

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A) RESOLUTION NO. 89-1043
CONTINUED PARKS PLANNING AND)
COORDINATION ROLE FOR METRO) Introduced by the Council
) Intergovernmental Relations
) Committee

WHEREAS, During 1984 and 1985, the metropolitan area's citizens participated in public meetings, conferences and task forces dealing with the future of parks in the region; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Citizens League ("A Study by the Parks Committee," August 1984) and Columbia Willamette Futures Forum ("Critical Choices '84: Chart Tomorrow-Today," January 1985 and "The Future of our Libraries, Parks, and Transportation," January 1986) recommended the Metropolitan Service District assume a leadership role in parks planning and coordination for the region; and

WHEREAS, Since January 1988, the Metropolitan Service District has established a cooperative parks planning effort with the region's local jurisdictions, state and federal agencies, and park advocate organizations through its Parks Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, On June 9, 1988, the Council of the Metropolitan Service District unanimously approved Resolution No. 88-933 which supports a study which: 1) identifies aspects of the parks function which can best be provided on a regional basis and aspects which can best be provided on a local basis; and 2) develops a plan of action to implement the regional/local parks system; and

WHEREAS, On November 30, 1988, Metro's Parks Advisory Group developed a list of parks planning projects, as outlined in Exhibit A hereto, to be carried out by the Metropolitan Service District in

cooperation with the local jurisdictions, state and federal agencies and park advocate organizations; and

WHEREAS, On December 12, 1988, the Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government, in its final recommendations to the Oregon Legislative Assembly, endorsed a continuing parks planning, coordination and database management role for the Metropolitan Service District; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District supports a continued parks planning and coordination role for the Metropolitan Service District as outlined in Exhibit A hereto, in cooperation with the region's local jurisdictions, state and federal agencies; and park advocate organizations.

2. That the parks database, maps and computerized user-friendly system be made accessible to the region's citizens.

3. That the Executive Officer be requested to prepare for consideration in the proposed FY 1989-90 budget, a program which will implement a parks planning and coordination role for the Metropolitan Service District as outlined in Exhibit A hereto.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 9th day of February, 1989.



Sharron Kelley, Deputy Presiding Officer

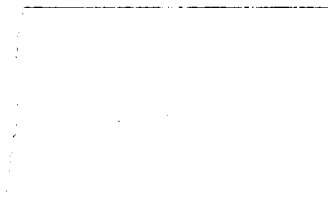
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EXHIBIT A

Parks Planning Program for Metro

1. Maintain and expand the parks database.
2. Continue regularly scheduled parks forums.
3. Coordinate natural areas planning in the region.
4. Coordinate and assist in the planning, acquisition, and development of regional trails, greenways, bicycle routes and waterway systems.
5. Work cooperatively with local jurisdictions, state and federal agencies, park advocate organizations and the private sector to identify potential regional park and recreational opportunities; potential park and natural area boundaries, and to identify potential action plans to reserve, acquire and protect key resources.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Agenda Item No. 8.1

Meeting Date February 9, 1989

RESOLUTION NO. 89-1043, SUPPORTING A CONTINUED PARKS PLANNING
AND COORDINATION ROLE FOR METRO

Date: January 27, 1989

Presented by: Jim Gardner, Chair
Intergovernmental
Relations Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its January 24 meeting, members of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee -- Councilors Bauer, DeJardin, Devlin, and myself -- voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 89-1043. Councilor Collier was absent.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & ISSUES: Councilor Sharron Kelley introduced the resolution and project, noting Metro's role is not to take over regional parks but to help the local jurisdictions in solving their problems through coordination, research and cooperation. Metro Senior Planner Mel Huie summarized the project and its products, providing the following components in Attachment A hereto:

- o Pages 2 - 17: An overview of the Parks and Natural Areas Planning Program, including a brief listing of the local representatives to provide formal statements of support for the project and program;
- o Pages 18 - 19: The January 24 staff report summarizing the project's work and outlining remaining steps for FY88-89 and the Parks Advisory Group's proposed work program for FY89-90;
- o Pages 20 - 24: Letters supporting the Regional Parks Study and two Oregonian pieces -- the In My Opinion, "Resources planning policy urged," by Michael C. Houck and "Zoos without bars," by Jonathan Nicholas.

Lynn Sharp, Environmental Consultant to the study, reviewed the status of the region's natural areas, noting the most current aerial photograph was from 1981 and many changes have occurred since then. An updated aerial photograph of the region is costly but essential to identify the actual status of these areas. Four study participants from the City of Portland, Clackamas County, 40-Mile Loop Land Trust, and the Audubon Society emphasized the usefulness of the study's data for coordinating planning, responding to citizens' inquiries, and establishing a consistent and complete picture of the region's parks and natural areas. It was also noted the Regional Parks Study's process produced a real "spirit of cooperation," whereas two years ago the relationship between jurisdictions had been "somewhat uncomfortable." Councilor Bauer suggested a "point six" should be added to the Parks Advisory Group's FY89-90 work program to secure funding towards the acquisition of natural areas in potential danger. It was noted this was a major step which would receive some attention under the work program's fifth point.



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Memorandum

- ATTACHMENT A -

Date: January 24, 1989
To: Intergovernmental Relations Committee
From: Councilor Sharron Kelley
Mel Huie, Senior Planner
Planning & Development Department
Regarding: PARKS and NATURAL AREAS PLANNING PROGRAM

A. STATUS REPORT

1. -General Overview of the Program Councilor Kelley
 - History
 - Where We've Come From; Where We're Heading
 - Regional Role for Metro in Parks and Natural Areas Planning
 - What the Resolution Before You Means

2. -Process and Products to Date Mel Huie
Lynn Sharp,
Environmental
Consultant
 - Parks & Natural Areas Maps
 - Parks Directory
 - Computerized Database
 - Regional Parks Study
 - How the Information Will Reach the Local Jurisdictions & Public
 - Parks Advisory Group/Park Forums

3. -Proposed Work Program for FY 1989-90 Mel Huie

B. TESTIMONY FROM LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND PARK ADVOCATE ORGANIZATIONS

Mike Houck, Audubon Society
Dave Yamashita, Portland Parks Bureau
Dan Zinzer, Clackamas Co. Parks
Charlie Ciecko, Multnomah Co. Parks
Myron Johnson, Lake Oswego Parks
Dorothea Lensch, 40-Mile Loop Land Trust
Barbara Walker, Citizen Park Advocate

C. INFORMATION PACKET

- I. Background and History
- II. Products, Timeline and Budget (Phase I)
- III. Parks Advisory Group
- IV. Forums & Meetings Held for Local Jurisdictions
- V. Regional Parks Advisory Group
- VI. Metropolitan Recreational Resources
- VII. Staff Report and Resolution

I. BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF THE PROJECT

The Parks Inventory and Study were first proposed by the Metropolitan Citizens League and Columbia-Willamette Futures Forum back in 1984. Both of these organizations are now defunct. Metro provided staff assistance to a Regional Parks Study Technical Assistance Group during 1985-1986. This group developed a work program to complete a parks inventory, computerized database and study and secured funding to hire a consulting firm to carry out the tasks.

Funding came from:

Metro	\$10,000
State of Oregon Parks	10,000
Multnomah County	7,500
Clackamas County	5,393
TOTAL	<u>\$32,893</u>

The City of Portland and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District offered in-kind and staff assistance to the project.

During 1987, Metro staff worked with the local jurisdictions and State of Oregon Parks Division to finalize the work program and gain consensus on how to proceed. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was developed by Metro and the local jurisdictions and advertised in late 1987. In February 1988, Murase Associates a planning and landscape architecture firm was selected to work on the project. Local staff participated in the decision to hire the firm.

Actual work tasks finally began in mid-March 1988. As the project got underway, Metro's outreach efforts expanded to include all the local jurisdictions and various park interest groups in the metropolitan area. A Regional Parks Advisory Group was established to oversee the project (see attached list). Since April, each local jurisdiction has been contacted and briefed about the project. Information for the parks inventory was obtained through personal contacts and interviews with local parks planning and maintenance staff.

Fifteen meetings and forums have been held this spring and summer to gain local input and direction on the project. It is anticipated another 15 to 20 meetings will be required to discuss the project and its recommendations during the late summer and fall.

II. PRODUCTS, TIMELINES AND BUDGET

REGIONAL PARKS INVENTORY AND STUDY

What each jurisdiction will receive from Metro:

1. Map of all parks within Metro (1":4,000'). Reverse side of this map will include:
 - Map of regional parks outside Metro but within tri-county area.
 - Listing of facilities at each park in an easy-to-read matrix format.

Region divided into geographic areas.

Blue line copy. No colors. No charge to jurisdictions.
\$8.00 for general public.

2. Computerized "User Friendly" Database of the of the Parks Inventory (IBM Compatible):

- "CLOUT" software \$250
- Run-time R-base 50
- Miscellaneous Costs to Metro 50

\$350

+\$500 (if R-base needs to be purchased)

Includes

- User's Guide
- 1 Training session

3. Directory of Parks in the Region

(Parks Database/Inventory in hard copy.) No charge to jurisdictions. Fee to general public.

- Organized by jurisdiction, possibly by type of facility (e.g., baseball fields, tennis courts, swimming pools, group picnic areas, etc., regardless of location;) and list of regionally significant resources.

* Updating Maps & Information/Database Maintenance

- Metro would coordinate (if funds available)
- Jurisdictions supply information
- Annually (next July/August 1989).

4. Map of Natural Areas (wetlands, etc.) within Metro.
(1":4,000')

- No charge to jurisdictions
- \$6.00 to general public

5. Regional Parks Study/Report

- Text
- Maps
- Regionally significant resources

- Recommendations
- No charge to local jurisdictions
- Printing cost to general public

Timelines: All tasks will be completed by February 28, 1989.

Budget: \$32,500 for consultants

III. PARKS ADVISORY GROUP

Potential Planning Responsibilities

- Establish a regional network for the first time
Currently no coordination
- Coordinate planning activities: Database management
Maintain library of master plans; budgets; program information;
maintenance information; funding sources; resource development
and management plans
- Quarterly newsletter with information on grants, fundraising,
legislation, public/private partnerships, local projects
- Seminars on park related topics (e.g., tax incentives for land
donations, grantwriting, fundraising, bonding)
- Work with Oregon Parks Division to increase state funding to
Metro area parks
- Coordinate funding/grant applications to state and federal
agencies from the region
- Develop a regional plan on funding options for parks
- Coordinate activities with Oregon Parks Division
- Plan for project upgrade, expand regionally significant resources
- Develop list of regional problems/issues
- Work as a region towards meeting future park needs
- Develop a list of projects of regional significance
- Annually update the Parks inventory and maps

Staffing: Planning & Development Department

--Open Forum: All jurisdictions, special districts, state and
federal agencies, and park advocate organizations
invited.

--Meets monthly.

--Subcommittees: *Database Maintenance and Upgrade
*Natural Areas Planning & Coordination
*Trails, greenways, bicycle routes, and waterways
*Funding Sources

IV. FORUMS AND MEETINGS HELD FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

1. Parks Technical Advisory Committee (Parks TAC) January 8, 1988
(Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington Counties,
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District,
City of Portland and State of Oregon)
2. Parks TAC January 22, 1988
3. Parks TAC February 19, 1988
4. Regional Parks Forum I (See attached list April 28, 1988
of advisory group.)
5. Metro/IRC of Clark County Bi-State Committee June 3, 1988
(Including Clark County, City of Vancouver
and IRC of Clark County)
6. Regional Parks Forum II June 9, 1988
7. State of Oregon Parks and Local Parks June 16, 1988
Planners
8. Clackamas County Area June 21, 1988
9. Washington County Area June 21, 1988
10. Portland State University Geography Dept. June 23, 1988
11. Multnomah County Area June 23, 1988
12. City of Portland and State of Oregon Parks June 30, 1988
Division
13. Briefing for Metro Council Staff July 6, 1988
14. Briefing for Regional Governance Committee July 6, 1988
Staff
15. Regional Parks Forum III July 13, 1988
16. Individual Meetings with Each Local Spring/Summer 1988
Jurisdiction

Other groups which have been contacted or briefed about the study include: Oregon Parks Foundation; Oregon Parks 2010 Committee; State Marine Board; U. S. Forest Service; Port of Portland; 40-Mile Loop Land Trust; Audubon Society; and handicapped accessibility organizations.

Metro staff or our consultants have met with parks planners and/or maintenance staff in all the local jurisdictions about the study. In addition, questionnaires seeking comments and suggestions on the study were handed out to local parks planners at Regional Parks Forum I on April 28, 1988, and Regional Parks Forum III on July 13, 1988.

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IV. FORUMS AND MEETINGS HELD FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

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|-----|---|--------------------------|
| 17. | Parks Forum IV -- Regional Parks & Natural Areas Tour | Oct. 19, 1988 |
| 18. | Parks Forum V -- Status Report and Development of Phase II Work Program | Nov. 30, 1988 |
| 19. | Parks Forum VI -- Discussion of Regional Parks Study (four mtgs) and Proposed Phase II Work Program | Jan. 17, 18, 19, 20 1989 |
| 20. | Metro Managers Association | Nov. 2, 1989 |
| 21. | Metro Mayors Association | Oct. 20, 1989 |
| 22. | Sunnyside/205 Corridor Association: Land Use Committee | Dec. 7, 1989 |
| 23. | 40-Mile Loop Land Trust Board Meeting | Jan. 12, 1989 |

V. REGIONAL PARKS FORUM ADVISORY GROUP

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|---|---|
| 1. Metro Council | Sharron Kelley |
| 2. Metro Council Staff | Jessica Marlitt |
| 3. Regional Governance Committee and Staff | Senator Glenn Otto
Ned Look
John Houser |
| 4. State of Oregon Parks Division | Al Cook |
| 5. Clackamas County Parks | Dan Zinzer |
| 6. Multnomah County Parks | Charles Ciecko |
| 7. Washington County Support Services & Planning: | Doug Olson/Hal Bergsma |
| 8. Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District | Jim McElhinny/Bruce Muller |
| 9. City of Portland Parks Bureau | Dave Yamashita
John Sewall |
| 10. City of Portland -- Commissioner Lindberg's
Office | Joan Smith |
| 11. Beaverton | Irish Bunnell/Mayor Cole |
| 12. Forest Grove | Bill Bauer |
| 13. Gresham | Jean Keatting |
| 14. Hillsboro | Scott Talbot
Mel Oberst |
| 15. Lake Oswego | Sandra Korberlik
Myron Johnson |
| 16. Milwaukie | Don Robertson |
| 17. Tigard | Jon Acker/Curt Spaan |
| 18. Troutdale | Valerie Lantz |
| 19. Tualatin | Paul Hennon |
| 20. West Linn | Ken Worcester |
| 21. Oregon Parks 2010 Committee | Barbara Walker |
| 22. Oregon Parks Foundation | Larry Espey |
| 23. Clark County Parks | Del Schlichtert |
| 24. Washington Park Zoo | Allan Goff |
| 25. 40-Mile Loop Land Trust | Dorothea Lensch |
| 26. Audubon Society | Mike Houck |
| 27. The Wetlands Conservancy | Jack Broom
Mark Hess |
| 28. Multnomah Co. Planning | Jonathan Block |
| 29. Gladstone | Dave Fish |
| 30. Oregon City | Jeanne Percy |
| 31. Durham | Dean Thom |
| 32. Wilsonville | Laurie Briggs |
| 33. Clackamas Co. Planning | |

METROPOLITAN RECREATION RESOURCE STUDY

Report Outline
January 16, 1989

INTRODUCTION

What the Study Covers:
Outdoor Metropolitan Recreational Resources (MRR)

Why the Study Was Done:
To Look at Recreational Resources of Multi-Jurisdictional Concern.

What the Study's Objectives Are:
Identify MRR
Describe General Issues and Problems
Identify the Next Steps

How the Study Was Conducted:
Inventories of Area Parks Were Made
Existing Documents Were Reviewed
Local Providers Were Consulted

METROPOLITAN AREA CHARACTERISTICS

Seasonal Cycles
Physical Geography
Population Demographics
Population Growth
Demographic Changes
Age-Related Activity Participation
Distribution of Population Growth
Leisure Time and Activity Patterns
Economic and Fiscal Picture

METROPOLITAN RECREATIONAL RESOURCES
(CHARACTERISTICS, NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS)

- I. WATER-RELATED RESOURCES
(Willamette River, Columbia River and Gorge, Sandy and Clackamas Rivers, Tualatin River, Haag Lake)
 - A. Characteristics
 - B. Needs
 - C. Recommendations
- II. MULTI-PURPOSE AND SPECIAL FEATURE PARKS
(Blue Lake, THPRD Recreation Center, Washington, Mt. Tabor and Delta Parks, Botanical Gardens)
- III. NATURAL AREAS, NATURE PARKS, PRESERVES, AND REFUGES

IV. TRAILS AND LINEAR RESOURCES
(Equestrian Trails, "40-Mile Loop", Greenways, Stream
Corridors, Transportation Right-of-Ways, and Utility
Easements)

SUMMARY

What the Study Has Accomplished.

The General Status of Metropolitan Recreational Resources.

Function of Work to Date ("Only a starting point").

APPENDIX A

Metropolitan Recreational Resources
Park List
(August 9, 1988)

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Park	Operator/Owner	Developed	
		Acreage	Acreage

I. WILLAMETTE RIVER

A. Greenway Parcels Oregon State Parks (OSP)

1. Coalca Landing	OSP	16	0
2. Fish Eddy Access	OSP	76	0
3. Molalla Landing	OSP	17	0
4. Molalla River	OSP	567	40
5. Peach Cove Landing	OSP	10	0
6. Pete's Mt. Landing	OSP	18	0
7. Wapato Park (Sauvie Is.)	OSP	167	0
8. Willamette Meridian Ldg.	OSP	16	0
9. Willamette River Grnwy.	OSP	215	0
(Subtotal)		(1,102)	(40)

B. River Islands

1. Cedar Island	West Linn	33.6	-
2. Elk Rock Island	Portland	15	-
3. Goat Island	West Linn	23.8	-
4. Rock Island	OSP	82	0
5. Ross Island	*	*	*
(Subtotal)		(*)	(*)

C. Developed Park Sites

1.	Dahl	Gladstone	8.5	45.0
2.	Meldrum Bar	Gladstone	14.5	7.0
3.	Boones Ferrey	Wilsonville	6.0	*
4.	Memorial	Wilsonville	92.0	*
5.	Cathedral	City of Portland	17.5	17.5
6.	Kelly Point	City of Portland	96.0	96.0
7.	Powers Marine	City of Portland	12.0	12.0
8.	Sellwood Riverfront	City of Portland	8.75	8.75
9.	Waterfront Park	City of Portland	36.59	36.59
10.	Willamette	City of Portland	30.4	30.4
11.	Mary S. Young	OSP	133.16	*
12.	Burnside	West Linn	10.0	*
13.	Cedar Oak	West Linn	16.5	*
14.	West Bridge	West Linn	8.9	*
15.	Willamette Bernett	West Linn	17.25	*
16.	Hebb	Multnomah Co.	13.0	13.0
17.	Sauvie Is. Bt.Ramp	Multnomah Co.	0.1	0.1
18.	Clackamette	Oregon City	21.76	21.76
19.	Sportcraft Landg.	Oregon City	2.0	2.0
20.	George Rogers	Lake Oswego	27.0	18.0
21.	Rocky	Lake Oswego	4.6	0
22.	Spring	Milwaukie	6.32	*
23.	North Clackamas	Milwaukie	45.0	*
24.	Jefferson Street	Milwaukie	2.1	*
(Subtotal)			(706.43)	(*)

II. COLUMBIA RIVER AND GORGE

A. Gorge Parks

1.	Ainsworth	OSP	156	14
2.	Bensen	OSP	272	14
3.	Crown Point	OSP	307	2
4.	George W. Joseph	OSP	150	*
5.	Guy Talbot	OSP	378	*
6.	John Yeon	OSP	285	1
7.	McLoughlin	OSP	216	*
8.	Ptland. Women's Forum	OSP	7.26	*
9.	Rooster Rock	OSP	873	60
10.	Shepherd's Dell	OSP	519	0.5
(Subtotal)			(3,163.26)	(*)

B. Columbia River (Metro Area)

1. Grotten Beach	Multnomah Co.	9.0	*
2. James Glisan Mem. Boat Ramp	Multnomah Co.	5.9	*
3. West Airport Boat Ramp	Multnomah Co.	*	*
4. Reynolds Aluminum Property	*	*	*
(Subtotal)		(*)	(*)

C. River Islands

1. Government Island	*	*	*
2. Gary Island	*	*	*
3. Flag Island	*	*	*
(Subtotal)		(*)	(*)

III. CLACKAMAS, SANDY AND TUALATIN RIVERSA. Clackamas River

1. Barton	Clackamas County	100	100
2. Milo McIver	OSP	*	*
3. Bonnie Lure	OSP	14.0	1.0
4. Carter Bridge	Forest Service	*	*
5. Armstrong	Forest Service	*	*
6. Lockaby	Forest Service	*	*
7. Fish Creek	Forest Service	*	*
8. Promontory	PGE	*	*
(Subtotal)		(*)	(*)

B. Sandy River

1. Dabney	OSP	135	*
2. Dodge	Portland	120	*
3. Oxbow	Multnomah Co.	1,000	*
4. Troutdale Community	Troutdale	9.5	*
5. Lewis & Clark	Troutdale	285	1
(Subtotal)		(1,549.5)	(*)

C. Tualatin River

1. Tualatin Community	Tualatin	29	29
2. Cook	Tigard	52	45
3. Community	Durham	20	5
4. Swiftmore	Durham	*	*
5. River Run	Durham	*	*
6. "Greenways"	(Tigard, Durham)	*	*
		(Subtotal)	(*) (*)

IV. LAKES

A. Henry Hagg Lake	Washington Co.	2,600	*
B. Blue Lake	Multnomah Co.	185	60
C. Rosalyn Lake	PGE	*	*
		(Subtotal)	(*) (*)

V. MULTI-PURPOSE AND SPECIAL FEATURE PARKS

A. Multi-Purpose Parks

1. Delta	Portland	718.54	718.54
2. Mt. Tabor	Portland	195.84	195.84
3. Washington	Portland	129.28	129.28
4. T.H.P.R.O. Rec. Ctr.	T.H.P.R.D.	66	60
5.			
		(Subtotal)	(*) (*)

B. Botanical Gardens

1. Crystal Springs (Rhododendron Garden)	Portland	5	5
2. Hoyt Arboretum	Portland	214	214
3. Japanese Garden	Portland	9.06	9.06
4. Leach Garden	Portland	8.65	8.65
5. Intl. Rose Test Gard.	Portland	(Included in Wash. Park)	
6. Elk Rock (Bishop's Close)	Private	25	20
7. Berry Botanical	Private	*	*
		(Subtotal)	(*) (*)

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6.

31.	Wetlands Protection District	Tualatin	80	-	
32.	Cedar Creek	Sherwood	*	-	
33.	Rock Creek	Sherwood	*	-	
34.	Barlow Trail	Clackamas Co.	100	-	
35.	Riverville	Clackamas Co.	5	-	
36.	Tigard Greenways	Tigard	118.5	-	
37.	Tualatin Hills Nature Park	Tualatin Hills Pk and Rec District	180	10	
38.	Willow Creek Nature	THPRD	6.5	1.0	
39.	C.E. Mason Wetlands	THPRD	3	-	
40.	Koll Center	THPRD	13	-	
41.	Willow Creek	THPRD	2.5	-	
42.	Willow Creek Nature	THPRD	6.5	-	
43.	Salix	THPRD	3.8	-	
44.	The Bluffs	THPRD	*	-	
45.	Jackson Bottom	Hillsboro	400	7	
46.	Cammassia	Nature Conservancy	27	-	
47.	Sandy River	Nature Conservancy	528	-	
48.	Rock Island	Nature Conservancy	20	-	
49.	Table Rock Wilderness	BLM	5,000	-	
50.	Oregon Episcopal Sch Marsh Outdoor Lab	Private	*	-	
(Subtotal)			(*)	(*)	

VII. TRAILS

A.	40 Mile Loop (Terwilliger, Forest Park, I-205, Marine Drive Trails)	Portland	-	(Incomplete)	
B.	Larch Mt. Corridor	Multnomah Co.	185	-	
C.	Rock Creek Powerline	THPRD	45	-	
D.	Columbia Gorge	-	-	-	
E.	Railroad Lines				
1.	Old Ptld. Traction	Private	-	-	
2.	Jefferson St Branch	Govt. Consortium	-	-	
(Subtotal)			(*)	(*)	

C. Special Parks

1.	Grotto	Private	64	64
2.	Jenkins' Estate	T.H.P.R.D.	60	60
3.	Washington Park Zoo	METRO	60	60
4.	Pittock Mansion & Acres	Portland	46.24	46.24
5	Portland Dwntrwn Pks.	Portland	*	*
			(Subtotal)	(*) (*)

VI. NATURE PARKS/REFUGES/WILDLIFE AREAS

1.	Sauvie Is. Wildlife Area	ODFW	12,000	-
2.	Tryon Creek	OSP	629	6
3.	Bridal Veil Falls	OSP	15	2
4.	Sunset Hwy Forest	OSP	303	-
5.	Wilson Riv Hwy Forest	OSP	120	-
6.	Clackamas Riv Scen Hwy	OSP	7	-
7.	Sandy Riv Scen Hwy	OSP	68.71	-
8.	Forest Park	Portland	4,682	-
9.	Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge	Portland	163	-
10.	Elk Rock	Portland	15	-
11.	Powell Butte	Portland	*	-
12.	Smith & Bybee Lakes	Portland	*	-
13.	Smith & Bybee Lakes	Private	*	-
14.	Columbia Slough	*	*	-
15.	Tydmann Johnson	Portland	*	-
16.	Beggar's Tick Marsh	Portland	*	-
17.	Marquam Nature Trail	Portland	*	-
18.	Wilderness Park	West Linn	51.4	-
19.	Hidden Springs Open Space	West Linn	32.5	-
20.	Water Board	Oregon City	19.3	-
21.	Singer Creek	Oregon City	11.3	-
22.	Barclay Hills	Oregon City	6.76	-
23.	Bryant Woods	Lake Oswego	19.5	-
24.	Kelly Creek	Gresham	8.9	-
25.	Butler Creek	Gresham	23.6	-
26.	Johnson Creek	Gresham	28.9	-
27.	Walter Hall	Gresham	27.0	-
28.	Beaver Creek Canyon	Troutdale	60.0	1.5
29.	Tualatin Greenway	Tualatin	36.82	8.0
30.	Little Woodrose Nature	Tualatin	6.5	6.5

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 89-1043 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
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FOR METRO

Date: January 24, 1989

Presented by: Sharron Kelley
Rich Carson
Mel Huie

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

During 1984-85, citizens from throughout the metropolitan area participated in public meetings, conferences and task forces dealing with the future of parks in the region. Organizations such as the Metropolitan Citizens League and the Columbia Willamette Futures Forum recommended that Metro assume a leadership role in parks planning and coordination in the region.

During the past year, Metro in cooperation with the local jurisdictions, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, the state of Oregon Parks Division, and park advocate organizations established a Parks Advisory Group to carry out a specific parks planning program. The advisory group has met ten times since January 1988. Since last summer, Metro staff has briefed the Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government, Metro Local Government Advisory Committee, metropolitan area mayors association, metropolitan area city managers association, and other organizations about the parks planning program.

Councilor Sharron Kelley and staff plan to brief the local jurisdictions, various park advocate organizations, county librarians, chambers of commerce, Portland Oregon Visitors Association, and other interested organizations about the parks program by June 30, 1989.

The following work products will shortly be completed as the first phase of the parks planning program ends. These items were cooperatively developed by Metro and its Parks Advisory Group. The database, maps and study provide the foundation for future parks planning and development efforts.

Parks Planning Program: Phase I

1. Inventory and map of all parks and their facilities within the Metro boundaries.
2. Inventory and map of all regionally significant parks and their facilities within the tri-county area.
3. Inventory and map of all natural areas within the Metro boundaries.
4. User-friendly computerized parks database.
5. Metropolitan Area Parks Directory.
6. Metropolitan Area Parks Study.

The parks database, maps, directory, and study will be available in February. All local jurisdictions will receive a set of the maps, directory, and study. The software for the computerized database is available for sale at cost from Metro. Staff will work with U.S. West Direct, GTE, and Tri-Met to incorporate the parks information in their 1990 directories. The Oregonian and other local newspapers will be approached to print the parks information as a special insert. The three county libraries will also receive the parks information. The ultimate goal is to make the parks database as accessible to the public as possible within our budget constraints.

On November 30, 1988, the Parks Advisory Group identified several work activities for a continuing parks and natural areas program for Metro. The advisory group has recognized that a cooperative planning process and partnership are needed to facilitate parks planning and development in the region. The proposed work program would begin in FY 89-90.

Parks Planning Program: Phase II

1. Maintain and expand the parks database.
2. Continue regularly scheduled parks forums.
3. Coordinate natural areas planning in the region.
4. Coordinate and assist in the planning, acquisition, and development of regional trails, greenways, bicycle routes, and waterway systems.
5. Work cooperatively with local jurisdictions, state and federal agencies, park advocate organizations, and the private sector to identify potential regional park and natural area boundaries, and to identify potential action plans to reserve, acquire and protect key resources.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends the Council adopt Resolution No. 89-1043.



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December 9, 1988

Rena Cusma
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SUBJECT: Regional Parks Study

Dear Ms. Cusma:

We have been involved in the above mentioned project for well over a year. We are quite pleased with the work effort and products presented to date.

Of particular note, the efforts of your staff to assure both public participation as well as agency involvement is to be commended. I feel that the groundwork has been laid to provide the citizens of Metro with a very useful and valuable tool.

It was a pleasure to be a partner in this effort.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Cook, Manager
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cc: Dave Talbot



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August 29, 1988

Senator Glen Otto
Regional Governance Committee
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Subject: Metro Regional Parks Study

Dear Senator:

The State Parks and Recreation Division is pleased to inform you and your committee of our continued endorsement of the Regional Park study. As you are aware, we initially contributed \$10,000 to assist with this study.

We are pleased with the level of coordination that has occurred throughout the study process. As a significant contributor to recreation opportunity in the Metro region, we applaud efforts to look at the needs of the region. We are hopeful this study should result in more efficient park and recreation system in the Metro area.

We will continue to work with Metro to this end.

Sincerely,

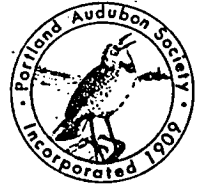
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January 13, 1989

Mel Huie
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Dear Mr. Huie,

I am writing this letter to give Portland Audubon Society's full support for the ongoing and future Regional Park Study. I am attaching a copy of a column written by Jonathan Nicholas as well as an "In My Opinion" piece I wrote to The Oregonian. Both of these articles reflect my strong opinion that there is a vacuum with respect to park natural resource planning and that Metro is a logical home for a project which focuses on that topic.

I have attended all of the Regional Park Planning meetings and am impressed with the work of Murase and Associates and the spirit of cooperation among park representatives and the public who have participated in that effort. Metro is to be commended for coordinating the project. I look forward to working with you on a continued Regional Park strategy effort.

Sincerely,

Mike Houck
Urban Naturalist

IN MY OPINION

WED. JAN. 11 1989

Resources planning policy urged

By MICHAEL C. HOUCK

Your editorial "Keep eye on regional future" (Nov. 17, 1988) was on the mark but failed to identify one of the region's most pressing planning issues — the inventory, protection and management of natural resources.

There presently is no coherent metropolitanwide policy regarding wetlands, riparian corridors, forested areas and other resources that cut across jurisdictional boundaries. The Metropolitan Service District can and should take on an active role in this arena — in cooperation with local jurisdictions and parks departments.

One immediate example of where such partnerships can work is the Regional Park Study, one component of which is mapping of regionally significant natural areas.

The study is an excellent example of Metro's technical assistance and leadership in a cooperative effort with city and county parks departments and the public. Although the project initially was met with skepticism, there now seems to be a general agreement that the regional park study was a good idea and should continue as long as Metro's role is technical, advisory and supportive and that there is no perceived threat to jurisdictional "turf." By pooling resources, each park department can accomplish more than it could alone, and the residents of our region would benefit from the effort.

I believe that Metro may be a logical home for some regionally based natural-resource planning and management efforts, especially those relating directly to parks. There are models that could provide a blueprint for such a program.

The most successful one is England's Greater London Ecology Unit. The unit's director, David Goode, and his staff conduct inventories, write management plans and provide other technical assistance to 23 London boroughs as part of a regionally coordinated natural-resource strategy. This model should appeal to local jurisdictions because the Ecology Unit provides scientific expertise and advice; it owns no land and has no aspirations to take over existing borough programs.

Closer to home, the East Bay Regional Park District in the San Francisco Bay area recently put a bond measure before its Contra Costa and Alameda county constituents. Approximately 70 percent of the voters approved a \$225 million package, 75 percent of which will go to the district. This will give them more than \$168 million for management of 60,000 acres of existing natural areas and acquisition of an additional 30,000 acres.

Having worked on natural-resource issues in the Portland metropolitan area for seven years, I think that, if it were restricted to planning and management of natural resources, the public would support such a program.

The Portland metropolitan area is in desperate need of a program that is built on these successful models. Such an effort is essential if we are to protect the livability of the metropolitan environment, a goal that politicians, citizens and responsible business leaders claim they aspire to. This will remain a merely symbolic objective until Metro or an alternative regional planning agency provides the leadership and vision necessary to manage significant natural resources such as wetlands, riparian corridors and natural parks.

Michael C. Houck is urban naturalist for the Portland Audubon Society and is working to establish a Metropolitan Urban Wildlife Refuge system.



**JONATHAN
NICHOLAS**

Zoos without bars

With his piercing blue eyes, his barn door broad shoulders and his bird's nest of a black beard, Mike Houck can look like one pretty intimidating fellow.

Especially if you run into him in his natural habitat — on a football field or at a public hearing.

Football fields and public hearings, I should perhaps point out, have a lot in common.

Each features an encounter in which opposing sides engage in ritualistic banter and blood-letting.

In Washington County, for example, a public hearing featuring testimony from condo developers and environmentalists generally is conducted with all the social niceties of a meeting between the Raiders and the Bears.

Houck, who serves as urban naturalist with the Portland Audubon Society, has probably been to more public hearings than any other man in Oregon.

Make that any other man except Lloyd Marbet.

No Nukes Lloyd never goes anywhere *unless* it's to a public hearing.

But three years ago, Houck finally began tiring of making the same case over and over before different groups in different jurisdictions all across the metro area.

So did he quit playing Mr. Natural and go get a real job?

Maybe leasing "wetland-view" office space in the Columbia corridor?

Heck no. He just decided it was time he got everyone together so he'd only have to be eruditely compelling and eloquently persuasive once.

The outcome was his proposal for what Houck calls an urban wildlife refuge system for Portland, a system, he says, that could make Portland the most nature-conscious city in America.

Houck had just begun forming his plans for the system when he sat down one evening to read the report written in 1903 by Frederick Law Olmstead Jr. and John Charles Olmstead — the famous brothers hired at the turn of the century by the Portland Board of Park Commissioners to develop a master plan for the city.

"It was all there," says Houck. "All of it. They talked about Ross Island. About the Columbia Slough. About Johnson Creek. About urban wetlands. And about tying them all together. And now, here we are 85 years later, still trying to catch on."

So Houck became a man with an unusual mission — a visionary with one eye planted firmly in the past.

Houck, who knows every pond, every marsh, every slough — and every office park developer — in greater Portland is the point man in the effort to preserve what little is left of our area's natural environment in a pristine state — land undisturbed since our arrival.

While in England last spring, he spent time learning all about the Greater London Ecology Unit, an umbrella agency supported by 25 of the 33 London boroughs that is doing far-reaching work in preserving and restoring natural habitats in that metropolis.

At Houck's instigation, David Goode, the administrator of the London unit, will visit Portland in February to address a symposium at Portland State and speak to the City Club. Goode's visit could prove a catalyst for Houck's plan.

Currently Houck's biggest dilemma is choosing the most appropriate public agency to serve as the springboard for his efforts. No. 1 on his list is Metro.

"I know, I know," he says, "Metro is not everyone's favorite agency."

Metro, of course, is not anyone's *favorite* agency. But it does have a couple of appealing characteristics:

- It actually exists — we really do have a regional government body with regional jurisdiction.
- It is desperately in need of a public relations boost.

Metro might leap at the opportunity of serving as the parent body of a system of wildlife refuges throughout the region, a system that would range from the Forest Grove sewage ponds to Oxbow Park, from the Columbia Slough to the banks of the Molalla River.

One other factor suggesting Metro as the lead agency to pull Houck's train of thought is its position as parent body of the Washington Park Zoo. Instead of devising a new motif, new marketing strategy, etc., for wildlife refuges, we could just have one big zoo on the hill and lots of little natural habitat areas dotted all across our metropolis. We could have one in every neighborhood. And call them zoos without bars.

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