

Meeting: Metro Council Retreat

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Tualatin Hills Nature Park, Beaver Den Room

15655 SW Millikan Way Beaverton, OR 97006

1. BRIEF HISTORY OF METRO/PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS

- 2. OPENING AND RETREAT OVERVIEW
- 3. STATE OF THE METRO SYSTEM OF PARKS, TRAILS, AND NATURAL AREAS
- 4. BREAK
- 5. VISION FOR FUTURE PROGRAM AREA DISCUSSION
- 6. NEXT STEPS
- 7. ADJOURN

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Date: Monday, May 18, 2015

To: Metro Council

From: Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Interim Sustainability Center Director

Subject: May 21 Council Retreat information

In advance of the Metro Council Retreat on May 21, staff is providing some background on the Parks and Natural Areas System Plan project as well as a preview of the retreat approach. The System Plan project started in 2014; the primary goal is to provide a vision for the next 20 years for Metro's portfolio of parks, trails and natural areas.

The Council Retreat is designed to accomplish the following tasks:

- Provide historical context for how Metro's role in parks and natural areas evolved to where we are today.
- Ground the Metro Council in the state of Metro's system and identify key challenges and opportunities.
- Discuss and clarify Metro's role as a provider of parks, trails and natural areas relative to other providers in the region.
- Discuss the Metro Council's vision for the future and provide direction so that staff can return with more detailed options for Council consideration in the fall.

We recognize that there are other questions related to the system plan that we won't get to on Thursday, but we will be back to the Metro Council for more discussion in a few months.

For the last task on discussing the Council's vision for the future of the system, staff has designed an exercise to start the conversation. Within the context of specific program areas, staff and consultants have developed a set of visual tools to facilitate discussion of potential future investments in parks, trails and natural areas.

The overall parks and natural areas program is organized within seven primary program areas:

- Land acquisition
- Parks planning and development
- Grants and local share
- Trails planning and development
- Natural areas stewardship
- Parks and cemeteries operations
- Programming (conservation education, volunteer programs, recreation programs)

For this retreat, staff will be focusing on the first four program areas – land acquisition through trails planning and development – as those four program areas create the places that are at the core of the Metro system. The other three program areas are closely tied to Metro's places and they change and grow as the places change and grow.

For the first four program areas noted above, staff have identified three levels of investment as conversation starters. In each of the three levels, staff will present specific ideas for additional investments. The first level is **current commitments**. This level represents what is funded today, either through the 2006 Natural Areas Bond and/or the 2013 Parks and Natural Areas Levy.

The second level is **strategic expansion**. The second level is envisioned as implementing projects identified in currently adopted plans, but that are not funded by either the bond or the levy. These would be modest investments designed to finish implementing policies previously adopted.

The third level is **aspirational growth**. This level represents significant future investments, potentially grounded in new policy objectives. These would not necessarily represent radical departures from current Metro strategies, but rather might include adding new focus areas to existing strategies.

The specific examples of potential investments identified in the strategic expansion and aspirational growth categories were generally provided by the public or Metro stakeholders. However, they are provided as examples only, and we hope to hear your ideas Thursday, too.

The objective of this portion of the retreat is to have the Metro Council provide direction in two main areas:

- First, what specific areas are the Council interested in prioritizing over the next 20 years?
- Second, what is the general level of investment desired over that time period?

For this conversation, staff has not developed specific cost estimates and is not specifying whether investments would be part of a future bond or levy. Rather, staff would like feedback on specific ideas to evaluate further as well as any thoughts on the technical and/or political challenges associated with those ideas. Staff will take this feedback to develop a more concrete list of potential system growth opportunities along with cost estimates. The development of those specific proposals are an important precursor to any discussion of potential funding measures.

As additional reference material, staff is providing each member of the Council with a flash drive with a number of important policy documents. These documents do not need to be reviewed prior to the retreat and are provided solely as reference material that may be helpful in the ongoing System Plan work. Each drive includes the following items:

- May 21 Council Retreat information memo (May 18, 2015)
- Regional Conservation Strategy Executive Summary (2012)
- Res. 12-4398 Natural Areas and Parks Local Option Levy (2012)
- Metro's Portfolio of Natural Areas, Parks and Trails Opportunities and Challenges (2011)
- Res. 06-3672B Natural Areas Bond Measure (2006)
- Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee Vision, Outcomes, Objectives and Means (2005)
- Res. 94-2011A Open Spaces Bond Measure (1994)
- Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan (1992)
- Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan Summary (1992)

Finally, I would like to thank each of you for providing staff with this valuable opportunity to discuss the System Plan. I realize this is a significant investment of your time in the midst of a very busy Council calendar and my team and I sincerely appreciate this opportunity.

A Brief History of Greenspace Planning for the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Region

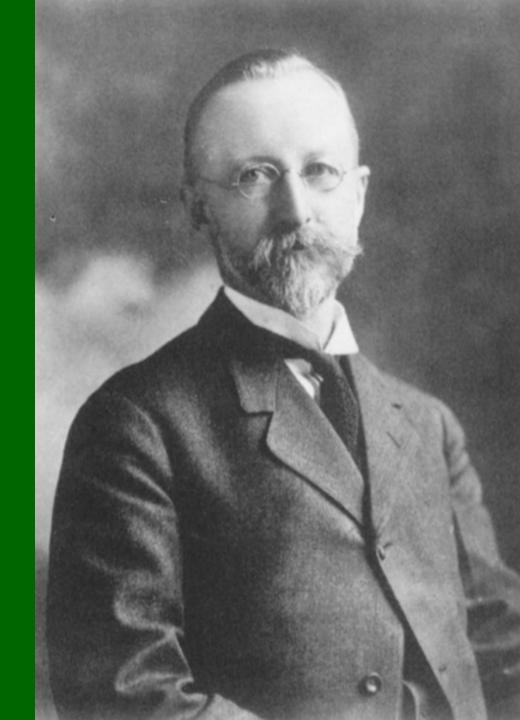
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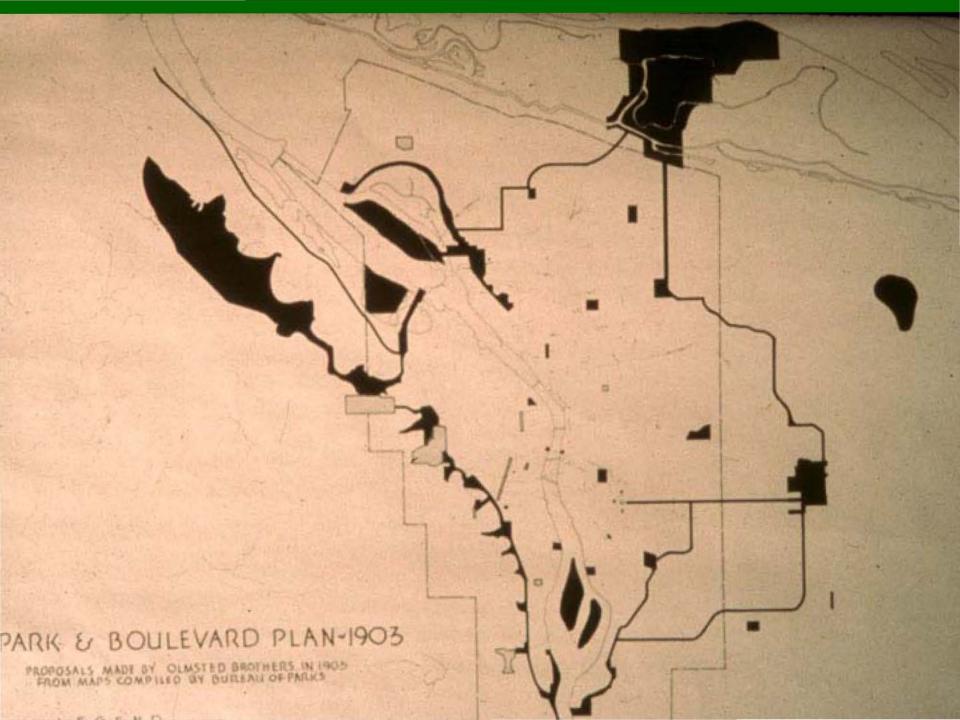
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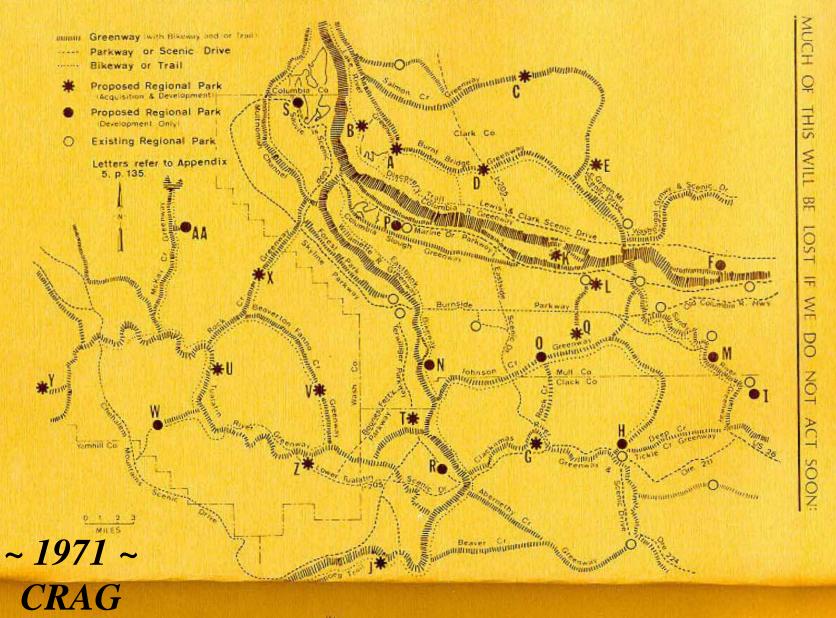


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THE URBAN OUTDOORS A New Proposal for Parks and Open Spaces

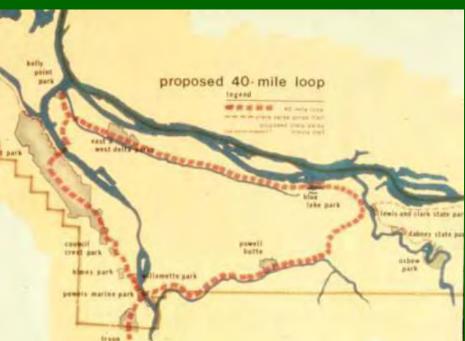
PROPOSALS FOR PARK & OPEN SPACE SYSTEM - MAP I



- MAP II

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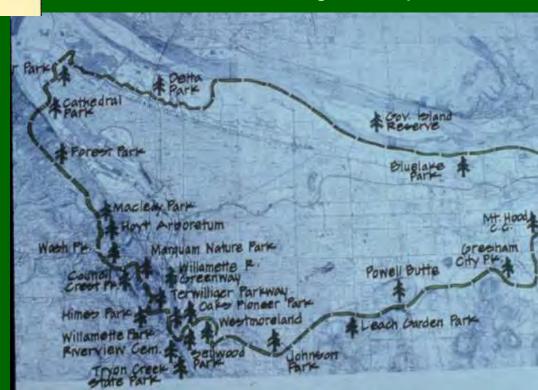


1981 40 Mile Loop Land Trust incorporated

40-Mile Loop and parks and natural areas along the loop



Barbara Walker, co-founder 40 Mile Loop Land Trust



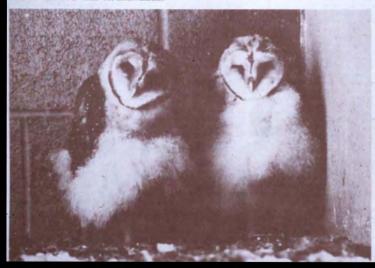
THE URBAN NATURALIST

summer 1982

This is the first issue of "The Lirban Naturalist", a Portland Audubon Society publication for members of the Society's Urban Naturalist program. This program presently has over 500 members who share an interest in the natural history of their own backward, the Portland metropolitan area. The recent fund drive to purchase more sanctuary land, addition of an education coordinator, plans for expanded classroom space and establishment of the Urban Naturalist program all represent a commitment by Portland Audubon Society to focus attention on environmental education and conservation needs of our

This publication will be a forum for sharing natural history observations and information about the urban ecosystem. We are hopeful that the articles presented in the newsletter will stimulate you to make observations of your own and share them with

"The Urban Naturalist" will be published quarterly and will include natural history articles and artwork featuring seasonal changes in plants, animals and the physical environment of the metropolitan area. Membership is 515 for non-Audubon members and \$10 for members. Members of the Urban Naturalists will receive Portland Audubon's monthly newsletter, the Audubon Warbler, as well as "The Urban Naturalist."





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Metropolitan
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REGIONAL PARKS

A Study By The Parks Committee Of The Metropolitan Citizens League

August, 1984

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Columbia-Willamette Futures Critical Choices Forum

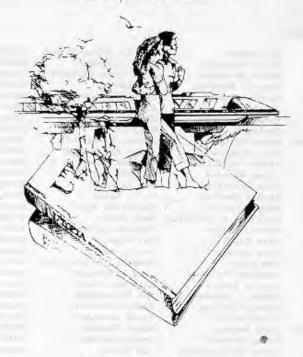
CRITICAL CHOICES '84

LIBRARIES · PARKS · TRANSPORTATION

Summary Report

(including Conference Recommendations)

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Columbia Willamette Futures Forum

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Columbia-Willamette Futures Critical Choices Forum Participants

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Columbia-Willamette Futures Park Forum Letter to Metro to support Regional Parks Study and advocate for citizen participation.

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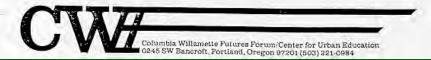
Dear Mr. Carlson,

As follow-up to our March 16 luncheon with you and Ray Barker, members of the CWFF Coordinating Council and Parks Committee would like to review our discussion.

CWFF supports Metro's Regional Park Study but for any study to have long-term value, citizen participation should be included in the design phase. We are confident that our confrontation could have been avoided had CWFF members been included in the initial stage.

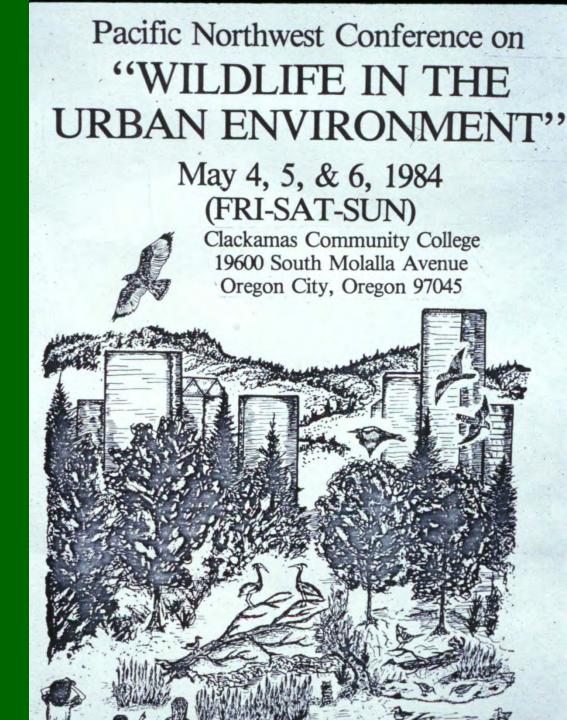
We believe other important issues must be addressed in your study:

- 1) Uppermost from the perspective of the CWFF Coordinating Council and Parks Committee is the importance of developing a computerized parks inventory data base. This inventory must identify all recreational/Teisure areas in the metropolitan region regardless of which agency is responsible for supervision and maintenance. This data base should be permanently maintained by Metro with open access by regional and local agencies.
 - No truly regional perspective for planning, land banking, use, or funding can be developed unless the first step is the collection of all information. The establishment of such a computerized data base would also place Metro in the happy position of providing complete resource information to all other jurisdictions in this region.
- 2) CWFF is eager to participate in the Metro Regional Park Study as part of our interest for "parks in the region". We wish, further, to engage in meaningful dialogue concerning the process, product, and eventual usefulness of this study.
- 3) The CWFF Committees strongly feel that it is essential that the expertise which will be generated by this study remain in a regional coordinating body and the supporting agencies. For this reason we recommend that the study primarily be done by staff rather than consultants. The Metro staff could coordinate and compile the data provided by the Parks districts.
- 4) CWFF endorses portions of your Park Study and can be quoted in your resolution. Your study, however, addresses only a portion of the Critical Choices '84 Parks recommendations. The following statement is, we believe, appropriate for inclusion in your resolution:



~ 1984 ~ First regional urban wildlife conference...

Keynote speakers:
Jon Kusler, wetland
conservationist
Robert Michael Pyle,
naturalist and writer



~ 1984 ~
First Salmon
Festival at
Oxbow Park...

Sponsored by:

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Sixth Annual

Salmon Festival

Oxhow Park

October 14 & 15, 1989 0 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Festivities Include

- Guided Salmon Viewing Walks Tasty Salmon Bake Luncheon
 - Ongoing Exhibits & Displays 8K Fall Chinook Run & Volkswalk
- Native American Indian Demonstrations "Homing" Performance by "And Dancers"
 - Food & Beverages On-Site Old Growth Forest Walks
 - Smokey Bear & Woodsey Owl Z100's "Jammin' Salmon"

Admission \$3

Proceeds go to Oxbow's Nature Center Fund (Sorry, no pets)

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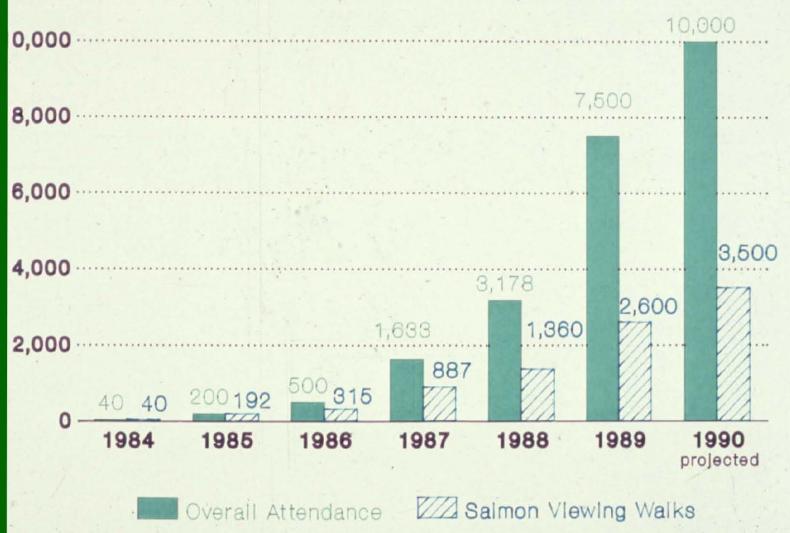




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Attendance Report



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Regional Parks Inventory contributors

September 5, 1985

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Clackamas County	\$ 5,000	Under Consideration
Multnomah County	7,500	Committed
Washington County	5,000	Under Consideration
City of Portland	5,000	Under Consideration
Tualatin Hills Park District	2,500	Under Consideration
Metro	10,000	Committed*
Oregon State Parks	10,000	Committed
	\$45,000	

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Zoos without bars

ith 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.

he 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

"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 prescrive 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 administator 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.

urrently 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."

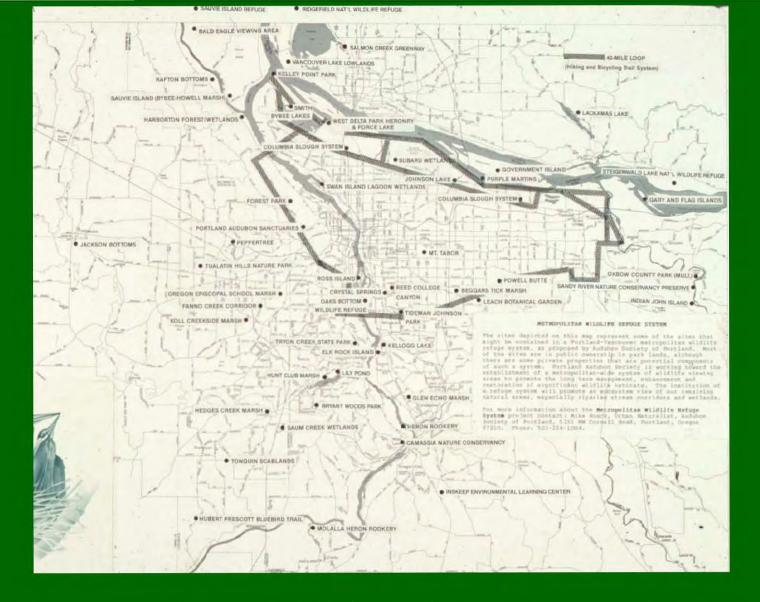
Metro, of course, is not anyone's favorite agency. But it does have a couple of appealing characteristics:

- 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.

THE OREGONIAN MONDAY, DEC. 26, 1988



Metropolitan Wildlife Refuge System Project Audubon Society of Portland, 1989



~ February 9, 1989 ~

Metro Council passes resolution supporting the Parks and Natural Areas Program



METRO

Memorandum

2005 W. First Avenue Portland, OR 97201 Stes 503 221-1646

July 5, 1989

To:

Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee

From:

Richard H. Carson, Director

Mt Mel Huie, Senior Regional Planner
Planning and Development Department

Sub:

PARKS & NATURAL AREAS PLANNING PROGRAM: STAFF UPDATE

- 1. Parks Inventory and Database
 - Facilities Guide and Directory
 - Maps (scale of 1 inch = 4,000 feet)
 - o User-friendly software package
- Metro Recreation Resource Study
- Aerial Photography Project
 - o Scale of 1 inch = 2,000 feet for regional database and map
 - Prints for local jurisdictions and special projects can be enlarged to various scales via custom orders
 - Mosaic of the region at a scale of 1 inch = 2,000 feet will be displayed in the Planning & Development Department. Prints at reduced scales will be available for other organizations. This will show the region and all the linkages in our natural areas system.
- 4. Natural Areas Inventory and Analysis/Field Study
- 5. Regional Consensus Building: A Partnership
 - o Parks & Natural Areas Advisory Group o Four subcommittees:
 - o Database
 - o Natural Areas Planning
 - o Regional Corridors
 - Funding Strategies
 - o Establishment of Friends and Advocates of Urban Natural Areas (F.A.U.N.A.) See attachment.
- Briefings for City Councils and County Commissions and Parks/Natural Areas/Recreation Organizations

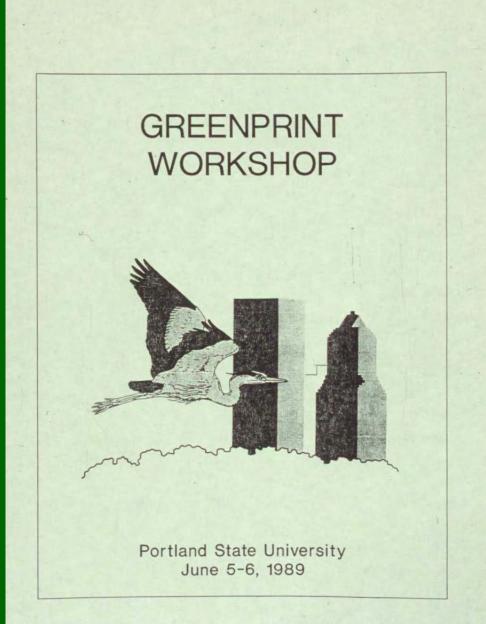


~ January 31, 1989 ~

Dr. Joe Poracsky initiates Natural Areas Seminars in Portland State University's Geography Department

~ 1989 ~ Greenprint Workshop

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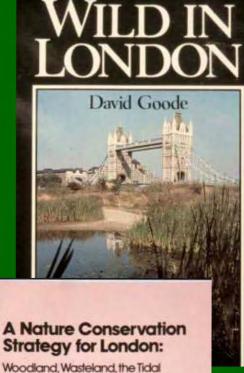
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Dr. David Goode, Director of the London Ecology Unit Speaks at City Club of Portland as Country in the City keynote





Woodland, Wasteland, the Tidal Thames and two London Boroughs





East Bay Regional Park Tours, 1989



Set aside urban wild lands

The long-awaited regional park studychas given the metropolitan area a picture of how much park land it has. But the answer to one question only leads to another: How much park land should there be? The Metropolitan Service District's inventory of all parks in the

first phase of the project. The study of existing parks inevitably drew the planners' attention to the open spaces not in parks - those substantial acreages of wetlands, wildlife habitat and other natural areas left

region should be no more than the

within the urban community. A logical second phase would record all of the open lands that are not contained within parks. Next would come consideration of how

much should be preserved to strike a balance with development inside the urban growth boundary, Inherent in this phase would be a strategy for acquisition

A California project, while hardly a perfect model for Portland, offers an example of preservation of open space in a city setting. The East Bay Regional Park District, which serves more than 2 million people, recently went through a similar process of

outlining an acquisition program. As an indication of how much urban dwellers may appreciate open space, the voters approved a bond measure of \$225 million. Greater Portland is not looking at anything of that magnitude. But toknow what it is looking at, the cataloging of natural lands must be done.

Richard Carson, Metro's chief planner, has turned up 10-year-old aerial photographs that should help. Comparing them with up-to-date photographs, Metro officials should be able to trace the recent trends on wetlands and wildlife areas. Then they can determine whether a change is in order.

Also available to help are Portland State University academic researchers and Mike Houck, the Audubon Society's urban naturalist, who can offer his vision of a metropolitan wildlife refuge system.

For all the growth that has occurred, the Portland area is still well-situated to blend preservation of natural resources with continued urban development. Best that it be done right while the opportunity exista Puture livability depends on studios made and decisions they proidentifying potential park land and duce in the next two years:



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Memorandum

2000 S.W. First Avenue Portland, OR 97201-5348 303/221-1646

April 21, 1989

To: Joe Porascky, Mike Houck, Lynn Sharp, Pat Lee

From: Mel Huie

Sub: Natural Areas Aerial Photography Project

Updated Information

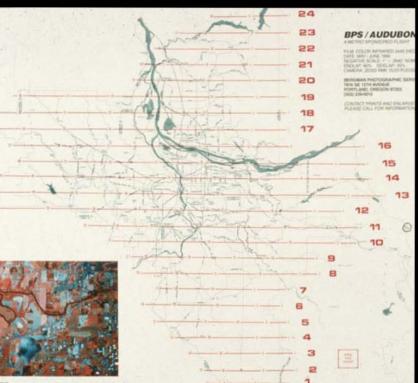
1. Assignments:

- o Overall Project Coordination -- Mel Huie
- Liaison with Bruce Bergman for Flight and Cost Estimates
 Joe Porascky
- Mailing out the letters, merge list, clerical work, etc.
 Mel Huie
- o Fundraising -- Mel Huie and Mike Houck
- o Contracting Out the Project and Fiscal Management
 -- Mike Houck and Mel Huie
- o Developing RFP for the Natural Areas Assessment/Analysis/Study (contract to be bid out in July) -- Mel Huie and Pat Lee
- Please review latest fundraising letter. The letter may be slightly altered depending on who is receiving it.

Note: The price sheet will not be attached to the letter unless specifically requested by a potential donor.

- 3. Will Audubon Society charge a 15% overhead rate?
- Information and Cost Estimates we need from Joe Porascky:
 - o General Description of the project













1990 Tony Hiss, writer for *The New Yorker*



Hiss featured in *The Oregonian*

Hiss article in House and Garden Magazine



Preservationists jain hands with Iroal government to cave a region's precious wilderness. By Yony Hiss

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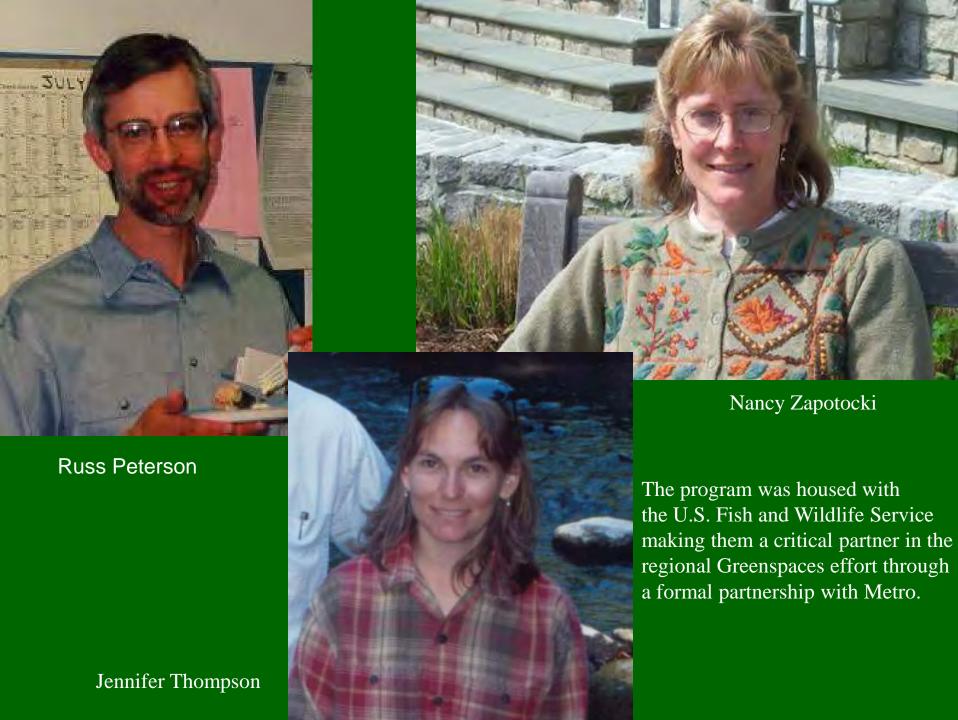
~ August 13, 1990 ~

Congressman AuCoin and Senator Mark O. Hatfield secure \$1.13 million to fund planning, outreach and citizen involvement in 1991 and 1992.*

Federal funds also funded habitat restoration and environmental education grant programs

*These same funds go to open a USFWS office in Chicago,





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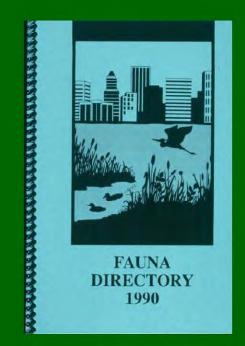


Friends and Advocates of Urban Natural Areas

The Friends and Advocates of Urban Natural Areas (FAUNA) are dedicated to protecting and restoring urban watersheds for fish, wildlife and people and fully integrating built and natural environments in the Portland Metropolitan Region

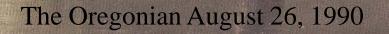








Can Nature Survive the Northwest's Urban Boom?



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Where the wild things are

en at 5 a.m., five miles from the nearest coffee pot and 50 minutes from a warm bed. Mike Houck can spout a high noon of confidence.

"Go ahead," he tells me. "You go first. Everything will be just fine. Really."

I inch my way down, slithering through the slime, ducking around the sewage pipe, planging ever deeper toward the mist-shrouded mystery waiting welly at the foot of the dike

The water looks murky. So does my future. Gingerly, I set foot in the canoe. Houck, who has been called many things but never graceful, leaps in behind me. The insinkable vessel does a remarkable imitation of The Titanic before, finally, settling to the task at hand. We nose forward into the unknown.

When Oregon trumpets its wild and scenic rivers, the Columbia Slough is not exactly the first place that comes to mind. This place has been thought of as quite disgusting for a very long time.

It was in 1919 that the city of Portland first dug a canal to try to flush the slough, hoping to dilute the buildup of sewage and industrial waste.

Exactly 29 years later, the Vanport flood made more water in the slough seem like not such a good idea after all. The canal was filled in.

By the early 1950s, lumber mills were moving from the slough's banks. Was this the dawn of environmental sensibility?

No, it was a corporate response to the chorus of workers refusing to handle any more logs coated with all that revolting muck from the slough.

This waterway has been alternately abused and ignored ever since. No wonder Houck insisted I go first.

A t dawn, the banks of the Columbia Slough are not exactly sylvan. Traffic roars by, Most of the early shift at Rivergate seems to think 80 mph is an appropriate way to get to work. incessant chirping of Oregon's largest and most prevalent bird—the backtoe in reverse. This one is sculpting the St. Johns Landfill. The early morning world looks ugly, and sounds uglier still.

But as we slither down the river's bank we enter another world — a remarkable remnant of the great waterland that was here when Lewis and Clark arrived.

And as we push upriver, leaving behind near Kelly Point the Canada goose and the cormorant, we plunge into the cool of the great black cottonwoods, the shade of the white ash, the shadow of the willows that bend to the water's touch.

As we round the first bend, a great blue heron barks its outrage and takes like some pterodactyl to the blueing sky.

The slough soon reveals its secrets. As the cance slips in utter silence through the water, a series of large holes dug into the bank offer clear evidence of life.

A nose appears, followed by two large eyes. Then the entire beaver emerges, gazing with utter disdain upon the intruders. He waits until the last possible second, then nosecives into the deep.

Splash, Splash, Splash, His wife and kids follow.

The hours unfold into a guided tour of Northwest wildlife. Nutria. River otter. Marsh shrew and mink. Our escort is made up of mailards and wood ducks and widgeons, while overhead soar the turkey vulture and the green-backed heron, the kestrel and the kingfisher.

he slough is one not-yet-polished pear! in the necklace that is Houck's latest project. The urban naturalist is engaged in a far-sighted effort to create across two states and four counties a 1,000-square mile, Metropolitan Greenspaces program.

The program would greate what The wyorker writer Tony Hiss has halled as "the country's first coordinated urban system of natural areas and wildlife refuges — linked together by hiking and biking trails and by rivers, streams and wordland corridors that permit the migration of wildlife throughout areas alreday urbanized and those about to become urbanized."

Not the loast of Houck's gifts is his knack for finding suitable homes for his dreams. It was Houck who first realized that Metro needed a public relations polish, and who persuaded Metro leader Rena Cusma that her role in regional planning and urban growth management dovetailed directly into greenspaces.

With Houck — armed with a three-year grant from The Meyer Trust to fund the Metropolitan Wildlife Refuge System — at her side, Cusma hasn tuss: embraced the greenspaces notion, she's promising to make it a cornerstone of her administration.

The potential of the legacy is something few politicians, handcuffed to short range dreams, have been brave enough to notice

By noon, 27 miles from that coffee pot, seven hours from that warm bed, flouck returns me safe to shore. Only then does his high noon of confidence sunset into a confession. "That," he says, "was only the second time in my life I've ever been in a cane."

~ July 12, 1991 ~

Metropolitan Greenspaces logo and tagline adopted

Greenspaces

A Cooperative Regional System of Natural Areas, Open Space, Trails and Greenways, for Wildlife and People





~ 1990 through 1991 ~

Adoption of resolutions by local jurisdictions, park advocacy groups, and local park providers supporting the Greenspaces initiative.

Ultimately, all three Portland area counties and 22 of 24 cities passed such resolutions, as did numerous citizen groups and nonprofit organizations and the City of Vancouver and Clark County, Washington.



~ May 3, 1991 ~

First coordinating meeting with Chris Carlson, Sue Abbott, National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program. The National Park Service was brought in to assist with public outreach.



~ March 22, 1991 ~

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) signs an Interagency Agreement with Metro to allocate federal funding to initiate the Greenspaces Program and their long-term partnership.

The Chicago metropolitan area undertakes a similar effort that makes Chicago and Portland national models for urban-based USFWS programs.



~ June 25, 1991 ~

Metro staff meet with Congressman Les AuCoin and Senator Mark O. Hatfield to discuss a second allocation of \$800,000 to continue federal funding for the Metropolitan Greenspaces Initiative, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

~ January, 1992 ~ Public Forums on the Greenspaces Master Plan



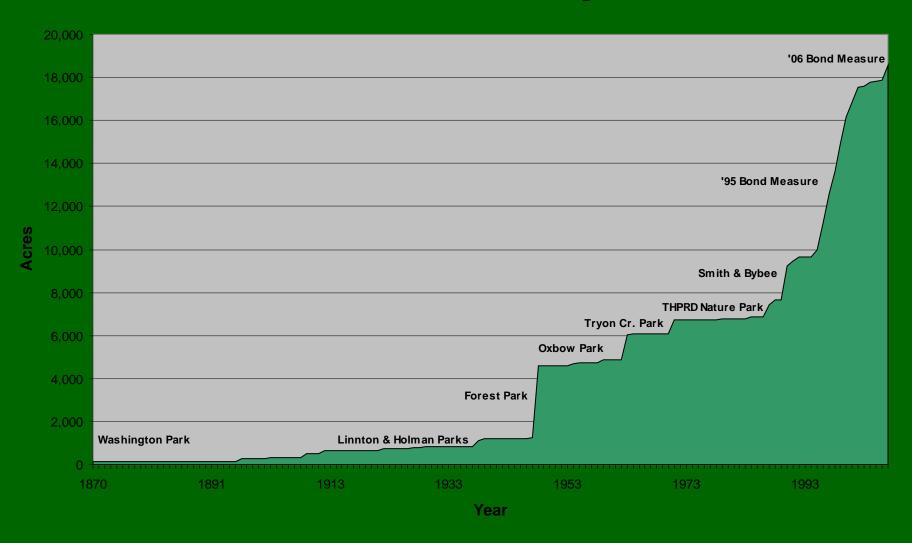


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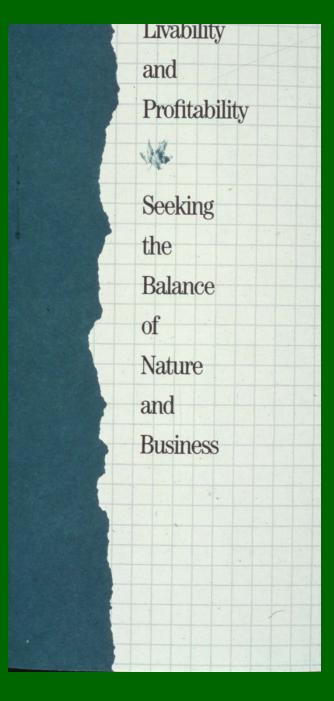
Natural Areas in the Metro Region



Citizen's Campaign For Greenspace Launched Spring of 1992



\$200 million bond measure fails by 10%



Ron Klein, PGE at the time, led in working to bring the business community on board as supporters of the 1992 \$200 million Greenspaces bond measure.

PGE took on a significant role in recruiting business support for the Greenspaces initiative, thanks in large part to Klein's leadership.

1992 bond measure fails by 10%

The Oregonian

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1992

Try again on Greenspaces

Preserving the region's natural areas should remain a high priority

he Metro council and the citizens who unsuccessfully pushed for the Greenspaces bond measure should take a deep breath and a short rest and plunge right back in.

busy general election. Many voters who would have supported Greenspaces simply didn't get the message. A second attempt that doesn't compete with a presidential election and a bitter Measure 9 fight the better.

I try also can be buoyed by passage of a home-rule Metro. Arguments that "shadowy" government fate. Its powers and ities are now defined, ion's voters are clearly in

I, the Metro council lember that building a nsensus is a process, and election defeat is no ive up.

elected officials should transfer their support for Greenspaces into a commitment to encourage protection of environmentally sensitive areas in their communities. Many of the

Setting aside parkland to save the natural treasures that make this region special is essential to the region's future livability.

That's why the Greenspaces measure received widespread support from the business community — including developers — who accurately saw it as an investment in the region's long-term economic health.

In getting a proposal ready for a second try, Metro should look at several areas. One is cost. The \$200 million figure represented about half the land considered environmentally sensitive. Going for a smaller chywould still get the program rollin

The council also should use the coming months to outline propos for paying maintenance and operating costs that can't be fund by the bond measure. More speci would set many voters' minds to

Getting the word out about Greenspaces was difficult during Setting something aside for the future is each generation's responsibility to the next. But we can't save what is already gone. The region must act soon to save its natural treasures before they disappear forever.

The Oregonian

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1995

Metro seeks voter OK to buy streams, open spaces

■ The \$135.6 million bond issue for natural areas in Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties will be on May's ballot.

It's not greenspaces any longer It's open spaces, parks and streams, Burned badiy in a 1992 vote, Metro and other proponents of a \$135.6 million greenspaces bond issue are leaving little to chance for a new

Such as dropping the name "greenspaces."

"I don't know where 'greenspaces' came from," said Patricia McCaig, a Metro councilor. "People in the community don't know what that means... It could be a lawn! We want to make it very clear what the money will be used for."

And so when voters in Multaomah, Clackamas and Woshinton counties cast ballots in the vote-by-mail election, it will be for or against

open spaces, parks and streams.

election May 16.

Metro wants to buy about 6,000 acres of natural areas in the three counties for the recreational activities of the future — parks, hiking trails, bike paths, picnic grounds, and wildlife and fish habitats. It argues that without additional space, population growth would overwhelm existing recreational areas.

Voters will need to decide whether they are the right projects at the right time and worth the money Metro is asking.

The date of the election is being time-tuned, too. Originally scheduled for March 28. Metro is moving it to may to give the new council more time to mount an effective campaign.

Other changes include a reduction in the amount of the bond issue to \$125.6 million, from \$200 million in 1992; and a specific list of projects for which the money would be spent, something that was missing the

first time around.

"Last time, it was 'Trust us; we'll buy something good, you'll like it," said Charles Ciecko, the director of Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, who was working for Multnomah County at the time.

The trust wasn't there, however, as 55 percent of the voters rejected the \$200 million request even though it lacked major organized opposition.

"This time, we've spent a whole year on what it includes, how big it will be and when it will be on the ballot." Ciecko said.

If approved, Metro would issue 20-year general obligation bonds that would cost taxpayers about 22.5 cents annually per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$22.50 for a \$100,000 home.

On the list are 14 regional projects, five regional trails and 90 local projects. The money for regional projects would be used to buy property from existing owners, not for development, operations or maintenance.

The exception would be the Peniasula Crossing trail in Multnomah County, where some development would be included.

Maintenance expenses would come from other Metro funds. Actual

development would occur later.

The regional projects include: Willamette River Greenway, Mulmontali and Clackamas counties, 1,103 acres, Newell Creek Canyon, Clackamas, 370 acres, East Buttes and Boring Lava Domes, Clackamas and Mulmomah, 545 acres; Sandy River Gorge, Mulmomah and Clackamas, 808 acres, Cooper Mountain, Washington, 428 acres; Forest Park expansion, Mulmomah, 320 acres, and Tualatin River Greenway access, Clackamas and Washington, 266 acres.

Among the trails are: Clackamas River Greenway, Clackamas; Fanno Creek Greenway, Washington; Peninsula Crossing; and a seven-mile stretch of Burlington Northern railroad right-of-way from Sauvie Island to north of Hillsboro, Multinomah and Washington.

Regional projects

Metro enlisted the help of a so-called blue-ribbon committee of citizens and community leaders to help select the regional projects.

Local communities will receive \$25 million of the bond measure for projects they selected. They have been evenly distributed to provide

something for nearly everyone.

Cieko said time was running out for some of the regional projects, such as the pristine and wooded Newell Creek Canyon southeast of Oregon City. He said Newell Creek was the only stream inside the urban growth boundary that is a spawning bad for native salmen, steelhead and cutrbroat trout.

"It's also one of the fastest-growing regions and one without much open space," he said. "There are literally hundreds and hundreds of apartments and single-family residences coming over the crest and

working their way into the canyon.

Among the trails, the Burlington Northern right-of-way Isn't being abandoned yet, but whenever it is, Metro wants to hold it for eventual use as a hiking and bike trail connecting Sauvie Island with the Beaverton-Hillsboro area.

Bill Natto, a Portiand businessman and a strong supporter of the measure, admits "it's not the easiest time" to ask voters for \$235.6 million, following an election in which they approved bond issues for south-north light rail and Portland parks.

"But we've got to bite the bullet and get this thing done," Naito said. The best time to obtain land for parks is before it's purchased by developers for other uses — "If we buy it now, we'll save zillions.

"Just imagine what Portland would look like without Washington Park, Laurelhurst, the north-south park blocks and the waterfront," he said. "We bit the bullet on the waterfront, and look how many people use it. It's a wonderful asset; to the livability of this town."

Portland has several projects on the local list — such as acquiring lands along the Columbia Slough and adjacent to the Crystal Springs Rhodedcadron Garden — even though voters approved a \$58.8 million parks bond measure in November. Ciceko said the difference is that the Metro measure is chiefly for land acquisition, while the city issue was largely for repairs, maintenance and improvements at existing parks.

A political action committee, the Campaign for Open Space, Parks and Streams, is at work making calls forz money and support from an office at Montgomery Park, donated by Naito. The office telephone is 227-4378.

1995 bond measure



- 62% voted "yes"
- \$135.6 million total
- 8,120 acres and 74 miles of river and stream frontage
- \$25 million local share for over 100 natural area related projects
- Nearly one million trees and shrubs planted
- More than 20,000 volunteer hours for restoration



November 28, 1994

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Judy Wyers

Paul Yarborough

Dear Friend

The last livable urban area.

That's what people around the county call the Portland area.

Why? There are many reasons. But the biggest one is the color green; we haven't paved over everything in sight. We have a balance between the attractions of the city, and natural areas which are ready reminders that we live in one of the world's most beautiful places.

But whether it stays that way is up to you.

The fact is, most of the natural areas that we take for granted — areas that are central to our quality of life — have *no* protection from development. And with over 500,000 people expected to move into the Portland region over the next 20 years, pretty soon the pressure to develop them will become intense.

Unless we act - now

That is why we are asking you to join us in supporting and contributing to the effort to pass the Greenspaces Bond Measure on the March 29th, 1995 ballot. Your contribution of \$200, \$100, or \$50 can help make the difference between a Portland area that remains a jewel and one that becomes just another example of urban sprawl.

There is only one sure way to preserve our natural heritage and keep it accessible to all of us: *that is for the public — you and me—to own it.* The Greenspaces Bond Measure will ensure public ownership of public treasures.

The measure asks for \$135.5 million to buy the Portland region's 20 greenspace areas and land parcels that have the greatest natural value and are under the most immediate threat of development. These are irreplaceable natural areas. They will be woven into an interconnected system of public parks and trails to help preserve the unique and irreplaceable character of our region.



As we look at our surrounding natural areas, most of us mistakenly assume they are safe and protected. Yet even some of the most popular and well-used sites are only partially owned by the public and have minimal protection from development, including: Forest Park, the Sandy River Gorge, Columbia Slough, Tualatin River, and Tryon Creek State Park.

In just the last two years, development has destroyed natural areas on Bull Mountain, Newell Creek and parts of the Sandy River Gorge. The frightening part is that they were lost so fast! Without the protection of public ownership, the bulldozers appear before you even know there's a threat.

This isn't a once-in-a-lifetime chance. It's a last in a lifetime chance.

But without you, it won't happen. In today's political environment, it is very difficult to pass any financing measures. That is especially true in a special election. The only way to do it is to make sure that voters understand their money would go for the preservation of our invaluable natural areas, and why that is worth it for all of our futures!

We'll conduct a full-scale, four-month Greenspaces Bond Measure campaign through the Metro area, starting now. And that takes money. We need your help today!

By contributing \$200, \$100, or \$50, you can help take our natural heritage off the endangered list. The alternative is all too clear: You can see it in other cities like Los Angeles, San Jose, and Seattle. Without your help, this last-in-a-lifetime chance could slip from our grasp forever.

Please contribute as generously as you can. And fill out the enclosed card if there are other ways you can help as well. Keep us what others can only envy: *The last livable and green urban area*.

Sincerely,

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Metro Councilor

Mike Houck Urban Naturalist

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PROTECT OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND STREAMS

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Thursday, March 2, 1995

5:30 pm to 7 pm Montgomery Park, First Floor 2701 NW Vaughn, Portland

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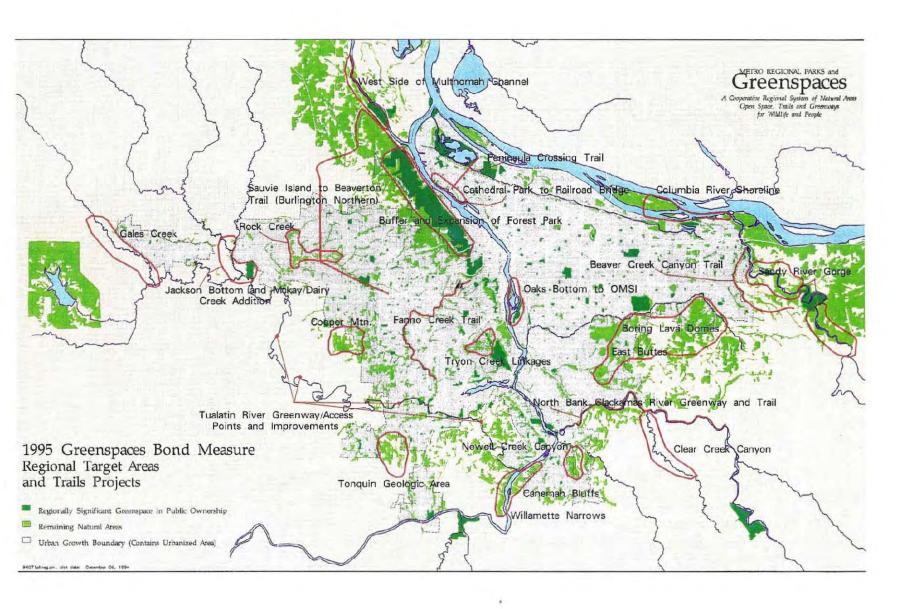
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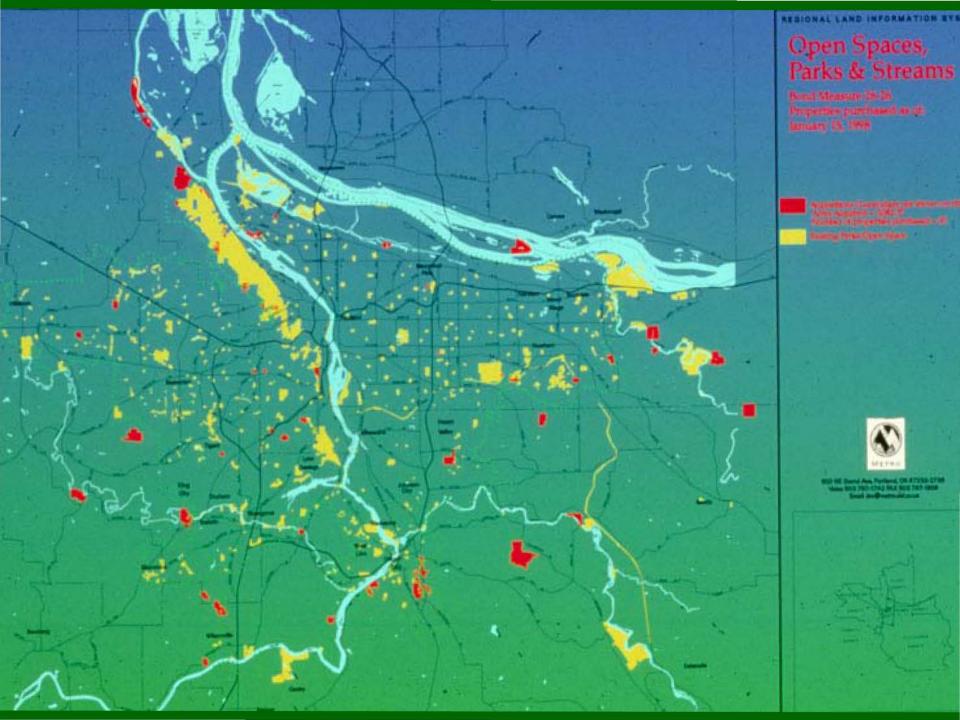
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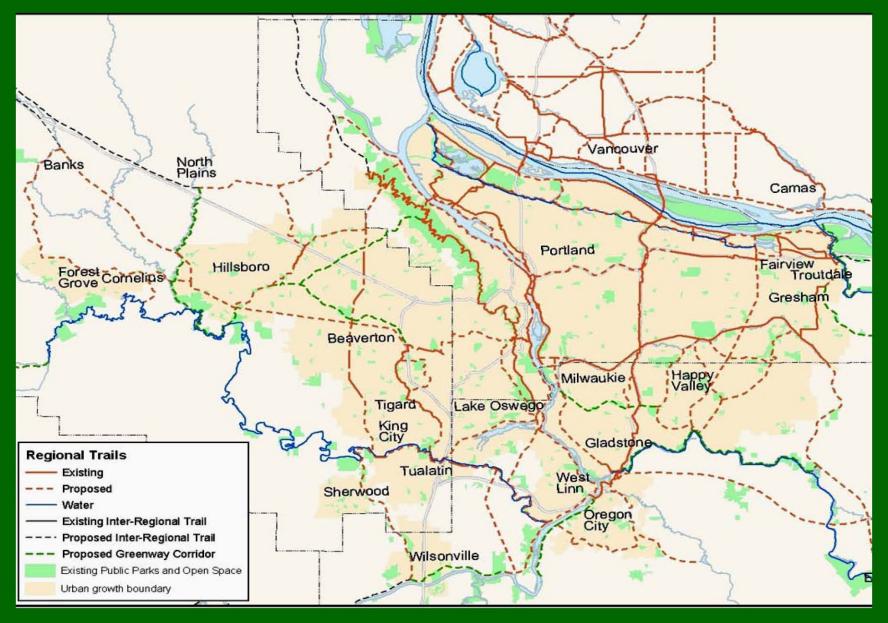
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Regional Trails and Greenways





~ 1996 to present ~

Jennifer Thompson assumed the role of USFWS Greenspaces coordinator in 1996.

She is now working to identify national urban conservation needs and opportunities for the USFWS, highlighting the agency's unique partnerships in Portland/Vancouver and Chicago as models.

January 6, 2003 David Bragdon becomes Metro's first Council President. Bragdon, working with newly appointed Regional Parks and Greenspaces Director, Jim Desmond, and park advocates plans a trip to Minneapolis-St Paul Minnesota for a reprise of the 1989 East Bay Regional Park District tour.

The Minneapolis tour, May 6 through May 11, is attended by elected officials from throughout the Portland-Vancouver region, park professionals, as well as park, trail, and greenspace advocates.











~ February 26, 2004 ~

First meeting of Metro's new
Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee

Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee

Vision, outcomes, objectives and means

March, 2005

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Vision for a Bi-State Regional Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas System for the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Region

An interconnected system of neighborhood, community, and regional parks, natural areas, trails, open spaces, and recreation opportunities distributed equitably throughout the region....

...that is valued here and around the world as an essential element of the region's:

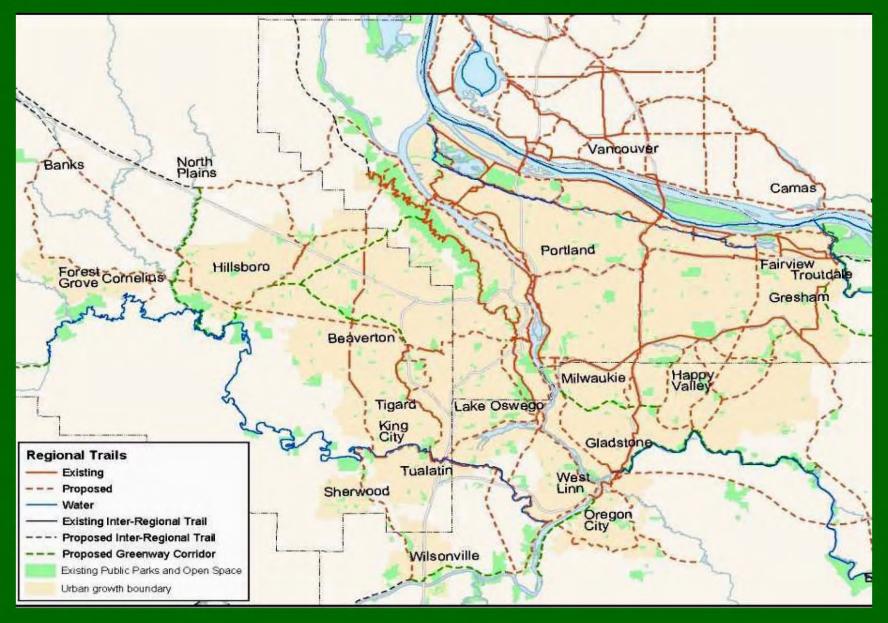
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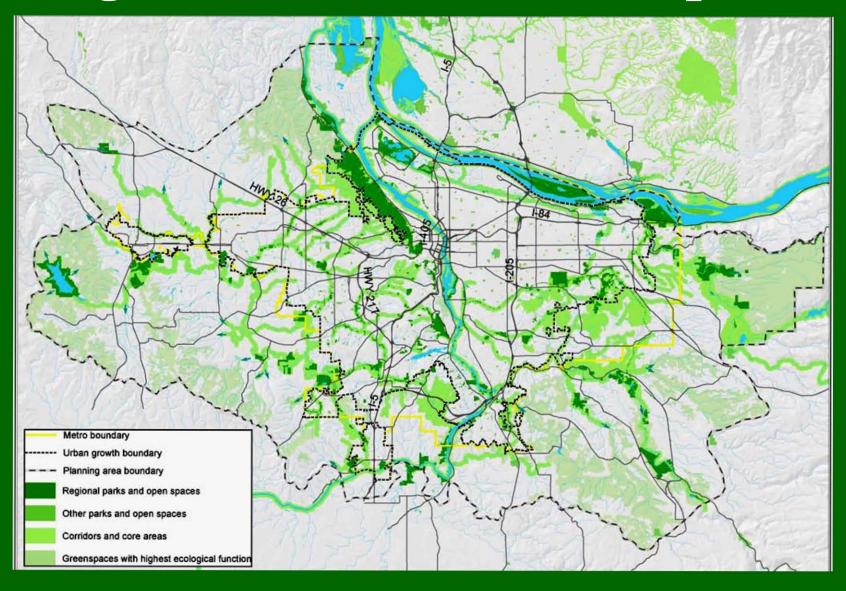
Civic vitality

Quality of life and place

Regional Trails and Greenways



Regional Parks and Greenspaces



Proposed 2006 Metro Natural Areas Bond Measure



\$227.4 million

Metro Council Hearing, Thursday March 9th

4 pm, Metro Council Chambers

Choosing regional target areas



- Water quality
- Habitat value
- Rarity
- Parcel size
- Restoration
- Connectivity
- Scenic resources
- Public access
- Partnerships





Local share



- \$44 million "pass through" for local projects
- Acquisition of natural area or land for future parks
- Restoration projects
- Improved public access to nature
- Trail design and construction
- Environmental education facilities

Opportunity grant program

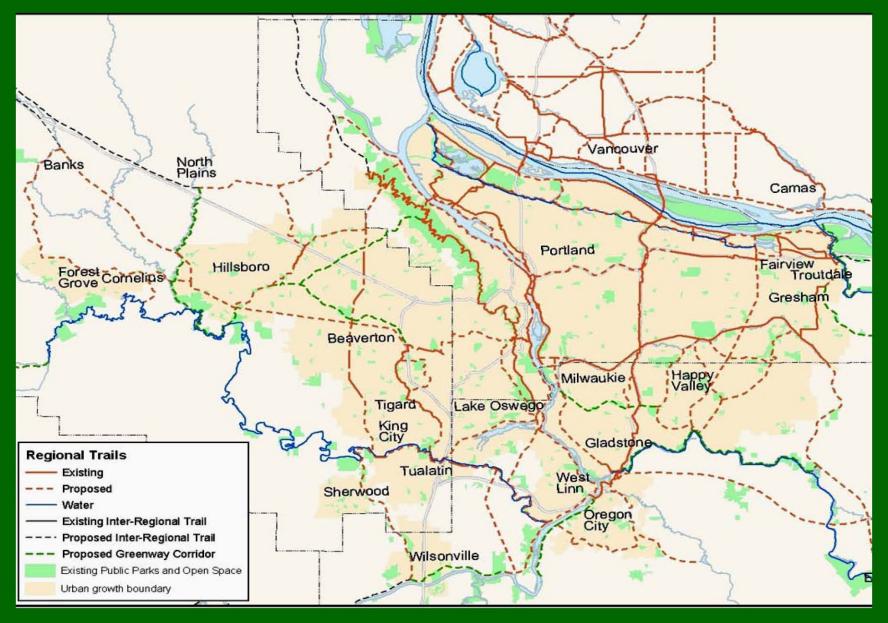


\$15 million

- "Re-nature" neighborhoods
- Build community partnerships
- Leverage resources
- Restore habitat
- Demonstration projects



Regional Trails and Greenways



November, 2006 Bond Measure Party





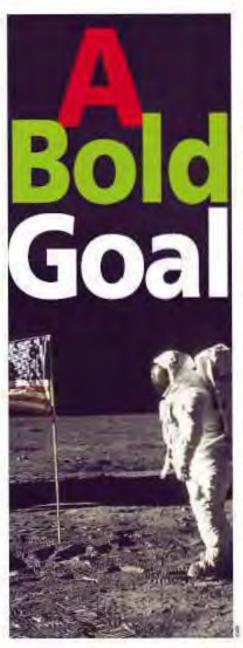










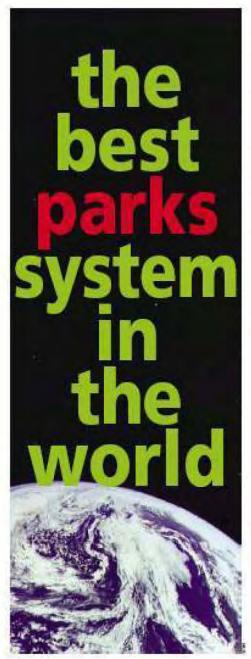


Connecting Green 2007:

Leaders for a Regionwide Parks Network

A Call to Action





Connecting Green 2007

A vision for a regionwide network of parks, natural areas and trails

We envision an exceptional, multi-jurisdictional, interconnected system of neighborhood, community and regional parks, natural areas, trails, open spaces and recreation opportunities distributed equitably throughout the region. This regionwide system is acknowledged and valued here and around the world as an essential element of the greater Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area's economic success, ecological health, civic vitality and overall quality of life.

As the region grows and develops, this regionwide system also expands, diversifies and matures to meet the needs of a growing and changing population. All residents live and work near and have access – regardless of income – to nature, areas for recreation and leisure, and public spaces that bring people together and connect them to their community.

This regionwide system of parks, natural areas, trails, open spaces and recreation opportunities:

- · drives the region's economy and tourist trade
- preserves significant natural areas for wildlife habitat and public use
- · enhances the region's air and water quality
- promotes citizens' health, fitness, and personal wellbeing
- connects the region's communities with trails and greenways
- provides a sense of place and community throughout the region
- supports an ecologically sustainable metropolitan area.

There is a powerful, shared ethic that a regionwide system is essential. There is widespread recognition of its value from economic, personal health, community and ecological perspectives. Tools for its support are well established, including partnerships, policies and funding, Individuals and organizations from all parts of the region appreciate and champion the system through education, advocacy and stewardship.

-Metro Council's Greenspage Policy Advisory Committee, 2004.



Metro Councilor Kathryn Harthgton and Metro Council President David Bregdon great Mayor Richard M. Dely of Chicago.

A call to action

Connecting Green 2007 was a call to action for the region's business leaders, parks directors, corporate, foundation and nonprofit leaders, federal and state political partners, citizens, and elected officials to be part of making a regionwide network of parks, trails and natural areas a reality. Thanks to the hard work of the Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC), a vision for what and how this system should be has been developed. Leaders in the region know that investing in a green network is an investment in the future because it will provide economic, health and community benefits. Connecting Green 2007 was an opportunity to focus on these benefits and create a buzz around making it happen.

Why is connecting our green infrastructure important?

We have an exceptional natural inheritance of rivers, streams and forests that gives us an opportunity to create one of the world's great park and natural area systems. The opportunity, however, is worth nothing unless we take action to capitalize on it. Collective action is required of our region's civic and elected leaders. Without decisive leadership and bold action, this opportunity will be lost. Let's not squander our natural inheritance.

The region's natural areas are not fully serving wildlife or people. Some of our parks are being loved to death because access to nature and recreation is not evenly distributed around the region; imminent growth pressure

will exacerbate this inequal and act strategically.

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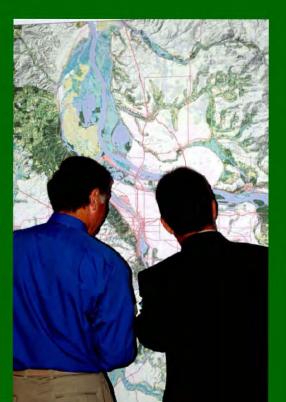
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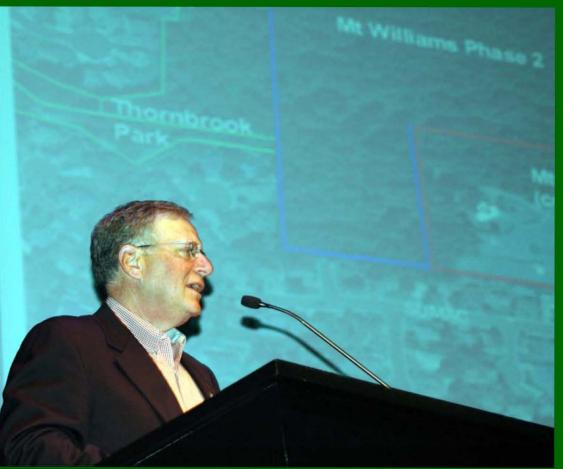
Greenspaces Policy Advisory Committee Portland Center Stage The ODS Companies Trust for Public Land Urban Greenspaces Institute











Connecting Green 2007 Lucky Labrador Beer Hall Tuesday, January 8th 2007

Sponsors:
Audubon Society of Portland
Metro
Trust for Public Land
Urban Greenspaces Institute

Bold Goal







Restoration

Restore 10,000 acres of natural area land

Conservation Education

Enhance the experience and the resource through knowledge, participation and stewardship

Connecting Green Alliance

Build an alliance of nonprofit, government and private organizations to...

network communicate advocate and mobilize

...on behalf of Connecting Green,

Regional System

Define, develop, promote and maintain the regional parks system

Trails

Complete the Regional Trails System of over 900 miles of bicycle and pedestrian trails

Acquisition

Secure land for parks and natural areas



The Intertwine Alliance

Audubon Society of Portland
Clean Water Services
Metro
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Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Travel Portland
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Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
Urban Greenspaces Institute
Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation



PROMOTE THE INTERTWINE

You can show your support by using The Intertwine logo on your websites, brochures, maps and collateral.



Raise awareness of The Intertwine with campaign-style lawn signs.



Wear your love of The Intertwine on your sleeve with these buttons, perfect to share with stakeholders, partners and groups.









For more information, contact Cynthia Sulaski at csulaski@comcast.net or 503-249-7728.



Join Us in Introducing The Intertwine

Participate in Park(ing) Day, September 18, 2009 and help us introduce our new name and brand for the Portland region's outstanding network of parks, trails and natural areas.



What is Park(ing) Day?

Park(ing) Day is a one-day, global event to highlight the need for more urban open space, rethink the way green space can happen, and improve the quality of urban human habitat...at least until the meter runs out! The San Francisco art collective REBAR first created "PARK(ing)" in 2005 to re-imagine the potential of the metered parking space.

This year in the Portland / Vancouver region we are using the occasion of Park(ing) Day to launch a new name and brand for the region's network of parks, trails and natural areas – The Intertwine. Walk, hike, bike, bird, paddle, play – whatever you love to do and wherever you love to do it – if you're doing it in the Portland / Vancouver area, you are already using The Intertwine. The Intertwine brings the region's parks providers, nonprofits, government agencies and private firms together behind a unifying name and brand – and we need your help!

Things to Keep in Mind

- Let us know if you are planning to create a park and support The Intertwine
- Design your park as creatively as you like
- Focus on creating an inviting public space
- Use materials that can be donated, lent, or borrowed
- Decide how you will transport your materials
- Place orders for items that must be shipped or specially ordered
- Talk with staff and friends about volunteering for your park
- Create talking points for staff and volunteers – or use ours
- . Order sod (if you're using it)
- . We'll give you fliers and buttons
- . Plan for photos or filming of your park
- Determine who will be the spokesperson from your group at your park

To get involved or sign up, contact The Intertwine Alliance care of:

Bob Gandoffi ParkingDay@TheIntertwine.org 503-295-6500







Metropolitan Greenspaces Alliance



BAY AREA

OPEN SPACE COUNCIL





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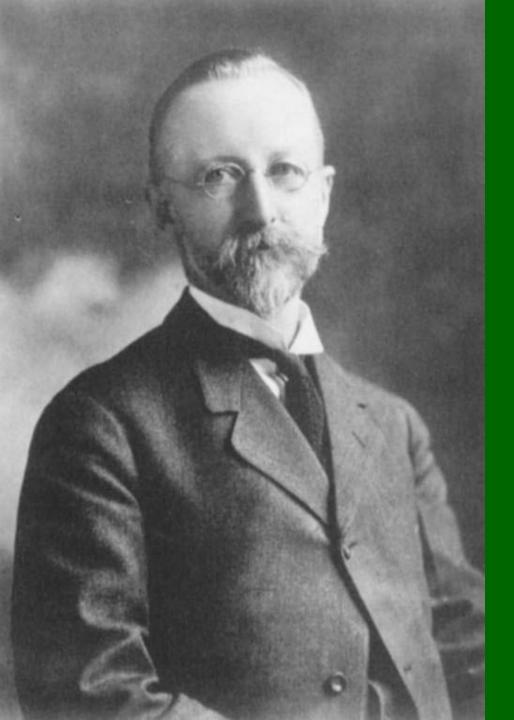


Campaign for Natural Areas And Clean Water

www.urbanfauna.org

Hearing, Metro Council Chambers Thursday, March 9th 4 pm

www.metro-region.org



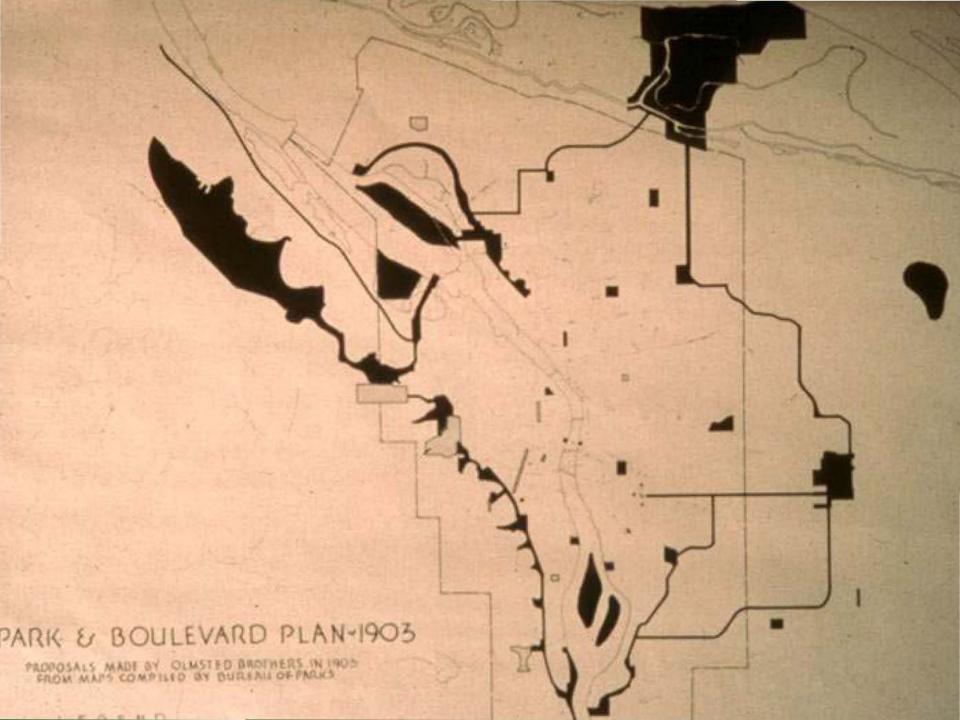
Historical Precedent

Report of the Park Board
Portland, Oregon
1903

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Boulevards and Parks for the City of Portland



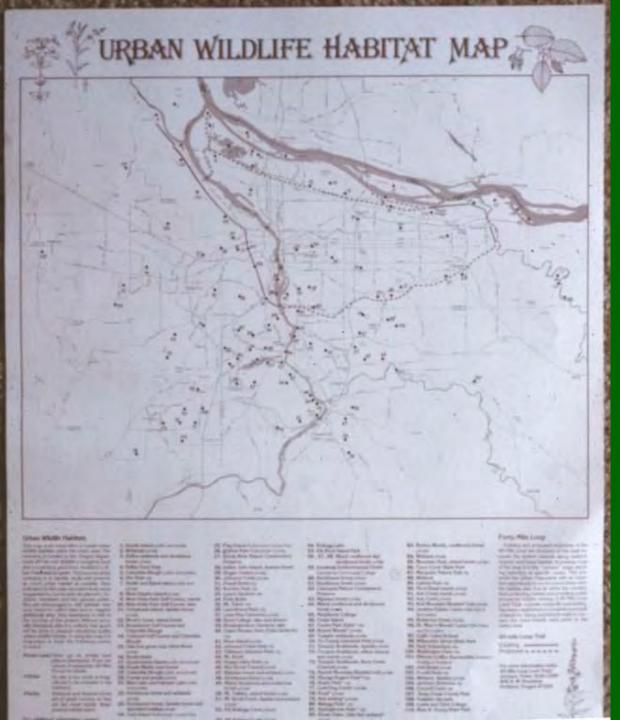


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Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) Urban Outdoors Plan

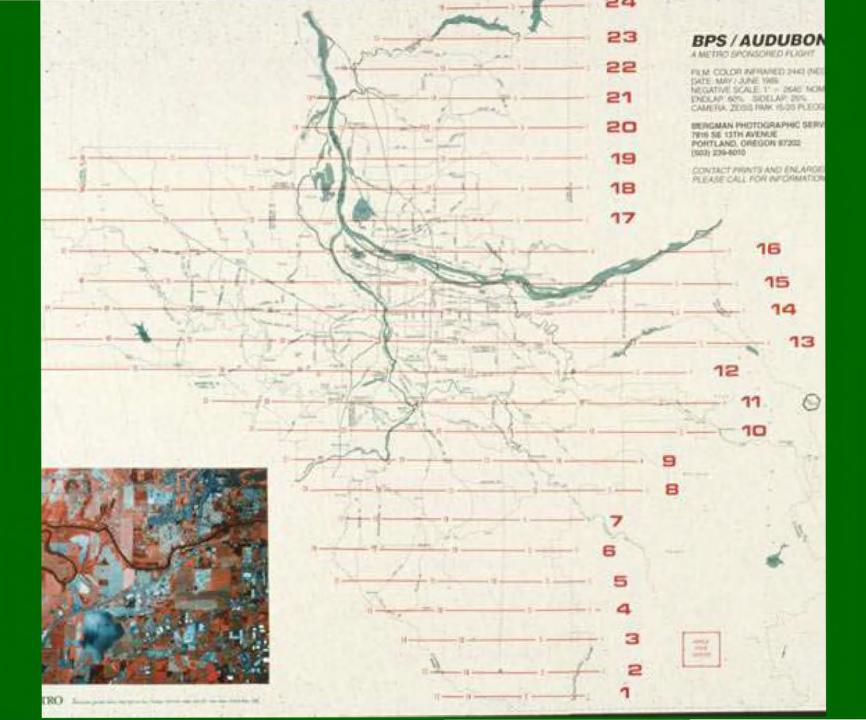




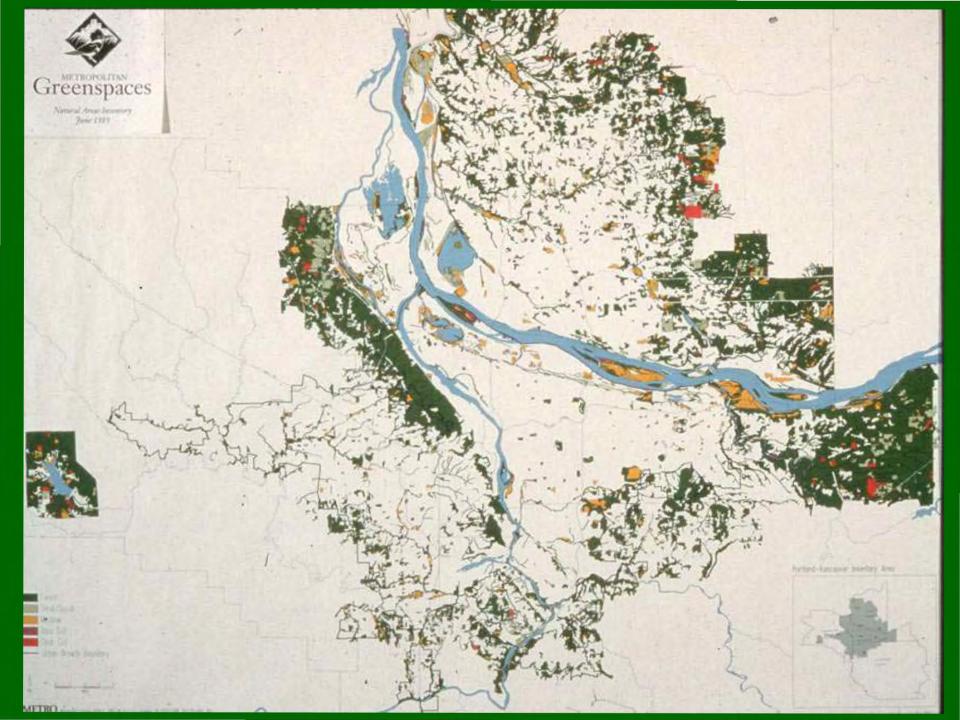


1982

Audubon Society of Portland Proposes Metropolitan Wildlife Refuge System









1992

Metro Council Adopts First Regional Natural Areas and Trails Master Plan

A Cooperative Regional System of Natural Areas, Open Space, Trails and Greenways for Wildlife and People

METRO

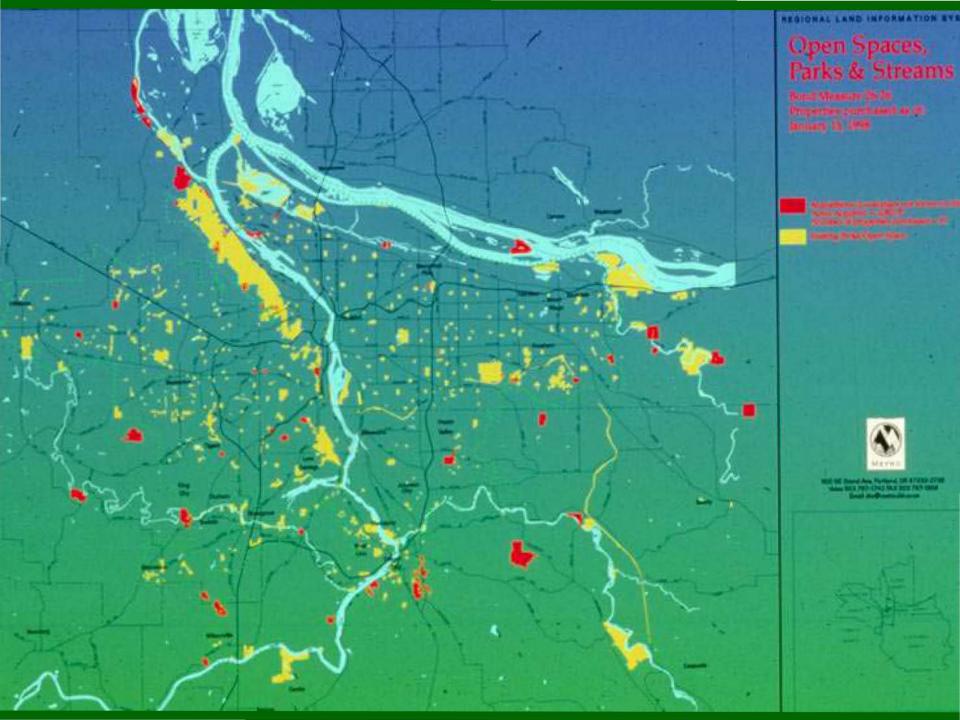
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A Cooperative Regional System of Natural Areas, Open Space, Trails and Greenways, for Wildlife and People

1995 bond measure



- 62% voted "yes"
- \$135.6 million total
- 8,120 acres and 74 miles of river and stream frontage
- \$25 million local share for over 100 natural area related projects
- Nearly one million trees and shrubs planted
- More than 20,000 volunteer hours for restoration



Natural Areas, Parks & Streams Bond Measure, Fall 2006



- \$227.4 million total package:
 - \$168.4 million for regional target areas
 - \$44 million local share
 - \$15 million opportunity grant fund



Mapping The System: Natural Landscapes

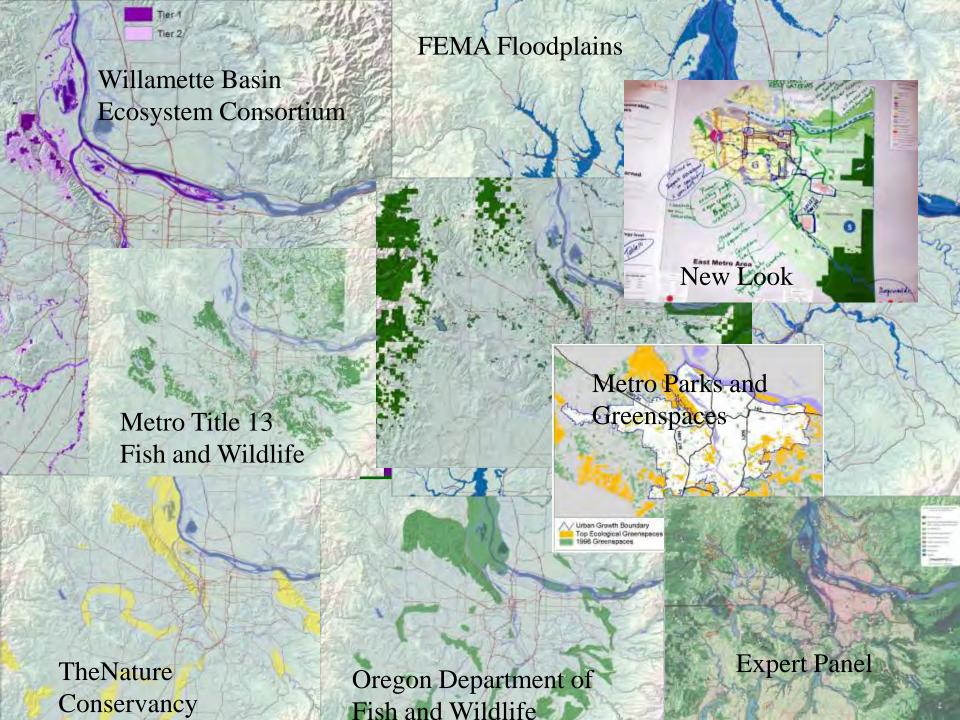


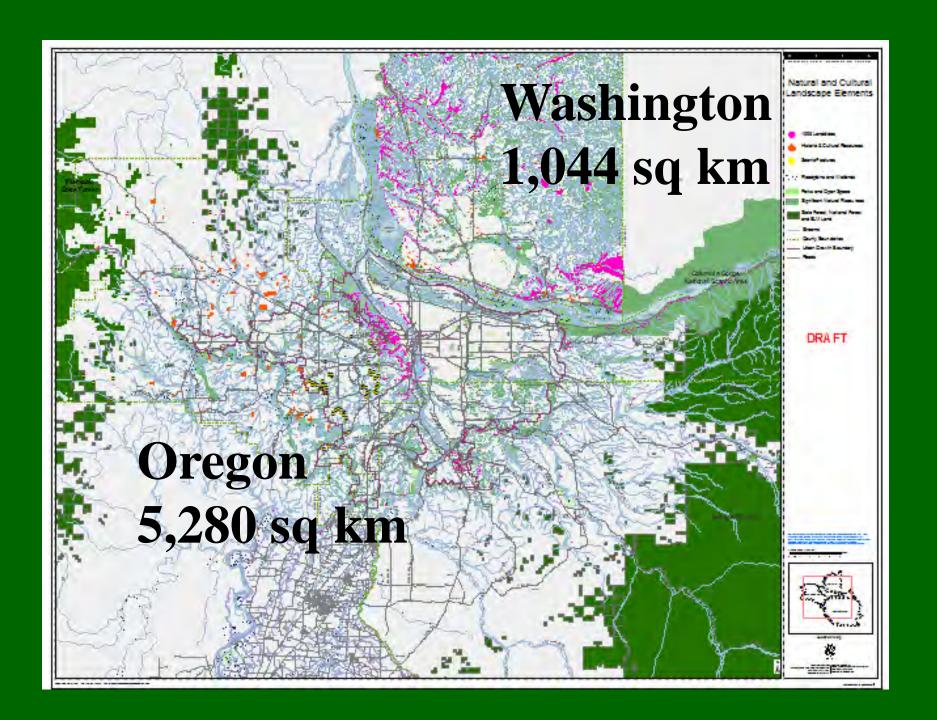
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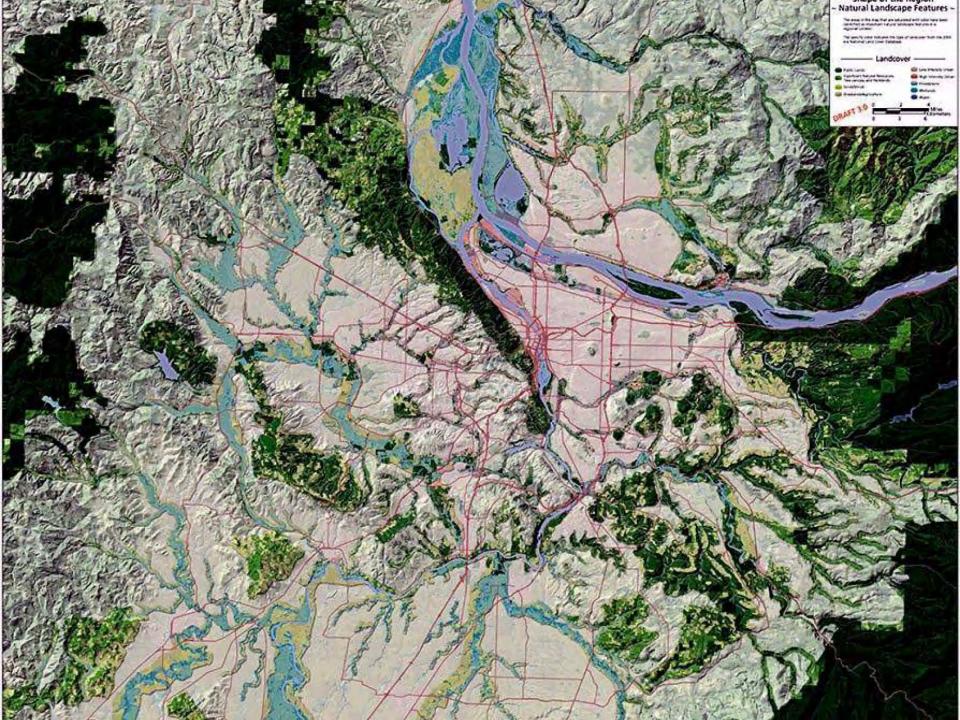




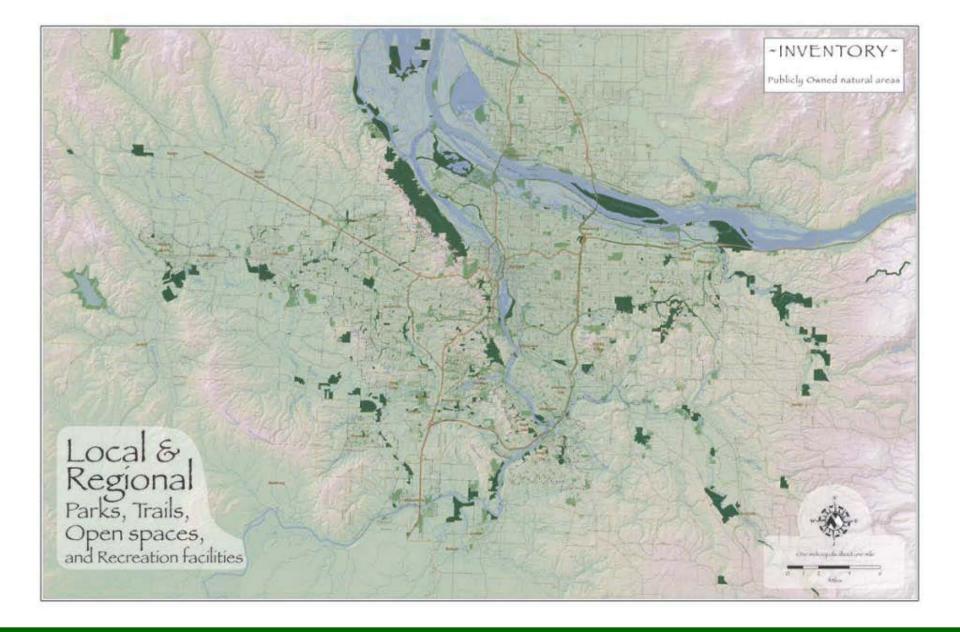
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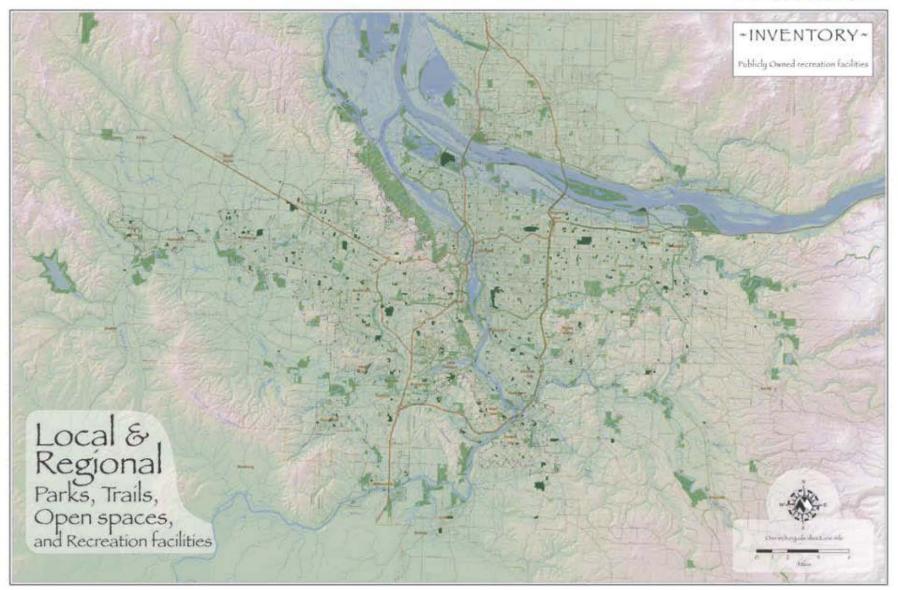


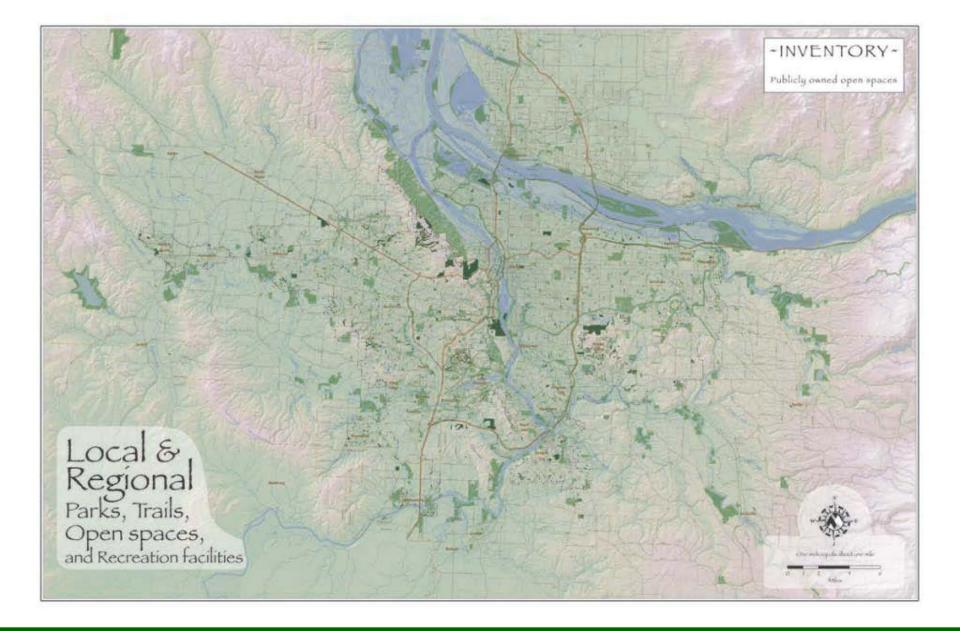
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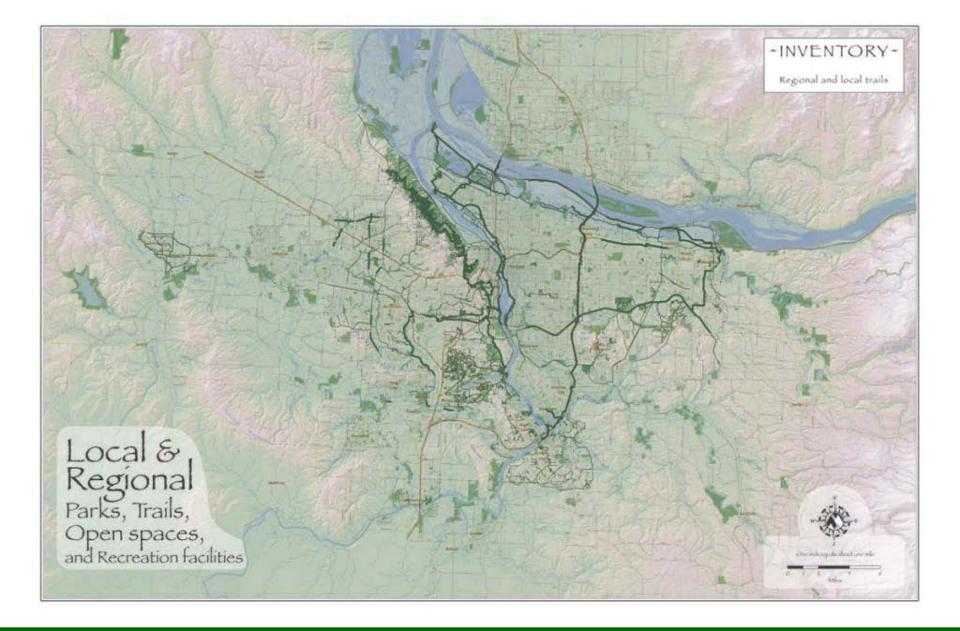


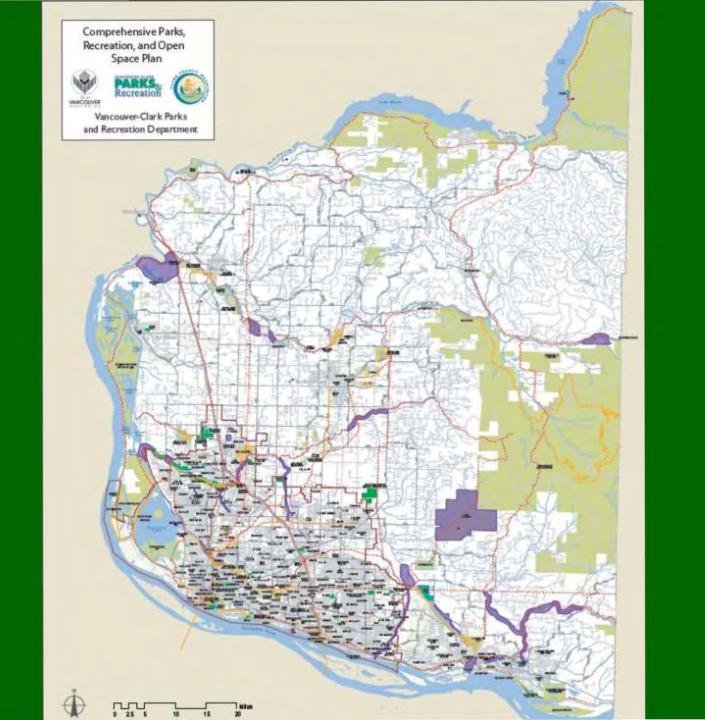


Community and neighborhood parks

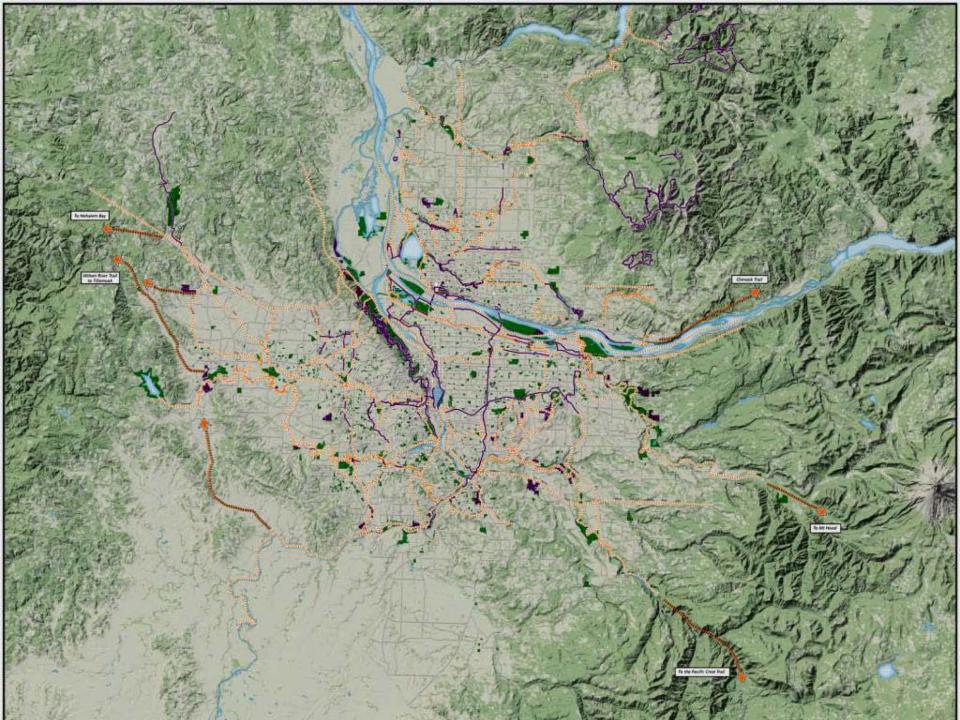












This region-wide system:





Access to Nature



Areas for recreation and leisure



Public spaces that bring people together and connect them to their community



Drives the economy and tourist trade





Outcome: Economic benefits of the system and integrate into economic development and marketing strategies.

Documenting Ecosystem Services: Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

After

Johnson Creek floodplain before





TANNER SPRINGS PARK

Increased Property Values



Outcome: natural areas, parks, trails are strategically located to revitalize neighborhoods and commercial areas, and to provide attractive settings for new residential, commercial and industrial development.

South Waterfront



The River Blocks at South Waterfront. As much a place as a state of mind.

Discover the first luxury residential building in the River Blocks – The Meriwether, It's like your favorite boutique hotel, but this time you get to stay. 244 homes from \$169,000 to \$1.9 million.

VENTURE

For more information or to schedule a private appointment call Realty Trust Group, Inc., at 503 222 7788. Or visit the South Waterfront Discovery Center opening this October

www.thesouthwaterfront.com



Outcome: Adopt icons as highly visible public benchmarks for measuring the success of protection and restoration efforts.







Preserves significant natural areas





Outcome: Promote a stewardship ethic that is reflected in the active protection and restoration of natural areas for wildlife and people.

Norm Thompson Rock Creek Campus

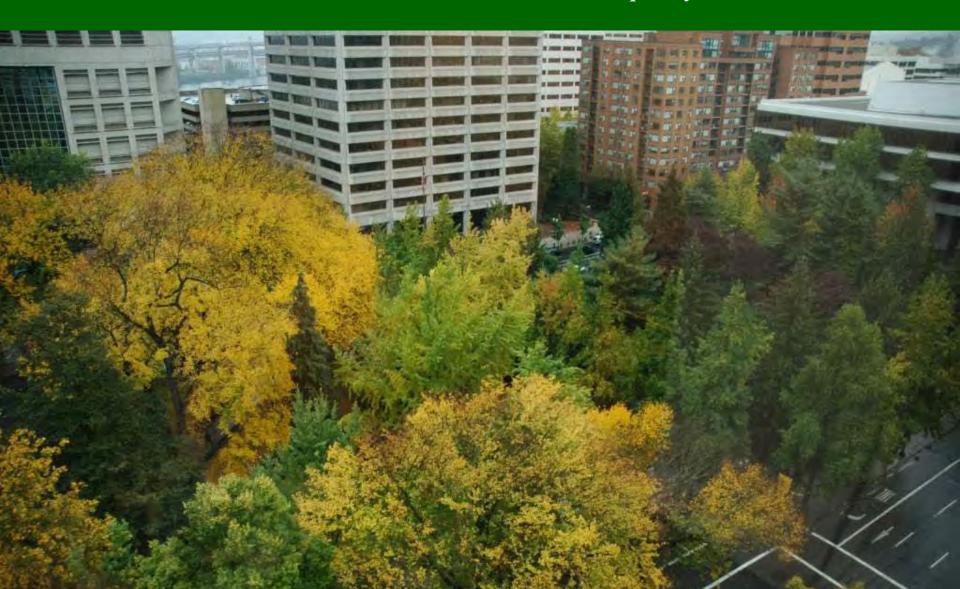


Enhances the region's air and water quality





Outcome: A healthy urban forest canopy contributes to storm water management, habitat, and air quality.

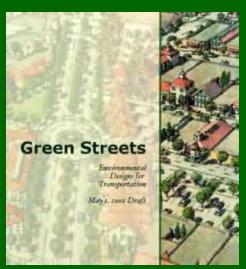




Outcome: The system is an essential part of the urban infrastructure and intentionally used to improve the region's air and water quality.









Promotes human health, fitness, and well-being









Outcome: People connect parks and greenspaces with their physical and mental health. A variety of inviting, fitness-based resources enable everyone to improve and enrich his or her daily well being.







Connects the region with trails and greenways



Outcome: Trails and greenways are a fundamental infrastructure actively used to augment transportation networks and link parks, natural areas, waterways, public facilities, neighborhoods, and regional centers.





Outcome: The trail and greenway system connects natural resource and other significant areas beyond the metropolitan region.







How: Develop a plan for a larger trail network that connects significant natural and cultural landscape resources.



Roll on Columbia Ride 2006







Provides sense of place and community





Outcome: The system is an integral part of our identity as a region – a shared sense of place that crosses all boundaries. Natural, scenic and cultural features, and the ordinary landscapes of our daily lives, reflect the region's essential character and identity.







Supports an ecologically sustainable metropolitan area



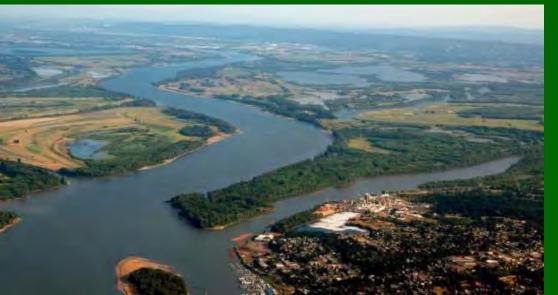






Outcome: The region's diversity of habitat types, plants and animals is protected, conserved and restored across the region's urban and rural landscape.







Outcome: Comprehensive federal, state, and regional funding, is strongly supported by elected officials, the business community and the general public, and is established to expand, operate and maintain the system.



Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

Springwater on Willamette Trail



Outcome: Biodiversity protection and recovery Is integrated with similar urban initiatives in Salem, Albany, Corvallis, and the Eugene-Springfield area. Parks, trails, and natural area planning are integrated with efforts to maintain biodiversity goals throughout the Willamette Valley.



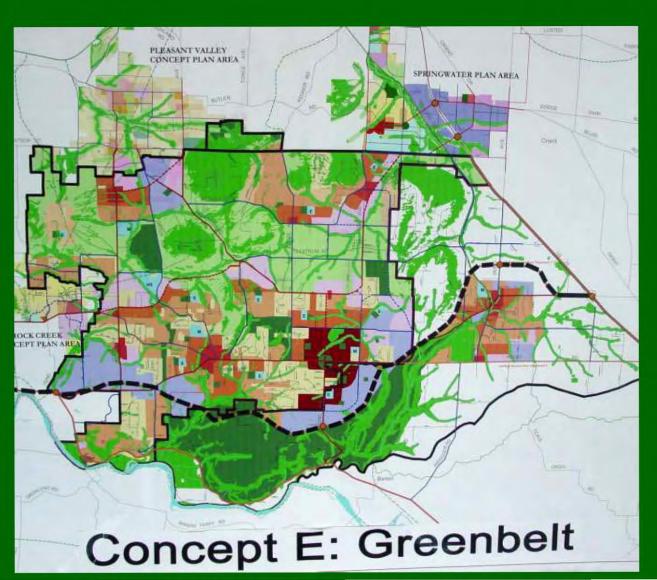


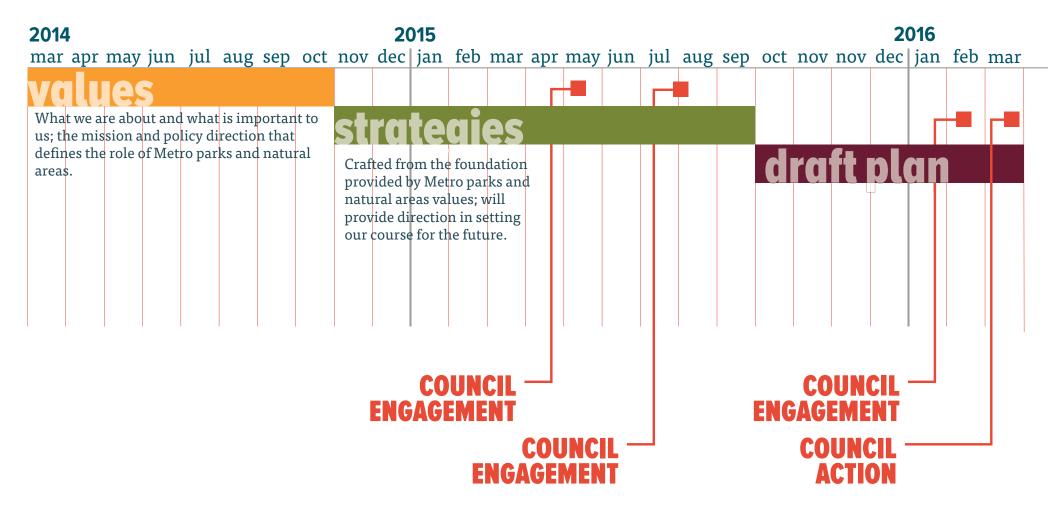
Outcome: Full-time professional collaborate with nonprofits, property owners and citizens to protect the diverse flora and fauna in urban natural areas.

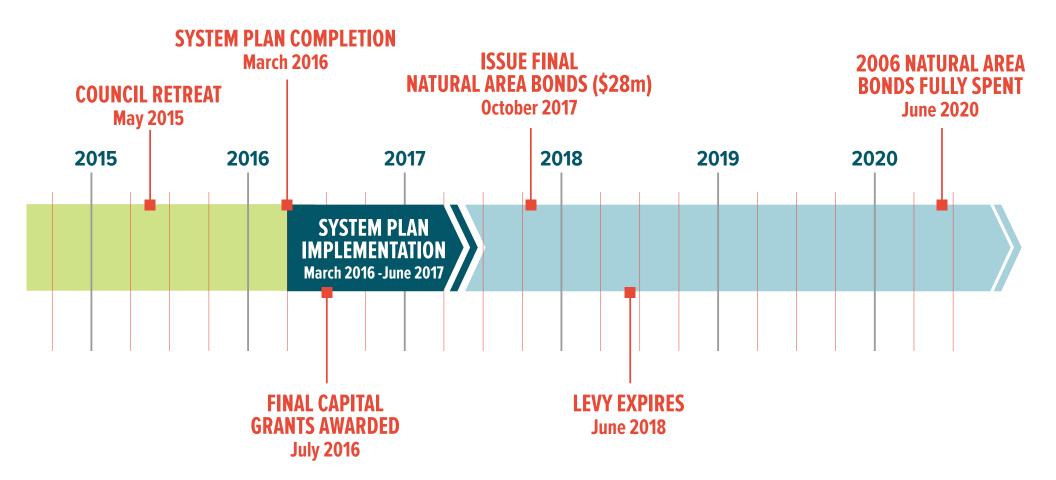




Outcome: Natural areas, parks, trails and recreation resources are an essential infrastructure in public and private community planning and design.

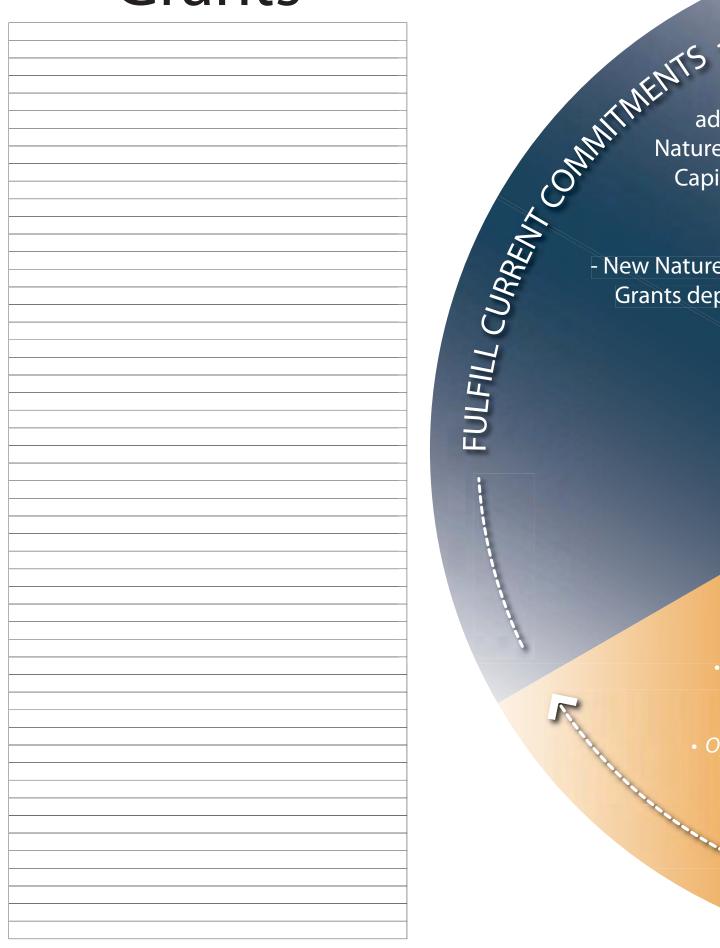








Grants



- Award and administer remaining Nature in Neighborhoods
Capital Grants and Levy grants

- New Nature in Neighborhoods Grants dependent on Council funding - Increase available funding to allow more eligible projects to be funded

TEGIC EXPANSION

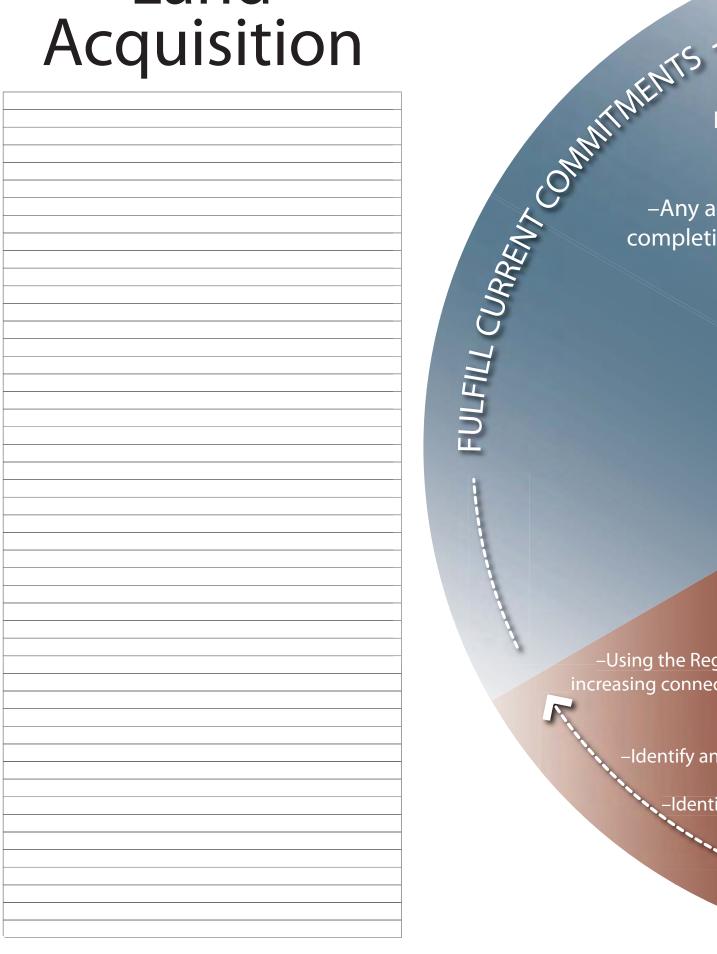
-Expand areas eligible for funding:

Planning (restoration planning) • Science/Research
 Infrastructure for environmental education
 Nature Play
 Opportunities for local governments and non-profits

 Opportunities for local governments and non-profits to incorporate equity into their work

ASPIRATIONAL GROWTH

Land Acquisition



-Complete 2006 Natural Areas Bond acquisitions

-Any acquisitions beyond completion of the bond will be grant funded

- Fund and parks, trails and natural areas in newly urbanizing areas

- Finish key gaps in current Target Areas

- Identify a small number of new potential Target Areas that protect critical habitat and/or landscapes

> Fund acquisition of trail gaps in newly identified areas for example, Sandy to Springwater and UGB

-Identify and acquire land to buffer urban areas from potential effects of climate change

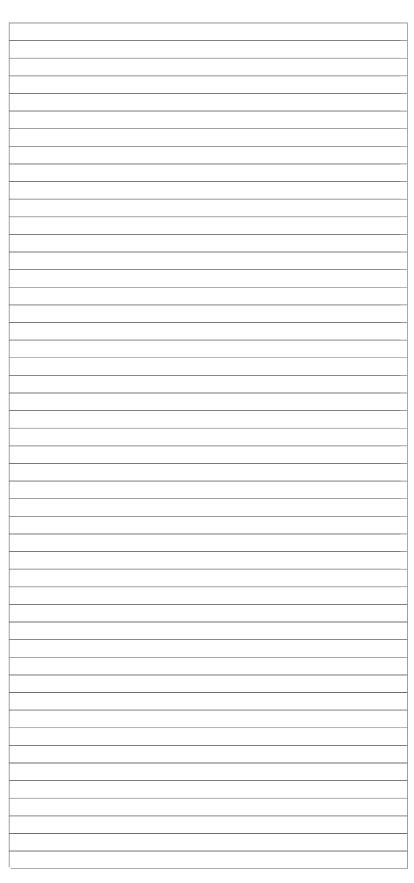
-Using the Regional Conservation Strategy, identify new target areas focused on increasing connectivity between protected natural areas in the region, both in terms of ecological connections and public access to nature

-Identify and acquire small urban natural areas within existing urban areas

-Identify and fund non-traditional greenspaces in transit corridors especially underserved areas

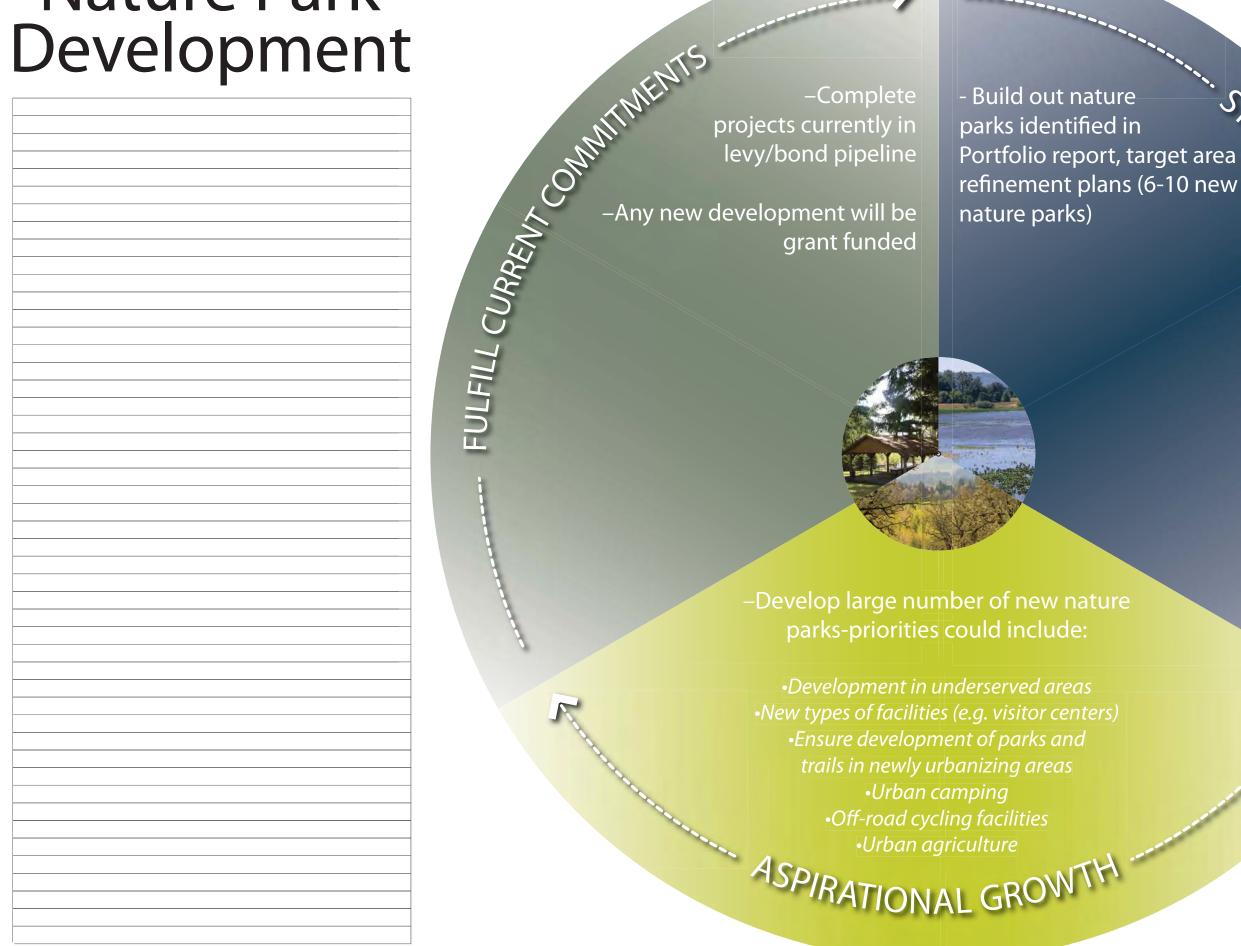
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Local Share/ Local Government



FULFILL CURRENTS - Provide new - Administer funding to allow the remaining local share program to continue funds beyond the completion of the 2006 Bond Program, but use - No new local share funding same program criteria -Expand areas eligible for funding: •Acquisition and development of neighborhood parks in park-deficient areas (equity focus) •Purchase of non-capital equipment and major capital maintenance of parks facilities ASPIRATIONAL GROWTH

Nature Park Development



Trail Planning & Development



FULFILL CURRENTS -Complete projects currently in levy/bond pipeline

-Continue focus as convener/facilitator

- Focus on closing priority gaps to build out the system identified in the Regional Trails Master Plan and the Active Transportation Plan

- Provide trail development grants to local governments for construction to fill trail gaps

-Work on completing local connections to regional trails

-Build and operate the core trail system

-Add focus on trail connections outside the region (Cascades, Salmonberry Corridor, Columbia River Gorge, etc)

ASPIRATIONAL GROWTH