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Meeting: Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee

Date: Friday, March 15, 2012

Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

Location: Metro Regional Center, council chamber

8:45 **COFFEE AND PASTRIES**

9:00 **WELCOME** Drake Butsch

9:05 **2013 WORK PLAN** Drake Butsch

9:30 **PROGRAM UPDATES** Kathleen Brennan-Hunter

Acquisition, local share and capital grants

Financial report

Stabilization update and new report

Natural areas and parks levy

10:30 **LOCAL SHARE REPORTING** Kathleen Brennan-Hunter

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2013 WORK PLAN

March 2013

Stabilization report Natural areas and parks levy Local share reporting approach Work plan

Late April 2013

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June 2013

Unusual circumstances
Target area progress
Capital grants/awards
Committee report drafting and conclusions

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Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee

March 15, 2013

Committee members in attendance: Drake Butsch (committee chair), Bill Drew, Walt McMonies, Rick Mishaga, Peter Mohr, Shawn Narancich, Andrew Nordby, Norman Penner, Kendra Smith

Committee members excused: Dean Alterman, Michelle Cairo, Christine Dupres, Kay Hutchinson, Autumn Rudisel, Cam Turner, Steve Yarosh

Metro: Councilor Craig Dirksen, Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Jim Desmond, Brian Kennedy, Heather Kent

Welcome

Committee chair Drake Butsch welcomed the committee and thanked them for attending. He introduced Councilor Craig Dirksen, who is replacing Councilor Harrington as the council liaison to the committee.

2013 work plan

The 2013 work plan has been included as part of the meeting agenda. Each topic will be covered at a committee meeting, and will be included in the annual report.

Program updates

Acquisition

Kathleen said there have been two property acquisitions since the last meeting. One was a conservation easement in the Lower Tualatin River target area; the other a foreclosure sale in the Canemah Bluff target area that closes the last remaining gap in Metro ownership at Canemah Bluff. She talked about Orenco Woods, where Metro purchased 41 acres in 2011. As planned, 11 acres are being sold for development and the remaining acres will be developed as a nature park. The City of Hillsboro is beginning the master planning process for the park. Metro and the City of Tigard are collaborating on stabilization plans for the Fields property, which links several Tigard and Metro properties along Fanno Creek. Tigard used a portion of their parks bond proceeds to help purchase the property.

Willamette Falls

Metro and its partners completed extensive due diligence to better understand site conditions. The City of Oregon City will now enter into an agreement with the trustee to begin the master planning process. Metro will continue to assist the city with technical support. The partners have secured a \$5 million appropriation in the governor's proposed 2014 budget. Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette and Oregon City Commissioner Kathy Roth have had several meetings with White House and EPA staff, as well as Senators Wyden and Merkley, about the project.

Financial report

Brian reviewed the financial report as of Feb. 28, 2013. Discussion was held about administrative costs, which are currently at 10.38 percent for FY 2013 due to a number of factors. Brian noted the overall rate is 6.4 percent. Administrative costs will be reviewed in more detail at the next meeting.

Local share

Seventy-four percent of the \$44 million allocation has been spent to date. Kathleen recently signed extensions for 12 jurisdictions to complete their projects.

Capital grants

Metro is currently in the middle of the capital grant review cycle. The committee is reviewing four applications; Metro Council approval is scheduled for June.

Stabilization

Brian reviewed the stabilization report, which has been revised slightly from past formats. Drake suggested adding a notes section to comment on unusual situations.

Parks and natural areas levy

Jim distributed a fact sheet about the levy. He noted that now that the levy has been referred to voters, staff cannot advocate in any way; only share factual information. He said staff is currently working on detailed project planning so work can begin immediately after the May 21 vote if voters approve. Kendra noted that while Metro staff cannot advocate for the levy, committee members certainly can (*Restore our Natural Areas*, Measure No. 26-152).

Local Share reporting

Kathleen said one of the recommendations in the committee's most recent report was to develop performance measures for local share projects and to evaluate the benefits to local communities. She introduced a new handout that summarizes the status of the local share program. The report will be produced for each meeting. It was suggested that the information be included in the committee's next report, and also posted online. Kathleen said Metro's current website does not support this, but she is hopeful that a new platform coming this fall will allow this activity.

Natural areas tours

Staff will set up several tours to natural areas and/or local share and capital grant sites. Drake said he has found the tours to be very informative and encouraged members to attend.

Council update

Councilor Dirksen said he appreciated everything the committee does and noted that he specifically requested that he be assigned to a committee that worked with the natural areas program. He looks forward to learning more at future meetings.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be in late April 2013.

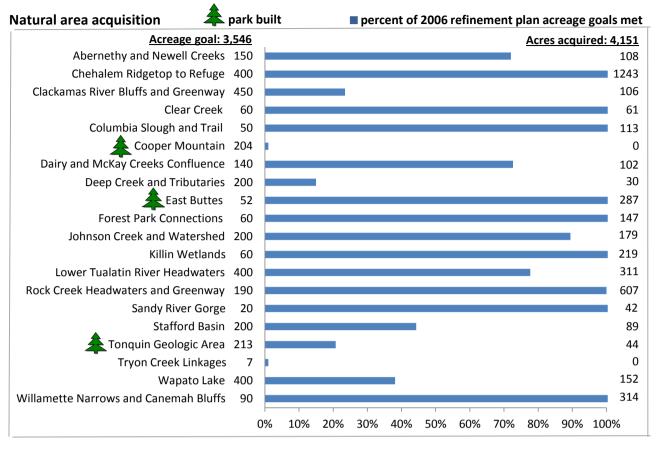
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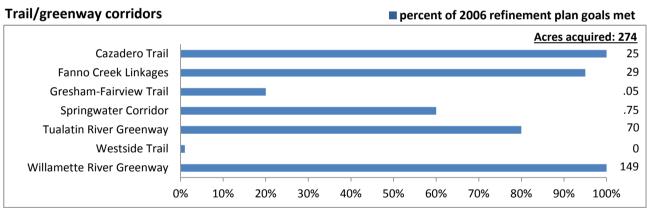
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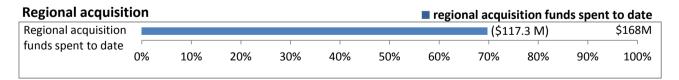
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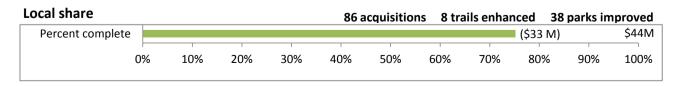
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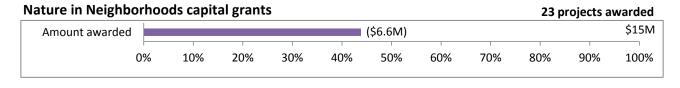
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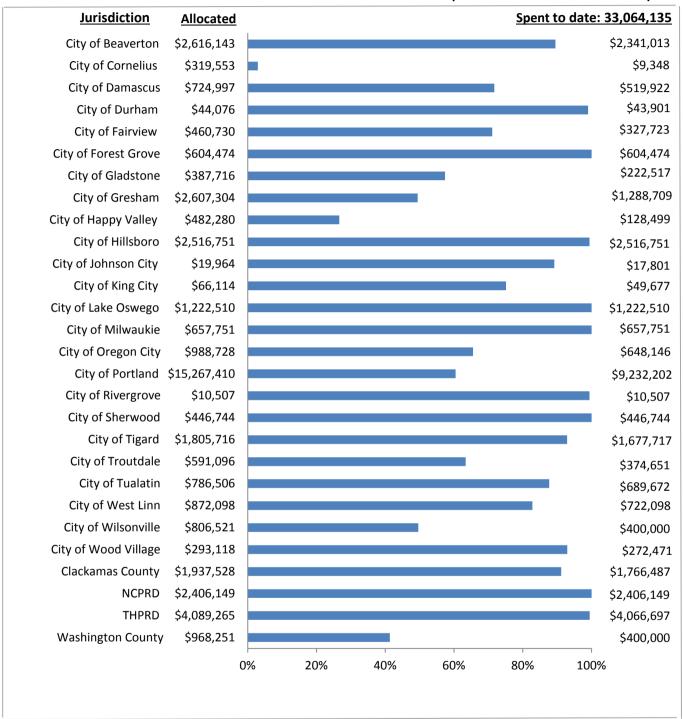




Local Share program

March 8, 2013

percent of local share allocation spent



2006 Natural Areas Bond Fund

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

	EVA7	EVA	FY09	FY10	FV44	EV40		FY13	Program
	FY07	FY08			FY11	FY12		Through	Total
Beginning Fund Balance	Amount 0	<u>Amount</u> 122,299,840	<u>Amount</u> 93,979,814	<u>Amount</u> 77,117,027	<u>Amount</u> 56,800,428	<u>Amount</u> 36,436,243	FTE	<u>Amount</u> 98,462,227	<u>Amoui</u> (
Resources									
Bond Proceeds	130,678,369	0	0	0	0	90,015,894		0	220,694,263
Interest Earnings	1,301,230	5,600,503	2,538,906	940,859	322,830	139,417		35,901	10,879,64
Other Resources	10,000	27,380	5,322,056	385,730	414,009	950,828		211,826	7,321,82
Subtotal Resources	131,989,599	5,627,883	7,860,962	1,326,589	736,839	91,106,138		247,726	238,895,73
Requirements									
Land Acquisition									
Staff Costs	117,956	206,692	425,072	465,329	512,240	658,515	6.3	347,358	2,733,16
Materials & Services	6,786	2,599	334,980	328,153	8,506	3,907		25,431	710,36
Land Costs	7,596,372	25,224,753	14,517,160	10,274,472	8,457,543	14,944,534		6,065,422	87,080,25
Due Diligence									
Staff Costs	0	412,029	492,589	455,774	430,237	464,571	5.0	255,177	2,510,37
Materials & Services	96,539	199,756	183,474	299,244	315,358	412,112		572,495	2,078,9
Stabilization									
Staff Costs	19,578	116,534	190,606	290,234	388,887	430,992	4.7	265,836	1,702,6
Materials & Services	294	177,441	345,330	284,874	643,569	681,557		793,704	2,926,7
Local Share		22.222	40.070	1- 1- 0	10.770	- 0.404		07.700	
Staff Costs	0	36,269	43,872	47,458	49,759	56,434	0.5	35,769	269,56
Materials & Services	0	25	188	3,500	0	35,934		775	40,42
Payments to Jurisdictions	400,000	4,798,366	4,316,165	5,399,109	6,312,927	8,527,542		2,117,562	31,871,67
Capital Grants	0	CO 004	00.050	405.400	04.744	444.070	0.0	50,000	E40.0
Staff Costs	0	63,831	89,352	125,466	91,744	111,876	0.8	59,980	542,2
Materials & Services	0 0	1,400 0	1,363 49,750	811	75,621	44,562		320,675	444,4
Grant Payments Capital Construction	U	U	49,750	534,899	1,211,418	150,901		747,046	2,694,0
Staff Costs	0	84,071	113,921	115,064	100,643	115,884	0.9	88,929	618,5
	455,072	1,513,347	2,503,147	1,841,075	917,019	(9,098)	0.9	1,709	7,222,2
Capital Administration	455,072	1,010,041	2,303,147	1,041,075	917,019	(9,096)		1,709	1,222,2
Bond Issuance Costs	295,889	0	0	43	0	325,046		43	621,0
Refinement	255,005	O	0	40	O	323,040		40	021,0
Staff Costs	1,477	5,426	0	0	0	0		0	6,9
Materials & Services	382,030	85,882	0	0	0	0		0	467,9
Direct Admin Costs	002,000	00,002	o o	v	· ·	· ·		· ·	407,0
Staff Costs	230,815	527,644	490,722	750,704	868,127	680,107	3.7	462,354	4,010,4
Materials & Services	25,980	152,422	51,490	56,082	263,857	890,303	0.7	269,561	1,709,69
Indirect Admin Costs*	60,971	339,422	574,569	370,939	453,567	554,475		623,431	2,977,37
Other Requirements	0	0	0	0	0	00 1, 17 0		020, 101	2,011,01
Subtotal Requirements	9,689,759	33,947,909	24,723,748	21,643,231	21,101,023	29,080,155		13,053,258	153,239,08
Ending Fund Balance	122,299,840	93,979,814	77,117,027	56,800,385	36,436,243	98,462,227		85,656,695	85,656,69
	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12		FY13 YTD	Tot
Administration as % of Total Expenditures	10.29%	3.27%	4.52%	5.44%	7.51%	8.42%		10.38%	6.39

^{*} 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 Oversight Committee

Stabilization Report - March 2013

Stabilization End

			3	labilization End				
		Acres	Close Date	Date	Status	Prior Years	2012-13 YTD	Total to Date
Stabilzatio	n Administration							
Personnel	Services					728,453	224,908	953,361
Materials	and Services					33,988	8,321	42,310
						762,441	233,229	995,670
East Butte	s							
G02038	Happy Valley Homes	14.70	7/26/2011	7/26/2013	Stabilization	1,142	1,385	2,527
G02097	Miller	20.99	6/30/2008	6/30/2010	Complete	19,042	-	19,042
G02110	Cascade Pacific Council	68.30	5/5/2011	5/5/2016	Stabilization	25,685	13,097	38,782
G02125	Darby Ridge	37.30	6/6/2007	6/6/2009	Complete	20,100	5,214	25,313
G02132	Sunnyside Brook, LLC/BASILLI	22.48	6/15/2010	6/15/2012	Stabilization	19,226	-	19,226
G02135	Persimmon Properties	70.00	7/20/2007	7/20/2009	Complete	20,668	-	20,668
G02136	Persimmon Development TL3600	8.00	7/20/2007	7/20/2009	Complete	819	-	819
G02137	Persimmon Development TL600	15.00	10/14/2008	10/14/2010	Complete	3,371	-	3,371
G02140	Rogers	30.02	4/8/2011	4/8/2016	Stabilization	20,180	65,405	85,585
East Butte	s and Boring Lava					130,358	85,101	215,459
Deep Cree	k and Tributaries							
G46002	Mabel Johnson Trust	17.90	10/29/2009	10/29/2011	Complete	23,162	-	23,162
G46008	Winters/Homes New to You Inc.	4.83	12/21/2010	12/21/2012	Stabilization	8,382	852	9,233
G46012	Schafer Trust	7.20	10/4/2011	10/4/2013	Stabilization	15,579	20,676	36,254
Deep Cree	k Target Area					47,122	21,527	68,649
Clear Cree	k							
G12016	Stark	61.00	7/26/2012	7/26/2017	Stabilization	-	19,900	19,900
Clear Cree	k Canyon					-	19,900	19,900
Abernethy	and Newell Creeks							
G03053	Trust for Public Land-Evanson	106.66	8/13/2007	8/13/2009	Complete	4,336	-	4,336
G03065	Gabriel	1.36	5/10/2012		Stabilization	· -	212	212
Newell & A	Abernathy Creeks					4,336	212	4,548
Stafford B	asin							
G55002	Stevens Family Enterprises LLC	24.70	6/20/2008	6/20/2010	Complete	29,268	-	29,268

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		Acres	Close Date	Date	Status	Prior Years	2012-13 YTD	Total to Date
G55003	Landover Properties	63.91	6/8/2009	6/8/2012	Stabilization	104,401	-	104,401
Stafford B	asin					133,669	-	133,669
Willamett	e Narrows and Canemah Bluff							
53210	Canemah Bluffs					-	10,386	10,386
G21006	Lewis	29.60	6/26/2012	6/26/2017	Stabilization	301	55,407	55,708
G21007	Davis - File #21.07	24.34	3/11/2009	3/11/2011	Complete	12,801	-	12,801
G21015	Reeder	181.25	6/28/2011	12/31/2015	Stabilization	57,255	118,894	176,149
G21019	Benson	4.90	9/27/2011	9/27/2016	Stabilization	14,338	21,426	35,763
G22010	Vlahos	26.00	4/27/2012	4/27/2014	Stabilization	2,870	47,511	50,381
G22025	Kahre	13.29	3/25/2009	3/25/2011	Complete	9,343	-	9,343
Willamette	e Narrows					96,907	258,124	355,032
Tonquin G	Geologic Area							
G08024	State of Oregon DAS - Dammasch	19.76	7/25/2008	7/25/2010	Complete	50,099	-	50,099
G08029	Weedman/Tonquin	24.40	3/12/2012	3/12/2017	Stabilization	455	25,175	25,631
Tonquin G	eologic Ares					50,554	25,175	75,729
Lower Tua	alatin Headwaters							
G54001	Burge Trust	52.93	5/2/2007	5/2/2009	Complete	8,467	-	8,467
G54003	Holmes Trust	38.60	10/17/2008	10/17/2010	Complete	50,311	-	50,311
G54004	Cole	5.00	6/8/2009	6/8/2011	Complete	2,403	-	2,403
G54005	Streeter	23.20	6/8/2009	6/8/2011	Complete	45,268	2,243	47,512
G54006	Brown Acquisition	44.19	4/30/2007	4/30/2009	Complete	5,394	-	5,394
G54012	Massoni	10.00	12/15/2010	12/15/2012	Stabilization	33	-	33
G54013	Ralston/Consani	34.00	8/23/2010	8/23/2012	Stabilization	39,094	3,517	42,611
G54014	Schmeltzer, file 54.014	76.55	11/21/2011	11/21/2016	Stabilization	35	24,007	24,042
G54016	Bohm (Conserv. Easement)	26.35	1/31/2013	1/0/1900	Stabilization	-	994	994
Lower Tua	latin Headwaters					151,005	30,761	181,766
Tualatin R	iver Greenway							
53110	Tualatin River Greenway					602	-	602
G11011	Nelson/Vanghn Trust	68.25	8/29/2012	8/29/2017	Stabilization	-	17,434	17,434
G11031	Kapaun	0.41	9/28/2007	9/28/2009	Complete	6,539	-	6,539

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		Acres	Close Date	Date	Status	Prior Years	2012-13 YTD	Total to Date
G11033	ICON Construction	1.50	10/24/2008	10/24/2010	Complete	9,948	-	9,948
Tualatin Riv	ver Greenway					17,089	22,977	40,066
Wapato La								
G50006	Lynscot Management	152.49	2/6/2012	2/6/2017	Stabilization	42,000	97,586	139,587
Wapato La	ke Target Area					42,000	97,586	139,587
Chehalem	Ridgetop to Refuge							
54800	Chehalem Ridgetop-Refuge Area					6,320	-	6,320
G48001	Hamacher/Ponzi	36.30	2/11/2008	2/11/2010	Complete	24,768	-	24,768
G48002	Chehalem Ridge/TPL/Iowa Hill	1,143.00	1/7/2010	1/7/2013	Stabilization	445,646	119,838	565,483
G48004	McKenzie/Chehalem Ridge	19.17	9/22/2011	9/22/2016	Stabilization	19,421	12,484	31,905
G48005	Sandstrom Revocable Lvng Trust	40.00	11/15/2012	11/15/2017	Stabilization	-	737	737
Chehalem	Ridgetop-Refuge Area					496,154	133,059	629,213
Dairy and I	McKay Creeks Confluence							
G07039	Wetter	88.05	4/13/2007	4/13/2009	Complete	9,403	-	9,403
G07042	Saxton	6.70	1/22/2009	1/22/2011	Complete	21,818	216	22,034
Dairy McKa	ay Target Area					31,451	216	31,667
Killin Wetla	and							
G56002	Moore Family Farm	214.95	3/8/2012	3/8/2017	Stabilization	336	23,764	24,100
Killin Wetla	and Target Area					336	23,764	24,100
Rock Creek	Headwaters and Greenway							
G13040	Steinberg	39.50	9/30/2011	9/30/2016	Stabilization	7,912	5,972	13,884
G13043	Keystone Construction & Dev	20.61	4/12/2010	4/12/2012	Stabilization	12,638	-	12,638
G13044	Chang	20.00	9/14/2009	9/14/2011	Complete	4,222	-	4,222
G13046	Cho	40.00	6/4/2010	6/4/2012	Stabilization	68,988	-	68,988
G13048	Fernald	37.39	4/21/2011	4/21/2016	Stabilization	31,893	4,021	35,914
G13049	Hampton / Rock Creek	80.80	12/21/2011	12/21/2016	Stabilization	9,575	7,923	17,499
G13050	Multnomah County Tax Title	26.50	5/9/2012	5/9/2014	Stabilization	-	41	41
G13051	Mid Valley Resources	300.00	12/21/2011	12/21/2016	Stabilization	790	8,010	8,800
G13052	Orenco Woods/Hillsboro/TPL	42.00	12/1/2011	12/1/2016	Stabilization	-	5,867	5,867

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Rock Creel	k Greenway&Headwaters					136,018	31,834	167,853
Forest Par	k Connections							
53060	Forest Park Expansion					3,647	-	3,647
G06058	Margolis/TPL	57.50	3/27/2007	3/27/2009	Complete	49,922	-	49,922
G06065	Oregon Parks Foundation	86.50	11/20/2008	11/20/2010	Complete	45,947	-	45,947
Forest Par	k Expansion					99,516	-	99,516
Columbia	Slough							
G28009	Roughton/Columbia Slough	20.50	2/24/2011	2/24/2013	Stabilization	38,190	-	38,190
Columbia	Slough Target Area					38,190	-	38,190
Johnson C	reek and Watershed							
G29001	Wong	10.00	6/22/2007	6/22/2009	Complete	4,137	-	4,137
G29002	Spani Seely	1.02	12/29/2006	12/29/2008	Complete	10,460	-	10,460
G29004	Telford Estates	20.00	11/27/2007	11/27/2009	Complete	101,701	4,179	105,880
G29005	Clarence Allesina	1.28	7/31/2007	7/31/2009	Complete	16,880	-	16,880
G29006	Hedges	49.00	7/13/2007	7/13/2009	Complete	16,369	-	16,369
G29007	Clatsop Buttes I (Hedge Creek)	1.54	1/7/2008	1/7/2010	Complete	2,762	-	2,762
G29008	JC Reeves	52.68	11/30/2007	11/30/2009	Complete	4,670	-	4,670
G29012	Stickney	1.98	7/14/2008	7/14/2010	Complete	29,380	-	29,380
G29013	Parson	5.59	2/9/2010	2/9/2012	Complete	30,580	-	30,580
G29015	Jones	0.50	10/7/2008	10/7/2010	Complete	18,605	-	18,605
G29017	Gonzales	0.38	12/23/2008	12/23/2010	Complete	1,618	-	1,618
G29019	Peden	5.85	4/8/2011	4/8/2013	Stabilization	18,985	1,019	20,005
G29020	Marston	2.97	11/18/2010	11/18/2015	Stabilization	24,195	1,019	25,215
G29022	Wildt	4.81	6/28/2012	6/28/2017	Stabilization	-	21,026	21,026
Johnson C	reek Target Area					280,344	27,244	307,588
Sandy Rive	er Gorge							
G04024	Friberg - File 4.024	41.80	12/1/2009	12/4/2011	Complete	55	-	55
Sandy Rive	er Gorge					55	-	55

Fanno Creek Linkages

		Acres	Close Date	Date	Status	Prior Years	2012-13 YTD	Total to Date
G16009 F	ields	25.89	9/13/2012	9/13/2017	Stabilization	=	21,063	21,063
Fanno Creek G	Greenway					-	21,063	21,063
Cazadero Trai	I							
G52001 C	OSU Foundation	24.63	5/19/2010	5/19/2012	Stabilization	37,809	1,365	39,174
Cazadero Trail	l					37,809	1,365	39,174
				Total S	Stabilization Expense:	2,555,356	1,033,139	3,588,495

Total local share allocation: \$44,000,000

Expended as of March 8, 2013: \$33,064,135

Percentage expended as of March 8, 2013: 75%

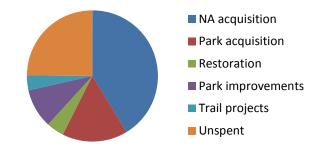
• 86 acquisitions; 665 acres

• 8 trail projects (some not yet complete)

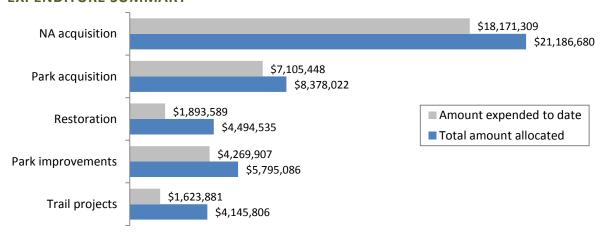
• 38 parks improved

EXPENDITURES BY PROJECT TYPE

	Amount	Expended
Project type	allocated	to date
NA acquisition (605 acres)	\$21,186,680	\$18,171,309
Park acquisition (60 acres)	\$8,378,022	\$7,105,448
Restoration	\$4,494,535	\$1,893,589
Park improvements	\$5,795,086	\$4,269,907
Trail projects	\$4,145,806	\$1,623,881



EXPENDITURE SUMMARY



NATURAL AREA ACQUISITION

Jurisdictions are using their local share funds to acquire natural areas to meet a variety of purposes, including:

 Securing inholdings or expanding existing natural areas. For example, 32 of the sites acquired by the City of Portland are inholdings in four areas – Forest Park, Marquam Nature Park, West Portland Park and Woods Park.

Natural area acquisition

- \$21,186,680 allocated
- \$18,171,309 expended to date
- 72 sites acquired in 13 jurisdictions
- 605 acres acquired to date
- Securing land for new nature parks in developing areas of our region such as Damascus, Happy Valley, Hillsboro, Oregon City, Bull Mountain and Washington County.

- Securing land in order to achieve specific watershed restoration goals along Johnson Creek, the Columbia Slough and Rock Creek.
- Improving access to existing natural areas in Forest Grove, Oregon City and Clackamas County
- Covering due diligence and stabilization costs.
- Partnering with Metro to build on regional goals in the East Buttes, along Rock and Johnson creeks, and in the Canemah Bluff Natural Area.

In addition, Metro staff assisted seven jurisdictions in acquiring 12 sites through an acquisition services IGA.

PARK ACQUISITION

Fourteen sites throughout the region have been acquired for more traditional park use. These parks will range from small pocket parks in already developed neighborhoods to a large sports complex in a rapidly developing area. Five of the sites expand existing park land.

RESTORATION PROJECTS

Jurisdictions are using their funds to address a variety of restoration needs that include addressing human impact (Troutdale, Wood Village, Portland, Cornelius), and enhancing water quality (Beaverton Gresham, Portland).

PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

While park improvements are less than 10 percent of program expenditures, they are an important aspect of the local share program. Sixteen of the 28 local partners have completed 25 park improvement projects to date. These projects range from amenities such as restrooms or access improvements, to complete park development projects such as Jackie Husan Park in the Cedar Hills area and the Boring Station Trailhead Park.

TRAILS

Local share funds are being used to address regional trail priorities along Beaver Creek, the Trolley Trail, Springwater Corridor, the Gresham-Fairview Trail, Red Electric and Fanno Creek. In addition, five local trail priorities are being addressed.

Park acquisition

- \$8,378,022 allocated
- \$7,105,448 expended to date
- 14 sites acquired in 8 jurisdictions
- 60 acres acquired to date

Restoration projects

- \$4,494,535 allocated
- \$1,893,589 expended to date
- 13 projects in 6 jurisdictions

Park improvement projects

- \$5,795,086 allocated
- \$4,269,907 expended to date
- 25 projects in 16 jurisdictions

Trails

- \$4,145,806 allocated
- \$1,623,881 expended to date
- 8 projects in 8 jurisdictions

LEVERAGE INFORMATION

To date, local partners have reported \$33.5 million in leveraged funding – more than the total local share funds that have been expended to date. Sources include:

- Portland Grey to Green funding
- Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation and City of Tigard bond measures
- Park system development charges
- Stormwater funds
- Oregon State Parks grants
- Federal transportation funding

METRO NATURAL AREAS LOCAL OPTION LEVY

Coming to ballots: This

May, voters in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties will decide whether to approve a five-year natural areas local option levy of 9.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed home value. The levy would raise about \$10 million per year to improve water quality, restore habitat, take care of some of Metro's parks and natural areas, and expand opportunities for people to use them.

What it would cost: The owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$19.20 per year, for five years.

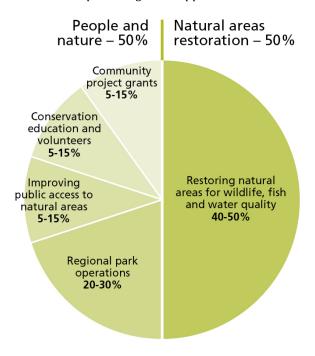
Where money would go:

Many areas across Metro's 16,000-acre land portfolio would receive increased maintenance and/or improvements.

About half the new funding would be spent to help restore natural areas for wildlife, fish and water quality – including large-scale restoration projects, smaller projects and everyday maintenance. Projects are selected based on core ecological principles relied upon by restoration and conservation professionals.

Where levy funds would go

All percentages are approximate



The other half of the funding would be used for enhancing people's connections with nature by supporting regional park operations, improving access to natural areas and expanding community grants, conservation education and volunteer opportunities.

Taking care of regional parks: Projects will be identified based on visitor safety, facility age and condition. Projects designated for funding include those identified in Metro's existing capital improvement and renewal and replacement plan, as supplemented by

information from field staff, safety records and park user feedback.

Community grants: The

levy would provide funding for Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods grant program. These community grants support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature. Individuals, citizen groups, businesses, neighborhoods, nonprofits, schools and school groups, government agencies, faith groups and service groups with nonprofit or other taxexempt status may apply.

Conservation education:

Levy proceeds will increase the diversity and amount of public programming and interpretive signage at some Metro parks and natural areas. Visitors will learn about the site's natural and cultural history, natural resources, restoration activities and regional significance. With levy funds, Metro will also establish partnerships to create paid, multi-year opportunities for teens to develop high-level, diverse skills that prepare them for conservation-related college study and professional careers.

Volunteers: Volunteer coordination will be expanded to support opportunities for community engagement across all programs funded by the levy. For example, levy funds will support recruitment and coordination of regular volunteer work parties in restoration and maintenance projects. Levy proceeds will also support volunteer opportunities such as site stewards, wildlife monitoring and trail counting. Outreach to volunteers will be intentional in efforts to include diverse populations and communities.

Measuring performance:

To aid accountability, program staff will produce an annual work plan to be approved by Metro's chief operating officer. At the end of each fiscal year, a report to the Metro Council will detail program expenses, major accomplishments and progress toward

specific outcomes. The work plan and annual report will be presented at a public Metro Council meeting, made available on the Metro website and featured in other public outreach channels. Program expenses will be subject to annual audits.

Background: Starting with the closure of the St. Johns Landfill and transfer of Multnomah County's parks and cemeteries, Metro has evolved into a major regional landowner and land manager. Twice, the region's voters have directed Metro to acquire additional natural areas for the benefit of the public to protect water quality, wildlife habitat and opportunities for people to connect with nature.

Sample projects to be funded if levy is approved

Restoration	Regional parks	Natural areas improvements
Clear Creek Canyon Restore natural water flow, improve water quality by closing ditches, treat invasive plants.	Blue Lake Regional Park Upgrade native landscaping; renovate sports areas, pathways, playground, swim beach/restrooms, office and maintenance building; improve traffic and parking, utility and drainage; add picnic shelters.	Chehalem Ridge Natural Area Identify opportunities for low-cost, low-maintenance access, potentially including signage and trails.
Johnson Creek Improve floodplain connectivity, restore native vegetation for fish and water quality.	Oxbow Regional Park Replace restrooms; improve maintenance area, office/residence, fire roads, wheelchair access, play and equestrian areas; add cabins and group camp sites.	Canemah Bluff Natural Area Construct viewpoint wall for safety at a bluff cliff, improve signage and trails.
Willamette Narrows Treat invasives and plant native wildflowers to solidify habitat gains from work to protect oaks.	Nature parks Develop overflow parking at Cooper Mountain, improve recycling and garbage collection at Graham Oaks, renovate pathways at Mount Talbert.	East Buttes Establish trailheads, signage and formalized soft-surface trail system at Gabbert Hill and Towle Butte in Gresham.
Gales Creek/Penstemon Prairie Continue restoration of floodplain wetland and prairie habitats.	Howell Territorial Park Update master plan, add signage, construct shelter, improve parking.	Agency Creek/McCarthy Creek Explore hiking and cycling opportunities near Forest Park.

Metro's portfolio has grown to nearly 16,000 acres, and that number may reach 17,000 by the time the proceeds of the most recent bond measure have been fully invested.

Once acquired, these lands require ongoing maintenance. Money approved by voters for land acquisition in 1995 and 2006 legally cannot be used for operating expenses.

In addition to the natural areas acquired with voterapproved bonds, Metro has responsibility for a number of developed park sites – some more than 50 years old. As restrooms, maintenance buildings,

picnic and play areas reach the end of their useful life, they need to be replaced. Without additional investments, the cost of maintaining these aging facilities will continue to increase and basic services will be reduced.

How the levy was developed: Last summer an independent advisory panel of 15 business, conservation and community leaders from around the region considered Metro's work to acquire, restore and operate regional parks and natural areas, and the associated challenges of taking care of them. The panel recommended that

the Metro Council refer to voters a five-year local option levy focused on taking care of public assets, restoring fish and wildlife habitat, addressing equity for underserved communities and improving natural areas for people.

To understand and reflect the public's priorities for funding, Metro reached out to stakeholders and sought input through opinion research and community engagement to help shape a detailed proposal. The Metro Council referred a five-year levy to voters in December 2012.

Each year, Metro would evaluate progress toward these outcomes:

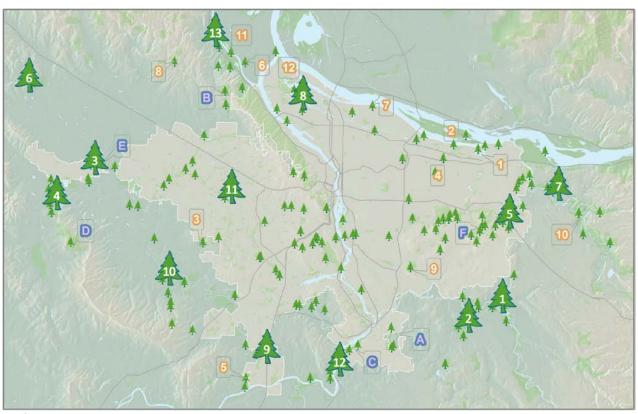
Restoring natural areas for wildlife, fish and water quality.

- Increase management and invasive species control to improve water quality and wildlife habitat on 10,000 to 12,000 acres.
- Complete targeted, major restoration projects on 2,000 acres.
- Meet or exceed performance standards identified in Metro's Diversity Action Plan, continuing utilization of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business contractors.

Site improvements and community engagement programs that expand opportunities for people to enjoy Metro's parks and natural areas, learn about and connect with nature.

- Improve quality and service for more than 1.3 million people visiting Metro's developed parks by improving or replacing identified park amenities.
- Increase opportunities for people to experience nature at Metro's natural areas.
- Increase community engagement at Metro's parks and natural areas through expanded education and volunteer programs, community partnerships and a community-based grant program.
- Increase opportunities for communities of color and children from low-income families to experience the region's parks and natural areas.
- Meet or exceed performance standards identified in Metro's Diversity Action Plan, continuing utilization of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business contractors.

Distribution of potential levy projects





Small-scale restoration at all Metro properties



Large-scale restoration projects

- 1 Clackamas River/North Logan Natural Area
- 2 Clear Creek/Clear Creek Canyon middle bench
- 3 Dairy/McKay creeks Dairy/McKay confluence
- 4 Gales Creek/Penstemon Prairie
- 5 Johnson Creek (various)
- 6 Killin Wetlands
- **7** Sandy River (various)
- 8 Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area
- 9 Tonquin Geologic Area/Coffee Lake Creek
- 10 Tualatin River/Gotter Prairie
- 11 Westside Trail corridor
- 12 Willamette Narrows (multiple sites)
- 13 Willamette River Greenway/Multnomah Channel



Regional park projects

- 1 Blue Lake Regional Park
- 2 Chinook Landing Marine Park
- **3** Cooper Mountain Nature Park
- 4 Glendoveer Fitness Trail
- **5** Graham Oaks Nature Park
- 6 Howell Territorial Park
- 7 M. James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp
- 8 Mason Hill Park
- 9 Mount Talbert Nature Park
- 10 Oxbow Regional Park
- 11 Sauvie Island Boat Ramp
- 12 Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area



Visitor improvements

- A Abernethy and Newell Creeks
- B Agency Creek/McCarthy Creek
- C Canemah Bluff North
- D Chehalem Ridge Natural Area
- E Council Creek
- F East Buttes



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