

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

AUTHORIZING THE NAMING OF THE SCHWEITZER
RESTORATION AREA ON JOHNSON CREEK

RESOLUTION NO. 08-3994

Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
Michael J. Jordan, with the
concurrence of Council President
David Bragdon

WHEREAS, Metro Area voters approved the Open Spaces, Parks and Streams Bond Measure (Ballot Measure 26-26) on May 16, 1995, which authorized Metro to issue \$135.6 million in general obligation bonds to finance land acquisition, to protect and enhance natural areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Metro's Open Spaces, Parks and Streams Bond Measure, the East Buttes and Boring Lava Domes were identified as a regional acquisition target area; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1998, Metro and the City of Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation ("the City") entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("Agreement") to purchase 15.7 acres ("the Property,") located on the Springwater Corridor Trail, east of SE 158th Avenue, at the confluence of Kelley Creek and Johnson Creek; and

WHEREAS, Metro and the City purchased the Property from Jeff Brownwood on September 22, 1999, and Metro holds a 71.2% ownership interest in the Property and the City holds a 28.8% ownership interest; and

WHEREAS, under the Agreement the City is responsible for managing the Property; and

WHEREAS, since the early 20th century, the fertile Johnson Creek floodplain supported family farms, which were an important part of Johnson Creek's rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Daniel and Dorothea Schweitzer and their children lived on the Property for over 50 years, raising dairy cows and cattle, growing strawberries for market, hunting in the area, and fishing for trout and salmon in Johnson Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement called for the City's Bureau of Environmental Services ("Environmental Services") to excavate and revegetate the Property to create a wetland environment, with associated water quality, fish and wildlife, and flood storage benefits; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Services, with financial support from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and Johnson Creek Watershed Council, completed a floodplain restoration project on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City has designed an interpretive sign in accordance with the Agreement with Metro to be placed on the Springwater Corridor Trail and this sign will provide trail users with information about the ways people have interacted with and altered Johnson Creek over the past century; and

WHEREAS, the sign will describe the Schweitzer family's history on the property and the floodplain restoration work completed by the City as examples of changes along Johnson Creek;

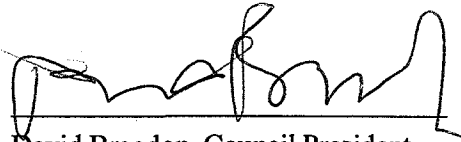
WHEREAS, neighbors of the Property have long called it the Schweitzer farm; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.16.020(f) provides that individual parts of facilities owned or operated by Metro "may be named after a person or persons . . . by adoption of a resolution by the Metro Council;" and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Schweitzer family's historical connection to the Property, the City has requested that the Property be named the "Schweitzer Restoration Area," in accord with the Metro Code provisions governing naming parts of Metro facilities; now therefore


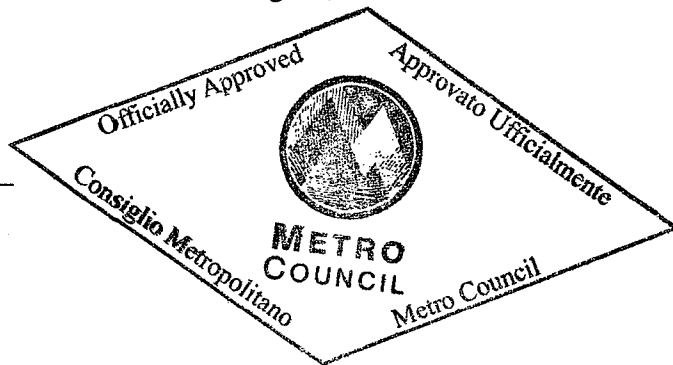
BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the Schweitzer family's history on the Property, the Metro Council approves the dedication and naming of the 16-acre Metro- and City of Portland-owned Property, identified in Exhibit A, as the "Schweitzer Restoration Area."

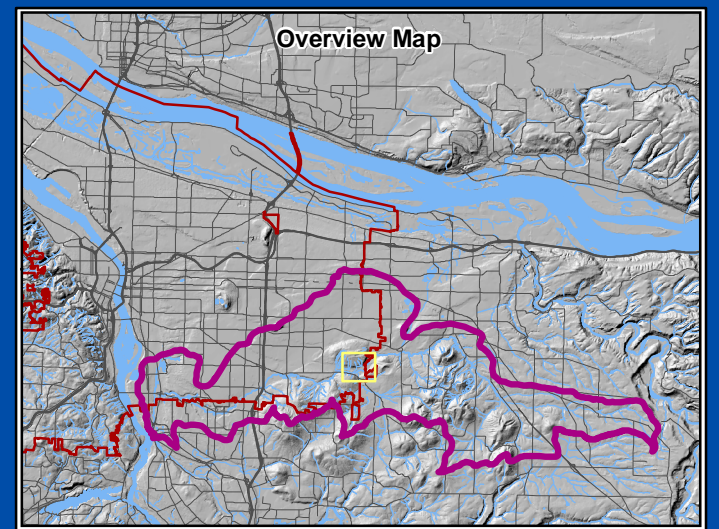
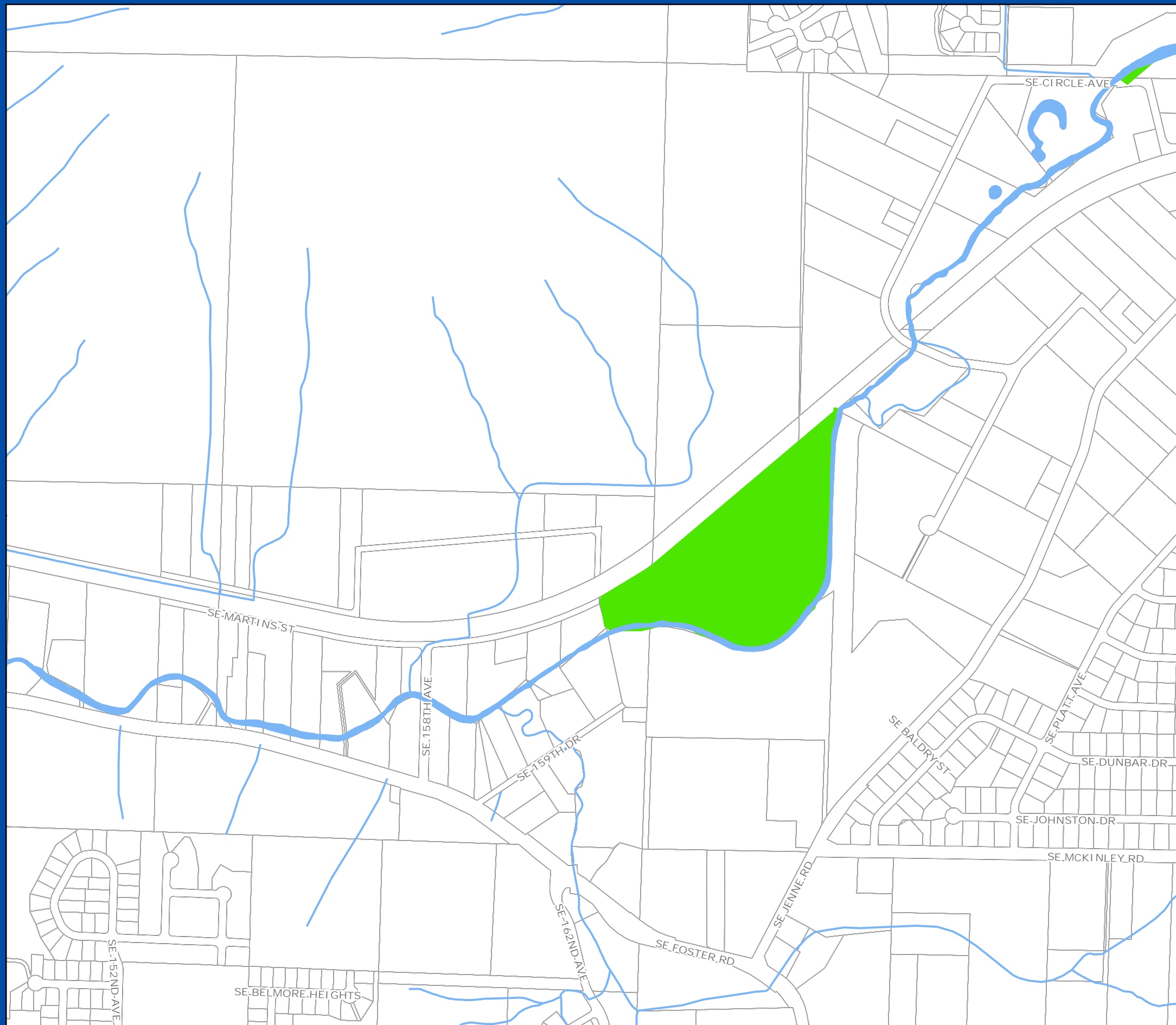
ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of October 2008.



David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



- Proposed Schweitzer Restoration Area
- Major Waterbodies

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1 inch equals 526 feet

**Johnson Creek Watershed
Willing Seller Acquisition Program
Powell Butte Target Area**



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STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-3994 AUTHORIZING THE NAMING OF THE SCHWEITZER RESTORATION AREA ON JOHNSON CREEK.

Date: October 9, 2008

Prepared by: Heather Nelson Kent

BACKGROUND

In 1999, Metro and the City of Portland jointly purchased 15.7 acres of open space located on the Springwater Corridor Trail, east of SE 158th Avenue, at the confluence of Kelley Creek and Johnson Creek, in the East Buttes and Boring Lava Domes target area. Metro used funds from the 1995 Open Spaces Bond Measure to purchase a 71.2 percent ownership in the property with the City of Portland owning the remaining 28.8 percent ownership interest. The joint purchase was implemented pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Metro and the City. The IGA called for the City of Portland to manage the property and to restore the flood plain of the property by excavating and replanting the area and creating a wetland environment for water quality, flood storage and wildlife habitat benefits. Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services recently completed this restoration project and the City would like to recognize the family that previously owned the property by naming the area in their honor and placing an interpretive sign on the site. The Schweitzer family lived on the property for more than 50 years and the sign describes their history and the historic and present day uses of the property and the changes along Johnson Creek over time.

Section 2.16.020 of the Metro Code sets forth the policy for the Council to approve the naming of facilities or parts of facilities owned or operated by Metro, such as this property which is part of Metro's acquisitions within the East Buttes and Boring Lava Domes Target Area.. The proposal to name this property, jointly owned by Metro and Portland, is consistent with Metro's policy.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition**

None.

2. **Legal Antecedents**

Metro Code Chapter 2.16 establishes Metro's policy for the naming of facilities owned or operated by Metro.

3. **Anticipated Effects**

The City of Portland will place a sign on the Springwater Corridor adjacent to the property describing the history of the Schweitzer family and changes in the Johnson Creek watershed over time.

4. **Budget Impacts**

None anticipated. The City will continue to manage and maintain the property under the existing agreement with Metro, including fabrication, installation and maintenance of the interpretive sign.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Chief Operating Officer recommends passage of Resolution No. 08-3994.