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Meeting: Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee
Date: December 10, 2010
Time: 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

9:00	Welcome and introductions	Linda Craig
9:10	Work plan and subcommittee schedule	Linda Craig
9:20	Program updates and follow-up on information requested at last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Plan reports update• Communications initiative• Other program updates	Kathleen Brennan-Hunter
9:50	Financial briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing/overhead• Bond sale	Brian Kennedy
10:20	Conclusions, questions for follow-up and recommendations	Committee discussion
10:35	Break	
10:45	Stabilization update	Jonathan Soll Kate Holleran Laurie Wulf
11:45	Conclusions, questions for follow-up and recommendations	Committee discussion
Noon	Adjourn	

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Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee

December 10, 2010

Committee members in attendance: Dean Alterman, Drake Butsch, Michelle Cairo, Linda Craig (committee chair), Christine Dupres, John Esler, Rick Mishaga, Sean Narancich, Norman Penner, David Pollock, Kendra Smith

Committee members excused: Bridget Cooke, Dave Evans, Brad Fletcher, Kay Hutchinson, Sindy Maher, Walter McMonies, Andrew Nordby, Autumn Rudisel, Dietra Stivahtis, Cam Turner, Steve Yarosh

Metro: Council President Carlotta Collette, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Jim Desmond, Kate Holleran, Brian Kennedy, Heather Kent, Dan Moeller, Mary Rose Navarro, Laura Odom, Pam Peck, Jonathan Soll, Hope Whitney, Laurie Wulf

Welcome and introductions

Committee chair Linda Craig welcomed the committee and thanked them for coming.

Work plan and subcommittee schedule

Linda Craig discussed the committee's work plan and partial subcommittee list. She noted that the work plan is substantial and some items may be dropped. She distributed a letter from former Council President David Bragdon to the committee, in which he suggested several areas for committee focus. Linda asked committee members to let her know if they wished to be added to a subcommittee, and to contact Kathleen Brennan-Hunter to schedule subcommittee discussions. She asked that subcommittee reports be presented at the February and April committee meetings, so the June meeting can be devoted to the annual report. Dean Alterman volunteered for the unusual circumstances subcommittee. David Pollock requested that the subcommittee report on performance measures be moved to the April agenda.

Program updates and follow-up on information requested at last meeting

Follow up from last meeting

Autumn Rudisel requested a rollup report or graph showing acquisitions to date.

Kathleen distributed a "snapshot" report of the program's three main elements – natural areas and trails acquisition, local share and capital grants. She indicated the report will be updated and distributed at each meeting and added that the new database model will help to compile the data in the future.

Drake Butsch suggested expanding the closing memo distribution list to include some of Metro's regional partners.

Kathleen said a quarterly program report is distributed to the Metro Council and Oversight Committee members. This report summarizes acquisitions for the quarter, as well as reporting on other elements of the Natural Areas program. She added that the report is in the process of being updated to be more accessible and visually appealing. She believes these quarterly reports may be the right tool to provide sufficient information on the program's efforts to Metro's regional partners.

Kendra Smith requested a local share report showing progress by jurisdiction.

Kathleen distributed the local share program update, a new report indicating progress by jurisdiction. Discussion was held about various aspects of the program. The report will be updated prior to each committee meeting.

Program updates

Communications initiative

Kathleen distributed a memo introducing the It's Our Nature communications initiative. She reminded the committee that increased communication and transparency were recommended by both the Metro Auditor and by the Oversight Committee. Kathleen confirmed that the majority of the expenses will be incurred in the 2010/11 fiscal year and will come from bond funds. Linda asked the committee how they felt about using bond measure money for the communications initiative. Drake Butsch noted it was a lot of money that could be used for acquisition. John Esler said it promotes the program for the future. David Pollock would like to see some performance indicators and asked about the expected results and how they will be measured. Kathleen directed him to the memo's last paragraph, which discusses ways Metro will track the results of the initiative.

Acquisition

Kathleen reported that three trail easements in the Columbia Slough target area and one property in the Johnson Creek target area were acquired since the last meeting. She said that trail acquisitions are challenging and Metro has one negotiator exclusively dedicated to trail acquisition. She explained the Marston property exchange in the Johnson Creek target area, which was a very unusual transaction. Metro had previously acquired the Telford property, which included a home in good condition. The house was outside the riparian area, whereas the Marston property has very high habitat value. The transaction resulted in an upgrade of natural resource protection and Metro divested of a house that was not needed. Kathleen noted this was the first time Metro has entered into this sort of transaction.

The Metro Council approved an intergovernmental agreement between Metro, the North Clackamas Park and Recreation District and the City of Happy Valley on Dec. 9, 2010 for acquisition of a 70-acre Boy Scout property on Scouter Mountain in the East Buttes target area. Potential acquisitions are usually not discussed prior to closing, but a lot of interest was generated by the IGA so a news release will be distributed to the media.

Capital Grants program

Linda Craig requested a brief update on the capital grants program. Kathleen reported that the program has been operating on an annual cycle. Potential applicants contact grant coordinator Mary Rose Navarro, who helps them prepare a letter of interest. Metro staff reviews the LOI to ensure it fits the grant criteria. Mary Rose then either invites the applicant to submit an application or tells them their project is not a good fit. A new cycle has just started, and final applications are due the end of January. The Capital Grants Review Committee will meet in late February to review the applications and will make their recommendation to the Metro Council in March or April. Kathleen will give an update on the number and types of applications at the February meeting.

Financial briefing

Brian Kennedy reviewed the program's financial report. He noted that the 9.18% in administration costs to date reflect the slow rate of acquisition recently and once several pending acquisitions close that number will go down.

Staffing/overhead

Discussion was held at the Oct. 12, 2010 meeting about why staff costs are not included in administrative overhead. Brian said this system follows best practices; but for the bond, those expenses and staff time would not have been incurred. David Pollock said this explanation made sense to him, and Linda Craig suggested that Drake Butsch and Michele Cairo follow up in their subcommittee discussions so the committee can effectively report on the matter to voters.

Next bond sale

Brian reported that of the original \$122 million in bond funds issued in 2007, there is a balance of just under \$52 million left to spend. Metro is on track to spend \$22 million this year; there no need to

contemplate another bond sale until FY 2012/13. He suggested there may be two smaller issues rather than one large issue because Metro's capacity to spend the entire balance down within three years is slim. David Pollock asked about costs associated with bond issuance. Brian said it is a relatively small cost and would not factor into the issuance decision.

Interest rate is on the current bond.

Brian did not have this information at the meeting but will send an answer to the committee via email.

Conclusions, questions for follow-up and recommendations

John Esler asked Kathleen if she felt acquisition staff was working fast enough; tough times mean people need to sell property. Kathleen responded that although it is a good time to purchase some types of property, we are targeting specific properties due to their habitat value, not what traditional sellers are typically trying to sell. In some areas where we have been targeting an area for a long time, landowners may be more willing to sell now to free up cash. Negotiators are continuing to remind potential sellers of our interest. Jim Desmond said he believes the workload and program staff is fairly balanced and Metro's ability to deliver is equal to the demand. David Pollock asked if there was an increase in interest at year-end; Kathleen acknowledged that the negotiators are seeing a little bit of that this year. Dean Alterman asked if some of the communications initiative should be targeted at potential sellers. Kathleen said we do share information and use it to communicate with potential interested landowners.

Norman Penner asked about the status of the Tualatin River Greenway target area. Jim said several parcels were acquired as future access points along the river during the 1995 bond. A few access points have since been opened by other groups, and a master plan is now needed for the entire stretch of the river. While there are no immediate plans to develop a master plan, Tualatin Riverkeeper and the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge are strong partners with Metro in this area.

Stabilization update

Kathleen distributed a Portland Audubon newsletter article that discusses Metro's stabilization work at the Collins Sanctuary.

Jonathan Soll (science and stewardship manager), Kate Holleran (stabilization scientist) and Laurie Wulf (property manager) gave a presentation on Metro's stabilization process (see attached PowerPoint presentation).

Conclusions, questions for follow-up and recommendations

Discussion was held about estimating stabilization costs at the time of acquisition. Rick Mishaga said he was very impressed with the stabilization program. He reiterated that each property is site specific and it would be difficult to create a uniform estimate formula. There are a lot of vagaries in terms of restoration. A flood or a dry year will both affect restoration timelines.

Kendra suggested reviewing the two-year stabilization window to ensure it is enough time for revegetation and other restoration activities, especially on the larger sites. Linda Craig requested a copy of the legal memo that discusses the two-year time frame. Kathleen said she reviews all stabilization plans with Brian Kennedy to ensure compliance with IRS and bond issuance regulations.

Linda Craig asked Jonathan Soll to clarify his statement about not having sufficient staff to move as rapidly as he would like on some restoration projects. Does his statement mean that the stabilization program needs to be reviewed to determine if it is adequately staffed? Jonathan clarified that in terms of stabilization work staff is generally able to keep up with the rate of acquisitions and get the basic stabilization work done. Occasionally due to the way the seasons fall a short extension may be necessary. Kathleen added that when Metro acquired the Chehalem Ridge property the Metro Council approved a new natural resource technician, and a stabilization technician was hired in the spring.

Rick Mishaga asked if information about the stabilization process is being included in the communications initiative. Kathleen said videos about restoration goals and interviews with the scientists and technicians about the natural areas will be added to the website. In addition, Metro has led tours at several of the natural areas which have proven beneficial in informing the public about Metro's restoration processes.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be in early February. Marybeth Haliski will send a Doodle poll in early January with potential dates and times.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Minutes recorded by Marybeth Haliski.

Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee Work Plan

October 2010 - June 2011

October 2010	Progress by target area Overview of natural area program priorities for the year Finalize Oversight Committee Work Plan
Early December 2010	Program updates Communication plan Staffing and program overhead Bond sale sequence and cash management Stabilization overview
February 2011	Program updates Performance measures/database report Intertwine update Partners and future management
Late April 2011	Program updates Subcommittee reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of unusual circumstances clause• Updates from other subcommittees
June 2011	Program updates Wrap-up subcommittee work Outline annual committee report

Topics for Committee work suggested by Metro Council:

- Staffing and program overhead
- Progress by target area
- Use of the unusual circumstances clause
- Bond sale sequence and cash management

Other topics to be considered:

- Stabilization funds
- Partners and future management
- Relationship of bond measure program to Intertwine.
- Data base
- Communication plan

NOTE: Subcommittees may be needed for some of these topics; others can be considered by the full committee.

**Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee
Subcommittees for 2010 - 2011 Work Plan**

	Topic	Members	Report date
1	Staffing and program overhead	Drake Butsch, Michelle Cairo	tbd
2	Unusual circumstances clause	Autumn Rudisel, Cam Turner, Dean Alterman	April, 2011
3	Bond sale sequence and cash mgnt	Autumn Rudisel	tbd
4	Stabilization funds	Kendra Smith, Rick Mishaga	tbd
5	Performance measurement and database	David Pollock, Walt McMonies, Linda Craig	April, 2011



COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID BRAGDON

June 8, 2010

Linda Craig
Chair-designate
Natural Area Bond Oversight Committee
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Dear Linda,

Thank you again for agreeing to chair the oversight committee, whose attention is crucial to assuring that the business practices and acquisition methods being used by our staff meet the highest standards. The Metro Council welcomes your fresh set of eyes and your professional discipline as we seek to fulfill our fiduciary responsibility with this important land conservation measure.

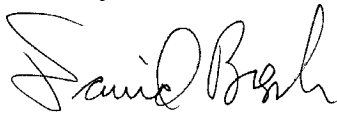
As always, the committee is authorized to ask any question or analyze any issue which the committee determine warrants investigation. More specifically, I respectfully suggest that the following areas are particularly ripe for examination prior to your next official report in March 2011:

- **Staffing and program overhead.** Two years ago the committee assessed our staff's workload in terms of number of transactions, landowner contacts made, grants administration and other activity levels, and concluded that the job descriptions and Full Time Equivalent (FTE) count of our staff was appropriate to the task, and that the proportion of expenditure on overhead relative to the expenditure on real estate was within anticipated range. Given the unusual conditions in the real estate market over the past two years, as well as the rampu-up in Nature in Neighborhood grants, it would be worthwhile to re-visit those findings. Question: given existing workload, do we have the appropriate level of staffing in terms of negotiators, legal support, grants administrators, etc., and are our payments for outsider appraisers, due diligence, environmental audits, etc. in line with what should be expected? Are our administrative expenditures an appropriate percentage of overall expense relative to land purchases and grants disbursed?
- **Progress by target area.** In 2006 the geographic target areas for this program were identified, with very rough qualitative and quantitative goals. In 2007 these goals were further honed in the "refinement" process and staff was given authorization to solicit transactions in very specific areas identified by parcel. Now, three years into the program, how is progress toward those goals, area by area? Are some lagging, and if so why? Are the goals still realistic? Are any mid-course corrections needed to place more or less emphasis on different geographic areas?

- Use of the “unusual circumstances” clause. As you know our staff is delegated authority to conclude transactions within certain parameters without case-by-case authorization by the Council. Outside those parameters they are required to declare “unusual circumstances” and bring the transaction to the Metro Council for discussion in executive session and authorization in a public televised meeting. Retrospectively looking at cases in which that procedure has been invoked, has the appropriate information been well-presented and weighed by the Council and has the Council deliberation taken the proper factors into consideration? Does this procedure make for better transactions? Does the frequency that we’re using this method seem appropriate?
- Bond sale sequence and cash management: as you know, Metro issued \$126 million in bonds in April 2007 and is using those funds to acquire land, disburse funds to local governments, and make grants under the Nature in Neighborhoods program, while paying debt service and principal through general obligation property tax revenues. We anticipate that we will still have \$50.6 million of those proceeds on hand at the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2010, which is temporarily invested in a variety of instruments. The ballot measure authorized us to issue a total of \$227.4 million in bonds. Your committee at its discretion might want to look at our rate of expenditure, liquidity requirements, cash flow needs, tax rate, investment practices and other factors which determine how these funds are handled and when the next tranche of bonds should be issued. While we have professional bond counsel advice us on these matters, your advice would also be helpful.

The above issues are intended to give you some indication of the Metro Council’s curiosity, but not to restrict you from looking at other issues which a majority of your committee may, at its discretion, choose to examine. I look forward to your next meeting and the development of a committee work plan, which will lead to an illuminating report on your next intended timeframe in the spring of 2011. Thank you again for your service and thank you again for the attention to detail which should keep our agency ever improving its performance.

Sincerely,

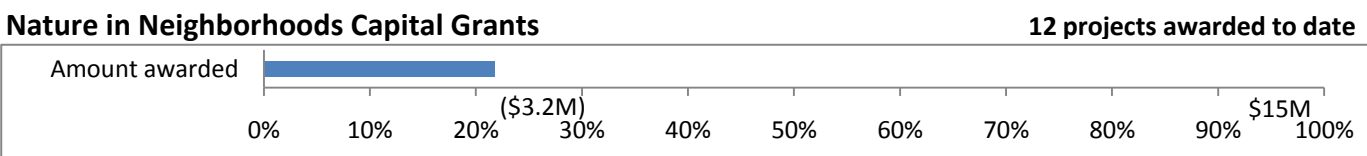
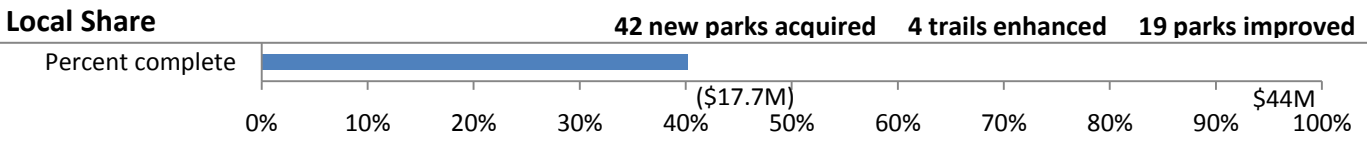
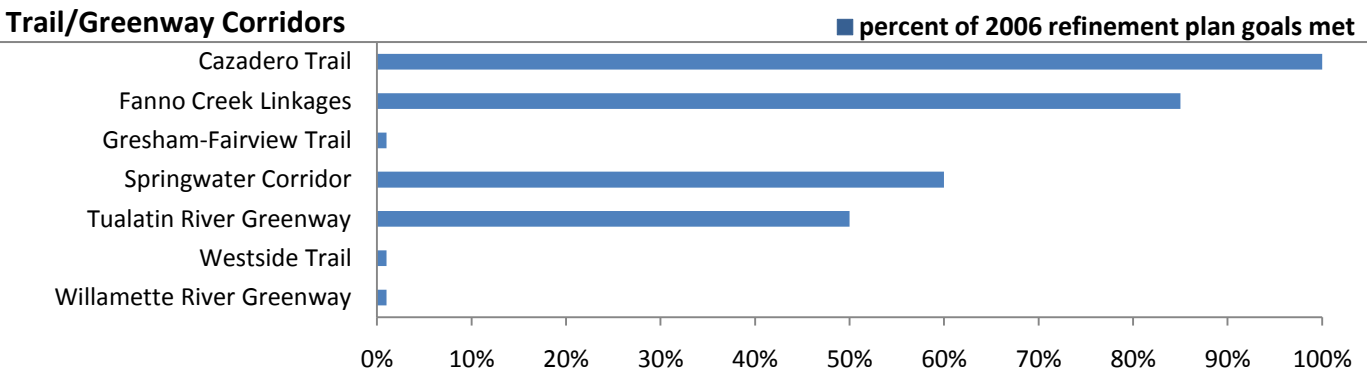
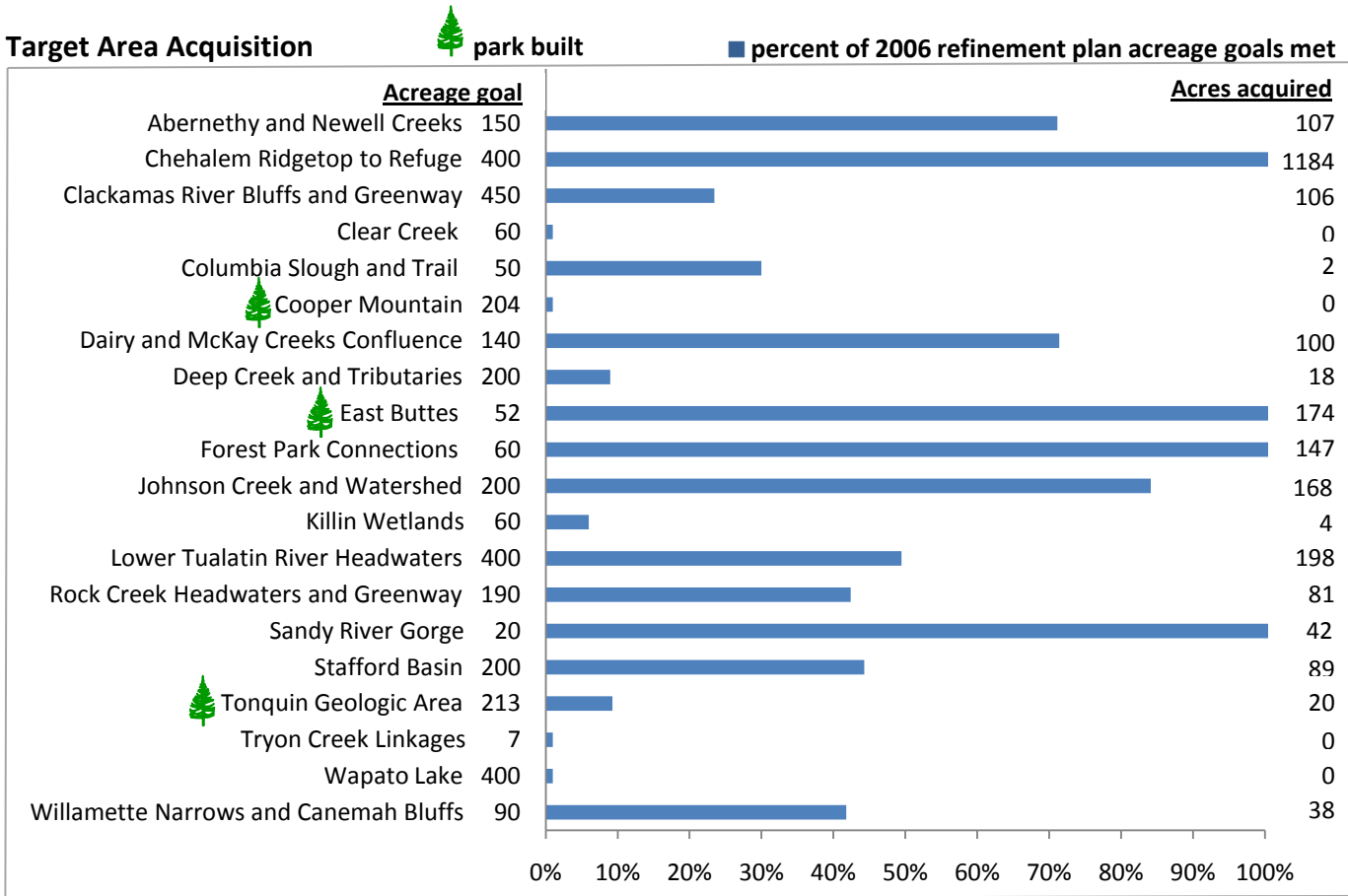


David Bragdon

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Jim Desmond

Natural Areas Program

December 10, 2010



2006 NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM LOCAL SHARE PROGRAM UPDATE

Total allocation: \$44,000,000
 Spent as of 11/15/2010: \$17,670,657
 Percent as of 11/15/2010: 40

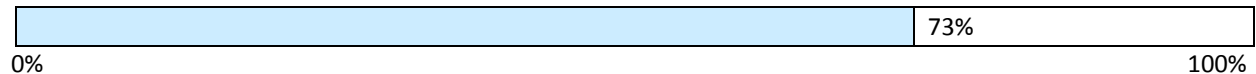
Results:

- 41 acquisitions; 161.52 acres
- Five additional contributions to regional acquisitions (two in Portland, two in Gresham and one in Happy Valley)
- Four trail projects (some are not complete yet)
- 19 parks improved

SUMMARY BY JURISDICTION

CITY OF BEAVERTON

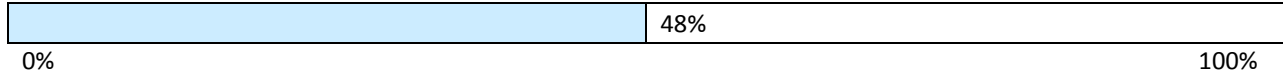
Acquisitions: 9.34 acres in 3 acquisitions
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$2,616,143
 Local Share Funds spent: \$1,921,929
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 73



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Beaverton Creek Trail Acquisition	\$500,000	0
Erickson Creek Acquisition and Enhancement	\$779,000	75
Willow Creek Acquisition	\$299,253	100
Southwest Beaverton Acquisition	\$500,000	100
Sexton Mountain Reservoir Enhancement	\$81,889	100
Beaverton Creek Stabilization/Revegetation	\$456,000	100

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

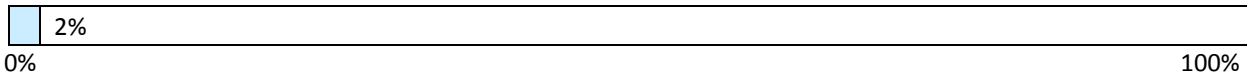
Acquisitions: 19.17 acres in 3 acquisitions
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$1,937,528
 Local Share Funds spent: \$927,830
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 48



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Barton Park West Campground	\$41,247	100
Barton Lake Development	\$75,000	100
Springwater Trail Improvements	\$644,528	10
Rosemont Trail Improvements	\$75,000	0
Billy Goat Island Access Acquisition	\$465,541	100
Boring Station Trailhead Park	\$346,210	15
Knights Bridge Property Acquisition	\$170,000	100
Madrone Wall	\$120,000	47

CITY OF CORNELIUS

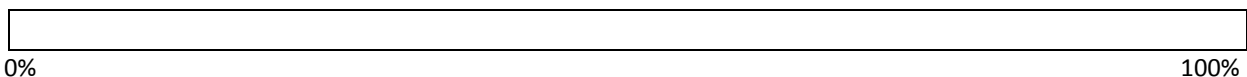
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$319,553
 Local Share Funds spent: \$7,350
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 2



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Steamboat Park Improvement	\$55,918	13
Arboretum Park Improvement	\$30,000	0
Natural Areas Acquisition	\$233,635	0

CITY OF DAMASCUS

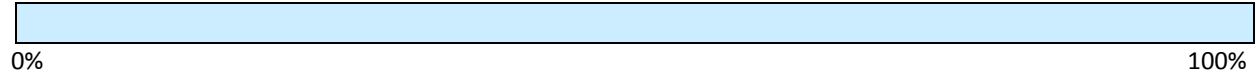
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$724,997
 Local Share Funds spent: \$0
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 0



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Land Acquisition	\$724,997	0

CITY OF DURHAM

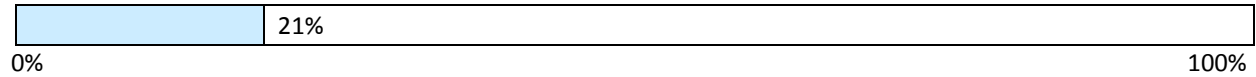
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$44,076
 Local Share Funds spent: \$43,900
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 99



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Trail Extension Durham City Park to Fanno Creek Trail	\$44,076	99

CITY OF FAIRVIEW

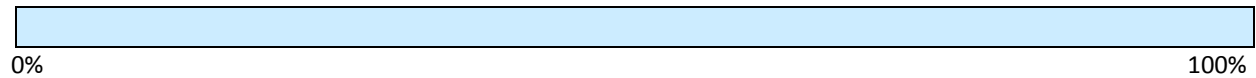
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$460,730
 Local Share Funds spent: \$98,660
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 21



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Fairview Woods Park Access Improvements	\$101,000	98
Salish Ponds Nature Park improvements	\$359,730	0

CITY OF FOREST GROVE

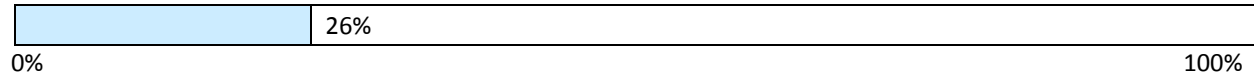
Acquisitions: 3.94 acres in 1 acquisition
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$604,474
 Local Share Funds spent: \$604,474
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 100



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Stites Nature Park Acquisition	\$604,474	100

CITY OF GLADSTONE

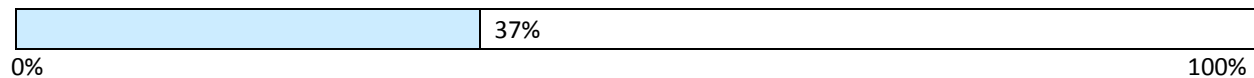
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$387,716
 Local Share Funds spent: \$100,449
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 26



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
To Be Determined	\$716	0
Improvements to parks along Willamette & Clackamas Rivers	\$292,000	27
Pathway Improvements on 10-acre property @ Oatfield & Webster	\$80,000	26
Landscaping along Abertnathy Lane path	\$15,000	0

CITY OF GRESHAM

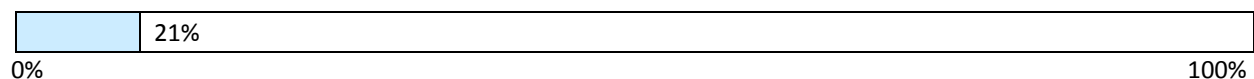
Acquisitions: 1.45 acres of trail easements
 Regional Acquisitions: Contributed to Darby Ridge and Telford
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$2,607,304
 Local Share Funds spent: \$952,439
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 37



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Gresham to Fairview Trail Acquisition & Construction	\$500,000	100
Acquisition of Natural Areas in East Buttes	\$400,000	100
Hogan Butte Nature Park	\$100,000	0
Johnson Creek Habitat Improvements	\$400,000	0
Acquisition of Natural Areas in Pleasant Valley/Springwater	\$500,000	0
Main City Park Restoration & Public Facilities	\$707,304	7

CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

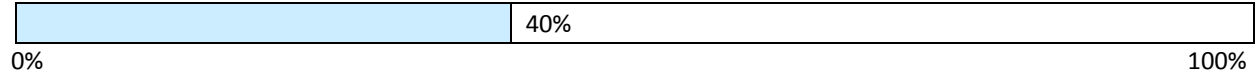
Regional Acquisitions: Contributed to Miller Acquisition on Scouter's Mt.
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$482,280
 Local Share Funds spent: \$100,000
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 21



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Scouter's Mountain Acquisition	\$482,280	21

CITY OF HILLSBORO

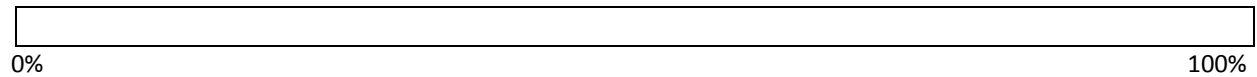
Acquisitions: 34.12 acres in 3 acquisitions
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$2,516,751
 Local Share Funds spent: \$1,010,899
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 40



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Rock Creek Greenway Trail Acquisition and Development	\$2,166,751	47
Greenway Acquisition/Trail Development	\$350,000	0

CITY OF JOHNSON CITY

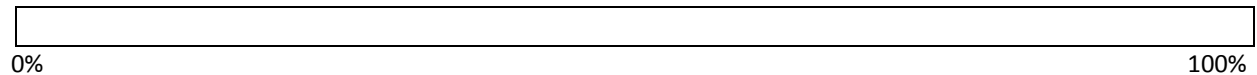
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$19,964
 Local Share Funds spent: \$0
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 0



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Johnson City Park Habitat Enhancement	\$19,964	0

CITY OF KING CITY

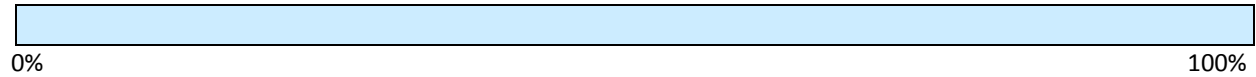
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$66,114
 Local Share Funds spent: \$0
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 0



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Picnic Shelter/Gazebo Project	\$66,114	0

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

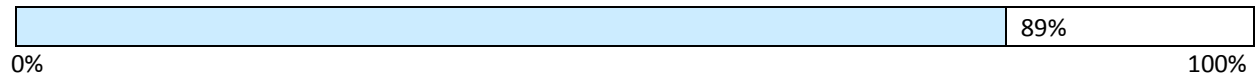
Acquisitions: 1.66 acres in 1 acquisition
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$1,222,510
 Local Share Funds spent: \$1,222,510
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 100



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Property Acquisition in Stafford Basin area	\$1,156,530	100
Pathway and Trail Development	\$65,980	100

CITY OF MILWAUKIE

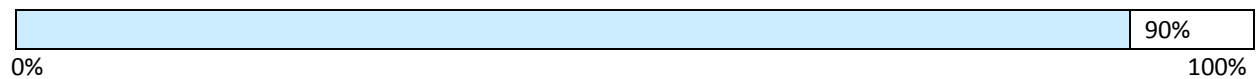
Acquisitions: .79 acres in 1 acquisition
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$657,751
 Local Share Funds spent: \$582,371
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 89



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Land Acquisition	\$407,751	82
Milwaukie Riverfront Park	\$120,000	100
Spring Park Phase 1	\$80,000	100
Homewood Park	\$50,000	100

NORTH CLACKAMAS PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT (NCPD)

Acquisitions: 20.18 acres in 1 acquisition
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$2,406,149
 Local Share Funds spent: \$2,167,149
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 90



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Rock Creek Community Park Acquisition	\$2,000,000	100
Stringfield Property	\$167,149	100
Trolley Trail Construction	\$239,000	0

CITY OF OREGON CITY

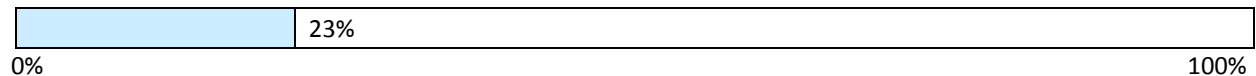
Acquisitions: 9.0 acres in 1 acquisition
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$988,728
 Local Share Funds spent: \$525,000
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 53



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
High School area property Acquisition	\$525,000	100
Canemah area Acquisition	\$175,000	0
Meyers Rd/Caufield Creek Watershed area Acquisition	\$163,728	0
Holcomb Creek Watershed Acquisition	\$125,000	0

CITY OF PORTLAND

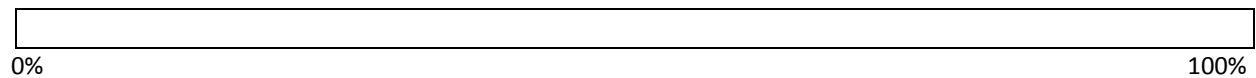
Acquisitions: 47.44 acres in 20 acquisitions
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$15,267,410
 Local Share Funds spent: \$3,527,367
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 23



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Natural Areas Acquisition	\$8,400,000	33
Neighborhood Park Acquisition	\$3,050,000	19
Trail Corridor Acquisition	\$1,256,000	2
Restoration/Trail Improvements	\$2,561,410	8

CITY OF RIVERGROVE

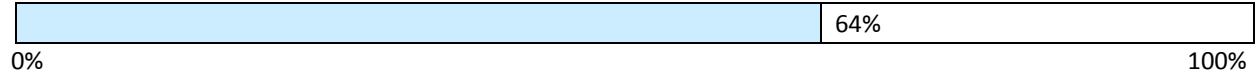
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$10,507
 Local Share Funds spent: \$0
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 0



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Boat Ramp and Park Improvements	\$10,507	0

CITY OF SHERWOOD

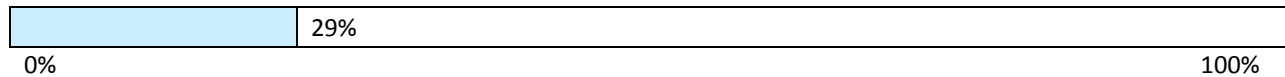
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$446,744
 Local Share Funds spent: \$286,316
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 64



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Stella Olsen Park Improvements	\$446,744	64

CITY OF TIGARD

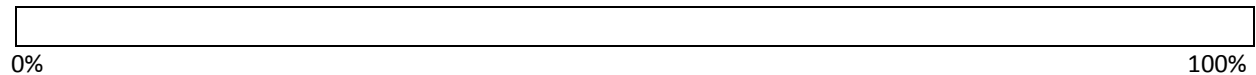
Acquisitions: 1.11 acres in 1 acquisition
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$1,405,716
 Local Share Funds spent: \$404,400
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 29



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
North Central Tigard Acquisition	\$1,277,717	32
Brown Property Fanno Trail Construction	\$127,999	0

CITY OF TROUTDALE

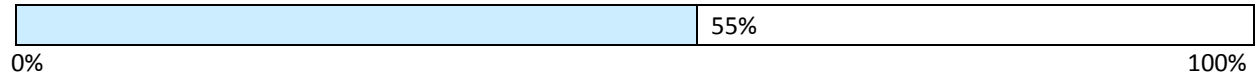
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$591,096
 Local Share Funds spent: \$0
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 0



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Sandy River Trail Construction	\$295,548	0
MHCC Natural Area Restoration/Improvement	\$177,329	0
Beaver Creek Greenway Trail Improvements	\$118,219	0

CITY OF TUALATIN

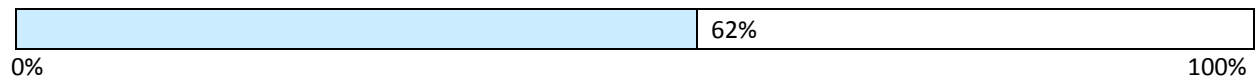
Acquisitions: 3.4 acres in 1 acquisition
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$786,506
 Local Share Funds spent: \$432,704
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 55



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Land Acquisition within Tualatin River Greenway	\$786,506	55

TUALATIN HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT (THPRD)

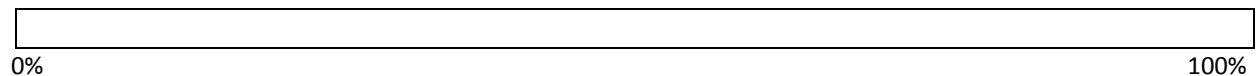
Acquisitions: 9.91 acres in 3 acquisition
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$4,089,265
 Local Share Funds spent: \$2,535,991
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 62



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Beaverton Creek Regional Trail	\$0	0
Land Acquisition/Park Development	\$250,000	0
Southwest Quadrant Land Acquisition	\$1,350,000	100
North Washington County Land Acquisition	\$850,000	0
Jordan-Husen Park	\$739,265	39
Southeast Quadrant Land Acquisition	\$400,000	100
Northeast Quadrant Land Acquisition	\$500,000	100

WASHINGTON COUNTY

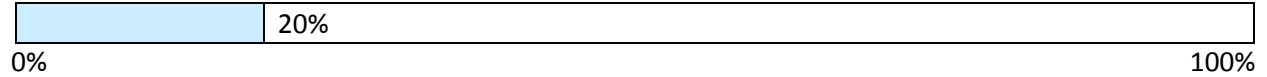
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$1,368,251
 Local Share Funds spent: \$0
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 0



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Natural Area Acquisitions	\$868,251	0
Trail Connection Acquisitions	\$500,000	0

CITY OF WEST LINN

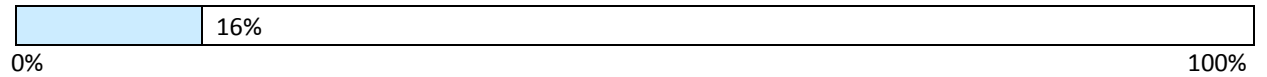
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$872,098
 Local Share Funds spent: \$175,000
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 20



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Mary S Young State Park Restroom	\$175,000	100
Rosemont Trail Project	\$150,000	0
Property Acquisition	\$547,098	0

CITY OF WILSONVILLE

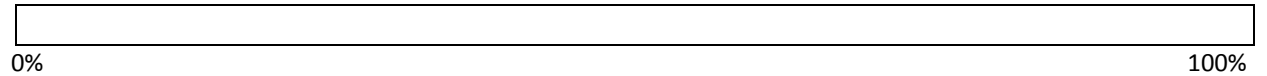
Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$806,521
 Local Share Funds spent: \$130,000
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 16



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Graham Oaks Nature Park Master Plan Implementation	\$300,000	10
CREST Gateway	\$100,000	100
Memorial Park Trail Plan Implementation	\$280,000	0
Boeckman Creek Trail	\$126,521	0

CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Acquisitions: 0
 Local Share Funds allocated: \$293,118
 Local Share Funds spent: \$0
 Percent of total available funds spent to date: 0



Projects Identified	Allocation	Percent Expended
Robertson City Park Wetlands Pond/Island Preserve	\$293,118	0



Metro | Memo

Date: December 2010
To: Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee
From: Laura Oppenheimer Odom, Metro Natural Areas Program
Subject: Introduction to It's Our Nature initiative

The 2006 natural areas bond measure received broad support from voters across the Portland metropolitan area, who asked the Metro Council to protect water quality, wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations. Program leaders committed to developing a public awareness initiative every several years to engage citizens in the bond measure's progress – consistent with recommendations from the Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee and the Metro Auditor. Four years into the bond measure, the region has protected 2,500 acres, opened three major nature parks, supported dozens of community projects and awarded \$3.3 million in neighborhood nature grants.

The 2011 outreach initiative, It's Our Nature, will emphasize several key messages:

- Voters' investment is making a difference by protecting water quality, wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation. The benefits pay off immediately and multiply for future generations.
- Protecting natural areas is part of what defines Oregonians, and part of what makes the Portland metropolitan area a special place to live. In other words, "It's our Nature."
- Caring for these special places will require stewardship, passion and investment.

Although the Natural Areas Program hopes to reach as broad an audience as possible, the initiative will strategically reach out to these groups:

- Citizens who aren't sure about natural areas investments, but live in communities where the bond has had a direct impact (particularly in the region's outer ring of suburbs).
- Citizens who supported the bond and want to hear how their money is being invested.
- Policy influencers who can shape future public investments in the region's natural areas.
- Families with children, newcomers to the area, nature-lovers more generally.

It's Our Nature will use creative advertising strategies such as a short film that airs during movie-theater previews and interactive events such as a roving farmers market booth and an arts series in partnership with Oregon Humanities. The initiative builds on Metro's overarching messages, including the Community Investment Strategy. And it emphasizes sustainable outreach tools that will be useful for the life of the bond measure, such as an online storytelling map and new photography and film content. To measure the results of this initiative, Metro will:

- Track the number of citizens who attend It's Our Nature events and recruit as many as possible to stay in touch via Metro's newsfeed, Facebook and Twitter accounts and online internet panel.
- Evaluate the number and demographics of people reached by It's Our Nature advertising.
- Track web analytics, including page views, film views and social media following.
- Track public awareness of Metro's Natural Areas Program before and after the outreach initiative, possibly using the new Opt-In internet panel that Metro is developing with several partners.

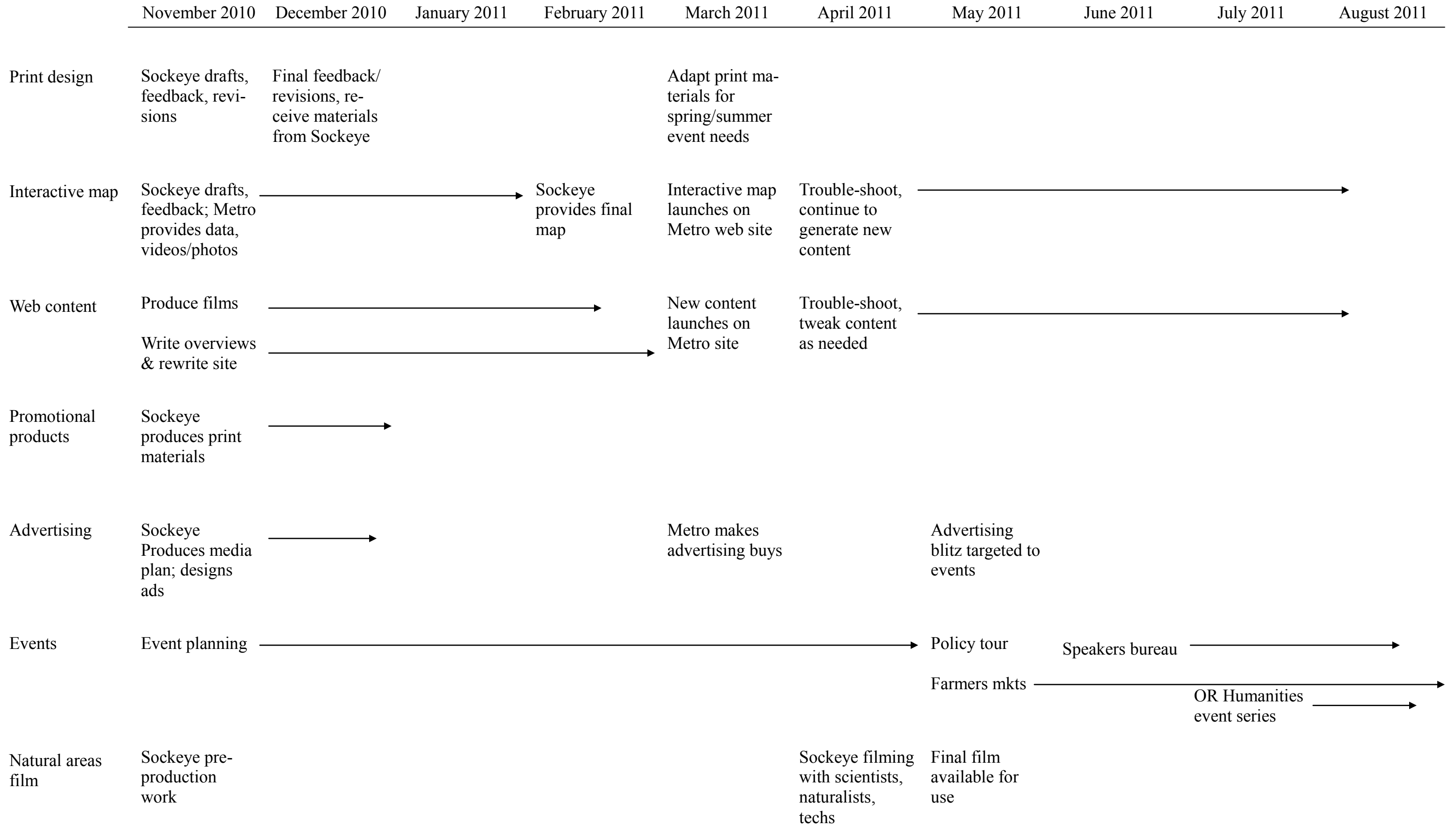
The attached documents provide an overview and timeline of this outreach initiative's major elements.

It's Our Nature: Metro natural areas outreach campaign

Campaign element	In a nutshell	Staffing	Timing	Spending
Policy tour	A policy influencers bus tour highlights success stories and future challenges in protecting, restoring and maintaining nature.	Laura (organizer); Kathleen and JD (leaders); Marybeth (admin); one scientist and/or naturalist (guide); councilors (hosts)	April?	\$1,000 (\$500 for Eco Shuttle, \$500 for lunch)
Speakers bureau	Traveling kit with film, interactive materials and promotional items tells the story of the bond for community groups.	Laura (organizer), Marybeth (admin), Kathleen/JD (speakers), Council (integrate into existing engagements), volunteer naturalists (neighborhood speakers)	May-September	N/A (staff time, use of other materials being produced for the campaign)
Oregon Humanities event series	Musicians, writers and artists celebrate nature with performances at Metro natural areas.	Laura (organizer), Carrie (admin), Deb Scrivens (naturalist liaison), JD/Kathleen/Council (event welcome speakers)	July-August	\$1,000 (split speaker honorariums with Oregon Humanities)
Farmers markets	Host booths at community farmers markets twice a week to engage visitors in the Natural Areas Program	Temporary staffer (runs booth); Laura (organizer), Carrie (admin), rotating staff member to help at booth (we can do team sign-up)	June-July (six-week window with two booths/week)	\$5,200 (\$3,000 in temporary staff; \$2,200 for booth); mural is possible addition, at roughly \$18,000
Natural areas film	Signature film hooks people on the Natural Areas Program by featuring three or four properties.	Laura (organizer); Chris Hagel, James Davis, Elaine Stewart and Curt Zonick (film subjects)	April/May filming; film ready for use by late May	\$40,000
Interactive storytelling map	Interactive map revolutionizes natural areas web content with films, photos, facts and figures.	Laura (organizer/writer), Collin (short films), Kathleen/Pam (review), NiN team (photography/content); science staff (assist with films, review content)	Sockeye work complete in February; launch in March	\$48,000 (\$40,000 Sockeye interactive work, \$8,000 intern salary)
Collateral: postcards, buttons, T-shirts, etc.	Postcards, buttons, T-shirts and other materials drive traffic to Metro's natural areas website — and to campaign events.	Laura (point person), Kathleen/Pam (review)	Coordinate with Sockeye and choose quantities in December, production in winter/spring	\$51,000 (\$26,000 in Sockeye branding/design/strategy; \$25,000 production costs)
Advertising	Traditional media, new media and Metro venue advertising promotes the campaign, emphasizing events and web content.	Laura (point person); Kathleen/Pam (decision-making, review); Stephanie Soden (point person for Metro venue partnerships)	Work with Sockeye in December/January/February; media buys in spring; ads concentrated in May-August	\$100,000 (includes radio ad production and seeded paper for Portland Monthly inserts)

Total: \$246,200

Metro natural areas program public awareness campaign timeline



2006 Natural Areas Bond Fund

Summary of Resources, Requirements and Changes in Fund Balance
(Unaudited)

	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>Through</u>		<u>Program</u>
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	0	122,299,840	93,979,814	77,117,027		56,792,607	0
Resources							
Bond Proceeds	130,678,369	0	0	0		0	130,678,369
Interest Earnings	1,301,230	5,600,503	2,538,906	940,859		(41,405)	10,340,093
Other Resources	10,000	27,380	5,322,056	385,730		14,904	5,760,070
Subtotal Resources	131,989,599	5,627,883	7,860,962	1,326,589		(26,501)	146,778,532
Requirements							
Land Acquisition							
Staff Costs	117,956	206,692	425,072	465,329	6.3	172,649	1,387,698
Materials & Services	6,786	2,599	334,980	328,153		3,232	675,750
Land Costs	7,596,372	25,224,753	14,517,160	10,274,472		1,586,959	59,199,716
Due Diligence							
Staff Costs	0	412,029	492,589	455,774	5.0	129,588	1,489,980
Materials & Services	96,539	199,756	183,474	299,244		141,243	920,257
Stabilization							
Staff Costs	19,578	116,534	190,606	290,234	4.7	128,981	745,933
Materials & Services	294	177,441	345,330	284,874		134,556	942,496
Local Share							
Staff Costs	0	36,269	43,872	47,458	0.5	16,520	144,120
Materials & Services	0	25	188	3,500		0	3,712
Payments to Jurisdictions	400,000	4,798,366	4,316,165	5,399,109		1,231,834	16,145,474
Capital Grants							
Staff Costs	0	63,831	89,352	125,466	0.8	29,652	308,302
Materials & Services	0	1,400	1,363	811		0	3,573
Grant Payments	0	0	49,750	534,899		131,100	715,749
Capital Construction							
Staff Costs	0	84,071	113,921	115,064	0.9	34,276	347,332
Capital	455,072	1,513,347	2,503,147	1,841,075		648,241	6,960,882
Administration							
Bond Issuance Costs	295,889	0	0	0		0	295,889
Refinement							
Staff Costs	1,477	5,426	0	0		0	6,903
Materials & Services	382,030	85,882	0	0		0	467,912
Direct Admin Costs							
Staff Costs	230,815	527,644	490,722	750,704	3.7	219,256	2,219,140
Materials & Services	25,980	152,422	51,490	56,082		44,380	330,354
Indirect Admin Costs*	60,971	339,422	574,569	378,759		180,105	1,533,825
Other Requirements	0	0	0	0		0	0
Subtotal Requirements	9,689,759	33,947,909	24,723,748	21,651,008		4,832,573	94,844,997
Ending Fund Balance	122,299,840	93,979,814	77,117,027	56,792,607		51,933,533	51,933,533
	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>		<u>FY11 YTD</u>	<u>Total</u>
Administration as % of Total Expenditures	10.29%	3.27%	4.52%	5.48%		9.18%	5.12%

* Indirect Administrative Expenses are those charged through internal allocation, and include services such as Human Resources, risk management, payroll, building rents, etc.

Note: Due Diligence staff costs have been removed from "Indirect Admin Costs" and the FTE for these positions is shown as a direct expense.

Natural Areas Program (21.85 FTE)

Land Acquisition (6.25 FTE)

Albo, Tommy – GIS Coordinator
Anderson, Leif – Real Estate Negotiator
Edwardson, Barbara – Real Estate Negotiator
Paulus, Fritz – Real Estate Negotiator
Spurlock, Robert – Trails Planner
Wilton, Hillary – Real Estate Negotiator

Due Diligence (5.0 FTE)

Hrenko, Lisa – Legal Secretary
Kirchem, Kaylene – Paralegal
McCarron, Ashley – Assistant Attorney
Starin, Karen – Paralegal
Whitney, Hope – Assistant Attorney

Stabilization (4.7 FTE)

Hixson, Ryan – Property Management Technician
Holleran, Kate – Natural Resource Scientist
Jones, Ryan – Natural Resource Technician
Merrill, Jeffrey – Natural Resource Technician
Moeller, Dan – Natural Areas Land Manager
Soll, Jonathan – Science and Stewardship Manager
Wulf, Laurie – Property Management Specialist

Local Share (.5 FTE)

Navarro, Mary Rose – Grants Program Coordinator

Capital Grants (.8 FTE)

Kent, Heather – Nature in Neighborhoods Program Supervisor
Navarro, Mary Rose – Grants Program Coordinator

Capital Construction (.9 FTE)

Cassin, Mary Anne – Parks Planning Manager
Wojtanik, Rod – Senior Regional Planner

Administration (3.7 FTE)

Belding, Carrie – Natural Areas Program Assistant
Bergstrom, Melissa – Assistant Finance Analyst
Brennan-Hunter, Kathleen – Natural Areas Program Director
Kennedy, Brian – Finance Manager
Desmond, Jim – Sustainability Center Director
Haliski, Marybeth – Administrative Services Coordinator
Oppenheimer Odom, Laura – Natural Areas Communications Coordinator

2006 Natural Areas Program - Regional Acquisitions - Including Stabilization Costs

File #	Seller	Date	Acres	Purchase Price	Stabilization Costs	City/ Jurisdiction	Total Stream Frontage (ft)	% Metro Ownership	% Other Ownership	Mgmt. By	% in Tier 1
Abernethy and Newell Creeks			Goal: 150 acres								
03.053	Evanson/TPL	8/13/2007	106.7	\$1,140,000	\$4,786	Unincorporated	0	100		Metro	100.00%
Transactions: 1			106.66	\$1,140,000	\$4,786		0				
Cazadero Trail			Goal:								
52.001	OSU Foundation	5/19/2010	24.63	\$325,000	\$14,074		0	100			0.00%
Transactions: 1			24.63	\$325,000	\$14,074		0				
Chehalem Ridgetop to Refuge			Goal: 400 acres								
48.001	Berry (Hamacher/Ponzi)	2/11/2008	36.3	\$1,146,500	\$30,115	Unincorporated	0	100		Metro	100.00%
48.001	Berry (Hamacher/Ponzi)	12/31/2007	4.2	\$0		Unincorporated	0	100		Metro	0.00%
48.002	Chehalem Ridge Natural Ar	1/7/2010	1143	\$6,120,000	\$52,065		5,280	100		Metro	100.00%
Transactions: 3			1183.5	\$7,266,500	\$82,180		5,280				
Clackamas River Bluffs and Greenway			Goal: 450 acres								
18.030	Anderson	2/26/2008	0.689	\$5,000		Unincorporated	0	100		Metro	100.00%
18.033	Thompson	2/27/2008	0.344	\$5,000		Unincorporated	0	100		Metro	100.00%
18.039	Pratt	10/9/2009	88.3	\$404,000	\$6,893	Damascus	0	100		Metro	100.00%
18.041	ODOT Carver Curves	5/28/2008	16.25	\$335,000		Unincorporated	2,000	0	100	Clackamas	100.00%
Transactions: 4			105.58	\$749,000	\$6,893		2,000				
Columbia Slough			Goal: 50 acres								
28.003	Multnomah C Tax Transfer	10/25/2007	2	\$0		Portland	0	100		Metro	100.00%
28.004	OR Parks Donation	12/10/2007	0	\$0		Portland	1,450	75	25	Metro	0.00%
Transactions: 2			2	\$0			1,450				

File #	Seller	Date	Acres	Purchase Price	Stabilization Costs	City/Jurisdiction	Total Stream Frontage (ft)	% Metro Ownership	% Other Ownership	Mgmt. By	% in Tier 1
<i>Dairy and McKay Creeks Confluence</i>			<i>Goal: 140 acres</i>								
07.039	Wetter Trust	4/13/2007	93.3	\$700,000	\$10,770	Unincorporated	5,280	100		Metro	100.00%
07.042	Saxton	1/22/2009	6.7	\$105,700	\$26,250	Cornelius	673	100		Metro	100.00%
Transactions: 2			100	\$805,700	\$37,020		5,953				
<i>Deep Creek and Tributaries</i>			<i>Goal: 200 acres</i>								
46.002	Mabel Johnson Trust	10/29/2009	17.9	\$845,000	\$20,684	n/a	3,400	100	0	Metro	100.00%
Transactions: 1			17.9	\$845,000	\$20,684		3,400				
<i>East Buttes</i>			<i>Goal: 52 acres</i>								
02.097	Miller	6/30/2008	20.99	\$3,000,000	\$23,892	Happy Valley	1,404	97	3	NCPRD	100.00%
02.125	Darby Ridge/Gabbert Hill	6/6/2007	37.3	\$3,600,000	\$24,496	Gresham	0	75	25	Gresham	0.00%
02.132	Sunnyside Brook, LLC	6/15/2010	22.48	\$504,500		Clackamas	1,936	100		NCPRD	0.00%
02.135	Persimmon	7/20/2007	70	\$3,454,920	\$22,763	Gresham	0	100		Metro	100.00%
02.136	Persimmon	7/20/2007	8	\$198,250	\$902	Gresham	0	100		Metro	100.00%
02.137	McMorihara, Inc	10/14/2008	15	\$379,500	\$1,226	Gresham	0	100			
Transactions: 6			173.77	\$11,137,170	\$73,279		3,340				
<i>Fanno Creek Linkages</i>			<i>Goal:</i>								
16.064	Elliott	4/21/2010	1.07	\$20,000		Tigard	0	100		Metro	0.00%
16.066	Tigard Industrial, LLC	4/9/2010	2.23	\$32,300		Tigard	0	100			0.00%
Transactions: 2			3.3	\$52,300			0				
<i>Forest Park Connections</i>			<i>Goal: 60 acres</i>								
06.058	Margolis	3/27/2007	57.5	\$1,790,000	\$55,367	Unincorporated	0	100		Metro	100.00%
06.063	Multnomah Co. Foreclosure	9/25/2008	2.8	\$0	\$0	Portland	0	100			0.00%
06.065	OPF - Audubon Lease	11/20/2008	86.5	\$86,450	\$44,512	Portland	9,876	100		Metro	0.00%
Transactions: 3			146.8	\$1,876,450	\$99,880		9,876				
<i>Johnson Creek and Watershed</i>			<i>Goal: 200 acres</i>								

File #	Seller	Date	Acres	Purchase Price	Stabilization Costs	City/Jurisdiction	Total Stream Frontage (ft)	% Metro Ownership	% Other Ownership	Mgmt. By	% in Tier 1
29.001	Wong/Gilberts Ridge	6/22/2007	10	\$525,000	\$4,671	Portland	0	100		Portland	100.00%
29.002	Spani/Seely	12/29/2006	1.02	\$240,000	\$11,379	Portland	150	100		Metro	100.00%
29.004	Telford	11/27/2007	20	\$1,200,000	\$120,289	Gresham	3,600	100		Metro	100.00%
29.005	Allesina	7/31/2007	1.28	\$450,000	\$19,696	Gresham	766	100		Metro	100.00%
29.006	Clatsop Buttes	7/13/2007	49	\$5,148,750	\$19,738	Portland	900	100		Portland	100.00%
29.007	Clatsop Buttes 2	1/7/2008	1.54	\$260,000	\$3,515	Portland	0	100		Portland	100.00%
29.008	Reeves	11/30/2007	52.68	\$5,850,000	\$5,917	Portland	0	100		Portland	100.00%
29.009	Emmert Lents 2	8/6/2009	10	\$1,135,000		Portland	1,300	0	100	NCPRD	100.00%
29.011	Emmert Clatsop	5/30/2008	11.32	\$1,600,000		Portland	350	25	75	Portland	100.00%
29.012	Stickney	7/14/2008	1.98	\$400,000	\$37,388	Gresham	1,485	100		Gresham	100.00%
29.013	Parson	2/9/2010	5.59	\$378,000	\$19,868	Gresham	2,100	100	100	Metro	100.00%
29.015	Jones	10/7/2008	0.5	\$350,000	\$23,614	Gresham	30	100		Metro	100.00%
29.017	Gonzales	12/23/2008	0.38	\$25,000	\$2,048	Gresham	0	100		Metro	100.00%
29.020	Marston	11/18/2010	2.97	\$322,626			0	100		Metro	100.00%
Transactions: 14			168.26	\$17,884,376	\$268,124		10,681				

Killin Wetlands

Goal:

56.001	Williams	12/11/2008	3.58	\$10,000			560	100		Metro	100.00%
Transactions: 1			3.58	\$10,000			560				

Lower Tualatin River Headwaters

Goal: 400 acres

54.001	Burge Trust	5/2/2007	52.93	\$808,500	\$9,857	Unincorporated	9,240	100		Metro	100.00%
54.003	Holmes	10/17/2008	38.6	\$1,050,000	\$64,272	Sherwood	3,400	100		Metro	100.00%
54.004	Cole	6/8/2009	5	\$325,000	\$2,231	Sherwood	1,550	100		Metro	100.00%
54.005	Streeter	6/8/2009	23.2	\$680,528	\$30,479	Sherwood	0	100		Metro	99.96%
54.006	Brown	4/30/2007	44.19	\$244,000	\$5,941	Hillsboro	0	100		Metro	100.00%
54.013	Ralston/Consani	8/23/2010	34	\$600,000		Unincorporated	2,900	100		Metro	100.00%
Transactions: 6			197.92	\$3,708,028	\$112,780		17,090				

Rock Creek Headwaters and Greenwa Goal: 190 acres

13.043	Keystone Construction	4/12/2010	20.61	\$245,062	\$1,767	Unincorporated	3,050	100	0	Metro	100.00%
13.044	Chang	9/14/2009	20	\$225,000	\$1,765	Portland	3,800	100		Metro	100.00%
13.046	Cho	6/4/2010	40	\$838,060	\$26,830	Portland	3,900	100		Metro	100.00%

File #	Seller	Date	Acres	Purchase Price	Stabilization Costs	City/Jurisdiction	Total Stream Frontage (ft)	% Metro Ownership	% Other Ownership	Mgmt. By	% in Tier 1
Transactions:	3		80.61	\$1,308,122	\$30,361		10,750				

Sandy River Gorge

Goal: 20 acres

04.024	Friberg	12/1/2009	41.8	\$275,000	\$61		2,600	100	0	Metro	0.00%
Transactions:	1		41.8	\$275,000	\$61		2,600				

Stafford Basin

Goal: 200 acres

55.002	Stevens	6/20/2008	24.7	\$1,800,000	\$37,222	Lake Oswego	4,550	100		Metro	100.00%
55.003	Landover Properties, LLC	6/8/2009	63.91	\$4,473,000	\$52,959	West Linn	0	100		Metro	100.00%
Transactions:	2		88.61	\$6,273,000	\$90,181		4,550				

Tonquin Geologic Area

Goal: 213 acres

08.024	Dammasch DAS	7/25/2008	19.76	\$186,300	\$63,322	Wilsonville	718	100		Metro	0.00%
Transactions:	1		19.76	\$186,300	\$63,322		718				

Tualatin River Greenway

Goal: 100 acres

11.031	Kapaun	9/28/2007	0.41	\$275,000	\$7,195	Unincorporated	410	100		Metro	0.00%
11.033	Icon	10/24/2008	1.5	\$300,000	\$12,657	Tualatin	75	100	0	Metro	100.00%
Transactions:	2		1.91	\$575,000	\$19,852		485				

Willamette Narrows and Canemah Blu Goal: 90 acres

21.007	Davis	3/11/2009	24.34	\$690,000	\$12,081	Oregon City	0	100		Metro	100.00%
22.025	Kahre	3/25/2009	13.29	\$795,000	\$6,628	West Linn	0	100		Metro	100.00%
Transactions:	2		37.63	\$1,485,000	\$18,709		0				

Total Acres Acquired:	2,504.22	Total Purchase Price:	\$55,901,946	Total Stream Frontage:	78,733 Feet / 14.91 Miles
Total Number of Acquisitions:	57	Total Stabilization Costs:	\$942,188		

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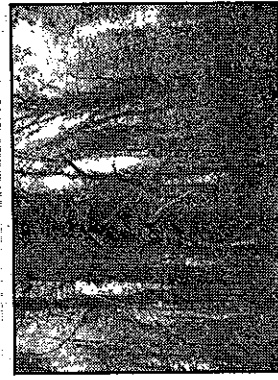
Restoring an Old-Growth Forest

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

When I began working at Portland Audubon 3½ years ago, I spent much of my first few weeks on the job wandering about the buildings and the sanctuaries, assessing current conditions and formulating the beginnings of an action plan for improving both our physical structures and our ecological resources. Prioritizing facilities issues can be rather easy, as the most pressing needs always percolate to the top of the list once they are identified. Habitat restoration priorities are not always so clear cut.

On the one hand it makes sense to focus efforts on the most pristine and most used areas, ensuring that their current ecological and functional values are maintained. Another school of thought would align more closely with the strategies of facilities maintenance and address the most critically degraded habitats first, assuring a more widespread level of basic ecological health. With limited financial resources and a very small group of sanctuaries volunteers at the time, that choice was made for me — adopt the “protect the best” model and begin searching for funding alternatives for the more involved work.

As priorities were laid out on the table, the daunting task of dealing with the heavy infestation of invasives in the Collins Sanctuary was unfortunately moved down the list. The trails through Collins were not actively used in our education programs, and the infestation was so bad as to be considered beyond our means to deal with, at least without a significant capital investment. Additionally, Audubon only managed the property on behalf of the Oregon Parks Foundation, which limited some of our fundraising capabilities for necessary work.

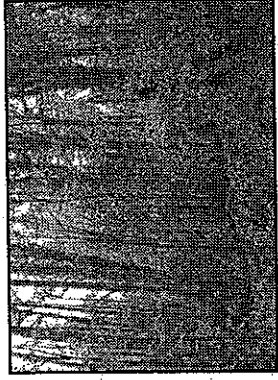


Collins Sanctuary pre-treatment... after initial ivy treatment... ivy dying off after Hawthorn treatment. Photos © Metro

Things were looking to go from bad to worse when the Oregon Parks Foundation began looking for a buyer for the property a few years ago, and we wondered if we would have to cross off Collins Sanctuary restoration from our list permanently.

But what a difference a couple of years can make. A little over two years ago Metro came to the table with an offer to buy the Collins Sanctuary with funds from the 2006 bond measure. After securing the purchase of the property in November 2008, Metro entered a 10-year lease with Portland Audubon to continue managing the property as wildlife sanctuary. Saved from potential loss, the Sanctuary also benefited from a two-year process, known as stabilization, which occurs with all properties acquired by Metro through the bond measure. As properties are acquired they are assessed by Metro staff scientists, and any significant environmental or ecological degradation on the property is addressed in the short term by the investment of stabilization funds to address the most significant problems present.

In the first two years of ownership, Metro invested heavily in habitat restoration of the Collins Sanctuary by hiring contract crews to treat the entire 86 acres for invasive plant infestations; Ivy, Clematis, Holly, Laurel, and European Hawthorn were all targeted. As the two-year window of stabilization drew to a close this month, it is amazing to look back at the changes that have occurred in the past two years. While the infestations in the Collins Sanctuary were quite heavy, two years of persistent treatment have knocked back the ivy to manageable levels and have all but



eliminated the Holly, Laurel, and Hawthorn. The habitat quality of the Sanctuary has been greatly improved and is now well suited to be managed by Portland Audubon's expanded volunteer efforts.

As invasives have been brought back to manageable levels the restoration efforts have been re-doubled through a partnership with Friends of Trees, which has agreed to host 2 restoration plantings per year, for the next 10 years, in the Collins Sanctuary as part of its Gift Tree Program. With the goal of planting at least 10,000 native trees and shrubs and facilitating the restoration of an urban old-growth forest, the Gift Tree plantings have been a welcome addition to the efforts in the Collins Sanctuary.

Currently we are in the process of applying for funding for an interpretive sign to welcome visitors to the upper reaches of the Collins Sanctuary and highlight the ongoing restoration efforts. Portland Audubon's funding partnership with National Audubon's Together Green Volunteer program is channeling over 500 volunteer hours per year into invasives removal and planting maintenance in the upper portion of the Sanctuary, which had been the most degraded portion of the property. A comprehensive planning process addressing long-term trail repair and improvements is under way. And thanks to a generous \$50,000 challenge grant from the Collins Family, which has been graciously matched by Portland Audubon's membership over the past two years, the Collins Sanctuary now has the financial foundation to ensure that current restoration efforts will continue to bear fruit in the future.

Stabilization of bond acquired properties

Protecting our investments through strategic short-term management

Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee

December 10, 2010

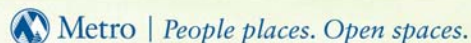
Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Jonathan Soll, Kate Holleran and Laurie Wulf



Stabilize

(from Webster's online dictionary)

- 1:** To make stable, steadfast, or firm
- 2:** To hold steady: as *a*: to maintain the stability of (as an airplane) by means of a stabilizer; *b*: to limit fluctuations of (as prices); *c*: to establish a minimum price for



Stabilize: ecological definition

(from Metro Sustainability Center internal dictionary)

- 1:** To prevent the degradation and loss of the important natural values for which a bond program property is acquired
- 2:** To prepare a property for successful long-term management and minimize future management costs; typically during the 2 years immediately following acquisition

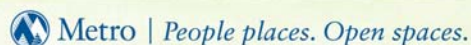


Stabilization at Metro

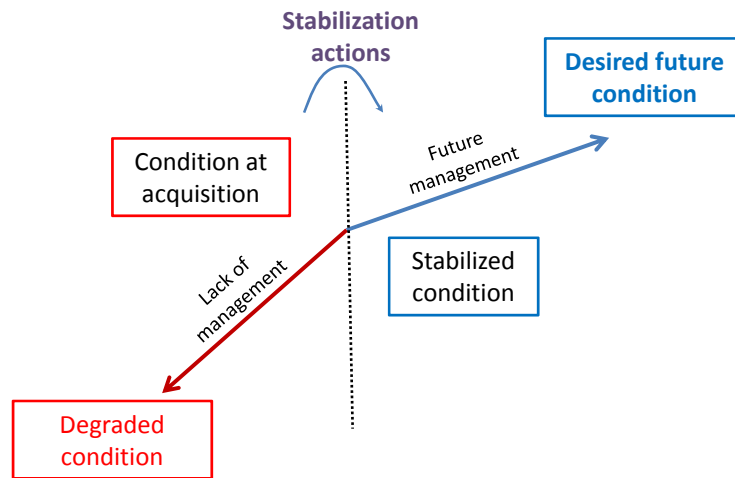
Property security: protects the integrity of our ownership via gates, established boundaries and signs

Property management: makes appropriate decisions about existing structures and infrastructure

Natural resources: protects the water quality, wildlife habitat and access to nature values for which the property was acquired

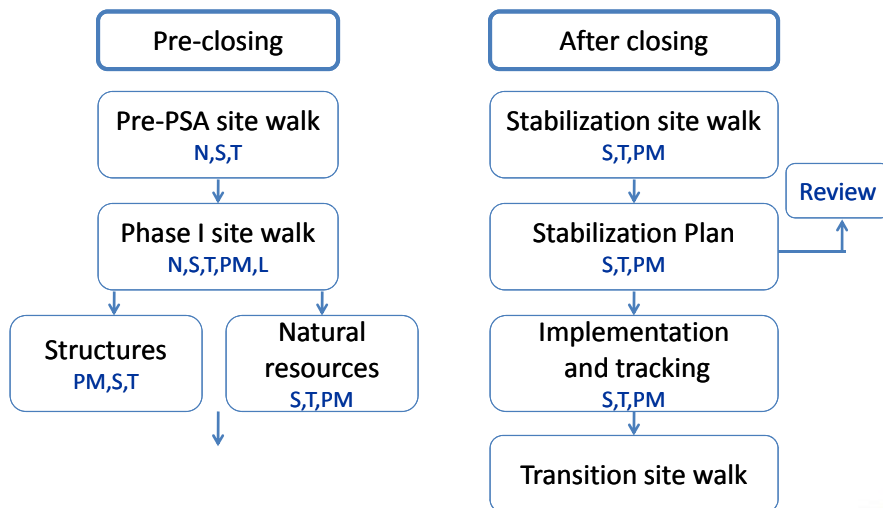


Stabilization: ecological context



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Stabilization work flow



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Typical natural resources stabilization activities

Assess current condition	Identify desired future condition
Meet neighbors/partners	Planting site preparation
Invasive weed control	Re-establish native vegetation
Survey/post boundaries	Remove/recycle structures
Encroachment issues	Garbage, tire removal
Gates	Oak release
Fence removal/repair	Hazard tree removal
Erosion control	Stream bank stabilization
Culvert removal/repair	Thin overstocked stands
Large wood placement	

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Telford Johnson Creek TA, 20 acres

Erosion control
Invasive and noxious weed control
Establish native vegetation
Remove interior fences
Access control/gates

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Chang

Rock Creek TA, 20 acres

Boundary marking

Invasive weed control



Chehalem Ridge

Chehalem Ridgetop to Refuge TA, 1043 acres

Dumping
Access control
Erosion control
Culvert repair
Oak release



Culvert repair



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