

Agenda



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600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting: Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Location Metro Regional Center, Room 401

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| 1:00 | WELCOME/AGENDA REVIEW (5 minutes) | Peter Mohr |
| 1:05 | PROGRAM UPDATES (30 minutes) | Brian Kennedy |
| | Acquisition | Dan Moeller |
| | Dashboards | Cinnamon Williams |
| | Financial report | |
| | Local share and capital grant programs | |
| 1:35 | UPDATE ON TITLE 10 REVIEW (15 minutes) | Suzanne Piluso |
| 1:50 | TARGET AREA PROGRESS REPORT – “PATH TO 100” (30 minutes) | Dan Moeller |
| 2:20 | INTRODUCTION TO PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS LEVY (30 minutes) | Brian Kennedy |
| 2:50 | JUNE SITE VISIT (10 minutes) | Brian Kennedy |
| 3:00 | ADJOURN | |

2018 WORK PLAN

July 2017

Welcome new members
Stabilization costs and progress report
Use of unusual circumstances – land acquisition
Budget, staff capacity, cost allocation policy
Annual report planning

October 2017

Title 10 – recreational uses policy review
Trail projects/dashboard reporting
Finalize annual report
Program budgeting, staff capacity

February 2018

Target area progress report – land acquisition
Title 10 review – follow up
Introduction to Parks and Natural Areas Levy

June 2018 (combine meeting with a site visit?)

Stabilization costs and progress report
Use of unusual circumstances – land acquisition
Budget, staff capacity, cost allocation policy
Discuss annual report issues and recommendations

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.

Meeting minutes



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Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 | 1 to 3 p.m.

Attendees

Mark Aasland, Dean Alterman, Drake Butsch, Kelsey Cardwell, Walt McMonies, Chair Peter Mohr, Fritz Paulus, Shannon Shoul, Lindsay Smith

Absent

Caylin Barter, Jon Horne, Derek Johnson, Rick Mishaga

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Jon Blasher, Brian Kennedy, Dan Moeller, Suzanne Piluso, Cinnamon Williams

Welcome and introductions

Peter Mohr welcomed the committee and thanked them for attending.

Program updates

Acquisition

Dan Moeller reported that there were three acquisitions since the last meeting:

- The Dreiling property in the Smith & Bybee Wetlands target area is a site Metro has pursued for at least ten years. It is the last actively used residence in the Smith and Bybee management area.
- A 15-acre acquisition from Rockwood PUD in the Gresham-Fairview target area increases the size of Metro's Grant Butte Wetlands site along the Gresham-Fairview Trail to almost 50 acres, and puts all of Grant Butte into public ownership.
- The 8-acre Eaton acquisition protects approximately 1,300 feet of stream frontage along Coffee Lake Creek. This acquisition increases Metro's Coffee Lake Creek Wetlands site to 35.4 acres and helps close a gap between this site and the Tonquin Scablands to the south.

Dashboard reports

The top portion of the dashboard report shows the acquisition target areas and refinement plan goals met to date. The bottom two graphs show the two new trail dashboards – trail acquisition goals met and percentage of the ultimate length of the trail that is complete.

Local share and capital grant programs

The local share dashboard displays just those jurisdictions that have not yet completed their local share spending. All of the capital grant funds have been awarded.

Bond capital projects

All projects are on track except the Marine Drive Trail project, which was delayed while an IGA was negotiated with the levee district and is now on hold due to staff capacity. The Chehalem Ridge master plan was recently approved by the Metro Council; staff are in the process of choosing a design firm. The River Island project is complete.

Financial report

Cinnamon Williams briefly reviewed the financial report. Total administrative costs are 8.57 percent. The remaining bonds (approximately \$28.5 million) will be sold in May 2018. Metro expects to receive a small premium on these bonds.

Update on Title 10 review

See “Parks and Nature rules review,” attached.

Target area progress report – Path to 100

See “Path to 100” and “Acquisitions closed and pending to date,” attached.

Introduction to Parks and Natural Areas Levy

Brian distributed the following background documents, attached:

- Metro Code 2.19.220(3), Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee, “...shall review expenditures of Metro’s 2016 local option levy for compliance with program requirements.”
- Measure 26-178 explanatory statement
- Levy renewal framework (Exhibit A to Resolution No. 16-4690)
- Parks and natural areas local option levy: eligibility framework (2013)
- Parks and natural areas local option levy: Year 5 work plan (sample pages 3 and 8)
- Sample budget adjustment memo

June site visit

Committee members expressed interest in visiting Grant Butte Wetlands. More information and potential tour dates will be forthcoming.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be in June 2018.

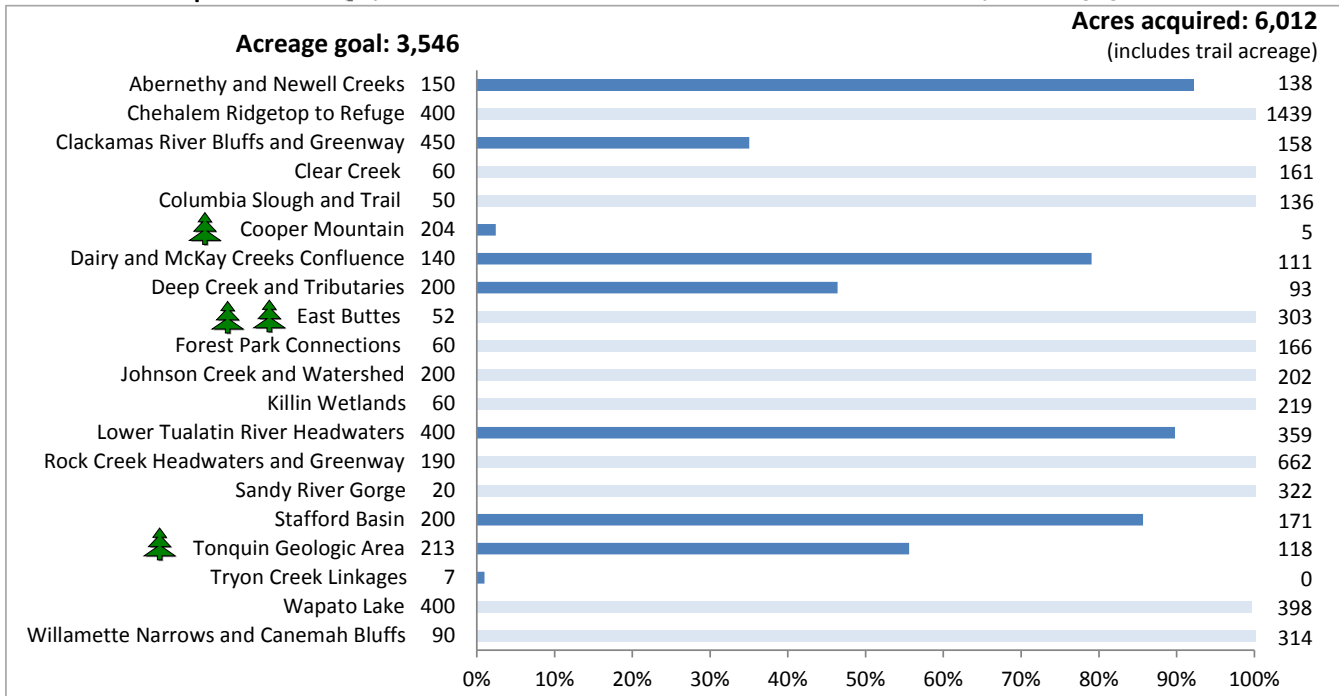
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Marybeth Haliski.

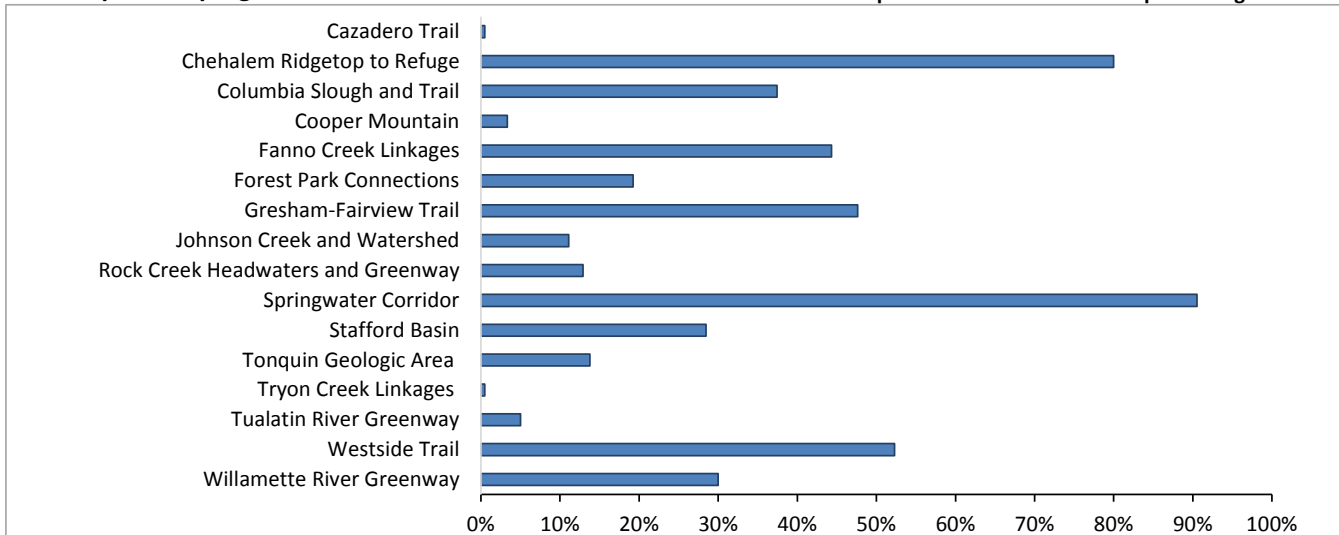
Natural area acquisition park built

■ percent of 2006 refinement plan acreage goals met
■ 2006 refinement plan acreage goals met or exceeded



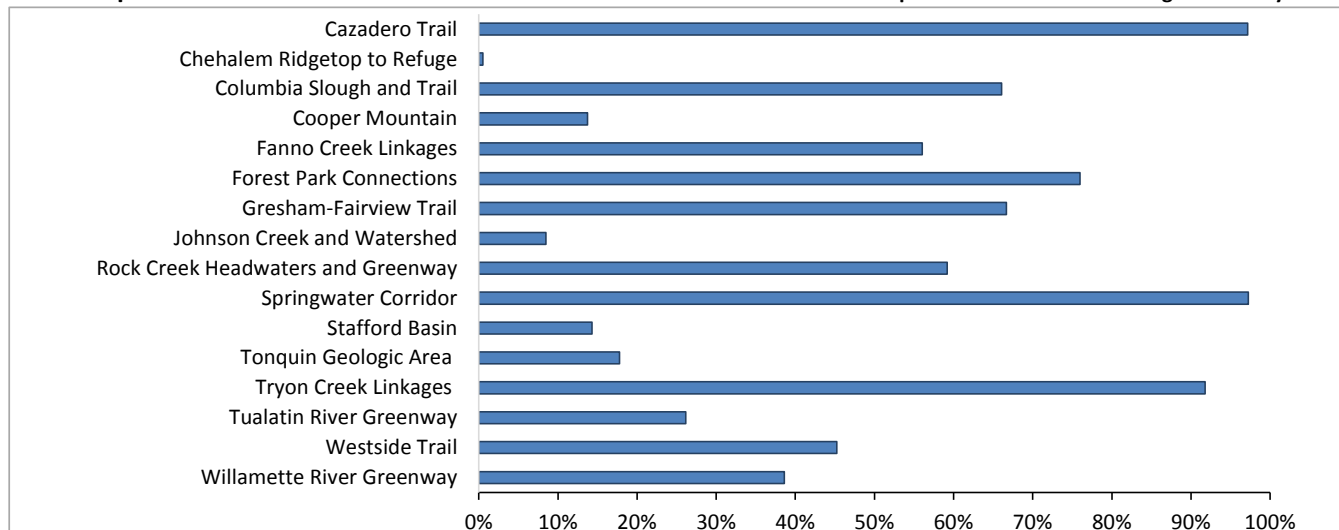
Trail acquisition progress

■ percent of 2006 refinement plan trail goals met

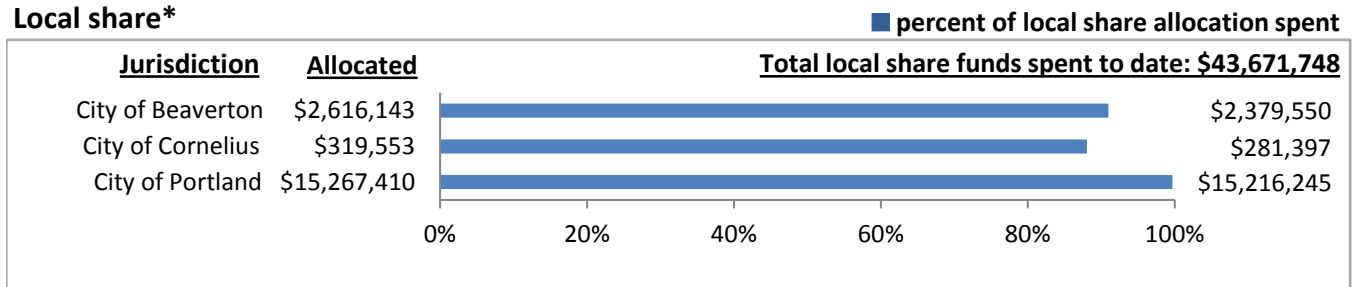


Trail completion status

■ percent of ultimate trail length currently built



Local share*



* Chart shows only those jurisdictions that have not expended 100% of their local share funds to date.

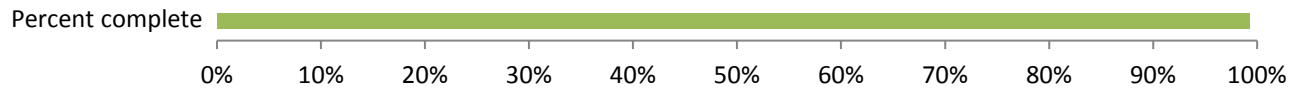
Local share

123 acquisitions

18 trails enhanced

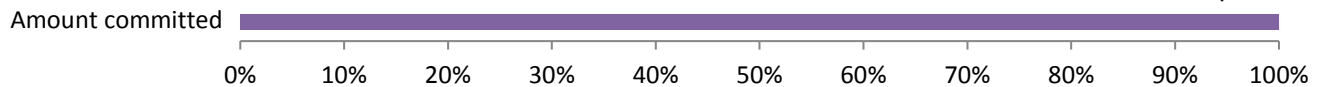
51 parks improved

\$44M



Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

\$15M



| Bond capital projects | Scope | Schedule | Budget | Project budget | Spent to date | Remaining budget |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------|--------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Chehalem Ridge Natural Area | ■ | ■ | ■ | \$2,900,000 | \$30,683 | \$2,869,317 |
| Columbia Blvd. Bridge | ■ | ■ | ■ | \$1,900,000 | \$51,354 | \$1,848,646 |
| Fanno Creek Trail | ■ | ■ | ■ | \$800,000 | \$249,494 | \$550,506 |
| Farmington Paddle Launch | project complete | | | \$888,500 | \$860,281 | \$28,219 |
| Gabbert Butte Natural Area | ■ | ■ | ■ | \$1,800,500 | \$27,130 | \$1,773,370 |
| Marine Drive Trail | ■ | ■ | ■ | \$2,500,000 | \$0 | \$2,500,000 |
| River Island Natural Area | ■ | ■ | ■ | \$7,027,000 | \$5,566,143 | \$1,460,857 |
| Willamette Falls Riverwalk | ■ | ■ | ■ | \$4,322,000 | \$1,373,281 | \$2,948,719 |
| ■ on-track ■ caution ■ off-track | | | | \$22,138,000 | \$8,158,366 | \$13,979,634 |

Notes

- Marine Drive Trail - project delayed due to staff capacity

2006 Natural Areas Bond Fund

Summary of Resources, Requirements and Changes in Fund Balance

(Unaudited)

| | FY07 | FY08 | FY09 | FY10 | FY11 | FY12 | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 through 12/31/2017 | Program Total |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
| Beginning Fund Balance | - | 122,299,840 | 93,979,814 | 77,117,027 | 56,792,607 | 36,469,224 | 98,783,002 | 78,247,452 | 65,755,472 | 52,348,611 | 36,934,540 | 16,426,032 | - |
| <u>Resources</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bond Proceeds | 130,678,369 | - | - | - | - | 90,015,894 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 220,694,263 |
| Interest Earnings | 1,301,230 | 5,600,503 | 2,538,906 | 940,859 | 322,830 | 139,417 | 180,451 | 551,006 | 404,005 | 325,517 | 203,942 | 83,692 | 12,592,357 |
| Other Resources | 10,000 | 27,380 | 5,322,056 | 385,730 | 414,009 | 964,004 | 882,461 | 3,038,628 | 2,679 | 590,211 | 2,143,949 | 42,799 | 13,823,906 |
| Subtotal Resources | 131,989,599 | 5,627,883 | 7,860,962 | 1,326,589 | 736,839 | 91,119,314 | 1,062,911 | 3,589,634 | 406,684 | 915,728 | 2,347,891 | 126,491 | 247,110,526 |
| <u>Requirements</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Land Acquisition | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | 117,956 | 206,692 | 425,072 | 465,329 | 512,240 | 658,515 | 514,455 | 625,344 | 617,960 | 682,467 | 725,138 | 218,511 | 5,769,678 |
| Materials & Services | 6,786 | 2,599 | 334,980 | 328,153 | 8,506 | 3,907 | 31,450 | 4,037 | 10,452 | 6,016 | 6,627 | 771 | 744,284 |
| Land Costs | 7,596,372 | 25,224,753 | 14,517,160 | 10,282,293 | 8,416,742 | 14,616,212 | 7,802,932 | 5,500,237 | 6,429,224 | 3,148,085 | 5,363,484 | 434,353 | 109,331,846 |
| Due Diligence | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | - | 412,029 | 492,589 | 455,774 | 430,237 | 464,571 | 438,935 | 498,527 | 529,928 | 603,792 | 591,650 | 315,578 | 5,233,610 |
| Materials & Services | 96,539 | 199,756 | 183,474 | 299,244 | 315,358 | 412,112 | 699,814 | 246,354 | 199,088 | 137,362 | 180,056 | 67,408 | 3,036,565 |
| Stabilization | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | 19,578 | 116,534 | 190,606 | 290,234 | 388,887 | 430,992 | 441,095 | 431,361 | 507,678 | 512,779 | 408,044 | 176,259 | 3,914,048 |
| Materials & Services | 294 | 177,441 | 345,330 | 284,874 | 643,569 | 681,557 | 1,251,803 | 1,344,431 | 1,559,795 | 2,415,241 | 2,324,318 | 325,159 | 11,353,812 |
| Local Share | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | - | 36,269 | 43,872 | 47,458 | 49,759 | 56,434 | 57,341 | 59,700 | 62,704 | 65,137 | 65,790 | 34,196 | 578,661 |
| Materials & Services | - | 25 | 188 | 3,500 | - | - | 1,488 | - | - | - | - | - | 5,201 |
| Payments to Jurisdictions | 400,000 | 4,798,366 | 4,316,165 | 5,399,109 | 6,312,927 | 8,563,477 | 6,230,760 | 3,629,160 | 911,948 | 640,322 | 1,371,651 | 75,000 | 42,648,884 |
| Capital Grants | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | - | 63,831 | 89,352 | 125,466 | 91,744 | 111,876 | 94,896 | 92,017 | 96,385 | 118,485 | 137,734 | 76,329 | 1,098,116 |
| Materials & Services | - | 1,400 | 1,363 | 811 | 114 | 180 | 25 | - | 2,923 | - | 1,133 | 260 | 8,210 |
| Grant Payments | - | - | 49,750 | 534,899 | 1,287,039 | 195,282 | 1,510,360 | 747,233 | 744,792 | 922,969 | 2,086,173 | 208,933 | 8,287,429 |
| Capital Construction | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | - | 84,071 | 113,921 | 115,064 | 100,643 | 115,884 | 142,649 | 128,057 | 48,379 | 257,693 | 393,014 | 217,141 | 1,716,516 |
| Capital | 455,072 | 1,513,347 | 2,503,147 | 1,841,075 | 917,019 | (9,098) | 301,099 | 808,810 | 48,233 | 4,658,279 | 6,914,798 | 50,436 | 20,002,217 |
| Administration | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bond Issuance Costs | 295,889 | - | - | - | - | 325,046 | 43 | - | - | - | - | - | 620,978 |
| Refinement | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | 1,477 | 5,426 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,903 |
| Materials & Services | 382,030 | 85,882 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 467,912 |
| Direct Admin Costs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | 230,815 | 527,644 | 490,722 | 750,704 | 868,127 | 677,019 | 694,589 | 739,338 | 524,683 | 610,092 | 573,689 | 292,255 | 6,979,675 |
| Materials & Services | 25,980 | 152,422 | 51,490 | 56,082 | 263,857 | 890,303 | 533,379 | 399,297 | 455,907 | 235,698 | 193,823 | 51,930 | 3,310,167 |
| Indirect Admin Costs* | 60,971 | 339,422 | 574,569 | 370,939 | 453,567 | 611,267 | 851,346 | 827,713 | 1,063,468 | 1,315,383 | 1,519,276 | 654,771 | 8,642,692 |
| Other Requirements | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Subtotal Requirements | 9,689,759 | 33,947,909 | 24,723,748 | 21,651,009 | 21,060,337 | 28,805,536 | 21,598,461 | 16,081,614 | 13,813,545 | 16,329,799 | 22,856,399 | 3,199,289 | 233,757,406 |
| Ending Fund Balance | 122,299,840 | 93,979,814 | 77,117,027 | 56,792,607 | 36,469,109 | 98,783,002 | 78,247,452 | 65,755,472 | 52,348,611 | 36,934,540 | 16,426,032 | 13,353,234 | 13,353,234 |
| | FY07 | FY08 | FY09 | FY10 | FY11 | FY12 | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 YTD | Total |
| Administration as % of Total Exp | 10.29% | 3.27% | 4.52% | 5.44% | 7.53% | 8.69% | 9.63% | 12.23% | 14.80% | 13.23% | 10.01% | 31.22% | 8.57% |

* Indirect Administrative Expenses are those charged through internal allocation, and include services such as human resources, risk management, payroll, building rrents, etc.

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

Parks and Nature Rules Review



Update to Natural Areas and Capitol Program Performance
Oversight Committee (February 13, 2018)

Last October, Parks and Nature staff informed this Committee of a project underway to review and update the Parks and Natural Areas rules and regulations set forth in Title 10 of the Metro Code. This update is intended to summarize progress and next steps.

Purpose of the rules review/update

Metro Code Title 10 sets forth the regulations governing the use of Metro-owned parks and natural areas in order to protect the land, habitat, wildlife, water quality and improvements, and provide for the safety and enjoyment of visitors. The rules and regulations are due for review and update in several respects:

- It has been many years since the rules were comprehensively updated, and in that time Metro's parks and natural area system has grown significantly (as has the pressures on that system)
- Parks and Nature System Plan was adopted in 2016 that clarifies Metro's role in the region as an open space provider and helps frame any changes to Title 10
- The Parks and Nature department has evolved over the years, with department reorganization in 2016 and changes to how Title 10 is enforced
- There has been significant interest by external stakeholders in expanding or including uses of Metro parks, such as presence of dogs, hunting and off-road cycling
- New and expanding uses are becoming popular, such as recreational drones, geocaching, and legalization of recreational marijuana

Process

A thoughtful process was conducted over several months in 2017 to consider diverse perspectives on the effectiveness of the current rules and potential adjustments. This included a facilitated deep-dive with a "Sounding Board" made up of external stakeholders (3 workshops); engagement with community partners; outreach to enforcement agencies throughout the region; and input from Parks and Nature staff at all levels.

Recommended updates to Title 10

The process above led to development of a set of recommended amendments to Title 10 for the Metro Council consideration:

1. Reduce the amount of time Metro can exclude a person from a park or natural area for violation of the rules;
2. Enable the Parks and Nature Director to establish property-specific rules to allow hunting on a limited basis if necessary and beneficial for conservation efforts to control animal populations;
3. Adopt a tobacco-free policy for Metro parks and natural areas, with a delay in implementation to allow for development of an implementation plan including outreach, education and signage;
4. Prohibit the operation of unmanned aircraft (i.e., drones) at Metro parks and natural areas;

5. Allow dogs and other domestic animals on regional trails that traverse Metro parks and natural areas and at certain boat ramps; otherwise, no change to the general prohibition on dogs and other domestic animals in Title 10;
6. Add a new provision prohibiting improper exposure and sexual activities within the bounds of Metro parks and natural areas;
7. Remove the fee schedule from Title 10 and allow the Parks and Nature Director to set parks and natural area-related fees; and
8. Additional technical and “housekeeping” updates intended to clarify or streamline provisions, or remove obsolete provisions.

These updates were brought to the Metro Council on January 30 for preliminary consideration at a work session.

Next steps

- Incorporate feedback from the Metro Council work session
- Metro Council Meeting to formally consider the proposed amendments on April 5 (opportunity for public testimony); second read of the ordinance on April 12
- Update related policies and procedures as needed, depending on outcome of Council decisions

| Acquisitions Closed and Pending To Date (FY 2017-2018) | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Project</u> | <u>Target Area</u> | <u># Acres</u> | <u>Actual Closing Date</u> | <u>Expected Closing Date</u> | <u>Not Under Contract</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
| Eaton | Coffee Lake Creek | 8.14 | 11/8/2017 | | | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Rockwood | East Butttes | 15.04 | 12/28/2017 | | | \$ 385,000.00 |
| Dreiling | Smith Bybee | | 1/22/2018 | | | \$ 150,000.00 |
| Mallory | Tualatin River | 144.53 | | 2/14/2018 | | \$ 1,700,000.00 |
| Tualatin Meadows | Tonquin | 0.67 | | 3/16/2018 | | \$ 61,000.00 |
| Anslow | Johnson Creek | 1.2 | | 6/29/2018 | | \$ 302,720.00 |
| Rumgay | Clear Creek | 36 | | 6/20/2018 | | \$ 340,000.00 |
| Gray | Tryon Creek | 1 | TBD | TBD | This Week | \$ 615,000.00 |
| McDuffie | Tryon Creek | 3 | TBD | TBD | This Week | \$ 725,000.00 |
| Johnson | Tryon Creek | 1 | TBD | TBD | This Week | \$ 70,000.00 |
| Starr | Stafford | 10 | | 5/8/2018 | | \$ 483,000.00 |
| Vial | Tualatin River | 100.7 | | 5/1/2018 | | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Acres Purchased To date | 23.18 | | | Total Purchased to date | \$ 585,000.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Acres Under Contract | 298.1 | | | Total Under Contract | \$ 5,296,720.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Total Acres Exected | 321.28 | | | Total Expected | \$ 5,881,720.00 |

Path to 100

| Target Area | 2006 Acreage Target | Acres acquired | Acreage deficit | % of target | Estimated cost | Likelihood of closing |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Cooper Mountain | 204 | 5 | 199 | 2.45 | | |
| Kobbe | | | 50 | | \$ 1,000,000 | very low |
| Selman | | | 10 | | \$ 1,000,000 | very low |
| MPR | | | 43 | | \$ 3,000,000 | very low |
| Five Oaks | | | 42 | | \$ 3,000,000 | very low |
| | | | 145 | -54 | \$ 8,000,000 | |
| Lower Tualatin Headwaters | 400 | 359 | 41 | 89.75 | | |
| Nemarnik | | | 27 | | \$ 280,000 | High |
| Shiban | | | 31 | | \$ 700,000 | Medium |
| Elser | | | 19 | | \$ 250,000 | Medium |
| | | | 77 | 36 | \$ 1,230,000 | |
| Tonquin Geologic | 213 | 118 | 95 | 55.40 | | |
| Young | | | 32 | | \$ 350,000 | High |
| Belmore | | | 5.5 | | \$ 225,000 | Low |
| RRR Ranch LLC | | | 36 | | \$ 2,000,000 | Low |
| Hartford | | | 16 | | \$ 200,000 | Low |
| Hoodview HOA | | | 31 | | \$ 50,000 | Medium |
| Andrews | | | 37 | | | Low |
| Sims | | | 40 | | | Low |
| | | | 197.5 | 102.5 | \$ 2,825,000 | |
| Stafford | 200 | 171 | 29 | 85.50 | | |
| Stevens | | | 5 | | \$ 250,000 | High |
| Starr | | | 10 | | \$ 483,000 | High |
| Hartman | | | 36 | | \$ 500,000 | Low |
| Pease CE | | | 8 | | \$ 100,000 | Medium |
| Ashdown Wood HOA | | | 167 | | | Medium |
| | | | 226 | 197 | \$ 1,333,000 | |
| Dairy and McKay | 140 | 111 | 29 | 79.29 | | |
| Golf Course Rd | | | 84 | | \$ 700,000 | |
| | | | 84 | 55 | \$ 700,000 | |
| Tryon Creek | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0.00 | | |
| Gray | | | 1 | | \$ 615,000 | High |
| McDuffie | | | 3 | | \$ 725,000 | High |
| Meek | | | 2 | | \$ 600,000 | Low |
| Johnson | | | 1 | | \$ 70,000 | High |
| | | | 7 | 0 | \$ 1,340,000 | |
| Clackamas River Bluffs | 450 | 158 | 292 | 35.11 | | |
| Hertrich | | | 100 | | \$ 1,900,000 | Medium |
| Emmert | | | 47.62 | | \$ 1,500,000 | Low |
| O'Brien | | | 17.02 | | | Low |
| | | | 164.64 | -127.36 | \$ 3,400,000 | |
| Deep Creek | 200 | 91 | 109 | 45.50 | | |
| Salvation Army | | | 78 | | \$ 900,000 | Medium |
| US Regrowth | | | 8 | | \$ 500,000 | Medium |
| | | | 86 | -23 | \$ 1,400,000 | |
| Abernethy and Newell | 150 | 138 | 12 | 92.00 | | |
| | | | 0 | -12 | \$ - | |

- (6) One person who has knowledge of lending or grant-making principles and practices.
- (c) Appointments. The Metro councilor serving on the committee shall be appointed by the Council President. [Ord. 02-937A, Sec. 9-10.]

2.19.220 Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee

- (a) Purpose and Authority. The purpose and authority of the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee is to annually review whether the program is meeting the goals and objectives established for the program by the Metro Council ("program performance"). The Committee shall annually report to the Metro Council regarding program performance. The annual report shall provide the Committee's recommendations to improve program performance, if any. The Committee's program performance review and report to Council:
 - (1) Shall assess the program's progress in implementing the strategies, goals and objectives approved by the Metro Council for the Natural Areas Program including:
 - (A) Property acquisition and protection in each of the 27 target areas, as described in Council-approved refinement plans;
 - (B) Local share projects; and
 - (C) Awards of Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants.
 - (2) May include recommendations regarding the Natural Areas Program Work Plan to improve program efficiency, administration, and performance.
 - (3) Shall review expenditures of Metro's 2016 local option levy for compliance with program requirements.
- (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of no fewer than 9 and no more than 17 members, all appointed by the Metro Council President subject to Council confirmation. The Council President shall designate one (1) member to serve as Chair. Committee members shall include professionals with experience in real estate, finance, auditing, public budgeting, banking, general business, and realty law. Additionally, the Committee may include members with backgrounds and experience in natural area land management, habitat restoration, park planning, design and construction, philanthropy, or community engagement. Notwithstanding Metro Code Section 2.19.030, Committee members may serve up to three (3) two-year terms.
- (c) Meetings. The Committee shall meet no fewer than two times per year.

Explanatory Statement

Measure 26-178 would help improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and increase opportunities for people to connect with nature.

Result of a “yes” vote

This measure renews local option taxes at the current rate of 9.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value – approximately \$20 for a home assessed at \$200,000. That means it will not increase taxes currently being paid by homeowners within Metro’s boundaries in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

What would renewing the levy do?

Metro manages more than 17,000 acres of parks and natural areas in and among the greater Portland region – from Chehalem Ridge near Forest Grove to the Sandy River Gorge near Gresham, from Chinook Landing and Broughton Beach on the Columbia River to Graham Oaks near Wilsonville.

About half of the current levy funding maintains and restores wildlife habitat at these parks and natural areas. The other half of the money is used to construct park improvements, open new natural area sites to visitors, increase volunteer and education programming, and fund grants for community nature projects. Renewing the levy would continue these funding priorities.

Improve water quality and restore wildlife habitat

Restoring natural areas improves their ability to provide clean water, healthy wildlife habitat and opportunities for people to connect with nature. Planned projects would:

- Help improve water quality in the Willamette, Clackamas, Tualatin and Sandy rivers and Johnson Creek
- Benefit native fish in local rivers and streams
- Control invasive weeds that crowd out native plants wildlife need for food and shelter
- Restore rare Oregon white oak and prairie habitats
- Enhance wetlands to help control flooding and provide habitat for birds and amphibians
- Help improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk

Increase access to nature for people

Approximately 1.3 million people visit Metro’s parks each year for walking, hiking, bird watching, camping, boating, fishing, picnicking, and family and community events.

Renewing the current levy would allow Metro to improve its sites for visitors at places such

as Blue Lake and Oxbow regional parks, Smith and Bybee Wetlands, Mount Talbert, Scouters Mountain and Canemah Bluff. Planned projects would:

- Provide people with access to local rivers and natural areas
- Ensure programs and facilities support the needs of underserved communities
- Increase visitor services in Metro's parks, including replacing or adding restrooms, group picnic areas, trails and playgrounds
- Provide more nature education programs, including for children from low-income families and communities of color
- Fund grants for community nature projects

Measuring performance

For accountability, an annual report detailing program expenses, major accomplishments and progress toward specific outcomes will be presented at a Metro Council meeting and made available on the Metro website. Program expenses will be subject to annual audits and presented in the budget adopted by the Metro Council. An independent oversight committee appointed by the Metro Council would review and report on levy-funded capital expenditures for compliance with program requirements.

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LEVY RENEWAL FRAMEWORK

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.

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 Chehalism Ridge in the west to the Sandy River Gorge in the east, from Blue Lake and Broughton Beach in the north to Graham Oaks in 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 to care for these special places, while also creating opportunities for people to enjoy them.

In 2013, the Metro Council asked voters to approve a local option levy that invests in maintaining and restoring habitat on land that has been acquired over the course of two decades and two voter-approved bond measures. With support from this levy, Metro has helped improve water quality, control invasive weeds and plant native trees and shrubs. Levy funding also has helped connect people with nature by improving Metro parks, planning for public access and opening new sites for visitors, expanding volunteer and education programming, and awarding grants to community nature projects. By extending the levy another five years, Metro can continue to make the most of the land that voters have protected for future generations.

The Metro Council adopted a framework for projects and programs that would be eligible for levy funding as follows:

| Levy framework | Program areas | Spending allocations |
|--|--|----------------------|
| 1. Protect and conserve nature for wildlife, fish and water quality. | Natural areas restoration and land management | 40-50% |
| 2. Connect people with nature. | Regional parks operations | 20-30% |
| | Improving natural areas for people | 5-15% |
| | Nature education/volunteer engagement | 5-15% |
| | Nature in Neighborhood grants and community partnerships | 5-15% |

If the levy is renewed, Metro would continue to make investments using this framework for the same general purposes for an additional five years, without raising taxes.

LEVY INVESTMENTS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

In addition to allocating funding to specific program areas, the Metro Council also included explicit language in the 2013 Parks and Natural Areas Levy to help fulfill its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Metro is committed to working with people, businesses, nonprofit organizations and public partners to create a region where all individuals and communities benefit, racial equity is recognized as the backbone of good governance, and our public structures, institutions and processes address social and economic disparities for people of color. Metro is also committed to ensuring that diversity is celebrated and all communities meaningfully participate in public decision-making. If voters approve a renewal of the 2013 levy, diversity, equity and inclusion will continue to be advanced through program investments designed to achieve the following:

1. Diversify the businesses and people who do contracted work for Metro Parks and Nature

- Meet or exceed Metro's goals for equitable contracting; remove barriers to participation.
- Continue efforts to expand pool of contractors in restoration and land management, including providing technical support and professional development.
- Continue to provide sheltered market for public improvement projects.

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.

- Continue to be inclusive in community engagement activities.
- Continue to diversify nature education and other program participants.
- Create innovative approaches to ensuring Metro's Parks and Nature workforce reflects the region such as including workforce development goals and college and career pipelines for youth and communities of color.

More specifics about the types of investments that would be allowed and the outcomes that Metro area residents could expect are described below.

PROTECT AND CONSERVE NATURE

Restoration and Land Management

Improved stewardship enhances the ability of Metro's parks and natural areas to provide clean water, healthy wildlife habitat and high-quality opportunities for our community to experience nature. Projects on Metro's land generally are selected based on the best scientific information available and core ecological principles well accepted by restoration and conservation professionals. This includes both The Intertwine Alliance's Regional Conservation Strategy for the Greater Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area and the Oregon State Conservation Strategy, which document and offer guidance for the region's highest value habitat areas.

Three main types of activities are envisioned for levy investments during 2018-2023:

Habitat restoration projects

Restoration of fish and wildlife habitat at Metro's parks and natural areas can significantly improve quality and function, including resilience to climate change. Large-scale projects typically involve one or more complex actions such as reconnecting floodplains to rivers, constructing or removing structures that direct hydrology, and planting or thinning large tracts of forest to develop healthy, functional native plant communities. Metro also conducts many small-scale projects such as replacing noxious and invasive weeds with native trees and shrubs or strategically thinning Douglas-fir trees that compete for resources with slower-growing Oregon white oaks. Both project types may include activities such as replacing or removing failing culverts and modifying roads to prevent erosion from reaching streams and water sources.

Natural area maintenance

Maintenance of Metro natural areas includes caring for plantings and protecting infrastructure. Suppressing common weeds, reestablishing native vegetation and identifying and quickly treating threats from invasive species help protect ecological health and reduce the long-term costs of maintenance. In the same way that addressing weed problems early is efficient, timely action to protect roads, trails, fences and signage prevents sites from deteriorating and extends the useful life of infrastructure investments. Maintenance will occur at virtually all of Metro's parks and natural areas.

Regional conservation efforts

Metro will collaborate with partners to plan for and make strategic decisions related to conservation priorities across the region, including incorporating strategies for climate change adaptation and resilience. Metro funds and science staff can serve as anchors for complex projects involving multiple partners and funding sources in collaboration with local, state, federal and nonprofit partners. Levy funds also will be used to continue making investments in habitat restoration, water quality improvements and community stewardship efforts in local natural areas through the award of Nature in Neighborhoods grants.

Additionally, Metro will continue to seek opportunities to leverage outside resources for restoring natural areas – both financial and in partnerships. Potential partners include watershed councils, local governments, agencies and nonprofit organizations. Metro will seek diverse partners in planning and implementing restoration projects and continue to create opportunities for state-certified business enterprises including women and minority-owned businesses, to perform work on Metro lands.

RESTORATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Clearly contributes to the protection of water quality, and species or habitats identified in federal, state or regional conservation plans.
- Is in a regionally important location and contributes to distributing benefits across the region's 11 "naturehoods" – distinct geographic and ecologic areas defined in Metro's Parks and Nature System Plan.
- Engages diverse partners, creating larger and more sustainable projects, and increases awareness of the benefits to the community of Metro's investments in nature.
- Improves the ability of regional organizations, partners or agencies to prioritize conservation investments.
- Is integrated with other levy-funded projects and protects investments in water quality improvements and habitat restoration from impacts due to increased human access at Metro parks and natural areas.
- Takes a long-term approach by replacing weeds with native plants, improving site infrastructure, and making other investments that reduce future repairs or ongoing maintenance costs.

- Provides social and economic investments in or resources to low-income communities and communities of color or includes workforce development goals for partner organizations or programs.

SPECIFIC HABITAT RESTORATION – SAMPLE PROJECTS

These projects are representative of the work that can be accomplished with levy funding. The full project list will be developed based on opportunities for local and regional leverage and partnership, alignment with other Metro initiatives and ecological value to the region.

- ***Beaver Creek stream restoration:*** Improve water quality and enhance wetlands and salmon habitat in this important tributary to the Sandy River by placing large wood in the stream. The project builds on a multi-million dollar culvert replacement project being implemented by Multnomah County upstream of Metro's natural area, forest habitat restoration completed by Metro throughout Beaver Creek Natural Area, and a growing partnership of organizations, public and private landowners on Beaver Creek.
- ***Clear Creek forest and stream restoration:*** Improve habitat complexity and water quality to enhance salmon and wildlife habitat and ensure healthy forests for the future in this regionally important natural area on a critical tributary for salmon in the Clackamas River Watershed. Actions will include starting to implement a forest management plan, thinning young forests and adding complexity to Clear Creek.
- ***Cooper Mountain Nature Park oak and prairie restoration:*** Substantially complete strategic thinning of trees that compete with threatened Oregon white oaks throughout the park. Enhance oak and prairie habitat by using controlled fire, grazing and collecting seeds from plants that depend on oak and prairie.
- ***East Buttes forest restoration:*** Assess forest conditions, develop management plans and implement restoration projects to improve forest health, water quality and reduce wildfire risk on more than 1,000 acres throughout Metro's natural areas in the East Buttes.
- ***First foods partnership:*** Continue integrating Native American cultural knowledge of prairie management into Metro's restoration efforts, with a focus on Tualatin floodplain habitats.
- ***North Multnomah Channel Marsh restoration:*** Restore wetland habitat throughout portions of the 280-acre natural area, which was reconnected to the Willamette River during the 2013 parks and natural areas levy. The project will support a wide range of plants and animals that depend on wetlands, including red-legged frogs and juvenile salmon.
- ***Smith and Bybee Wetlands restoration:*** Three major projects will build on successful wetland and upland prairie restoration initiated during the 2013 levy. The projects fulfill commitments made in our community-based Comprehensive Natural Resources Plan and support a thriving local job training partnership.
- ***Tualatin Basin wetlands partnership:*** Working closely with partners in Washington County, implement restoration projects on several Metro natural areas in the Tualatin River Floodplain. The projects help protect water quality, improve fish and wildlife habitat, and provide substantial leverage for voter-approved funding.

- **Natural areas maintenance:** Maintenance projects, including vegetation management, will occur at some level at nearly all of Metro's parks and natural areas.

CONNECT PEOPLE TO NATURE

Regional Parks Operations and Improving Metro Sites for People

Metro's parks and natural areas offer important access to nature for people and support regionally important natural habitats. More than 1.3 million visitors enjoy Metro's developed parks each year for walking, hiking, bird watching, canoeing, camping, boating, fishing, picnicking and weddings, in addition to family and community events. Levy funds have also provided an opportunity to develop low-impact access to new Metro sites, focusing on hiking and walking opportunities. These investments enable residents to experience some of the region's unique habitats, learn more about nature and become better stewards. Strong engagement efforts in planning for these sites ensure that community needs are built into project design, development and programming.

With funding from this levy, Metro will continue making capital improvements and investments in operations that help knit together Metro's parks, trails, natural areas and cemeteries into an integrated system that is welcoming, safe and inclusive. Projects will enhance Metro's growing system, building amenities identified in master plans that are being carried out in phases at sites such as Newell Creek Canyon in Oregon City, Killin Wetlands in Washington County and the North Tualatin Mountains northwest of Forest Park. Other priorities include replacing aging facilities at existing destinations such as Blue Lake and Oxbow regional parks and Smith and Bybee Wetlands, and adding new visitor services and amenities to support programming at high-priority sites.

Metro will continue to prioritize projects that address safety and security for the public, reduce impacts on natural resources and make park infrastructure more sustainable. Improvements for visitors at Metro's parks and natural areas are integrated with Metro's nature education programs, volunteer engagement and restoration projects. Levy funds also provide support for enforcement of Metro's policies and make investments that create efficiencies in land management activities.

PARK MAINTENANCE AND ACCESS PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Enhances access to nature for people.
- Ensures welcoming and inclusive parks and natural areas.
- Supports continued focus on high-quality, professional customer service.
- Replaces or upgrades facilities or amenities that have reached the end of their life expectancy.
- Reduces maintenance costs, improves efficiency and facility longevity.
- Improves safety and security for both the public and Metro staff.
- Supports use of Metro's parks and natural areas as places for learning, exploration and engagement.
- Identifies and implements ways to make Metro parks, trails and natural areas accessible to people from a diverse range of backgrounds and abilities.

- Diversifies the businesses and people who design, build and maintain Metro's parks and natural areas.

Nature Education and Volunteer Engagement

Metro is committed to deepening people's relationship with nature, whether that means becoming a regular at a Metro nature park or learning about the importance of stewardship of a local natural area. Volunteer and education programming, communications efforts and partnerships all play essential roles. Metro prioritizes directly engaging people of color and other communities that have experienced barriers to connecting with nature.

Metro staff and partners will use levy funding to continue investing in efforts to engage both new and returning visitors to Metro's parks and natural areas and ensure that all visitors have the opportunity to learn about the site's natural and cultural history, restoration activities and regional significance. Levy proceeds will be used to ensure that interpretive programs and materials respond to the needs of historically underrepresented communities, including communities of color, low-income communities and young people, and address barriers to access and participation commonly experienced by these communities.

The levy allows Metro to provide school field trips, group programs and drop-in programming that connect people with nature and build stewardship. Offerings are designed to serve a range of audiences, including families and adults. One area of emphasis is developing culturally specific programming in partnership with communities. Levy funds will also allow volunteers to continue playing an important role in Metro's parks and natural areas including individual volunteers and a wide variety of volunteer groups, ranging from schools and scouts to faith-based groups and businesses.

CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZING EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMING

- Provides a variety of programming, from drop-in opportunities to deep nature immersion.
- Engages diverse communities in parks and nature.
- Works with partners to connect priority audiences with nature.
- Engages park visitors and develops people's connections to Metro's parks and natural areas.
- Develops natural resource knowledge, skills and motivation in youth.
- Builds college and career pipelines in natural resources and conservation for youth from historically underrepresented communities.
- Increases the capacity of communities of color and other underserved communities to become conservation leaders, including supporting long-term relationships and mentorship opportunities.
- Creates opportunities for volunteers to complement, integrate and enhance programs in Metro's parks and natural areas.

Nature in Neighborhood Grants and Community Partnerships

Metro has long played a key role in providing resources to local communities to support parks, trails, natural areas and outdoor education opportunities close to home. Levy renewal provides funding to continue Metro's commitment to nurturing vibrant, resilient communities through Nature in Neighborhoods grants and the Partners in Nature program.

NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS GRANTS

Levy funds will continue to support Nature in Neighborhoods grants, a critical resource for conservation, stewardship, nature education and other programs and projects that connect people to nature and respond to community needs. Levy funding will continue Metro's investments in improving urban ecology, restoring habitat, diversifying the conservation movement and providing economic opportunities to communities of color. Metro will continue to provide technical assistance and support to grant applicants, with an emphasis on reaching historically underserved communities and their representatives. Eligibility criteria from the 2013 levy will continue with the levy renewal.

Grants will continue to be awarded for community projects including: restoration and community stewardship, nature education and developing outdoor and conservation leaders. Grants may also be provided to support design, development and improvements to the regional trails system, including funding for safety and enforcement of park rules on regional trails.

PARTNERS IN NATURE

Partners in Nature was created in collaboration with organizations representing communities of color, culturally specific, and cross-cultural community groups. Leaders identified common goals of accessing Metro-managed parks and natural areas, connecting their constituents to the land and working directly with Metro's Parks and Nature staff. These partnerships foster opportunities for culturally specific organizations to work in collaboration with Metro staff, integrating lessons learned into Metro's programs, staff training and services.

Partners in Nature programs will continue to focus on:

- Partnerships between Metro Parks and Nature and communities of color and culturally specific communities
- Collaborative program design
- Two-way learning between Metro and partners, mutually beneficial partnerships.

Funding from Metro's local option levy will also help Metro deliver on the Parks and Nature System Plan adopted by the Metro Council in 2016. The plan defines Metro's mission and describes Metro's unique role as a park provider: protecting water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and creating opportunities for people to enjoy nature close to home through a connected system of parks, trails and natural areas. It also describes the importance of Metro's work with partners, the agency's commitment to diversify the businesses and people who do business with Metro, and the steps Metro can take to ensure that programs and facilities support the needs of underserved communities, including communities of color, low-income communities and young people.

Parks and natural areas local option levy

ELIGIBILITY FRAMEWORK

February 2013

The parks and natural areas levy specifies which properties are eligible for funds if the levy is approved by voters in May. This language leaves some room for interpretation. Local jurisdictions' staff members have already asked Metro staff what resources and funds will be available to them. It is Metro's intent to lay out clear answers and to set the stage for developing final direction on this subject.

Eligible locations *(from the Metro Council resolution)*

Natural areas restoration and maintenance, park facility improvements and natural area improvements for people projects may be funded only for the following sites:

- Properties owned and managed by Metro.
- Properties managed by Metro, regardless of ownership.
- Properties for which Metro holds a conservation easement or another agreement when failure to take action would adversely impact Metro property.
- Properties owned by Metro, but managed by a partner through contract or Intergovernmental Agreement.
- Properties where Nature in Neighborhood community grants are awarded.

Levy discretionary funds

The framework below is the beginning; the processes will be further detailed during the first year of funding.

| Restoration ¹ | Parks operations | Natural areas stewardship ² |
|---|--|---|
| Levy funds may be used on major restoration for the locations listed above. Metro will manage restoration projects at many sites. Public partners interested in developing and/or implementing a major restoration project on a Metro-owned property managed via IGA, will work with Science and Stewardship Manager Jonathan Soll. | No levy funds will be available for park operations of local parks, even if they are located on land owned or co-owned by Metro. For regional parks owned by Metro and managed via IGA, such as Cooper Mountain or Mount Talbert, funding will be determined by the Parks and Property Stewardship Program Director, Justin Patterson, in coordination with partners. | One of the goals of the levy is to accomplish basic stewardship, including invasive species removal, on Metro property. Funds will be available to achieve specified outcomes. Treatments may be completed by Metro contractors, city staff or other qualified people, and funding levels will reflect regional average costs for specified outcomes. The process will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of best management practices to communicate effectively and consistently.• Communication with local jurisdictions about eligibility and process through contacting Natural Areas Land Manager Dan Moeller.• Draft stewardship prescription and budget based on Metro's best management practices and including maintenance description.• Schedule a field visit with Metro staff prior to submitting. |

¹ Restoration refers to significant actions taken to improve the ecological health of a given site. Restoration may affect the composition, structure or processes on the site and is typically project-based and thus finite in time. Examples include re-meandering a stream, placing large wood on the ground or in streams, planting native species, or the use of controlled fire or flooding.

² Stewardship refers to actions with generally smaller scope, aimed at protecting ecological health through reducing or eliminating threats. Examples include removal of invasive species, decommissioning or rehabilitating a trail and road maintenance.

In the first year, Metro will focus on ramp-up and implementation and will not consider requests from other jurisdictions for properties they manage. Based on the above process and further refinements, all funding decisions are subject to the approval of Metro's Parks and Property Stewardship Program Director or the Natural Areas Program Director.

Grant funds

Non-profit and community organizations are eligible to receive levy funds through the grant program. Grants will be awarded for a variety of projects including stewardship-type projects with contractors and volunteers, major restoration, park and trail projects. Metro may partner with local governments or NGOs to seek grant funding using levy funding as match.

| PROJECT | TIMING | | | | | BUDGET | | | CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITIES |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--|
| | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | Yr end | Y1-Y4 expenses (as of 3/2017) | Y5 budget | Total project | |
| Cooper Mountain Oak and prairie restoration (LR080) | • | • | | • | 2018 | \$321,024 | \$65,000 | \$468,500 | Conduct botanical surveys and spot treatment or mowing of weeds to consolidate gains for FY17 prescribed fire and previous oak release. |
| East Buttes West Bliss forest restoration (LR100) | | • | | • | 2018 | \$91,425 | \$7,500 | \$92,000 | Maintenance treatments on plantings; expect project to be complete after FY18 or FY19. |
| Fanno Creek Bonita restoration (LR420) | • | • | | • | 2018 | \$14,900 | \$16,000 | \$90,000 | Part of partnership with Clean Water Services. Riparian forest and wetland vegetation improvements via weed control and planting as needed. |
| Forest Park Burlington Creek forest restoration (LR120) | • | • | • | • | 2018 | \$64,394 | \$55,000 | \$235,000 | Complete thinning, snag creation and downed wood creation. Some weed abatement depending on conditions. |
| Forest Park Ennis Creek forest restoration (LR121) | • | • | • | • | 2018 | \$98,840 | \$40,000 | \$175,000 | Weed abatement to protect underplanting. |
| Gales Creek Carpenter Creek (LR143) | • | • | | • | 2018 | \$183,640 | \$21,000 | \$189,990 | Part of partnership with Clean Water Services. Invasive plant control to protect native plantings. |
| Gales Creek Forest Grove (LR142) | • | • | | • | 2018 | \$13,590 | \$10,250 | \$32,300 | Part of partnership with Clean Water Services. Conduct maintenance on planted trees and shrubs. |
| Gales Creek Maroon Ponds (LR145) | • | • | • | • | 2018 | \$364,395 | \$38,000 | \$365,000 | Part of partnership with Clean Water Services. Maintenance of newly planted areas; weed abatement. |
| Gales Creek Penstemon prairie restoration (LR141) | • | • | • | • | 2018 | \$200,713 | \$52,650 | \$292,600 | Monitor results of planting. Spot treatment of weeds as needed. |
| Gales Creek Penstemon wetlands (LR144) | | • | | • | 2018 | \$72,068 | \$49,600 | \$153,250 | Part of partnership with Clean Water Services. Forested and emergent mosaic vegetation enhancements; weed control in emergent and shrub wetlands. |
| Johnson Creek Ambleside aquatic (LR1602,LR760) | • | • | • | • | 2018 | \$358,261 | \$360,000 | \$586,000 | FY18 actions and final budget dependent on final disposition of the Schacht house. Current plan calls for house deconstruction and/or moving and project implementation in FY18. |
| Native Plant Center Oak and prairie species conservation and seed banking project (LR771) | • | • | • | • | 2018 | \$3,262 | \$40,000 | \$65,350 | Collect oak and prairie species targeted for amplification or seed- banking. Amplify seed through direct grow-out or via contracts. Budget somewhat flexible depending on demand for seed. |
| Native Plant Center Seed collection and processing (LR772) | • | • | | | 2018 | \$0 | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | Small shift in how we track costs of seed collection and processing requires some levy funds be dedicated for that purpose. |
| Native Plant Center Understory diversity project (LR805) | • | • | • | • | 2018 | \$9,974 | \$22,500 | \$69,000 | Work with partners and stakeholders in research and development of understory plant materials program to provide seed, plugs, root fragments to stakeholders to |

| PROJECT | TIMING | | | | | BUDGET | | | CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITIES |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | Yr end | Y1-Y4 expenses (as of 3/2017) | Y5 budget | Total project | |
| Connect with Nature (LA350) | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2018 | \$99,233 | 100,000 | \$200,000 | Finalize the preferred alternatives, identifying key facilities and develop toolkit. |
| East Council Creek access improvements (LA121) | | | | ● | 2018 | \$450 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | Develop master plan in conjunction with Connect with Nature recommendations. |
| Killin Wetland access improvements (LA300) | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2018 | \$338,869 | \$595,000 | \$850,000 | Secure development permits, award construction contract and complete construction. |
| Newell Creek Canyon access improvements (LA250) | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2018 | \$125,074 | \$581,500 | \$777,500 | Obtain land use approval, complete design/construction document phase; award bids for construction and initiate construction. Work will continue in Y6. |
| North Tualatin Mountains access improvements (LA120) | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2018 | \$68,018 | \$718,000 | \$777,500 | Obtain land use approval, complete design/construction document phase; award bids for construction and initiate construction. Work will continue in Y6. |
| Oxbow Park Nature Play Area (L1003) | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2019 | \$62,698 | \$344,483 | \$392,500 | Award construction contract, finalize design, secure development permits and complete construction. Total project will include an additional \$167,500 awarded as a LWCF grant, for a total project budget of \$392,500. |
| Title 10 review (LA132) | ● | ● | | | 2018 | \$3,811 | \$75,000 | \$75,000 | Ensure policies are consistent and up to date. |
| | | | | | | \$517,995 | \$2,438,983 | \$3,097,500 | |

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Stewardship of public land requires involving people in caring for the natural areas that have been protected on their behalf. While more than 2,500 people volunteer at Metro sites every year, historically, demand for volunteer opportunities has exceeded staff capacity to support their work. Volunteers play a key role and expanded coordination will support meaningful volunteer engagement across all programs funded by the levy.

The Volunteer program completed hiring and launched a participatory accountability team in Year 1. The team monitors results for shared responses to the internal and external value of involvement opportunities: improve Metro properties and programs and increase regional equity through engaging historically underserved/under-represented communities as co-creators of meaningful volunteer opportunities as well as by participating in existing opportunities. The team monitors how volunteers' skills are developed in responsible use (including conservation) of natural resources in a way that takes full and balanced account of the interests of society, future generations and other species, as well as of private needs.

Year 4 focused on building capacity and practices to support existing volunteers and lead more people into opportunities that complement, integrate and enhance Metro programs. As program reporting has improved, comparisons are possible to secure strong outcomes for all program purposes.

Year 5 will continue to provide a broad range of diverse volunteer opportunities that integrate volunteer opportunities across the department programs in our parks and natural areas. There are three focus areas; engagement programming opportunities with historically oppressed or marginalized communities including people of color, low-income communities, youth and people with disabilities; ongoing volunteer opportunities as an added



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To: Levy Steering Committee
Brian Kennedy, Community Engagement and Business Services Program
Director
Cinnamon Williams, Property and Environmental Services and Parks and Nature
Finance Manager

From: Chris Woo, CPMO Project Manager
Lisa Goorjian, Parks Planning and Operation Program Director

Subject: Budget adjustment memo- Oxbow Welcome Center

Project: Oxbow Welcome Center
Project budget code: LI005
Project description: Construct a welcome center to support guest and ranger services
at the park

Original FY18 work plan budget: \$1,522,460
Proposed FY 18 adjusted budget: \$2,079,000

Justification:

In 2016 it was identified that the cost-estimates for this project were coming in over the allocated funding to deliver the required scope of this project. The project was value engineered in 2016 and again in 2017. The following are some of the specific project scope trade-offs that were implemented to reduce the costs.

- The building size was reduced to not include housing 2 naturalists and their associated workstations/windows/doors/walls, etc.
- The building configuration was adjusted to utilize standard dimensions for materials for structural elements (such as glue-lam beams) to reduce custom materials, also we realized a reduction in windows and doors related to this change
- The scope that would have upgraded the operations yard was removed.
- Instead of bringing in a trailer to temporarily house the rangers, we are using the former residence. Improvements for this interim use are less expensive than renting and hooking up a trailer.
- We are in-sourcing the landscaping.
- We plan to purchase used FFE or purchase some new from Oregon Corrections Enterprises to reduce costs.
- Rejected alternative that identified contractor to provide site furnishings (benches, kiosks, etc.).



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As a result of these efforts, the current project makes more efficient use of materials, maximizes spatial and program needs and reduces previously identified inefficiencies. It also meets our program goal of delivering safe, clean and welcoming developed parks through a DEI lens.

The cost estimate for direct construction pre-bid was 1.3 million, however the bids came in closer to 1.5 million. We received five bids, all from experienced contractors and all within a narrow price range so we have high confidence that this is the amount needed to deliver this project.

In order for the project to proceed, we propose amending the project budget by increasing it by utilizing \$130,000 from the 1995 Bond, \$150,000 from the Parks Capital Fund and \$276,540 from the 2013 Levy contingency. We also propose to formally include the \$372,460 from the Oxbow Special Account (however this amount is already contemplated in the original FY18 work plan budget).

As part of the budget amendment process to the Capital Improvement Plan, the Finance Director will need to describe this change to Metro Council.

Approved:

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Community Engagement and Business Services Program Director

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Parks and Nature Department Director

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Levy Steering Committee Chair