

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING GREENSPACES)	RESOLUTION <u>92-1701</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 9 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 five times during August, September and October to review applications, tour the sites, conduct interviews of the applicants and make funding recommendations; and

WHEREAS, nineteen proposals were submitted to Metro, ten of which were approved by the Council for funding on October 8, 1992; and nine of which needed reworking and were resubmitted in October 1992 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 nine additional 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 \$138,388.

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 12th day of November 1992.



Jim Gardner, Presiding Officer

EXHIBIT A

RECOMMENDED PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE
METROPOLITAN GREENSPACES
RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

2nd Year / 2nd Round

1. Applicant: Audubon Society of Portland

Project Site: Audubon Sanctuary south of NW Cornell Rd. and the Audubon House Complex. Along Bones Creek a tributary of Balch Creek in the Forest Park area of northwest Portland.

Project Description: Restore and enhance a fragile riparian corridor and adjacent wetlands by removing invasive, non-native species and replanting the site with native plants. Improve water quality of Balch Creek by intercepting sediment from the tributary, and oil from the adjacent parking lot to be built. Build a swale to catch and filter oils from the runoff from the parking lot.

Total Budget: \$ 21,250

Request of Metro: \$10,500

Recommendation: \$ 7,650

Contact Person: Mitch Luckett, Audubon Society, 292-6855

2. Applicant: Gresham, city of

Project Site: Binford Lake / Butler Creek Greenway in the southwest section of Gresham; between Heiney Rd. and Towle Ave.

Project Description: Improve the natural resources of the greenway, including water, native flora and wildlife. Increase detention capacity of Binford Lake to reduce flooding and erosion along the greenway. Native wetland vegetation will be purchased and planted. Install water and irrigation system. Employ summer youth crews to plant the site. Same site as first year grant project.

Total Budget: \$192,166

Request of Metro: \$20,500

Recommendation: \$17,500

Contact Person: Julee Conway, Gresham Parks & Recreation, 669-2408

3. Applicant: Jackson Bottom Steering Committee

Project Site: Jackson Bottom adjacent to the Tualatin River in Hillsboro

Project Description: Reduce and eventually eliminate non-native plants, particularly Reed Canary Grass from the site; plant native wetland plants; increase habitat diversity and value; restore part of the site as a Deschampsia Wet Prairie system. Same site as first year grant project. Work with Oregon Graduate Institute, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Metro, and local biologists, botanists and landscape architects to find ways to eliminate Reed Canary Grass efficiently, cost effectively, and permanently.

Total Budget: \$21,275

Request of Metro: \$8,800

Recommendation: \$10,800 (Note: The extra \$2,000 is for establishing a monitoring and evaluation system.)

Contact Person: Patrick Willis, Jackson Bottom Steering Committee, 681-6206

4. Applicant: Lake Oswego, city of / Lake Oswego Land Trust

Project Site: Ball Creek in the northwest section of Lake Oswego (Fanno Creek Drainage Basin).

Project Description: Restore a degraded urban stream in a residential subdivision of the city. Stream channel erosion control and stabilization work using rock check dams and vegetation. Install natural stream bed gravel. Remove invasive non-native plants. Purchase and plant native vegetation in the riparian corridor.

Total Budget: \$33,576

Request of Metro: \$13,000

Recommendation: \$10,000

Contact Person: Andy Harris, Lake Oswego Public Works Department, 635-0270

5. Applicant: Milwaukie, city of / North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District

Project Site: Scott Park / Spring Creek in downtown Milwaukie next to the library

Project Description: Restore and enhance a degraded natural area surrounding Spring Creek and pond adjacent to the city library. Erosion control work; plant native vegetation; create additional habitat for waterfowl at the pond; and redirect pedestrian

access which has damaged the site.

Total Budget: \$37,640

Request of Metro: \$17,300

Recommendation: \$15,000

Contact Person: Dan Bartlett, City Manager, City of Milwaukie, 659-5171

6. Applicant: Portland Community College / State of Oregon

Project Site: PCC Rock Creek Campus, north of Sunset Hwy. near NW 185th and Springville Rd. (in the Rock Creek watershed)

Project Description: Restore and enhance this natural area/environmental preserve and its wetlands and riparian zone by: constructing a culvert and gravel crossing to allow livestock and equipment access to the north fields without impacting the stream corridor; reconstructing of the overflow channel to include meanders and greater pooling in order to increase the amount of open water and emergent wetland; and removing non-native vegetation, particularly Reed Canary Grass; and planting of native riparian vegetation.

Total Budget: \$25,811.50

Request of Metro: \$10,300

Recommendation: \$10,300

Contact Person: Richard Hollenbeck, PCC Rock Creek Environmental Studies Center, 244-6111, ext. 7462

7. Applicant: Tigard, city of

Project Site: Fanno Creek Park adjacent to the City Hall and Library in downtown Beaverton between SW Hall Blvd. and Main St.

Project Description: Removal of non-native vegetation, particularly Reed Canary Grass and Himalayan blackberry bushes from the Fanno Creek riparian corridor and meadow area in the park. Plant native vegetation to increase the site's ability to support fish and wildlife. Connect two adjacent ponds to the creek through a series of in-and-outflow channels. This will improve water quality and improve fish passage.

Total Budget: \$51,308

Request of Metro: \$23,138

Recommendation: \$23,138

Contact Person: Floyd Peoples, Tigard Parks, 639-4171
Duane Roberts, Tigard Planning Department, 639-4171

8. Applicant: Vancouver, city of

Project Site: Marine Park along the Columbia River in Vancouver; 2.5 miles east of the I-5 Bridge

Project Description: Restore and enhance wetlands and upland natural areas at the site. Erosion control work/slope retention/soil stabilization on a bank separating the wetlands from the uplands. Removal of non-native vegetation and debris. Landscape site with native plant species. Separate the wetlands from the upland area and create a public viewpoint.

Total Budget: \$130,500

Request of Metro: \$30,500

Recommendation: \$24,000

Contact Person: Kelly Puntenev, city of Vancouver, (206) 696-8173

9. Applicant: City of Portland

Project Site: Gabriel Park in southwest Portland, near SW 45th and Vermont

Project Description: Plant native vegetation in a forty foot wide barrier immediately adjacent to a forested natural area on the south side of the park, and plant native grasses in a meadow area of the park. The native vegetation buffer will be planted over a mowed grass-turf area. Access to the natural area by hikers, mountain bikers and dogs will be limited by the buffer. Install temporary fencing along the park side of the buffer to prevent trampling of the vegetation. The forested natural area has been severely damaged by such usage.

Total Budget: \$ 232,660

Request of Metro: \$29,500

Recommendation: \$20,000

Contact Person: Russ Lawrence, Bureau of Environmental Services, 796-7740
Mary Ann Cassin, Parks and Recreation Bureau, 796-5229

**GREENSPACES RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT GRANTS
October 1992**

Funding Requests

2nd Year / 2nd Round

1.	Audubon Society of Portland	\$ 7,650
2.	Gresham	\$ 17,500
3.	Jackson Bottom	\$ 10,800
4.	Lake Oswego	\$ 10,000
5.	Milwaukie	\$ 15,000
6.	Portland Community College	\$ 10,300
7.	Tigard	\$ 23,138
8.	Vancouver	\$ 24,000
9.	City of Portland	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$138,388

TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 92-1701, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING FUNDING FOR GREENSPACES RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT GRANTS: 2ND YEAR/2ND ROUND

Date: October 29, 1992

Presented by: Councilor McLain

Committee Recommendation: At the October 27 meeting, the Transportation and Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 92-1701. Voting in favor: Councilors Devlin, McLain, Moore, and Washington. Excused: Councilor Buchanan.

Committee Issues/Discussion: Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner, presented the staff report. He explained that this is the second round of the second year of this grant program. The committee previously approved ten projects on October 8, 1992. The remaining eight proposals were returned to those submitting for resubmission. After selection panel reviewed the resubmitted projects and one other for amendment and this resolution reflects their decision. He explained that, unlike last year, this year the department plans to provide technical assistance to the various projects. This way there will be less need to resubmit for the next year or make corrections.

Councilor Devlin explained that the second round selections were revised proposals - some for additional funds. The City of Portland project is a revision to a previous year project.

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 / 2ND ROUND OF PROJECTS

Date: October 27, 1992

Presented By: Mel Huie, Planning Dept.

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, September and October 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 new proposals and one amended proposal from the first year of the program were submitted to Metro for funding during the second year of the program. Ten projects were recommended for funding and approved by the Metro Council on October 8, 1992. The other eight proposals and one amended proposal were resubmitted to the review committee in October. The review committee evaluated the written proposals, conducted field visits to the sites, and interviewed each project manager twice. In addition, a technical subcommittee of the entire review committee also met with the project managers to assist them to revise their proposals to better meet the guidelines of the Greenspaces Restoration Program. The committee is recommending funding for nine more restoration projects.

- Funding recommendations of the committee are listed in Exhibit A hereto.
- Total funding from Metro for the nine restoration projects shall not exceed

\$138,388.

- 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 signed by the President this fall or early winter.
- 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. 92-1701.