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Meeting: Metro Council Work Session
Date: Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012
Time: **1:40 p.m. * Note late start time**
Place: Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

**1:40 PM 1. ADMINISTRATIVE/ COUNCIL AGENDA FOR DEC. 6, 2012/
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**

**1:55 PM 2. NATURAL AREAS LOCAL OPTION LEVY - INFORMATION /
DISCUSSION**

**Desmond
Cassin**

2:55 PM 3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION

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Agenda Item No. 2.0

NATURAL AREAS LOCAL OPTION LEVY

Metro Council Work Session
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Metro, Council Chamber

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: December 4, 2012 **TIME:** 1:55 P.M. **LENGTH:** 60 Minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Natural Areas Local Option Levy

DEPARTMENT: Sustainability Center

PRESENTER(S): Jim Desmond (ext. 1914) and Mary Anne Cassin (ext. 1854)

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

At the November 27, 2012 work session, Council heard the results of multiple outreach efforts, including an overview of methods used, stakeholders involved, and trends revealed. An overview of the statistically correct telephone survey as well as the 5,000+ online Opt In responses showed consistency with the advice heard from the summer's citizen advisory panel.

At this second work session, Council will hear a high-level overview of what is contained within the draft resolution. Staff will review program area goals, criteria, outcomes and areas where further refinement is necessary.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Council can continue to consider referring a measure to voters, delay or postpone it. Council can adjust percentages of funding dedicated to each program area, and decide on the overall amount being requested.

IMPLICATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

If the measure continues to move forward, December 18, 2012 is the date agreed upon for referring a measure. May 2013 remains the earliest proposal for a vote, but Council could postpone it until September 2013 or later.

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Are the spending proportions in program areas in line with Council's expectations?
2. Are the criteria and refinement process described for each program area on target?
3. What rate does Council want to set for the levy?

LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR COUNCIL ACTION ☒ Yes ☐ No

DRAFT IS ATTACHED ☐ Yes ☒ No

Materials following this page were distributed at the meeting.

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WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE

Fundamental principles	Program areas	Spending allocations
Restoring natural areas for wildlife, fish and water quality	Natural areas	40-50%
Improving parks and natural areas for people	Regional parks operations	20-30%
	Improving natural areas for people	5-15%
	Nature in Neighborhood grants	5-15%
	Conservation education/volunteer engagement	5-15%

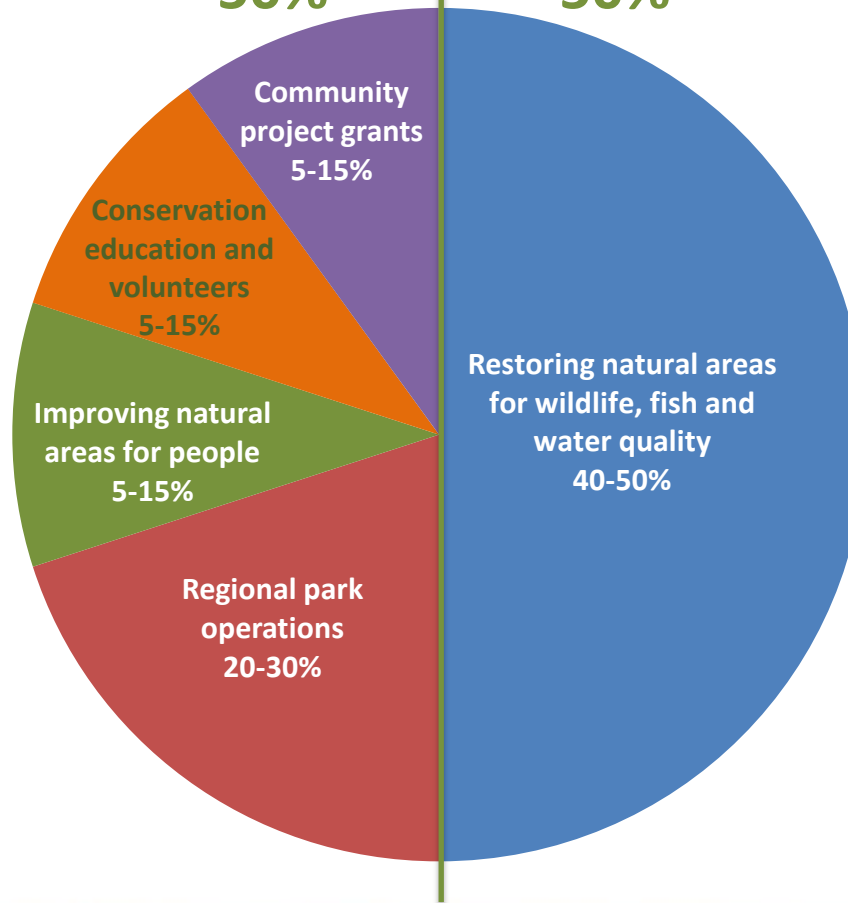


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People and nature
50%

Natural area restoration
50%



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ELIGIBLE LOCATIONS

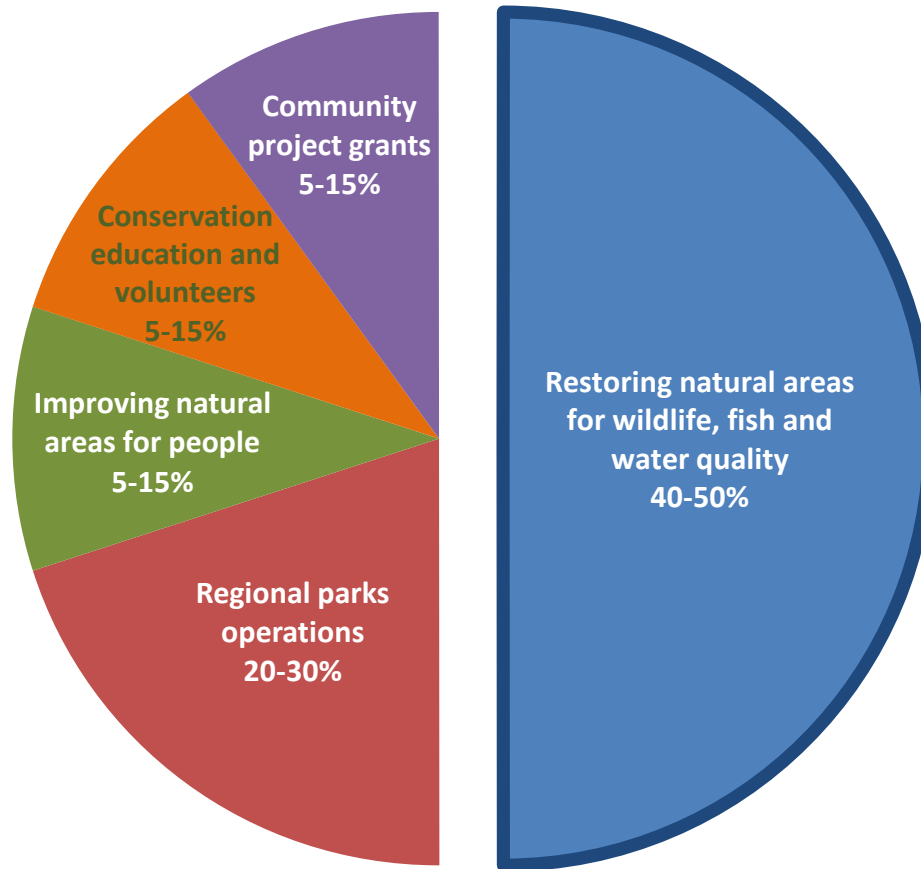
- Properties owned and managed by Metro
- Properties managed by Metro, regardless of ownership
- Properties for which Metro holds a conservation easement, regardless of ownership
- Properties owned by Metro, but managed by a partner through contract or Intergovernmental Agreement
- Natural areas owned and/or managed by other public entities are eligible for Nature in Neighborhood grants



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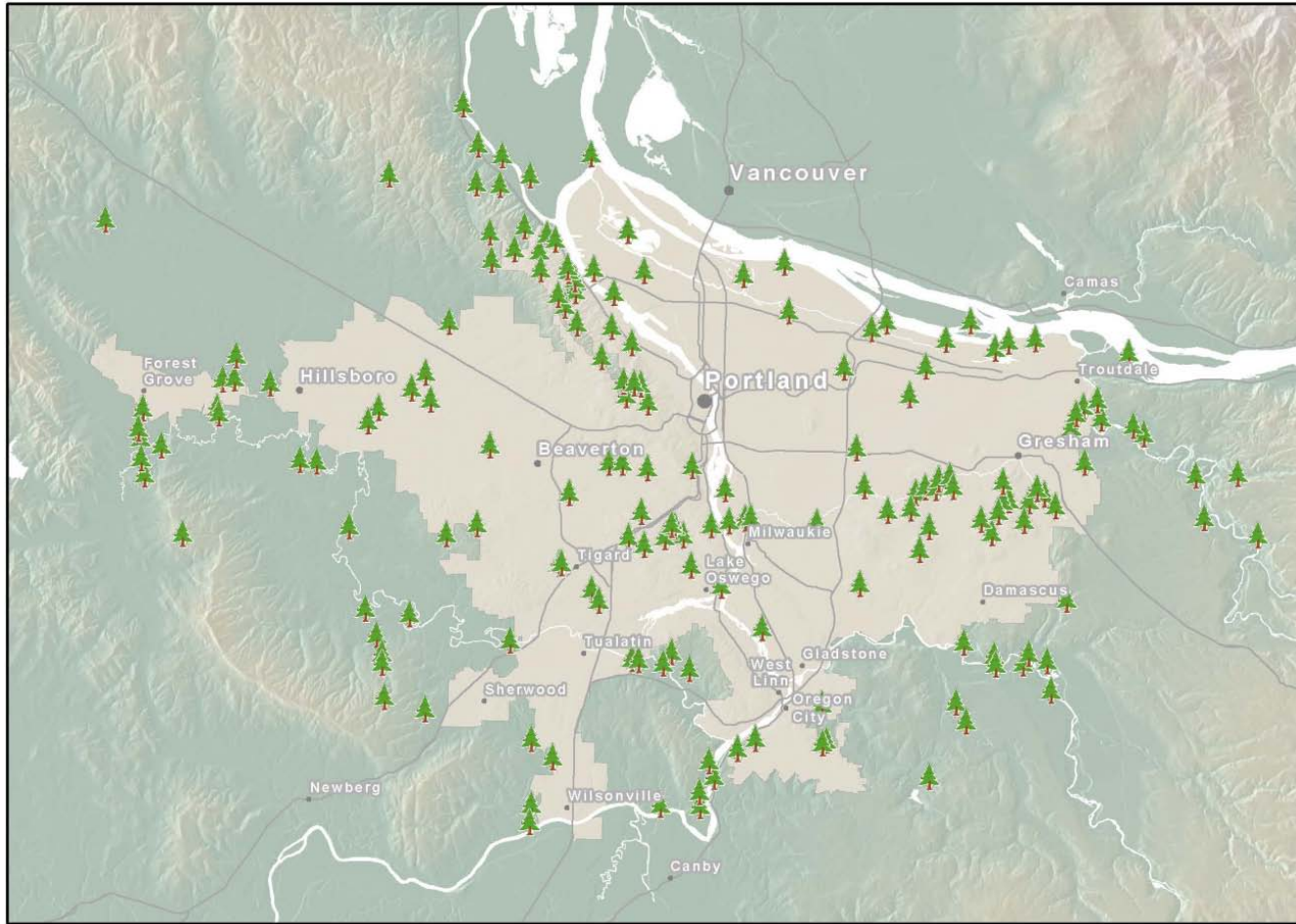
RESTORATION



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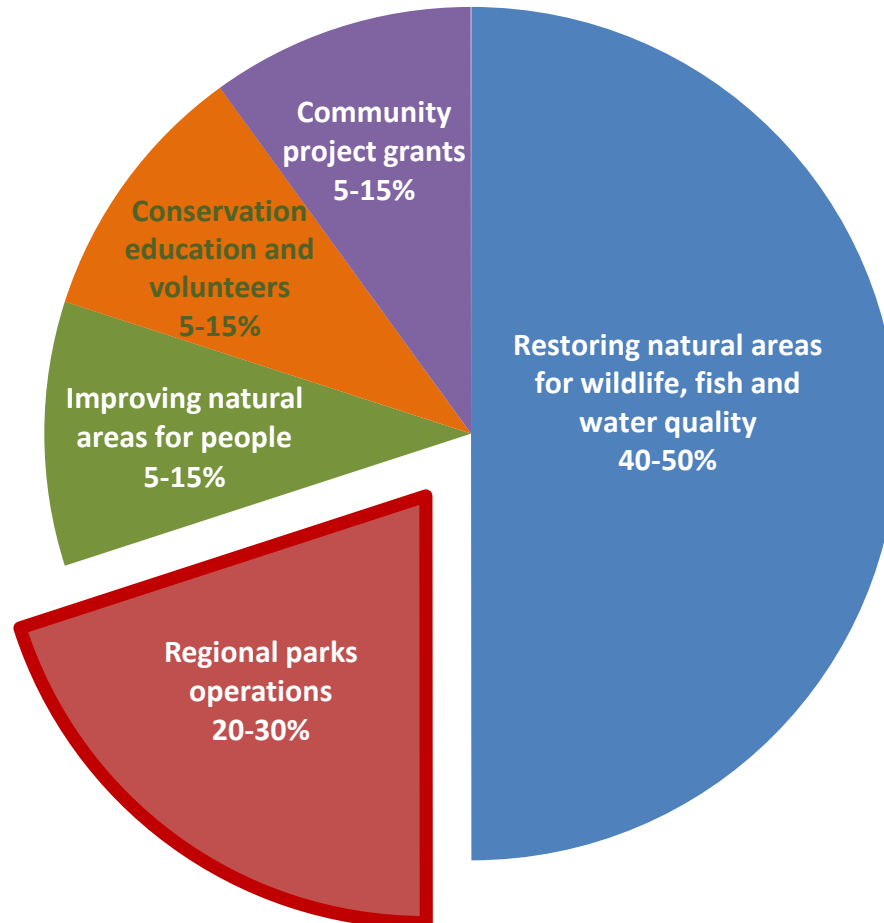
- Water quality
- Habitat value
- Restoration potential
- Location
- Leverage
- Community engagement



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PARKS OPERATIONS



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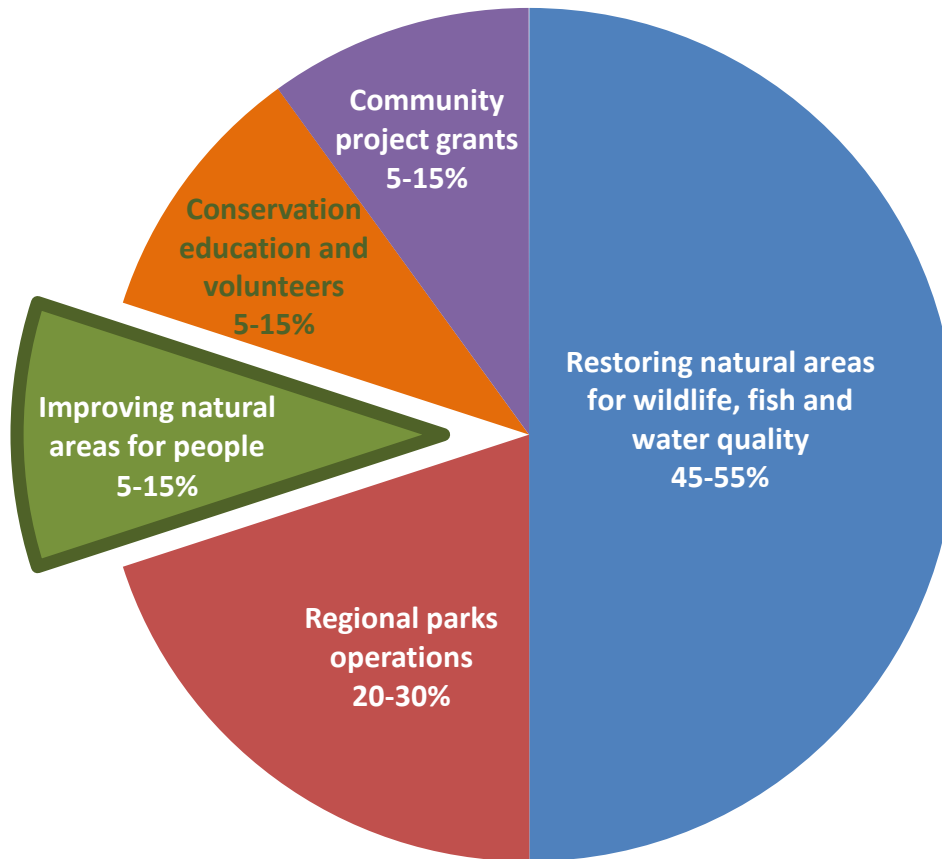
- Improve sustainability features
- Replace or upgrade facilities and amenities
- Reduce maintenance costs
- Improve safety and security
- Support continued high quality customer service
- Respond to regulatory requirements



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IMPROVING NATURAL AREAS FOR PEOPLE



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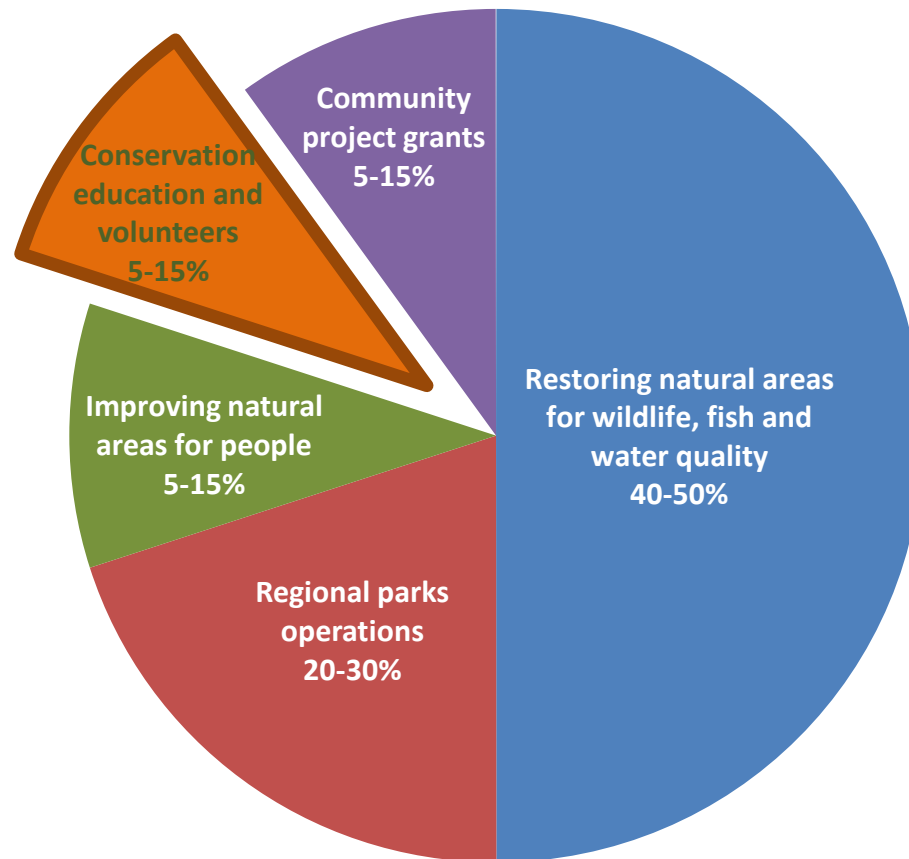
- Habitat protection
- Safety
- Light touch
- Enhanced stewardship
- Outdoor experience
- Equity



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CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEERS



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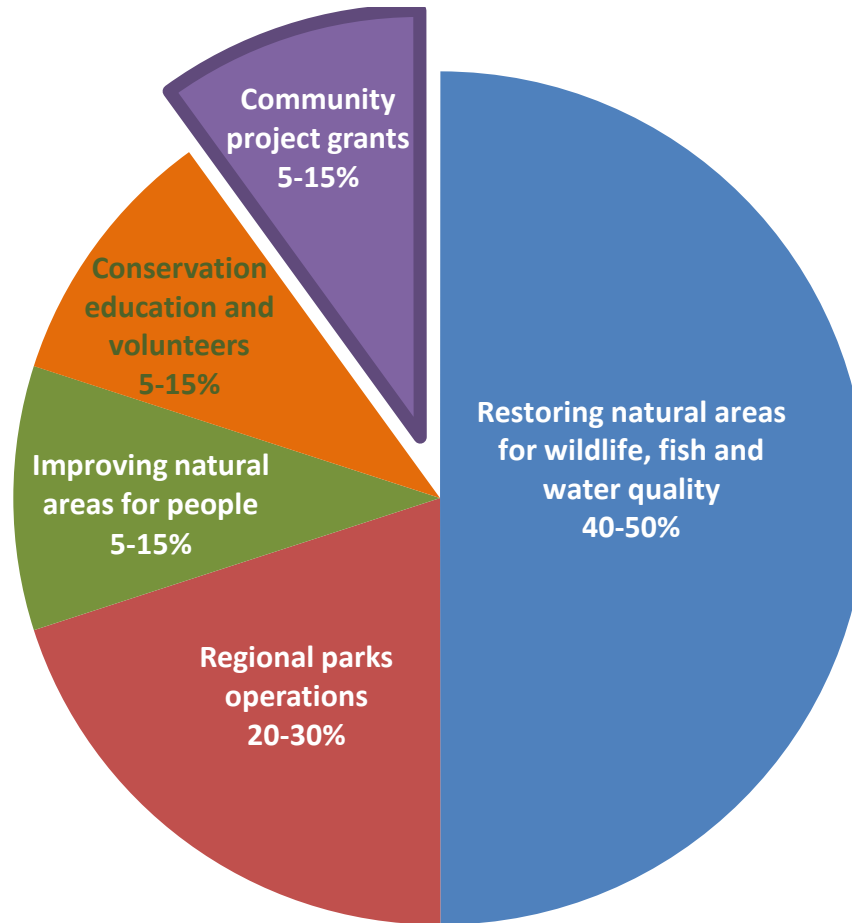
- Develop conservation-related knowledge, skills, motivation
- Use Metro's parks and natural areas as places for learning, exploration and engagement
- Involve conservation education and conservation action
- Emphasize the role of mentors
- Engage diverse and underserved communities
- Partner with community organizations
- Engage participants over several years



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NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS



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Criteria:

- Connect people to their watershed
- Preserve and restore fish and wildlife habitat in local communities
- Support larger conservation initiatives
- Support nature education and programs for children
- Improve the ability of underserved communities to connect with nature
- Implement the Regional Trails Plan



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OUTCOMES

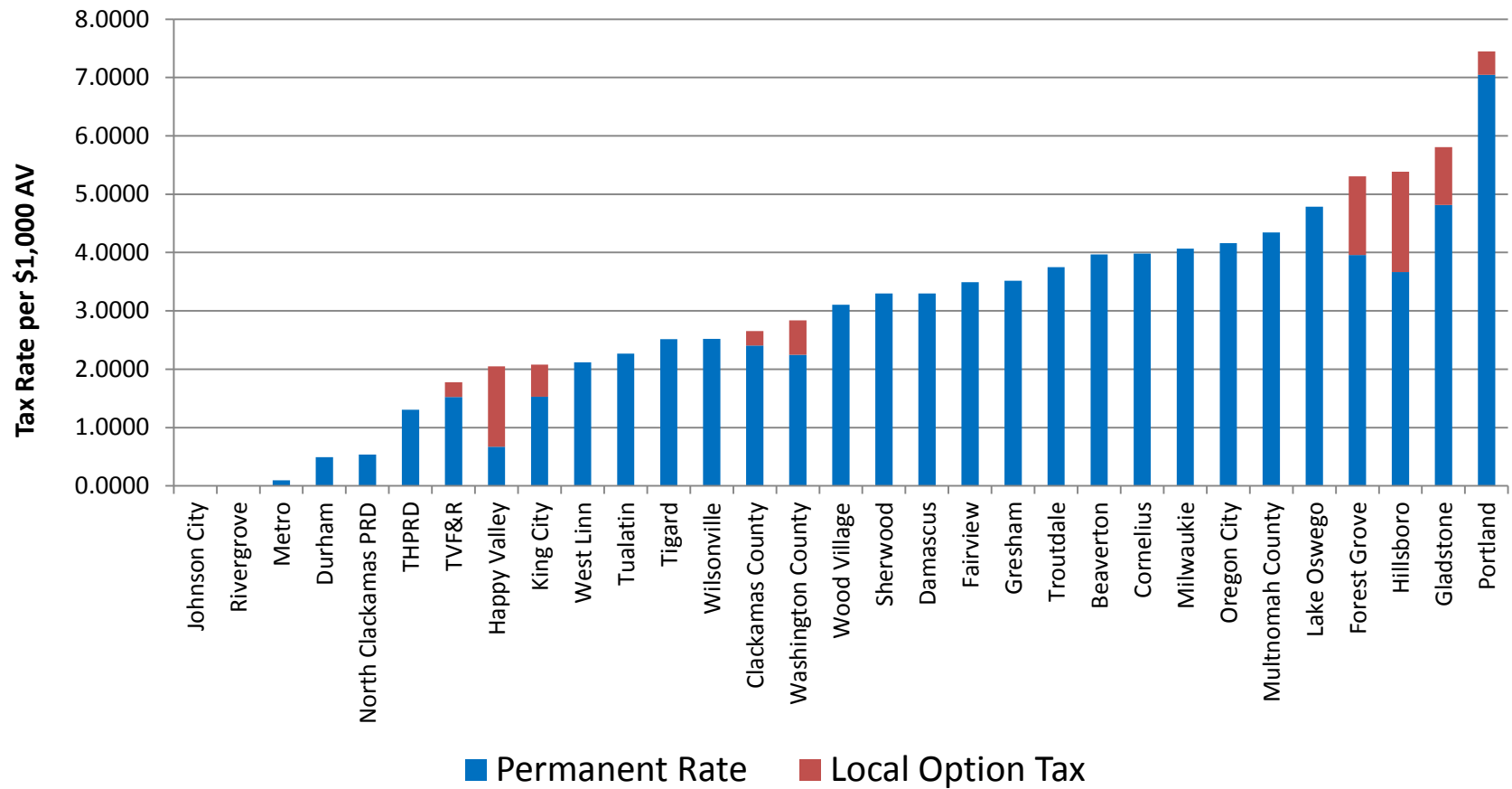
- Restoration of 8,000 to 10,000 acres
- Improved or replaced park amenities
- Increased opportunities to experience nature
- Expanded education and volunteer programs, and community-based grant program
- Additional opportunities for underserved communities to experience the region's parks and natural areas
- MWESB contracting that meets or exceeds standards identified in Metro's Diversity Action Plan



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PROPERTY TAX RATES IN THE METRO REGION



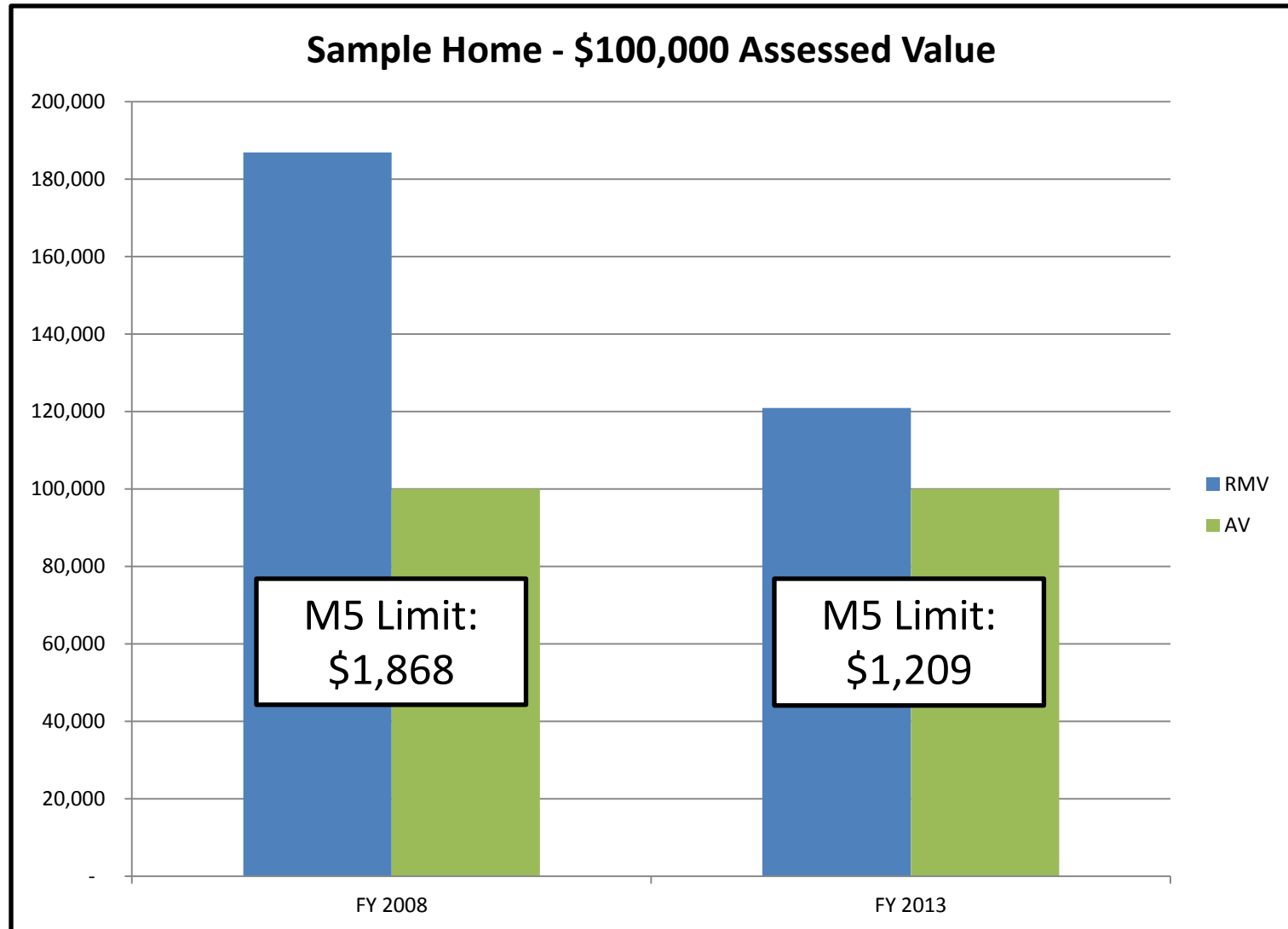
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Compression Updates

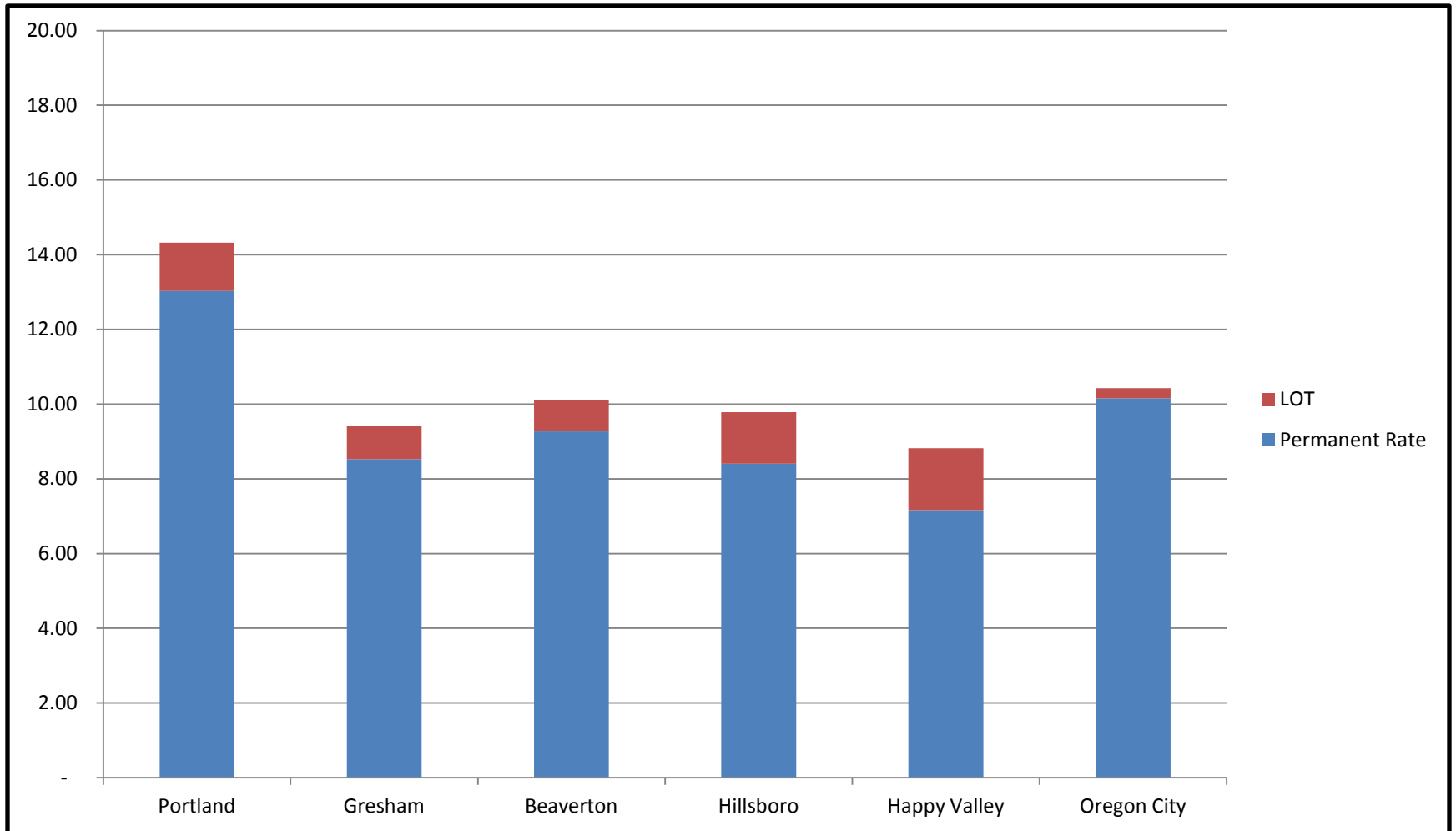
Compression Facts

- Property Tax Compression is how Measure 5 limits (passed in 1990) are implemented
- Limits: \$10/\$1,000 General Government
 \$5/\$1,000 Education
- Limit is based Real Market Value (RMV), not Assessed Value
- General Obligation Bonds are exempt from Measure 5 Limits
- Local Option Levies are compressed first

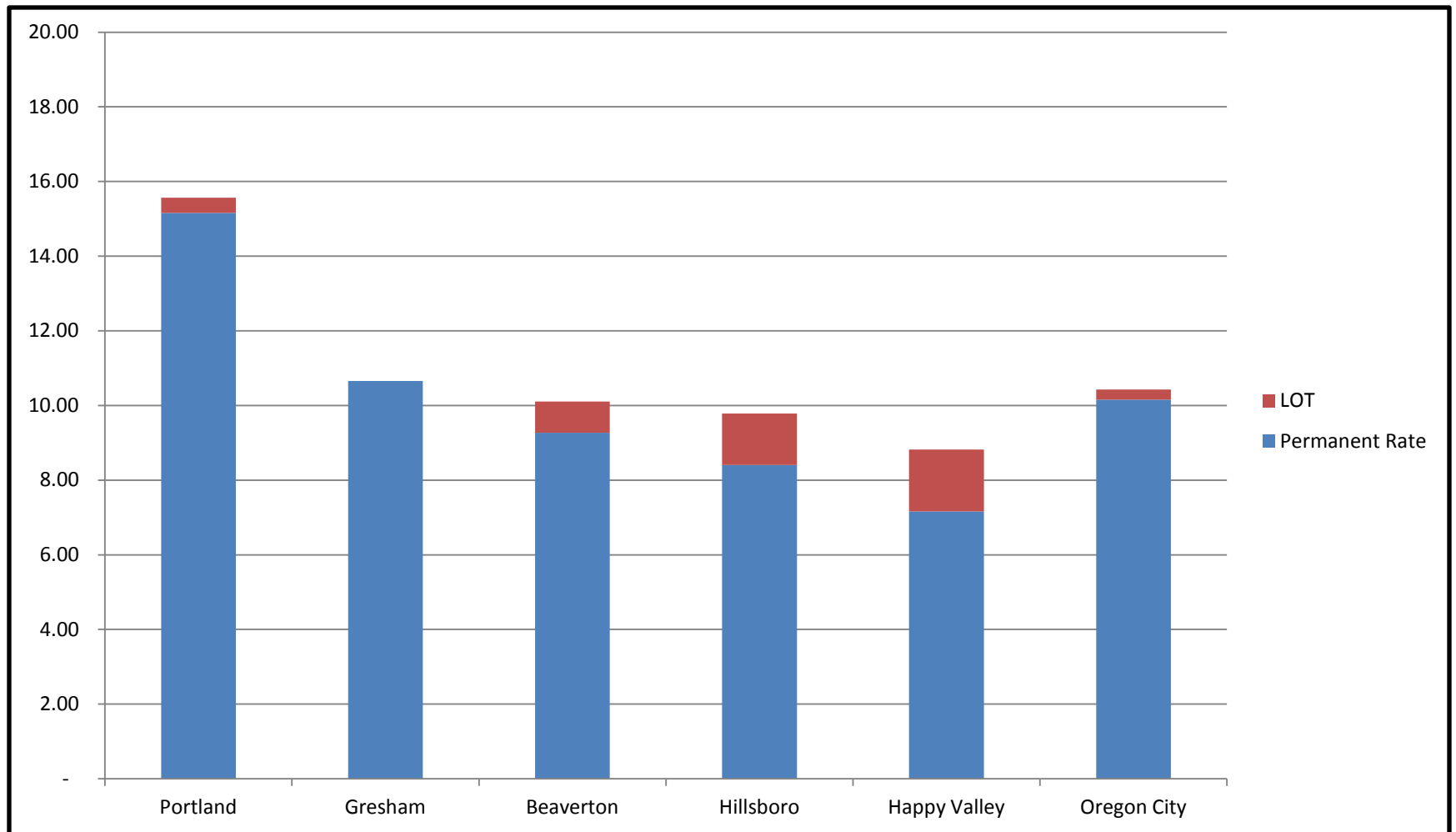
How are M5 Limits Calculated?



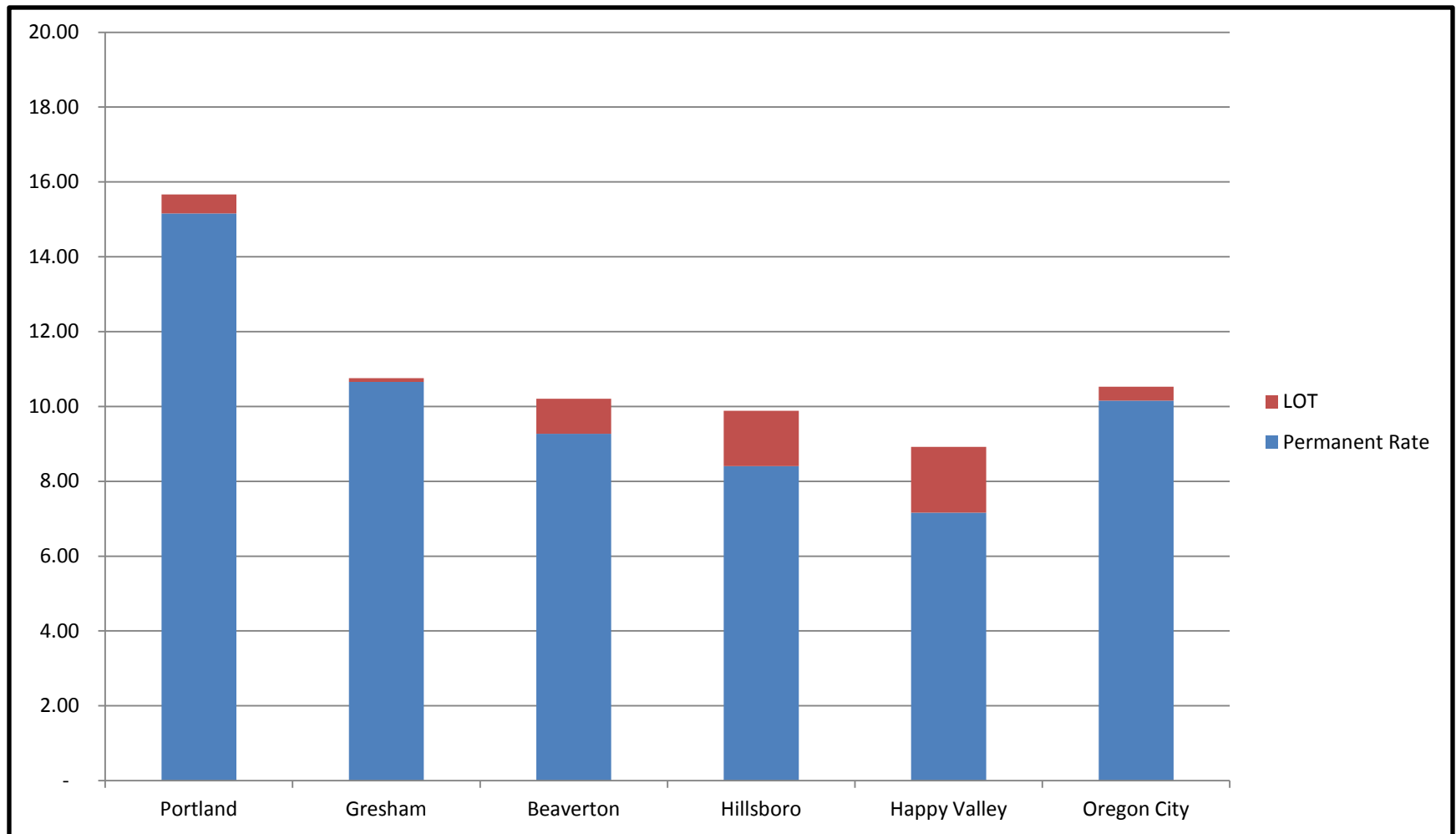
Status Quo – FY 2013



FY 2013 with Library District



FY 2013 w/Lib Dist & Poss Metro Levy



Compression Effects from Library District Passage (FY 11-12)

	Status Quo	Library District	.09 Levy	Library Dist + .09 Levy
City of Portland Levy	\$7,617,567	\$972,820	\$58,588	\$1,132,358
Mult Co Library Levy	1,658,485	-	136,054	-
Mult Co Hist Dist Levy	954,718	161,261	7,582	181,380
Metro Permanent Rate	221,004	132,326	-	132,326
Potential Metro Levy	0		1,727,517	2,000,085
City of Gresham	697	547	-	547

Other Compression Effects (FY 11-12)

	Status Quo	Library District	.09 Levy	Library Dist + .09 Levy
Clackamas Co Levy	170,655	-	6,289	6,289
Other Clackamas Co Levies	65,324	-	2,014	2,014
Potential Metro Levy (Clackamas)	-	-	64,214	64,214
Washington County Levy	49,747	-	50,435	50,435
TVF&R	17,152	-	23,057	23,057
Other Washington Co Levies	8,380	-	3,609	3,609
Potential Metro Levy (Washington)	-	-	15,282	15,282