

Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes:

GTAC Meeting
May 10, 2000
1 to 3 p.m.
Metro Regional Center

Schools Inventory Presentation

Jane Hart of Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces and Mark Bosworth of Metro's Data Resource Center presented the results of the schools inventory which is now available in concert with the parks and greenspaces inventory both electronically and on printed local maps. The survey includes geographic and summary data for school district buildings and lands in the inventory area. The data is available on Metro's FTP site and on new maps that feature the parks inventory data and the school inventory data together for each provider's jurisdiction. Maps will be mailed to those who did not attend the meeting. For more information, call Jane at (503) 797-1585.

Parks/Schools Partnership Model Presentation

David Judd from Portland Parks and Recreation and Eric Owens from Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District discussed their partnerships with school districts in their jurisdictions. Examples include the Community School program in Portland which puts extensive park programming in school facilities during off hours; joint use agreements that give school districts priority use of park facilities after the park provider's needs are met and vice versa; the Portland Parks Trust Fund which provides funding to non-profit and community groups for neighborhood-driven improvements to parks and school grounds; and collaboration and cooperation between maintenance departments to save time and money in the field. These partnerships are old and deep and provide significant financial benefits to the community by sharing the use, maintenance and sometimes ownership of facilities, programs and lands. Funding difficulties--particularly on the part of school districts--have been a challenge to the relationships in both these jurisdictions, but have also created more need for partnership (e.g. when the middle school athletic programming was cut from the budget in the Beaverton School District, THPRD took over the administration and costs). Other possibilities for partnership include joint acquisition of land and increased emphasis on education and stewardship based partnerships between schools and natural area managers. David Judd can be reached at (503) 823-5135; Eric Owens can be reached at (503) 645-6433.

Local Share Events Presentation

The 5th anniversary of the open spaces, parks and streams bond measure acquisition program will celebrate and highlight the \$25 million local share program which is approximately 70% "spent down" and will provide for more than 100 local park projects. A series of events including restoration work parties, dedications, hikes, tours and workshops have been planned for the summer. Amy Kirschbaum of Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces talked about the brochures, posters and GreenScene article that will promote the events. Metro will mail

brochures listing the entire series to a mailing list of approximately 3,700 people; individualized brochures will be developed and printed for any local providers who wish to do additional mailings. Call Amy at (503) 797-1713 for more information.

Regional System Mapping Update

Jennifer Budhabhatti of Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces presented the work of the GTAC subcommittee working on "regional significance" including two draft maps developed in two workshops in April. Beginning with the base maps generated by the computer modeling process, participants from local jurisdictions, park districts and non-profit agencies used local knowledge and expertise to identify significant sites according to ecological and community criteria. For more detail and information about the next steps, see the enclosed draft criteria *Ecological and Community Mapping Process: A Summary* or call Jennifer at (503) 797-1876.

Regional Trails Criteria Presentation

Mel Huie of Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces presented draft criteria for determining both "regionally significant trails and greenways" and "proposed additions to the regional trails and greenways component of the regional system plan". Please review the enclosed handout and be prepared to discuss at the July GTAC/Quarterly Trails meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The June GTAC meeting is **cancelled**. The July GTAC/Quarterly Trails meeting (on Wednesday, July 12) will be hosted by the **City of Fairview** at their new City Hall and include a tour of Salish Ponds and trail. The meeting announcement and agenda will include more information and directions.
