

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING FOURTH-YEAR GREENSPACES RESTORATION PROJECTS TO ENHANCE WETLANDS, STREAMS AND RIPARIAN CORRIDORS, AND UPLAND SITES) Resolution No. 95-2122)
) Introduced by Mike Burton, Executive Officer

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

WHEREAS, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has provided Metro with funding to carry out such restoration and enhancement projects; and

WHEREAS, The restoration 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, Metro has awarded Greenspaces Restoration grants to 51 local projects since FY 1991-92; and

WHEREAS, The fourth year of the program will consist of seven sites around the Portland/Vancouver region which will be funded 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 and riparian corridors, and upland sites; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 92-1609 on May 14, 1992, which established the program guidelines, and funding criteria; and

WHEREAS, A committee of biologists, an urban ecologist, planners, representatives from Oregon Parks Department and the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service, and two Metro Councilors carried out a review process to make recommendations to the Executive Officer and Council as to which projects should be funded; and

WHEREAS, The review and selection committee met during December 1994 to review applications, tour the sites, conduct interviews of the applicants and make funding recommendations; and

WHEREAS, All projects recommended for funding must be approved by the Metro Council, now, therefore,

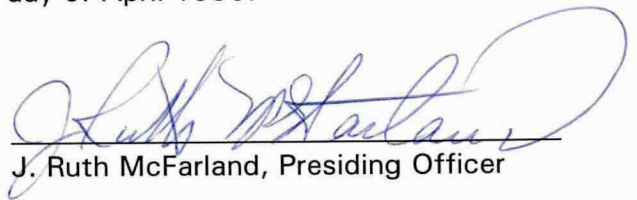
BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metro Council hereby approves funding for the seven 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 \$75,715.

2. That the Metro Council authorizes the Executive Officer to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements and Personal Services contracts between Metro and the governmental agencies and organizations selected for funding.

3. That the Metro Council authorizes the Executive Officer to permit extensions of time and minor modifications to the scopes of work as may be necessary for completion of restoration projects and preparation of final reports within one year of the anticipated completion dates of December 31, 1996.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ^{6th} 13th day of April 1995.


J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 95-2122 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING FOURTH-YEAR GREENSPACES RESTORATION PROJECTS TO ENHANCE WETLANDS, STREAMS AND RIPARIAN CORRIDORS, AND UPLAND SITES

April 13, 1995

Presented By: Mel Huie, Parks and Greenspaces

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan specifically calls for the restoration and enhancement of degraded natural areas, including wetlands, land along stream corridors and riparian areas, and upland sites. A principal means of accomplishing this has been through establishment of the restoration grants program, initiated in FY 1991-92, through which local governments and non-profit organizations may compete for matching funding from the Greenspaces Program to accomplish specific restoration projects. Funding for the restoration grants program comes from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Past Funding History

Metro awarded 51 restoration grants during the past three years. Funding from Metro has totaled \$550,000 and leveraged over \$2 million in non-federal funds and volunteer hours.

Program Guidelines and Selection Process

Metro developed program guidelines, funding criteria and a grant application kit in FY 1991-92. that was refined in subsequent years. Two grant writing workshops and "how to put together" a restoration project were held during the fall of 1994 for this year's program and Metro staff provided technical assistance to potential applicants in development of their grant proposals.

A committee comprised of biologists, an urban ecologist, planners, a representative of Oregon State Parks and the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service, and two Metro Councilors reviewed proposals for funding in December 1994. Included in the review process were field visits to all of the sites and personal interviews with the applicants.

Recommendations

Seven projects are recommended for funding totaling \$75,715.

- Funding recommendations of the committee are listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto.
- Total funding from Metro for proposed list of restoration projects shall not exceed \$75,715.
- 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 December 31, 1996. Extensions may be granted on a case by case basis.
- A final report for each of the restoration projects will be published by January 31, 1997. 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 are encouraged at each site during the project work period. Metro Councilors and/or staff will notify the governing bodies of each of the projects about Metro's financial support.

Metro has secured funding to carry out a fifth year restoration grant program in FY 1995-96. Metro has also applied to the federal government for funding the Greenspaces restoration and enhancement grant program for a sixth year during FY 1996-97.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 95-2122.

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ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 6th day of April 1995.

J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer

EXHIBIT A

Recommendations for Funding Year 4 Restoration Projects

1. Applicant: Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District
Project Site: Beaverton Creek Tech Center Park
Project Summary: Enhance wetlands and natural areas within the park by installing native trees, shrubs and plants, and dead trees/snags to create wildlife habitat.
Total Budget: \$9,755
Request: \$3,215
Recommendation: \$3,215

2. Applicant: City of Hillsboro
Project Site: Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve
Project Summary: Restoring the Kingfisher Marsh site within Jackson Bottom by purchasing and installing native plants. The youth service corps will provide the labor.
Total Budget: \$31,050
Request: \$11,000
Recommendation: \$ 5,500

3. Applicant: City of Troutdale
Project Site: Beaver Creek
Project Summary: Stream bank restoration to include bank line recontouring, installing native plants, and placing woody debris in the channel to enhance fish habitat.
Total Budget: \$18,380
Request: \$ 5,700
Recommendation: \$15,000 (to do the project adequately; original request was too low)

4. Applicant: City of Vancouver
Project Site: Burnt Bridge Creek
Project Summary: Stream bank and corridor restoration to include installing native plants, shrubs and trees. Currently, there is no vegetation along this stream. Bird nesting and bat boxes will be built.
Total Budget: \$30,000
Request: \$10,000
Recommendation: \$15,000 (to do the project adequately; original request was too low)

5. Applicant: The Wetlands Conservancy
Project Site: Fanno Creek
Project Summary: Develop management plan for project site and then carry out stream bank restoration activities including blackberry removal, reshaping stream banks to natural meanders, and planting of native shrubs and trees.
Total Budget: \$28,737
Request: \$11,364

Recommendation: \$15,000 (includes funds for management plan)

6. Applicant: City of Gresham
Project Site: Main City Community Park along Johnson Creek
Project Summary: Stabilize eroding sections of the stream bank by incorporating bioengineering techniques which include re-vegetation of site with a buffer of native plants to improve wildlife habitat; and diverting storm water runoff into swales with plants for filtering before it enters the creek.
- Total Budget: \$39,750
Request: \$15,000
Recommendation: \$15,000
7. Applicant: Lake Oswego Land Trust
Project Site: Lamont Spring and Creek
Project Summary: Restoration activities to include: removal of English Ivy and other non-native plants; installation of native plants, shrubs and trees; and placing of logs to redirect pedestrian and bikers away from the sensitive stream bank area.
- Total Budget: \$18,000
Request: \$ 7,000
Recommendation: \$ 7,000