

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING GREENSPACES)	RESOLUTION <u>92-1674</u>
PROJECTS TO RESTORE AND ENHANCE URBAN)	
WETLANDS, STREAMS AND RIPARIAN)	Introduced by Rena Cusma,
CORRIDORS, AND UPLAND SITES)	Executive Officer

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan has outlined the restoration of degraded natural areas as a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Greenspaces Program has outlined a four phase approach for inventorying, mapping, analyzing, preserving, protecting and acquiring natural areas; and

WHEREAS, Phase 3 calls for restoration and enhancement demonstration projects as part of the Greenspaces Program; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has awarded Metro \$250,000 to carry out such restoration and enhancement projects; and

WHEREAS, the demonstration projects will increase public awareness and cooperation between Metro, federal, state and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, neighborhood associations, and the region's citizens about natural resource issues; and

WHEREAS, the Greenspaces projects target 10 sites around the Portland - Vancouver region for "on the ground" restoration and enhancement which will serve as models for other public agencies, conservation organizations, developers, homeowners and other property owners in restoring urban wetlands, streams and riparian corridors, and upland sites; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Metropolitan Service District adopted Resolution No. 92-1609 on May 14, 1992 which established the program guidelines, funding criteria, and an application kit for the restoration grants; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Metropolitan Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee

organized a review and selection committee to accept grant applications, and to make recommendations to the Executive Officer and Council which projects should be funded; and

WHEREAS, the review and selection committee met four times during August and September to review applications, tour the sites, conduct interviews of the applicants and make funding recommendations; and

WHEREAS, eighteen proposals were submitted to Metro, ten of which are recommended for funding; eight of which need reworking and will be resubmitted in November 1992 to the Council for funding; and

WHEREAS, all projects recommended for funding must be approved by the Metro Council.

BE IT RESOLVED,

1) That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District hereby approves funding for the ten restoration and enhancement projects as recommended by the review and selection committee and which are listed in Exhibit A hereto, and that the funding for these projects shall not exceed \$133,590.

2) That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District hereby directs the Chair of the Metropolitan Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee (Councilor Richard Devlin) to work with the Executive Officer and staff in the Planning Department to execute contracts and/or intergovernmental agreements between the Metropolitan Service District and the organizations selected for funding.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 8th day of October 1992.


Jim Gardner, Presiding Officer

EXHIBIT A

1. Applicant: Beaverton, city of
Project Site: Hiteon Creek riparian corridor in Forest Glen Park area of southwest Beaverton; between SW 125th and 135th Avenues, south of Brockman Rd.

Project Description: Widen stream channel to create additional emergent wetland habitat and slow stream velocity; install very low weir structures of wood or stone to create small backwater habitats to promote better plant and animal diversity; and landscape the riparian corridor with native plants.

Total Budget: \$32,258
Request of Metro: \$14,700
Recommendation: \$14,700

Contact Person: Irish Bunnell, Beaverton Community Development, 526-2422

2. Applicant: Hillsboro, city of
Project Site: Turner Creek Park located at 31st and Maple in Hillsboro

Project Description: Restore and enhance the upland woodlands in the park to complement the previously restored riparian zone along the creek. Replant the denuded areas with native trees and under-story plants; remove invasive non-native plants; clean up the site of junk which has been illegal dumped at the site; build a barrier (e.g. low stone wall) to keep people out of sensitive areas; build wood duck and bird boxes.

Total Budget: \$14,850
Request of Metro: \$7,050
Recommendation: \$7,050

Contact Person: Mary Ordall, Hillsboro Parks & Recreation, 681-6120

3. Applicant: John Inskip Environmental Learning Center
Project Site: Clackamas River south shoreline near the confluence of the Willamette River; just east of the McLoughlin bridge overpass.

Project Description: Restore and enhance the river bank site of the new regional River Resources Museum. Work includes riparian zone and upland habitat restoration. Plant native vegetation and wildflowers. Erosion control work at the site.

Total Budget: \$46,005
Request of Metro: \$23,180
Recommendation: \$17,430

Contact Person: Jerry Herrmann, Environmental Learning Center, 656-0155

4. Applicant: Multnomah County
Project Site: Beggars Tick Marsh in southeast Portland; near Foster Rd. and 111th Ave.

Project Description: Enhancement of an urban wildlife refuge, including limiting pedestrian access and protection of the site from vehicular access and illegal dumping. Re-contouring the area to restore wetland areas, and filling upland areas to create viewing areas for the public. Plant native vegetation at the site.

Total Budget: \$51,999
Request of Metro: \$25,845
Recommendation: \$25,845

Contact Person: Dan Kromer, Multnomah County Park Services Division, 248-5050

5. Applicant: Portland, city of
Project Site: Oaks Bottom which is on the east side of the Willamette River between the Ross Island and Sellwood Bridges in southeast Portland

Project Description: Begin meadow habitat improvement program for the south fill area of Oaks Bottom. Remove non-native vegetation from the clay-capped landfill, railroad berm and portion of the northern edge of the refuge. Improve growing conditions for native vegetation by adding topsoil and compost. Contour the topsoil/compost mix. Plant native grasses and forbs attractive to wildlife for the open meadow.

Total Budget: \$19,842
Request of Metro: \$8,000
Recommendation: \$8,000

Contact Person: Jim Sjulín, Portland Parks & Recreation, 796-5122

6. Applicant: Portland, city of
Project Site: April Hill Park Spring Restoration in southwest Portland, between Multnomah Blvd. and Vermont St. (within the Fanno Creek drainage basin)

Project Description: Day-lighting of a spring outlet and stream. Restoring the stream channel and adjacent riparian vegetation. Restoring the site to its natural condition prior to the channelization of the stream. Remove non-native vegetation and existing turf. Plant native vegetation. Improve water quality and wildlife habitat. Restore surface stream bed, including meanders. Construct and install bird and bat boxes.

Total Budget: \$13,300
Request of Metro: \$5,900
Recommendation: \$5,900

Contact Person: Bob Downing, Portland Parks & Recreation, 823-3635

7. Applicant: Sherwood, city of
Project Site: Stella Olsen Park along Cedar Creek west of the historic Old Town District in Sherwood

Project Description: Restore and enhance sections of the park. Restore a remanent wetland area along the creek. Removal of non-native vegetation and planting native trees

and plants in the riparian corridor and along the trails in the park. Purchase and install bird and bat boxes. Washington County Service Corps youth laborers will be employed on this project.

Total Budget: \$56,630
Request of Metro: \$23,635
Recommendation: \$22,500

Contact Person: Jim Rapp, Sherwood City Manager, 625-5522

8. Applicant: Troutdale, city of
Project Site: Sandee Palisades Detention Basin, located on a small tributary system, 3.5 miles upstream from the Columbia on the Sandy River

Project Description: Convert a 1.5 acre grass bowl with a concrete trench into a meandering stream surrounded by native vegetation. Filter urban storm water runoff before it enters the Sandy River. Landscape area with native trees and plants.

Total Budget: \$29,775
Request of Metro: \$13,500
Recommendation: \$13,500

Contact Person: Valerie Lantz, Troutdale Parks, 665-5175

9. Applicant: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Project Site: Burnt Bridge Creek in Vancouver
Project Description: Restore and enhance a section of the creek which is currently a drainage ditch. Create an irregular bank at the shoreline; plant native trees and vegetation in the riparian zone; and restore the wetlands adjacent to the stream.

Total Budget: \$7,540
Request of Metro: \$2,765
Recommendation: \$2,765

Contact Person: Jonathan Burgess, (206) 737-2719

10. Applicant: Washington State University
Project Site: Mill Creek Corridor on the Washington State University Campus in the northeast section of Vancouver

Project Description: Rehabilitate and enhance the riparian corridor, and upland areas at the site. Erosion control work will be performed. Improve water quality in the stream; reduce silt. Remove non-native plant species. Plant native species, particularly woody vegetation and trees along the stream banks to reduce erosion. Minimize pedestrian impact on the sensitive areas of the site.

Total Budget: \$105,399
Request of Metro: \$15,900
Recommendation: \$15,900

Contact Person: Dr. Richard Hansis, Washington State University, (206) 737-2027

**Greenspaces Restoration and Enhancement Grants
September 1992**

Funding Recommendations

1.	Beaverton	\$ 14,700
2.	Hillsboro	\$ 7,050
3.	John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center	\$ 17,430
4.	Multnomah County	\$ 25,845
5.	Portland Parks Bureau - Oaks Bottom	\$ 8,000
6.	Portland Parks Bureau - April Hill	\$ 5,900
7.	Sherwood	\$ 22,500
8.	Troutdale	\$ 13,500
9.	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship	\$ 2,765
10.	Washington State University	<u>\$ 15,900</u>
	TOTAL	\$133,590

TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 92-1674, APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR GREENSPACES RESTORATION GRANTS

Date: September 24, 1992

Presented by: Councilor Devlin

Committee Recommendation: At the September 22, meeting, the Transportation and Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1674. Voting in favor: Councilors Devlin, McLain, Buchanan, and Washington.

Committee Issues/Discussion: Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner, Planning Department, presented the staff report. He explained that this was the second year for Greenspaces Restoration Grants. Cities, counties, park districts and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply to restore urban natural areas. The grant criteria and application kit approved by Council resolution this spring. The application process lasted through the summer and included two educational workshops.

From that process, Metro received 18 proposals. There is \$250,000 available. Of the 18 proposals, three in Clackamas County, three are in Clark County, Washington, six are in Multnomah County, and six are in Washington County. Of the Multnomah County applications, two are from the City of Portland.

A ten person committee, including three Metro Councilors, physically viewed each site and conducted interviews in addition to reviewing each application. If all of the proposals had been approved, the total would have been \$268,000, rather than the \$250,000 available.

Ten of the proposals are now being recommended for approval today. The remaining eight proposals will be decided upon in October or November pending further review. The next step for the ten is creation of intergovernmental agreements.

Councilor McLain asked about the timing of projects if staggered. Mr. Huie explained that March 31, 1993 is the final deadline for the project. The planting season and draught have impacted the process.

Chair Devlin explained that the reason for delaying on the last eight applications is to allow staff and the committee to work with the applicants to complete a more appropriate application. This is a result of the experience obtained during the last year's process. Experience has shown that if proposals that are not well thought out are approved, there are management problems later in completing the projects.

STAFF REPORT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING GREENSPACES PROJECTS TO RESTORE AND ENHANCE URBAN WETLANDS, STREAMS, RIPARIAN CORRIDORS, AND UPLAND SITES: 2ND YEAR GRANT CYCLE

Date: September 22, 1992

Presented By: Mel Huie, Project Manager

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Restoration of degraded natural areas is a priority activity of the Greenspaces Master Plan. The Metropolitan Greenspaces Program has outlined a four phase approach to identify, map, protect, preserve and acquire natural areas in the region. Phase 3 specifically calls for the program to carry out restoration and enhancement projects in wetlands, along stream corridors and riparian areas, and in upland sites. Funding for the restoration projects comes from a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

On May 14, 1992, the Metro Council passed Resolution No. 92-1609 which established program guidelines, funding criteria and an application kit. The Chair of the Metropolitan Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee organized a review and selection committee to accept grant applications and to make funding recommendations to the Executive Officer and the Council as to which proposals should be funded.

A committee comprised of three Metro Councilors (Devlin, McFarland, Hansen), Metro staff from the Planning Department, one member from the Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee, one member from the Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee, one citizen representative, and staff persons from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Oregon Division of State Lands, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department met four times during August and September to review proposals. Included in that process were field visits to all of the sites and personal interviews with the applicants. Councilor Devlin served as chair of the committee. Eighteen proposals were submitted to Metro. Ten projects were recommended for funding. The other eight proposals need reworking and will be resubmitted to the review committee in October. Pending approved changes in these eight projects, funding recommendations will be submitted to the Council in November.

- Funding recommendations of the committee are listed in Exhibit A hereto.
- Total funding from Metro for all restoration projects shall not exceed \$250,000.
- Metro staff will work with local project managers to monitor and evaluate the projects throughout the project work period. Projects are to be completed by March 31, 1994.
- A final report of the restoration projects will be published by December 31, 1994. The projects will serve as models to other communities as innovative ways to

restore and enhance urban wetlands, streams, riparian corridors, and upland sites.

- Each funded project will have a sign at the site documenting that Metro and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were financial sponsors. Events to educate the public about the Metropolitan Greenspaces Program will occur at each site during the project work period. Metro staff will notify the governing bodies of each of the projects about Metro's financial support.
- Metro has applied to the federal government for funding the Greenspaces restoration and enhancement grant program for a third year. The federal allocation for the program will be approximately \$200,000. The FY 93 budget should be approved sometime this fall.
- Planning staff will update and improve this year's application kit so government agencies and nonprofit organizations will have more time to apply for next year's grants (if funding becomes available).

EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 92-1674.