

 **Metro** | *Agenda*

Meeting: Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Time: 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

8:45 **COFFEE AND PASTRIES**

9:00 **WELCOME** Drake Butsch

9:05 **PROGRAM UPDATES** Kathleen Brennan-Hunter
Acquisition, local share and capital grants Heather Nelson Kent
Additional bond investments Brian Kennedy
Parks and Nature System Plan
Willamette Falls Legacy Project
Financial report
Stabilization

9:30 **ANNUAL REPORT** Drake Butsch

10:00 **STABILIZATION COSTS PROGRESS REPORT** Kate Holleran

10:45 **TARGET AREA REVIEW AND ANALYSIS** Barbara Edwardson

11:30 **ADJOURN**

2015 WORK PLAN

March 2015

Parks and natural areas levy
Parks and natural areas system plan
Local share progress report
Acquisition program surplus lands

June 2015

Capital grants program update/2015 review cycle
Unusual circumstances
Budget, staff capacity, cost allocation policy
Annual report

September 2015

Target area review and analysis
Stabilization costs progress report
Annual report

December 2015

Trails accomplishments/performance measures
Oversight Committee Work Plan 2016
Performance measures for new bond-funded capital investments



Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee

September 29, 2015

Committee members in attendance: Dean Alterman, Drake Butsch (committee chair), Peter Mohr

Committee members excused: Bill Drew, Autumn Hickman, Walt McMonies, Rick Mishaga, Norman Penner, Kendra Smith

Metro: Councilor Craig Dirksen, Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Barbara Edwardson, Brian Kennedy, Heather Nelson Kent

Welcome

Drake Butsch welcomed the committee and thanked them for attending.

Program updates

Kathleen Brennan-Hunter announced that Dan Moeller has been promoted to Conservation Program Director for the Parks and Nature department. Dan previously managed the land management team, and has recently served as interim natural areas program director.

Acquisition

Kathleen reported that the recent changes to the implementation work plan have been paying off, allowing staff more flexibility in the acquisition process. There have been several acquisitions since the last meeting:

- Boring Grange – 3-acre site in the Deep Creek target area visible from the Cazadero Trail, which connects to the Springwater Corridor.
- Aus Farm – 69-acre addition to Metro’s Clear Creek holdings in Clackamas County, includes important upland wet prairie habitat and extends Metro’s protection of Clear Creek, a major tributary to the Clackamas River.
- Big Eddy Marina – trail acquisition securing the last gap in the Marine Drive Trail between Northeast 185th Avenue and trail connections at Blue Lake Regional Park.
- Lovejoy – 40-acre property significantly increases Metro-protected riparian, floodplain and upland habitat from headwaters of Baker Creek to the Tualatin River. Metro has now protected approximately 500 acres in the area, acquired in 13 transactions.
- Clackamas County tax foreclosure – 3-acre foreclosure property adjacent to Newell Creek Canyon properties that protects approximately 600 feet of an unnamed tributary that forms part of the headwaters of Newell Creek.

On Oct. 1, the Metro Council will consider the acquisition of a privately-held property that would close a key gap on the Springwater Trail. The property owner, Oregon Pacific Railroad, is willing to move rail tracks necessary to build the trail. Ordinarily, this type of project would be put out to bid, but staff is asking Council to approve a single-source contract to have the railroad do the work.

Local Share

Heather Nelson Kent reported that local share projects are continuing. Staff has extended the deadline for 10 local governments to spend their local share funds. Several have gone through the process of changing their projects because they have proven to be infeasible for various reasons. Those projects should start showing progress soon. Heather noted that staff were quite lenient extending 1995 local share project deadlines; she is not sure if those deadlines will be more strictly enforced for the 2006 bond. For now, staff is willing to extend the deadline as long as progress is being made on the project. Heather also discussed program staffing. One FTE coordinates both the local share and capital grants programs. As the local share program has ramped down, management of the capital grants program has increased. She is currently reviewing whether or not to transition the allocation for staff costs from local share to capital grants.

Capital grants

The Metro Council awarded capital grants in July. Council also authorized staff to extend the timeline for the final capital grants awards to the end of 2016, which will allow applicants additional time to secure matching funds. Heather reported that a Hatfield Fellow has been hired to survey capital grant applicants. He is on pace to complete about 25 interviews and will present his findings at the December committee meeting (see attached memo).

Additional bond investments

Kathleen reported that initial projects are still in the planning phase. The farthest along is the Tualatin River boat launch, where environmental cleanup, which Metro agreed to as part of the acquisition, is underway. Once the cleanup is complete, grading for construction of the boat ramp will begin.

Parks and Nature System Plan

Brian Kennedy presented information about the parks and nature system plan. Discussion was held about operating costs. Staff have been discussing the plan with city managers, park directors and other stakeholders and will continue these conversations as the plan develops.

Willamette Falls

A design collective consisting of Mayer/Reed, Snøhetta and DIALOG was awarded the contract for development of the schematic design of the Riverwalk, a trail connection through the site to the falls. Metro holds an easement 150 feet back from the waterline.

Financial report

Brian noted the report is just through June 30; due to a glitch in the financial reporting system, it was not possible to run the report through September. He said that while administrative costs are still high, the additional bond investments, trail projects and projected acquisitions will reduce that number this fiscal year. The overall administrative costs are still below Metro's 10 percent threshold, at 7.6 percent. Costs have been higher in recent years because local share and acquisition spending have been low. Kathleen noted that due to the committee's review of program costs, Metro is constantly reviewing all cost allocations.

Stabilization report

A project budget column has been added (just for new acquisitions at this time).

Annual report

Revisions to the report were suggested, including changing the color of the acquisition dashboard bars when more than 100 percent of the acreage goal has been acquired, and adding a color block to the recommendations sections so they are easier to find at a glance. The report will be presented to the Metro Council Nov. 19.

Stabilization costs progress report

Natural resources scientist Kate Holleran gave an update on the stabilization process. Staff spent time cleaning up stabilization reporting in Terramet. She spoke about results of the committee's suggested changes to stabilization processes in 2013, using the Lorenzen property as an example (see attached presentation). Staff look at three major benchmarks: property and infrastructure, habitat and invasive non-native plants. New benchmarks have been easy to track and the new system has been very useful. The benchmark-driven process has allowed staff to provide stronger rationale to extending the stabilization process if necessary. More than 30 properties are currently in stabilization. Stabilization budgets have been developed for 10 properties; budgets will continue to be developed as new properties are added. Budgets are created when the stabilization plans are written, and will be amended as necessary going forward. Terramet allows for specific tracking and documentation, including maps and other relevant documents.

Target area review analysis

Acquisition supervisor Barbara Edwardson reviewed the target areas with the lowest achievement of refinement plan acreage goals (see attached memo).

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2015.


Adjournment

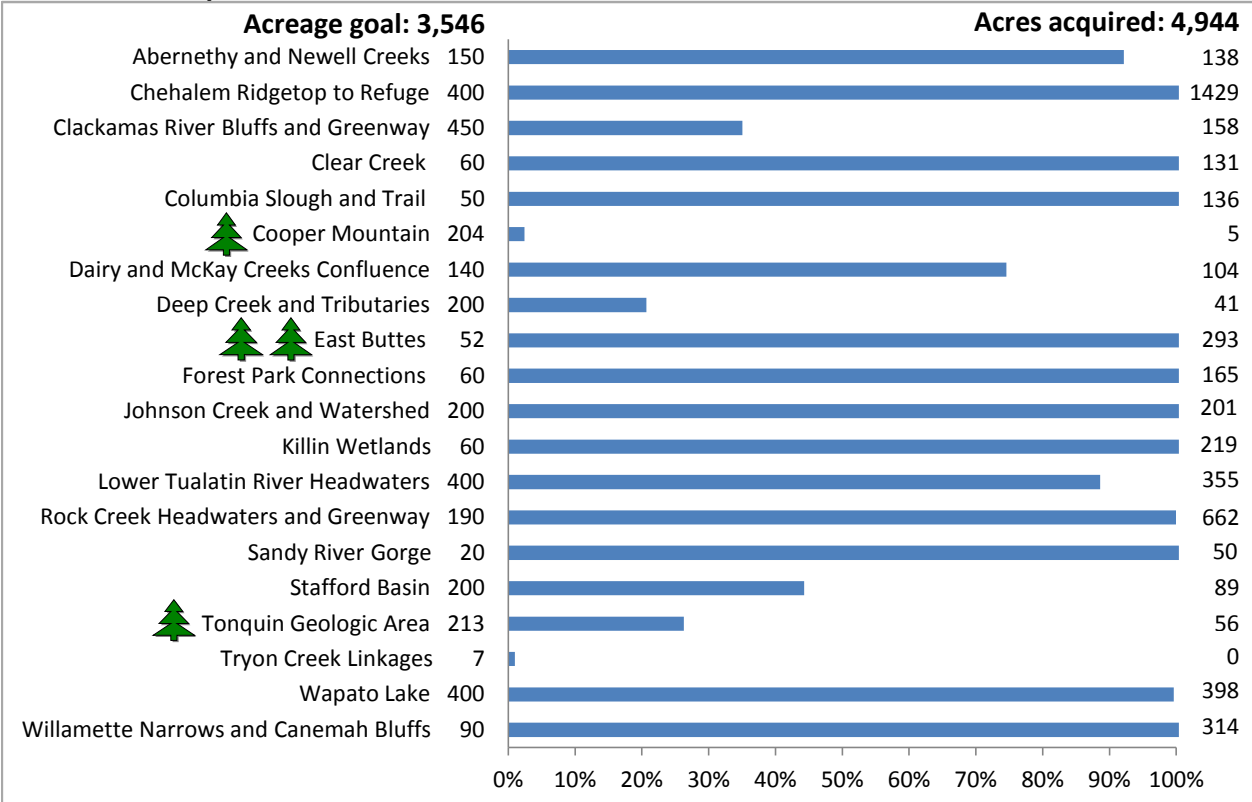
The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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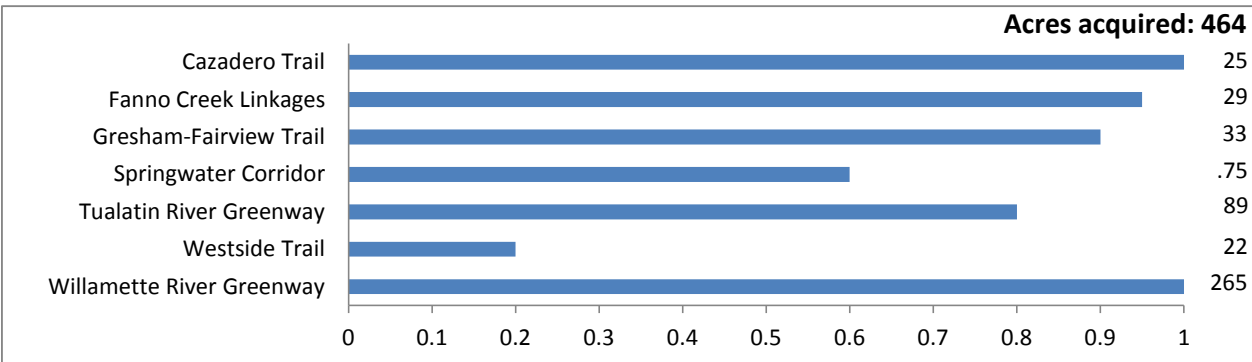
Natural Areas Program

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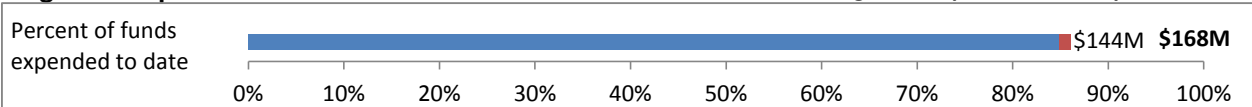
Natural area acquisition  **park built**  **percent of 2006 refinement plan acreage goals met or exceeded**



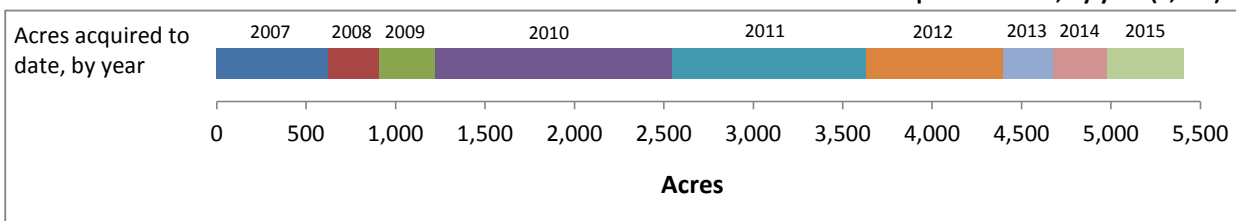
Trail/greenway corridors  **percent of 2006 refinement plan goals met**



Regional acquisition  **regional acquisition funds spent to date**

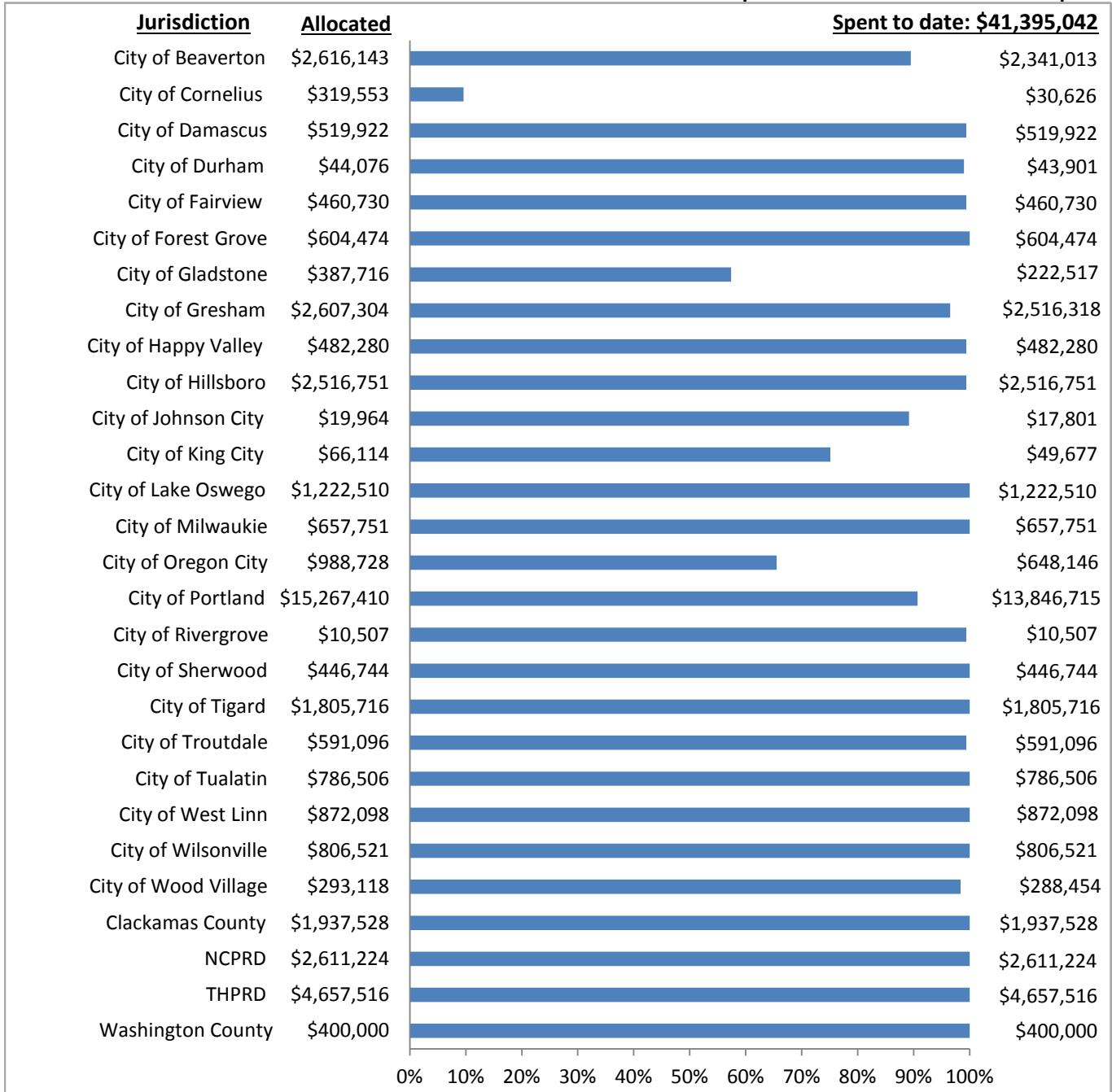


Regional acquisition **acres acquired to date, by year (5,408)**



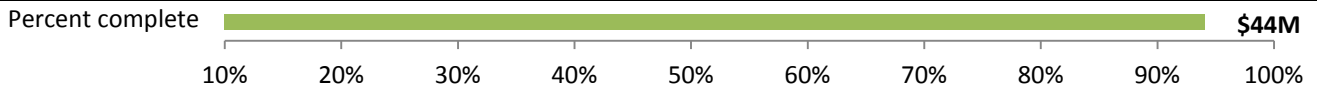
Local share

■ percent of local share allocation spent



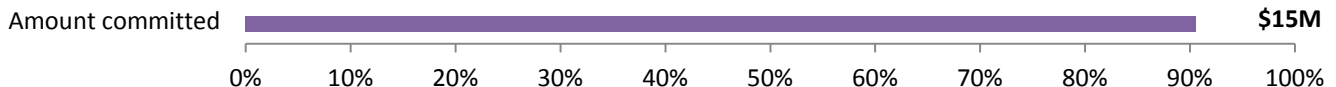
Local share

111 acquisitions 17 trails enhanced 49 parks improved



Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

47 projects awarded





Metro | Memo

Date: September 22, 2015

To: Kathleen Brennan Hunter, Director, Parks and Nature
Capital Grant Review Committee
Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee

From: Mary Rose Navarro, Heather Nelson Kent

Subject: Capital Grant qualitative interviews to assess program impact

The Capital Grant program was envisioned to support the intent of the 2006 Natural Areas bond measure through two primary objectives – enhancing urban ecology and improving people’s experience of nature. These are broad goals that have allowed room for a wide variety of projects and outcomes. Now that \$13.5 million of the \$15 million has been awarded and many projects are either completed or wrapping up, it’s a good time to analyze the program’s impacts.

Purpose of the evaluation

While the type of projects funded (acquisition, restoration, urban transformation and neighborhood livability) and the outcomes reported (fish passage restored, acres protected, new nature play areas, etc.) can reveal program accomplishments and offer accountability to the voters, we believe that a qualitative approach that explores how the projects were envisioned, designed, built and programmed will reveal more about how Metro’s investments have contributed to vibrant communities as well as urban nature.

We have hired a Hatfield Fellow through Portland State University’s Hatfield School of Government to conduct a qualitative evaluation. Ryan Dunk will be interviewing grant recipients, the project’s government sponsors and partners throughout September and October. Catherine Moore, a program analyst here at Metro, will be working with Ryan to analyze the data. The analysis will protect the confidentiality of the interviewees and ensure that we hear the about the program’s strengths and weaknesses.

The Natural Areas bond is about conserving the region’s most valuable natural resources including clean air and clean water while managing the impacts of a growing metropolitan region. The Capital Grant program was envisioned as a tool to explore how investments in the region’s more developed areas can contribute to regional conservation as well as healthy communities. Therefore, we will explore how awarded projects have addressed the objectives of the bond measure and advanced Metro’s desired outcomes for a livable region.

Evaluative questions

The specific evaluative questions established for the analysis are:

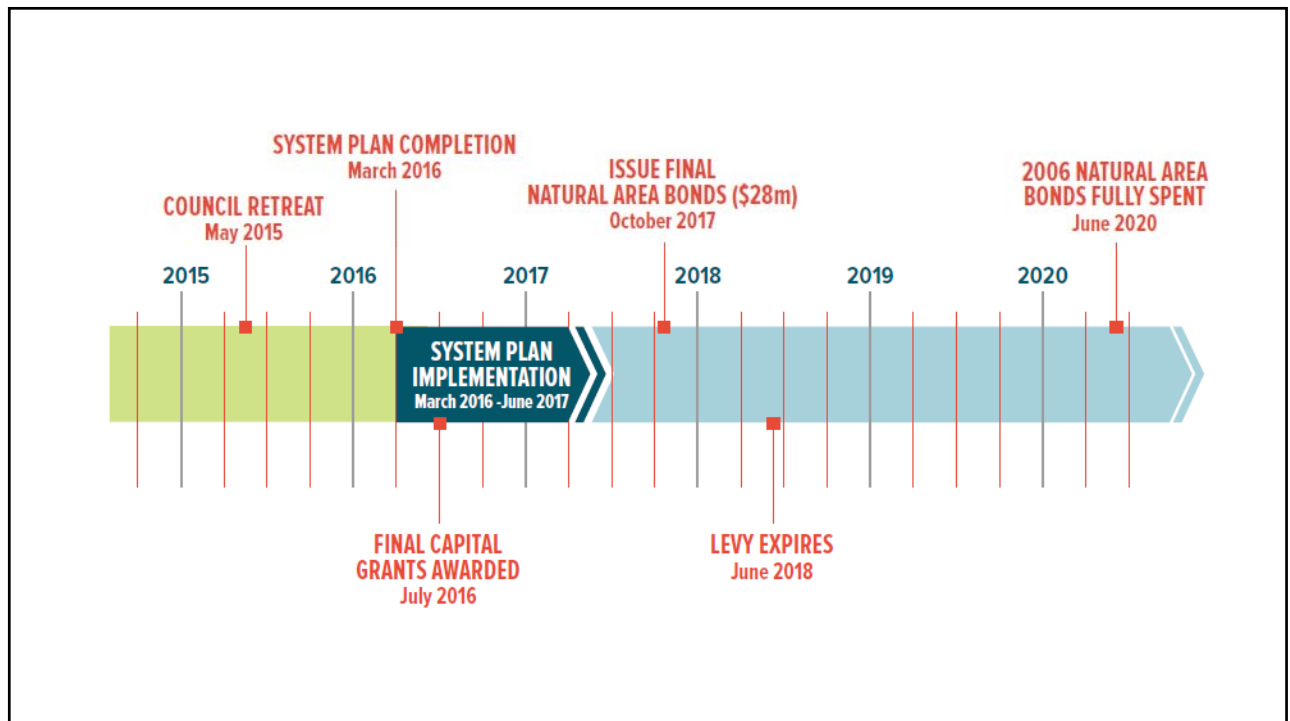
1. How well does the Capital Grants program complement and support the work of local agencies and communities in bringing nature into the developed areas of the Metro region?

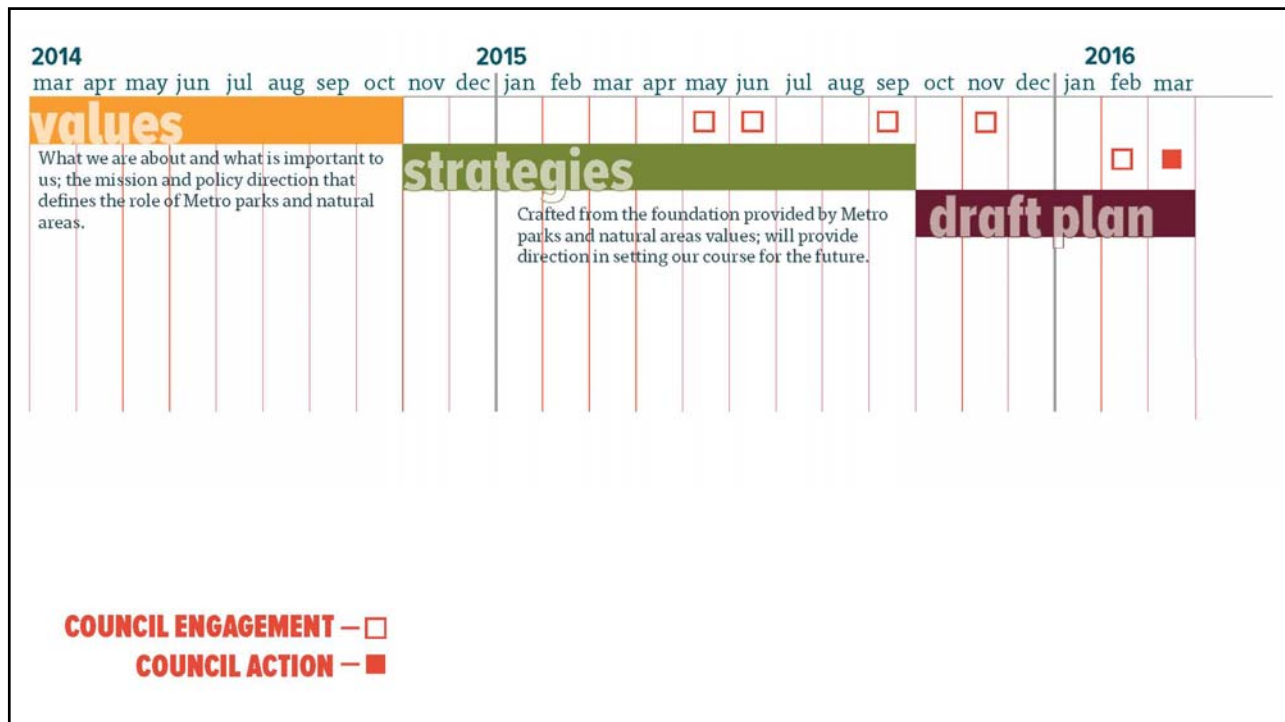
2. How worthwhile were the outcomes for nature?
3. How worthwhile were the outcomes for people?
4. What role did the program's emphasis on public-private partnerships play on the design and implementation of the project? What impacts do you think this emphasis had on the outcomes and benefits of the project?

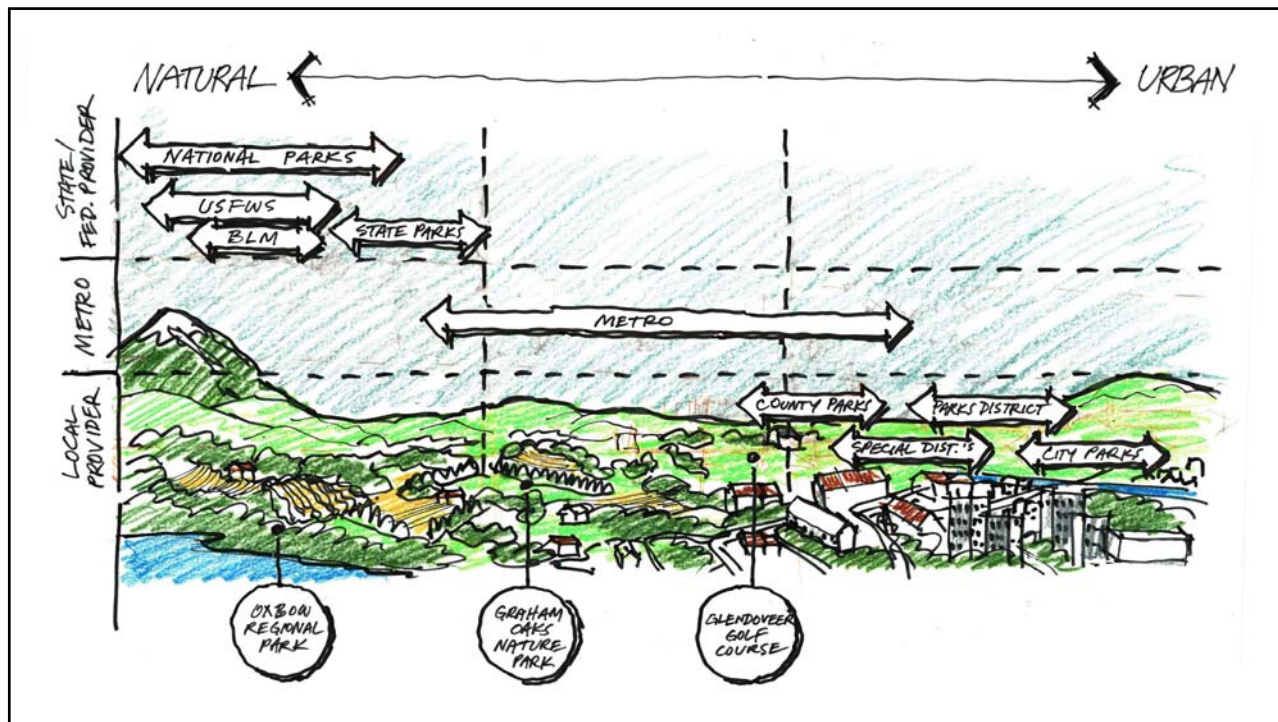
We will give a brief update at the Performance Oversight Committee meeting in September on how the interviews are going. Interviews will continue through October and analysis will be completed in November. A summary of the findings for each of the evaluative questions will be shared at that time.

Parks and Nature System Plan

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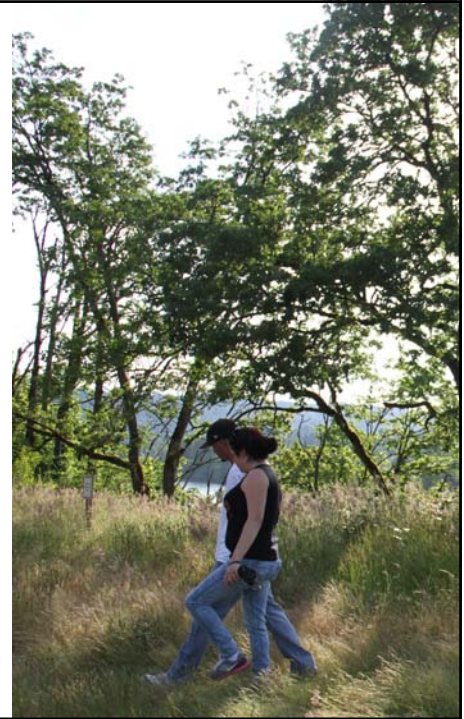






CONTEXT

- Metro operates 90% of its portfolio
- Very few exceptions:
 - Cooper Mountain Nature Park
 - Mount Talbert Nature Park
 - Orenco Woods Nature Park (anticipated)
 - Approximately 1,200 acres of natural areas



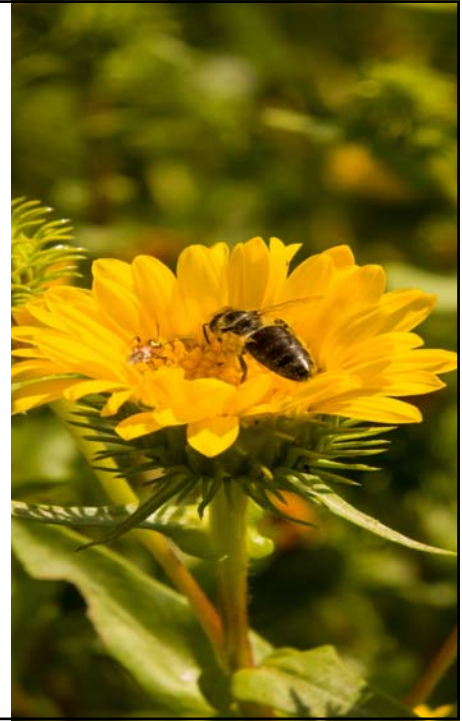
PROPOSED POLICY

Metro will own and operate nature parks and natural areas that are essential to the Metro system of parks, trails and natural areas.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

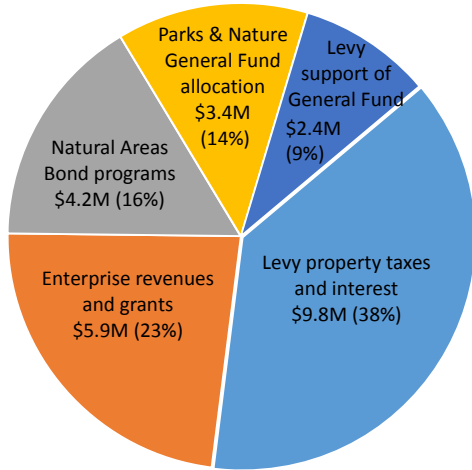
- Metro sites and facilities will be consistent with Metro's role in the region
- Primary objective = desired outcomes are achieved
- Decisions are always consistent with the Metro values
- Region's residents should always get credit for their investments



PARKS AND NATURE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE



PARKS AND NATURE FUNDING SOURCES

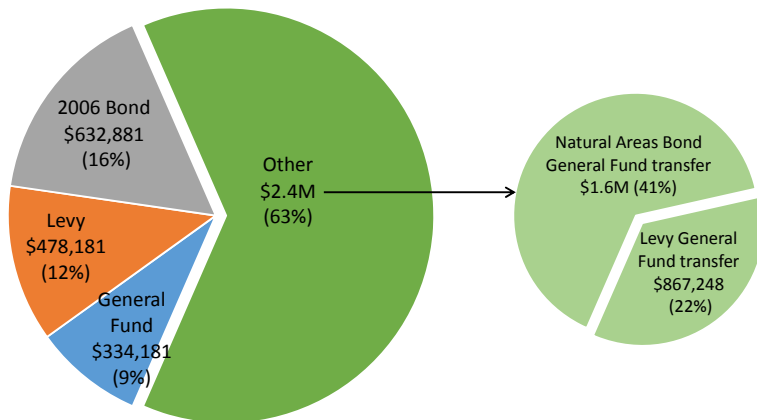


FY 2015-16

Total: \$25.7 million



PARKS AND NATURE ADMINISTRATION



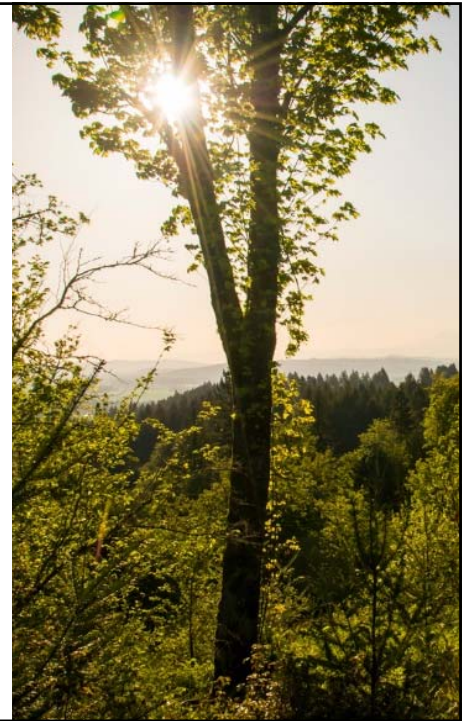
FY 2015-16

Total: \$3.9 million



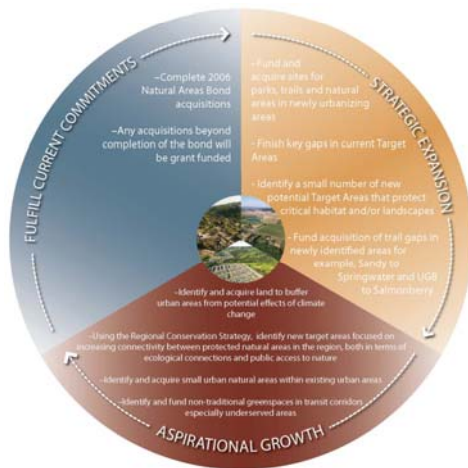
NATURAL AREAS RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE

- Approximately 12,000 acres managed primarily as natural areas
- Over 50 large restoration projects in FY 2015-16
- 35 full-time staff



NATURAL AREAS RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE

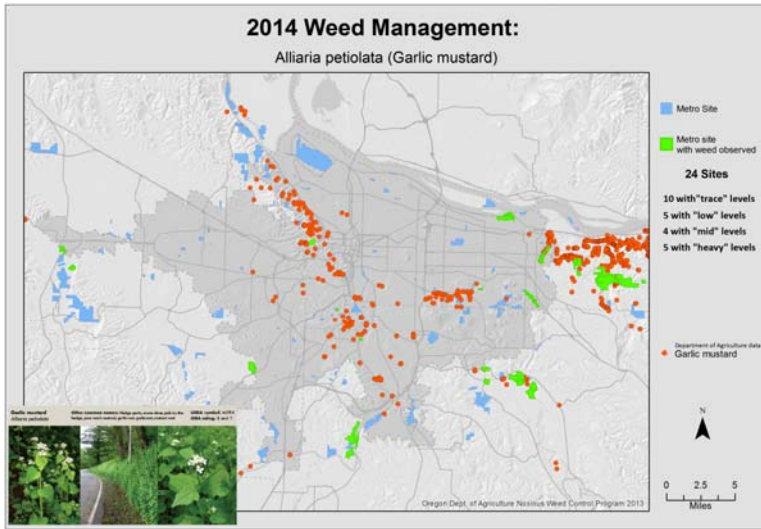
Land acquisition



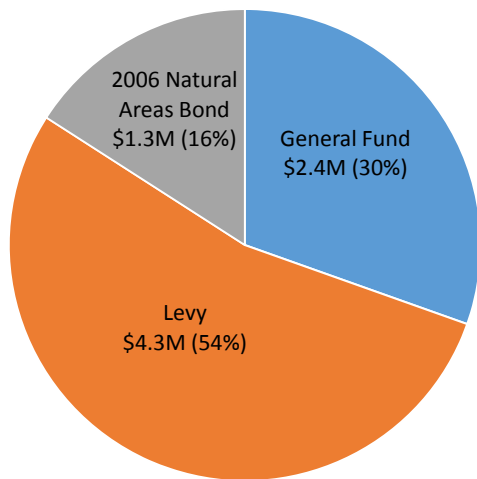
Natural areas stewardship



NATURAL AREAS RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE



NATURAL AREAS RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE



FY 2015-16

Total: \$8 million

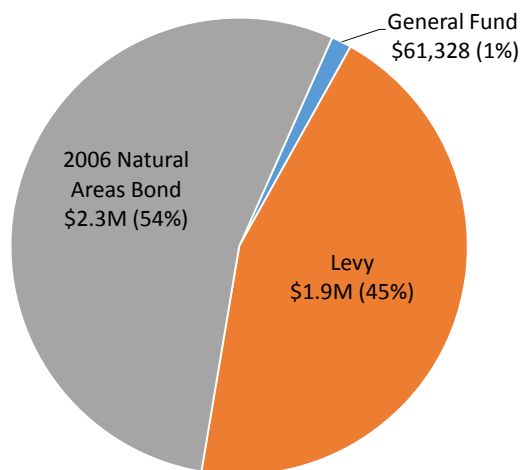


PARKS AND NATURE PROGRAMS

- Volunteer Services
- Conservation Education
- Nature in Neighborhoods community grants



NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS GRANTS AND EQUITY



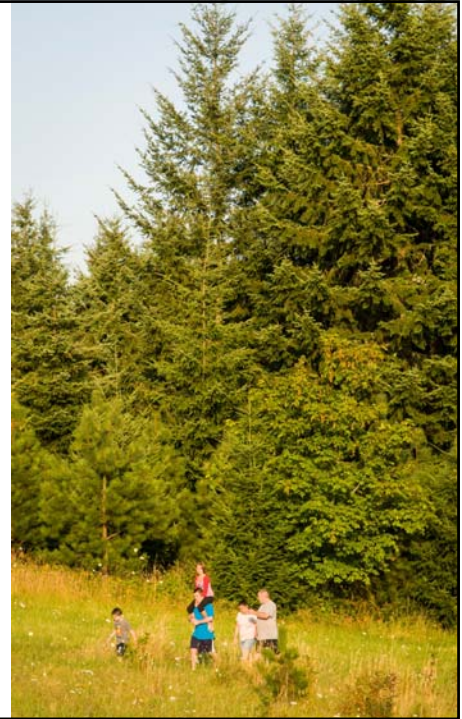
FY 2015-16

Total: \$4.2 million



NEXT STEPS

- Preparing draft System Plan document
- Stakeholder engagement on draft through late fall/winter
- Council review and consideration in March 2016



2006 Natural Areas Bond Fund

Summary of Resources, Requirements and Changes in Fund Balance
(Unaudited)

	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</u>	<u>FY14</u>	<u>Through 6/30/2015</u>	<u>Program Total</u>
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	0	122,299,840	93,979,814	77,117,027	56,792,607	36,469,224	98,783,002	78,247,452	65,755,472	0
Resources										
Bond Proceeds	130,678,369	0	0	0	0	90,015,894	0	0	0	220,694,263
Interest Earnings	1,301,230	5,600,503	2,538,906	940,859	322,830	139,417	180,451	551,006	404,005	11,979,206
Other Resources	10,000	27,380	5,322,056	385,730	414,009	964,004	882,461	3,038,628	2,679	11,046,946
Subtotal Resources	131,989,599	5,627,883	7,860,962	1,326,589	736,839	91,119,314	1,062,911	3,589,634	406,684	243,720,415
Requirements										
Land Acquisition										
Staff Costs	117,956	206,692	425,072	465,329	512,240	658,515	514,455	625,344	6.3	4,143,562
Materials & Services	6,786	2,599	334,980	328,153	8,506	3,907	31,450	4,037		730,870
Land Costs	7,596,372	25,224,753	14,517,160	10,282,293	8,416,742	14,616,212	7,802,932	5,500,237		100,385,923
Due Diligence										
Staff Costs	0	412,029	492,589	455,774	430,237	464,571	438,935	498,527	5.0	3,723,799
Materials & Services	96,539	199,756	183,474	299,244	315,358	412,112	699,814	246,354		2,651,740
Stabilization										
Staff Costs	19,578	116,534	190,606	290,234	388,887	430,992	441,095	431,361	4.7	2,816,966
Materials & Services	294	177,441	345,330	284,874	643,569	681,557	1,251,803	1,344,431		6,289,094
Local Share										
Staff Costs	0	36,269	43,872	47,458	49,759	56,434	57,341	59,700	0.5	413,538
Materials & Services	0	25	188	3,500	0	0	1,488	0		5,201
Payments to Jurisdictions	400,000	4,798,366	4,316,165	5,399,109	6,312,927	8,563,477	6,230,760	3,629,160		40,561,911
Capital Grants										
Staff Costs	0	63,831	89,352	125,466	91,744	111,876	94,896	92,017	0.8	765,569
Materials & Services	0	1,400	1,363	811	114	180	25	0		6,817
Grant Payments	0	0	49,750	534,899	1,287,039	195,282	1,510,360	747,233		5,069,355
Capital Construction										
Staff Costs	0	84,071	113,921	115,064	100,643	115,884	142,649	128,057	0.9	848,668
Capital	455,072	1,513,347	2,503,147	1,841,075	917,019	(9,098)	301,099	808,810		8,378,704
Administration										
Bond Issuance Costs	295,889	0	0	0	0	325,046	43	0		620,978
Refinement										
Staff Costs	1,477	5,426	0	0	0	0	0	0		6,903
Materials & Services	382,030	85,882	0	0	0	0	0	0		467,912
Direct Admin Costs										
Staff Costs	230,815	527,644	490,722	750,704	868,127	677,019	694,589	739,338	3.7	5,503,639
Materials & Services	25,980	152,422	51,490	56,082	263,857	890,303	533,379	399,297		2,828,717
Indirect Admin Costs*	60,971	339,422	574,569	370,939	453,567	611,267	851,346	827,713		5,163,339
Other Requirements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Subtotal Requirements	9,689,759	33,947,909	24,723,748	21,651,009	21,060,337	28,805,536	21,598,461	16,081,614	13,824,831	191,383,205
Ending Fund Balance	122,299,840	93,979,814	77,117,027	56,792,607	36,469,109	98,783,002	78,247,452	65,755,472	52,337,325	52,337,325
	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</u>	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15 YTD</u>	<u>Total</u>
Administration as % of Total Expenditures	10.29%	3.27%	4.52%	5.44%	7.53%	8.69%	9.63%	12.23%	14.86%	7.62%

* Indirect Administrative Expenses are those charged through internal allocation, and include services such as Human Resources, risk management, payroll, building rents, etc.

Note: Due Diligence staff costs have been removed from "Indirect Admin Costs" and the FTE for these positions is shown as a direct expense.

Natural Areas Stabilization Report

6/30/2015

	Acres	Acquisition Cost	Closing Date	Stabilization End Date	Status	Budget	Prior Years	FY 2015	Total Project Expenditures	Under/(Over) Budget
Personnel Services							1,438,292	500,136	1,938,428	
Materials & Services							75,809	26,271	102,080	
Stabilization Administration										
G02038 Happy Valley Homes	14.70	462,000	7/26/2011	7/26/2014	Complete		4,313	-	4,313	
G02097 Miller	20.99	3,000,000	6/30/2008	6/30/2010	Complete		19,042	-	19,042	
G02110 Cascade Pacific Council	68.30	1,353,000	5/5/2011	5/5/2016	Stabilization		74,418	1,190	75,608	
G02125 Darby Ridge	37.30	3,600,000	6/6/2007	6/6/2009	Complete		24,384	-	24,384	
G02132 Sunnyside Brook, LLC/BASILLI	22.48	504,500	6/15/2010	6/15/2012	Complete		19,226	-	19,226	
G02137 Persimmon Development TL600	15.00	379,500	10/14/2008	10/14/2010	Complete		3,371	-	3,371	
G02140 Rogers	30.02	750,000	4/8/2011	4/8/2016	Stabilization		169,148	14,332	183,479	
East Buttes and Boring Lava							313,901	15,521	329,423	
G46002 Mabel Johnson Trust	17.90	845,000	10/29/2009	10/29/2011	Complete		49,993	40,691	90,684	
G46008 Winters/Homes New to You Inc.	4.83	344,000	12/21/2010	12/21/2012	Complete		9,233	-	9,233	
G46012 Schafer Trust	7.20	380,000	10/4/2011	10/4/2013	Complete		37,433	-	37,433	
Deep Creek Target Area							96,660	40,691	137,350	
G18036 Corey	0.54	5,000	5/9/2013	5/9/2015	Complete		2,078	-	2,078	
G18039 Pratt Timberlands	88.30	404,000	10/9/2009	10/9/2011	Complete		9,182	-	9,182	
G18044 Vandeberghe	50.25	470,000	6/30/2014	6/30/2019	Stabilization		-	65,054	65,054	
Clackamas River Greenway							11,260	65,054	76,314	
G12016 Stark	61.00	1,050,000	7/26/2012	7/26/2017	Stabilization		110,095	36,528	146,623	
Clear Creek Canyon							110,095	36,528	146,623	

		Acquisition	Closing	Stabilization		Budget	Prior Years	FY 2015	Total Project	Under/(Over)
	Acres	Cost	Date	End Date	Status				Expenditures	Budget
G03010	Hartfeil	15.60	285,000	10/30/2013	10/30/2018	Stabilization	18,664	20,927	39,591	
G03053	Trust for Public Land-Evanson	106.66	1,140,000	8/13/2007	8/13/2009	Complete	42	-	42	
G03065	Gabriel	1.36	13,000	5/10/2012	5/10/2014	Complete	212	-	212	
Newell & Abernathy Creeks							18,918	20,927	39,845	
G55002	Stevens Family Enterprises LLC	24.70	1,800,000	6/20/2008	6/20/2010	Complete	29,268	-	29,268	
G55003	Landover Properties	63.91	4,382,000	6/8/2009	6/8/2012	Complete	108,095	-	108,095	
Stafford Basin							137,363	-	137,363	
G21006	Lewis	29.60	560,000	6/26/2012	6/26/2017	Stabilization	106,681	5,217	111,898	
G21007	Davis - File #21.07	24.34	690,000	3/11/2009	3/11/2011	Complete	12,801	-	12,801	
G21015	Reeder	181.25	2,200,000	6/28/2011	12/31/2015	Stabilization	351,130	14,484	365,613	
G21019	Benson	4.90	333,000	9/27/2011	9/27/2016	Stabilization	76,659	5,323	81,982	
G21020	Brar	22.37	124,000	2/4/2013	2/4/2018	Stabilization	80,652	59,163	139,814	
G22010	Vlahos	26.00	1,200,000	4/27/2012	4/27/2017	Stabilization	114,555	-	114,555	
G22025	Kahre	13.29	795,000	3/25/2009	3/25/2011	Complete	9,343	-	9,343	
G22027	Little Rock Island	12.00	-	10/26/2012	10/26/2017	Stabilization	6,214	-	6,214	
Willamette Narrows							758,034	84,187	842,221	
G08024	State of Oregon DAS - Dammasch	19.76	186,300	7/25/2008	7/25/2010	Complete	50,099	-	50,099	
G08029	Weedman/Tonquin	24.40	500,000	3/12/2012	3/12/2017	Stabilization	25,741	19,066	44,807	
G08031	Fritzler	4.81	50,000	5/20/2013	5/20/2018	Stabilization	-	5,579	5,579	
Tonquin Geologic Ares							75,840	24,645	100,485	
G54001	Burge Trust	52.93	808,500	5/2/2007	5/2/2009	Complete	3,224	-	3,224	
G54003	Holmes Trust	38.60	1,050,000	10/17/2008	10/17/2010	Complete	50,311	-	50,311	
G54004	Cole	5.00	325,000	6/8/2009	6/8/2011	Complete	2,403	-	2,403	
G54005	Streeter	23.20	680,528	6/8/2009	6/8/2011	Complete	47,500	-	47,500	

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G54010 Sperline Trust	3.00	395,000	3/21/2014	3/21/2019	Stabilization		5,995	2,529	8,524	
G54012 Massoni	10.00	70,300	12/15/2010	12/15/2012	Complete		33	-	33	
G54013 Ralston/Consani	34.00	600,000	8/23/2010	8/23/2012	Complete		54,061	-	54,061	
G54014 Schmeltzer, file 54.014	76.55	900,000	11/21/2011	11/21/2016	Stabilization		57,133	15,362	72,495	
G54016 Bohm (Conserv. Easement)	26.35	171,275	1/31/2013	1/31/2017	Stabilization		14,114	22,680	36,794	
Lower Tualatin Headwaters							234,772	40,571	275,344	
G11011 Nelson/Vanghn Trust	68.25	800,000	8/29/2012	8/29/2017	Stabilization		95,344	65,142	160,486	
G11031 Kapaun	0.41	275,000	9/28/2007	9/28/2009	Complete		61	-	61	
G11033 ICON Construction	1.50	300,000	10/24/2008	10/24/2010	Complete		9,948	-	9,948	
G11036 Pohlpete and Martin	1.61	195,000	3/20/2014	3/20/2019	Stabilization		882	69,658	70,539	
G11038 Brown 3	16.30	130,320	6/30/2014	6/30/2019	Stabilization		-	4,182	4,182	
G11039 Linn Property	1.00	5,000	12/8/2014	12/8/2019	Stabilization		-	787	787	
Tualatin River Greenway							106,234	139,769	246,003	
G05037 Schell	5.00	435,000	2/27/2015	2/27/2017	Stabilization		-	1,126	1,126	
Cooper Mountain							-	1,126	1,126	
G50006 Lynscot Management	152.49	1,290,000	2/6/2012	2/6/2017	Stabilization		254,691	93,399	348,089	
G50008 Zurcher	246.00	1,875,000	3/23/2015	12/31/2021	Stabilization	475,000	-	2,232	2,232	472,769
Wapato Lake Target Area							254,691	95,630	350,321	
G48001 Hamacher/Ponzi	36.30	1,146,500	2/11/2008	2/11/2010	Complete		16,968	4,670	21,638	
G48002 Chehalem Ridge/TPL/Iowa Hill	#####	6,120,000	1/7/2010	1/7/2017	Stabilization		861,194	134,471	995,665	
G48003 Withycombe	147.29	1,241,000	3/15/2013	3/15/2018	Stabilization		28,739	52,272	81,012	
G48004 McKenzie/Chehalem Ridge	19.17	175,000	9/22/2011	9/22/2016	Stabilization		47,701	3,468	51,170	
G48005 Sandstrom Revocable Lvng Trust	40.00	350,000	11/15/2012	11/15/2017	Stabilization		93,540	14,425	107,964	
Chehalem Ridgetop-Refuge Area							1,048,142	209,306	1,257,448	

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G07039 Wetter	88.05	700,000	4/13/2007	4/13/2009	Complete		2,486	1,450	3,936	
G07042 Saxton	6.70	105,700	1/22/2009	1/22/2011	Complete		24,192	-	24,192	
G07045 Erickson	2.74	270,000	8/25/2014	8/25/2019	Stabilization		-	18,540	18,540	
Dairy McKay Target Area							26,678	19,990	46,667	
G56002 Moore Family Farm	214.95	650,000	3/8/2012	3/8/2017	Stabilization		42,355	9,059	51,413	
Killin Wetland Target Area							42,355	9,059	51,413	
G13040 Steinberg	39.50	995,000	9/30/2011	9/30/2016	Stabilization		18,237	-	18,237	
G13043 Keystone Construction & Dev	20.61	245,062	4/12/2010	4/12/2018	Complete		12,638	-	12,638	
G13044 Chang	20.00	225,000	9/14/2009	9/14/2018	Complete		4,222	-	4,222	
G13046 Cho	40.00	838,060	6/4/2010	6/4/2018	Complete		72,526	-	72,526	
G13047 Lorenzen	55.60	990,000	9/27/2013	9/27/2018	Stabilization		39,788	75,261	115,049	
G13048 Fernald	37.39	900,000	4/21/2011	6/29/2016	Stabilization		41,034	4,427	45,461	
G13049 Hampton / Rock Creek	80.80	650,000	12/21/2011	12/21/2016	Stabilization		65,834	9,231	75,065	
G13050 Multnomah County Tax Title	26.50	-	5/9/2012	5/9/2017	Stabilization		9,974	955	10,929	
G13051 Mid Valley Resources	300.00	1,450,000	12/21/2011	12/21/2016	Stabilization		48,324	13,381	61,705	
G13052 Orenco Woods/Hillsboro/TPL	42.00	4,000,000	12/1/2011	12/1/2016	Stabilization		88,970	137,290	226,260	
Rock Creek Greenway&Headwaters							401,549	240,545	642,094	
G06058 Margolis/TPL	57.50	1,790,000	3/27/2007	3/27/2009	Complete		2,341	2,630	4,971	
G06065 Oregon Parks Foundation	86.50	86,450	11/20/2008	11/20/2010	Complete		45,947	-	45,947	
G06066 Joyce	1.64	175,000	5/2/2014	5/2/2017	Stabilization		-	7,090	7,090	
Forest Park Expansion							48,288	9,720	58,008	
G28009 Roughton/Columbia Slough	20.50	1,997,093	2/24/2011	2/24/2013	Complete		38,190	-	38,190	

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G28031	0.96	85,000	12/19/2012	NA	Trail Easement		271	-	271	
G28047	54.05	542,888	12/12/2012	NA	IGA - CoP		16,100	-	16,100	
Columbia Slough Target Area							54,562	-	54,562	
G29001	10.00	525,000	6/22/2007	6/22/2009	Complete		702	-	702	
G29002	1.02	240,000	12/29/2006	12/29/2008	Complete		640	-	640	
G29004	20.00	1,200,000	11/27/2007	11/27/2009	Complete		93,619	254	93,872	
G29005	1.28	450,000	7/31/2007	7/31/2009	Complete		6,633	-	6,633	
G29006	49.00	5,148,750	7/13/2007	7/13/2009	Complete		10,296	16,066	26,362	
G29007	1.54	260,000	1/7/2008	1/7/2010	Complete		2,762	-	2,762	
G29008	52.68	5,850,000	11/30/2007	11/30/2009	Complete		4,670	-	4,670	
G29012	1.98	400,000	7/14/2008	7/14/2010	Complete		29,380	-	29,380	
G29013	5.59	378,000	2/9/2010	2/9/2012	Complete		31,363	-	31,363	
G29015	0.50	350,000	10/7/2008	10/7/2010	Complete		36,411	-	36,411	
G29017	0.38	25,000	12/23/2008	12/23/2010	Complete		1,618	-	1,618	
G29018	16.08	600,000	10/15/2014	10/15/2019	Stabilization	280,000	-	67,544	67,544	212,456
G29019	5.85	187,000	4/8/2011	10/30/2015	Stabilization		48,158	-	48,158	
G29020	2.97	322,626	11/18/2010	11/18/2015	Stabilization		51,967	2,993	54,959	
G29022	4.81	450,000	6/28/2012	6/28/2017	Stabilization		52,941	13,162	66,103	
G29025	6.16	345,000	10/10/2014	10/10/2019	Stabilization	155,000	-	96,453	96,453	58,547
Johnson Creek Target Area							371,160	196,472	567,632	
G04024	41.80	275,000	12/1/2009	12/4/2011	Complete		55	-	55	
G04032	7.90	310,000	9/30/2014	9/30/2017	Stabilization		-	8,720	8,720	
Sandy River Gorge							55	8,720	8,775	
G01004	107.00	1,245,000	5/12/2014	5/12/2020	Stabilization		3,652	28,782	32,435	
Willamette River Greenway							3,652	28,782	32,435	

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G16009 Fields	25.89	5,150,000	9/13/2012	9/13/2017	Stabilization		56,273	5,382	61,655	
Fanno Creek Greenway							56,273	17,572	73,845	
G17018 Burger	21.70	245,964	6/26/2014	6/26/2019	Stabilization		-	5,600	5,600	
Westside Trail							-	5,600	5,600	
G52001 OSU Foundation	24.63	325,000	5/19/2010	5/19/2016	Stabilization		55,845	-	55,845	
Cazadero Trail							55,845	-	55,845	
G47006 Fairview Creek Headwaters	32.90	2,185,000	5/13/2014	6/13/2019	Stabilization		1,557	40,850	42,407	
Gresham to Fairview Trail							1,557	40,850	42,407	

Gaining ground

A report to the community from the Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee

The Natural Areas Program continued gaining ground on achieving the outcomes of the bond program during the last year, building on the strong work accomplished in previous years.

Metro's Natural Area Program buys land from willing sellers and supports projects in local communities to protect wildlife habitat, preserve and restore regional watersheds, and increase access to nature for the people who live in the three-county region.

In 2006, Portland-area voters approved a \$227.4 million bond measure to fund the Natural Areas Program. This is the eighth year Metro has been implementing the bond program.

Each year, as stipulated in the bond, the Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee has provided independent citizen review to guide the program. At regular meetings with Metro staff, they ensure that projects and acquisitions funded with taxpayer dollars are managed well, staffed appropriately, utilize effective tools and performance measures, and meet the bond's defined goals.

This report from the Oversight Committee to voters and the Metro Council considers the progress of the program during FY 2015 from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

The committee has found that each of the three primary components of the program meets or exceeds the goals set in 2006. This is apparent from the following summary of program status and expenditures.

Regional acquisition

\$168.4 million to acquire 3,500-4,500 acres from willing sellers in 27 target areas

Acquisition expenditures were \$11.6 million. Total expenditures for acquisitions stand at \$142 million, or 84 percent of the total \$168.4 million allocation.

Local share

\$44 million allocated to local governments for park improvement projects and locally important acquisitions

Local share expenditures were approximately \$700,000. Cumulatively, local share expenditures stand at nearly \$41 million or 93 percent of the total \$44 million allowance.

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

\$15 million for grants to community groups, nonprofits and local governments for projects that "re-green" or "re-nature" neighborhoods

The Metro Council awarded \$2.1 million to seven new projects this year. Cumulatively, \$14.2 million has been awarded to 47 projects. Of the total \$15 million allocation, 91 percent has been committed.



REGIONAL ACQUISITION

Metro acquires land – in 20 natural areas and seven trail/greenway corridors – from target areas identified in the 2006 bond measure.

Since 2007, 5,286 acres have been acquired and protected, substantially surpassing the overall acreage goal of the 2006 bond.

This year, Metro acquired 405 acres of natural areas. Those acquisitions include sites in two target areas that have been slow to come available:

- 246 acres in the Wapato Lake target area that will increase opportunities for long-term habitat restoration in the region
- Five acres, important for connectivity, located between Metro’s Cooper Mountain Nature Park and several Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District parks in Beaverton.

Other FY 2015 acquisitions are significant because they allow for more public access to nature, such as an 11.5-acre property adjacent to Metro’s Newell Creek Canyon holdings in Oregon City. The property offers an improved trailhead option.

This year Metro also added 48 acres that support implementation of the Regional Trails Plan including land along the Westside Trail and the Tualatin and Willamette river greenways.

Quarterly topics and discussion

At the March 2015 meeting, the committee discussed what happens when properties no longer fit within Metro’s management portfolio. Of the 421 sites acquired in the 1995 and 2006 bond measures, Metro has sold two properties that did not fit its criteria. Staff explained the process for declaring a property surplus and then selling it.

The committee reviewed staff’s proposal to sell six additional properties and suggested improvements to criteria that staff were using to address concerns about overall public benefit, cost of future maintenance, water quality and connectivity.

Conclusion and recommendations

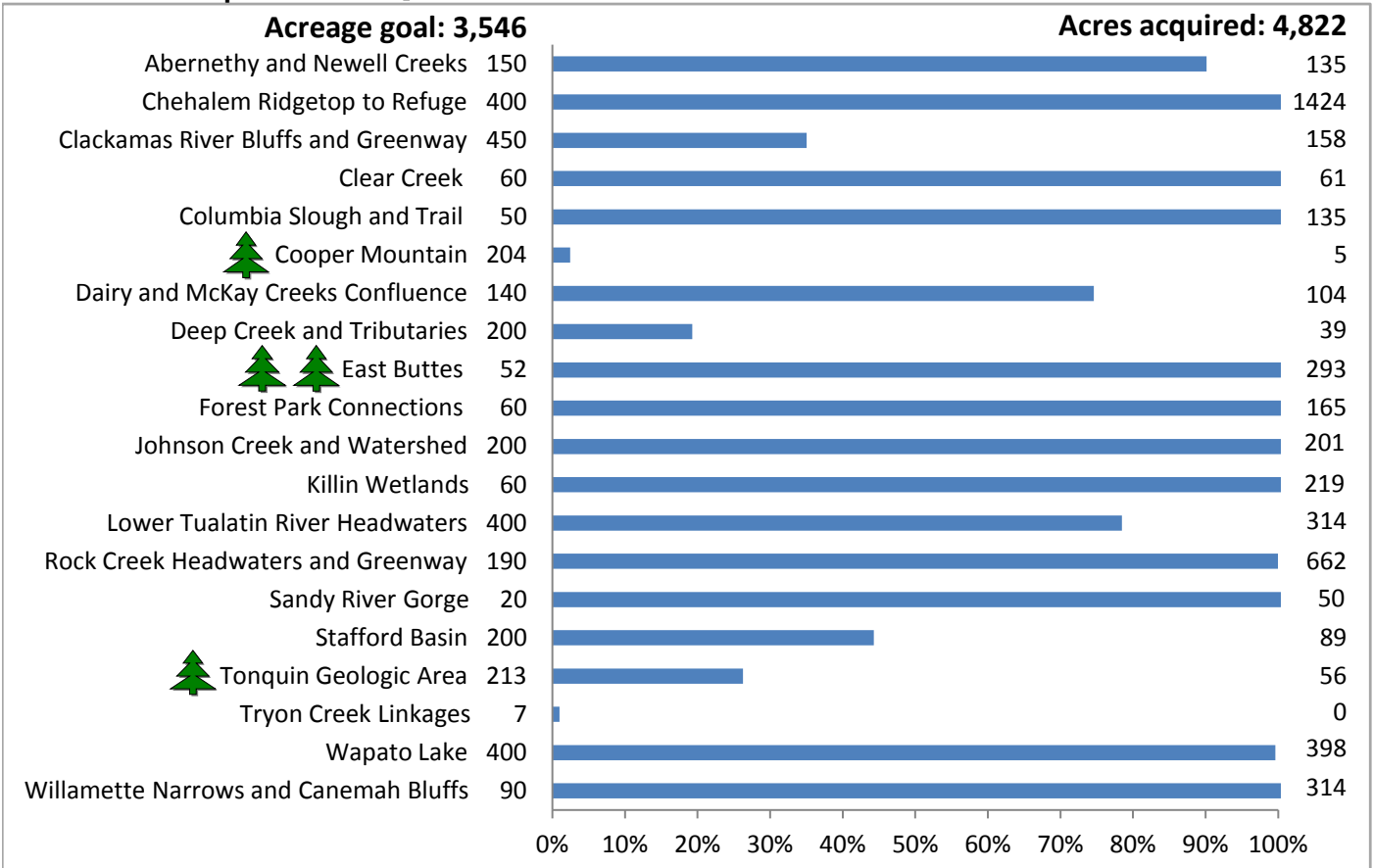
The Oversight Committee is satisfied that the acquisition program has exceeded its acreage target within the ten-year timeframe and encourages Metro staff to keep trying new strategies to acquire properties in target areas where acquisitions have lagged.

The committee will work with staff to develop performance measures specific to trail acquisitions and projects.

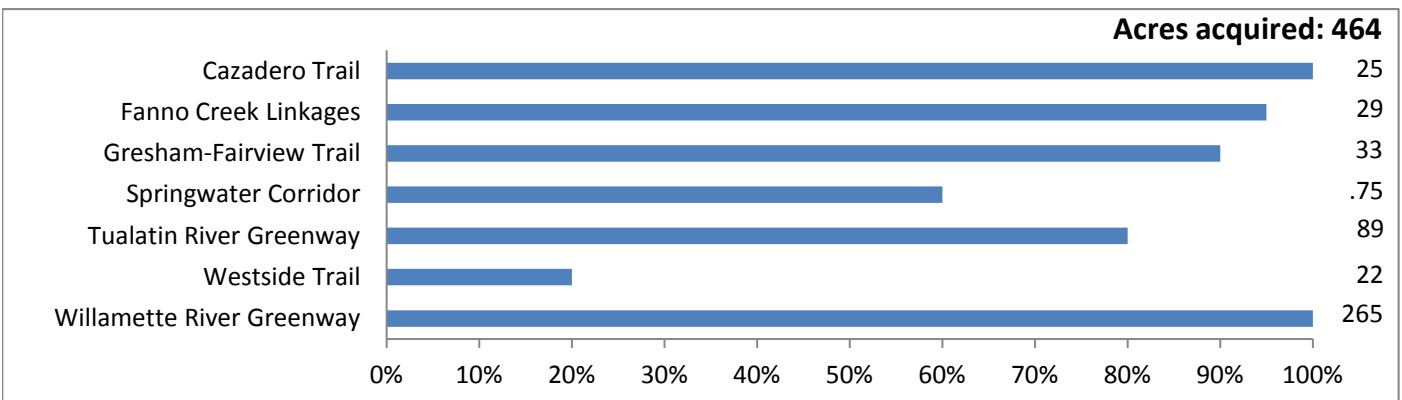
Our next target for improvement can be measuring and monitoring the effectiveness of trail acquisitions – setting measurement goals for trails that are different from acreage to better measure how effectively we’re using money for trails and connectors. –Dean Alterman, committee member

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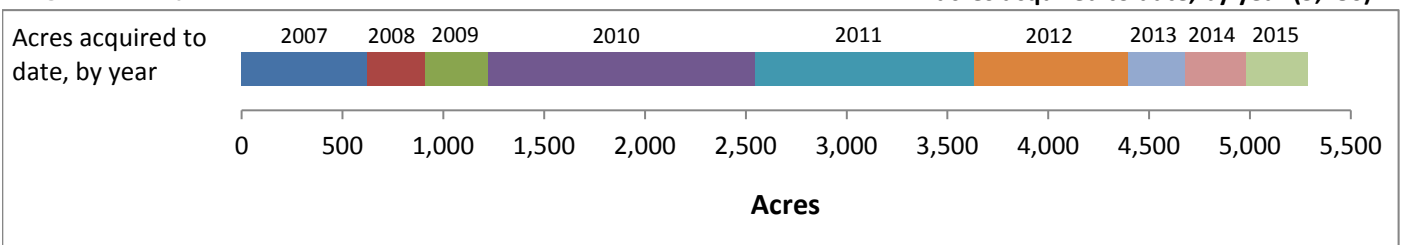
Natural area acquisition  **park built**  **percent of 2006 refinement plan acreage goals met or exceeded**



Trail/greenway corridors  **percent of 2006 refinement plan goals met**



Regional acquisition **acres acquired to date, by year (5,286)**



LOCAL SHARE

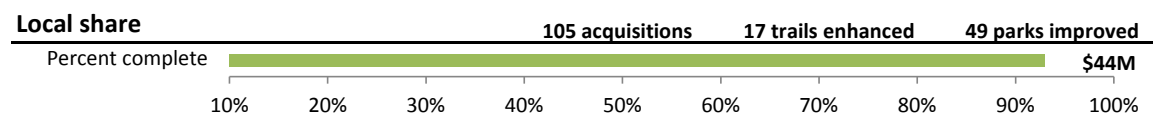
Under the Local Share component of the bond, \$44 million is distributed on a per capita basis to 28 cities, counties and park providers within the Metro region to fund local acquisitions, restoration projects and trail and park improvement projects.

In FY 2015, local share expenditures were approximately \$700,000. At the June 2015 meeting, staff reported that \$41 million or 93 percent of the local share funds had been expended.

Even though intergovernmental agreements with local governments expired in March 2014, staff is still working with 10 local share partners to extend agreements in order to complete their projects. Some projects have been delayed because of limited staff capacity, unavailability of willing sellers or delays in completing project master plans. A few local governments have changed their projects due to these factors, preventing project completion.

As of June 2015, local share funds have been used to acquire 105 properties, enhance 17 trails and improve 49 parks across the region.

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NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants are made to neighborhood associations, schools, non-profits and community groups for projects that preserve or restore water quality and wildlife habitat, or increase the presence of nature in urban environments.

An Oversight Committee member participates on the Capital Grants Review Committee to assess proposed projects and provide additional accountability to voters.

Quarterly topics and discussion

Staff provided a report of the year's local share expenditures at the March 2015 meeting. Natural area acquisitions – 661 acres acquired so far – represent nearly half of the local share funds allocated and spent.

Overall, 17 sites throughout the region have been acquired for park use – these range from small pocket parks to a large sports complex.

To date Metro's local share partners have leveraged their bond funds to gain nearly \$37.5 million in funding from other sources.

Conclusion and recommendations

With 93 percent of funds expended, the local share program is winding down. The committee should continue to monitor expenditures and progress using staff-provided reports.

The committee supports staff's approach of extending the intergovernmental agreements between Metro and its local partners to allow them to utilize remaining local share funds.

Of the total \$15 million allocation for capital grants, 91 percent has been committed with \$1.4 currently available for future awards.

Quarterly topics and discussion

So far 11 projects have been completed for expenditures of nearly \$5 million. Staff expect that the remaining projects will be mostly completed by the end of 2019. Project schedules can be long because of the need to raise matching funds, issues with permitting, agency schedules or unforeseen budget increases.

At the June 2015 meeting, staff told the committee that an Oregon Fellow sponsored by Portland State University and Metro will interview grant recipients this fall about the impact of Metro’s investments through the program.

The Capital Grant program was envisioned as a tool to explore how investments in the region’s more developed areas can contribute to regional conservation as well

as healthy communities. Therefore, the study will explore how awarded projects have addressed the objectives of the bond measure and advanced Metro’s desired outcomes for a livable region.

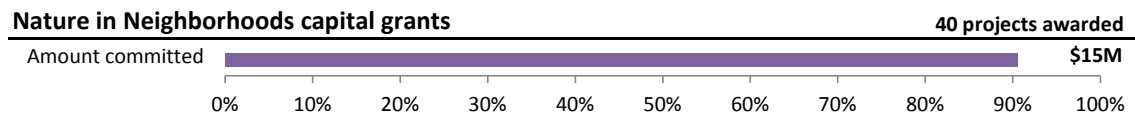
The committee discussed staff transition as both the capital grants and local share programs wind down. The programs share the cost of one full time position and significant work remains in managing capital grant project contracts and IGAs.

After tough discussions about which projects hewed most closely to the ideas of “re-naturing” and “re-greening,” I feel that capital grants were awarded to the most appropriate projects.
-Norm Penner, capital grant committee liaison

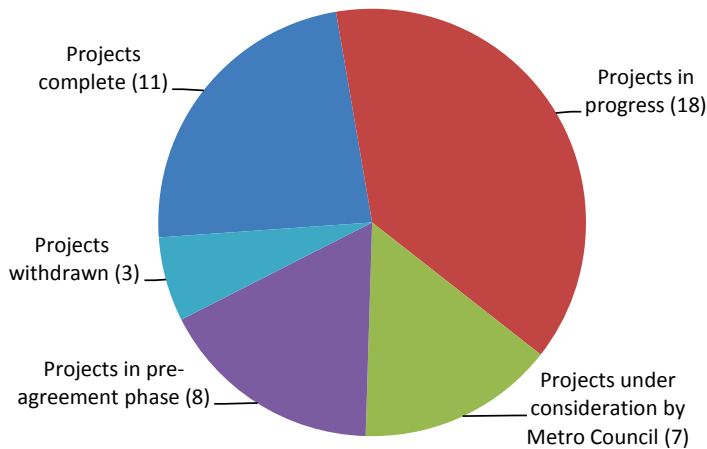
Conclusion and recommendations

The Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant program is winding down but ongoing projects will still require active management and review. The committee should continue to assess projects for adherence to performance measures and ensure that the program is adequately staffed.

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CAPITAL GRANTS PROJECT STATUS



OTHER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REVIEW

STABILIZATION AT ACQUIRED SITES

For every property it acquires Metro develops a stabilization plan that outlines how to ensure the site is put on a trajectory towards long-term ecological health. Measures called for include removal of invasive species (such as Scot's broom, English ivy and blackberries), contaminants, unwanted structures or enhancements to make sure the property is stable before it enters Metro's inventory of properties awaiting restoration, maintenance or other improvements.

The challenge for Metro in the coming years will be whether or not they can keep or enhance the quality of site conditions over time with increased public access and natural resource pressures such as climate change. -Kendra Smith, committee member

At the December 2014 meeting the committee asked if Metro tracks costs per acre for acquisitions and stabilization. Going forward, stabilization costs will be easier to analyze because they will be entered into Terramet – Metro's database for the Natural Areas program.

By June 2015, the Terramet database was linked to on-the-ground action for restoration and maintenance work allowing staff to make more accurate cost-estimates in the future.

Stabilization work is underway at several new properties.

WILLAMETTE FALLS

The committee requested additional information about the use of \$5 million in bond funds for the Willamette Falls project in Oregon City. This year, Metro received a donated riverfront easement from the property owner, Falls Legacy, LLC. Portland General Electric donated an option allowing a riverside walkway to be built across part of its dam, offering the best view of the falls.

A team has been chosen to design the Riverwalk, which will allow the public close-up views of the falls for the first time in a century, and will link to future private development at the site.

PARKS AND NATURE SYSTEM PLAN

Staff are gathering stakeholder input and working with partners to draft a comprehensive guidance plan for Metro's 17,000+ acres of parks, natural areas and trails. The plan will provide a systematic framework for, and outline the future of, Metro's property portfolio. A final document will be presented to the Metro Council in March 2016.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS/COST ALLOCATIONS

The committee reviewed cost allocation, as it does every year, and found practices to be consistent with previous years.

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The bond has an unusual circumstances provision for property transactions that fall outside the due diligence guidelines. These transactions require authorization by the Metro Council.

In August 2014, the Oversight Committee collaborated with staff to update the Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan recommending more flexibility for negotiators and additional criteria for acquisitions.

Staff subsequently reported to the committee that the modified work plan has reduced the number of unusual circumstance transactions and has increased the efficiency of the acquisitions process. Three transactions were approved by the Metro Council under the unusual circumstances provision this fiscal year and, in keeping with past practice, were reviewed by the Oversight Committee.

ADDITIONAL BOND INVESTMENTS

Approximately \$15-\$20 million of bond funds have been dedicated to accelerate work on capital projects included in bond refinement plans and approved by the Metro Council in November 2014. The work includes access projects in several target areas, including East Buttes and Chehalem Ridge.

At the March 2015 meeting the Oversight Committee discussed whether this was an allowable use of funds and were satisfied, after checking bond language, that although the focus of the bond program to date has been on acquisition, its terms allow for making limited improvements with bond funds to provide public access or increase use and enjoyment of sites within the bond's target areas.

Additional parks and nature planning and communications staff will be hired to support the additional bond investment projects.

THE YEAR AHEAD

In the coming year, the Oversight Committee will follow up on the recommendations made in this report and will continue to assess and monitor program operations.

Conclusion and recommendations

- The committee will conduct a review of stabilization practices, outcomes and costs in September 2015.
- The committee praised the flexibility and innovation in the Willamette Falls Legacy Project's acquisition process and will continue to review use of bond funds for the project.
- The committee will continue to work with staff to review and provide input to the Parks and Nature System Plan.
- Throughout the year, the committee will continue to monitor the application of unusual circumstances in land acquisition transactions.
- The committee will monitor progress of the new capital construction projects and will work with staff to devise effective performance measures for these investments. The committee will review staff capacity to ensure that it is sufficient for implementing all aspects of the Natural Areas Program.

I'm impressed with the organization of the staff, with how effectively they are fulfilling their mission. Every indication I have is that they are moving ahead and doing the right thing. -Walt McMonies, committee member

With Metro's continuing purchases, it secures green spaces for recreational use, water quality and animal habitat for future generations. Properly managed and protected, Metro's portfolio of properties will be a Godsend to our children, and theirs.

-Bill Drew, committee member

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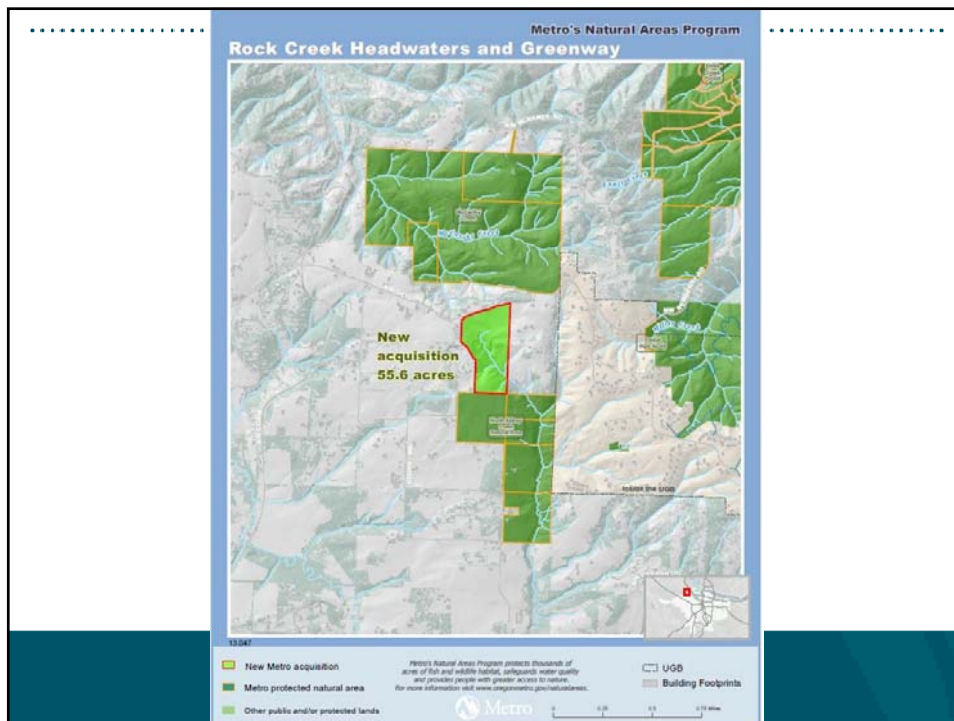
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Natural Areas stabilization review

- Function-based stabilization: how are benchmarks being used to monitor stabilization progress?
- Has function-based stabilization changed the timing of expenditures on individual properties?
- How are we progressing on adding budgets to property stabilization plans?
- What is the role of Terramet in the stabilization process?





Lorenzen property stabilization status report

PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	BENCHMARK	STATUS
Gates	None present	Install gate to control access off of Skyline	Functioning gate	Gate installed 2013
Fences	Boundary fences exist, some in degraded condition	Survey to determine property boundary; remove fences where not needed for access control to improve wildlife movement; relocate and repair fences as needed	Fences removed or repaired	Fence removed on north boundary
Structures	Home, dilapidated barn, small play house and well	Remove all structures and decommission well	Structures removed, well decommissioned	Structures removed 2013; well decommissioning completed 2015
Roads and culverts	Old logging roads in forest, some degrading conditions including blocked and non-functional culverts and ditches	Assess old logging road system to identify stabilization needs such as pulling culverts, re-grading to control drainage and erosion control on degrading side slopes	Roads repaired or decommissioned; road-associated active erosion mitigated	In progress
Boundaries	Boundary not fully marked	Survey as needed, mark all boundaries	Boundaries marked	Completed 2013
Hazard trees	Hazard trees may exist along boundaries	Survey and remove if needed		None found
Encroachments	Existing eastern fence line encroaching onto Metro property; involves two adjacent properties	Survey and relocate fence	Fence re-located	Fence relocated 2014
Dumping issues	Old dumpsite exists on western boundary across from county operations; much of the material is incorporated into roadside slope and removing would likely de-stabilize road	Remove surface material	Material lying on the surface is removed	Material removed in 2014

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HABITAT	ACRES	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	DATE	STABILIZATION BENCHMARK	STATUS
Aquatic	1300 ft	Headwaters area is currently pasture and experiences significant sheet flow during rain events. Significant down cutting occurred in North Abbey Creek due to past logging events, resulting in incision and sedimentation. Appears to be an old impoundment that captures some water draining from the upper eastern field.	Identify source of stream degradation and implement mitigation to reduce down cutting in headwaters of North Abbey Creek. Remove impoundment bank. Reforestation of field will reduce surface flow but will take 5+ years to result in significant flow reduction.	2014-2019	Install large logs in and along North Abbey Creek to improve hydrologic function.	Completed Sept 2015. Four large log complexes were installed, up to four logs per complex.
Riparian	12	Headwaters area is currently pasture. Remaining riparian forest includes diverse plant community and larger diameter trees but is narrow and lacks down wood.	Reforest headwaters with Oregon ash, willow, Douglas-fir and native shrubs. Add down wood if assessment confirms large wood is lacking.	2014-2019	Headwaters reforested, plants are free to grow; weeds controlled in riparian area, down wood added to system.	Planted 2015, additional planting scheduled for 2016, down wood added to riparian area in 2015.
Douglas-fir upland forest	43	Forest dominated by young (25YO) Douglas-fir; includes approximately 10 acres currently in pasture condition.	Conduct stand inventory and develop thinning prescription to promote species diversity, large diameter trees and a native shrub layer. Inter-plant gaps as needed to establish shrub habitat. Create down wood and snags.	2014-2018	Thinning complete, gaps planted with native shrubs; wildlife piles, down dead wood and snags are present.	Thinning completed, snags and wildlife piles of down wood created (4 snags, 4 wildlife piles/acre). Understory planting scheduled for 2016.

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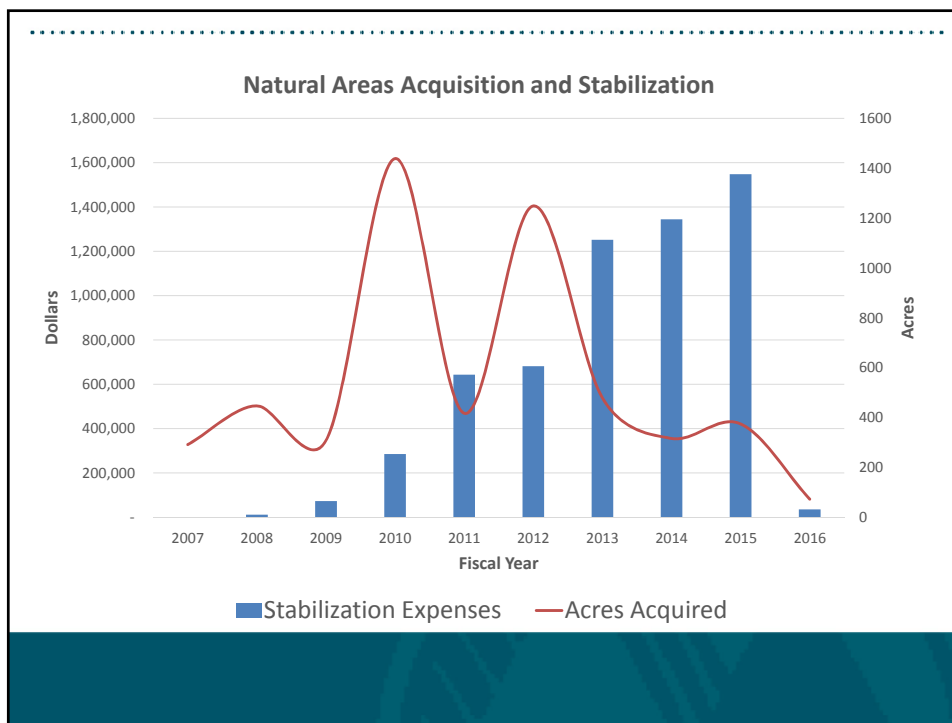
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INVASIVE SPECIES	ACRES	TREATMENT TYPE	INITIATE TREATMENT	RE-VEG DATE	STABILIZATION BENCHMARK	STATUS
Blackberry	Patches	Mow, cut and spray	2013	2015-2016	<1% cover blackberry	Second treatment spring 2016
Holly, ivy	55	Survey entire property and treat (cut and spray) as occurs	2014	N/A	No tree ivy; <1% cover ground ivy or re-sprouting holly	Delay until thinning complete, fall 2015
Thistle and other misc field weeds	20	Spray	2014	2015-2016	<1% cover invasive weeds	Second treatment spring 2016

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Lorenzen stabilization expenditures

- 2013-2014: \$39,788
- 2015: \$75,261
- 2016-2017: \$20-35,000



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Metro | Memo

Date: September 29, 2015
To: Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee
From: Barbara Edwardson, Acquisition Supervisor
Subject: Target area updates

This is a review of several of the target areas with the lowest number of acres acquired versus the refinement plan goals. As a reminder, the goals were conceived in the time leading up to the passage of the bond measure, and in the 9-month refinement period after the bond passed input was gathered from stakeholders, scientists, etc. The goals were meant to be guidelines with some flexibility.

DEEP CREEK TARGET AREA

Goal: 200 acres | Acquired: 41 acres | No. of acquisitions 6

Refinement plan objectives: Acquire land to protect forested areas in the canyons of the North Fork of Deep Creek to Boring.

The landowners of the most desirable properties have been contacted by Metro several times. Of four targeted properties, one is currently under contract, one in negotiation, one offer has been made and rejected (environmental concerns) and we have had no response from one. Will be close to achieving the refinement plan goals.

CLACKAMAS RIVER BLUFFS AND GREENWAY TARGET AREA

Goal: 450 acres | Acquired: 157 acres | No. of acquisitions: 9

Refinement plan objectives: Protect undeveloped floodplain lands along both sides of the lower Clackamas River from Barton Park to Clear Creek with remnant side channels, gravel bars, intact forests and wetland for improving fish habitat and maintaining water quality.

Concentrating on river frontage, especially adjacent to existing Metro holdings. Also working on large forested bluff property. Offer out on 66 acres.

TONQUIN GEOLOGIC TARGET AREA

Goal: 213 acres | Acquired: 56 acres | No. of acquisitions: 4

Refinement plan objectives: Acquire lands within the Coffee Lake Creek and Rock Creek areas for completing restoration on Coffee Creek and on permanent protection of the unique geologic features. Acquire lands within the Coffee Lake Creek and Rock Creek areas for regional trail connections.

Would like to connect Graham Oaks Nature Park to Coffee Lake Creek Natural area. There are several large landowners involved, and unique challenges because of (expensive) quarry properties as well as urban and rural reserve issues. Actively negotiating on a wetland property to consolidate wetland areas and better control hydrology. Will be close to acquiring acreage goals.

STAFFORD BASIN TARGET AREA

Goal: 200 acres | Acquired: 88 acres | No. of acquisitions: 2

Refinement plan objectives: Preserve lands along Wilson Creek and Pecan Creek to link existing protected lands and to create corridors for wildlife habitat and future trail use.

Urban reserve process has had an impact on acquisitions. Still dealing with same landowners who were contacted in 1996. Objective is to acquire lands upon Wilson and Pecan creeks. Very high end homes on large acreage. Hope to acquire more acres, but not sure until the urban reserve question is settled. Most challenging target area. Political dynamics have changed in the area since the bond was passed.

COOPER MOUNTAIN TARGET AREA

Goal: 204 acres | Acquired: 5 acres | No. of acquisitions: 1

Refinement plan objectives: Acquire lands adjacent to Cooper Mountain Nature Park to secure rare oak habitat and riparian corridors and enhance the experience of park users.

Same landowners from 1996. Also an urban reserve area. Would like to connect THPRD's Winkelman Park to Cooper Mountain Nature Park; one large property is between and the property owner is not interested in selling. Will continue to keep in contact with property owners. Hope to make additional progress in the target area.

PROCESS GOING FORWARD

We will continue to be strategic. Out of the 13 properties closed this calendar year, 10 are fewer than 10 acres but are important because they fill trail gaps (Big Eddy) or provide better access (Halton).

The pool of targeted properties is much larger than the remaining funds allow. Meetings are being held with the science and planning teams to review maps of every target area and note priority properties. Assigning value to just some of them produced about \$70 million in value, so we are refining that list to focus on.

We are also coordinating with the planning group as they are actively looking at the North Tualatin Mountains and Chehalem Ridge sites for future access.

CONSIDERATIONS

A targeted property is not just "on the map." It must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Completes/fulfills a refinement plan objective
- Adjacent to a Metro property and has enhancement value (i.e., provides better access or creates connection between separate parcels)
- High conservation value (i.e., markedly improves water quality)
- Trail segment
- Offers future public access to nature

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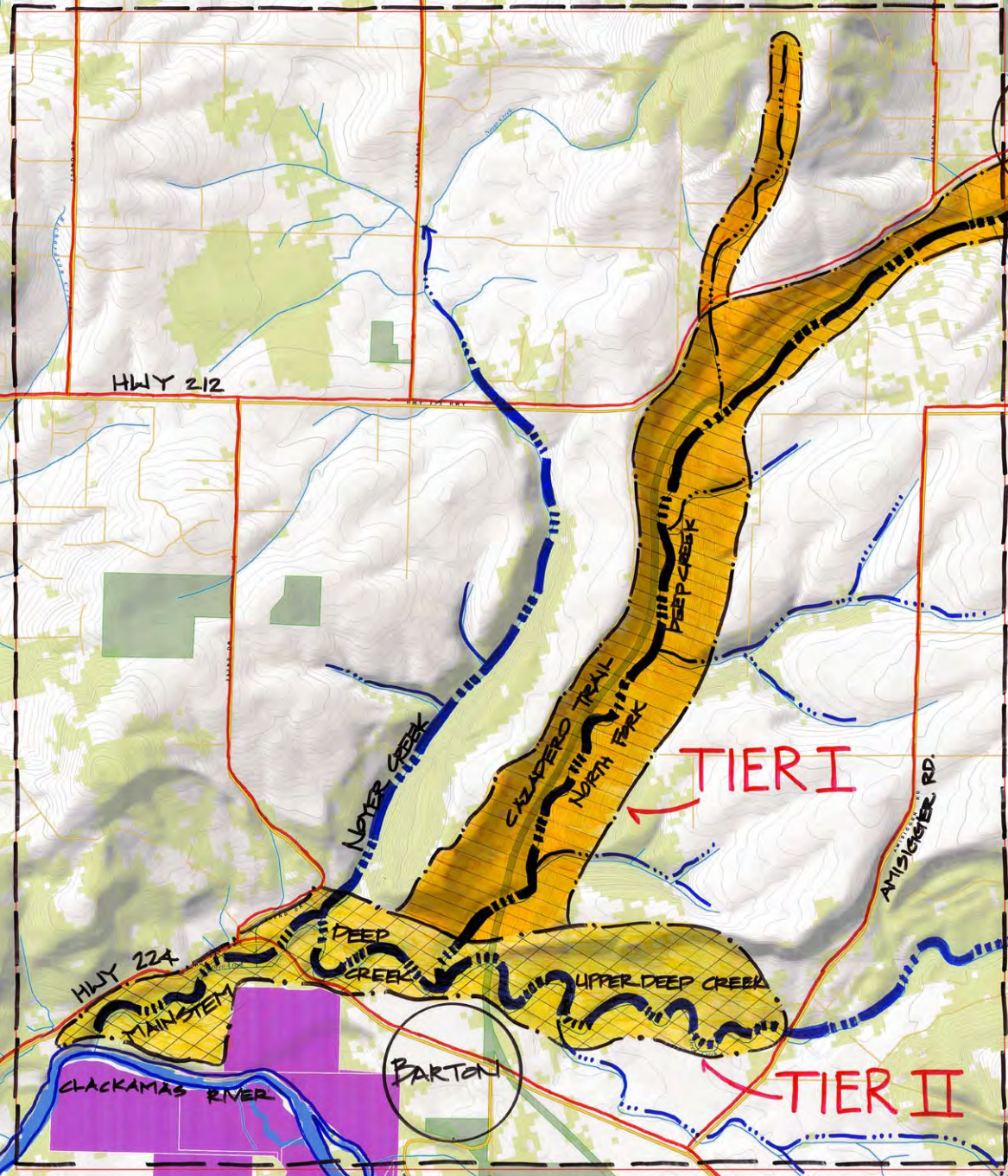
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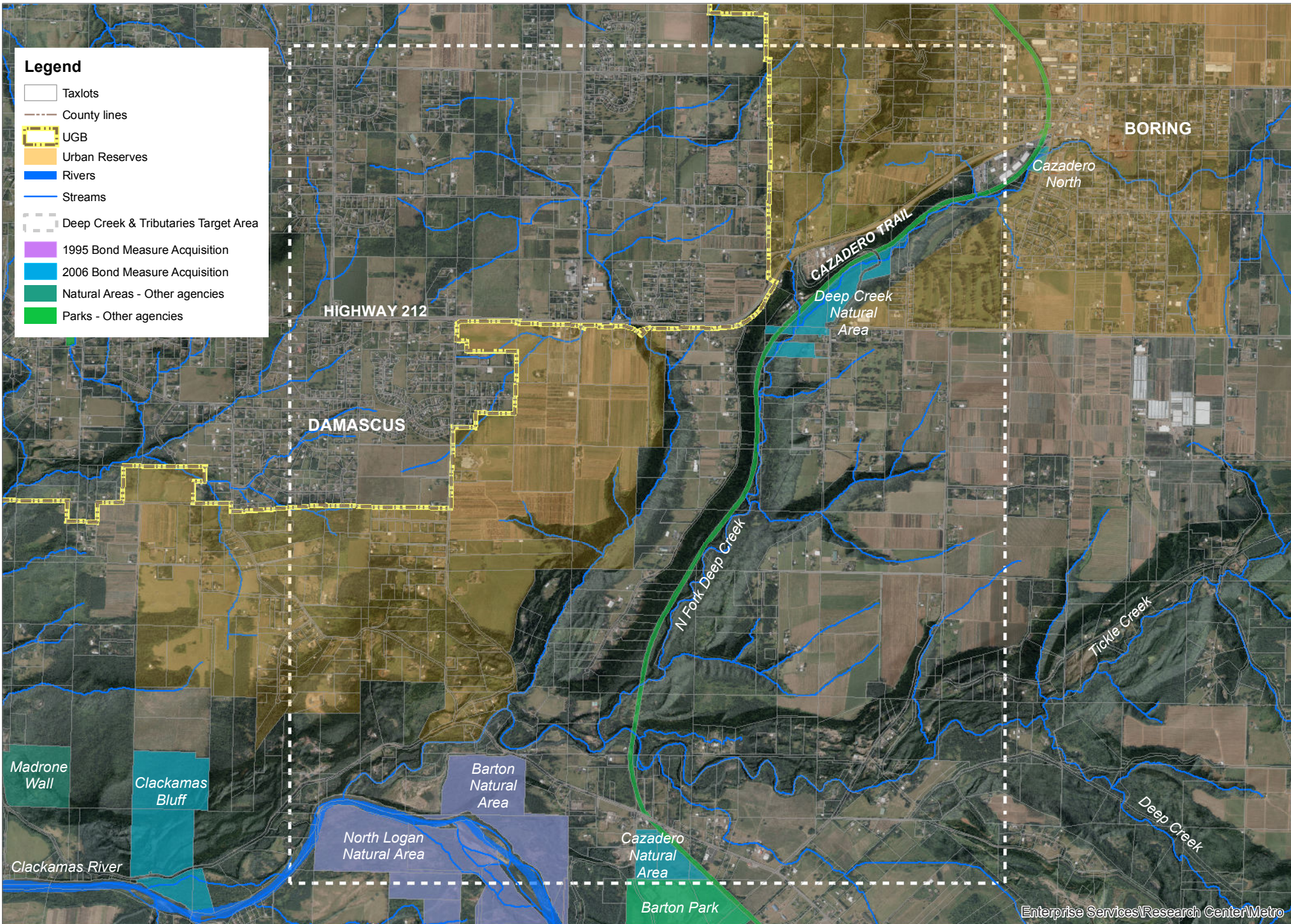
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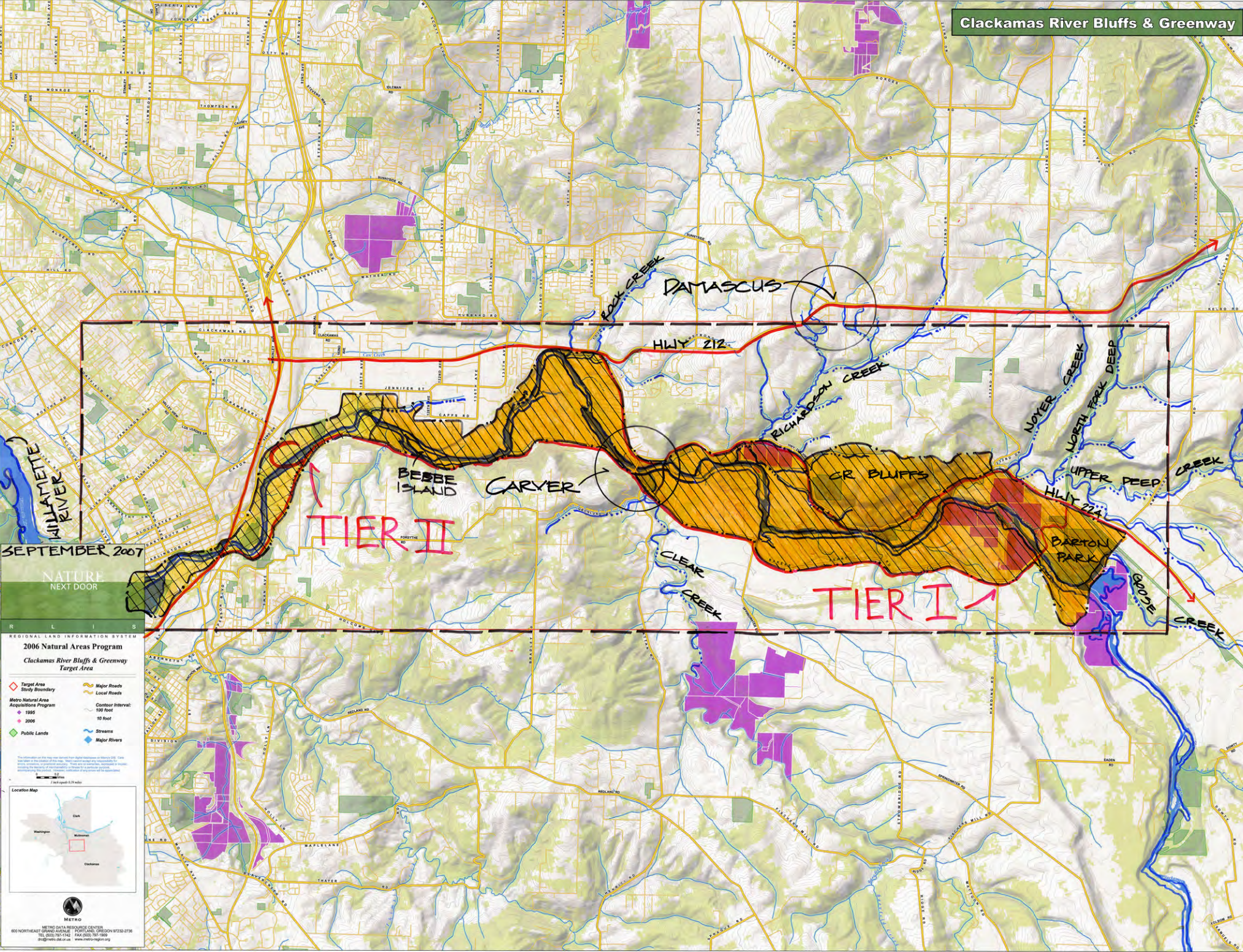
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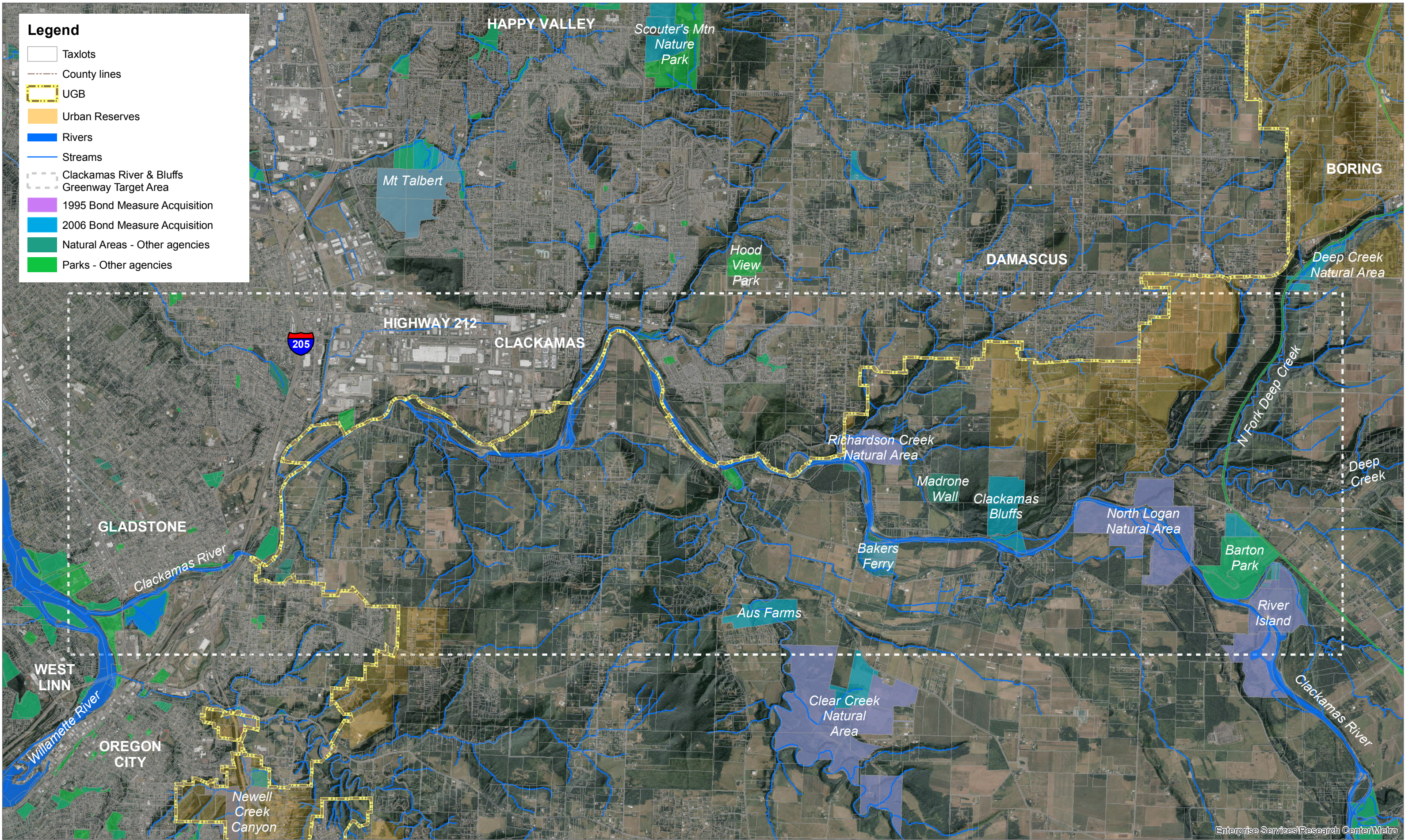
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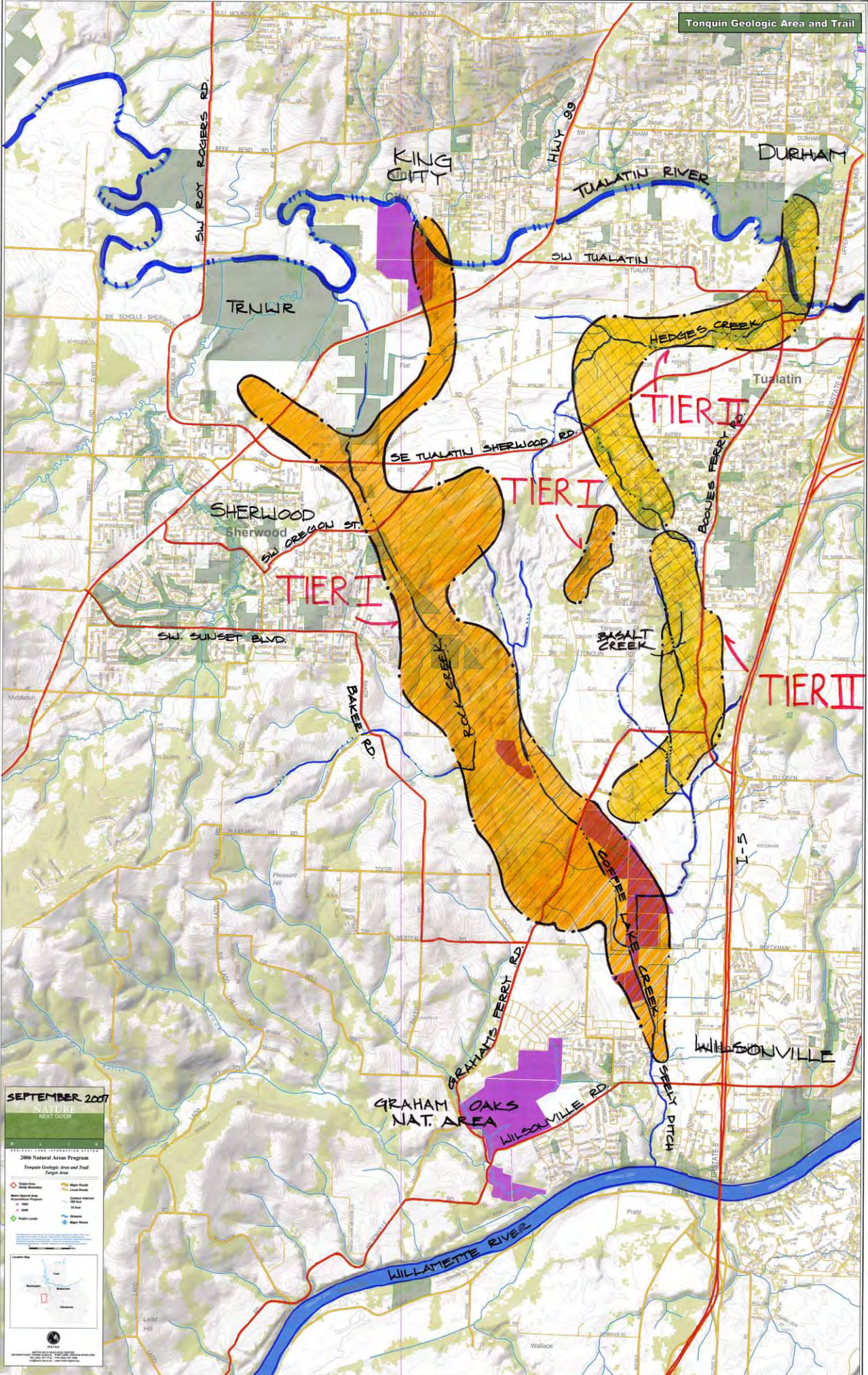


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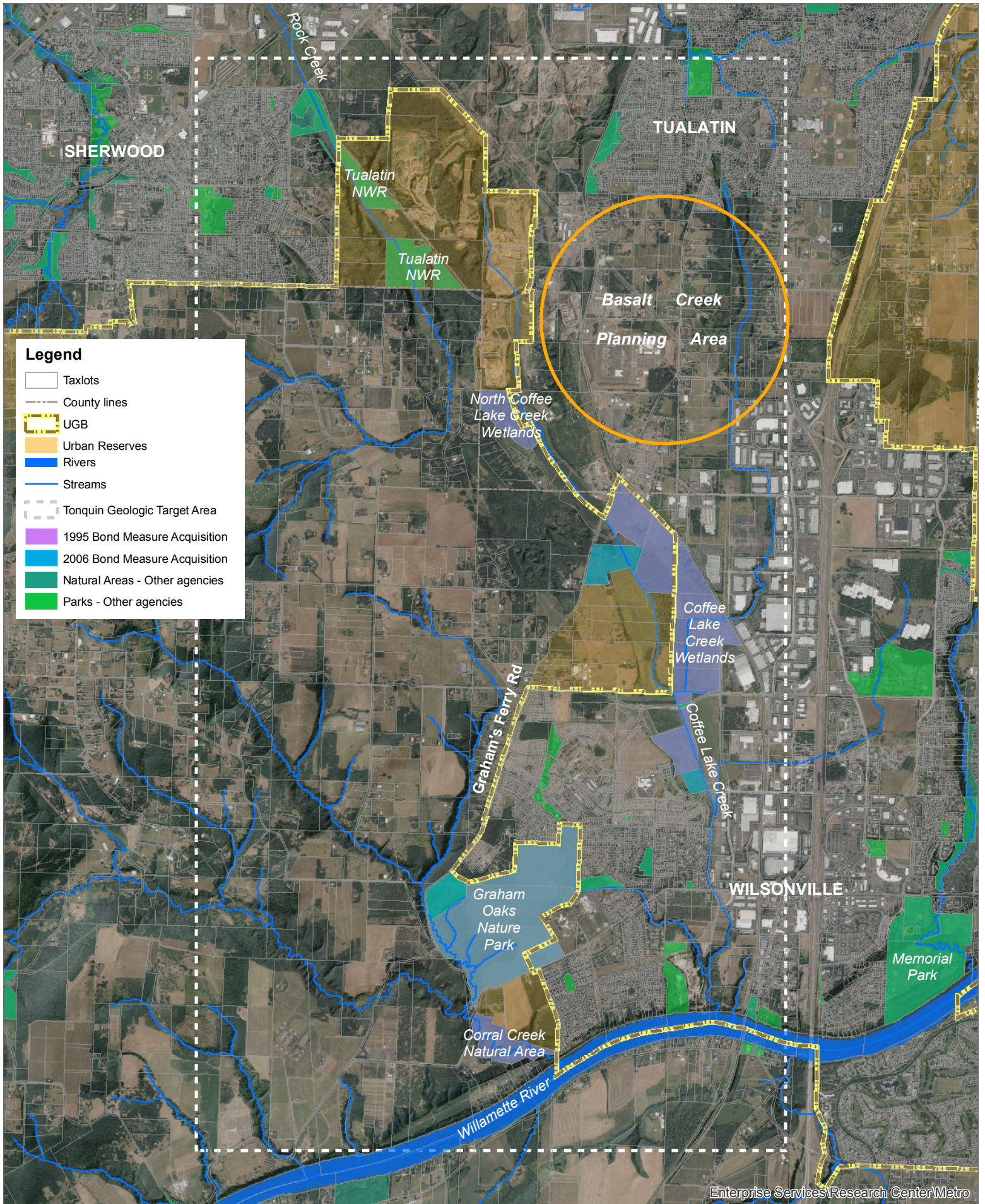
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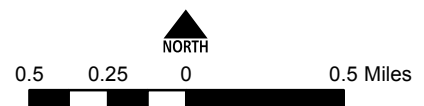
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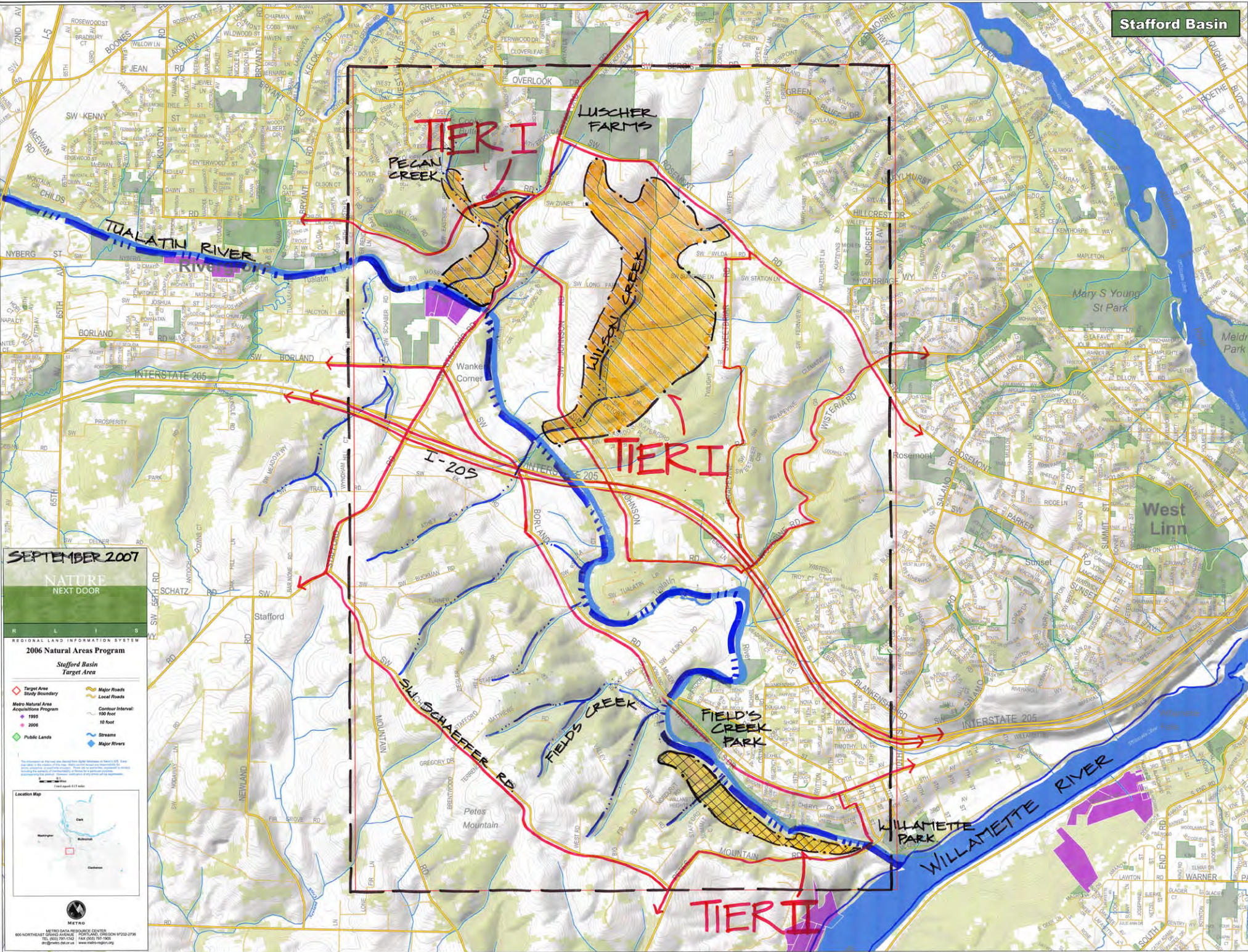
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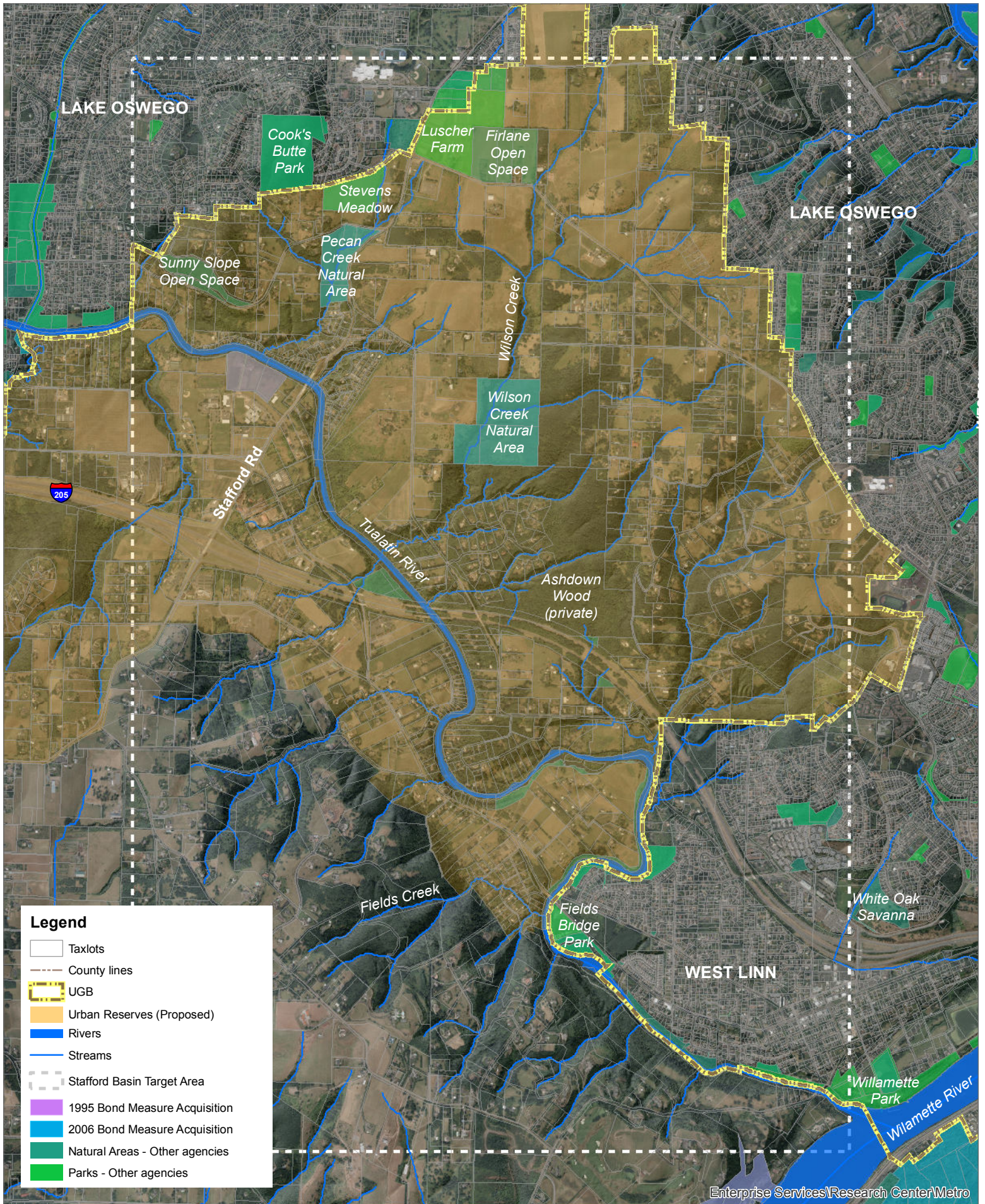
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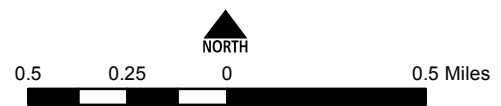
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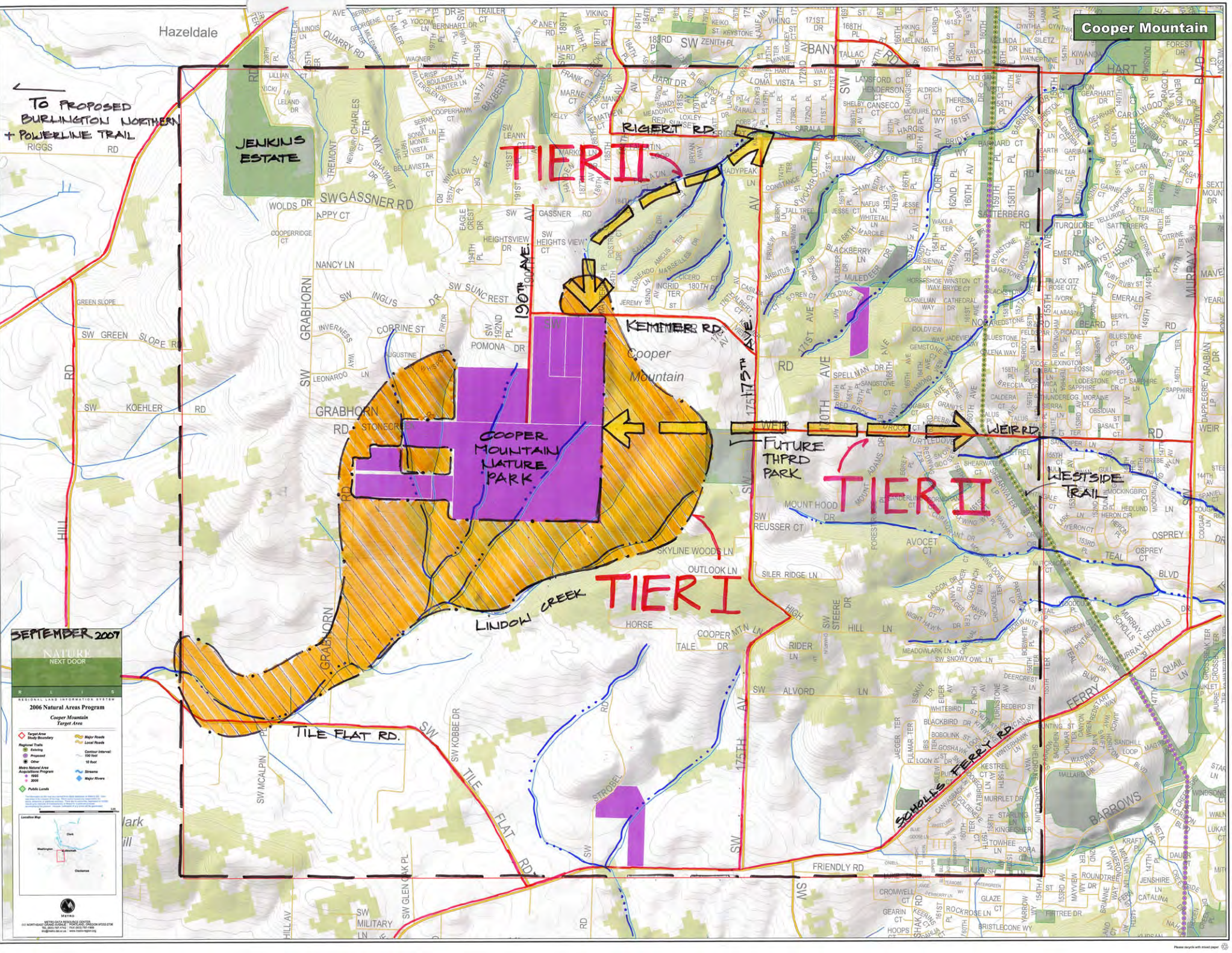
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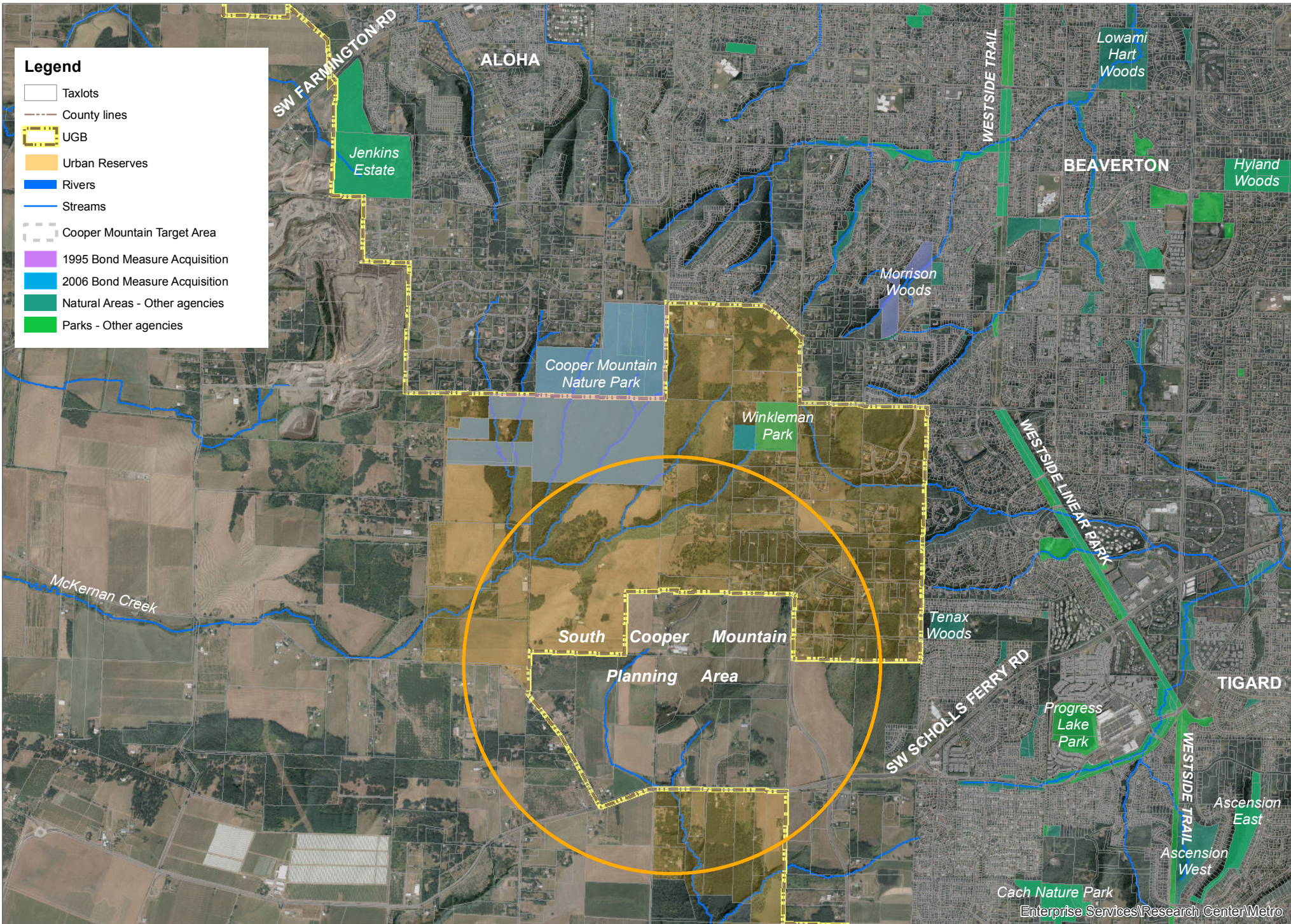
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