

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

AUTHORIZING METRO TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM THE OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO SIGN THE APPLICATION) RESOLUTION NO. 09-4049
) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Michael Jordan, with the concurrence of Council President David Bragdon

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Metro Sustainability Center desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and facilities improvements at Graham Oaks Nature Park in accordance with the "Wilsonville Tract Master Plan and Management Recommendations;" and

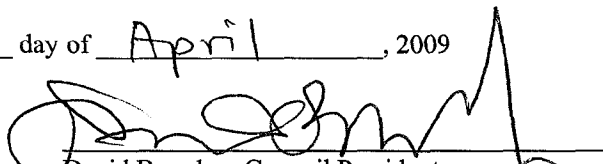
WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted and approved the Wilsonville Tract Master Plan and Management Recommendations on June 10, 2004 through Resolution No. 04-3462, "For the Purpose of Council Approval of the Wilsonville Tract Master Plan and Natural Resources Management Plan" and

WHEREAS, grant funds would be used to implement the Facility Development Plan which includes the following facilities: an entry gate and signage, a 27-space parking lot, flush restrooms, picnic shelter, entry plaza, site furnishings, a 2.5-mile trail system including foot bridges, and a boardwalk; and


WHEREAS, matching funds up to \$1,500,000 for this application are available and will be provided from the 2006 Natural Areas bond funds; now therefore

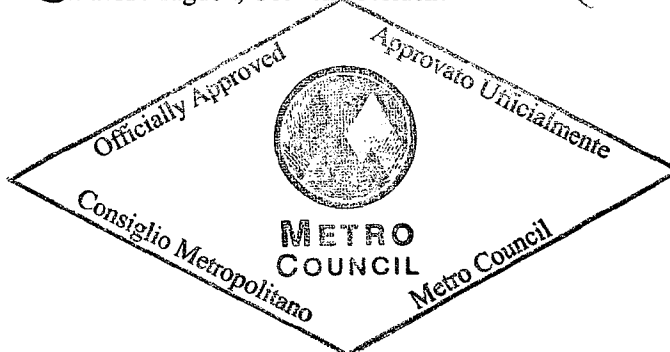
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council authorizes the application for a local government grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for implementation of the recreation facility improvements at Graham Oaks Nature Park and delegates authority to the Chief Operating Officer to sign the application.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 2nd day of April, 2009


David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4049 AUTHORIZING METRO TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM THE OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO SIGN THE APPLICATION

Date: April 2, 2009

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BACKGROUND

The Oregon Parks and Recreation budget includes a Local Government Grant Program that was approved by the 1999 legislature. The grant program was created by initiative petition filed on March 11, 1998 and approved by voters on November 3, 1998. The adopted administrative rules for the distribution of funds require approval by resolution from the elected officials of the governing bodies for all applicants. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission adopted administrative rules for the distribution of state lottery funds to eligible local governments, and the process for establishing the priority order in which projects are funded.

This money is to be distributed for public purposes of financing the protection, repair, operation and creation of state parks, ocean shore and public beach access areas, historic sites and recreation areas. Projects eligible for funding assistance are acquisition, development, and rehabilitation projects consistent with the outdoor recreation goals and objectives contained in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and/or recreation elements of local comprehensive plans and local park master plans.

The Wilsonville Tract (aka Graham Oaks) Master Plan & Management Recommendations document was approved and adopted by Metro Council on June 10, 2004 following an extensive public participation process. The goals of the master plan are to provide new facilities to support and enhance nature-based recreation and education opportunities consistent with resource protection goals of the natural area. Proposed improvements include the following facilities: an entry gate and signage, a 27-space parking lot, flush restrooms, picnic shelter, entry plaza, site furnishings, a 2.5-mile trail system including foot bridges, and a boardwalk.

In November 2006, the Metro Area voters approved the Natural Areas, Parks and Streams Bond Measure that authorized Metro to issue \$227.4 million in general obligation bonds to finance land acquisitions and specific park-related capital improvements, including the development of the Graham Oaks Nature Park, located in Clackamas County west of the city of Wilsonville.

Upon adoption of this Resolution, Metro Sustainability Center would apply for funds to assist with implementation of Facility Improvements for Graham Oaks Nature Park.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition: None.

2. Legal Antecedents:

OAR 736-006-0125(5) and (5)(k) require that applications “be consistent with the Local Government Grant Policies and Procedures Manual,” which manual requires in section 2.2(L) that the Metro Council approve, by resolution, Metro’s submission of an application for grant funding.

Resolution No. 04-3462, “For the Purpose of Council Approval of the Wilsonville Tract Master Plan and Natural Resources Management Plan” adopted June 10, 2004 .

Resolution No. 06-3672B, “For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection,” adopted March 9, 2006.

- 3. Anticipated Effects:** If Metro is awarded this grant, the funds will be used toward implementation of the Master Plan.
- 4. Budget Impacts:** The five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the current fiscal year and for the proposed FY 2009-10 budget includes development of the Graham Oaks Nature Park. The FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget, presented to Council on April 2, 2009, includes sufficient appropriation to build out and complete this capital development. External sources of funding for this project include \$260,000 from the City of Wilsonville and \$455,000 from this grant application to the State. Funding for the rest of the project will come from the Natural Areas bond and be used as grant match.
- 5. Outstanding Questions:** None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 09-4049.