

January GTAC Meeting Announcement

GTAC Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1 to 3 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Room 370

AGENDA

1 - 1:15

Introductions and announcements

1:15 - 2

Final GTAC Review of Draft Regional Greenspaces System Map, Regional Trails Plan map update, policies for management of components of the regional system

2 - 2:30

Salmon Safe Certification for Portland Parks, Deb Lev

Please come prepared with any final comments or recommended changes to the three products that GTAC has been developing during 2001. If there are no further changes, GTAC can consider a motion to recommend initiating public review process.

See attachments

**List of Nominated Trails
October 2001**

1. Newell Creek Trail

(Eastside of Oregon City, adjacent to Oregon City Bypass (Hwy. 213))

Sponsor: City of Oregon City - Dee Craig

Affected Jurisdictions: Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Metro

2. Willamette Narrows Greenway Trail

(westside of river from mouth of Tualatin River south of Willamette Park to land purchased by Metro (Weber Farm) near the Canby Ferry)

Sponsor: Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces - Jim Morgan

Affected Jurisdictions: Clackamas Co., Metro

3. Willamette River to Tualatin River Trail (River to River Trail)

(Land based trail connecting the Willamette and Tualatin rivers via Wilson Creek and/or Pecan Creek. Trail starts in Lake Oswego and ends in Tualatin)

Sponsor: Three Rivers Land Conservancy - Jayne Cronlund

Affected Jurisdictions: Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co.

4. Tualatin River Greenway Trail

(change from greenway to land based trail along the river from confluence of the Tualatin and Willamette rivers in West Linn, west to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge in Sherwood)

Sponsor: Three Rivers Land Conservancy - Jayne Cronlund,

Affected Jurisdictions: West Linn, Lake Oswego, Rivergrove, Tualatin, Durham, Tigard, King City, Sherwood, Cornelius and Washington Co.

5. Scouter Mountain Trail Extension

(adjacent to Happy Valley, south of Springwater Corridor)

Sponsor: Clackamas Co. Parks - Mary Cook Swanson

Affected Jurisdictions: Clackamas Co., Happy Valley, Multnomah Co.

6. Stafford Trail

(south of Tualatin River to the Willamette River in Clackamas Co.)

Sponsor: Clackamas Co. Parks – Mary Cook Swanson

Affected Jurisdictions: Clackamas Co.

7. Surf to Turf Trail: Rail with Trail (also 7A)

(from downtown Lake Oswego through Clackamas and Washington counties to the Oregon coast parallel to Burlington Northern Railroad and Portland and Western Railroad lines, and the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail)

Sponsor: Metro Councilor Bill Atherton

Affected Jurisdictions:

Lake Oswego, Beaverton, Tigard, Durham, Hillsboro, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Washington Co.
Portland and Western Railroad

8. **Willamette River Greenway (westside of river: Lake Oswego and West Linn)**
(change designation from greenway to land based trail from Lake Oswego south through the city of West Linn to the mouth of the Tualatin River)

Sponsor: Three Rivers Land Conservancy – Jayne Cronlund

Affected Jurisdictions: Lake Oswego, West Linn

9. **Willamette River Greenway Extension (eastside of river)**
(extend the greenway to Canby)

Deleted from list of trail nominations. This is outside of the Metro boundary. No local jurisdiction has requested Metro to act on this. Trust for Public Land (TPL) originally nominated this trail, but has not followed up with GTAC regarding the nomination.

10. **Phillips Creek Greenway**
(trail loop around Clackamas Town Center connecting to I-205 Bike/Ped Trail and North Clackamas Greenway, following Phillips Creek)

Sponsor: Clackamas Co. Land Use and Transportation – Karen Buehrig

Affected Jurisdictions: Clackamas Co., North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

11. **Little Beaver Creek Trail**
(south side of Oregon City, Newell Creek Trail west to Canemah Bluff)

Sponsor: City of Oregon City - Dee Craig

Affected Jurisdictions: Oregon City

12. **Columbia River Trail Extension / 40-Mile Loop**
(north of Blue Lake Park on a levee eastbound to mouth of Sandy River)

Sponsor: City of Troutdale - Valerie Lantz

Impacted Jurisdictions: Troutdale, Fairview, Local Drainage District, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces

13. **Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail**
(Hillsdale Town Center in southwest Portland south to downtown Lake Oswego with a connection to the Willamette River Greenway Trail)

Sponsor: Portland Parks and SW Trails Group – Jim Sjulín and Don Baack

Affected Jurisdictions: Portland, Lake Oswego, Oregon State Parks

14. **East Buttes Power Line Corridor Trail**
(north to south from Springwater Corridor nr. Gresham – Fairview Trail to Clackamas River Greenway)

Sponsor: Pleasant Valley Planning Group (Metro, Portland, Gresham) – Kim White (Metro)

Affected Jurisdictions: Portland, Gresham, Happy Valley, Clackamas Co., Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces for Multnomah Co.

15. Beaver Creek Canyon Trail

(trail on eastside of Troutdale; change designation from greenway to land based trail within city of Troutdale; outside city limits, greenway designation remains).

Sponsor: City of Troutdale – Valerie Lantz

Affected Jurisdictions: Troutdale

16. Fanno Creek Greenway Trail

(Willamette Park in John's Landing west and south, where Fanno Creek flows into the Tualatin River. Change designation from greenway to land based trail; a technical change.)

Sponsor: Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces – Mel Huie

Affected Jurisdictions: Portland, Beaverton, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, Washington Co., Tigard, Durham

17. Council Creek Trail: Westside MAX to Banks

(end of MAX line in Hillsboro west to Banks via Cornelius, Forest Grove and unincorporated Washington Co., with an additional short trail extension south to the Tualatin River)

Sponsor: City of Cornelius – Richard Meyer

Affected Jurisdictions: Cornelius, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Washington Co.

18. Washington Square Regional Center Loop Trail

(eastside of Hwy 217 at Washington Square with connection to Fanno Creek Greenway Trail)

Sponsor: City of Tigard – Duane Roberts

Affected Jurisdictions: Tigard, Washington Co., Portland, Beaverton

19. Westside Commuter Line: Rail with Trail

(trail would be next to an existing railroad line from Wilsonville north through Tualatin, Tigard, Durham, Beaverton and unincorporated Washington Co.)

Deleted from consideration by GTAC, due to lack of support from local jurisdictions and concern from Oregon Rail Division about the feasibility of putting a trail next to a future high speed commuter rail line with limited right-of-way and many pinch point areas (e.g. trestles).

20. North Willamette River Greenway Trail

(Steel Bridge north to St. Johns Bridge along the eastbank of the river)

Sponsor: Portland Parks – Jim Sjulín

Affected Jurisdictions: Portland, Port of Portland, Metro Parks and Greenspaces

21. Willamette Shoreline Trolley: Rail with Trail

(Riverplace in downtown Portland south to downtown Lake Oswego along the rail corridor)

Sponsor: Portland Parks – Jim Sjulín

Affected Jurisdictions: Portland, Willamette Shoreline Consortium including Portland, Multnomah Co., Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co., Tri-Met, Metro

22. Sullivan's Gulch / I-84 Trail

Eastbank Esplanade at Willamette River to I-205 Bike/Ped Trail, on north side of I-84, next to the Max Line and Union Pacific RR tracks; and east to where the trail starts along I-84). This trail has been already been added to Metro's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by the Metro Council.

Sponsor: Portland Parks – Jim Sjulín

Affected Jurisdictions: Portland

23. East Buttes Loop Trail

(area just south of Springwater Corridor from Powell Butte east to various buttes)

Sponsor: Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces - Nancy Chase

Affected Jurisdictions: Portland, Gresham, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces for Multnomah Co.

24. Rock Creek Trail

(change alignment from the old Oregon Electric Railway Corridor Trail to Rock Creek in Hillsboro, south of Hwy. 26)

Sponsor: City of Hillsboro – Scott Talbot

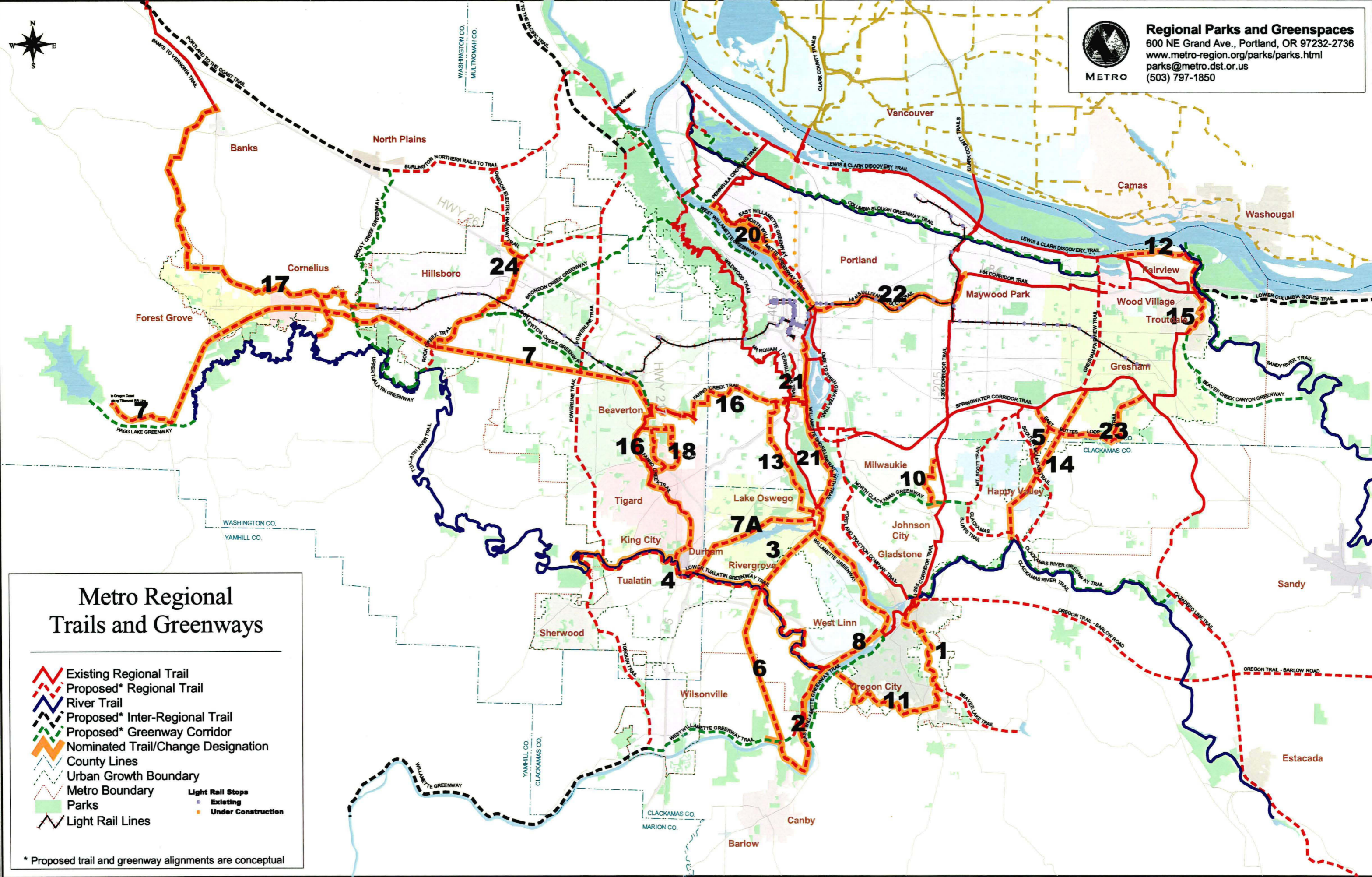
Affected Jurisdiction: Hillsboro

If you need more information or have questions, contact:

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Metro Regional Trails and Greenways

- Existing Regional Trail
- Proposed* Regional Trail
- River Trail
- Proposed* Inter-Regional Trail
- Proposed* Greenway Corridor
- Nominated Trail/Change Designation
- County Lines
- Urban Growth Boundary
- Metro Boundary
- Light Rail Stops Existing
- Light Rail Stops Under Construction
- Parks
- Light Rail Lines

* Proposed trail and greenway alignments are conceptual

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Regional trails which are currently open (or partially open) to the public - January 2002.

TRAIL	MANAGING AGENCY	MILES (estimated)
<i>East of Willamette River</i>		
Springwater Corridor Trail: Portland to Boring	Portland, Gresham, Clackamas Co.	
OMSI to Springwater Corridor (opens Dec. 2002)	Portland	
Eastbank Esplanade on Willamette River	Portland	
Peninsula Crossing Trail	Portland	
Columbia Slough Greenway Trail (N. Ptd. Rd. east to Denver Ave. and some segments east)	Portland	
Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail (also known as Marine Dr. /40-Mile LoopTrail)	Portland	
Beaver Creek Greenway Trail	Troutdale	
PTC Trail (former streetcar line - completed section in Gladstone)	Gladstone	
I-205 Bike / Ped Trail	ODOT	
I-84 Bike/Ped Trail (I-205 east to 207th)	ODOT	
<i>West of Willamette River</i>		
Westside Willamette River Greenway Trail (Fremont Bridge to Sellwood Bridge)	Portland	
Wildwood Trail in Portland	Portland	
Terwilliger Greenway Trail	Portland, Lake Oswego	
Fanno Creek Greenway Trail	THPRD, Beaverton, Tigard	
Rock Creek Trail	Hillsboro	
Tualatin River Greenway Trail	Tualatin	
Completed sections of Power Line Trail (westside)	THPRD	
Banks to Vernonia Trail	Oregon State Parks	

Please list additional trails, currently open to the public, that you feel should be included in the regional system. This list of trails is from Metro's Regional Trails and Greenways Map.

Metro Parks and Greenspaces staff will review your comments. Send comments to Mel Huie via e-mail at huiem@metro.dst.or.us no later than Jan. 16, 2002.

Number	Regional Natural Area Sites/Trail	Manager	Acreage
1	Forest Park	Portland	4,900
2	Hagg Lake	Washington County	2,600
3	Smith and Bybee	Metro	1,907
4	Government Island	Metro	1,708
5	Sandy River Delta	BLM?	1,558
6	Oxbow	Metro	1,200
7	Sandy River Gorge	Metro	1,068
8	McIver State Park	State	968
9	East Buttes /Boring Lava	Metro	730
10	Gales Creek	Metro	606
11	Tryon Creek	State of Oregon	637
12	Jackson Bottom	City of Hillsboro and USA	597
13	Powell Butte	Portland	572
14	Tualatin River National Wildlife refuge	USFWS	568
15	Clear Creek Canyon	Metro	492
16	Burlington Bottoms	BPA	445
17	Tonquin Geologic Area	Metro	436
18	Willamette Narrows	Metro	439
19	Clackamas River Sites	Metro	430
20	Tualatin River Access	Metro	384
21	Multnomah Channel/	Metro	326
22	Columbia River Shoreline	Metro	271
23	Cooper Mountain	Metro	256
24	Sandy River: Diack Tract	Nature Conservancy	199
25	THPRD Nature Park	THPRD	196
26	Larch Mountain Corridor	Metro	171
27	Stonegate	Clackamas County	162
28	Oak Bottom	Portland	154
29	Mt Talbert	NCPRD	149
30	Newell Creek	Metro	149
31	Mary Young State	State of Oregon	149

Number	Regional Natural Area Sites/Trail	Manager	Acreage
	Park		
32	Metzler Memorial Park	Clackamas County	138
33	Willamette Narrows	Metro	135
34	Barton Park	Clackamas County	125
35	Canemah Bluff	Metro	129
36	Sandy River: Patridge Tract	Nature Conservancy	118
37	Dabney State	State of Oregon	110
38	Rock Creek Greenway	Metro	109
39	Rock Island Landing	State of Oregon	103
40	Terwilliger Parkway	Portland	100
41	Kelley Pointe Park	Portland	96
42	District Park?	NCPRD	95
43	Marquam Nature Park	Portland	74
44	Fairview Creek	Fairview	70
45	McKay Dairy	Metro	62
46	Wilderness Park	West Linn	48
47	Brown's Ferry Park	Tualatin	47
48	Durham City Park	Durham	46
49	Lewis and Clark State Park	State of Oregon	44
50	Willamette Cove	Metro	43
51	Hogan Cedars	Metro	40
52	Noble Woods	Hillsboro	40
53	Keller Woodland	Nature Conservancy	40
54	Springwater Corridor Trail		
55	Eastbank Esplanade trail		
56	Peninsula Crossing Trail		
57	Fanno Creek Trail		
58	Beaver Creek Greenway		
59	Rock Creek Greenway		
60	I-205 Bike/Ped Trail		
61	Banks to Vernonia Trail		

Number	Regional Natural Area Sites/Trail	Manager	Acreage
62	Tualatin River Greenway Trail		
63	Wildwood Trail		
64	Terwilliger Greenway Trail		
65	Westside Willamette River Greenway Trail		
66	PTC Trail		
67	I-84 Bike/Ped trail		
68	Forty-Mile Loop Trail		
69	Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail		
70	Columbia Slough Greenway Trail		

FINAL DISCUSSION DRAFT

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REGIONAL SYSTEM?

Background:

The Greenspaces Master Plan (1992) envisions a cooperative regional system of natural areas, open spaces, trails, and greenspaces for people and wildlife. The Master Plan is not a regulatory plan, but was written to implement this vision through cooperation between local park providers and cities, counties and citizens.

It has been nearly a decade since the Greenspaces Master Plan was adopted by Metro with support and encouragement from local partners. Since that time great progress has been made in implementing the vision of the plan, for example, Metro has acquired 7,100 acres of regional natural areas.

Chapter 3 (Parks, Natural Areas, Open Spaces, and Recreational Facilities) of the Regional Framework Plan (1996) directs Metro to reinventory parks, natural areas and trails in the metro region and to cooperatively develop policies to protect and manage these areas. The draft Greenspaces Regional System (a network of parks, greenspaces, trails, and wildlife corridors) was identified in 2000 and was based on an inventory of natural resources areas, parks, greenway corridors and trails.

The draft Greenspaces Regional System consists of both public and private components. A major component of the public ownership consists of federal, state and local park providers that manage both “natural resources anchor sites”, trails and other recreational parks. The strategies outlined below are only applicable to publicly and non-profit owned parks, natural areas and trails included in the draft Regional Greenspaces System and outlines three voluntary scenarios for natural resource protection. The implementation of these strategies is dependent upon availability of funds for all park providers included in the draft Regional Greenspaces System.

Goals:

- To create a cooperative regional system of natural areas, open spaces, trails and greenways for fish, wildlife and people.
- To protect the region’s biodiversity, improve air and water quality, provide buffers between communities, and create opportunities for citizens to enjoy nature close to home.

Objectives:

- To further implement the Greenspaces Master Plan (1992) and the Regional Framework Plan (1996) by developing strategies for a coordinated, cooperative and collaborative effort between local governments and other managers of natural areas to protect and enhance natural resources.

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- Metro will work through the Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee to protect and manage components of the Regional Parks and Greenspaces System by using an incentive based strategy to achieve the goals. Incentives include providing signage, technical and financial assistance, including offering education outreach and volunteer assistance.

Strategy:

- To cooperatively develop Inter Governmental Agreements (IGA) between Metro and individual local agencies to protect and manage lands included in the draft Regional Parks and Greenspaces System.

SCENARIO 1

Assumption: No level of regional funding available

At a minimum, parks, greenspaces and the trail components in the Regional Greenspaces System owned and operated by non-profits and publicly owned agencies would meet the following standards and receive the following benefits:

Standards met:

ALL PARKS:

- Riparian restoration will be encouraged according to Title 3 model ordinance standards (see Appendix A), according to Clean Water Services requirements and Metro's fish and wildlife habitat conservation standards to be adopted by Metro or a local restoration plan that complies with Title 3 model ordinance.
- Local level GIS data (if available) on new acquisitions of parks and natural areas will be provided to update Metro's database.
- When master plans are developed they will address at a minimum, Section 4 (b) of the draft Master Planning Guidelines developed by GTAC, with Metro technical assistance available on an as needed basis (see below).
- Signage will be posted at parks that are open to the public stating that the facility is part of the Regional Greenspaces and Trails.

4(b). MASTER PLANNING – Assure Resource Protection

1. Inventory existing site conditions in context of the surrounding landscape and the overall Regional System. At a minimum, describe and map existing conditions including natural, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources, ownership, zoning, land use regulations, topography, infrastructure and easements. If applicable, "existing conditions" shall also include park facilities, visitation, budgetary and operations information.
2. Assess the occurrence, value and sensitivity of the site's natural, cultural, recreational and scenic resources.
3. Identify strategies to protect and/or enhance natural and cultural resource values.
4. Identify and evaluate issues and needs and constraints and opportunities.
5. Identify management practices to protect natural, cultural and scenic resources from appropriate use and development.
6. Identify strategies to avoid or mitigate significant impacts from adjacent land uses on site uses, facilities and resources.
7. Identify strategies to avoid or mitigate significant impacts from part use on adjacent lands.

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- *New trails will be sited according to local government standards that are in compliance with Title 3 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan-ordinance (Appendix A).*
- *Signage will be posted at trails that are open to the public stating that the facility is part of the Regional Greenspaces and Trails System.*

Benefits received:

ALL PARKS:

- Signage will be developed in collaboration with GTAC and provided by Metro. The signage will depict the concept of the “Regional Greenspaces and Trail System” and not bear any agency logo.
- The local parks and greenspaces that are open to the public will be included in a Regional Greenspaces System Map published by Metro and the owner and/or manager will be referenced as a cooperator in appropriate publications.
- Metro will support grant applications that assist in implementing Scenario 1 components.
- Cooperating agency activities such as habitat restoration projects, volunteer workdays and environmental programs, will be promoted in the GreenScene, Metro’s calendar of nature-related activities and events.

TRAILS:

- *Signage will be developed in collaboration with GTAC and provided by Metro. The signage will depict the concept of the “Regional Greenspaces and Trail System” and not bear any agency logo.*
- *Regional trails* that are open to the public will be included in a Regional Greenspaces System and trails map published by Metro and the owner and/or manager will be referenced as a cooperator in appropriate publications.*
- *Metro will support and coordinate grant applications through the MTIP program (federal funds for trails).*
- *Cooperating agency activities such as trail clean-up, trail building and trail maintenance will be promoted in the GreenScene, Metro’s calendar of nature-related activities and events.*

SCENARIO 2:

Assumption: Limited regional funding available for planning, restoration and monitoring.

At a minimum, parks, greenspaces and trail components in the Regional Greenspaces System owned and operated by non-profits and publicly owned agencies would meet the following standards and receive the following benefits:

ALL STANDARDS AND BENEFITS OF SCENARIO 1 APPLY TO SCENARIO 2

In addition, SCENARIO 2 includes the following:

Standards met:

ALL PARKS:

- Cooperators will agree to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs), to improve water quality, and protect biodiversity. These BMPs will be recommended by GTAC.

REGIONAL NATURAL AREA SITES:*

- When cooperators gather trend data on wildlife and plants in the region, they will share it with Metro.
- Standard rules and regulations that are consistent with natural resource protection goals will be encouraged.

TRAILS:

- *Cooperators will agree to implement BMP's when planning, constructing and maintaining trails in the Regional System.*
- *Trail users will be encouraged to comply with Standard Rules and Regulations that are consistent with natural resource protection.*

Benefits received:

ALL PARKS:

- Metro will provide technical and financial assistance in implementing the recommended BMP's such as habitat restoration and enhancement.
- Metro will promote local cooperator projects to the media.

REGIONAL NATURAL AREA SITES:

- Metro's environmental education and interpretive programs will be made available to cooperators in the system.
- Metro's volunteer project management assistance will be offered to cooperators in the system.
- Metro will provide technical and financial assistance for planning, restoring and monitoring of natural resources to cooperators in the system.

TRAILS:

- *If funds are available, Metro will provide technical and financial assistance to local cooperators implementing the Best Management Guidelines to plan, construct and maintain trails.*
- *Metro will promote local cooperator projects to the media.*

SCENARIO 3:

Assumption: Supplemental regional funds are available for select activities related to natural resource management such as planning, education and interpretive signage, operations and maintenance.

At a minimum, parks, greenspaces and trail components in the Regional Greenspaces System owned and operated by non-profits and publicly owned agencies would meet the following standards and receive the following benefits:

ALL STANDARDS AND BENEFITS OF SCENARIO 1 AND SCENARIO 2 APPLY TO SCENARIO 3

In addition, SCENARIO 3 includes the following:

Standards met:

REGIONAL NATURAL AREA SITES AND TRAILS:

- Master plans will address all the draft Master Planning Guidelines, as developed by GTAC, with Metro technical help available on an as needed basis (see Appendix B-guidelines developed by GTAC).
- Reciprocal fee structure will be considered, where appropriate. For example, Metro's annual park pass will be good for entry at other "fee entry" facilities and vice versa.
- When local system master plan are developed or being updated, local partners should consider linking local trails to regional trails and consider acquiring and or protecting privately owned components of the Regional Greenspaces System.

Benefits received:

REGIONAL NATURAL AREA SITES AND TRAILS:

- Funds will be available for regional trail development, operation and maintenance.
- Subject to availability of funds, supplemental financial resources will be available for master planning of natural area sites.
- A limited level of operational and maintenance funds, to be determined, would be provided.
- A revolving loan fund for natural area and *trails* acquisition will be created.
- Metro will offer technical assistance for acquisition of natural areas and *trails*.
- Funds will be available for environmental education and natural history interpretive outreach opportunities.

* See attached list of proposed regional natural area sites and trails.

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DATE: January 2, 2002
FROM: Michael Jordan, Clackamas County Commissioner
TO: Metro Policy Advisory Commission
RE: MPAC WORK PROGRAM

MPAC has an important role to play in completion of Metro's Periodic Review Work Program by the end of 2002. In general, the schedule of activities can be divided into the following components:

- January to July, 2002 - Analysis of policy options
- March 14-16 - Metro Growth Conference
- September to December, 2002 - Adoption of Ordinance(s)

In order for MPAC to operate most effectively, I would like to form a series of subcommittees to focus on key policy issues in detail and bring conclusions and recommendations back to the full committee. The following are suggested for consideration:

A. From January to April, 2002

1. Demand Forecast Subcommittee - Review the updated Metro forecast of population and employment taking in to account the 2000 census and 2001 national economic forecasts, finalize a recommendation on the level of population and employment upon which to base Metro's UGB decisions.
2. Housing - Review an analysis of demand vs. supply of land for housing, recommend actions to accommodate housing within the current UGB, establish the overall UGB expansion amount needed to maintain a 20-year land supply. Evaluate policy issues related to capture rate, expected densities, redevelopment and infill rate, accessory dwelling unit rate and set-asides for schools, places of worship, roads, utilities, etc.
3. Centers - Review employment forecasts to evaluate the extent to which employment is suitable for locating in centers and the extent to which growth can reasonably be expected to occur within centers.
4. Industrial Land - Review employment forecasts to determine the amount of land need to serve industrial employment growth and the extent to which existing supply can reasonably accommodate that need. Define the amount and characteristics of land needed for UGB expansion.

5. Parks and Open Space - Monitor Metro's Goal 5 work to determine the extent of reduction in buildable land supply to factor in to the UGB decisions. Recommend how much land supply should be assumed to be set aside for parks within the existing UGB (and UGB expansion areas).
6. Subregional Needs - Evaluate the effectiveness of subregions throughout the region under existing development patterns and possible future growth patterns within the context of the 2040 Growth Concept. Consider the affect of policy choices on subregional fiscal capacity to provide public services. Recommend whether or not and how to address subregional needs.

B. From May to July, 2002

UGB Expansion Alternatives Analysis - Review Metro's evaluation of potential UGB expansion sites to meet housing and/or employment needs consistent with the Goal 14 factors and policies set forth in the Regional Framework Plan.

These subcommittees should make periodic reports to the full MPAC. In addition, the full MPAC should be prepared to review and discuss subcommittee reports in the period May through July, 2002. At these meetings the objective will be to define the "sense of the committee" to provide input into a recommendation for adoption. Final action by MPAC on specific ordinances to amend the Regional Framework Plan, the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan or the UGB will be required within the Metro Council adoption schedule expected in the September to December, 2002 timeframe.

I am interested in subcommittees with a balanced representation from MPAC with staff support from MTAC. Please be prepared to provide me within the next week your top 3 choices of subcommittees to serve on. I will attempt to meet your wishes on subcommittee assignments but reserve the right to deviate from requests in order to ensure balanced representation.

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What does it mean to be included in the Regional Greenspaces System?

Strategies for owners and managers of public lands

An ambitious effort is taking place in the Portland metropolitan area to establish and protect a regional system of parks and greenspaces connected by rivers, streams and other natural corridors and a network of trails and greenways.

A Vision for a Regional Greenspaces System

The metropolitan greenspaces program began in 1988 as a cooperative effort among interested citizens and non-profit groups, local governments, state and federal natural resource agencies, neighborhood organizations and businesses. Between 1989 and 1992 aerial photo and field surveys were commissioned and hundreds of workshops and public meetings were conducted to assess the status of the Portland metropolitan region's natural areas. Thousands of citizens participated in this effort, nominating their "favorite greenspaces". Based on this work, 57 natural areas and 34 trail and greenway corridors were identified as regionally significant and worthy of protection. This was the foundation of the Greenspaces Master Plan, which the Metro Council adopted in 1992. More significantly, every local government in the region – all 24 cities and 3 counties – passed resolutions of support for this vision. Metro accepted the task of coordinating implementation.

The Greenspaces Master Plan identified several key strategies for natural area protection. During the past decade, Metro and its regional partners have made significant strides toward implementing the vision of the Greenspaces Master Plan using, primarily, non-regulatory tools such as acquisition, education and voluntary stewardship.

Regional Cooperation

With the input of local park providers and citizens, Metro is in the process of updating the Greenspaces Master Plan and mapping the "Regional Greenspaces System". This includes identifying regionally important parks, natural areas and the connections between them, updating the Regional Trails System map and discovering new means of protecting and enhancing these areas for future generations.

Chapter 3 of the Regional Framework Plan directs Metro to re-inventory parks, natural areas and trails in the metro region and to work with local partners to identify the Regional Greenspaces System. It also directs Metro to develop policies to protect and manage these areas for their natural resource values. Important natural areas were identified in 2000, based on the scientific interpretation of satellite images and aerial photos of features such as land cover, size and proximity of natural areas to riparian corridors and other natural features. Since that time Metro has been working with members of GTAC, resource experts and citizens from around the region to refine this information and develop a draft Regional Greenspaces System that meets both ecological and community goals.

Nearly every local government and park provider owns or manages some element of the draft Regional Greenspaces System. Metro is currently working with these partners to identify strategies for cooperatively managing components of the regional system including sharing best management practices, uniform site and interpretive signage and cooperative financial strategies. These strategies are applicable only to publicly owned lands or those lands owned by participating non-profit organizations such as the Three Rivers Land Conservancy and Nature Conservancy.

Three scenarios of participation by public and non-profit landowners have been recommended by GTAC. Under GTAC's proposal, each landowner would work with Metro to determine their level of participation. The three scenarios range from the most basic, where no regional funding is assumed, to the more involved, where some greater share of regional funding is available to support those organizations and agencies that sign on as "cooperators". Cooperation would be voluntary and is designed to be incentive-based. Details of the agreement would be outlined in an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between the cooperator and Metro.

SCENARIO ONE

Assumption: No level of regional funding is available for cooperators in the system.

All parks, natural areas and trail components identified as part of the Regional Greenspaces System that are owned and/or managed by non-profits and public agencies would meet the following standards and receive the following benefits:

STANDARDS TO MEET FOR PARKS & NATURAL AREAS

- Riparian restoration will be encouraged according to the Stream and Floodplain Protection Plan (Title 3 model ordinance standards, see Appendix A), Clean Water Service's requirements and/or Metro's fish and wildlife habitat conservation standards (to be adopted by Metro) or a local restoration plan that complies with Metro's Title 3 model ordinance.
- Local GIS data will be provided (if available) to update Metro's database on new acquisitions of parks and natural areas.
- When master plans are developed for parks and natural areas they will address, at a minimum, Section 4 (b) of the draft Master Planning Guidelines developed by GTAC (see Appendix B). Metro technical assistance is available on an as needed basis.
- Signage will be posted in all areas that are open to the public indicating that the park or natural area is part of the Regional Greenspaces System.

STANDARDS TO MEET FOR TRAILS

- New trails will be sited according to local government standards that are in compliance with Title 3 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan- ordinance (Appendix A).
- Signage will be posted at regional trails that are open to the public indicating that the trail is part of the Regional Greenspaces System.

BENEFITS RECEIVED FOR PARKS & NATURAL AREAS

- Signage will be provided by Metro. The signage will depict the concept of the “Regional Greenspaces System” and not bear any agency logo. Signage will be developed collaboratively by GTAC.
- Local parks and natural areas that are open to the public will be included in a Regional Greenspaces System map published by Metro and the owner and/or manager will be referenced as a cooperator in appropriate publications.
- Metro will support grant applications that assist in implementing Scenario One.
- Cooperating agency activities such as habitat restoration projects, volunteer workdays and environmental education programs, will be promoted in the GreenScene, Metro’s calendar of nature-related activities and events.

BENEFITS RECEIVED FOR TRAILS

- Signage will be provided by Metro. The signage will depict the concept of the “Regional Greenspaces System”, which includes the Regional Trails map, and not bear any agency logo. Signage will be developed collaboratively by GTAC.
- Regional trails* that are open to the public will be included in a user-friendly Regional Greenspaces System brochure published by Metro and the owner and/or manager will be referenced as a cooperator in appropriate publications.
- Metro will support and assist in coordinating grant applications through the MTIP program (federal funds for trails).
- Cooperating agency activities such as trail clean-up, trail building and trail maintenance will be promoted in the GreenScene, Metro’s calendar of nature-related activities and events.

SCENARIO TWO

Assumption: Limited regional funding is available for cooperators in the system. Funding is restricted to planning, restoration and monitoring.

At a minimum, parks, natural areas and trail components in the Regional Greenspaces System owned and operated by non-profits and public agencies would meet the following standards and receive the following benefits:

All standards and benefits of SCENARIO ONE apply to SCENARIO TWO. In addition, SCENARIO TWO includes the following:

STANDARDS TO MEET FOR PARKS

- Cooperators will agree to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs), to improve water quality, and protect biodiversity. These BMPs will be recommended by GTAC.

STANDARDS TO MEET FOR NATURAL AREAS

- When cooperators gather trend data on wildlife and plants in the region, they will share it with Metro.
- Standard rules and regulations that are consistent with natural resource protection goals will be encouraged.

STANDARDS TO MEET FOR TRAILS

- Cooperators will agree to implement BMP's when planning, constructing and maintaining trails located within the Regional Greenspaces System.
- Trail users will be encouraged to comply with standard rules and regulations that are consistent with natural resource protection.

BENEFITS RECEIVED FOR PARKS

- Metro will provide technical and financial assistance in implementing the recommended BMP's such as habitat restoration and enhancement.
- Metro will promote local cooperator projects to the media.

BENEFITS RECEIVED FOR NATURAL AREAS

- Metro's environmental education and interpretive programs will be made available to cooperators in the system.
- Metro's volunteer project management assistance will be made available to cooperators in the system.
- Metro will provide technical and financial assistance for planning, restoring and monitoring of natural resources to cooperators in the system.

BENEFITS RECEIVED FOR TRAILS

- Metro will provide technical and financial assistance to local cooperators implementing the Best Management Practices for planning, constructing and maintaining trails.
- Metro will promote local cooperator trail projects to the media.

SCENARIO THREE

Assumption: In addition to funding for planning, restoration and monitoring activities, regional funds are also available for select activities related to natural resource management such as environmental education and interpretive signage, operations and maintenance.

At a minimum, parks, greenspaces and trail components in the Regional Greenspaces System owned and operated by non-profits and public agencies would meet the following standards and receive the following benefits:

All standards and benefits of SCENARIO ONE and SCENARIO TWO apply to SCENARIO THREE. In addition, SCENARIO THREE includes the following:

STANDARDS TO MEET FOR REGIONAL NATURAL AREA SITES AND TRAILS

- Master plans will address all the draft Master Planning Guidelines, as developed by GTAC, with Metro technical help available on an as needed basis (see Appendix B).
- Reciprocal fee structure will be considered, where appropriate. For example, Metro's annual park pass will be good for entry at other "fee entry" facilities and vice versa.
- When local system master plans are developed or being updated, local partners will consider linking local trails to regional trails and consider acquiring and or protecting privately owned components of the Regional Greenspaces System.

BENEFITS RECEIVED FOR REGIONAL NATURAL AREA SITES AND TRAILS

- Funds will be available for regional trail development, operations and maintenance.
- Supplemental financial resources will be available for master planning of natural area sites.
- A limited level of operational and maintenance funds, to be determined, would be provided.
- A revolving loan fund for natural area and trails acquisition will be created.
- Metro will offer technical assistance for acquisition of natural areas and trails.
- Funds will be available for environmental education and natural history interpretive outreach opportunities, including interpretive signs.

*See attached list of proposed regional natural areas and trails.

For a map of the draft Regional Greenspaces System, including the Regional Trails map, visit http://mazama.metro-region.org/mapoptix_metromap/gtac.cfm.

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