

Our regular April GTAC meeting is cancelled . . .

. . . BUT PLEASE ATTEND INSTEAD a special work session to identify areas that are regionally significant.

Wednesday, April 12

1 to 3 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Room 370

A subcommittee of GTAC has held three meetings to discuss what is "regionally significant" (using Metro's mapping and modeling). It's time now for input from additional GTAC members (and others) who can provide greater expertise about specific areas.

This will be a very informal, hands-on work session. We will be using a base map showing the top 200 regionally significant sites the subcommittee has identified. These top 200 sites were chosen based on three main criteria:

1. size
2. proximity to other natural areas
3. species diversity

During the work session, participants will build on the base maps and add information based on local knowledge about these natural areas. All of Metro's mapping and collected data will be available at the work session. Base maps will be produced at a scale that allows detailed analysis. We will also be identifying ecological connections between sites in an effort to show what a regional system might look like.

The focus of this meeting will be on the Ecological Values that will be used to identify the regional system. Community Values (including trails) will be addressed at a subsequent meeting.

This is an important opportunity to roll up your sleeves and get to work mapping regionally significant areas. We hope that you can attend.

The next subcommittee meeting on regional significance will be held:

Wednesday, April 26

1 to 3 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Room 101
