

Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes:

November 8, 2000
1 to 3 p.m.
Metro Regional Center, rm. 370

Postponed

Three agenda items were postponed to a future meeting: review/update to GTAC roster, discussion of the Regional Trails Plan and Valerie Lantz's presentation about greenway management plans.

Draft Regional Greenspaces System map update

After a brief review of the evolution of the regional system map and the work involved, Jennifer Budhabhatti walked through all of the comments that came out of the local workshops and meetings Metro staff has held around the region. General comments include:

- what are the goals of the biological corridors
- how do you distinguish between citing trails for people and corridors for wildlife
- consider future transportation corridors
- need to integrate Goal 5 and Greenspaces Protection Plan on a combined map
- need to identify scattered oak habitat
- need to add Johnson Creek flood property to our regional system
- local vs. regional sites

The detailed comments have been compiled into a matrix and separated into the following categories: housekeeping, fits regional system, does not fit regional system, needs further analysis. These comments are also referenced on the map.

Jayne Cronlund from Three Rivers Land Conservancy asked whether there should be different criteria for areas that are deficient in natural resources (e.g., the "great gray triangle" in Northeast Portland).

Next steps include further work on the maps, researching and developing an incentive program and defining what it means to be in the regional system.

At the end of the meeting, attendees spent time looking at the maps and making comments. If you would like to review the revised map or make comments, please call Heather Nelson Kent at 503-797-1739.

Happy holidays. The December GTAC meeting is cancelled.

Important Next Meeting! The January GTAC/Quarterly Trails meeting is on Wednesday, Jan. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Metro Regional Center. We will review proposed changes to the Regional Trails Plan and finalize the regional trails criteria.
