

 **Metro** | *Agenda*

Meeting: Metro Council  
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2015  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Place: Centro Cultural, 1110 N. Adair Street, Cornelius, OR 97113

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**
2. **METRO PARKS AND NATURE UPDATE: YEAR TWO  
LEVY HIGHLIGHTS AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE** **Kathleen Brennan-Hunter,  
Metro**
3. **PARKS AND NATURE: WASHINGTON COUNTY  
HIGHLIGHTS** **Alex Perove, Metro  
Rod Wojtanik, Metro  
Elaine Stewart, Metro**
4. **CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR  
JUNE 18, 2015**
5. **RESOLUTIONS**
- 5.1 **Resolution No. 15-4635, For the Purpose of Approving  
2015 Nature In Neighborhoods Conservation Education  
Community Grants** **Heather Nelson Kent,  
Metro**
- 5.2 **Resolution No. 15-4636, For the Purpose of Approving  
Eighth Round Funding for Nature In Neighborhoods  
Capital Grants** **Heather Nelson Kent,  
Metro**
6. **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION** **Scott Robinson, Metro**
7. **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

**ADJOURN**

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Agenda Item No. 4.0

Consideration of Council Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2015

Metro Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 9, 2015  
Centro Cultural, Washington County



Agenda Item No. 5.1

**Resolution No. 15-4635, For the Purpose of Approving 2015  
Nature In Neighborhoods Conservation Education  
Community Grants**

*Resolutions*

Metro Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 9, 2015  
Centro Cultural

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING 2015 ) RESOLUTION NO. 15-4635  
NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS )  
CONSERVATION EDUCATION COMMUNITY ) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha  
GRANTS ) Bennett in concurrence with Council President  
 ) Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Metro Council established an initiative designed to protect and restore our region’s significant fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature as provided in Resolution No. 05-3574A, “Establishing a Regional Habitat Protection, Restoration and Greenspaces Initiative called Nature in Neighborhoods,” adopted May 12, 2005;

WHEREAS, to fulfill the goals of this regional initiative, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 05-3580A to establish the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program for local communities;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council reaffirmed the grant program’s purpose, eligibility and funding criteria via Resolution No. 12-4398 when the council referred a 5-year local option levy for Metro’s parks and natural areas to the voters, and called for the creation of a committee to review grant applications and make award recommendations to the Metro Council;

WHEREAS, in May 2013, voters in the Metro region approved the 5-year local option levy which included new and expanded funding for this grant program, referred to in the levy as Nature in Neighborhoods community grants;

WHEREAS, Metro awarded the first round of Nature in Neighborhood Conservation Education grants in July 2014 via Resolution 14-4549;

WHEREAS, Metro has solicited and received applications for 2015 Nature in Neighborhoods Conservation Education grants, and the grant review committee has identified the proposals which best meet the grant criteria and the goals of the Nature in Neighborhoods community grant program; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby approves the award of the 2015 Nature in Neighborhoods Conservation Education community grants to those recipients listed in Exhibit A and for the amounts listed for each individual award.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2015.

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Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

Nature in Neighborhoods Conservation Education Program  
2015 (Second Round) Grant Awards  
Grant Review Committee Recommendations to the Metro Council

Total award amount recommended: \$700,000

**Program:** Teaching the importance of STREAM (Science, Technology, Restoration, Engineering, Arts, Math) via Youth Engagement and Career Mentorship  
**Grant amount:** \$93,940.00  
**Recipient:** Adelante Mujeres  
**Partners:** Tualatin Riverkeepers, Friends of Fernhill Wetlands, Clean Water Services and Jackson Bottom Wetlands

Long time partners Adelante Mujeres and Tualatin Riverkeepers will engage Latino youth, their families and the broader community to develop future conservation leaders. They will provide opportunities to explore the field of conservation and to share the learning with their peers.

**Program:** Asian Pacific Islander Youth Leaders in Nature  
**Grant amount:** \$25,000.00  
**Recipient:** Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)  
**Partners:** Jade District, Audubon Society, OPAL Environmental Justice, Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA), Harrison Park School and Center for Diversity and the Environment

This projects strengthens partnerships between Asian Pacific Islander youth groups with local conservation and environmental literacy organizations to jointly plan retreats and action projects that build relationships, political skills and stewardship.

**Program:** The TALON Program (Teach, Advocate, Learn, Observe, Nurture)  
**Grant amount:** \$100,000.00  
**Recipient:** Audubon Society of Portland  
**Partners:** ROSE, Hacienda and Bienestar Community Development Corporations, Friends of Nadaka, City of Portland's Parks and Recreation and Leach Botanical Gardens

TALON is a training and paid apprenticeship program designed to build diversity in the environmental community. This project will engage youth of color living in East Multnomah and North Clackamas Counties in professions in environmental education, stewardship, conservation advocacy and wildlife care.

**Program:** Home is Where the Watershed Is: Conservation Education for Low Income and Housing Insecure Families  
**Grant amount:** \$25,000.00  
**Recipient:** Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Inc. (CPAH)  
**Partners:** Tualatin Riverkeepers, Beaverton School District English Language Learners/Somali Program and Good Neighbor Center

Home is Where the Watershed Is provides conservation education to ethnically diverse, low-income youth and their families in Washington County. Through enduring and innovative partnerships, they will offer culturally responsive opportunities to strengthen community stewardship of local natural areas.

**Program:** Ecology Education in North Clackamas  
**Grant amount:** \$24,900.00  
**Recipient:** Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors  
**Partners:** North Clackamas School District, Milwaukie Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Ardenwald Elementary, Bilquist Elementary, Lewelling Elementary, Clackamas Water Environment Services, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Portland State University and Institute for Permaculture Education for Children

The broader Ecology Education in North Clackamas program provides a series of hands-on ecology lessons and outdoor field experiences for 47 classrooms in six diverse and low-income schools in the North Clackamas School District.

**Program:** Friends and Neighbors for Environmental Diversity  
**Grant amount:** \$91,869.00  
**Recipient:** Friends of Tryon Creek  
**Partners:** Neighborhood House, Center for Diversity and the Environment and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Friends of Tryon Creek has forged a dynamic partnership with Neighborhood House, Center for Diversity and the Environment, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to increase access by low-income individuals and people of color to outdoor nature programs. The long-term goal will be to achieve organizational change.

**Program:** St. Johns Community Conservation Program  
**Grant amount:** \$93,676.00  
**Recipient:** George Middle School  
**Fiscal sponsor:** Portland Public Schools  
**Partners:** Portland Metro STEM Partnership, Portland State University Graduate School Of Education, Portland State University Leadership and Sustainability Education, Slough School, Sauvie Island Center, Portland Public Schools, Wind & Oar Boat School, Clean Rivers Education and the City of Portland

The St. Johns Community Conservation program will facilitate the development of culturally responsive K-12 conservation education programming through community involvement and teacher professional development. Teacher capacity will expand through on-site and technology-based collaboration. Students' connection with nature will align with themes of equity and diversity.

**Program:** Kairos Learning Exploration Garden  
**Grant amount:** \$15,478.50  
**Recipient:** KairosPDX  
**Partners:** Portland Community Reinvestments Initiative, Independence Gardens and Ask Mr. Science, LLC

KairosPDX is creating a learning garden to create cultivated and wild spaces where students can learn. This is project will create access to nature and experiential education, utilizing student-driven learning strategies in this rapidly changing neighborhood.

**Program:** Opportunity Corps & Beyond  
**Grant amount:** \$15,000.00  
**Recipient:** Momentum Alliance  
**Partners:** Northwest Youth Corps, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Bureau of Land Management, Open Meadow and Outside In

Momentum Alliance and Northwest Youth Corps will collaborate to create a pilot five-week paid internship supplemented by wrap-around, year-round training and coaching. The program will start with ten underrepresented Youth Leaders to increase their connection with nature, improve environmental literacy, diversify conservation leadership among their peers, and create and evaluate a model for conservation equity region-wide.

**Program:** Exploring Language, Exploring Nature, Curriculum for Immigrants & Refugees  
**Grant amount:** \$7,608.00  
**Recipient:** People-Places-Things, LLC  
**Fiscal sponsor:** Columbia Slough Watershed Council  
**Partners:** City of Gresham Natural Resources Program, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services Green Street Steward Program, Multnomah County Libraries and Friends of Nadaka

This partnership between conservation professionals and an established English learning program for adults will bring conservation education to an underserved, highly diverse population and create a model for using the natural world as curriculum.

**Program:** Rosemary Anderson High School and Friends of Trees Student Crew Leader Training Program  
**Recipient:** Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC)/Rosemary Anderson High School  
**Grant Amount:** \$25,000.00  
**Partners:** Friends of Trees, Portland Parks and Recreation, Friends of the Columbia Children's Arboretum and Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors

POIC will partner with Friends of Trees, Portland Parks and Recreation, and Friends of the CCA to engage a group of eight to ten POIC/RAHS students in two unique applied learning experiences: invasive species removal and native restoration planting, and community outreach, education, and crew leadership.

**Program:** OakQuest Phase 2: Expanding education, empowering citizens & Native youth  
**Grant amount:** \$15,478.50  
**Recipient:** Urban Greenspaces Institute (UGI)  
**Partners:** Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Kingfisher Ecological Services LLC (KES), Mark G. Wilson, consultant, Portland State University Indigenous Nations Studies, Metro, The Intertwine Alliance, Tualatin Hills and North Clackamas Park and Recreation Districts, City of Portland Parks and BES, West Multnomah, East Multnomah, Clackamas, and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Conservation Biology Institute, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland Audubon Society, Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation

Urban Greenspaces Institute and partners will mentor three Native American youths in career-building conservation education and hands-on experience and engage more than 50 citizen scientists to field-verify the final regional oak map.

**Program:** Verde Landscape  
**Grant amount:** \$25,000.00  
**Recipient:** Verde  
**Partners:** East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Metro Science & Stewardship Division, Portland Parks & Recreation, BestHQ, Innovative Changes and Hacienda Community Development Commission

Verde will support education, environmental and economic outcomes for Verde Landscape Crew Members. Verde Landscape, a nonprofit social enterprise, connects people with nature, builds environmental literacy and develops conservation leaders by recruiting and training low-income adults to restore the region's natural areas.

**Program:** Wisdom Workforce Program  
**Grant amount:** \$75,000.00  
**Recipient:** Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.  
**Partners:** Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Beaverton Schools Indian Education, Metro, Portland Parks and Recreation (City Nature East), Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Highland Park STEM Middle School, Oregon Health Authority, Portland Community College Career Pathway Program, Mt Hood Community College Workforce Development and Ecotrust

Wisdom's Native American environmental education and workforce development initiative embraces local partnerships to provide Native adults with culturally-tailored multimedia workforce training, environmental service learning, and career pathways. This program will expand classroom and hands-on service learning in local natural areas for Native youth, multi-cultural and STEM students.

**Program:** Farm School  
**Grant amount:** \$67,050.00  
**Recipient:** Zenger Farm  
**Partners:** David Douglas School District, Lent School and East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Zenger Farm seeks to build on the highly successful Farm School program by updating and expanding content and developing new partnerships with schools and organizations in the underserved communities of outer Southeast Portland.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 15-4635, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING 2015 NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CONSERVATION EDUCATION COMMUNITY GRANTS**

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Date: July 9, 2015

Prepared by: Heather Nelson Kent, 503-797-1739  
Crista Gardner, 503-797-1627

## **BACKGROUND**

For nearly two decades, the Metro Council has provided funding for grants to community groups, non-profits, local governments and other organizations designed to improve water quality and wildlife habitat and give people of all ages opportunities to learn about and connect with nature.

In May 2013, voters approved Measure 26-152, providing new funding for Metro's parks and natural areas and providing increased funding for Nature in Neighborhoods community grants. Grant program staff used the framework provided by Metro Council in Resolution No. 12-4398 to develop an outreach plan, application materials and evaluation criteria for these community grants, referred to as Conservation Education grants, as outlined in the approved levy work plan. Staff aligned Metro's Conservation Education grant criteria with state, regional and community initiatives in order to achieve multiple benefits. The Metro Council awarded the first round of Conservation Education grants in July 2014 (Resolution 14-4549).

### **Grant Evaluation Criteria**

The Conservation Education grant criteria focused on three program categories for funding:

- Connect people with nature (capacity building, collaboration, activities across the conservation education sector)
- Environmental Literacy (access to nature education and programs for all ages, integration with formal education, increased knowledge and engagement about the environment and natural systems)
- Develop Conservation Leaders (leadership development, mentorship, workforce training)

Metro received 54 pre-applications, totaling \$1,952,346 in funding requests for \$700,000 in funding available. More than 350 individual applicants, partners or potential partners were listed in the pre-applications.

A demographic survey and staff analysis of applicants and their partners revealed that efforts to reach and build capacity within community based organizations that have not historically accessed these funds were effective. From the 54 pre-applications Metro received, 11 primary applicants, 20 program partners and 23 potential partners represented were either culturally specific organizations or community organizations primarily focused on supporting people with low-incomes. In addition, approximately two-thirds of the proposals were designed to reach underserved populations as defined by the Metro Council (Res. No. 12-4398) as low-income and/or communities of color.

### **Application review and selection**

Participation on the grant review committee is by application, open and advertised to all community members. Natural Areas Program Director Kathleen Brennan-Hunter selected this year's review committee from a pool of applicants including local experts in education program management, philanthropy, grant management, fundraising, community partnership development and volunteer



management. The committee included conservation education practitioners and those involved in planning, program evaluation and policy development. Committee members declared any direct conflict of interest in the proposals and did not score or participate directly in the discussion or ranking of application where there was a conflict. Perceived conflicts were also noted and recorded in meeting minutes.

Due to the large number of applications, Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods Conservation Education community grant program follows a two-step process. The review committee evaluated pre-applications based on the information submitted by applicants, the stated evaluation criteria, and the review committee's professional and collective judgment. The purpose of the pre-application review is to determine the best proposals to invite for full applications.

After reviewing the 54 pre-applications submitted, the review committee invited 35 to submit full applications. The same committee reviewed the final proposals using the same evaluation criteria and recommended 15 for funding by the Metro Council (see Exhibit A).

### **2015 Nature in Neighborhoods Conservation Education Grant Review Committee**

Lara Bjork, Xerces Society  
Lara Christensen, Gray Family Foundation  
Tony DeFalco, Verde  
Marci Krass, Willamette Riverkeeper  
Jen Nelson, Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District  
Gaylen Beatty, Columbia Land Trust  
Megan Hanson, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services  
Kristen Harrison, Metro STEM Partnership  
Neil Schulman, Confluence Environmental Center  
John Sheehan, Metro Parks and Nature Education Program Manager

### **2015 Conservation Education Awards**

For the second round of levy-funded grants, the review committee focused on quality environmental education programming and appreciated proposals with clear descriptions of the program design and delivery, knowledge and use of best practices for achieving learning outcomes, and organizations that have used past challenges and successes to improve future programs.

The review committee found compelling environmental education programs that create a deeper connection to nature through repeat, multiple engagements. They also considered the numbers of people engaged and the frequency and length of programming. They appreciated programs that focused on longer-term engagement with a few individuals but also reached a larger audience through engagement with these participants' families or through community events. The review committee found school-based programs more compelling when connected to science standards and core curriculum. Committee members also appreciated applicants that demonstrated an understanding of evaluation measurements and outcomes, but acknowledged that the lens of review committee members about evaluation may not be relevant to all projects or cultures.

The review committee noted the importance of time for partner development and partner commitment as demonstrated by strong differentiated letters of support. Committee members found compelling programs that were co-designed by and mutually beneficial to partners and the community at large, especially in youth, low-income populations or communities of color. Strong youth program proposals included leadership and career development. They also appreciated programs outside of traditional school settings, such as those involving justice-involved youth.

Applications for community garden, agriculture-based or food production programs were judged against the grant program criteria, especially how well the program included conservation education curriculum about native plants, habitat, natural areas and natural systems in combination with reaching underserved communities (e.g. low-income or communities of color). These applications were found to be more compelling when they connected programming to science curriculum, provided teacher development opportunities, or offered an entry point to food-insecure communities.

Total award amount recommended is \$700,000. Grant projects will begin July 1, 2015. Grant applicants may have up to three years to complete their projects.

## **ANALYSIS/INFORMATION**

### **1. Known Opposition**

None.

### **2. Legal Antecedents**

Resolution No. 14-4549, For the Purpose of Approving the 2014 Nature in Neighborhoods Conservation Education Community Grants.

Resolution No. 12-4398, For the Purpose of Referring to the Voters of the Metro Area a Local Option Levy for the Purpose of Preserving Water Quality, Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Maintaining Metro's Parks and Natural Areas for the Public.

Resolution No. 05-3574A, Establishing a Regional Habitat Protection, Restoration and Greenspaces Initiative called Nature in Neighborhoods.

Resolution 05-3580A, Transferring \$1,250,000 from the Balance of the FY 2004-05 Recovery Rate Stabilization Reserve to a General Fund Reserve for Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Projects.

Ordinance No. 07-1160B, Transferring \$250,000 from the Recovery Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund for Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Projects.

Ordinance No. 09-1215B, Approving \$92,500 in the FY 2009-10 Budget and Appropriation Schedule for an additional round of Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Enhancement grants.

Ordinance No. 10-1235B, Approving \$150,000 in the FY 2010-11 Budget and Appropriation Schedule for an additional round of Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Enhancement grants.

Ordinance No. 12-1274A, Approving \$200,000 in the FY 2012-13 Budget and Appropriation Schedule for an additional round of Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Enhancement grants.

### **3. Anticipated Effects**

This Resolution approves the award of 2015 Nature in Neighborhood Conservation Education community grants and begins the individual contract award process for the selected grant applicants with an anticipated project start date on or after July 1, 2015. Projects may be up to three years in length.

### **4. Budget Impacts**

This Resolution authorizes award of contracts in an amount previously identified by the Metro Council in the budget for this purpose. The adopted FY 2015-16 budget includes the necessary appropriation authority for reimbursement of these grants.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Chief Operating Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 15-4635.

Agenda Item No. 5.2

**Resolution No. 15-4636, For the Purpose of Approving Eighth  
Round Funding for Nature In Neighborhoods Capital Grants**

*Resolutions*

Metro Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 9, 2015  
Centro Cultural

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING EIGHTH ) RESOLUTION NO. 15-4636  
ROUND FUNDING FOR NATURE IN )  
NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS ) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha  
 ) Bennett, in concurrence with Council  
 ) President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, Metro Resolution No. 06-3672B, "For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection," was approved by the Metro Council on March 9, 2006;

WHEREAS, at the election held on November 7, 2006, the voters approved Measure 26-80, the Natural Areas Bond Measure (the "Measure");

WHEREAS, the Measure provided for \$15 million for a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program (the "Program") to fund opportunities for the community to actively protect fish and wildlife habitat and water quality near where people live and work;

WHEREAS, the Program can provide funds to purchase lands or easements that increase the presence of natural features and their ecological functions in neighborhoods throughout the region, and the Program can provide funding for projects that recover or create additional plant and animal habitats to help ensure that every community enjoys clean water and embraces nature as a fundamental element of its character and livability;

WHEREAS, the Measure provided for the creation of a grant review committee composed of no fewer than seven members to review grant applications and make grant award recommendations to the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the grant review committee reviewed grant proposals in the spring of 2015 and is recommending to the Metro Council seven projects that meet the Program's criteria for funding; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby:

1. Awards Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants to the recipients and projects, and for the funding amounts, listed in Exhibit A to this resolution;
2. For those projects that are for real property acquisitions, conditions Metro's grant award on the recipient granting a conservation easement to Metro, substantially in the form attached to this resolution as Exhibit B, as determined by the Office of Metro Attorney, and authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to accept such conservation easement from each such recipient.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2015.

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Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program  
Eighth Round Grant Awards  
Grant Review Committee Recommendations to the Metro Council

Total award amount recommended: \$2,138,183

**Project:** Bull Mountain Park Projects  
**Grant amount:** \$ 125,943  
**Recipient:** Friends of Bull Mountain Park  
**Partners:** Tualatin River Watershed Council, City of Tigard, and a variety of local community-based organizations

The Friends of Bull Mountain Park and Tualatin River Watershed Council will engage community members in constructing improvements to the Bull Mountain Nature Park including a nature play area, a picnic pavilion, a tool shed, soft surface trails, an ADA access trail, a bathroom shelter, a water fountain, benches and signs.

**Project:** Boones Ferry Fish, Wildlife and Trail Passage Partnership  
**Grant amount:** \$ 650,000  
**Recipient:** City of Portland  
**Partners:** Oregon State Parks & Recreation, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Tryon Creek State Park, Tryon Creek Watershed Council, Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association and SW Trails PDX

The Boones Ferry Fish, Wildlife and Trail Passage Partnership will allow the City of Portland to replace a culvert under Boones Ferry Road with a bridge that will enhance native salmonid passage, restore riparian and upland habitat, open a corridor for wildlife and provide a safe pedestrian crossing and trail re-alignment for the Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Regional Trail.

**Project:** Hogan Butte Nature Park Phase I  
**Grant amount:** \$ 290,000  
**Recipient:** City of Gresham  
**Partners:** National Park Service and a variety of local community-based organizations

This project provides access to Hogan Butte Nature Park, a 52-acre undeveloped natural area at the top of Hogan Butte. It will also connect to surrounding trail networks throughout the East Buttes region. Design and construction of new public amenities will consist of a shelter with restroom, informational kiosks, a small parking lot, driveway improvements, park signage, benches, picnic tables, a security gate, paved and soft-surface trails, and a "volcano viewpoint".

**Project:** Mt. Scott Creek Oak Bluff Reach Restoration  
**Grant amount:** \$175,228  
**Recipient:** Clackamas County Water Environmental Services  
**Partners:** North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, Clackamas Web Academy and COSTCO

This restoration project will improve water quality and restore aquatic habitats for federally listed threatened and endangered fish species in a degraded reach of Mt. Scott Creek. It will engage surrounding businesses and leverage existing partnerships to install large woody debris and replace invasive vegetation with native plants. Local schools will use the site for environmental study in the WES Watershed Health Education Program.

**Project:** Let Us Build Cully Park: Play Area  
**Grant amount:** \$ 200,000  
**Recipient:** Verde  
**Partners:** Portland Parks & Recreation, Hacienda Community Development Corporation, Rigler School, Scott School and the Community Transition School

This project will build upon their 2012 Capital Grant which responded to the Cully Neighborhood's longstanding need for open space, economic opportunity and environmental education. Park features will now include a play area based on designs from students at four Cully educational institutions. The park will create an accessible, destination playground that incorporates nature play elements.

**Project:** Oak Island Marsh Restoration at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve  
**Grant amount:** \$ 335,000  
**Recipient:** City of Hillsboro  
**Partners:** Clean Water Services, Ducks Unlimited, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve and Friends of Trees

The Oak Island Marsh project will transform 270 acres of degraded wetlands and abandoned fields into a functioning ecosystem with intact native plant communities and a diversity of wildlife. This will be accomplished by converting non-functional wastewater treatment facilities and structurally unsound wetlands into emergent marsh habitats and restoring the associated plant communities. In addition to habitat restoration, this project will install the facilities necessary to allow public access to the wetlands without disturbing wildlife or sensitive habitats. Finally, it will generate a significant amount of community involvement through volunteer projects, community programs and environmental education.

**Project:** Boardman-Rinearson Wetland Complex Land Acquisition  
**Grant amount:** \$ 362,012  
**Recipient:** Oak Lodge Sanitary District  
**Partners:** North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council, North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District, and SOLVE

This project will acquire 5.8 acres of property in order to establish a new natural area in urbanized, unincorporated Clackamas County between the cities of Milwaukie and Gladstone. Boosted by strong community support, this project will restore wetlands, wildlife habitat, and create a passive recreation trail with environmental education elements, including a field classroom for local schools to use.



After recording return to:

Office of Metro Attorney  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

**CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT (the "Easement") is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ("Grantor") and Metro, an Oregon municipal corporation ("Grantee").

**RECITALS**

A. Grantor is the fee simple owner of that certain real property approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres in size located in the County of [County], State of Oregon, commonly known as [address], and more particularly described on the attached Exhibit A (the "Property").

B. On November 7, 2006, the voters approved Ballot Measure 26-80 (the "2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure"), which provided Grantee with funds for the acquisition of natural areas from willing sellers. The 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure (the "Bond Measure") was designed to provide Grantee with the ability to protect the region's significant natural areas, fish and wildlife habitat, greenways, water quality, and lands near rivers and streams. The Bond Measure allocated \$15 million from bond proceeds to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program (the "Metro Grants Program") to provide opportunities for the community to actively protect fish and wildlife habitat and water quality in areas where people live and work.

C. Grantor was able to acquire the Property in part by using funds provided by the Metro Grants Program. A condition of Grantor's receipt of such funds from Metro was its agreement to grant this conservation easement.

D. In order to preserve the natural features of the Property that provide significant wildlife habitat values and contribute to water quality, Grantor desires to grant to Grantee, and Grantee desires to accept from Grantor, a conservation easement over the Property.

For valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Grantor, and the mutual covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

**AGREEMENT**

**1. Grant of Conservation Easement.** For and in consideration of the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$\_\_\_\_\_) and of the mutual promises, terms, conditions, restrictions and undertakings herein set forth, Grantor hereby voluntarily grants to Grantee a perpetual, non-possessory conservation easement, in gross, on, over, under, and across the Property. This Easement is being created and acquired in accordance with ORS 271.715 to 271.795, and the provisions herein shall be construed and applied accordingly.

**2. Purpose.**

(a) General Purpose. The general purposes of this Easement are to ensure that the Property will be retained forever predominantly in its natural condition for: [INCLUDE ONLY APPROPRIATE AND RELEVANT BULLETS FROM BELOW—AT LEAST ONE FROM FEDERAL CITATIONS AND RELEVANT PART OF STATE CITATION]

- “The protection of a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, or plants, or similar ecosystem” (as that phrase is used in 26 U.S.C. §170(h)(4)(A)(ii));
- “The preservation of land areas for outdoor recreation by, or the education of, the general public” (as that phrase is used in 26 U.S.C. §170(h)(4)(A)(i));
- “The preservation of certain open space (including farmland and forest land) where such preservation is (I) for the scenic enjoyment of the general public, or (II) pursuant to a clearly delineated Federal, State, or local governmental conservation policy, and will yield a significant benefit” (as that phrase is used in 26 U.S.C. §170(h)(4)(A)(iii)); and
- “Protecting natural, scenic, or open space values of real property, ensuring its availability for agricultural, forest, recreational, or open space use, protecting natural resources, maintaining or enhancing air or water quality, or preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural aspects of real property” (as that phrase is used in ORS 271.715(1)).

(b) Specific Purpose; Protection of Conservation Values. The more specific purpose of this Easement is to prevent any use or occupancy of, or activity on, the Property that will impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, as identified in that certain Nature In Neighborhoods Capital Grant Agreement between Grantor and Metro, dated [INSERT DATE] (the “Grant Agreement”), on file at the offices of the Grantee.

**3. Prohibited and Permitted Uses.** Subject to encumbrances of record on the Property, Grantor shall not engage in any activity on, or use of, the Property that is inconsistent with the terms of this Easement or materially interferes with or impairs the Conservation Values of the Property. Without limiting the generality of the forgoing, the activities and uses described on the attached Exhibit B are expressly prohibited. Grantor reserves all rights accruing from its ownership of the Property, including the right to engage in or permit or invite others to engage in all uses of the Property that are not inconsistent with the terms of this Easement or expressly prohibited herein. Grantor shall provide Grantee with not less than thirty (30) days written notice prior to (a) applying for any grading, tree removal, building, or construction permit, and (b) undertaking any activity that could materially interfere with or impair the Conservation Values of the Property.

**4. Baseline Documentation.** The current condition of the Property is documented in the Grant Agreement. an inventory of relevant features of the Property, dated \_\_\_\_\_, (year)\_\_, on file at the offices of Grantee (the “Baseline Documentation”). The parties agree that the Baseline Documentation provides an accurate representation and description of the Property at the time of this grant. The Baseline Documentation is intended to serve as an objective, although not exclusive, information baseline for monitoring compliance with the terms of this Easement. Grantee shall have the right to access the Property at any time for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the terms of this Easement.

### **5. Enforcement and Remedies.**

(a) Notice of Violation. Grantee shall have the right to prevent any use of, or activity on, the Property that is inconsistent with the purpose and terms of this Easement. If Grantee determines that Grantor, or third parties under Grantor’s authority or permission, are in violation of the terms of this Easement, Grantee shall give written notice to Grantor of such violation and demand corrective action sufficient to cure the violation. In the event that such violation involves injury to the Property resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with the purpose and terms of this Easement, such notice shall demand that Grantor, at Grantor’s sole cost and expense, restore the portion of the Property so injured to its prior condition in accordance with a plan approved by Grantee.

(b) Failure to Cure. If Grantor fails to cure a violation within 30 days after Grantor’s receipt of notice thereof from Grantee, or under circumstances where the violation cannot reasonably be cured within a 30-day

period, fails to begin curing the violation within the 30-day period, Grantee may bring an action at law or in equity to (i) enforce the terms of this Easement, (ii) enjoin the violation by a temporary, preliminary, and/or permanent injunction, (iii) recover any damages to which Grantee may be entitled for such violation of the terms of this Easement, and (iv) require the restoration of the Property to the condition and appearance that existed prior to such violation.

(c) Emergency Enforcement. If Grantee, in its sole discretion, reasonably determines that the circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the Property, Grantee may enter the Property to prevent or mitigate further damage to or alteration of the Property necessary to protect the Conservation Values or otherwise pursue its remedies under this Section 5 without prior notice to Grantor and without waiting for the expiration of the cure period set forth above in subsection 5(b).

(d) Nature of Remedies. Grantee shall have available all legal and equitable remedies to enforce Grantor's obligations hereunder. Grantor agrees that Grantee's remedies at law for any violation of the terms of this Easement are inadequate, and that Grantee shall be entitled to injunctive relief, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which Grantee may be entitled, including without limitation specific performance of the terms of this Easement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies. Grantee's rights under this Section 5 shall be cumulative, in addition to all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, and apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Easement.

(e) Costs of Enforcement. Grantor shall reimburse Grantee for any costs or expenses incurred by Grantee in enforcing the terms of this Easement necessitated by Grantor's violation of the terms of this Easement including, without limitation, all reasonable court costs, attorney fees, expert witness fees, and costs of restoration mitigation.

(f) Grantee's Discretion to Enforce. Enforcement of the terms of this Easement is at the discretion of Grantee. Any forbearance by Grantee to exercise its rights under this Easement in the event of any breach of any terms of this Easement by Grantor, its agents, employees, contractors, family members, invitees, or licensees shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Grantee of such term under this Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Grantor shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver.

(g) Waiver of Certain Defenses. Grantor acknowledges that it has carefully reviewed this Easement and has had the opportunity to consult with and been advised by legal counsel of its terms and requirements. In full knowledge of the provisions of this Easement, Grantor hereby waives any claim or defense it may have against Grantee or its successors or assigns under or pertaining to this Easement based upon waiver, laches, estoppel, adverse possession, or prescription.

(h) Acts Beyond Grantor's Control. Nothing contained in this Easement shall be construed to entitle Grantee to bring any action against Grantor to abate, correct, or restore any condition on the Property or to recover damages for any injury to, or change in, the Property resulting from (1) causes beyond Grantor's control including, without limitation, natural changes, fire, flood, storm or earth movement, acts of trespassers, or (2) any reasonable and prudent action taken by Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to the Property resulting from such causes.

## **6. Liability and Indemnification.**

(a) Liability. The parties acknowledge and agree that because Grantor is the fee owner of the Property, except as specifically provided for under subsection (b) below, the general liability for risks, damages, injuries, claims, or costs arising by virtue of Grantor's ownership and use of the Property shall remain with Grantor as a

normal and customary incident of the right of Property ownership. Nothing in this Easement shall be construed as giving rise to any right or ability of Grantee to become an “owner” or “operator” of the Property within the meaning of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, or ORS Chapters 465 and 466, as amended.

(b) Indemnification. Grantor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Grantee (and Grantee’s officers, employees and agents) from and against all claims, suits, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever resulting from, arising out of, or relating to the activities of Grantor and Grantor’s invitees on the Property. To the extent permitted by Article XI, Section 7 of the Oregon Constitution and the Oregon Tort Claims Act, ORS 30.260 to 30.300, Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Grantor from and against all claims, suits, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses of any nature resulting from, arising out of, or relating to the activities of Grantee (or Grantee’s officers, employees and agents) on the Property, except to the extent such damages are due to Grantor’s or Grantor’s invitees’ negligence or willful misconduct, or to any breach of this Easement by Grantor or Grantor’s invitees.

**7. Covenants Running With the Land.** The parties acknowledge and agree that the covenants and agreements set forth in this Easement are intended to bind Grantor, Grantee, and their respective successors and assigns. The Property and the Property shall be held, conveyed, mortgaged, pledged as security for a debt, leased, used, and occupied subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and other limitations set forth in this Easement (the “Restrictions”). All and each of the Restrictions are imposed as equitable servitudes upon the Property and every part thereof shall run with the land. Furthermore, all and each of the Restrictions shall be binding upon and burden, and shall inure to the benefit of, all persons having or acquiring any right, title, or interest to either the Property or the Property.

**8. Amendment.** Grantor and Grantee may mutually agree in writing to amend this Easement; provided that no amendment shall be allowed that will affect the qualification of this Easement or the status of Grantee under any applicable laws, including 26 U.S.C. § 170(h), as amended (or any successor provision(s) then applicable), and ORS 271.715-795. In no event shall the "economic hardship" of Grantor constitute a changed circumstance that would allow Grantor to unilaterally amend this Easement.

**9. Assignment.** This Easement is transferable by Grantee, but Grantee may only assign its rights and obligations hereunder to an organization that is a “qualified organization” at the time of the transfer under 26 U.S.C. § 170(h)(3) (or any successor provision then applicable) and authorized to acquire and hold conservation easements under ORS 271.715 to 271.795 (or any successor provisions then applicable). Grantee shall notify Grantor in writing, at Grantor’s last known address, in advance of such assignment. In the event that an assignee assumes the obligations of Grantee hereunder, then Grantee shall have no further liability with respect to this Easement.

**10. Recording.** Grantor shall immediately record this instrument, and any amendment agreed to pursuant to Section 8, in the official records of the county within which the Property is located, and in any other appropriate jurisdictions, and Grantee may re-record it at any time as may be required to preserve Grantee’s rights in this Easement.

**11. Notice and Addresses.** Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by mail, postage prepaid, to the address set forth below. Any party may change the address to which its notices are to be sent by duly giving notice pursuant to this Section.

To Grantor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To Grantee: Metro  
Natural Areas Program Director  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232

With a copy to: Office of Metro Attorney  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232

**12. General Provisions.**

(a) Governing Law. The interpretation and performance of this Easement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

(b) Liberal Construction and Conservation Intent. Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this Easement shall be liberally construed in favor of the grant to effect the Purpose of this Easement and the policy and purpose of ORS Chapter 271. If any provision in this instrument is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the Purpose of this Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid. Any ambiguities in this Easement shall be construed in a manner which best effectuates the Conservation Values for the Property.

(c) Changed Circumstances. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that future conditions may change in the areas neighboring the Property and the Property, including without limitation, increased development, land use, and zoning changes. Grantor and Grantee further acknowledge that such future conditions may result in various hardships to Grantor by virtue of the restrictions contained in this Easement, including without limitation, restrictions on the ability to develop the Property and the Property. However, Grantor and Grantee expressly intend that this Easement continue in perpetuity regardless of such changes conditions and circumstances and regardless of hardship, whether such hardship is economic or otherwise. In no event shall the hardship of Grantor constitute a changed circumstance that would allow Grantor to unilaterally terminate this Easement.

(d) Severability. If any provision of this Easement, or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance, is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Easement, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, as the case may be, shall not be affected.

(e) Entire Agreement. This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Property and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Property, all of which are merged into this Easement. No alteration or variation of this instrument shall be valid or binding unless contained in an amendment that complies with Section 8.

(f) Termination of Rights and Obligations. A party's rights and obligations under this Easement terminate upon assignment of that party's interest in the Easement or transfer of the Property, except that liability for acts or omissions occurring prior to transfer shall survive assignment or transfer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Easement as of the date first set forth above.

GRANTEE:  
METRO, an Oregon municipal corporation

GRANTOR:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Bennett, Chief Operating Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
[name]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[name]

State of OREGON  
County of MULTNOMAH

This instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_ by Martha Bennett as Chief Operating Officer of Metro.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public - State of Oregon

State of OREGON  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_ by [name].

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public - State of Oregon

State of OREGON  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_\_ by [name].

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public - State of Oregon

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**Exhibit A to Conservation Easement – [name]**

**Property Description**



**Exhibit B to Conservation Easement – [name]**

**Grantor's Prohibited Uses and Activities**

1. The partition, division, subdivision, or *de facto* division of the Property.
2. Residential, commercial, or industrial use, activities, improvements, or development of any kind.
3. The excavating, draining, dredging, mining, drilling, removing or exploring for or extracting of minerals, oil, gas, coal, and other hydrocarbons, soils, sands, gravel, rocks or any other materials on or below the surface of the Property.
4. The manipulation or alteration, diminution, or drainage of any natural water course, wetland, stream bank, riparian area, shoreline, or body of water on the Property, any activity that causes or is likely to cause significant pollution of any surface of subsurface waters, or any use or activity that causes or is likely to cause significant soil degradation or erosion.
5. Agricultural activities of any kind, including, without limitation, the establishment and maintenance of a livestock corral, personal gardens, row crops, haying, grazing, livestock watering, or other pasture uses.
6. The placing, filling, storing, processing, disposing, dumping, depositing, abandonment, discharging, or release of any gaseous, liquid, solid, or hazardous wastes, substances, materials, trash, or debris of whatever nature on, in, over, or under the ground or into the surface or ground water of the Property.
7. The introduction or planting of any non-native, noxious, or invasive species.

## STAFF REPORT

### IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-4636, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING EIGHTH ROUND FUNDING FOR NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS

Date: June 16, 2015

Prepared by: Heather Nelson Kent, 503-797-1739  
Mary Rose Navarro, 503-797-1781

## BACKGROUND

Funded by the voter-approved 2006 Natural Areas bond measure, Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program complements the bond program's regional and local elements by supporting innovative ways to help nature thrive at a neighborhood scale. Grants are awarded based on their ability to meet the program criteria and deliver strong community benefits.

### Program history & status

The Capital Grants program was first announced in September of 2007. The Metro Council has previously approved seven rounds of grants, awarding \$12,104,824 to the following projects:

#### Land Acquisition

- Nadaka Nature Park Acquisition
- White Oak Savanna Acquisition
- Baltimore Woods Connectivity Corridor
- Baltimore Woods Phase II
- Summer Creek Natural Area Acquisition
- Lilly K Johnson Woods Expansion
- White Oak Savanna Phase II
- Lilly K Johnson Woods Expansion Phase II
- Overlook Bluff Oak Savanna Acquisition

#### Restoration

- Crystal Springs Partnership
- Boardman Creek Fish Habitat Restoration
- Klein Point Overlook and Habitat Enhancement
- Mount Scott Creek Restoration
- Wapato Marsh Wetland Restoration
- Trillium Creek Restoration
- Stone Bridge Restoration State Park
- Rock Creek Confluence Project
- Spring Park Natural Area Enhancement
- Beaver Creek Fish Passage & Habitat Enhancement

#### Urban Transformation

- Greening the Interstate 205 Corridor
- Re-greening Park Avenue Park and Ride
- Green Alley at Virginia Garcia Clinic
- Hall Creek Restoration
- One North Community Courtyard
- Gateway Green
- John Inskeep Environmental Center

#### Neighborhood Livability

- Nature Play at Westmoreland Park
- Conservation Corner
- Hawthorne Grove Park
- Humboldt Learning Garden
- Wildside Boardwalk in Pleasant Valley
- Nadaka Nature Park and Garden
- Let Us Build Cully Park!
- April Hill Park Improvements
- Old Town Loop Trail
- Dirksen Nature Park Improvements
- Zenger Farms
- Siskiyou Pathway
- Whitaker Ponds Nature Park
- Donald L Robertson Trail Extension

Of these 40 projects:

- Eleven (11) are completed
- Eighteen (18) are in progress
- Eight (8) are still raising matching or addressing conditions of approval
- Three (3) projects were withdrawn.

### **Grant Evaluation Criteria**

The Metro Council defined seven key criteria for evaluating capital grants in the 2006 Natural Areas bond measure:

- "Re-nature" neighborhoods by increasing the presence and function of ecological processes
- "Re-green" urban neighborhoods to enrich peoples' experience of nature and help strengthen a physical connection to the region's ecology
- Demonstrate multiple benefits for people and natural systems
- Demonstrate cost-efficient ecological design solutions
- Increase the region's fish and wildlife inventory
- Restore and/or improve habitats of concern
- Provide universal access to the public.

### **Application/Review Process**

Potential applicants begin the process by submitting a Letter of Interest. Letters are reviewed by staff to evaluate how strongly a potential project meets the grant criteria. Staff provides applicants with technical support, feedback and suggestions about ways to strengthen a project before inviting full applications. The Grant Review Committee, appointed by Council, reviews all full applications based on the above evaluation criteria. The Grant Review Committee engages in a thoughtful review of each application that includes staff assessments, site visits and a minimum of two committee meetings to arrive at recommendations for funding. The committee works with staff to develop conditions of approval in order to reduce project risks and strengthen project outcomes. The Metro Council decides all final grant awards.

### **Current recommendation and program financial status**

The Grant Review Committee recommends that the Metro Council award funding to the seven projects described in Attachment A for a total of \$2,138,183 from the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program.

With this recommendation \$13,585,780 of the \$15 million will be expended or committed to approved projects. One final round of funding is remaining to be awarded for \$1,414,220. Applications will be reviewed in 2016.

### **2015 Recommendation**

The committee met three times during Spring 2015 and conducted site visits for each project in order to review and recommend these projects to the Metro Council. This thoughtful review process allowed the committee to identify the compelling qualities of each project and compare them against previous grant awards and outcomes. The committee's feedback to applicants included conditions of approval and other refinements to grant proposals to better achieve the goals of the program. The committee also included specific timelines for projects to meet to address these conditions and to allow a final 2016 funding round.

This group of projects address the goals of the Natural Areas bond measure and meet the intent of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants program because they:

- Invest in existing restoration efforts and build upon success
- Provide critical funding that allow projects to achieve their full potential
- Protect and restore essential habitat features and functions
- Connect people with natural areas in their neighborhoods
- Engage diverse partners.

Twelve projects were invited to submit full applications on January 29, 2015 from the 15 letters of interest received in 2014. Ten projects submitted full applications requesting \$4,082,563 in funding.

## **ANAYSIS/INFORMATION**

### **1. Known Opposition**

None.

### **2. Legal Antecedents**

Resolution No. 06-3672B, "For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area A General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection" was adopted March 9, 2006.

Ordinance No. 07-1163, "Amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19 to Establish the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee, and Declaring an Emergency" was adopted November 1, 2007.

Metro Code Section 2.19.230, "Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," establishing the committee and prescribing its authority to review capital grants applications and make grant funding recommendations to the Metro Council.

Resolution No. 07-3874, "Confirming the Appointment of the Chair of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee" was adopted December 6, 2007.

Resolution No. 07-3879, "Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee" was adopted November 1, 2007.

Resolution No. 08-3965, "Approving First Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted August 7, 2008.

Resolution No. 09-4027, "Confirming the Reappointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee, Designating the Chair, and Appointing a New Metro Natural Resources Staff Representative" was adopted February 19, 2009.

Resolution No. 09-4050, "Approving Second Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted on August 13, 2009.

Resolution No. 10-4134, "Approving Third Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted on March 18, 2010.

Resolution No. 11-4256, "Approving Fourth Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted on May 19, 2011.

Resolution No. 12-4318, "Confirming the Appointment of Members of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee" was adopted on January 12, 2012.

Resolution No. 12-4343, "Approving Fifth Round Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted on May 17, 2012.

Resolution No. 13-4408, "For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members of the nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee" was adopted on May 30, 2013.

Resolution No. 13-4434, "For the Purpose of Approving Sixth Round Funding For Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted on December 19, 2013.

Resolution No. 13-4485, "For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee" was adopted on December 19, 2013.

Resolution No. 14-4548, "For the Purpose of Approving Seventh Round Funding For Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants" was adopted on July 10, 2014.

Resolution No. 14-4575, “For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee” was adopted on October 30, 2014.

**3. Anticipated Effects**

This Resolution awards Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants and begins the individual contract award process for the selected grant applicants. Projects are from one to three years in length.

**4. Budget Impacts**

The resolution referring the 2006 Natural Areas bond measure to voters, approved by the Metro Council, authorized spending up to \$15 million toward this program. This is the eighth round of grants recommended for funding. The adopted FY 2015-16 budget includes the necessary appropriation authority for reimbursement of these grants.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Chief Operating Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 15-4636.

Materials following this page were distributed at the meeting.



**METRO COUNCIL MEETING**  
Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2015  
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Deputy Council President Bob Stacey and Councilors, Sam Chase, Carlotta Collette, Shirley Craddick and Craig Dirksen

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes and Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Deputy Council President Bob Stacey called the regular council meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Art Lewellen, Portland: Mr. Lewellen addressed the Metro Council on I-5 Hayden Island concept plans as well as transportation planning in Seattle. He provided two handouts on Hayden Island access proposals, which were added to the record.

Sharon Nasset, Portland: Ms. Nasset addressed the Metro Council on transportation planning, specifically the most recent Oregon Transportation Commission hearing in Salem, the Columbia River Crossing project and federal transportation funding.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE 11 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion:	Councilor Craig Dirksen moved to adopt the June 11 Council Meeting minutes.
Second:	Councilor Shirley Craddick seconded the motion.

Vote: Deputy Council President Stacey, and Councilors Stacey, Chase, Collette, Craddick, and Dirksen voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion passed.

**3. RESOLUTIONS**

3.1 **Resolution No. 15-4621**, For the Purpose of Amending the FY 2014-15 Budget and Appropriations Schedule and FY 2014-15 Through FY 2018-19 Capital Improvement Plan to Provide for a Change in Operations

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Resolution 15-4621.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Stacey introduced Metro Budget Coordinator, Kathy Rutkowski, to provide a brief presentation on the resolution. Ms. Rutkowski explained that this was the final budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2014-15, noting the three items in the budget request included funding to cover increased expenses at Glendoveer Golf Course (due to increased operating expenses after an upward trend in use of the course), additional funding to cover cost of boarding docks at Chinook Landing Marine Facility (Metro received \$511,000 in grant money, but total cost of docks is close to \$658,000), and finally a request for \$35,000 to provide Metro's share of lobbying support seeking to repair and reopen the Willamette Falls Locks.

**Council discussion**

There was no further discussion.

Vote:	Deputy Council President Stacey, and Councilors Stacey, Chase, Collette, Craddick, and Dirksen voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**3.2 Resolution No. 15-4632, For the Purpose of Adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-16 Through 2019-20, Approving the Metropolitan Tourism Opportunity Competitiveness Account Projects, and Re-Adopting Metro's Financial Policies**

Motion:	Councilor Shirley Craddick moved to approve Resolution 15-4632.
Second:	Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Stacey introduced Tim Collier, Metro's Finance and Regulatory Services Director, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. Collier noted that this resolution included three actions: it adopts the Fiscal Year 2015-16 through Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), readopts Metro's financial policies and approves the Metropolitan Tourism Opportunity and Competitiveness Account funding for 2015-16.

**Council discussion**

There was no further discussion.

Vote:	Deputy Council President Stacey, and Councilors Stacey, Chase, Collette, Craddick, and Dirksen voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion <u>passed</u> .
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**3.3 Resolution No. 15-4612, For the Purpose of Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16, Making Appropriations, Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Reauthorizing an Interfund Loan**

Deputy Council President Stacey noted the previous meetings when the resolution was read and public hearings were held, stating that this meeting would be the final public hearing and vote. He added that at the last Council meeting, several amendments were adopted as part of this resolution. Deputy Council President Stacey then provided a recap of the budget process, explaining that Martha Bennett, Metro Chief Operating Officer, in her capacity as Metro's Budget Officer, presented the proposed budget to the Metro Council, sitting as the Metro Budget Committee, on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and that this resolution was formally read into the record, a public hearing was held and then the resolution was carried over to meetings in May and June, and now to this meeting. He stated that



the Metro Council held a joint meeting with the Multnomah County Tax Supervisory Commission, in which the proposed budget was presented, reviewed, and certified on June 4<sup>th</sup>, reviewed again at the June 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting (when amendments were added and approved), and now would have a final action at today's meeting.

Motion:	Councilor Sam Chase moved to approve Resolution 15-4612.
Second:	Councilor Carlotta Collette seconded the motion.

Deputy Council President Stacey opened up a public hearing. There were no public comments, so the public hearing was closed.

***Council discussion***

Councilors thanked Mr. Collier and his staff for delivering the budget twelve days early. Councilor Collette noted that although there might not seem to be a lot of conversation about each of these budget resolutions, she wanted to let the public know that the Council has been spending the better part of the year planning, working on and developing it with a lot of public input through Metro's departmental programs. Councilors also commented on how Metro staff are very good stewards of the public's dollars.

Vote: Deputy Council President Stacey, and Councilors Stacey, Chase, Collette, Craddick, and Dirksen voted in support of the motion. The vote was 5 ayes, the motion passed.

**4. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) webinar: Women in Management led by COO, Martha Bennett, Summer Works intern program starting which places high school youth in summer positions to help prevent dropouts, thank you to Tim Collier and his staff as well as Metro Department Directors for their hard work on the budget and a special thank you to the Metro Council as well.

**5. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: thank you and goodbye to Brian Monberg, transportation planner at Metro, who has taken a position with the City of Gresham, and a Southwest Corridor Open House and presentation on recommendations on a tunnel option.

**6. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the regular meeting at 2:38 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Centro Cultural in Cornelius, Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexandra Eldridge, Regional Engagement & Legislative Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2015**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Doc. Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Doc. Number</b>
1.0	Handout	06/18/2015	Handouts on Hayden Island access by Art Lewellen	061815c-01
2.0	Minutes	06/11/2015	Council Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2015	061815c-02



## Nature in Neighborhoods

# Capital and Conservation Education Grants 2015

### CAPITAL GRANTS

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**City of Gresham** \$ 290,000

**Hogan Butte Nature Park Phase I**

**Partners:** National Park Service and a variety of local community-based organizations

Hogan Butte Nature Park will begin to take shape with new trails and places where people can play, relax, learn about and enjoy this iconic forested butte in Gresham with views of five Cascade peaks - Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson.

**City of Hillsboro** \$ 335,000

**Oak Island Marsh Restoration**

**Partners:** Clean Water Services, Ducks Unlimited, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve and Friends of Trees

Building on two previous grants from Metro, the restoration of an additional 185 acres of wetlands at Jackson Bottom Wetlands will create a 270-acre, self-sustaining floodplain ecosystem that supports one of the region's premier bird watching destinations.

**City of Portland** \$ 650,000

**Boones Ferry Fish, Wildlife and Trail Passage Partnership**

**Partners:** Oregon State Parks & Recreation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Tryon Creek, Tryon Creek Watershed Council, Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association and SW Trails PDX

Tryon Creek at Boones Ferry Road will have improved access for fish, wildlife and humans alike, ultimately creating a better place for native salmonid to pass, opening a new wildlife corridor and establishing a safe and inviting pedestrian crossing.

**Clackamas County Water Environmental Services** \$175,228

**Mt Scott Creek Oak Bluff Reach Restoration**

**Partners:** North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, Clackamas Web Academy and COSTCO

Businesses are partnering with local and state agencies to address water quality and fish habitat in the Oak Bluff Reach of Mt. Scott Creek in unincorporated Clackamas County by restoring stream structure, removing invasive plants, planting native species and engaging local school children.

**Friends of Bull Mountain Park**

\$ 125,943

**Bull Mountain Park Projects****Partners:** Tualatin River Watershed Council, City of Tigard, and a variety of local community-based organizations

Bull Mountain Nature Park will see children exploring a natural play area, picnickers enjoying the shade of a new shelter, volunteers supported with a new tool shed and people of all abilities enjoying nature in this 8-acre park in Tigard. Soft-surface trails will be constructed connecting neighbors to the local Pathfinder Trail and the Fanno Creek regional trail.

**Oak Lodge Sanitary District**

\$ 362,012

**Boardman-Rinearson Wetland Complex Land Acquisition****Partners:** North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council, North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District, and SOLVe

A new natural area located between Milwaukie and Gladstone will restore wetland and wildlife habitat, provide a nature trail for the local community and build upon existing conservation education programming that connects local schoolchildren of all ages to a field classroom within walking distance.

**Verde**

\$ 200,000

**Let Us Build Cully Park: Play Area****Partners:** Portland Parks & Recreation, Hacienda Community Development Corporation, Rigler School, Scott School and the Community Transition School

After many years without a park, a diverse population of minority and low-income children in the Cully neighborhood of Portland will soon spend hours interacting with natural elements in a playground their local schoolmates designed.

**CONSERVATION EDUCATION GRANTS**

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**Adelante Mujeres**

\$93,940

**Teaching the Importance of STREAM via Youth Engagement and Career Mentorship****Partners:** Tualatin Riverkeepers, Friends of Fernhill Wetlands, Clean Water Services and Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve

Adelante Mujeres, Tualatin Riverkeepers and others will partner to prepare Latina girls to become conservation leaders through hands-on education and mentorship. They'll also help families empower their daughters to become our next generation of scientists.

**Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)**

\$25,000

**Asian Pacific Islander Youth Leaders in Nature****Partners:** Jade District, Audubon Society of Portland, OPAL Environmental Justice, Pacific Islander Student Association, Harrison Park School and Center for Diversity and the Environment

APANO's youth-led group will organize retreats and projects to connect high-school age students with nature, work on local environmental justice issues in their neighborhoods and help close the leadership gaps faced by their community.



**Audubon Society of Portland**

\$100,000

**The TALON Program (Teach, Advocate, Learn, Observe, Nurture)**

**Partners:** ROSE, Hacienda and Bienestar Community Development Corporations, Friends of Nadaka, City of Portland's Parks & Recreation and Leach Botanical Gardens

Through 20 weeks of training and paid employment, the TALON program is preparing a new generation of environmental stewards, conservationists, educators and naturalists from east Multnomah and northern Clackamas counties.

**Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)**

\$25,000

**Home is Where the Watershed Is: Conservation Education for Low Income and Housing Insecure Families**

**Partners:** Tualatin Riverkeepers, Beaverton School District English Language Learners/Somali Program and Good Neighbor Center

Located in Washington County, CPAH's Home is Where the Watershed Is project will offer culturally rich, hands-on conservation lessons to children in low-income and insecure housing so that all children, no matter their ethnicity or income, can increase their scientific skills and learn in nature.

**Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors**

\$24,900

**Ecology Education in North Clackamas**

**Partners:** North Clackamas School District, Milwaukie Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Ardenwald Elementary, Bilquist Elementary, Lewelling Elementary, Clackamas Water Environment Services, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Portland State University and Institute for Permaculture Education for Children

47 classrooms of budding scientists in North Clackamas' School District will develop their critical thinking skills through hands-on ecology lessons and outdoor field experiences in their local natural areas.

**Friends of Tryon Creek**

\$91,869

**Friends and Neighbors for Environmental Diversity**

**Partners:** Neighborhood House, Center for Diversity and the Environment and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

With programming taking place at Tryon Creek State Natural Area, this three-year program represents an investment by the Friends of Tryon Creek in their organizational mission to connect low-income individuals and people of color with outdoor nature learning in their own backyard.

**George Middle School**

\$93,676

**St. Johns Community Conservation Program**

**Partners:** Portland Metro STEM Partnership, Portland State University Graduate School of Education, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Sauvie Island Center, Portland Public Schools, Wind & Oar Boat School, and the City of Portland

The St. Johns' Community Conservation program for George Middle School will develop personalized learning strategies for 3,000 K-12 students – activities include building school gardens, field trips to Sauvie Island Center and exploring the Columbia Slough.

**KairosPDX**

\$15,478.50

**Kairos Learning Exploration Garden****Partners:** Portland Community Reinvestments Initiative, Independence Gardens and Ask Mr. Science, LLC

KairosPDX, a non-profit charter school north Portland, is creating a local learning garden in this rapidly developing urban neighborhood. Programming will provide hands-on nature-education opportunities for students in their K-5 Learning Academy.

**Momentum Alliance**

\$15,000

**Opportunity Corps & Beyond****Partners:** Northwest Youth Corps, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Bureau of Land Management, Open Meadow and Outside In

This partnership will create a pilot internship, and a year-round training and coaching program for 10 underrepresented youth leaders. While increasing their connection and knowledge of nature, the program will improve students' leadership, community engagement and environmental stewardship skills. It will also be used as a new model for social justice education in the region.

**People-Places-Things, LLC**

\$7,608

**Exploring Language, Exploring Nature, Curriculum for Immigrants & Refugees****Partners:** Columbia Slough Watershed Council, City of Gresham Natural Resources Program, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services' Green Street Steward Program, Multnomah County libraries and Friends of Nadaka

This partnership will use Gresham's Nadaka Nature Park as an outdoor classroom to teach real-world language and life skills to English-language learners from around the world.

**Portland OIC/Rosemary Anderson High School**

\$25,000

**Friends of Trees Student Crew Leader Training Program****Partners:** Friends of Trees, Portland Parks and Recreation, Friends of the Columbia Children's Arboretum and Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors

Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, Rosemary Anderson High School and Friends of Trees will develop this school-based nature program to help at-risk minority youth build their self-confidence, foster a strong work ethic and focus on their personal and community success.



**Urban Greenspaces Institute**

\$15,478.50

**OakQuest Phase 2: Expanding Education, Empowering Citizens & Native Youth**

**Partners:** Native American Youth and Family Center, Kingfisher Ecological Services LLC, Mark G. Wilson, consultant, PSU Indigenous Nations Studies, Metro, The Intertwine Alliance, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, North Clackamas Park and Recreation District, City of Portland Parks and BES, West Multnomah, East Multnomah, Clackamas, and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Conservation Biology Institute, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Audubon Society of Portland, Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation

In phase two of this successful program, three Native American youth will gain hands-on conservation leadership experience and career training. These interns, will lead approximately 50 citizen-scientists in activities such as fact-checking a map detailing the location of the region's remaining Oregon white oak and teaching more than 45 private landowners how to enhance oak habitat in their own backyards.

**Verde**

\$25,000

**Verde Landscape**

**Partners:** East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Portland Parks & Recreation, BESThq, Innovative Changes, Hacienda Community Development Corporation and Metro

Verde Landscape, a nonprofit social enterprise, offers stable work and education for Latino men from the Cully neighborhood. By helping build environmental literacy and habitat restoration skills, Verde boosts their workers' future long-term employment prospects.

**Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.**

\$75,000

**Wisdom Workforce Program**

**Partners:** Native American Youth and Family Center, Beaverton Schools Indian Education, Metro, Portland Parks and Recreation (City Nature East), Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Highland Park STEM Middle School, Oregon Health Authority, Portland Community College Career Pathway Program, Mt. Hood Community College Workforce Development and Ecotrust

Wisdom of the Elders' Workforce Program will educate and train Native adults and youth to become future conservation leaders. Through meaningful, culturally relevant, hands-on learning experiences in local natural areas, they will strengthen careers, cultural identity and boost health and wellness.

**Zenger Farm**

\$67,050

**Farm School**

**Partners:** David Douglas School District, Lent School and East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Zenger Farm will develop new partnerships with schools and organizations in underserved communities of outer Southeast Portland, particularly Lents. Their work will expand their already successful Farm School program where students observe, experience and study the seasonal changes of the farm and local wetlands.

## **"Term Limits for County Commissioners" Ballot Initiative Moves Forward to Make History**

A recently filed Washington County Term Limits Ballot Initiative, which seeks to amend the Washington County Charter by adding Term Limits for County Commissioners, was given the "green light" on Tuesday, 5/5/15, to start collecting the required 15,270 County voter signatures for it to qualify to be added on the County Ballot as soon as November 2015.

Tom Black, a 23 year resident of Washington County and the City of Hillsboro and past Chair of CPO #9, is the Chief Petitioner who had originally filed the Term Limits Ballot Initiative with the County's Elections Office back on 3/3/15. Mr. Black had started making inquiries back in early December 2014, into the Oregon State Ballot Initiative process and the State election rules on this matter with Mickie Kawai, Washington County's Elections Office Manager, who has served in that department for over 20 years.

This is not an easy task by any means, "a Herculean civic effort for any citizen to take on", said Mr. Black, as he had started this effort with no political committee, no campaign war chest and little prior political experience. This is truly a "grass-roots" effort, with the simple idea of limiting Washington County Commissioner, either District or Chair, to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms, and requiring them to take a mandatory one (1) four (4) year election cycle break, before being considered eligible to run again for any Washington County Commissioner position.

According to Mr. Black there are four (4) key reasons driving this effort to get Term Limits for County Commissioners on the County Ballot:

Reason #1: Term Limits already exists in Washington County, the Metro Area and Oregon State Government, so the concept is nothing new and it is currently in practice with; Cities of Hillsboro, Tigard, Sherwood, Lake Oswego and Milwaukie, Multnomah and Douglas Counties, Metro Council, and our top four (4) Oregon State Elected Officers including Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer.

Reason #2: There are currently three (3) of our five (5) serving County Commissioners, which have served on the Board of County Commission for over fourteen (14) continuous years, with one Commissioners having served over thirty (30) years!

Reason #3: It will help "level the political playing field" so that big business and special interest money won't play as significant a role in having an incumbent candidate to always back, which will help to encourage a broader field of more culturally diverse candidates to participate and compete.

Reason #4: There has NEVER BEEN a citizen initiated Ballot Initiative which has made it on the County Ballot in its 172 year history ... EVER!

"Our Term Limits Team plan is to get this Term Limits Ballot Initiative on the County Ballot and let County voters have an opportunity to make their decision and perhaps make County history not once but twice by;

#1) getting it on the County Ballot AND #2) getting it approved by voters and into the County Charter.

If County voters are interested in learning more about this Term Limits Ballot Initiative subject and the status of it moving forward to the County Ballot see these links below: