

Metro | *Agenda*

Meeting: Metro Council Work Session
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2016
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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| 2:00 PM | 1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION | |
| 2:10 PM | 2. SOLID WASTE ROADMAP: LANDFILL CAPACITY POLICY | Paul Slyman, Metro
Bryce Jacobson, Metro |
| 2:55 PM | 3. DRAFT PARKS AND NATURE SYSTEM PLAN REVIEW | Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Metro |
| 4:30 PM | 4. COUNCILOR LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION | |

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Agenda Item No. 2.0

SOLID WASTE ROADMAP: LANDFILL CAPACITY POLICY

Metro Council Work Session
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: January 26, 2016 **TIME:** 2:00 P.M. **LENGTH:** 40 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Solid Waste Roadmap: Landfill Capacity Policy

DEPARTMENT: Property and Environmental Services

PRESENTER(S): Paul Slyman (503-797-1510, paul.slyman@oregonmetro.gov) Bryce Jacobson (503-797-1663, bryce.jacobson@oregonmetro.gov);

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- **Purpose:** To provide Council with an analysis of possible impacts from using the preferred approach to landfill capacity presented at the November 24, 2015 Council Work Session
- **Desired outcomes:** Common understanding among Metro Councilors on the impact assessment data and the planned use of these data in upcoming public involvement work

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

This project was initiated by Council Resolution 14-4589 adopted on Dec. 4, 2014, which directs staff to “evaluate the disposal capacity of waste at new, existing, or expanded landfills and to recommend changes to the Metro code to implement the policy.” The purpose of this Metro Council-directed project is to develop a complete and explicit policy to guide Metro’s future decisions about which landfills shall be eligible to receive the region’s waste.

The Landfill Capacity Policy project includes three major phases that will be completed by June 30, 2016: 1) Research, 2) Stakeholder and public engagement and 3) Developing policy and code changes. Staff is now completing the research phase and is scheduling the public engagement events, which will start in February 2016.

At the November 24, 2015 Council Work Session, staff proposed the “Bright Line” approach to landfill capacity which uses the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality’s Site Development Plan amendment process as a test to determine if an Oregon landfill has adequate capacity and should remain eligible to receive Metro region waste. Since the most likely impact from using this approach is the removal of Riverbend Landfill from the list of facilities eligible to receive Metro region waste, Council asked staff to work on identifying the likely impacts from diverting waste from Riverbend.

At the work session, staff will present data, with an emphasis on rate and vehicle emissions impacts. Metro Communications staff is preparing to use the results of this impact analysis at several planned public engagements over the next few months.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

The specific impacts Council asked staff to estimate were: rates, transport emissions, employment, impacts on water quality and changes to seismic risk. Where possible, staff modeled these impacts resulting from the scenario where approximately 218,000 tons of Metro waste that is currently flowing to Riverbend from the Metro region would be redirected to the other eligible landfills with adequate capacity.

In order to develop an impact assessment, staff needed to make certain assumptions about how the solid waste system would react as the new landfill capacity policy is implemented. Assumptions include:

- Honor Metro's existing contract with Waste Management, which requires that 90% of the landfill bound waste from the region must go to a Waste Management owned landfill, which means the Riverbend tonnage would need to go to the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Gilliam County Oregon.
- This analysis only covers the years between July, 2016 and the end of the landfill contract with Waste Management in December 2019. There are too many undetermined variables for the region's solid waste system after 2019 to estimate the impacts after that date.
- Except for the changes in landfill destination, load-out equipment and rolling stock, the four existing private transfer stations that currently use Riverbend will stay where they are, remain open and provide the same services. No new private transfer stations will open. Tonnage flows will be similar to the status quo. Collection routes and services will not be affected.

Rate impacts: Staff calculated the likely private facility transport operating, transport capital and facility capital costs and fine tuned those estimates through a series of conversations with the four private facility operators that would be affected by this policy: Forest Grove Transfer Station, Pride Disposal and Recycling (Sherwood), KB Recycling (Canby) and Willamette Resources (Wilsonville). Staff estimates that diverting waste from Riverbend to Columbia Ridge would increase costs by \$27- \$40/ton, depending on important assumptions about capital amortization by each of the four facilities. If the costs of this change are borne solely by customers whose waste presently goes to Riverbend, an average Washington County residential customer with 32-gallon garbage service would see a rate increase between \$1.55 and \$2.30/month. At the January 26, 2016 work session, staff will present a more complete dataset showing the different types of transport and facility capital and the rate impacts on a broader range of residential and commercial customers.

Transport Emissions: Since the redirection of the waste would involve a longer haul to Columbia Ridge landfill, staff modeled the change in distance between Riverbend and Columbia Ridge from each of the four private solid waste facilities that would be affected. Assuming current fuel type and engine technology, greenhouse gas emissions from this longer transport would increase by approximately 80%. At the Council work session, staff will also present data on particulate and nitrogen oxide emissions.

Road congestion/traffic: The approximately 7,300 round trips per year that currently use various rural state highways to get to Riverbend would have to be re-routed on urban highways across the Metro region and through the Columbia Gorge, with associated increases in truck traffic on these highways and an associated decrease on the roads to Riverbend.

- Miles Travelled. Trucks would travel 1.9 to 2.0 million more miles per year with associated wear and tear on highways. This effect would be offset somewhat by an increase of state weight-mile tax revenue.
- Transport Time. Trucks would spend between 33,000 and 37,000 more hours on the road per year.

Fiscal Impacts for other governments

The largest fiscal impacts include:

- A reduction of about \$566,800 in landfill license fee revenue to Yamhill county per year, based on a \$2.60 per ton license fee on out-of-county putrescible waste
- An increase of about \$381,500 in host fees to Gilliam County based on a \$1.75 fee per ton and 218,000 additional tons of putrescible waste.
- An increase of more than \$300,000 in state weight-mile tax revenue based on 1.9 million additional miles at 16 cents per ton-mile

Employment: The increase in the amount of tons shipped to Columbia Ridge Landfill, and the associated increase in transport time, would require approximately 15-20 full-time equivalent jobs for the trucking industry. New jobs handling Metro waste would be based in the Metro area and Gilliam County. Currently, Waste Management employs 22 staff at the Riverbend Landfill.

Water quality and seismic risk: 218,000 tons/year of Metro waste that was deposited at Riverbend would now be deposited at Columbia Ridge. The geology and arid climate of this part of Oregon may reduce the risk that Metro's waste will pose a danger to water quality or add to the potential release of landfill contents in an earthquake. At the November 2015 work session, Councilors asked whether there would be more or less seismic stability for Riverbend as a whole from adding new cells and waste. Staff asked DEQ to address this and DEQ staff was unable to provide data to answer this risk analysis question.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- Do you have any questions about the impact assessment data?
- Do you have direction about the options for addressing the fiscal impacts presented to the public?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action? Yes No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? Yes No
- What other materials are you presenting today? None

Agenda Item No. 3.0

DRAFT PARKS AND NATURE SYSTEM PLAN REVIEW

Metro Council Work Session
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: 1/26/2016

LENGTH: 90 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Draft Parks and Nature System Plan Review

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Nature

PRESENTER(S): Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, x1948, Kathleen.brennan-hunter@oregonmetro.gov

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Purpose: Present to the Metro Council a summary of the feedback received on the draft System Plan, how that feedback was addressed in the newest version, and discuss any outstanding questions or feedback from the Council.
- Outcome: Direction from the Metro Council on any changes needed to the draft System Plan prior to Council consideration on February 4th, 2016.

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

The Metro Council received a draft of the Parks and Nature System Plan in early December. The system plan is designed to tell the story of Metro's parks and nature program – how we got to where we are today, where we need to go in the future, our role in the region, and a firm grounding in the magnificent places that make up the system.

The draft plan was also provided to external stakeholders in December. Staff has been reviewing feedback from the Metro Council, Metro staff, and external stakeholders and making revisions to the first draft of the System Plan.

The work session discussion will include an overview of the feedback received and discussion of any outstanding policy questions arising from the feedback.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- Does the Metro Council have any questions about the draft or issues that need to be addressed prior to consideration of the final plan?
- Are there any additional questions or issues that need to be addressed before the Council for consideration on February 4th?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action Yes No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? Yes No
- What other materials are you presenting today? None

Materials following this page were distributed at the meeting.

Solid Waste Roadmap

Landfill Capacity Policy



Council Work Session
January 26, 2016

Bryce Jacobson, Property & Environmental Services



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Today's Discussion

- Landfill capacity policy impacts
- Next steps
- Council input

Overview

Council Resolution 14-4589

... [develop] a Landfill Capacity Policy to evaluate the disposal capacity of waste at new, existing or expanded landfills

Project question

How should the capacity of landfills available to serve the region inform where Metro directs regional waste for landfill disposal?

Preferred Approach to Landfill Capacity

Policy example: “From [date] forward, waste from the Metro region shall not be sent to any landfill that amends its Oregon DEQ approved Site Development Plan for the purpose of permitting greater capacity.”

Impacts

- ❖ Rates
- ❖ Transport emissions
- ❖ Employment
- ❖ Seismic Risk
- ❖ Traffic

Scenario

Landfill Capacity Policy is adopted by Metro Council in June 2016 and this redirects Metro waste from Riverbend to other eligible landfills.

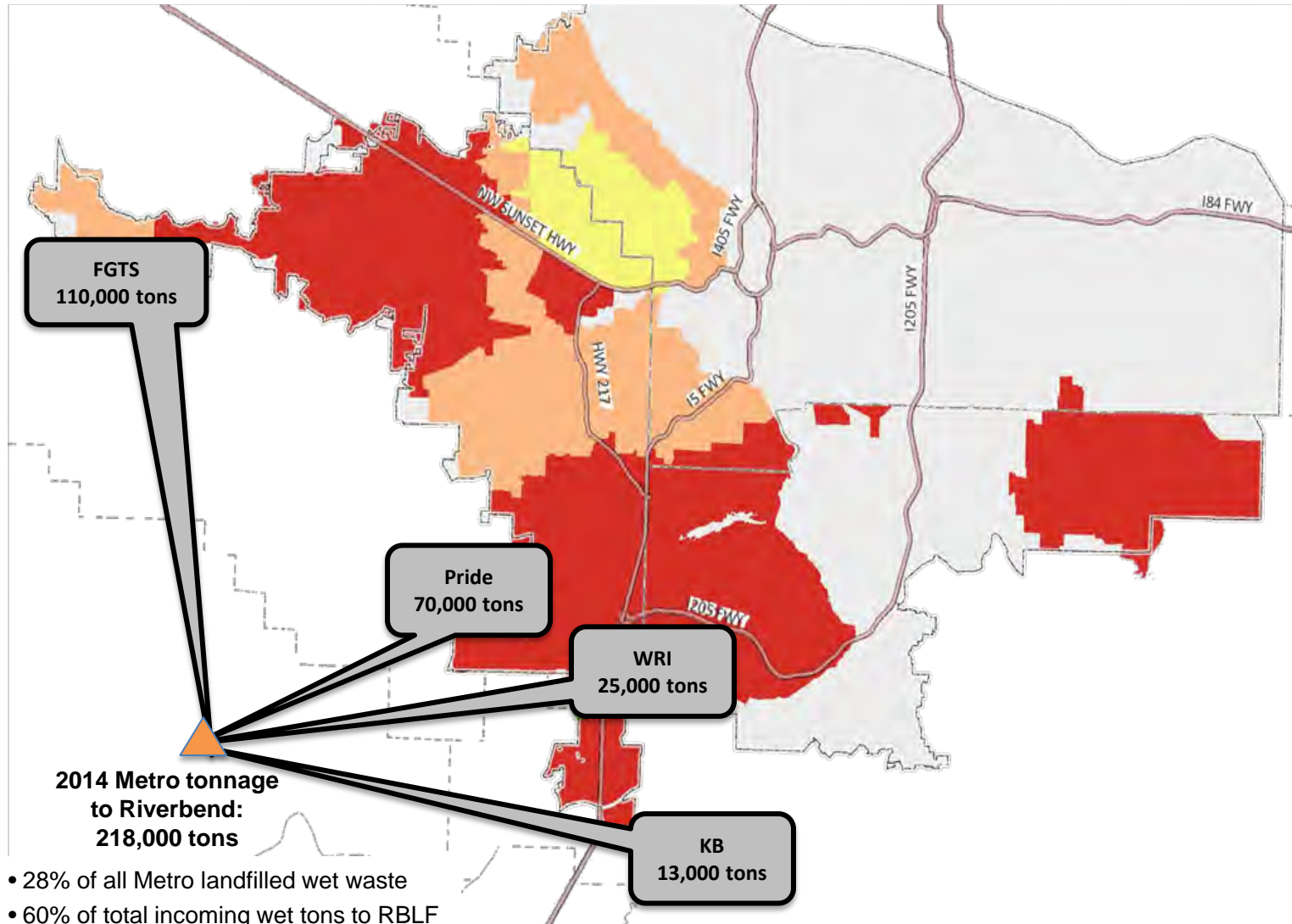


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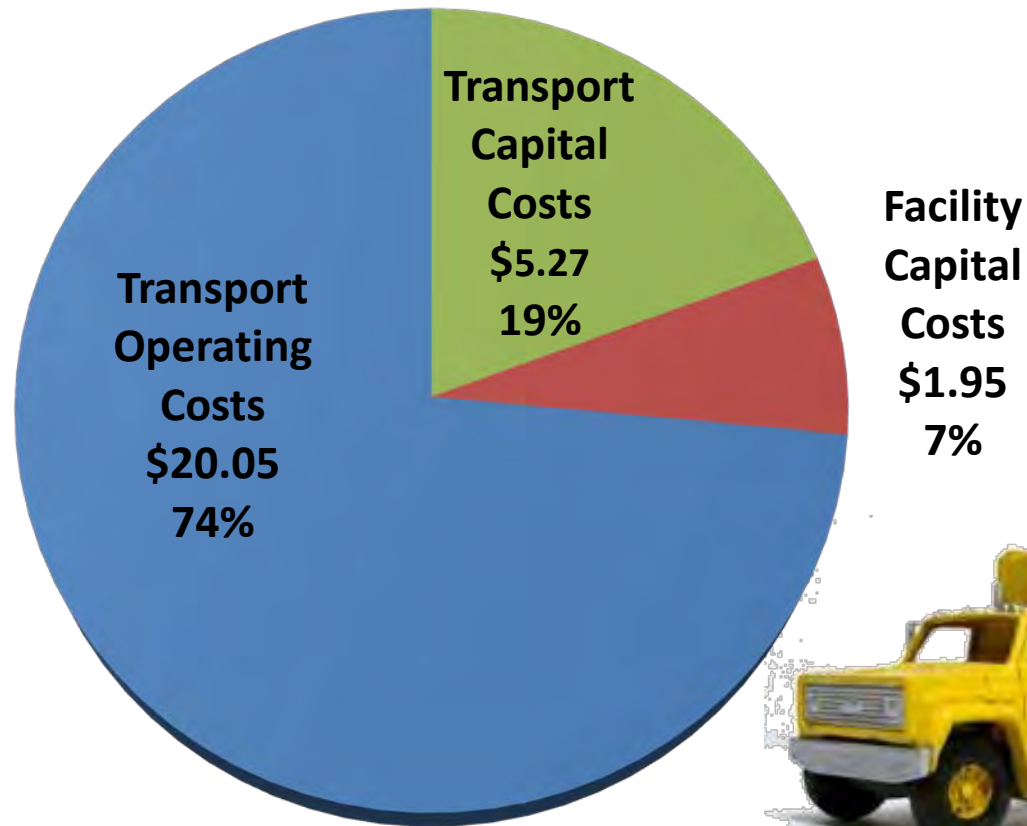
- 90% flow guarantee
- Timeline – through 2019
- Users pay for cost of service
- Private facilities continue operating
- Use diesel tractor/trailers



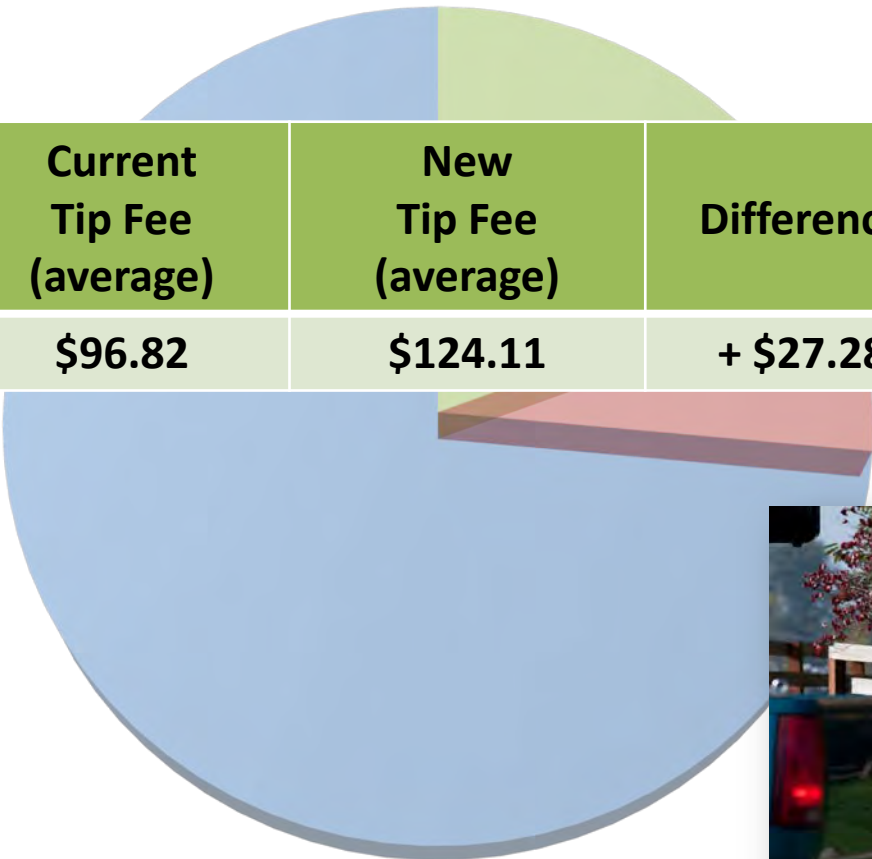
2014 Metro Tons to Riverbend



Increased costs of Landfill Capacity Policy rate impacts



Estimated Tip Fee Impact



Current Tip Fee (average)	New Tip Fee (average)	Difference	% of Increase
\$96.82	\$124.11	+ \$27.28	28%



Rate Payer Impact – Commercial

Rate payer impact for typical service levels

Typical Service			Monthly Collection Cost			
Generator	Container	Pickup Frequency	Now	After	Change	% Change
Medium office	3 yard	1/week	\$208	\$259	\$51	24%
Sit-down restaurant	3 yard	2/week	\$378	\$549	\$171	45%
Auto repair shop	4 yard	2/week	\$481	\$623	\$142	29%



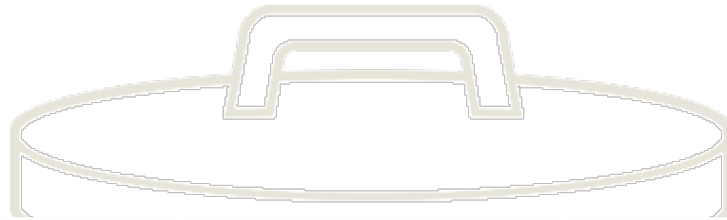
Rate Payer Impact – Household

Rate payer impact for typical service levels

Typical Service			Monthly Collection Cost			
Generator	Container	Pickup Frequency	Now	After	Change	% Change
Small household	20 gal	1/week	\$21.09	\$22.10	\$1.01	5%
"Average" household	32/35 gal	1/week	\$22.96	\$24.51	\$1.55	7%
Large household	60 gal	1/week	\$33.32	\$35.98	\$2.66	8%



Metro Region Household Rate Comparison – 32 gal. container



Jurisdiction	Rate Now	Rate After
Washington Co.	\$22.96	\$24.21
Beaverton	\$25.20	\$26.75
Tigard	\$24.50	\$26.05
Portland	\$29.35	n/a
Gresham	\$29.69	n/a
Milwaukie	\$29.90	n/a

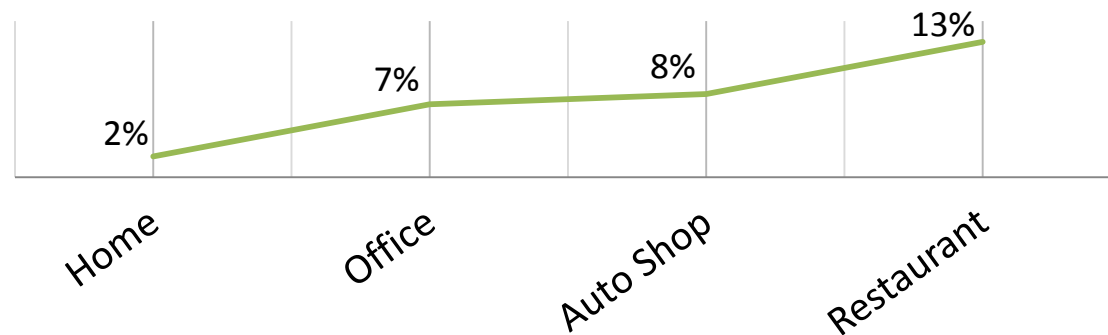


Metro Region Household Rate Comparison – *Everyone Pays*

Residential rates would increase by 1% to 2%

Commercial rates would increase by:

- 7% for the office
- 8% for the auto shop
- 13% for the restaurant



Emissions Impact/year

	Surface transportation total	Increase from longer garbage haul	Total increase in surface transportation emissions
GHGs (metric tons of CO ₂ e)	13,703	10	Less than 1%
Nitrogen Oxides (short tons)	48	.2	Less than 1%
Particulates (short tons)	3	.004	Less than 1%

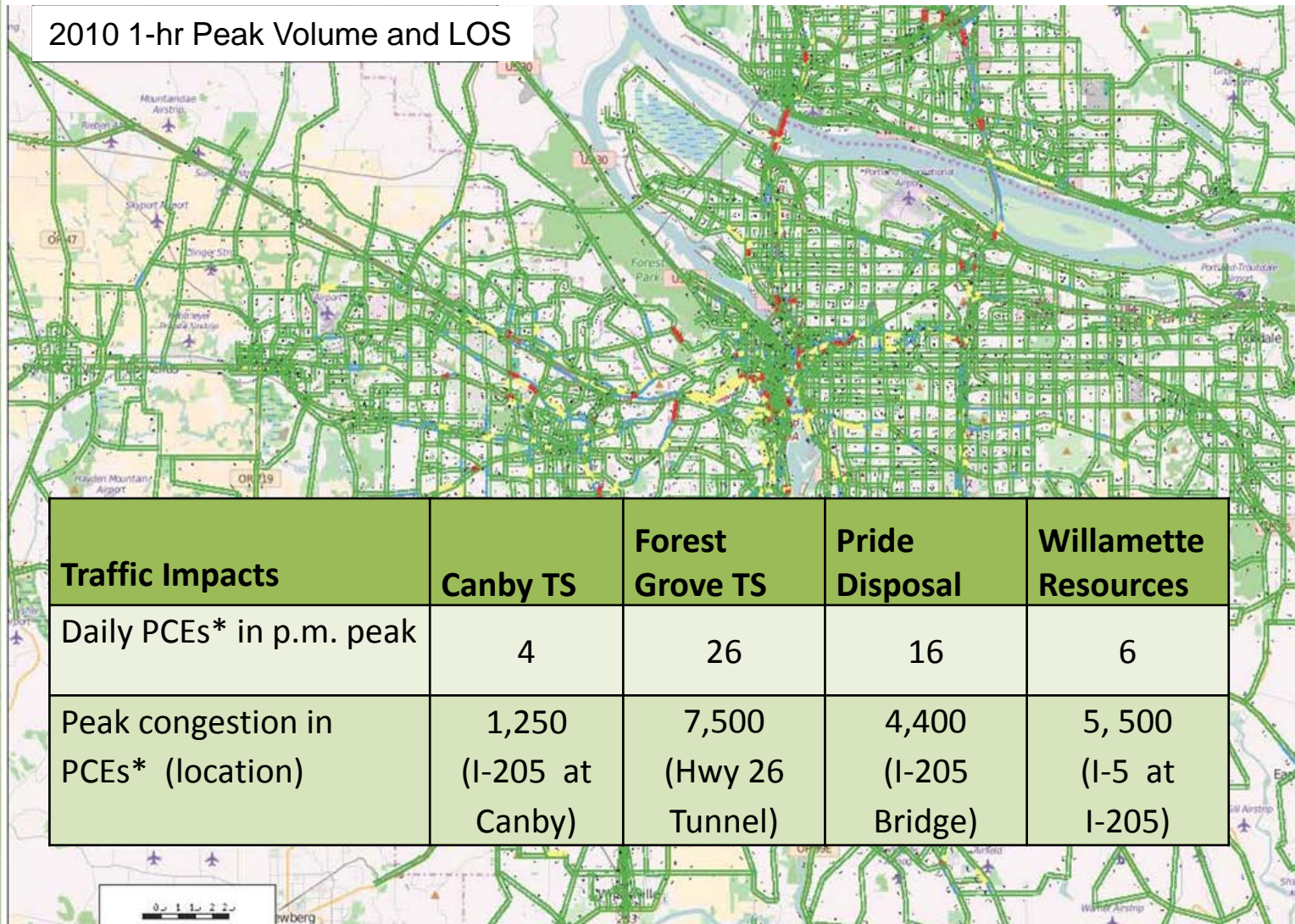
Traffic

- 7,300 round trips/year
- 47,000 more hours on the road/year



Traffic Impacts

2010 1-hr Peak Volume and LOS



Traffic Impacts	Canby TS	Forest Grove TS	Pride Disposal	Willamette Resources
Daily PCEs* in p.m. peak	4	26	16	6
Peak congestion in PCEs* (location)	1,250 (I-205 at Canby)	7,500 (Hwy 26 Tunnel)	4,400 (I-205 Bridge)	5,500 (I-5 at I-205)

*PCE: Passenger Car Equivalency

Fiscal Impacts to Other Governments



- Yamhill County:
Lose \$566,800/year license fees
- Gilliam County:
Gain \$381,500/year host fees
- Oregon DOT:
Gain over \$300,000/year in weight
mile tax revenue


Employment

- Reduction in jobs at Yamhill County
- A gain of 15-20 FTE in the trucking industry



Seismic Risks





November 2015

- Council Work Session: Choose a capacity approach

January 2016

- **Council Work Session: Discuss estimated impacts from Landfill Capacity Policy**
- **Local governments review rate impact data**

Spring 2016

- Engage the public
 - Public meetings
 - Survey
 - Other

May 2016

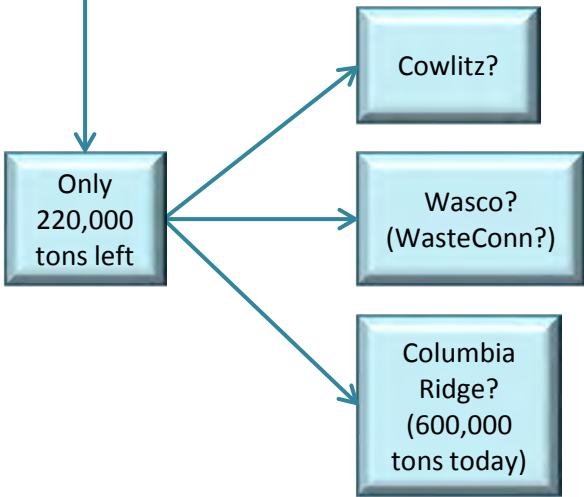
- Council Work Session: Share public engagement information and draft proposed policy/ordinance

Questions/Discussion

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$\pm 1,000,000$ tons $-$ $\pm 180,000$ tons of food waste $=$ $\pm 820,000$ tons (after food waste recovery)

Riverbend $\pm 200,000$ tons (WM) $+$ Coffin Butte $\pm 200,000$ tons (Republic/Allied) $+$ Covanta 200,000 tons $=$ 600,000 disposed

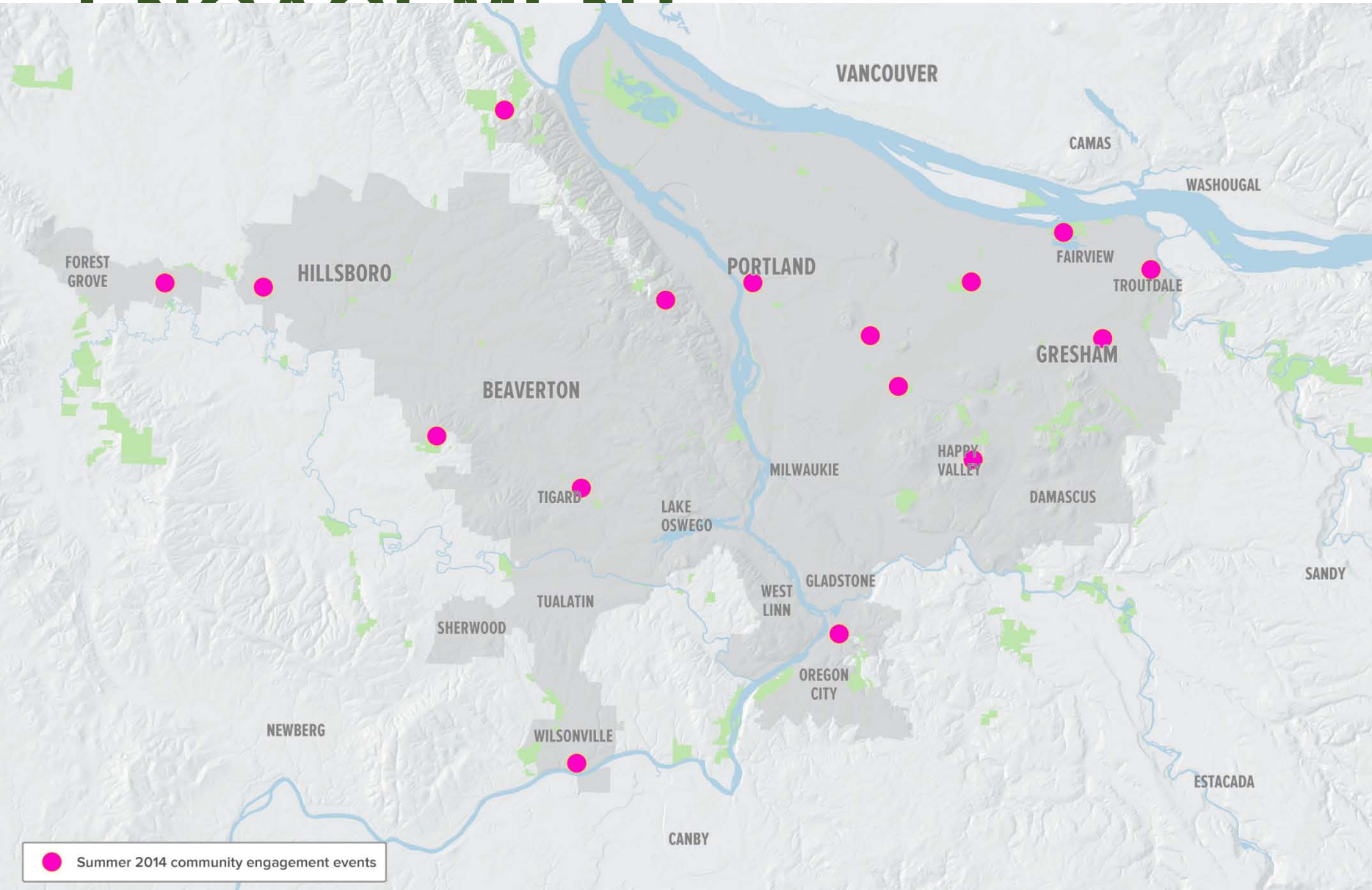


Parks and Nature System Plan

January 2016



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

City managers

Park directors

Watershed councils

Conservation groups

Chambers of commerce

Development community

Visitor associations

Equity partners

State and federal agencies

Elected officials

The Intertwine Alliance

Neighborhood groups

Recreation organizations

Nature education groups

Community-based
organizations



FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

NATURE

Oregon is renowned for clean water, fresh air and healthy wildlife habitat – assets that draw people here, and keep them here. Oregonians can depend on Metro to safeguard those qualities across the region, from the Chehalem Mountains on the west to the Sandy River on the east. Using science to protect nature for current and future generations is at the heart of Metro's role.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Nature supports healthy, active outdoor lifestyles. Whether you're picnicking at Blue Lake Regional Park, strolling through a forest listening for birds, fishing for steelhead on the Sandy River or jogging on the Fanno Creek regional trail, you will find a destination that meets you where you are.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Diverse communities should feel safe and welcome at parks, trails and natural areas. Working together, Metro and our partners create opportunities for all our residents to work at, play in and care for these special places – ensuring that everyone gains from the benefits of nature.

CONNECTIONS WITH NATURE

People depend on nature for peace, quiet and renewal. Metro provides opportunities to immerse yourself in nature – and give back – by learning, volunteering and connecting to the outdoors.

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

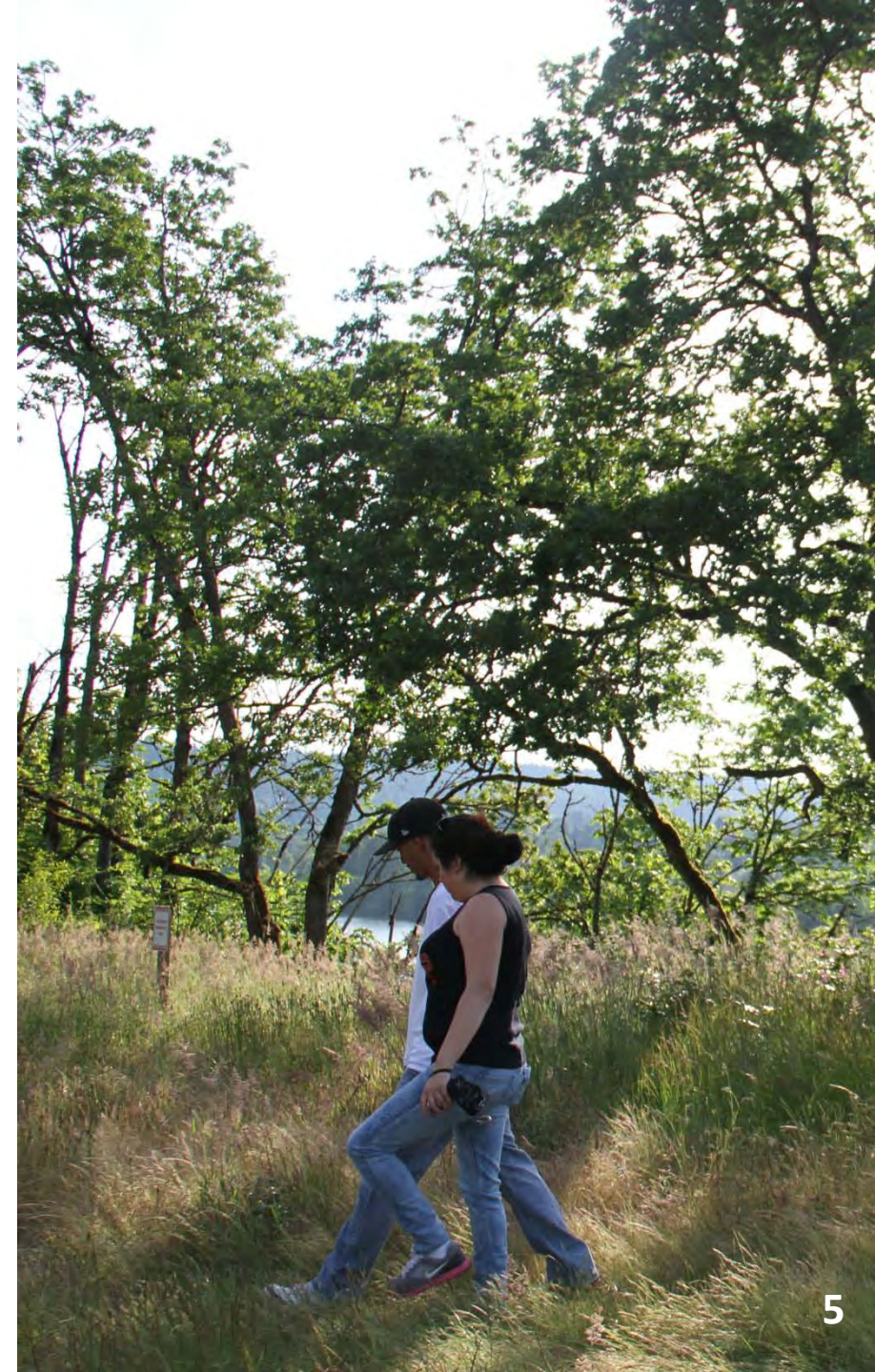
Having nature nearby makes our communities happier and healthier. By protecting regional parks, trails and natural areas, we create a big backyard for people living in urban areas. Nature supports strong, resilient communities where people want to live and attracts businesses and tourists to the region, encouraging investments in the local economy.

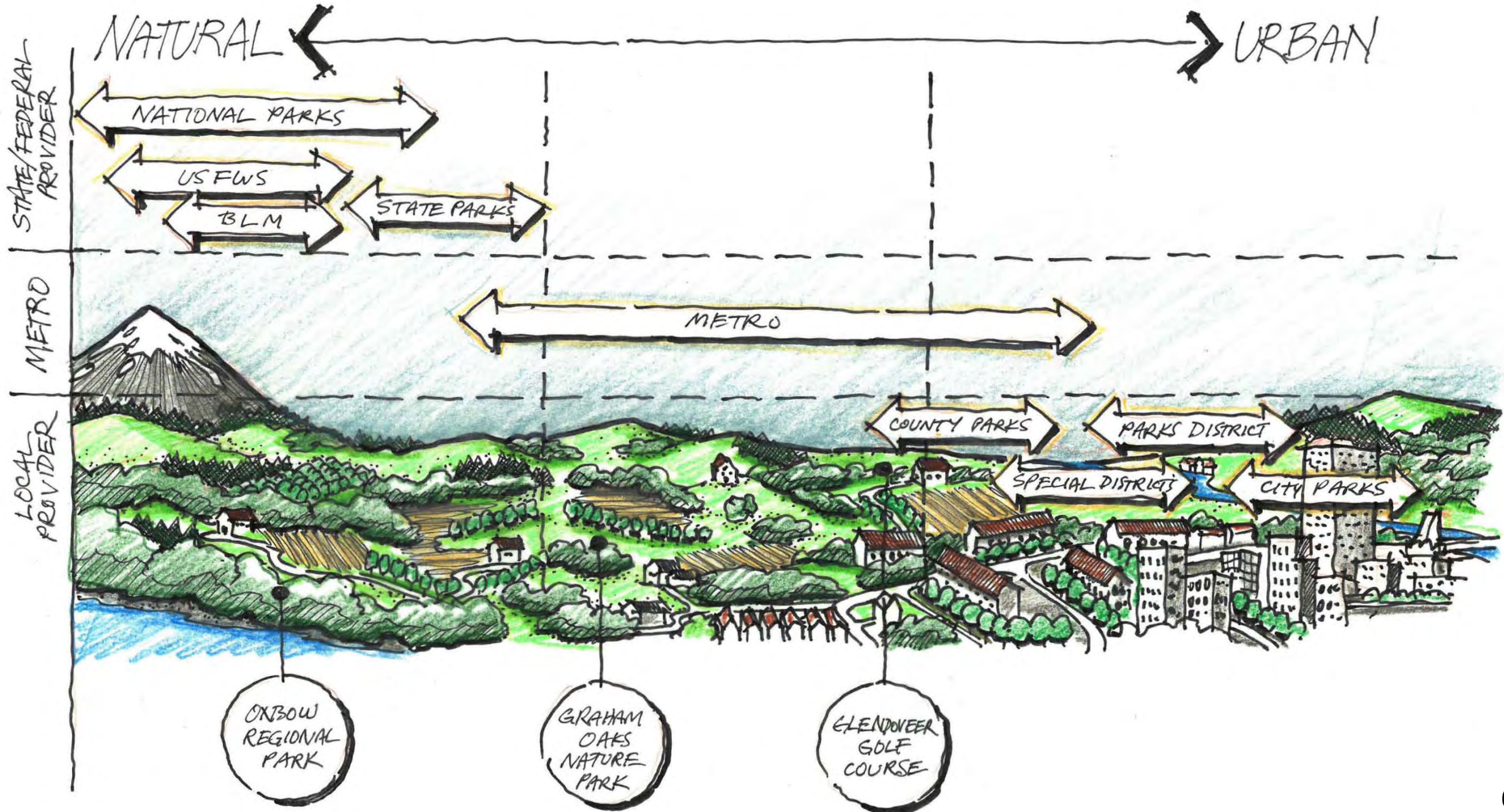
STEWARDSHIP

Metro is committed to responsibly caring for the nature and places entrusted to us in a changing climate. We use a transparent and accountable approach to planning, managing and protecting the public's investments.

MISSION STATEMENT

Metro Parks and Nature protects water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and creates opportunities to enjoy nature close to home through a connected system of parks, trails and natural areas.





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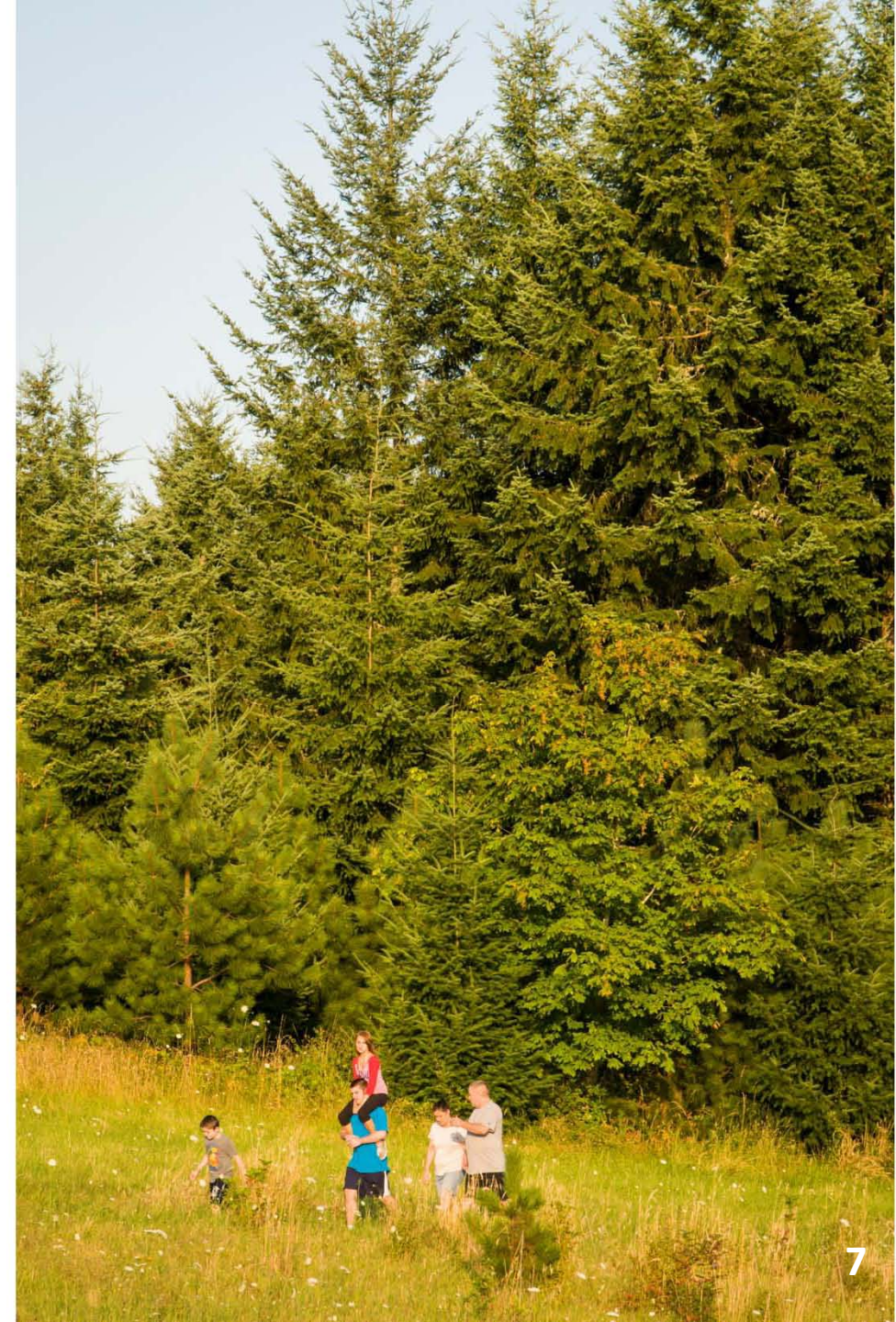
OWN OR TRANSFER TO PARTNER?

OWN

- Operations and maintenance within Metro's core role
- Site or facility is consistent with Metro's mission

TRANSFER

- Operations and maintenance not within Metro's core role (e.g. regional trail easements)
- Metro lacks expertise to operate or maintain the site/facility



PROGRAM AREAS



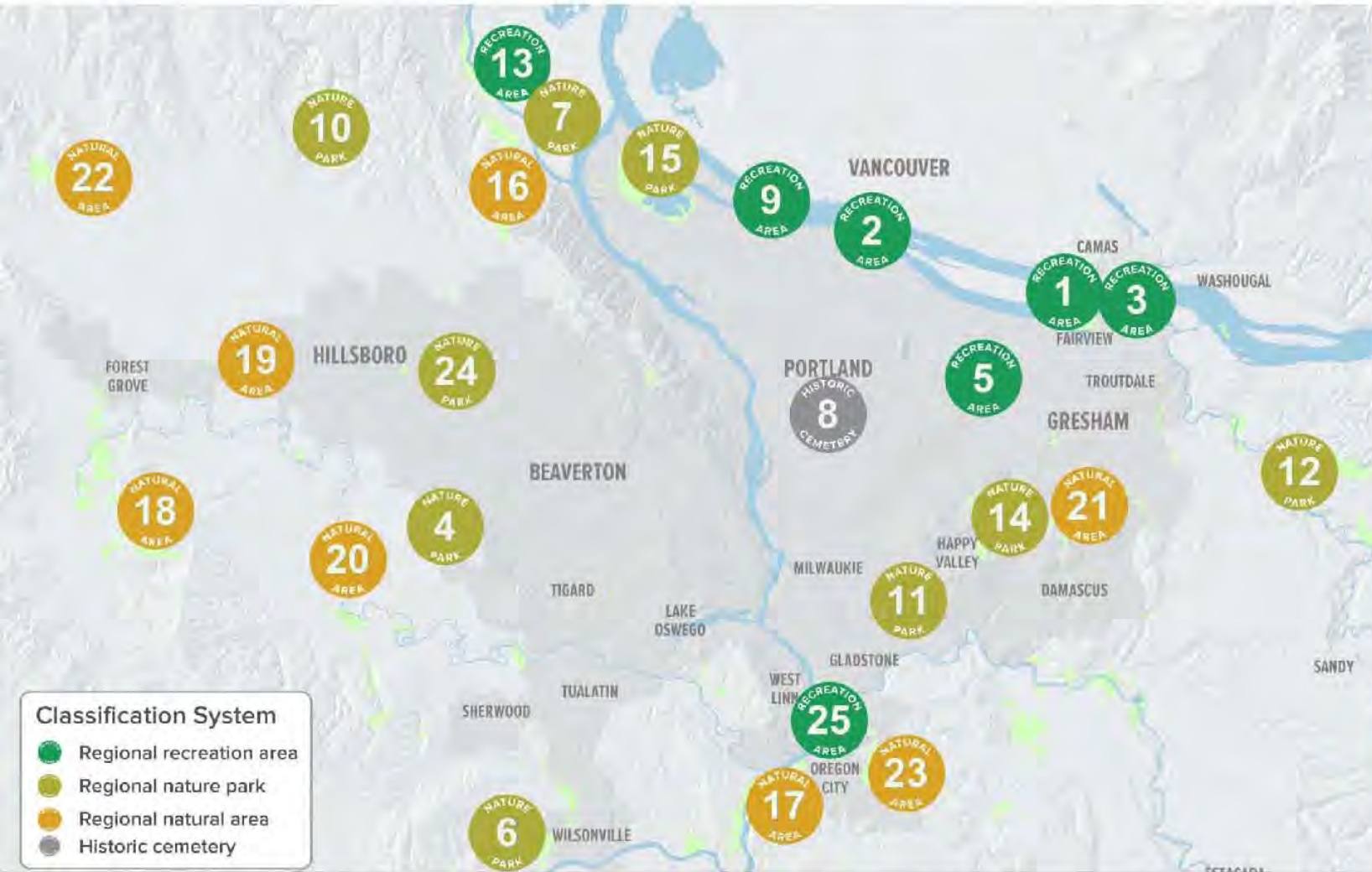
NATUREHOODS



CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



DESTINATIONS



Existing

- 1) Blue Lake Regional Park
- 2) Broughton Beach
- 3) Chinook Landing Marine Park
- 4) Cooper Mountain Nature Park
- 5) Glendoveer Golf Course
- 6) Graham Oaks Nature Park
- 7) Howell Territorial Park
- 8) Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery
- 9) M James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp
- 10) Mason Hill Park

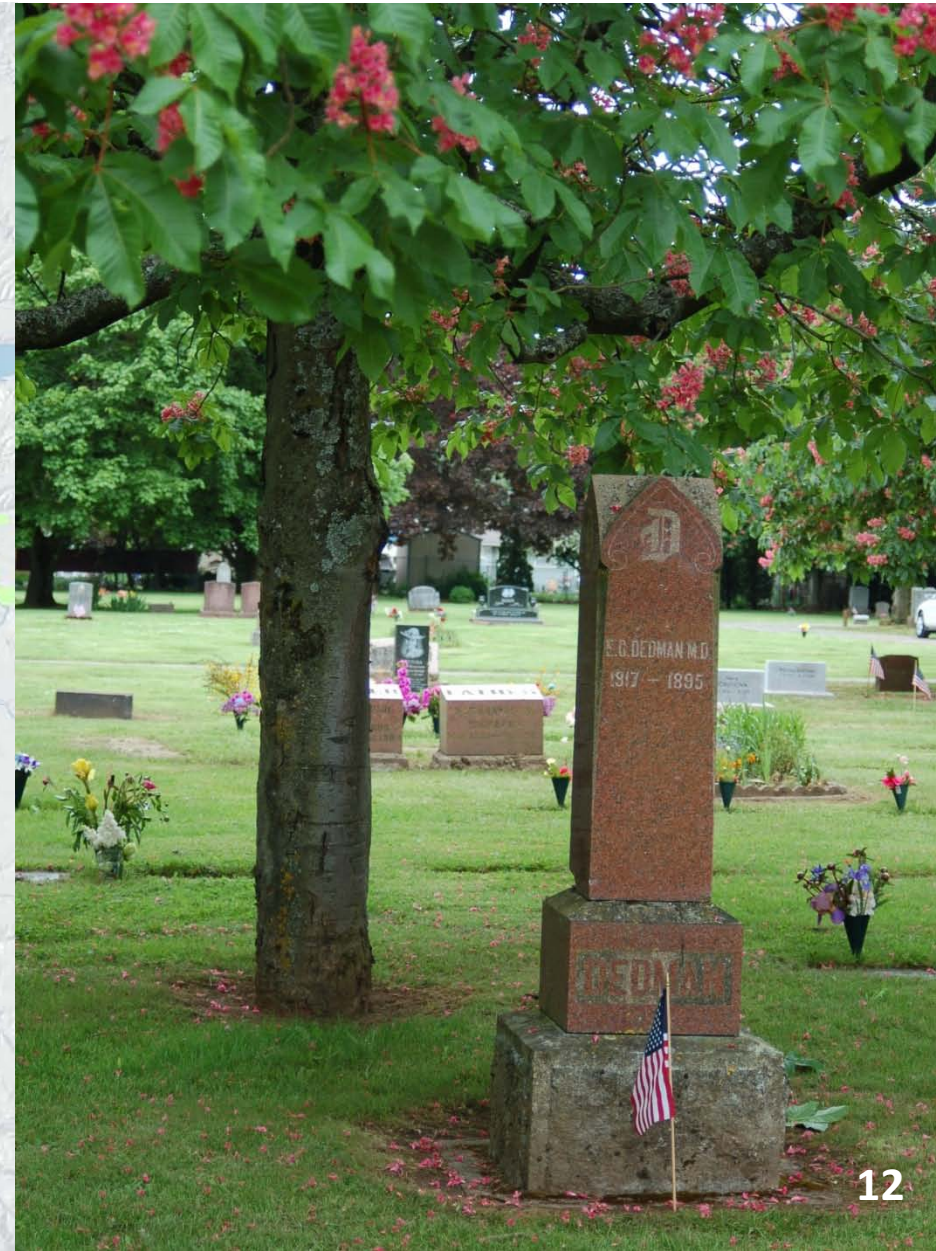
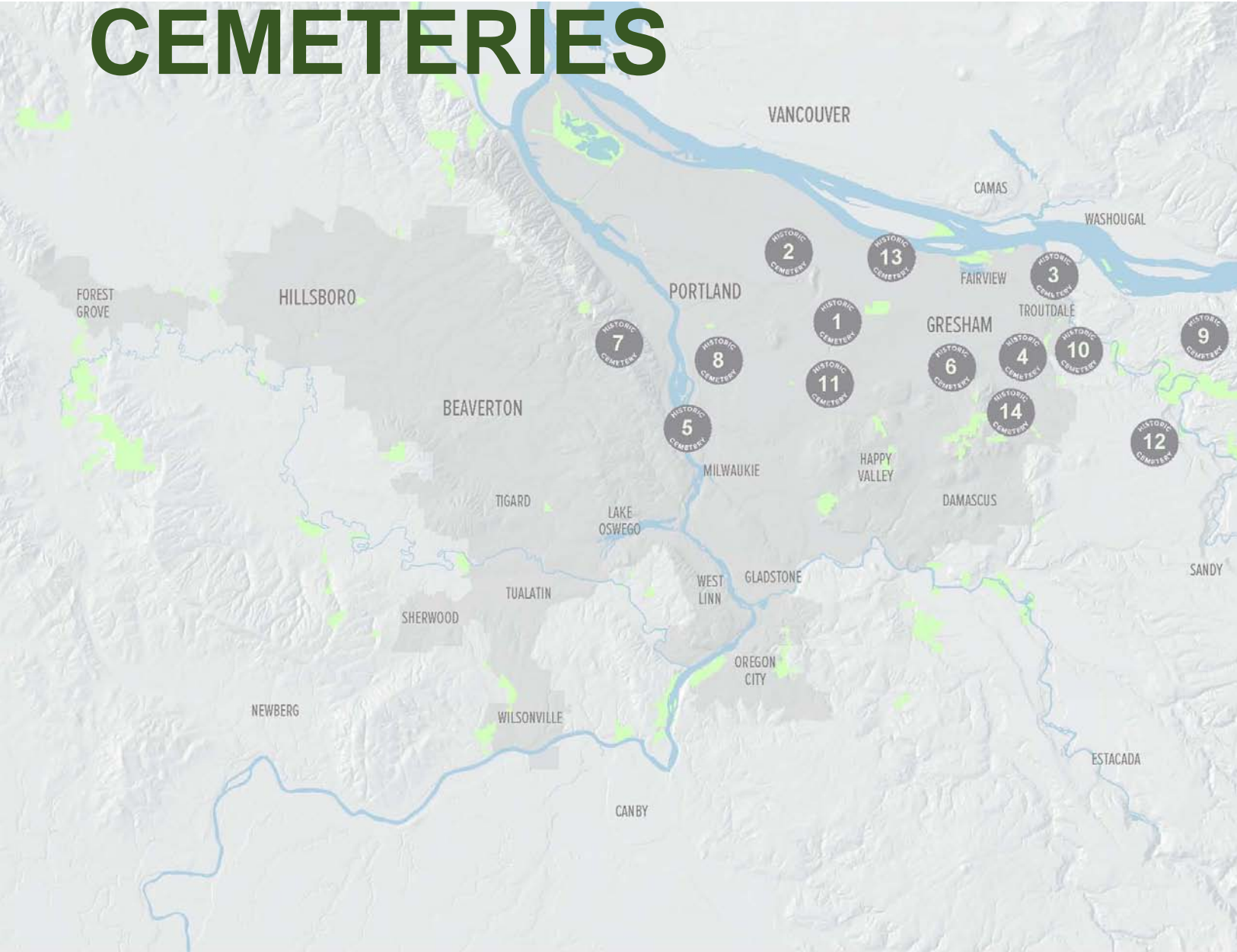
- 11) Mount Talbert
- 12) Oxbow Regional Park
- 13) Sauvie Island Boat Ramp
- 14) Scouters Mountain Nature Park
- 15) Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area

Coming Soon

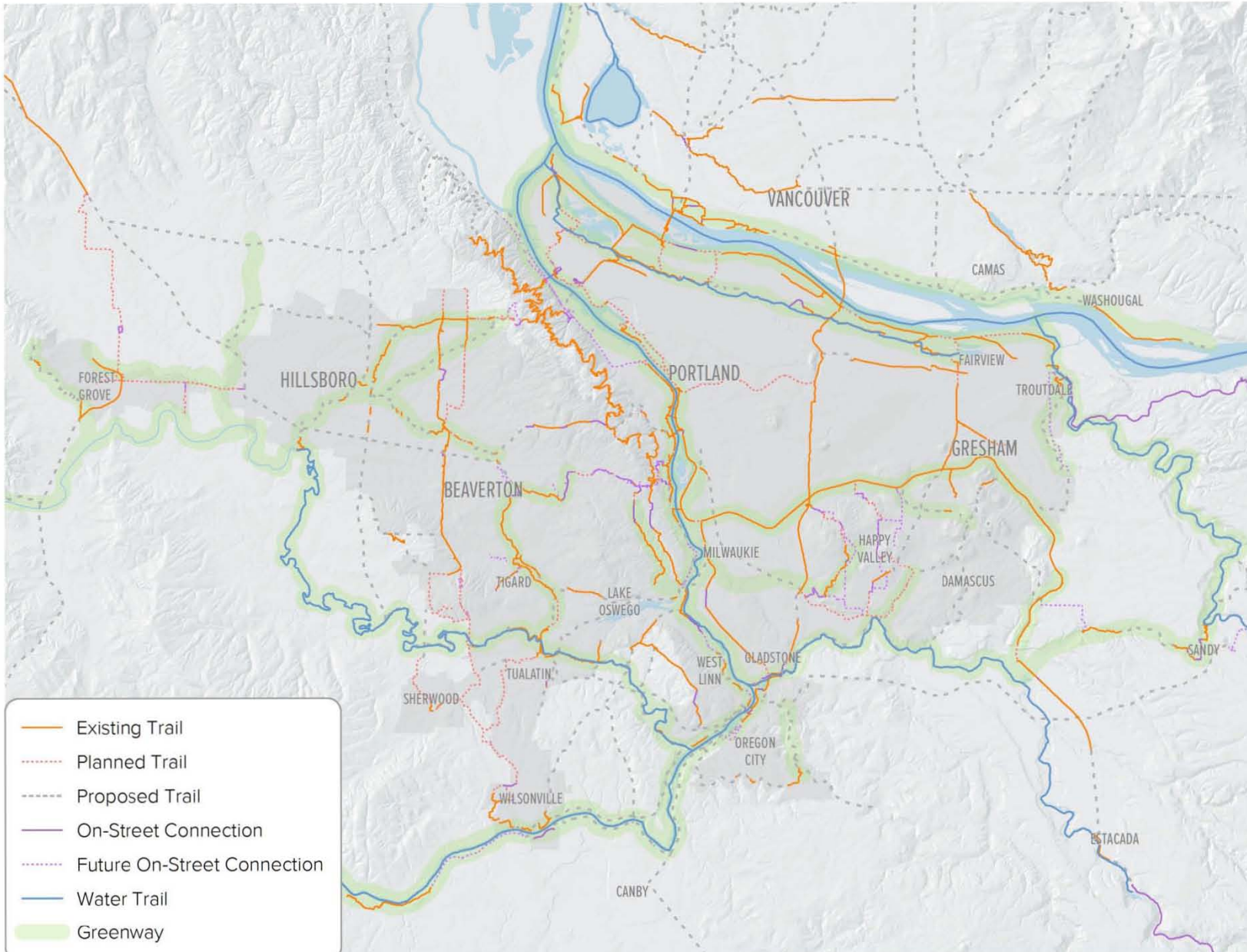
- 16) Burlington Creek Forest
- 17) Canemah Bluff
- 18) Chehalem Ridge Natural Area
- 19) East Council Creek
- 20) Farmington Natural Area
- 21) Gabbert Hill
- 22) Killin Wetlands
- 23) Newell Creek Canyon
- 24) Orenco Woods
- 25) Willamette Falls River Walk



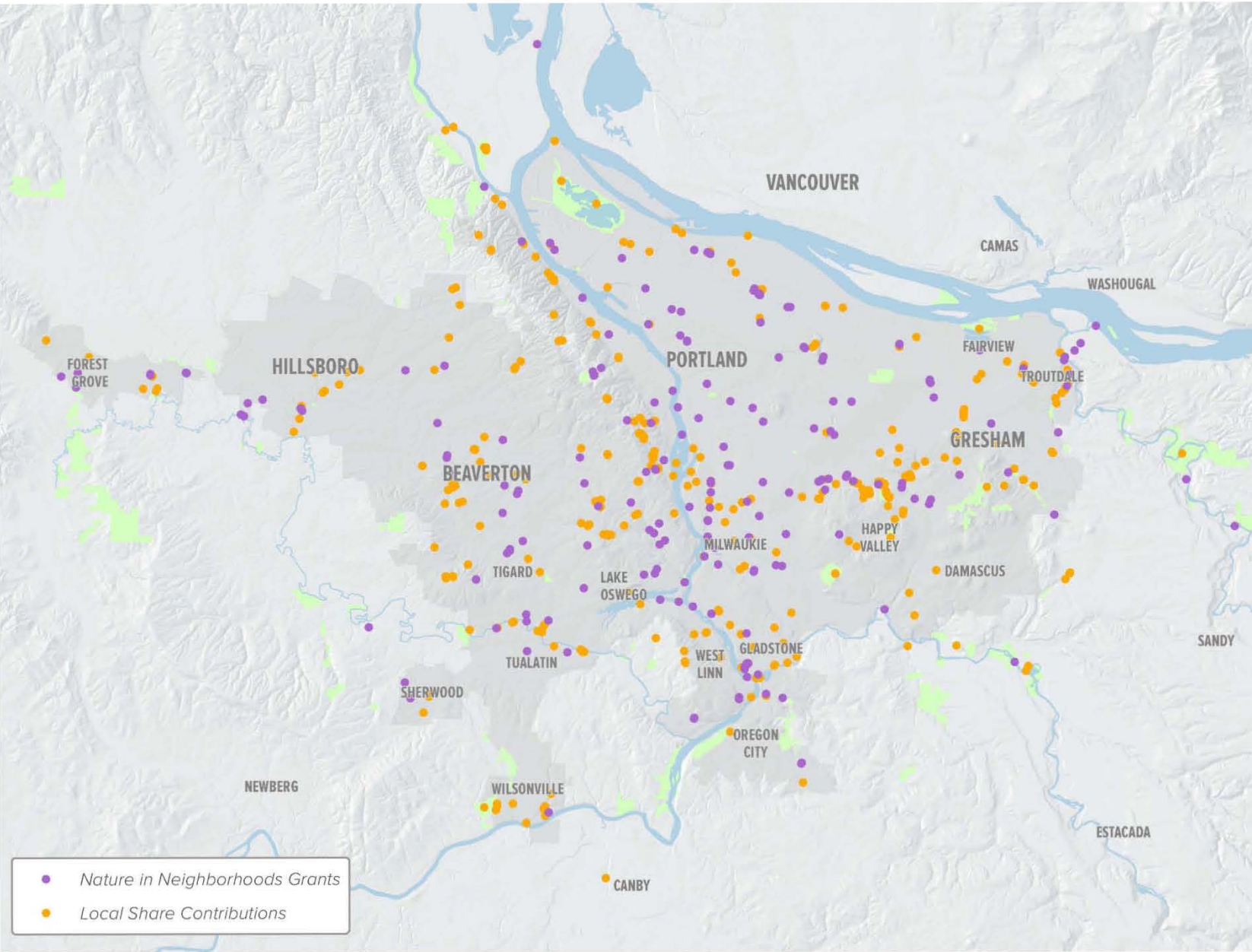
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REGIONAL TRAILS

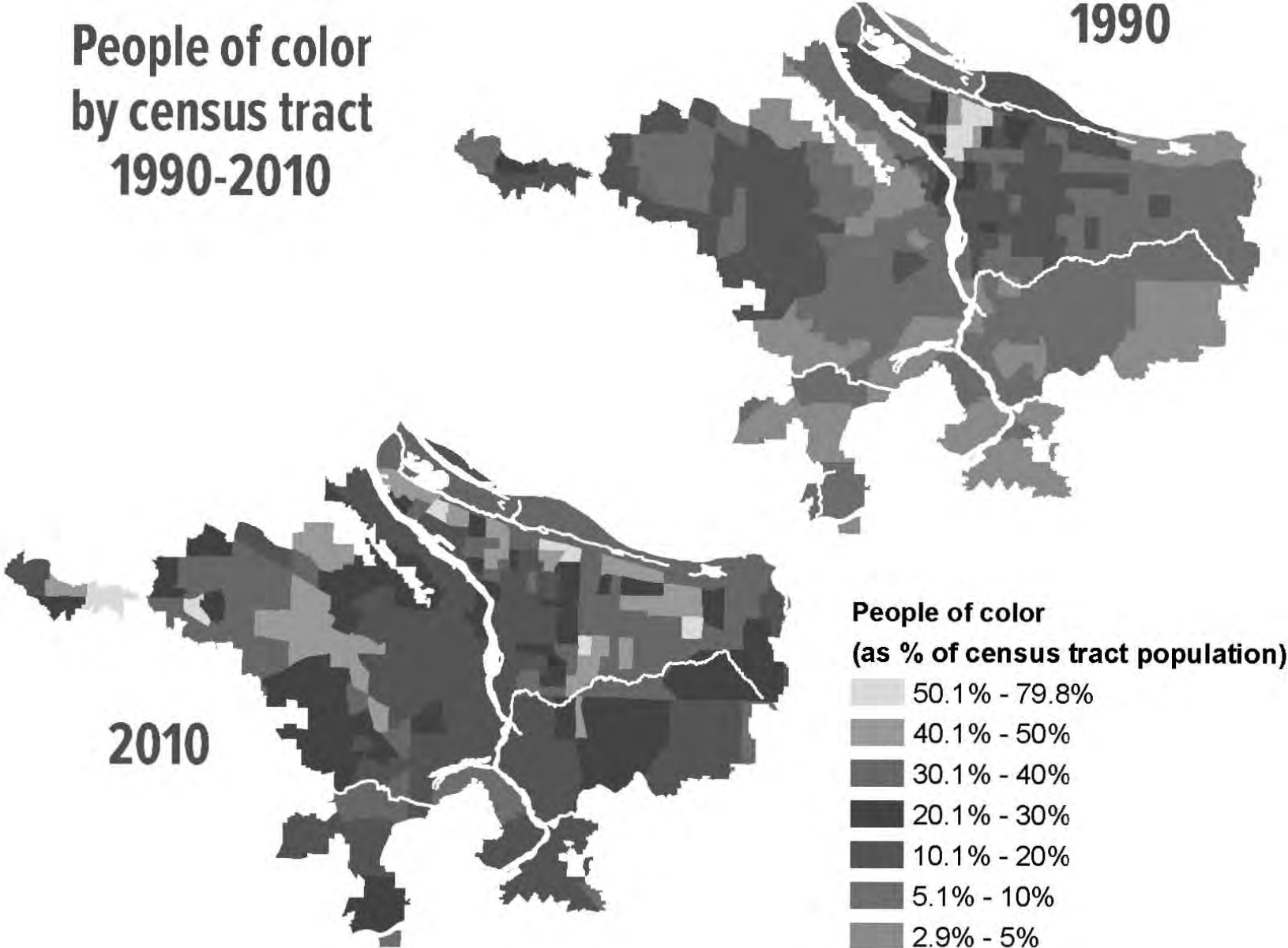


COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS



TRENDS

People of color
by census tract
1990-2010



MISSION-CRITICAL STRATEGIES

1. Use science to guide Metro's Parks and Nature portfolio.
2. Ensure that Metro Parks and Nature programs and facilities support the needs of underserved communities, including communities of color, low-income communities and young people.
3. Develop a stable, long-term funding source to support Metro's Parks and Nature portfolio.
4. Ensure that parks, trails, natural areas and cemeteries managed by Metro are knit together into an integrated system.
5. Diversify the businesses and people who do contracted work for Metro Parks and Nature.

PROGRAM AREA STRATEGIES

- Protect and Conserve Nature
- Create and Maintain Great Places
- Connect People to Nature
- Support Community Aspirations
- Convene, Plan and Build the Regional Trail System



PARTNER FEEDBACK

An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape. In the foreground, a river flows through a dense forest, with a small waterfall visible on the left. The background shows rolling hills and more forested areas under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on this image.

PARKS & NATURE SYSTEM PLAN

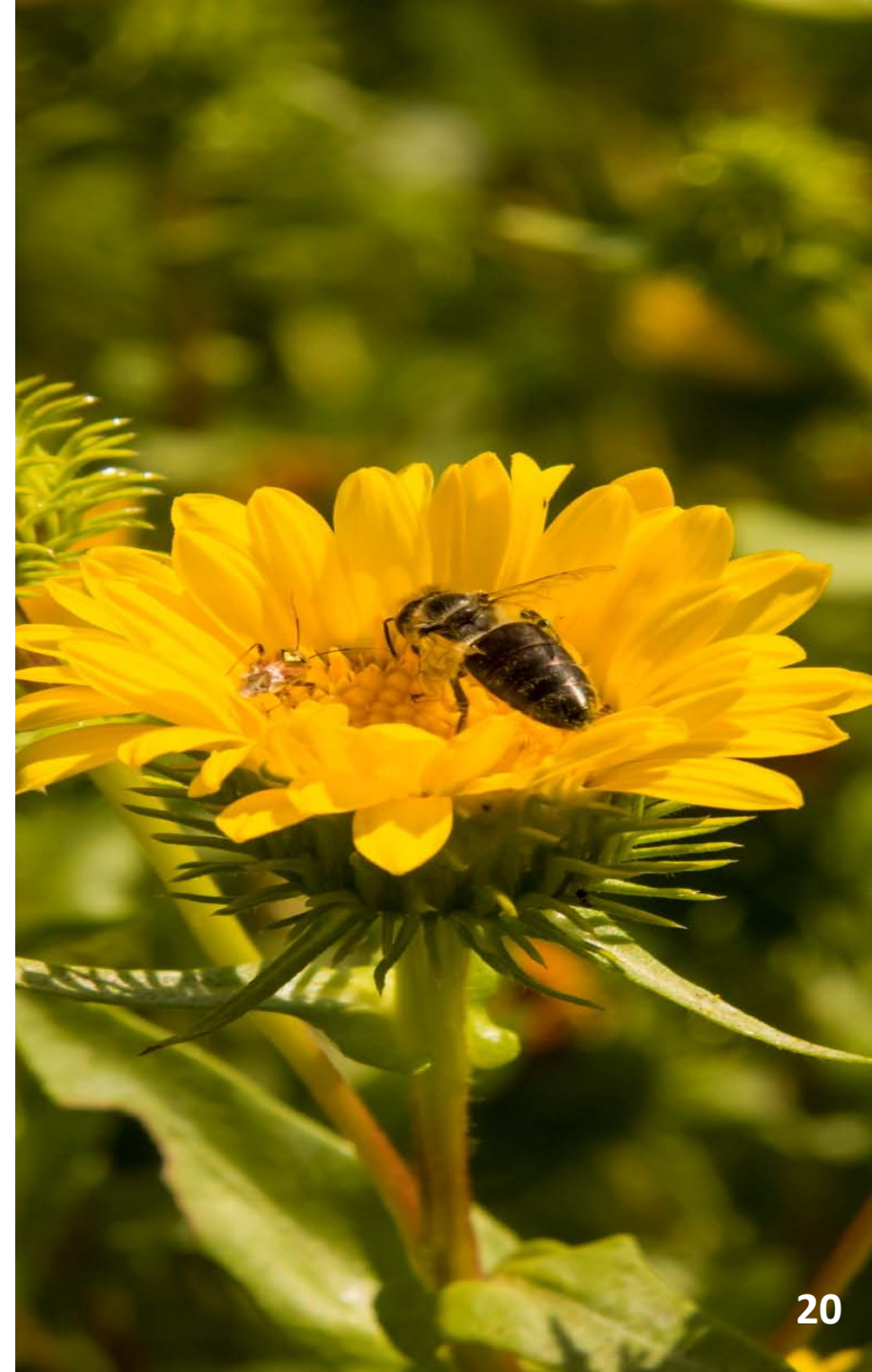
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PARTNER FEEDBACK

- Mission and role provide clarity
- Widespread support for commitment to ensuring all communities benefit from nature
- Naturehoods provide helpful and interesting way to organize portfolio
- Investments in local communities are important
- Refinements needed to operating model graphic
- Clarification requested on strategy implementation and metrics
- Need to more explicitly call out commitment to partnerships
- Some requests to take policy positions go beyond Council direction

CONVERSATION

- Do you have any questions or suggestions to address before formally considering the system plan Feb. 4?
- Do you feel comfortable with adding the proposed mission-critical strategy about partnerships?



Build, sustain and leverage partnerships to advance the region's shared commitment to an interconnected system of parks, trails and natural areas.

Partnerships play a critical role in fulfilling the vision of a world-class network of parks, trails and natural areas that make the most of the greater Portland region's natural setting. As a regional convener and major land manager, Metro leads key initiatives and brings together local governments, conservation and recreation groups, community-based organizations, businesses and schools to achieve shared goals – from protecting water quality to better serving communities of color. Investments in community nature projects are another important tool to support partners and build the regional network. As a founder and core partner of The Intertwine Alliance, Metro continues to fulfill its leadership role through this growing group of allies.

Outcomes

- A diverse network of partners supports the regional system of parks, trails and natural areas, as well as individual efforts to protect and connect with nature.
- Communities across the region – including those that are historically underserved – benefit from clean water, healthy wildlife habitat and opportunities to connect with nature.
- Resources are identified to support conservation, recreation and nature education at a regional scale.

Actions

- Working with The Intertwine Alliance, convene partners and provide technical expertise to advance high-priority regional projects.
- Continue to invest in community nature projects that achieve important outcomes beyond Metro's portfolio of land.
- Pursue partnerships and initiatives that increase participation among communities of color and underserved communities.

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Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	16	PP&R, THPRD and NRPRD are also focusing on large-scale conversation of natural areas. Metro is not the only agency doing this in the region.	Addressed
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	16	PP&R manages 11,000 acres of which 7200 are NA. The statement that Metro's portfolio "looks a lot different than most local park providers" is not entirely true.	It is true for most providers, although Portland is an exception.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	16	PP&R is focusing on NA protection and ecosystem conservation in an urban context, probably more than Metro. Most of Metro's larger properties are outside the urban growth boundary and located in rural areas. The diagram on Page 17 illustrates that Metro is protecting areas between the national forest and the urban areas.	No. Graphic is general, not intended to specifically reflect on the City of Portland (an outlier that does manage natural areas).
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	17	This is a confusing diagram and needs some narrative to describe it. It is also inaccurate. For instance, PP&R has "nature" properties (i.e., Forest Park) that belong on the "Natural" end of the spectrum (to the left where state parks, national parks, etc. are). The diagram has "City Parks" at the far right side of the spectrum, which just isn't true.	No. Graphic is general, not intended to specifically reflect on the City of Portland (an outlier that does manage natural areas).
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	18	This figure is misleading. Metro may have purchased or assisted with the purchase of many of these properties but they do not manage them so many of the areas shown are not Metro parks and natural areas.	Addressed; changing the legend to say "Metro-owned."
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	19	Metro and PP&R have a memorandum of understanding that PP&R will manage properties acquired within the City of Portland's boundaries. Will this change with the acquisition of new properties?	Will discuss with PP&R at follow-up staff meeting. Does not need to be addressed in the document.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	20	The diagram of the operating model is confusing. Suggest making these positive statements and re-draw the arrows. Also, add a yes/no box that shows the local jurisdiction will/will not take on management of the property so there is someone to transfer it to for operations and maintenance.	Agree. Being addressed.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	21	Compensate Contractors for Operations, the only box over don't compensate. Shouldn't this be the other way, that if it is core to the operations of the system then Metro will compensate the landowner to do the work? What incentive is there for the local government to take on this responsibility?	This requires a more detailed discussion. The Operating Model is a set of tools to assist with making decisions, but decisions for each individual site will be made after conversations with stakeholders and partners.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	22	Show partners' jurisdictions on this figure. It will make it easier to understand.	Won't work at this scale.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	24	It would be interesting to know the demographics of the respondents. Did Metro get input from diverse and minority communities?	Will be addressed in a separate community engagement report.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	25	Vibrant Communities – most large parcels that Metro manages are not in urban areas so may want to focus on a different foundation statement.	Not reopening values.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	27	Chapter 3 is a great history of the greenspaces movement in the region but is very long. Perhaps bullet the key milestones and put the rest of the information in an appendix.	Many readers particularly valued this chapter; others are welcome to skip it.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	52	This is a good start at a classification system (which is always tenuous because some parks bridge multiple classes or are so unique that they defy easy definition. For instance, even Broughton Beach is technically a natural area.) However, there isn't enough guidance given as part of the description. For instance, would mountain biking activities be allowed in a Regional Nature Park or Regional Natural Area?	Will discuss with PP&R at follow-up staff meeting. System plan will not provide that level of detail.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	53	Define local trails.	Not here, but the updated Regional Trails Plan will be sure to explain these nuances.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	70	Key Partnerships. To be consistent, remove City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services and Portland Parks and Recreation, and list as the City of Portland. This also needs to be changed on page 114.	Addressing.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	82	West Portland Natural Areas is now called Loll Wildwood Natural Area.	Addressing.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	107	Insert "local" when describing the 11 miles of trails that Metro has built.	Addressing.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	144	Fifth paragraph: this is true for all people, not just people of color. What basis/study was used to support this paragraph?	True, but this is from an ORPA study and the section is specifically about people of color.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	154	Strategy 3. Is this intended to speak just to maintenance? We should also be funding acquisition and trails! I recommend revising to read "Develop a stable, long-term funding source to support stewardship and expansion of Metro's and the region's Parks, Trails, and Nature portfolio."	This is a policy conversation that needs to happen at the MPAC, park director and Metro Council level. We appreciate PP&R's interest and look forward to continuing the conversation at our upcoming discussion.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	155	In the "Connect People to Nature" Strategies, there needs to be at least two or three added strategies - one that calls for Metro to provide physical public access to most (but not all) nature properties in its portfolio (that is missing). Another strategy recommended for addition would be one that calls for Metro to provide or support programs that link people with nature (particularly among the underserved or diverse communities). A final third one could speak to how trails need to be expanded and built to provide the desired access to nature.	Access suggestion is policy position that the Metro Council is not ready to stake out. Other two are included in subsequent strategies.

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Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	158	In key actions, trails deserves its own bullet point! So, add an action that calls for the establishment of new funding for trails – and not just gaps, but any unbuilt segments.	This is an interesting policy discussion to pursue, but not ground that the Metro Council is prepared to stake out in the system plan.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	189	Another outcome should be “revamping grant programs to remove the 2/3 match requirements in some programs, which have been a barrier to grantees.”	Our Council will be happy to continue the conversation about the future structure of grant programs, but this is not a policy decision we will make in the system plan.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	190	In the Outcomes, this is a good example of Outcomes that don’t seem concrete, measurable, or specific enough. How or when would the first bullet outcome be considered a success? It may be fine to leave them a little vague, but if that is the case, they are of limited use.	Will be fleshed out in implementation plan. We are adding more specific language about implementation timelines and plans overall.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	195	Good to see trails funding mentioned in 3rd bullet under the key actions, but funding should not just be for local match on grants, but also for all trail design, development, and construction (maybe even maintenance).	We’re adding language to recognize the importance of working with partners.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	197	Great strategies, thank you. But a couple thoughts/questions: What are the legislative changes envisioned? Our experience with trails has been that the biggest hurdles are unwilling property owners and restrictive environmental review and regulation for trails. Would “removing permitting barriers” include making environmental review less onerous? City of Portland is actually going in the other direction, unfortunately. For the third bullet point in the outcomes, what is meant by “construction costs are proportional with design and permitting costs”?	We agree that this is a complicated issue. Further details will be included in the implementation plan we develop.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	general	The document is an excellent inventory of Metro-owned and managed places. Very well documented and nice to see in one place.	Great!
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	general	The document could benefit from a primer on a system plan – basics like “what is a system plan?” How will Metro use it?	This is addressed in the introduction through conversational language; it will also be covered in the executive summary.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	general	It is unclear who the intended audience is for this document. Is it an internal document or for the public? If for the public, then suggest a more bulleted, illustrated document that tells the Metro Parks & Nature history, and focuses on the system plan. Perhaps some of the information can go into appendices.	This document has multiple audiences: the public, partners and staff. We will look for more opportunities to clarify, and are producing an executive summary specifically for a general audience.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	general	The “outcomes” are not well defined. They could benefit from more specificity, timelines, responsible parties, and performance measures should be associated with each action. As written, it will be hard to measure success.	This will be addressed in implementation plans; we are being more specific about those plans and timelines in the document.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	general	Great to see goals for diversity and expanding access to nature for diverse communities. Again more specificity is needed around the actions and measurements need to achieve these goals. Also, who will lead this effort?	This will be addressed in implementation plans; we are being more specific about those plans and timelines in the document.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	general	Oregon and our region uses Watershed and Sub-watersheds for planning and communications with the public. Introducing the concept of a Naturehood could be confusing to the public and does not seem to serve much purpose as many of the Naturehoods are defined by the watershed.	Thank you for your comment. We have received a variety of feedback about naturehoods, most of it positive.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	general	Great to see support given to trails and importance of trails. However, Metro’s role as “convener” is still somewhat unclear. The document should also specifically call for creating new and more regional trails funding (not just grant matches), perhaps administered by Metro in its regional role.	We’ll look forward to having that policy discussion, but the Metro Council is not prepared to make that decision in this document.
Brett Horner, Portland Parks and Rec	general	The Mission Critical Strategies should also include a Partnership Strategy. As shown throughout the document, Metro and partners are purchasing, protecting, maintaining and enhancing the regions natural areas, parks and trails. These partnerships will need to continue for Metro and partners to be successful.	Agree. Being addressed.
Carol Mayer-Reed	156	What is definition of “science” in Mission-Critical Strategy #1?	Not addressing.
Carol Mayer-Reed	General	Good definitions and diagrams	Thanks!
Carol Mayer-Reed	General	Beautiful photography	Thanks!
Carol Mayer-Reed	General	Breakdown by watershed makes sense	Thanks!
Carol Mayer-Reed	General	Where does the Oregon Zoo fit in the portfolio? Learning disconnect?	Being addressed.
Carol Mayer-Reed	General	Communities of color input? Stakeholder outreach?	Will be addressed in a separate community engagement report.
Carol Mayer-Reed	General	In there interface with Trust for Public Land?	Yes, on a site-specific basis.

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Carol Mayer-Reed	General	How is public access determined? Or just conservation?	The System Plan doesn't get into the level of detail of individual site planning, but the strategies provide important context for the issues we'll consider when making those decisions.
Carol Mayer-Reed	General	How does plan address fitness and recreation?	See the strategies in "Create and Maintain Great Places".
Councilor Collette	General	Introduction should do more to explain why we need a system plan.	Addressed.
Councilor Collette	General	Love the naturehoods concept. Powerful communication tool; can help hook partners and the public, show them why they should care.	Great!
Councilor Collette	General	Executive summary would be helpful for people who don't have time to read the whole document.	We are producing; will be ready for Council adoption.
Councilor Harrington	64	Blue Lake -could the doc mention disc golf too? Recent addition with partners. National caliber too. Valuable service to folks throughout region. Just an idea.	Addressing.
Councilor Harrington	67	Howell Territorial Park - for a QE with city councils, I was given talking points on Howell & perhaps Sauvie Island Center having been used by WA Co students esp. Beaverton School District. With that recollection in mind, suggest the doc not be restricted to '... north Portland primary school students.' Perhaps the BSD effort was a one-off instead? Just an idea.	Addressing; will say "school students" more generally.
Councilor Harrington	79	Glendoveer - could the doc mention foot golf too? Recent new use to attract new audience/users. Just an idea.	Addressing.
Councilor Harrington	88	North Tualatin Mountains - Is it its own Naturehood (word not in label) or did the all caps font used just throw me off?	Addressing.
Councilor Harrington	158	Under the key actions there is nothing on restoration/conservation strategy. Since the strategy and overview mention natural areas, I struggled a little to see how the key actions included natural areas, since the words used in the two bullets (except for "land management and restoration") seemed so oriented towards parks (recreational and nature parks.) Maybe as a reader I just needed the reinforcing words of "natural area land management and restoration" – not exactly sure, but it's an idea offering. When I got to Chapter 7 (Protect & Conserve Nature) it made me wonder, so does Mission-Critical Strategy 4 really not apply to natural areas after all despite this overview paragraph? Clearly I must have caused some confusion or misunderstanding in my reading.	Action reworded to more clearly emphasize natural areas side of the portfolio in addition to parks.
Councilor Harrington	165	Key Action: From my layman perspective, I really need to be educated/informed on what it means to be a priority habitat. I was wondering if a key action addition might help? Also, where <u>our</u> portfolio stands now and where, (what state/outcomes management) should be aiming?	Rewording: "Restore high-priority as defined by federal, state and regional conservation plans." Also adding a fourth action: "Work with regional partners to define measures and benchmarks to evaluate Metro's portfolio."
Councilor Harrington	166	I really like outcomes bullet 3 – clearly articulates where efforts should be aiming in ways that this layman can understand	Great!
Councilor Harrington	166	I LOVE THIS!!!! (How often do I use such flowery language – not very often! Yikes, surprising myself.)	Great!
Councilor Harrington	181	I am a bit stunned that the new Conservation Education Center at the Oregon Zoo is not mentioned, not even once. Aren't we still one Metro? This is feeding a fear of mine that I have communicated to COO & SLT many times, that the department teams won't be connected. I have seen you have connection, but this document doesn't reflect that. Can you please consider fixing that?	Good point; heard from others as well. We are incorporating the zoo education center in a new action under the Create and Maintain Great Places strategy.
Councilor Harrington	194	Last paragraph in the overview - while the key actions bullet 1 speaks to RTP, it makes it seem like your team is starting at step 0 – and I know better that you have been working and that there is huge opportunity for more of it to happen across the region. So I have a couple of thoughts/ideas: could the overview last paragraph reference the RTP too to add weight to the transportation planning and holistic planning? Also key action bullet 1, certainly you mean beyond just Metro programs to mean also regional wide? (Tell me clearly, don't make me assume anything when it comes to transportation strategy overlap.)	Trails strategies were significantly revised based on this and other feedback.
Councilor Harrington	202	Paragraph 2 "... beginning of a new phase implementation." I'm a bit taken a back. The Metro programs have been implementing, but I think the sense you want me to have is a holistic implementation of these strategies – right? The word holistic help me distinguish what the document is getting at since the work of the last couple of years has been advancing site and beginning that holistic portfolio management and now in the future we must solidify/stay true to implementing/following strategies holistically.	Great point. We reworded this to be clear that, while the system plan does usher in a new phase, we have already been implementing. Thank you for catching this.
Councilor Harrington	General	1st : Excellent work! I have learned a lot!	Great!
Councilor Harrington	General	The history (how we got here) is really valuable, while being short yet comprehensive. Effective writing about impressive work.	Great!
Councilor Harrington	General	I love the Naturehood concept.	Great!
Councilor Harrington	General	Learned a good deal with each Naturehood. This doc will help new future Councilors, local electeds, committee members, staff, residents, get to know our portfolio easily.	Great!
Councilor Harrington	General	The 6 types of property types (pg 17-18) was easy to follow.	Great!
Councilor Harrington	General	The subsection heading under each Naturehood (Overview, Acres, Key partnerships, Regional context, Highlights) were effective in making each area description effective, approachable and not overwhelming (phew!)	Great!

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Councilor Harrington	General	As I read, I numbered the Naturehoods so I knew I was making progress on the list of 11 as mentioned in the section overview of Naturehoods. When I got to Regional Trails, the overview offered no sense of quantity. I still numbered (T1, T2, ...) and got to 13 Regional Trails that we have helped make happen so far. Good work. Just as an idea, in the Regional Trail overview, as a reader, I appreciate being given a context up front. 13 so far, more to come per the adopted regional trails master plan as adopted in the RTP!! Just an idea.	Great point. We added some introductory text to be more clear.
Councilor Harrington		The 4 steps/aspects are so nice and clear. In addition though, I feel that as an elected, I want to see some language that goes further, to can convey a sense of urgency – example “Stem the loss of habitat.” Just an idea. At a minimum, if there is a Council meeting of any kind on this document, I will remember to say this, so that my colleagues and I have the opportunity to come to agreement (or not) on a direction to you on that.	Revising language based on follow up conversation.
Dan Moeller - Metro staff	16	On top right paragraph, not fair to say Metro is only agency focusing on large-scale conservation; e.g. Forest Park, Powell Butte, Tualatin Hills Nature Park	Yes; "one of the few agencies"
Dan Moeller - Metro staff	18	Map legend - should probably say "Metro-owned parks and natural areas" rather than just Metro	Addressed.
Dan Moeller - Metro staff	20	Graphic needs work	Agree. Being addressed.
Dan Moeller - Metro staff	22	Legend should maybe say "Metro-owned"	Changing legend title to "Metro Parks and Nature sites."
Dan Moeller - Metro staff	General	We don't mention agriculture, residential leasing or permits, IGAs and easements. Should we?	These will be addressed in implementation plans.
Heather Nelson Kent - Metro staff	General	You've changed the name of my team in the system plan document. It's Community Investments and Partnerships (you've got the reverse). Please correct this in the final document.	This has been fixed.
Heather Nelson Kent - Metro staff	General	I'm surprised not to see included in the plan the map showing the grants and local share investments. Is this something that could be included as a graphic in the final product?	Will be included in the history chapter.
Jamie Lorenzini, City of Happy Valley	Future	When will the document be complete? How will it be implemented?	We added language to the conclusion about the implementation plan.
Jamie Lorenzini, City of Happy Valley	Future	What funding measures are in the future?	Will be addressed by Metro Council following system plan adoption.
Jamie Lorenzini, City of Happy Valley	Future	How does this plan address gentrification?	The plan does not address gentrification - it seems to us to be beyond the scope of the System Plan.
Jamie Lorenzini, City of Happy Valley	general	Will Metro eventually take over all of the regional open space areas like Scouters and Mount Talbert?	This is a policy question that has not been addressed by the Metro Council.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	20	These models are pretty bad from a functional point of view. Stylistically they might look good in the document, but trying to work through them as-is would be extremely difficult if not impossible.	Agree. Being addressed.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	20	These types of models work best when the necessary components are designed serially. Since these are designed totally in a parallel fashion, you could arrive at "own" or "operate" (for example) when conditions actually don't call for that.	Agree. The final document will have revised graphics.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	20	Some of the criteria are confusing as they have double negatives in them. To the extent possible, all criteria should be phrased without double negatives and so that all "yes" answers send you down the "Own" and "Operate" path and all "no" answers send you down the "Transfer" and "Contract" path.	Agree. The final document will have revised criteria to accompany the graphics.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	20	There is needless duplication in both models as they both refer to consistency with Metro's mission and to Metro's expertise to operate the site/facility. The former criterion should be applied only to the Own vs. Transfer part of the model and the latter should only be applied to the Operate vs. Contract part of the model only.	Agree. Being addressed.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	20	However, if the "expertise to operate" criterion is kept within the Own vs. Transfer part of the model, then, as written, it appears to indicate the wrong thing: "Does Metro lack expertise?" If no, then "Transfer" it? This doesn't make sense (because it's a double negative). It appears the exact opposite should be true. If Metro lacks expertise it should be transferred. However, as stated above, if this was worded in the positive (does Metro have the requisite expertise to manage) than a Yes would accurately send you down the Own path.	Agree. Being addressed.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	20	This model would be better designed as a single system (see example at the end of this document), which may not be pretty, but it's far more functional.	Agree. The final document will have revised graphics.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	20	Same comments apply to Figures 2.7 and 2.8	Agree. The final document will have revised graphics.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	50	It would be more helpful if the classification system diagram was on a continuum (from most accessible/least sensitive to least accessible/most sensitive) instead of a 'wheel.' If done, the descriptions of each class should then be given in this order.	This is just an introductory graphic. On pages 52-53, the classifications are organized by level of access.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	56	Are the designations of specific areas up for discussion or are these somehow cast in stone? Because the designations impose different management emphases, it's important to get them right. If they're not up for discussion, it would be helpful to state that clearly. It would also be helpful to know what process was used to classify them. If they are up for discussion, it would be helpful to identify how the public participates in that process.	Classification represents how we manage them today; when we look at potential changes, we do extensive public and partner outreach.

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Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	62	Since EMSWCD has a land acquisition and management program, we've partnered with Metro and Parks (the latter within this Naturehood) on purchases and hope to do so in the future, and I was asked to sit on the Natural Area & Parks Levy Stewardship Advisory Committee, it seems like EMSWCD should be identified within the "Key Partnerships."	Adding EMSWCD to key partnerships.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	64	The management of this site is kind of tragic. Sprinklers going full blast last summer during the day and during the drought. Water quality so bad people cannot swim in the lake. Goose poop everywhere. The entire site is mowed constantly(?) and probably needlessly. Seems like the site is big enough to have a fenced off dog area...	Not addressing in system plan, however a master plan process is underway to chart future investments in the park.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	65	Last time I was at this site it was not clean – broken glass was everywhere.	Not addressing in system plan. Site was recently renovated; however, we will pass along the concern to our park staff.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	75	Since EMSWCD has a land acquisition and management program, we've partnered with Metro and Parks (the former within this Naturehood) on purchases and hope to do so in the future, and I was asked to sit on the Natural Area & Parks Levy Stewardship Advisory Committee, it seems like EMSWCD should be identified within the "Key Partnerships."	Addressing.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	92	Thank you for recognizing EMSWCD as a key partner.	You're welcome!
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	202	I don't really see any "Next Steps" in this section. It would be helpful to identify specifically where, what, how and when Metro goes from here as well as how the public can participate.	Agree. Being addressed.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	202	I didn't see anywhere in the document where site planning was mentioned (I could have missed it). It seems like site planning is where the rubber meets the road and where your local citizenry will be most interested ("What specifically are you going to do with my park?"). Site planning should be done for all sites. A site planning timeframe should be identified in this document.	That's an important point. Site planning efforts to date have been driven by funding availability. We'll consider how to incorporate this in the future.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	General	Hyper-linked table of contents in electronic document	Great suggestion. We will do that.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD	General	You have a lot of strategies. Beyond saying the mission critical strategies are more important (?) than the others, is there any prioritization/ranking of the strategies so they can be prioritized and/or so you/we know which one trumps the other if there is a conflict? If not, suggest there is.	We will clarify the language introducing the strategies.
Jay Udelhoven - EMSWCD		Figures are not connected to the narrative text. All figures should be referred to within the narrative text.	We'll consider this as we decide how to consistently label graphics and photographs.
Jess Graff, Portland Children's Museum	General	Like the recognition of trends, changing demographics	Great!
Jess Graff, Portland Children's Museum	general	How will you let people, especially underserved communities, know about opportunities and programs? Need to actively seek input from key populations, not expect them to come to you.	This is great input for future work - core to our community and partner engagement approach.
Jim Labbe	158	Mission Critical #4 on page 158 (or someplace) should make some mention of the connections to local parks systems. Those local park systems in many cases will be critical to fully knitting together an integrated regional system in the long-term. I know this is a delicate political matter but making some mention of how the regional system relates to and connects to local parks systems seems a practical imperative. It might be a step toward shaping a future levy and bond that actually requires local and regional shares work more in tandem with each other.	Added an outcome: "Metro's parks and natural areas reinforce strong community park systems, helping build an integrated regional network."
Jim Labbe	166	I was glad to see the Plan mentioned continuing to monitor Title 13 compliance. We have had discussions at Audubon about how to persuade the Council to continue to invest in this area. It should go beyond monitoring local compliance and include continued Title 13 performance monitoring for at least another 10 years. Metro should not just establish indicators and collect data but also continue to set performance targets to evaluate the region's progress towards those targets.	This goes beyond what the Metro Council is ready to commit to at this point, but we look forward to continuing the conversation about the future of Title 13 work.
Jim Labbe	General	In general, I like the organization and content.	Great
Jim Labbe	General	The "Naturehoods" are reminiscent of the "Neighborsheds" concept used by Mike Houck in the 1990s. Is the plan to access to nature performance goals within and between each Naturehood? The quality of access could be assessed with respect to neighborhood parks and natural areas, perhaps community parks, regional nature parks, and- at the highest level- environmental learning centers. Environmental learning centers would be places such as the Audubon Sanctuary, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, or the former John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center that aspire to provide environmental learning for all ages and all cultures (perhaps a regional standard should be set for both). Regardless, the quality of the experience and the distribution of these places needs to be considered and planned for at the regional scale. I see a clear gap in East County. Although there is momentum at Leach Botanical Garden the four east county Cities are not well served. Perhaps this is an appropriate goal for the Gantenbein property.	We're glad you see connections between naturehoods and other policy areas. This is an interesting idea for future discussion; let's talk about how we can continue the conversation.

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Jim Labbe	General	The history section is useful. It is probably not worth going into the history before the launch of the Metropolitan Greenspaces Program, however the 1990 Gresham Open Space Bond deserves some mention and highlight in the recent history. It was the first conservation-based bond measure in the region and was critical to building the East Buttes and Johnson Creek portions of the system and played some role in inspiring the first regional effort in 1992. Apart from this fact, any chance to highlight Gresham's former glory vis-a-vis parks and open space will be welcomed by those who hope to renew it as it will surely nudge those who haven't fully considered the possibility of doing so.	Thank for this thoughtful comment. While we are fascinated by Gresham's history, we are confining the scope of the history chapter to the Metro system.
Jim Labbe	General	I like how this document seems to weave equitable access for all people throughout. This will clearly remain an imperative for advancing environmental justice, for fully realizing the public health benefits of the system and for long-term constituency building.	Thanks. We're glad to have your partnership as we move forward with this work.
John Sheehan - Metro staff	174	Great Places – Strategy 2 – add a line to the final outcomes bullet so that it reads like this: "Metro parks and natural areas have well-maintained infrastructure, nature education and interpretation, native plants and trees and wildlife habitat." (item in GREEN is added to current language).	Added.
John Sheehan - Metro staff	174	Develop and implement an interpretive plan as part of the master planning process for all new nature parks.	Added.
John Sheehan - Metro staff	181	In Connect people to nature -- strategy 1 -- add this action: "Offer a spectrum of volunteer and nature education programs to individuals and groups at key Metro destinations that engage a range of people, from first time visitors to experts looking for deep nature immersion."	Added.
Karen Vitkay - Metro staff	50	Are these going to replace the definitions of the science team (i.e. nature park, natural area (high), natural area (low), nature preserve)? There currently isn't clear distinction between the nature park and natural area categories. For example, Cooper Mtn and Mt Talbert are noted as nature parks, but in my opinion each has a fairly light touch. The messaging and categorizing of our properties is inconsistent throughout the document.	Yes. This refines the portfolio report.
Karen Vitkay - Metro staff	99	This is specific, but I don't think we should mention the Gaston School District as a key partner. Turnover at the school in recent years has resulted in a lack of joint activities. Overall, I think the Key Partnerships should be more general: "Many stakeholders will be involved in the planning process, including neighbors, technical experts, conservation groups, outdoor education groups, public agencies, schools and others."	Removed school district, but leaving the others.
Karen Vitkay - Metro staff	101	Specific inaccuracies. Header and text should read "Chehalem Ridge Natural Area," (not nature park, right?), acres are currently at: 1,230 (not 1,180). Delete "school district."	Yes
Karen Vitkay - Metro staff	115	Replace images with images of built sections of the Rock Creek Trail, options attached.	We have replaced the images.
Karen Vitkay - Metro staff	195	Replace: The trails system is accessible to people of all abilities. With: The trails system offers opportunities to people of all abilities. (It's not possible to make the whole system ADA compliant. Thus I would be more realistic with the language. Planned regional trails already bifurcate between ped and bicycle uses due to topography issues). Same comment for the first key action. A natural surface path can also be a regional trail.	We've adjusted some language to address these concerns.
Karen Vitkay - Metro staff	197	Suggest making this strategy more broad by adding "design" as well as rewording the statement to be positive: Pursue streamlined trail design, funding and permitting processes. I believe Lake is initiating an effort to develop trail design guidelines and/or best practices. This would be a great resource for project partners and would provide consistency throughout the region as well as ensure that minimum standards are met particularly if we are moving towards requiring developers to be involved.	We have updated the trails strategies to incorporate a wide variety of feedback.
Karen Vitkay - Metro staff	General	Throughout the document remove the word "feel." Community members may feel involved or feel secure, but it should be more than a perception. They should BE involved as well as BE safe and secure.	We'll look at the context for use of the word "feel," but we do feel it's appropriate in some cases -- it's important that people not only *are* safe, but also feel safe.
Laura Oppenheimer Odom - Metro staff	56	Burlington Creek Forest - should we call it North Tualatin Mountains for consistency?	OK here, but need to ensure consistent approach going forward.
Mary Logalbo - West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District	16	In the Roles in the Region section, I would argue that this quote: "However, Metro is the only agency focusing on large-scale conservation of natural areas close to home in an urban setting" isn't true (but I suppose it could be depending on how you define "large-scale") and that there are other agencies focused on large-scale conservation of natural areas close to home in an urban setting (including WMSWCD and other groups we work with including watershed councils and collaborative partnerships such as WWRP). Also in regards to your example of context, we too work with an urban cemetery and golf course, and a long list of other private and public players...just a note for perspective. Thus, you may wish to reword this to better reflect the uniqueness of Metro. I think the last paragraph in this same section does a better job of this.	Addressed.
Mary Logalbo - WMSWCD	General	Nice concise introduction!	Thanks.
Mary Logalbo - WMSWCD	General	Very happy to see the equity and inclusion work included in this!	Great!
Mary Logalbo - WMSWCD	General	More quantifiable metrics for goals would make this more robust/meaningful	This will be addressed in implementation plans; we are being more specific about those plans and timelines in the document.

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Mary Rose Navarro - Metro staff	11	Looking Ahead - The emphasis on community investments throughout the document don't come through very strongly on this page. Can you add onto the last sentence of the second paragraph? "... and how Metro's community investments will support habitat conservation, restoration, and access to nature in urbanized areas."	We added community investments to this sentence in a more concise way.
Mary Rose Navarro - Metro staff	14	This is an opportunity to link Metro's role of investing in communities to the Greenspaces Master Plan. Can you weave in a statement like this, "... and community investments to local conservation priorities help foster active stewardship of nature throughout the region."? This language ties with the quote on the page.	This paragraph is intended to be very succinct and does not cover most program areas. We are going to leave it as-is.
Mary Rose Navarro - Metro staff	36	This is the page that I really think is missing the opportunity to emphasize Metro's role in providing grants and that grant funding is a critical aspect of the "comprehensive approach" of Nature in Neighborhoods. The first paragraph does mention the original US Fish and Wildlife funded grants. It could better emphasize that the \$1.50 excise tax continued this role after US FWS funding was gone to provide the Restoration and Enhancement grants. This program went from 2006 to 2011/12. The section talking about the bond doesn't mention the \$15 million Capital Grants. And then the Levy expanded those grant opportunities to include Conservation Ed and Trails. (although this is covered on page 38).	We added a sentence about capital grants to the paragraph about the 2006 bond. The other suggestion is a bit too nuanced to incorporate in this section.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	9	Last paragraph - change "traditionally" to "historically"; changed "missed out" to "faced barriers"	Changed "traditionally" to "historically" - no on the other
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	9	Typo: Ppeople	Addressed.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	10	End of paragraph three - change "relevant" to "accessible"	Not addressing.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	10	Change "Intertwine to "Intertwine Alliance"	Addressed.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	18	Map legend - white needs stronger contrast to background	Agree. Being addressed.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	20	Graphic needs work	Agree - a revised graphic is being developed.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	25	Connections value - "quiet" is not shared value change to "fun" or "enjoyment"	Not reopening values.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	25	Rephrase equity value to include what our commitment to equitable vs. equal is; include specific language about inclusion.	Not reopening values.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	44	Under "community partnerships," add "culturally specific"	Addressed.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	49	Include community/cultural representation in naturehoods	We'll think about this for future descriptions of naturehoods; it's vital to ensure that we accurately and sensitively reflect the culture of each naturehood, and it would be unfair to do on such a short timeline.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	52	Want graphics to illustrate difference in use and access level	Will consider for the future; not prepared to develop graphic system right now.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	57	Legend is wrong, no habitat preserves on map: needs title (Public access sites)	Addressing.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	59	Which charter school? (Springwater Environmental School)	Addressing.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	107	Table is missing trail length	Addressing; deleting table and expanding picture.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	145	Colors are hard to distinguish on 2010 map	Not addressing.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	157	Key actions; change "Partners in Nature" under first action to "community investments and partnerships team"	This item relates specifically to Partners in Nature.

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Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	157	Would be good place to mention diversifying our work force	This idea has been vetted several times; we understand the passion for this, however this is not where the director is choosing to address it.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	157	Mention "limited or negative experiences" to acknowledge people's varied relationships with nature	Addressed.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	167	Add the Native Plant Center as a key action	Not at this level of detail.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	183	PIN/NIN should be called out in key actions	That's an important point to bring up as we start implementing the system plan. These are inferred in the final two bullets, but the actions are not limited to one program area.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	195	Include NIN trails grants	Not at this level of detail.
Metro Community Investments and Partnerships team	General	Need chapter for volunteers and community partnerships - chapter 5 with grants maps?	No; already discussed.
Metro DEI team	11	Metro has a presence	Not addressing.
Metro DEI team	13	Add caption saying it's camas (Native American)	No; need to be consistent in photo captions.
Metro DEI team	16	Community feedback - acknowledge what we heard from underserved communities	Added sentence about how important urban facilities are to underserved communities.
Metro DEI team	25	Suggests new wording on equity value - "co-create, collaborate with diverse communities"	Not reopening values.
Metro DEI team	158	Add an action about evaluating the fee structure to consider equity and consistency across the system	Added an action: "Evaluate user fees to consider equity and ensure a consistent approach across Metro's system."
Metro DEI team	190	Equity Strategy Advisory Committee	Addressed.
Metro DEI team	General	Acknowledge cultural significance of sites in naturehoods chapter	Will address in cases where info is readily available, build on this over time for other sites.
Metro DEI team	General	Add captions where it can provide context, especially around equity and cultural issues	This is a good point. We will evaluate the benefits of providing context vs. maintaining a consistent caption style as we copy-edit the document.
Metro DEI team	General	Be explicit about implementation plan, what timeline this will happen on.	Yes. This refines the portfolio report.
Metro DEI team	General	Not clear how mission-critical and program area strategies intersect, relate to one another	The introduction to the mission-critical section covers this. We will review the wording and see if there are opportunities to fine-tune.
Metro DEI team	General	Equity tends to get prioritized last in planning efforts. Be specific about how this work will be funded and moved forward.	We are going to be clear about our commitments.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	107	Misrepresentation of what Metro owns and operates in the table (it looks like Metro owns and operates all the trails in the list and is in control of prioritizing funding for these), and the list doesn't match the map	Addressing; deleting table and expanding picture.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	153	Mission-critical strategies: Overall it would be good to add wording regarding being inclusive/usable/accessible, multi-generational, and to recognize Metro Parks and Nature can learn from all of various populations on how to better serve them.- Between the lines perhaps acknowledge that we don't know what we don't know....	We'll consider this later.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	155	Table is difficult to read and understand.	Agree. Being addressed.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	172	Create and Maintain Great Places strategies: It would be helpful to our work if the outcomes and actions of strategies 1 and 2 were more clearly defined. As written, it's difficult to discern their direction and or know how to implement them or measure whether our work is achieving the impact desired. It may be useful to add language about continuing to assess, monitor, and evaluate all our major initiatives.	Strategy 1: Outcomes reworked significantly. We are also eliminating the third action and adding one recommended by the planning group ... "Plan, develop and operate great parks and natural areas that are welcoming and inclusive."
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	195	Trails chapter: Misrepresentation of and is in conflict with how Metro as a whole manages, prioritizes, and supports regional trails managed by other agencies via funding by MTIP (which provides 40% of this regions trail funding)	Trails chapter has been updated based on feedback from planning staff and other stakeholders.

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Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	195	Trails chapter: Does not acknowledge or mention the importance of Metro staff in supporting the regional trail system- like the trails forum, trail counts, technical support re planning and funding.	Trails chapter has been updated based on feedback from planning staff and other stakeholders.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	195	Trails chapter: Is in conflict with Metro's active transportation initiative that actually encourages an on and off-street walking and bicycling experience.	Agree - we changed the language that was the source of this conflict.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	195	Trails chapter recommendations for improvement: Identify the differences between the Parks and Nature Dept. trail priorities vs. the Regional Trails Plan (that is made up of multiple agencies) vs. federal active transportation priorities, etc.	Trails chapter has been updated based on feedback from planning staff and other stakeholders.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	195	Trails chapter recommendations for improvement: Clarify the criteria of how and why the trails in the table are priorities- i.e. articulate that they are the trails where Metro has major property investment or say these trails wouldn't exist without major Metro investment, etc.	Agree - addressed.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	195	Trails chapter recommendations for improvement: Add actions that include staff providing technical support regionally for trails	Agree - addressed.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	195	Trails chapter recommendations for improvement: Add a trail strategy or add to an existing strategy to pursue additional local/statewide trail funding (i.e. not federal)	This is a policy position beyond what the Metro Council has directed staff to include, but language has been added about working with partners on funding for regional trails.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	195	Trails chapter recommendations for improvement: re-word the sentence that appears a few times about "forcing people onto public streets."	Agree - addressed.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	197	Regional strategy 2 does not reconcile with the list on p. 107.	That is intentional - Strategy 2 is about adding a focus on trails work in areas that have been underserved, and the list on p. 107 is based on areas where Metro has had a major role.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	General	Double check all the site names & classifications so that they are listed with the same information throughout the document. Willamette Falls, Riverwalk, Killin and Newell are specific examples of sites with different information/spelling throughout the document.	Addressing.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	General	Recommend doing away with references to "historically" underserved communities, or communities that "have been" underserved. The plan's strong focus on equity and inclusion is due to the reality that many communities throughout the region are presently underserved. Using the word "historically" suggests some denial of this fact, when we are clearly aware of - and engaged in addressing - the present disparities.	We will consult the DEI team on this wording choice.
Metro Parks and Natural Areas Planning team	General	Could be helpful if the Plan clarifies and acknowledges the relationship between who we are aiming to better serve, how we define nature, and where we seek to provide "nature experiences". Definitions of nature and experiencing nature are values-driven and often relative to our own personal experiences (or based on definitions shaped by a dominant culture). An avid backpacker and mountain climber may not feel a connection to nature when spending a day in Blue Lake Park; someone growing up in an isolated urban environment very well may.	The document clearly states that we are committed to serving diverse communities who experience nature in different ways. This is a thoughtful comment and will be important to explore as we implement these strategies.
Michael Ahr - WMSWCD	16	I like the "role in the region" section. It's short and clear and helpful to those who aren't sure where Metro fits in.	Great!
Michael Ahr - WMSWCD	18	The urban growth boundary might stand out a little better if another color was chosen. That dark gray is not much different than the background light gray color	Addressing this.
Michael Ahr - WMSWCD	18	The BLM properties in the northern reaches of the Tualatin Mountains may not be fairly labeled as "Partner parks and Natural Areas." I'm not sure just what to suggest, but to me this label would imply that they're being managed as a natural ecosystem moving forward, and my understanding is that this BLM land may be more of a working land where timber income could be generated. That's not in conflict with habitat all the time, but it could be...it depends on objectives and the management scheme chosen	Good point. We will consult with Metro staff and consider changing the map.
Michael Ahr - WMSWCD	18	Those of us who look at regional maps often may follow this map better than those who don't. Perhaps mark a few landmarks like Forest Park, Mt Talbert, and others. I'd put county lines in there to better ground people.	Not addressing on this map due to the scale in the document; however, this is a great point for more public-facing maps that will be widely used in the future.
Michael Ahr - WMSWCD	49	Pg. 49 table is great. Very clear and concise. It's neat to see the general focus for acquisition in these areas.	Great!
Michael Ahr - WMSWCD	88	Thanks for mentioning West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District. Note that we legally use the & in our name, and not "and."	Addressing.
Michael Ahr - WMSWCD	88	In "Regional Context" section, the 2nd paragraph is confusing and I'm unsure of what the author is getting at. "partner funding shortages present challenges" is confusing. What this makes me think of is that mountain bikers really wanted to have trails in Forest Park. Forest Park didn't have the money to manage that properly so would not allow it. The burden has now moved to Metro who is needing to find a place for this. If I'm getting at the right idea, maybe it's better said that there's high demand for multiple recreational uses in the area, but a lack of large tracts to support all the desires. Metro properties are most conducive to filling this need. The term "funding shortage" is what gets me	We have updated the text in this section.

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Michael Ahr - WMSWCD	88	Another thought on this section in general relates to my awareness that some neighbors don't support mountain biking in the area because they feel the properties support wildlife that would be adversely affected. This is a tough one and I take no formal position on it, but perhaps the term "sensitive habitat" is overused. If we look regionally at places like the TNC Camassia Natural area, that's a really sensitive habitat that supports native meadow and Oregon white oak trees. The soils are sensitive and boardwalks are used to minimize impacts from visitors. This is a great habitat to call "sensitive." In our region, we have several examples like this including other wetland and prairie habitats. Upland mixed conifer forests are also great habitat, and well worth protection with Metro funds, but they're also more resilient to heavier use. While it's important to minimize impacts, we can also allow a bit more to occur here. On P. 88, I like the way the areas is being described in the first 2 paragraphs. Metro justifies their acquisitions with terms like "connecting vital corridors" or acquiring the "missing pieces." Later, in "Access considerations" the term "sensitive" is used, and I'm not sure it's needed. To me that term relates to something that needs to be managed with a very light touch, and I'm not sure that's true of these 4 Tualatin Mountain properties. All this is just food for thought.	Thanks for the thoughtful feedback; lots to consider here. We're not going to change the wording in this document, but appreciate the helpful context.
Michael Ahr - WMSWCD	General	I also really appreciate the equity section later in the document.	Thanks!
Mike Houck - Urban Greenspaces Institute	General	I will ready it more carefully over the holidays, but my first quick read through I am impressed.....with two MAJOR caveats. It's too much about Metro and too little about the "system" There are pretty minor references to The Intertwine and The Intertwine Alliance (I guess I should be grateful for any mention, but.....) and the maps are too Metro-centric. It should be easy to show Clark County, screened back graphically, that depicts a bi-state effort and likewise with the Oregon side of the Columbia	We will find a few more places to amplify this language. As discussed, this document is focused primarily on Metro's portfolio. It will provide a framework for building the conversation about the regional system (and Metro's role in it).
Mike Houck - Urban Greenspaces Institute	General	As I said, I am impressed overall, but will be sending specific critiques. As for the history, which Kathleen said she wanted feedback on, it's actually pretty good. I love Zehren but Zehren's vision?? We owe him a lot for his role at MPAC and I am not going to challenge it because he did lead the charge from his MPAC role. I may have some additional history that I will suggest be added, but for the most part pretty good.....and coming from me that's a compliment!	We'll consider whether to call out this particular player.
Mike Houck - Urban Greenspaces Institute	General	Access - suggests a statement that first and foremost Metro's focus is on maintaining and restoring the ecological integrity of its holdings and that access and other uses will be predicated on that priority"	We think Mission Critical Strategy 1 and the strategies in Protect and Conserve Nature capture this point and reinforce the importance of conservation science in Metro's programs.
Mike Houck - Urban Greenspaces Institute	General	Role in the region - "provide a framework for long-term management of the larger system" – suggests adding language about Metro's role managing the whole system, not just Metro's portion of the system	We added language and context throughout the document to clarify Metro's role in providing leadership in the regional system of parks, trails and natural areas while respecting concerns from jurisdictional partners.
Mike Houck - Urban Greenspaces Institute	General	Partnerships - suggests a focus on delivery of programs through The Intertwine Alliance	We have added language to reflect Metro's extensive involvement with The Intertwine Alliance and are suggesting adding a new Mission-Critical strategy on partnerships to add further weight.
Mike Houck - Urban Greenspaces Institute	General	Regional Funding - suggests a statement emphasizing the need for regional funding with Metro taking a major leadership role	Funding of the regional system is a policy topic beyond the scope of the system plan, but language around Metro's role in the regional system has been amplified.
Mike Houck - Urban Greenspaces Institute	General	Climate change - suggests adding action that Metro will also evaluate and adapt its land use and transportation planning...to complement its Parks and Nature Program to mitigate for and adapt to Climate Change"	There was an intentional decision to keep the System Plan and other Metro planning and policy documents separate. However, we think Metro's deep commitment to climate change is visible in the document and that the System Plan sets up the work of Parks and Nature to support Metro's other efforts to respond to climate change.
Mike Wetter, The Intertwine Alliance	General	As I said at our recent meetings, I am generally impressed with the plan. The taxonomy of Metro properties and the "naturehoods" concept provide valuable original thinking. I also appreciate the clarification of the role of Metro versus other jurisdictions in managing parks and natural areas and your focus on equity and inclusion.	Great!
Mike Wetter, The Intertwine Alliance	General	While I recognize that your intention in the system plan was to focus on Metro's operations, programs and holdings, I think it is a lost opportunity to not to use the plan to make a statement about your leadership beyond your agency. For more than two decades, Metro has played a lead role in advancing our region's vision for an inter-jurisdictional, inter-connected network of parks, trails and natural areas. Recognizing that both people and wildlife readily cross jurisdictional lines you have sought solutions that work for the region as a whole, while at the same time not losing sight of your responsibility to Metro as an agency.	We have added language to reflect Metro's extensive involvement with The Intertwine Alliance and are suggesting adding a new Mission-Critical strategy on partnerships to add further weight.

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Mike Wetter, The Intertwine Alliance	General	You are most effective in your regional leadership when you've led collaboratively. A good example is the role you played in the development of the Regional Conservation Strategy. With the RCS, your regional vision and leadership underpinned a very successful collaborative process using The Intertwine Alliance as a platform. The regional signing system, which is not mentioned in the system plan, is another good and current example, but probably the most notable example is your role in launching The Intertwine Alliance itself.	We have added language to reflect Metro's extensive involvement with The Intertwine Alliance and are suggesting adding a new Mission-Critical strategy on partnerships to add further weight.
Mike Wetter, The Intertwine Alliance	General	Why not explicitly say in the plan that you are committed to continuing to lead in this way, and that you are committed to using The Intertwine Alliance as a vehicle for that leadership?	We have added language to reflect Metro's extensive involvement with The Intertwine Alliance and are suggesting adding a new Mission-Critical strategy on partnerships to add further weight.
Mike Wetter, The Intertwine Alliance	General	On the page titled "Community Connections," you mention The Intertwine Alliance in the final paragraph and you say, "Nurturing this partnership and reaching out to the community is an integral part of Metro's work going forward." I was glad to see this statement. However, nothing more is said in the system plan on that count.	We have added language to reflect Metro's extensive involvement with The Intertwine Alliance and are suggesting adding a new Mission-Critical strategy on partnerships to add further weight.
Mike Wetter, The Intertwine Alliance	General	There are many strategies listed in the document where collaborative regional leadership would be appropriate. Actions such as "Lead region-wide efforts to ensure communities of color have access to parks, trails and natural areas;" or "Convene regional discussions about land conservation and the relationship between habitat protection and urban natural areas;" seem to imply this type of leadership. There are additional opportunities related to each of the "values" you identify in the plan.	We have added language to reflect Metro's extensive involvement with The Intertwine Alliance and are suggesting adding a new Mission-Critical strategy on partnerships to add further weight.
Mike Wetter, The Intertwine Alliance	General	Maybe it is your intention to lead in this way, and if that is the case you should say so. Specifically, you should say that you are "committed to continuing to provide collaborative regional leadership using The Intertwine Alliance as a platform." You created The Intertwine Alliance, why not state your commitment to using it?	We have added language to reflect Metro's extensive involvement with The Intertwine Alliance and are suggesting adding a new Mission-Critical strategy on partnerships to add further weight.
Mike Wetter, The Intertwine Alliance	General	The strategies outlined in chapters 6 and 7 are good. They are the "what." What is missing is the "how." You should say that you will accomplish these strategies through collaborative leadership with your many partners in The Intertwine Alliance. As a principle that cuts across most if not all of the values and strategies in the plan, you should designate this approach as "mission critical." It has become increasingly clear to me that if Metro doesn't lead in this way, it is unlikely others will either, which makes the venture that I lead far less viable. Stating your commitment to regional collaboration, on the other hand, will go a long way towards helping to actualize it region-wide.	We have added language to reflect Metro's extensive involvement with The Intertwine Alliance and are suggesting adding a new Mission-Critical strategy on partnerships to add further weight.
Partner discussion group	20	Graphic doesn't work; needs retooling or more narrative explanation.	Agree. Being addressed.
Partner discussion group	Future	Explain how property-specific management plans are developed.	This is beyond the scope of the system plan.
Partner discussion group	Future	Sad to see last round of capital grants; important to figure out how those can continue.	This is important. The system plan calls for work in the future to look at how to continue funding this and other important programs.
Partner discussion group	Future	Emphasis on equity should be reflected in the money; funds need to be specifically connected to this work.	Agree - we anticipate this being specifically addressed in the Parks and Nature budget and the System Plan implementation plan.
Partner discussion group	Future	Would be great for Metro to share what it's learning about equity with partners..	Agree.
Partner discussion group	Future	Want to understand what's going on with regional trails. Important to make sure key gaps are actually filled. (Jane Van Dyke especially interested).	We are working on a more detailed companion Regional Trails System Plan. We anticipate starting that project later in 2016.
Partner discussion group	general	Classification of property types is helpful	Great!
Partner discussion group	general	Should leverage relationship/connection with Oregon Zoo, including new education center and conservation education programs	Great comment; we are addressing this in the strategies.
Partner discussion group	general	"Naturehoods" - Shanna with Portland BES felt term may confuse people, should stick with watersheds: Jane with Columbia Slough Watershed Council felt "naturehoods" was a compelling term that would connect with people.	All feedback is being considered as we evaluate the effectiveness of naturehoods.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	20	Own or transfer diagram – right hand diagram seems backward: Does Metro lack expertise to operate? Yes > Transfer, No > own.	Agree. Revised graphic is being developed.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	22	P&N sites: Metro v. partners > What about trails?	No; that is addressed in trails map later in document.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	28	"What's the best habitat?" > What does this mean? Best for what?	This is explored in more technical parts of the document. Not addressing here.

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Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	29	Last paragraph: group geomorphic features: bluff, butte and canyon are at beginning but lowlands, hills and valleys are at the end with water features in the middle.	Addressing this with more conversational language.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	29	I believe The Wetlands Conservancy uses a capital T in "The"	Addressing this.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	32	Map shows 2006 bond acquisitions but narrative hasn't discussed it yet. Maybe I'm not seeing the page layout correctly. Maybe have separate maps for 1995 and 2006 TA's and acquisitions? It would suggest why the 2006 bond was deemed necessary. Same could be done with 2006 bond TA's and acquisitions, suggesting work won't be done when 2006 bond funding is gone either.	Bond was mentioned in introduction; we think it's OK.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	82	City of Tigard should be added to list of key partnerships	Addressing.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	85	CWS should be added to list of key partnerships	Addressing.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	89	N. Tual. Mtns map – better way to display all the site #35 properties? It's pretty busy.	Addressing; will talk to Tommy about map.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	101	TPL should be added to list of key partnerships (acquisition)	Addressing
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	102	There is no Willamette Narrows Naturehood map	Addressing.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	107	In the table, "Length of Trail": Existing? Envisioned?	Addressing; deleting table and expanding picture.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	109	"Oregon State Parks" v. "Oregon Parks and Recreation Department" elsewhere in the document. Be consistent.	Addressing.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	111	Tualatin Riverkeeper as key Fanno Creek Trail partner?	Addressing.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	120	BPA as key Westside Trail partner	Addressing.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	147	Sort of surprising to see obesity specifically called out in the section title – Maybe just "Health"?	Not addressing.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	155	Protect and Conserve Nature: How about adding: "Leverage voter-approved investments into other state and federal sources of revenue". Could also apply on p. 158.	Not addressing.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	20, 21	Operating models, general comment: confirm that all arrows are going where they should. It's a pretty dense, somewhat confusing diagram and may contain more errors than just the one on p. 20.	We are updating this graphic.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	General	Is it worth defining what the word "Nature" means in the context of the Portland Metro region? What's included? What's not included? Where does the definition of "natural" end?	This question can be explored in other contexts.
Ryan Ruggiero - Metro staff	General	Blue ribbon v. green ribbon?	We'll double-check.
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	31	1 st column 1 st paragraph - I think it is 3,500 acres that Metro instantly began managing - (cemeteries, recreation areas nature parks and natural areas)	Yes
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	36	P 31 1 st column 1 st paragraph - we could say nearly 5,500 additional acres bringing the total over to 13,600 acres	Yes
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	51	we may want to say Metro's classification system was developed for the properties we manage. (FYI we didn't classify those which we have partners manage hence we don't have any trail classifications)	This level of nuance is not needed in the system plan.
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	53	under Regional Trails. I would check with Robert but maybe change "neighborhood" to jurisdictional. I think crossing jurisdictional lines may be part of the regional trail criteria?	Yes
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	56	Add cemeteries to the table since we have Lone Fir as a destination cemetery	Yes
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	57	I updated the map to remove the habitat on the legend	Great!
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	58	17,000 acres metro "owns and or manages" we don't manage 17,000 acres -	Yes
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	58	Change nature hood names - Remove Watershed (3) and North from North Tualatin mountains	Yes
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	59	remove Watershed from title	Yes
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	62	1st column 2nd Paragraph - Gary and Flagg Islands are not in this naturehood they are in the Sandy River naturehood. It would be nice to call out Multnomah Channel as its own Highlight. It is a great story and it may balance all recreational highlights already in this naturehood	Yes
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	103	missing map for the Greater Willamette Narrows Naturehood	Yes
Tommy Albo - Metro staff	108	few options of new maps.	Will address.
Tony DeFalco - Verde	General	There is a lack of acknowledgement of tribal history and Native American history in Chapters 1 and 2.	We will work on incorporating.
Tony DeFalco - Verde	58	Don't like the lack of sense of tribal history in the Naturehood descriptions	This is a really useful comment, and as we expand the use of Naturehoods in the future we'll work on incorporating tribal history in the Naturehood descriptions.
Tony DeFalco - Verde	144	Factoid - people of color park utilization—what is the citation—where came from? Needs more context—example" for some people of color" or note where this came from	We are working on getting the citation for this statement.

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Tony DeFalco - Verde	156	Need to acknowledge that science as driver hasn't delivered for people of color	We think the prominent role that equity plays throughout the document helps convey this message.
Tony DeFalco - Verde	154	Are the mission critical strategies prioritized?	They are not prioritized and we'll include language reflecting that.
Tony DeFalco - Verde	General	Connect to other parts of Metro—as an agency address prosperity for all in region. Parks address community need, broader effort on prosperity for all—can we say this somewhere—include rest of metro ship	We will work on incorporating similar language.
General	General	Trails - where do we describe focus on protecting natural resources in trail development?	That is covered in Protect and Conserve Nature and Create and Maintain Great Places strategies.
General	General	Metrics - how do we measure if we achieve outcomes?	Great comment. Implementation plans will be addressed.
General	General	Independent opinions - how do we ensure that Metro gets independent, honest opinions, particularly in context of science/restoration	We've set up a new advisory committee of independent professionals to help guide our restoration and land management efforts.

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PARKS & NATURE SYSTEM PLAN

Nature makes this place feel like home

No matter where you stand in the greater Portland area, nature is never far. With 17,000 acres, Metro manages parks and natural areas across every community in the region – from Chehalem Ridge on the west to the Sandy River Gorge on the east, from Blue Lake and Broughton Beach on the north to Graham Oaks on the south.

This portfolio of land represents both a big opportunity and a big responsibility. Voters have trusted Metro to wisely spend the money they've invested through two regional bond measures and a levy – more than \$400 million – to protect and care for these special places, while also creating opportunities for people to enjoy them.

In 2015, Metro celebrated its 25th year as a parks provider. This milestone comes at a time of tremendous growth, with new destinations, programs and partnerships taking root. A strong plan is needed to guide future decision-making and investments, building a world-class Parks and Nature system that will serve the region's residents for another quarter century and beyond.

Metro's flourishing network of parks, trails, natural areas, nature programs and cemeteries supports the agency's broader mission: making a great place. As Metro invests in livable communities, connections with nature are as critical as homes, jobs and transportation. A successful Parks and Nature system protects water quality and vanishing wildlife habitat. It increases housing values and attracts employers to the region, providing welcome access to the great outdoors for people who live in urban and suburban neighborhoods.

Perhaps most importantly, Oregonians' sense of place is rooted in the forests, rivers and meadows that Metro protects. Nature makes this place feel like home.

The Parks and Nature System Plan lays out Metro's mission and role, the state of the portfolio today, trends that will shape this work and a slate of strategies to guide the future. By providing clarity on Metro's direction, the plan is intended to support Metro's partners and strengthen relationships – but is not intended to guide the

broader regional network of parks, natural areas and trails. This plan also provides a framework for future decisions about the funding needed to sustain Metro's portfolio of parks, trails, natural areas, nature programs and cemeteries.

Metro's vision will succeed only if it benefits diverse communities across our region. Too often, parks and nature investments have focused on people who are already engaged, and already have access to the outdoors. Woven throughout the Parks and Nature System Plan, Metro makes commitments to doing a better job serving people of color and low-income communities. Making a difference will take resources, planning, collaboration, careful listening – and time.

The parks and system plan will play out on the ground in many tangible ways, from prioritizing restoration efforts to helping shape the look and feel of future destinations. Ultimately it elevates Metro's stunning landscapes, popular destinations and fun programs to more than individual successes, tying them together as part of a world-class Parks and Nature system.

MISSION

Metro's Parks and Nature mission

"It is our assertion that if we are to have parks and open space areas in the future, we need to reposition our planning and funding priorities now to reflect the importance of greenspaces in our urban fabric. The protection, acquisition and active stewardship of greenspaces must become just as important as planning highways, transit, water and sewer lines, and other basic services."

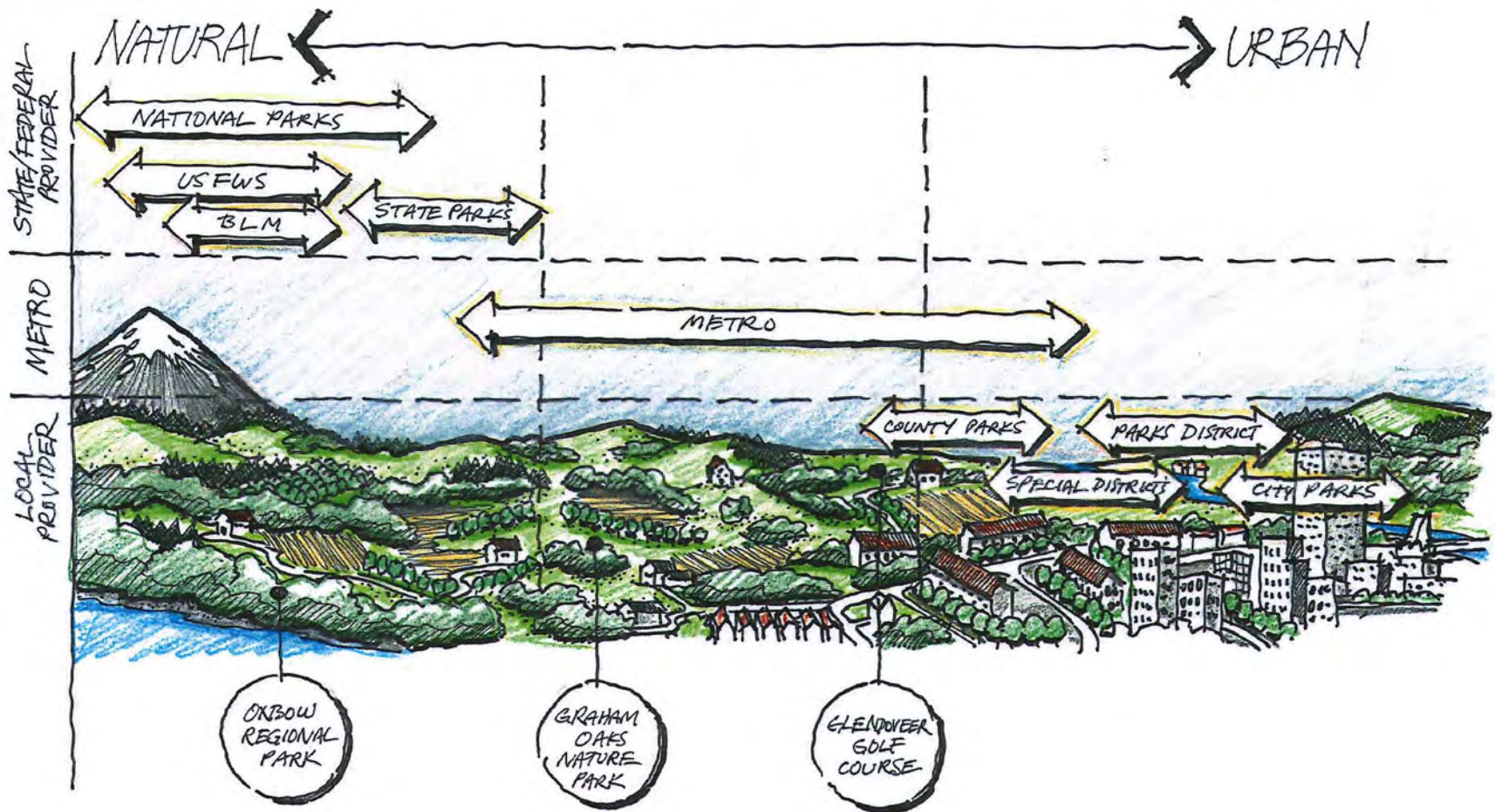
METROPOLITAN GREENSPACES
MASTER PLAN, 1992

This call to action in the 1992 Greenspaces Master Plan helped spur remarkable investment in the greater Portland region's parks and natural areas over the last two decades. It also started Metro's transformation into one of the largest land managers in the region. Metro's mission as a provider of parks and natural areas has been shaped by two bond measures, the 2013 local option levy and regional planning efforts such as

the Regional Conservation Strategy for the greater Portland area.

METRO MISSION STATEMENT

Metro Parks and Nature protects water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and creates opportunities to enjoy nature close to home through a connected system of parks, trails and natural areas.



Metro's role in the region

More than 20 years of policy, voter investment and community support have established Metro as a provider of parks, trails and natural areas. The system plan clarifies Metro's role, particularly its niche relative to other park providers. Metro's work is built on partnerships with local governments, which are strongest when parks systems complement – rather than compete with – one another.

When you arrive at a Metro destination, you'll have a front-row view of some of the most spectacular habitat in the greater Portland area. Across its portfolio Metro leads science-based

restoration, provides nature education and volunteer programs, invests in community nature projects and plays a key role in convening local, regional, state and federal partners to plan and develop parks, natural areas and regional trails.

It is just as important to be clear about what Metro doesn't provide. In general, Metro does not operate local and neighborhood parks, sports complexes, indoor or developed swimming facilities or indoor recreation centers.

The greater Portland region has a strong network of local park providers and an excellent system

of protected state and federal land. However, Metro is one of just a few agencies focusing on large-scale conservation of natural areas close to home in an urban setting. Metro can acquire and provide access to large sites that typically are beyond the reach of local jurisdictions, but closer to population centers than those managed by state and federal providers. Metro's resources also provide unique support to regional partners through grants and partnerships.

NATUREHOODS

Metro's Parks and Nature portfolio: a collection of 'naturehoods'

In the greater Portland region, nature creates a backdrop for family photographs, weekend walks, computer screensavers, tourist guidebooks and national news coverage – in other words, it's a big part of who we are. Metro's Parks and Nature properties reflect the region's unique natural environment, from the ancient forest at Oxbow Regional Park to the languid flow of the Tualatin River beside a future boat launch, from wetlands in North Portland to towering oak trees along the curves of the Willamette Narrows in West Linn.

To organize its Parks and Nature portfolio, Metro has defined 11 "naturehoods" named for their unique geographic and ecological identities. For example, in the Tonquin Naturehood, large boulders and scoured ponds tell the tale of historic floods that ripped through the area – and set the backdrop for today's Graham Oaks Nature Park and Ice Age Tonquin Trail. In the Clackamas River Naturehood, the namesake gives life to nearby Christmas tree farms, as well as native turtles, salmon and other wildlife. Each naturehood provides a new way of thinking about where you live, just as meaningful as your neighborhood or the Pacific Northwest.

Within each naturehood, Metro manages a variety of properties along the spectrum from popular destinations to sensitive habitat where humans rarely set foot. However, up to this point, Metro has not established definitive criteria for classifying its inventory. The way sites were named has evolved over time, starting with the transfer of the Multnomah County properties such as Blue Lake Regional Park, Chinook Landing Marine Park and Howell Territorial Park. Through the 1995 and 2006 bond measures, properties acquired for habitat protection typically were assigned as natural areas with a few key sites selected for development as nature parks.

After 25 years of exponential growth, Metro's Parks and Nature portfolio needs a classification system to help focus planning, development and management. The new system outlined in the system plan describes the primary characteristics and values of each type of place, from regional recreation areas to habitat preserves. Using this system as a guide, Metro can ensure consistency across the region when planning for natural resource protection, park development, amenities and programming.



FIND YOUR NATUREHOOD
Read the full system plan to discover – or rediscover – voter-protected land in your part of the greater Portland region.

- Clackamas River
- Columbia River and Willamette Lowlands
- Dairy, McKay and Rock creeks
- East Buttes and Johnson Creek
- Greater Willamette Narrows
- Lower-Tualatin
- Mid-Tualatin
- Sandy River
- Tonquin
- Tualatin Mountains
- Upper Tualatin



ON THE GROUND

Putting the system plan on the ground

As the greater Portland region continues to grow, Metro's Parks and Nature Department will play a critical role in protecting the natural environment and serving the people who treasure it.

The system plan outlines strategies that provide a roadmap for improving on successful places and programs, developing new and innovative approaches, and strengthening relationships with partners. Each strategy lays out not only what Metro Parks and Nature will do, but also how. What does success look like? And what are the most important actions to get started?

Five mission-critical strategies come first, because they are the highest priorities for advancing Metro's Parks and Nature work on behalf of the region. Some mission-critical strategies are threaded through many program areas, while others describe distinct efforts. The common thread: Each mission-critical strategy is deeply embedded in Metro's Parks and Nature mission. These strategies deserve extra resources and scrutiny.

MISSION-CRITICAL STRATEGIES

- ▶ Use science to guide Metro's Parks and Nature portfolio.
- ▶ Ensure that Metro Parks and Nature programs and facilities support the needs of underserved communities, including communities of color, low-income communities and young people.
- ▶ Develop a stable, long-term funding source to support Metro's Parks and Nature portfolio.
- ▶ Ensure that parks, trails, natural areas and cemeteries managed by Metro are knit together into an integrated system.
- ▶ Diversify the businesses and people who do contracted work for Metro Parks and Nature.

The remaining strategies – which represent a large, important body of work – are organized by five broad categories that guide Metro's portfolio going forward.

- ▶ Protect and Conserve Nature
- ▶ Create and Maintain Great Places
- ▶ Connect People to Nature
- ▶ Support Community Aspirations
- ▶ Lead Efforts to Connect the Regional Trail System

The system plan is a natural evolution and a critical step in Metro's 25-year journey as a parks provider. It is a major milestone, and it represents the beginning of a new phase.

Strategies and actions in the system plan set out an ambitious work program. Focusing on conservation science, securing long-term funding, developing and operating welcoming and inclusive parks and incorporating equity across the Parks and Nature portfolio are key to the long-term success of the program. Just as Metro did not get to this point without the help of a diverse group of partners, the body of work laid out in the system plan cannot be completed without the continued partnership of the local governments, residents and community organizations that supported the creation of the system.



A brighter, wilder future

From preserving farmland to brewing beer, Oregonians do a world-class job at the things we love – and protecting nature towers near the top of that list.

Over the last quarter-century, voters have supported investments to build a regional park system that spans 17,000 acres and touches every community in the greater Portland area. Metro is proud to serve as steward of the forests, savannas, wetlands and riverbanks that make this region unique.

Our landscape creates a stunning place to call home, and a lot of opportunities to explore. By protecting nature, we keep our air and water clean. We secure the future of native fish, wildlife and plants. We make our communities more resilient, and more fun. We attract businesses and tourists who seek out a beautiful, healthy, playful destination.

After 25 years of investment, Metro owes it to Oregonians to make the most of the land they've protected. Very few metropolitan areas have the opportunity before us: leveraging our natural setting to create a brighter, wilder future. That's why we're crafting a Parks and Nature System Plan to guide the next generation of decisions and investments.

A plan can be a powerful tool. We've seen proof in the 1992 Greenspaces Master Plan, which charted a vision and galvanized support to bring it to life. Back then, our natural setting was a palette waiting to be protected. Today, that plan has translated to a big portfolio of parks, trails, natural areas, nature programs and historic cemeteries. What we need is an overarching strategy to protect, care for and connect people with these special places.

While laying out Metro's mission, role and priorities, the system plan also promises to make

sure that nature benefits our whole community. Sparkling water, soaring birds and family picnics belong to every Oregonian – including people of color and low-income residents, who have often been left behind by public investments. It is Metro's responsibility, and our honor, to build an equitable Parks and Nature system.

We have all the right ingredients: A landscape worth protecting. People who love it. A track record of innovation and investment. And, now, a plan to guide our efforts over the next 25 years and beyond.

Let's get started.

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