

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ) RESOLUTION NO. 98-2642  
THE CANEMAH BLUFF SECTION )  
OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER GREENWAY) )  
TARGET AREA REFINEMENT PLAN ) Introduced by Mike Burton  
Executive Officer

WHEREAS, in July 1992, Metro completed the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan which identified a desired system of natural areas interconnected with greenways and trails; and

WHEREAS, at the election held on May 16, 1995, the Metro area voters approved the Open Spaces, Parks and Streams Bond Measure (Measure 26-26) which authorized Metro to issue \$135.6 million in general obligation bonds to finance land acquisition and capital improvements pursuant to Metro's Open Spaces Program; and

WHEREAS, the Canemah Bluff Section of the Willamette River Greenway target area was designated as a greenspace of regional significance in the Greenspaces Master Plan and identified as a regional target area in the Open Space, Parks and Streams Bond Measure; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1996, the Metro Council adopted a refinement plan for the Canemah Bluff Section of the Willamette River Greenway target area ("Refinement Plan") which authorized the purchases of sites in the target area, illustrated in a confidential tax-lot-specific map identifying priority properties for acquisition; and

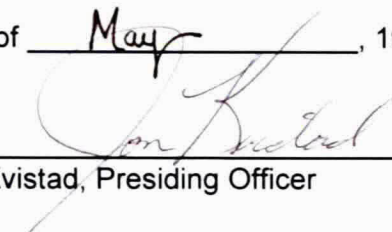
WHEREAS, a Tier I objective of the Refinement Plan calls for preservation of the steep cliffs, rock outcrops and seeps for their biological, scenic and cultural values, and purchase of the 10,000-square-foot parcel identified in Exhibit A ("the Property") meets that objective; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public to include the Property in the Refinement Plan to provide continuous public ownership between Oregon City Park land and Metro property; now therefore,

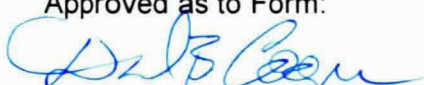
BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council amends the Canemah Bluff Section of the Willamette River Greenway target area refinement plan to include the Property, as identified in Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by Metro Council this 14th day of May, 1998.

  
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Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:

  
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Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

**Exhibit A  
Resolution No. 98-2642**

**Order No: 180584**

**DESCRIPTION**

**Lots 1 and 8, Block H, FIRST ADDITION OT THE TOWN OF CANEMAH, in the City of Oregon  
City, County of Clackamas and State of Oregon.**

**REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**  
CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 98-2642, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
AMENDING THE CANEMAH BLUFF SECTION OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER  
GREENWAY TARGET AREA REFINEMENT PLAN.

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Date: May 13, 1998

Presented by: Councilor Naito

**Committee Action:** At its May 6, 1998 meeting, the Regional Facilities Committee unanimously recommended Council adoption of Resolution No. 98-2642. Voting in favor: Councilors McCaig, Naito and McFarland.

**Council Issues/Discussion:** Staff presentation was made by Nancy Chase of the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department. This resolution amends the Canemah Bluff section of the Willamette River Greenway target area to include an undeveloped 10,000 square foot parcel. This parcel is between Oregon City park land and a site previously purchased by Metro. A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with the owner of the property, subject to Metro Council approval. Oregon City is supportive of Metro purchase of this property.

There was no committee discussion of this item.

## Staff Report

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 98-2642 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CANEMAH BLUFF SECTION OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER GREENWAY TARGET AREA REFINEMENT PLAN**

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**Date: April 13, 1998**

**Presented by: Charles Ciecko  
Jim Desmond**

## PROPOSED ACTION

**Resolution No. 98-2642, requests amendment of the Canemah Bluff Section of the Willamette River Greenway target area refinement plan.**

## BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In May of 1995, voters in the region passed a bond measure enabling Metro to purchase open space properties with \$135.6 million worth of bond funds. The bond measure identified fourteen regional target areas and six regional trails and greenways for property acquisition, including the Canemah Bluff Section of the Willamette River Greenway. On April 11, 1996 the Metro Council approved a refinement plan for the Canemah Bluff section of the Willamette River Greenway, including a tax-lot specific acquisition map.

The Tier I objectives of that refinement include aggregation of large parcels of contiguous forest on the terrace above the cliffs, preservation of the steep cliffs, rock outcrops and seeps for their biological, scenic and cultural values, and protection of cultural and historic sites and old wagon roads for educational purposes.

The site in question, a 10,000-square-foot parcel located immediately west of city park lands and immediately east of land Metro purchased in 1997, was not included on the adopted site specific acquisition map. Under the guidelines set out in the Open Spaces Implementation Work Plan, Metro Council approval is needed to amend that map. Acquisition of this site would complement acquisition efforts in the area and provide a link between Metro holdings and Oregon City park land. A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with the owner of the property, subject to the Metro Council's approval. In order to acquire the property, Metro Council would have to amend the Canemah Bluff Section of the Willamette River Greenway Target Area refinement map to include the property.

## FINDINGS

Amendment of the Canemah Bluff Section of the Willamette River Greenway target area refinement plan is recommended based upon these findings:

- The Tier I objectives of Refinement Plan for the Canemah Bluff Section of the Willamette River Greenway target area include the preservation of the steep cliffs, rock outcrops and seeps for their biological, scenic and cultural values.

Amendment of the Canemah Bluff Section of the Willamette River Greenway target area refinement plan to include the property within Tier I would allow Metro to purchase a site to meet the above stated objective. The 10,000-square-foot block of land is located adjacent to lands owned by Oregon City Parks and, in accordance with the existing refinement plan, will be a part of a larger contiguous Metro holding in the future.

- This parcel should have been included in the original tax-lot specific refinement map. If it were developed with a residence as allowed by zoning, that residence would be immediately in between the city park and the Metro natural area park, thus serving as an inholding within the publicly owned open space.
- The City of Oregon City, the landowner to the east of this property, is supportive of this acquisition.
- The owner of the site is a willing seller at fair market value.

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

Bond funds will supply acquisition money. Land banking costs are expected to be minimal.

### **Executive Officer's Recommendation**

The Executive Officer recommends passage of Resolution No. 98-2642.