 640, to Charles Nofziger, et ux, recorded October 27, 1965 in Book 574 page 698 and to Kamal Hawash, et ux, recorded November 29, 1965 in Book 579 page 114, Deed Records.



EXHIBIT A-2

Courtney

Beginning at a point on the South line of the Elam Young DLC No. 38, in Sections 3 and 4, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Willamette Meridian, Washington County, Oregon, South  $89^{\circ}58'$  West 730 feet from the Southeast corner of that tract conveyed to Charles W. Sinclair and wife by deed book 281, page 666; thence South  $89^{\circ}58'$  West on the South line of said Elam Young Claim, 200 feet; thence North  $0^{\circ}2'$  West parallel with the East line of said Sinclair tract to the North line thereof in the center of Rock Creek; thence Easterly in the center of Rock Creek 200 feet, more or less, to the Northwest corner of that tract described in contract to William Sedig and wife by deed book 514, page 1; thence South  $0^{\circ}2'$  East on the West line of said Sedig Tract to the place of beginning.

EXHIBIT A - 3

Sneddon

A tract of land in the Elam Young DLC No. 38 in Sections 3 and 4, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Willamette Meridian, Washington County, Oregon:

Beginning at a point on the South line of the Elam Young DLC No. 38; South  $89^{\circ}58'$  West 930 feet from the Southeast corner of that tract conveyed to Charles W. Sinclair, et ux, by deed book 281, page 666; thence South  $89^{\circ}58'$  West 200 feet; thence North  $0^{\circ}2'$  West parallel with the East line of said Sinclair tract 435.6 feet to the true point of beginning; thence North  $89^{\circ}58'$  East 200 feet to the West line of the tract described in contract to Linvel R. Hatton, et ux, recorded in book V, page 421, miscellaneous records; thence North  $0^{\circ}2'$  West on the West line of said Hatton tract to the center of Rock Creek; thence Westerly and Southerly in the center of Rock Creek to a point which is North  $0^{\circ}2'$  West from the true point of beginning; thence South  $0^{\circ}2'$  East to the true point of beginning.

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Ex A-~~2~~  
Holster

Order No. 06-60323-28

Exhibit "A"

Amended

**EXHIBIT "ONE"**

A portion of Lot 20, Brookwood, in the City of Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, described as follows:

Beginning at a iron pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 14, Brookwood; thence North  $89^{\circ}58'$  East along the South line of said Lot 14, 859.1 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot 20, being the true point of beginning; thence following along the Westerly line of Lot 20 as follows: South  $30^{\circ}45'$  West 97 feet, South  $1^{\circ}36'$  East 120.8 feet, South  $20^{\circ}50'$  East 102.7 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 15 of said subdivision; thence continuing on the West line of Lot 20, South  $20^{\circ}50'$  East 185 feet; thence South  $2^{\circ}34'$  East 77.1 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 16 of said subdivision; thence South  $2^{\circ}34'$  East 226.5 feet; thence South  $3^{\circ}40'$  East 28.5 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 17 of said Subdivision; thence continuing on said Westerly and Southerly lines of Lot 20, South  $33^{\circ}40'$  East 84.0 feet; thence North  $85^{\circ}48'$  East 158.4 feet; thence South  $79^{\circ}59'$  East 84.0 feet; thence East leaving the Southerly line of said Lot 20, 21.4 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 20; thence North  $0^{\circ}35'$  West on said East line, 826.9 feet to the most Easterly Northeast corner of said Lot 20; thence following the Northerly line and the Westerly line of Lot 20 as follows: North  $42^{\circ}43'$  West 174.4 feet; thence North  $73^{\circ}45'$  West 100 feet; thence South  $65^{\circ}53'$  West 158.1 feet; thence South  $30^{\circ}45'$  West, 40 feet, more or less, to the true point of beginning.

**EXHIBIT B**

Notice of Acquisition

\_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_

City of Hillsboro  
Parks and Recreation Department  
626 SE Ninth Avenue  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Re: Acquisition of Property along Rock Creek

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Metro and The City of Hillsboro dated \_\_\_\_\_, 1997, this shall serve as notice of acquisition of the following property along the Rock Creek Greenway:

[Property Address], in the City of Hillsboro, County of Washington and State of Oregon, being more particularly described in Exhibit I attached hereto.

Pursuant to Paragraph A of the Rock Creek Greenway Intergovernmental Agreement executed on \_\_\_\_\_, this property shall be managed pursuant to the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Metro

**"EXHIBIT B"**

City of Hillsboro Department of Parks and Recreation

**ROCK CREEK GREENSPACES MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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## ROCK CREEK GREENSPACES MANAGEMENT PLAN

### 1.0 Introduction

The Rock Creek Greenspaces park site is a key piece along the strand of publicly owned parks and open spaces in the Upper Rock Creek corridor in Hillsboro, Oregon. Figure 1 depicts the regional setting. The 21-acre site spans a continuum of environments including aquatic, wetland, riparian, moist upland, and upland. Almost half of the site is within the Rock Creek 100-year floodplain with associated scrub-shrub and emergent wetlands and deciduous floodplain forest. There is also a healthy stand of second-growth mixed riparian forest with good vegetative structure and composition along the east and west banks, and a distinct terrace on the west side including a mowed pasture. Prior to acquisition as a park site, the land was used for light farming and pasturage. Figure 2 shows the existing site conditions.

Metro's Greenspaces Master Plan (1992) identified the Rock Creek corridor as a high value natural area where land acquisitions could improve habitat values and provide access to residents of the region. The Rock Creek Greenway Refinement Plan was developed by Metro in 1996 to target specific acquisition areas and identify partnership objectives along this riparian network. Metro purchased the Rock Creek Greenspaces Park property in 1997 and subsequently entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Hillsboro to manage the site.

The City of Hillsboro Department of Parks and Recreation has developed the Master Plan for this park to provide for passive and resource-based recreational use of the site in accordance with the terms of the intergovernmental agreement with Metro. The Management Plan links site development with the Rock Creek Greenway Refinement Plan. The Rock Creek Greenway Refinement Plan states the long-term vision for the Rock Creek Greenway as follows:

*Protect/ enhance continuous floodplain and riparian corridor of Rock Creek from the headwater areas in Forest Park to the mouth at the Tualatin River for multiple values:*

- *Wildlife Habitat*
- *Community Identity*
- *"Access to Nature" in a Rapidly Developing Area*
- *Linear Connection with Larger Parks and Natural Areas such as Forest Park and Jackson Bottom*
- *Water Quality/ Water Quantity Management*
- *Education and Stewardship Opportunities*

The Master Plan for the Rock Creek Greenspaces park site reinforces and builds upon this long-term vision. This Management Plan establishes a set of goals and objectives for key park management issues that identify a wide spectrum of management actions. Collectively, the goals and objectives encompass the vision for natural resources management for the site and surrounding areas. Existing site conditions are described with specific attention to appropriate enhancement opportunities and potential management issues related to increasing site accessibility.

Rock Creek Greenspaces  
Management Plan

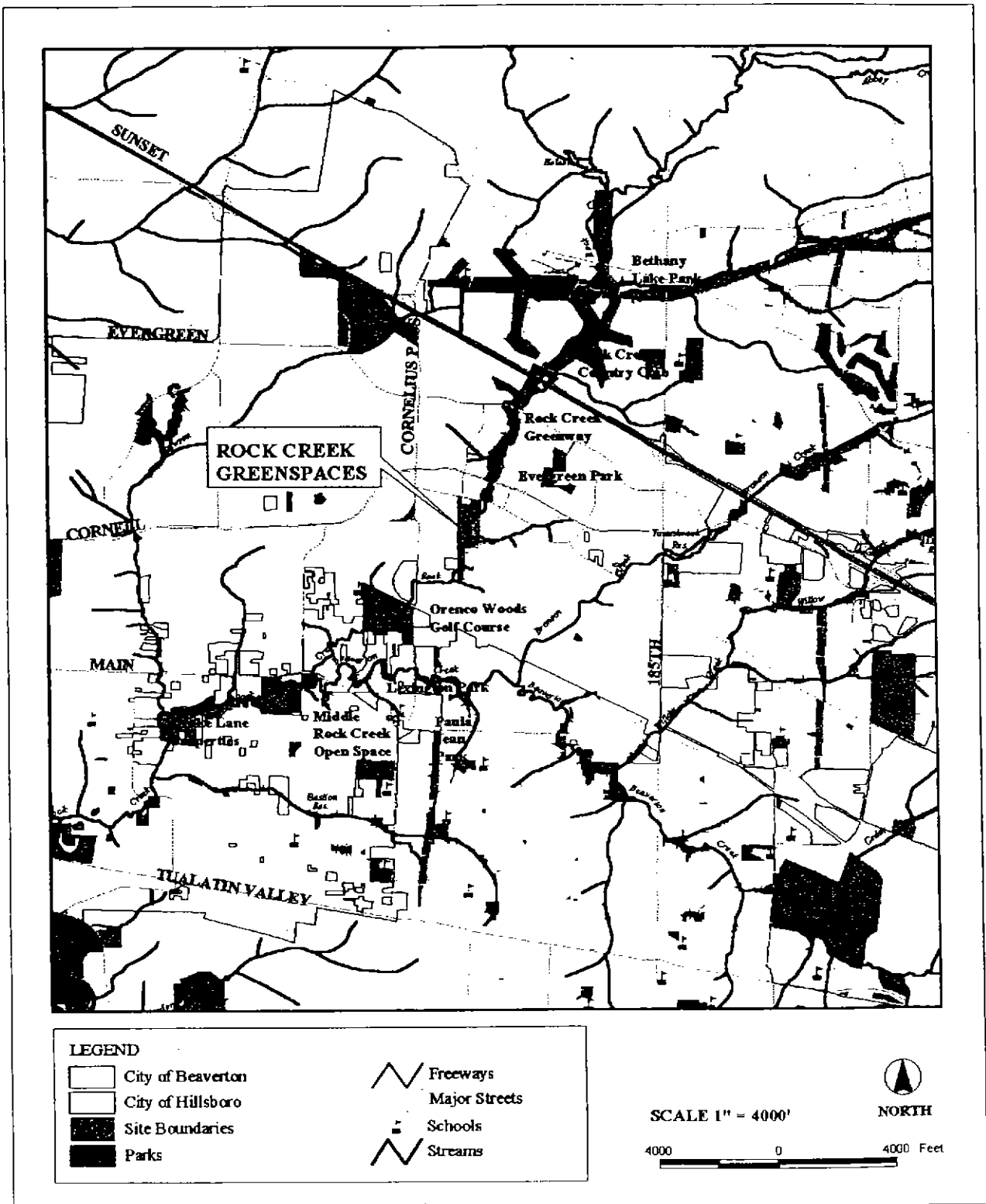


Figure 1. Vicinity Map

Rock Creek Greenspaces  
Management Plan



Figure 2. Site Map



## 2.0 Current Site Conditions

### 2.1 Surrounding Land Use and Built Environment

The park is bounded by industrial, commercial, and residential areas. The park site is zoned R-7 Single Family Residential on the east side of Rock Creek, and City M-P Industrial Park on the west. Amberwood Drive defines the north edge of the site, and it is a secondary street serving a mixture of commercial, industrial, and residential neighbors. It has been partially upgraded along the site with a new bridge and sidewalks. AmberGlen Business Park, to the east of where Rock Creek enters the site, is scheduled to begin construction in 2001. The City owns property to the south that abuts the Windstone residential development where the trail system will connect to the south. Rock Creek Greenway to the north is currently being planned for enhancement in partnership with Clean Water Services (CWS – formerly the Unified Sewerage Agency (USA)). Cornelius Pass Business Park and Robinson Construction occupy the west edge of the site. Alcock Drive is planned for extension from the west to meet Amberwood Drive in the next 5 to 10 years, and the City will share the anticipated right-of-way requirements for that extension.

Clean Water Services (CWS) has a major sewer line running down the Rock Creek corridor.

The 206<sup>th</sup> and Quatama light rail station on the Westside Light Rail Transit (LRT) line is located to the south of the site with existing and planned intensive development planned with a ¼ mile radius of the LRT station. A high density urban center with approximately 5000 residents is northeast of the site and a new library will be constructed in the next several years. Nearby Evergreen Park is currently being developed to provide neighborhood park services to this rapidly growing area.

### 2.2 Hydrology

Rock Creek and its tributary are relatively high functioning aquatic environments. Watersheds 2000 data from CWS will depict current conditions. Large Woody Debris (LWD) is present contributing to pool formation. Rock Creek has a well developed floodplain. The slope from the west terrace to the riparian area is quite steep along a portion of Rock Creek. Groundwater discharge zones at the toe of this slope may contribute to instability. The floodplain terrace has two subtle swales that drain the upland terrace.

Site wetlands include emergent and scrub-shrub classes. Cattail wetlands are found where the slope from the terrace meets the floodplain indicating groundwater discharge. Willows, red-osier dogwood, and ninebark are found in the shrub layer throughout the site. An Oregon ash-slough sedge forested wetland covers the vicinity of the confluence of the unnamed tributary with Rock Creek.

### 2.3 Vegetation

The site contains a range of plant communities responding to topographic setting, prior site disturbance, and proximity to riparian and hydrologic discharge zones. The riparian area generally has good vegetative structure and diversity, with the exception of the fragmented band along the CWS sewer line easement. This band and some nearby upstream reaches have limited shade trees, which contributes to water quality impairment. The floodplain areas contain a combination of closed and scattered canopy coniferous and mixed second growth forest. Tree canopy coverage on site totals approximately 7.5 acres. The terrace contains predominantly non-native pasture grasses. Noxious weeds occur throughout the site.

## Rock Creek Greenspaces Management Plan

Dominant trees include Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*), red alder (*Alnus rubra*), black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera* var. *trichocarpa*), Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*), bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), grand fir (*Abies grandis*), and western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*). Mature specimens of Pacific yew (*Taxus brevifolia*) and Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) are also present. Typical riparian shrubs include red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*), oceanspray (*Holodiscus discolor*), Douglas spiraea (*Spiraea douglasii*), clustered rose (*Rosa pisocarpa*), ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*), mock orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*), vine maple (*Acer circinatum*) willows (*Salix* sp.) and western hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta*). Floodplain understory species include rushes (*Juncus* sp.), sedges (*Carex* sp.), and grasses. The upland understory is dense with western swordfern (*Polystichum munitum*). Additional groundlayer species include star-flowered false Solomon's seal (*Smilacina stellata*), fringe cups (*Tellima grandiflora*), and buttercup (*Ranunculus* sp.).

Noxious weeds reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus discolor*) exist throughout the site, especially in areas denuded of vegetation when the sewer line was built in the late 1980s. Himalayan blackberry is also found in upland areas and other disturbed areas.

Restoration planting projects in the riparian area (funded by Metro and USFWS grants) were implemented three years ago to combat these invasive non-native species and have been very successful. Plants are well established in the phase one areas. Phase two was implemented in 1999 and requires additional maintenance and attention in terms of watering and plant establishment. The plant materials used for these projects are included in Table 1.



Restoration Areas

Table 1.  
Plant Species in Restoration Areas

<b>Trees:</b>	<b>Restoration Phase 1</b>	<b>Restoration Phase 2</b>
<i>Abies grandis</i>	10	5
<i>Acer circinatum</i>	18	5
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	11	15
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	86	50
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	2	
<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>	7	
<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	50	40
<i>Malus fusca</i>	2	10
<i>Picea sitchensis</i>	20	3
<i>Populus balsamifera var. trichocarpa</i>	5	10
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>		15
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	105	15
<i>Quercus garryana</i>		3
<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	10	
<i>Salix lasiandra</i>	18	
<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	35	
<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	45	30
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	45	20
<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>		10
<b>Shrubs:</b>		
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	15	5
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	65	40
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	8	15
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>		10
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	87	20
<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	5	
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>		5
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	25	30
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	15	
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	5	5
<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	5	
<i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>		10
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>		5
<i>Sambucus cerulea</i>	7	
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	40	20
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	65	
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	60	25
<i>Vaccinium parviflorum</i>	3	20

## **2.4 Wildlife**




A biologist's evaluation of the Rock Creek Greenway conducted as part of the Rock Creek Greenway Refinement Plan in the vicinity of the site notes a high diversity of bird and mammal species using this reach of the creek for foraging, nesting, and travel. Snags provide habitat for cavity nesting birds. There is also evidence of beaver on site. Large woody debris and pools appear to provide some spawning habitat for salmonids. Channel bed and banks in this incised creek bed are typically silts and clays that are not suitable for salmonid spawning.



**Large woody debris (LWD)  
contributing to pool formation**



Table 2 - Management Guidelines for Typical Vegetation Communities

Vegetation Community	Typical Dominant Species			Current and Desired Future Successional Stage	Problems and Issues	Recommended Management Focus
	Trees	Shrubs	Herbs			
<b>UPLAND CONIFEROUS FOREST</b> 	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Douglas fir) <i>Thuja plicata</i> (western red cedar) <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> (western hemlock) <i>Abies grandis</i> (grand fir) <i>Taxus brevifolia</i> (Pacific yew)	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> (snowberry) <i>Corylus cornuta californica</i> (western hazel) <i>Mahonia nervosa</i> (dull Oregon grape) <i>Acer circinatum</i> (vine maple) <i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i> (indian plum)	<i>Polystichum munitum</i> (western swordfern) <i>Hydrophyllum tentipes</i> (pacific waterleaf) <i>Tellima grandiflora</i> (fringe-cup) <i>Tolmeia menziesii</i> (piggy-back plant) <i>Oxalis oregana</i> (redwood sorrel)	<p>Current stage is second-growth with varying understory; in some areas understory is mowed and completely lacking</p> <p>Additional shade-tolerant conifers needed for succession (hemlock, western red cedar, grand fir)</p> <p>Presence of Pacific yew is significant</p> <p>Desired state is maturing forest, diverse understory herb and shrub layers, abundant dead/down wood, snags</p>	<p><i>Rubus discolor</i> (Himalayan blackberry) dominance of understory, along edges, and in openings</p> <p><i>Hedera helix</i> (English ivy), <i>Ilex sp.</i> (holly), and <i>Prunus sp.</i> (laurel) found occasionally along edges and some interior areas, will outcompete native understory if unmanaged</p> <p>Trampling of herbaceous understory</p> <p>Dense understory can be a security issue</p>	<p>Remove invasives using maintenance crews or volunteers or both; recognize that this is a long term project; replant with native shrubs using successful restoration areas as model; apply adaptive management techniques</p> <p>Plant shade-tolerant conifers where lacking</p> <p>Selected understory species and densities can be compatible with preserving security while preventing trail users from trampling vegetation—swordfern, snowberry, low Oregon grape, salal, scattered elderberry, Pacific dogwood</p>
<b>UPLAND MIXED FOREST</b> 	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Douglas fir) <i>Alnus rubra</i> (red alder) <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> (bigleaf maple)	<i>Corylus cornuta californica</i> (western hazel) <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> (snowberry) <i>Gaultheria shallon</i> (salal) <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> (Oregon grape) <i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i> (indian plum)	non-native grasses	<p>Current stage is second-growth with varying understory; in some areas understory is mowed and completely lacking</p> <p>Additional shade-tolerant conifers needed for succession (hemlock, western red cedar, grand fir)</p> <p>Desired state is maturing forest, diverse understory herb and shrub layers, abundant dead/down wood, snags</p>	<p>Early-mid succession weed control</p> <p><i>Rubus discolor</i> (Himalayan blackberry) dominance of understory, along edges, and in openings</p> <p><i>Hedera helix</i> (English ivy), <i>Ilex sp.</i> (holly), and <i>Prunus sp.</i> (laurel) found occasionally along edges and some interior areas, will outcompete native understory if unmanaged</p> <p>Trampling of herbaceous understory</p> <p>Dense understory can be a security issue</p>	<p>Remove invasives using maintenance crews or volunteers or both; recognize that this is a long term project; replant with native shrubs using successful restoration areas as model; apply adaptive management techniques</p> <p>Selected understory species and densities can be compatible with preserving security while preventing trail users from trampling vegetation—swordfern, snowberry, low Oregon grape, salal, scattered elderberry, Pacific dogwood</p>
<b>UPLAND DECIDUOUS FOREST</b> 	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i> (bigleaf maple) <i>Quercus garryana</i> (Oregon white oak) <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Douglas fir) <i>Abies grandis</i> (grand fir) <i>Pinus ponderosa</i> (Ponderosa pine)	<i>Corylus cornuta californica</i> (western hazel) <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> (snowberry) <i>Acer circinatum</i> (vine maple) <i>Holodiscus discolor</i> (oceanspray) <i>Rosa sp.</i> (rose)	<i>Polystichum munitum</i> (western swordfern) <i>Bromus vulgaris</i> (Columbia brome) <i>Fragaria chiloensis</i> (strawberry) <i>Adenocaulon bicolor</i> (pathfinder)	<p>Current stage is second-growth with varying understory</p> <p>Shade-tolerant conifers needed for succession (hemlock, western red cedar, grand fir) are often absent</p> <p>Desired state is mature forests, diverse understory herb and shrub layers, abundant dead/down wood, snags</p>	<p>Early succession weed control</p> <p><i>Rubus discolor</i> (Himalayan blackberry) dominance of understory, along edges, and in openings</p> <p><i>Hedera helix</i> (English ivy), <i>Ilex sp.</i> (holly), and <i>Prunus sp.</i> (laurel) found occasionally along edges and some interior areas, will outcompete native understory if unmanaged</p>	<p>Remove invasives using maintenance crews or volunteers or both; recognize that this is a long term project; replant with native shrubs using successful restoration areas as model; apply adaptive management techniques</p> <p>Plant shade-tolerant conifers where lacking</p>

### 3.0 Future Site Conditions

#### 3.1 Surrounding Land Use and Built Environment

Rapid growth has occurred in the area over the past five years. Given the site's proximity to the LRT station and the existing and planned development in the vicinity, it is likely that the park will attract many users. Public access to the park site will be high with the surrounding multi-family residential and office park development. The construction of a new library one block to the north of the site and the office park along the east boundary of the park will also bring additional pedestrian and automobile traffic to the area.

The park master plan emphasizes the long term vision for the Rock Creek Greenway with the intention to provide a system of open spaces that are linked by a trail system extending from Highway 26 to the LRT Station at 206<sup>th</sup> and Quatama and beyond. As a link in a network of connected parks and greenspaces, the park will not only serve the immediate neighborhood, but also recreational users from the metropolitan region.

#### 3.2 Hydrology

The Rock Creek Greenspaces Park is designed to minimize hydrologic impacts by minimizing the use of impervious surfaces. Boardwalks are proposed for sensitive floodplain and wetland areas to reduce wetland impacts, soil compaction, bank erosion, and impacts to riparian wetland plant communities.

Upstream enhancement projects along Rock Creek will help to mitigate stream impacts caused by urbanization in the basin. Revegetation and invasive species management efforts along the stream corridor in the areas north of the project site will provide increased shade over the stream and reduce upstream seed sources of weedy species.

#### 3.3 Vegetation

Preservation and enhancement of existing vegetation on the park site is a priority. The master plan was developed in a manner that maintains and increases native vegetation on site and identifies areas to be targeted for invasive species removal and management. Trails have been designed to avoid impacts to plant communities and will be adjusted in the field accordingly. Where possible, trails were sited in areas needing vegetation enhancement so that construction impacts to healthy existing vegetation could be minimized.

Revegetation will occur in the sensitive riparian zone in the south of the project site surrounding the confluence of a small unnamed tributary with Rock Creek. In this area, native trees and shrubs will be planted to provide a connected riparian forest along the creek. The goal is to replace the existing reed canarygrass with a re-established multi-layered canopy. Trails will be kept out of this area to reduce potential impacts.

Concerted efforts towards controlling and reducing reed canarygrass and Himalayan blackberry are an essential component of park vegetation management. Additional plantings in the restoration areas may be appropriate as young specimens mature and provide shade. The long term health and integrity of the park will require maintenance and monitoring of invasive species.

In the southern portion of the upland terrace, non-native pasture grasses will be revegetated with native grasses and wildflowers. This portion of the park will provide an open meadow-like area that is composed of typical upland meadow species and is less manicured than the open spaces in the northern portion of the terrace.

The planting design for Rock Creek Greenspaces Park will rely upon the use of native species throughout the park, with a selection of some ornamental species to be planted in the demonstration gardens and orchard. Plant species selection will be based upon consideration of several factors that include, but are not limited to:

- Wildlife habitat
- Vigor and plant survivability
- Cultural conditions (i.e. flood/ drought tolerance)
- Invasive species control
- Human access control
- Aesthetic values

Table 2 is a matrix of management guidelines for typical vegetation communities that provides a flexible guide for vegetation management in the park. Typical appropriate species, desired resource conditions, problems and issues, and management prescriptions are laid out based upon generalized vegetation communities.

### **3.4 Wildlife**

The preservation and enhancement of existing wildlife habitat is integral to the approach for vegetation management described above. The master plan offers a balance between maintaining wildlife functions and values and providing recreational opportunities to the community. Efforts towards education and stewardship regarding wildlife will reconcile potential conflicts and achieve multiple objectives for the park.

The more active areas of the park are concentrated in upland areas along the north edge of the site next to existing development and roadways. These areas are maintained to a higher degree, then transition to more natural areas of the park. Trail and access management is the primary issue related to wildlife. The boardwalk trail system creates a spectrum of benefits including minimization of wetland and riparian impacts, keeping people "on" the trail, and providing pedestrian access in the rainy season. Regular attention will be given to informal trails that may develop. Some sub-trail development may be permitted where appropriate and compatible with wildlife habitat considerations, but management techniques such as use of brush or fencing will close off unwanted trails.

In accordance with Hillsboro park regulations, dogs will be permitted on leash only. In order to preserve the function of wildlife connectivity, no fencing along park borders is anticipated at this time although it may be considered in the future if the need should arise. The park will be open during daylight hours; some evening uses may occur at the farmhouse / meeting center when it is refurbished. Aside from use of the future meeting facility, night-time use of the park will not be allowed. Park regulations will be posted at park entrances.



#### 4.0 Overview of Management Goals and Objectives

Broadly stated, the park master plan and management plan are intended to:

1. Provide for passive recreational activities in a natural resource setting and plan for, provide and manage public access to the park.
2. Recognize that the park is located in a densely populated, mixed use urban area. Natural resource functions and values are important features at the site and should be protected while accommodating appropriate levels of human activity.
3. Develop the park in a way that reflects a sense of local history and rural heritage in addition to the core natural resource values inherent in the site.
4. Seek to preserve and enhance areas of highest natural resource function and value and limit human activity in these areas. Park development should minimize adverse impacts to key resource areas.
5. Develop and utilize adaptive management and maintenance strategies to maintain and enhance natural resource values appropriate to the park's urban environmental setting.
6. Continue efforts to enhance, manage, restore and protect native plant communities to increase biodiversity at the site.
7. Continue to enhance, manage, protect and restore water resource areas at the site including wetlands, Rock Creek and its tributaries.
8. Encourage community awareness, involvement, education and stewardship with the park and its natural resource functions and values through use of interpretive signage, programs and activities at the park.

## 5.0 Management Plan Goals and Objectives

### 5.1 Access

*Plan for, provide and manage appropriate access to the park while protecting natural resources.*

- a. Plan, provide and manage appropriate access for public enjoyment of the park.
  - i. Provide trail systems and opportunities for appropriate passive recreational uses consistent with conserving ecological functions.
  - ii. Provide for full accessibility in developed park features.
  - iii. Use the Rock Creek Greenway Master Plan for guidance and develop connections indicated by the Rock Creek Greenway Refinement Plan.
- b. Plan, provide and manage appropriate maintenance access routes, where required, that minimize impacts to natural resources.
- 7 c. Define edges where necessary to protect park integrity.
- d. Utilize visual access as a way to provide for park security and utilize visual access (such as overlooks) as an alternative to direct access (such as trails) to sensitive natural resource areas.
- e. Minimize and mitigate natural resource impacts due to inappropriate recreational uses in a timely manner, such as closing off short-cut trails.
- f. Control access to Rock Creek and minimize impacts to riparian and wetland areas through use of well designed trail, boardwalk, and overlook areas.
- g. Utilize dense plantings, downed woody debris or other natural materials to screen views, limit access, and prevent off trail activities.

### 5.2 Development

*Minimize adverse impacts to the resources consistent with the level of appropriate use.*

- a. Implement development in a manner that avoids inconsistencies with habitat functions and values.
- b. Preserve scenic views.
- c. Preserve historic structures where consistent with proposed uses and viable economically.
- d. Minimize development within natural resource areas.
- e. Use signage, dense plantings or fencing as necessary to designate active, passive, and prohibited use areas based on the Master Plan.

### 5.3 Education and Community Involvement

*Educate the community and develop opportunities to encourage public awareness and involvement, especially stewardship by individuals and community groups.*

- a. Plan for neighborhood, community and watershed involvement.
  - i. Work with park neighbors including residential, commercial and industrial areas.
  - ii. Partner with agencies, private businesses, and non-profit organizations.
  - iii. Encourage community and youth participation and stewardship.
- b. Provide opportunity to educate the public with signage.
  - i. Utilize signage to communicate park boundaries, natural resources ~~issues~~, desired conditions, benefits and goals.
- c. Provide opportunities to educate people in understanding and respecting the value of native plant communities and native fauna and the problems associated with non-native species.

#### 5.4 Maintenance

*Utilize adaptive management strategies to maintain and enhance natural resource values appropriate to an urban environment. Minimize adverse impacts to natural resources.*

- a. Apply adaptive management strategies for multiple objectives.
- b. Use on-going inventory of natural resources to prioritize management and maintenance actions.
- c. Direct maintenance practices to promote native species and control invasive species.
- d. Monitor maintenance interventions to provide data for adaptive management.
- e. Encourage maintenance practices to improve habitat and to decrease operating costs over the long term.
- f. Consider and evaluate the aesthetic implications of a maintenance practice prior to implementation.

#### 5.5 Plant Community Management

*Provide habitat for diverse indigenous flora populations in cooperation with partner agencies.*

- a. Maintain, enhance, and rehabilitate native plant communities representative of historic plant communities, and foster successional paths consistent with basin urban hydrology and land use.
  - i. Focus planting efforts in disturbed floodplains and riparian areas.
    1. Implement additional native plantings and rehabilitation projects.
    2. Increase native canopy coverage of Rock Creek.
  - ii. Establish phasing plans for all planting projects to maximize plant survival and mimic succession.
- b. Reduce noxious weeds as an integral part of native plant community management.
- c. Encourage alternative vegetation management strategies where appropriate including integrated pest management (IPM) and adaptive vegetation management.
- d. Manage for natural biodiversity of plants and animals.
- e. Encourage use of vegetative buffers for safety, water quality, and providing transitions between different use areas.
  - i. Design, install and maintain native plantings to provide wildlife habitat, hydrologic function, aesthetic quality, and access control.

## 5.6 Water Resources Management

*Manage to maintain or improve the condition of water and wetlands.*

- a. Manage and develop the park to maintain or improve water quality and habitat.
  - i. Design and manage facilities to minimize stormwater runoff.
  - ii. Design and manage facilities to minimize erosion.
  - iii. Design and manage facilities to minimize introduction of deleterious substances into water bodies and adjacent areas.
- b. Improve shade coverage along Rock Creek and apply other site-appropriate means to enhance water quality.

## 5.7 Wildlife and Aquatic Species Management

*Provide habitat for diverse indigenous terrestrial and aquatic fauna populations in cooperation with partner agencies.*

- a. Protect, manage, and enhance natural resources to provide habitat for native wildlife.
- b. Actively manage the site as a corridor for wildlife habitat connectivity.
- c. Provide safe opportunities for people to view wildlife, but recognize that sharing space requires meeting needs of both by designating spaces.
- d. Comply with local, state and federal regulations (ESA, ODFW Sensitive Species, etc.) in wildlife and aquatic species BMPs and procedures.
- e. Implement Watershed Planning 2000 strategies and procedures with USA to protect aquatic species and rehabilitate and enhance aquatic habitat.



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# CITY OF HILLSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION



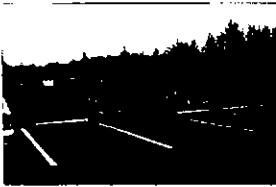
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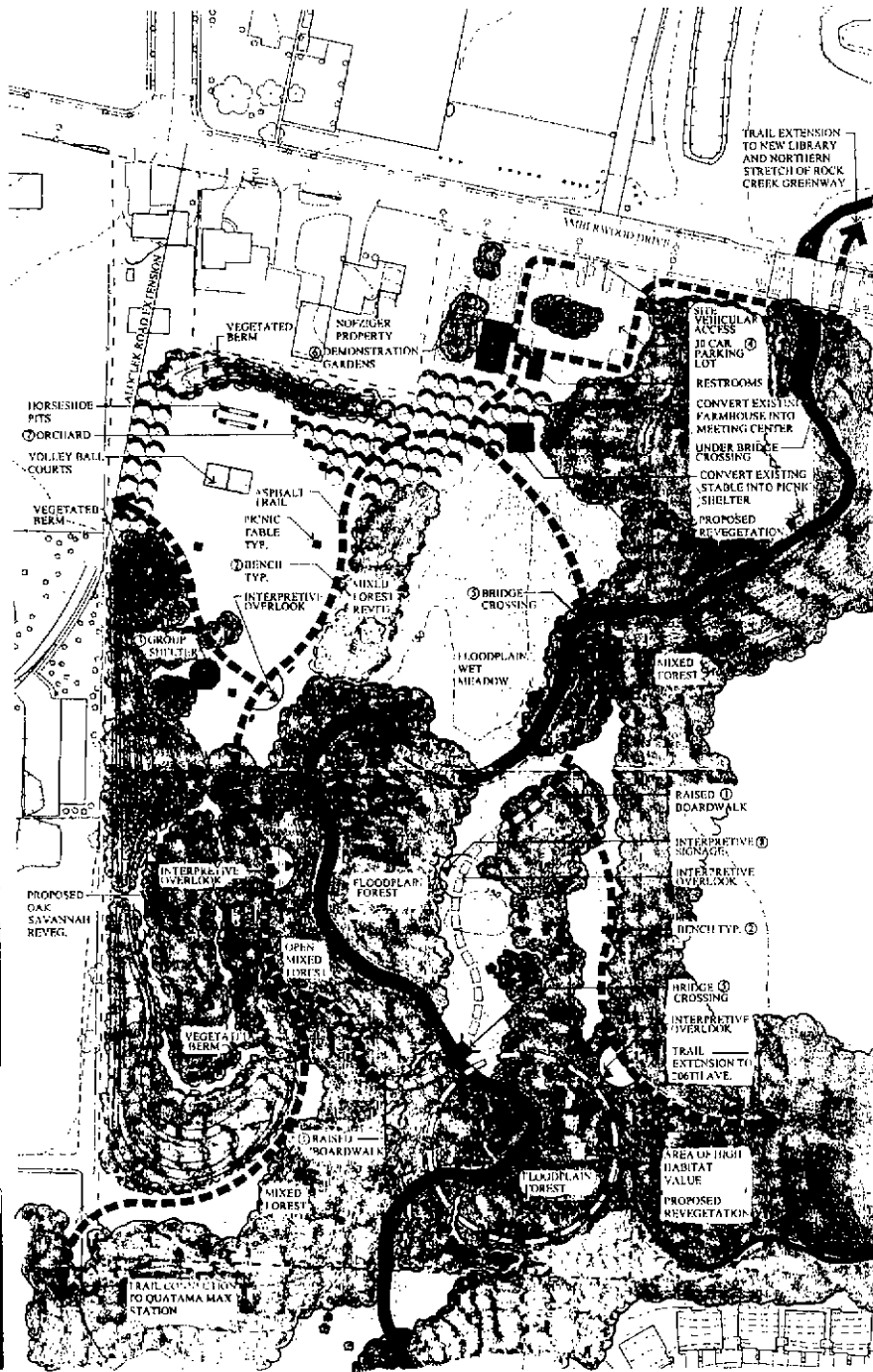
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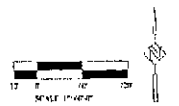
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**Staff Report**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-3096 FOR THE PURPOSE OF COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE ROCK CREEK GREENWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN, PURSUANT TO THE IGA BETWEEN METRO AND THE CITY OF HILLSBORO**

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**Date: July 26, 2001**

**Presented by:**

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**PROPOSED ACTION**

**Resolution No. 01-XXXX, requests Metro Council approval of the Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan Recommendations, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Intergovernmental Agreement (adopted May 1997 via Resolution No. 97-2492) between Metro and the City of Hillsboro regarding the “Nofziger” property.**

**EXISTING LAW**

Metro Code 2.04.026 (a) (2) requires that the Executive Officer obtain the authorization of the Metro Council prior to executing any agreement entered into pursuant to ORS chapter 190 by which Metro acquires or transfers any interest in real property, or transfers any function or duty to another governmental unit. The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) adopted by the Metro Council via Resolution 97-2492, was established between Metro and the City of Hillsboro regarding management of property owned by Metro in the Rock Creek Greenway Target Area. The IGA requires that long-term management guidelines for the Property be set forth in a Resource Management Plan (“Management Plan”). The IGA requires that the Management Plan ensure that the property is managed, maintained and operated in accordance with the Metro Greenspaces Master Plan. Section D of the IGA requires that the Management Plan “be subject to approval by the Metro Council prior to its implementation, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be based on consistency with the IGA and the Greenspaces Master Plan”.

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

In March of 1997 Metro entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hillsboro for management of several properties purchased by Metro within the Rock Creek Greenway. Section D. *Resource Management Plan for the Property* of the IGA requires that the City of Hillsboro develop a Resource Management Plan for any property subject to the IGA. The IGA requires that the City of Hillsboro’s Management Plan:

1. Set forth acceptable standards for trails and other improvements and for overall management, operation, and maintenance of the property
2. Identify appropriate types and levels of programmed and public uses
3. Ensure that the property is maintained as a natural open space area.

The IGA requires that the Management Plan “be subject to Metro Council approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be based on consistency with [the IGA] and the Greenspaces Master Plan.”

The City of Hillsboro began work on the Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan in 2001. The Management Plan focuses exclusively on the Nofziger property, a 21-acre site owned by Metro through the Open Spaces, Parks and Streams bond measure.

A professional planning consultant was retained to perform the planning work. The City of Hillsboro involved Metro staff from the beginning of the planning process to ensure that the Plan was consistent with the IGA. Hillsboro conducted a public involvement process that including public review draft of the Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan recommendations.

**FINDINGS**

Approval of Hillsboro’s Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan is recommended based upon the following:

- The Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan document sets forth an acceptable concept plan for trails, park amenities and for overall management, operation, and maintenance of the property governed by the IGA.
- Appropriate types and levels of programmed and public uses are identified in the Plan.
- The Plan’s mission statement, goals, program elements and proposed amenities ensure that the natural resources and wildlife habitat of the property subject to the IGA will be enhanced and protected if fully implemented.
- The Plan complies with the policies of the Greenspaces Master Plan and is consistent with the IGA.
- Metro’s Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee has reviewed and recommends that the Metro Council approve the Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan recommendations, pursuant to the IGA between Metro and Hillsboro.
- The Hillsboro City Council is scheduled to review and approve the Rock Creek Greenway Management Plan September 2001.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

The City of Hillsboro is responsible for funding the ongoing management, maintenance and operation (of the property included in the IGA) prior to and after adoption of the Management Plan, and therefore Metro will not have to fund management of the properties governed by the IGA or the Management Plan. According to the IGA, Hillsboro can notify Metro if it does not wish to accept management responsibility for future acquisitions in the Rock Creek Greenway Target Area. The IGA was originally approved for ten (10) years, renewable by written agreement for additional ten (10) year periods.

**OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

The Executive Officer recommends passage of Resolution No. 01-3096.