



### GTAC Meeting Notice

**To:** Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee  
Local Share Project Managers  
Trail Planners and Parks Directors

**When:** Wednesday  
February 17, 1999  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Where:** Metro Regional Center  
600 NE Grand Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232  
Room 370 A & B

### REVISED AGENDA

1	<b>New GTAC</b>	Charlie Ciecko	2:00 – 2:15 pm	(15 min.)
2	<b>Regional Trails/ Local Share Update</b>	Mel Huie	2:15 – 2:35 pm	(20 min.)
3	<b>Chapter 3 Implementation: Parks &amp; Natural Areas Protection Plan</b>		2:35 – 3:15 pm	(40 min.)
	Parks Inventory	Jane Hart/		
	Change in 1989 Natural Areas Inventory	Jennifer Budhabhatti		
	Update on 1999 Inventory	Jennifer Budhabhatti		
4	<b>Level of Service Standards Subcommittee Report</b>	Steven Bosak	3:15 – 3:35 pm	(20 min.)
5	<b>Public Information/ Public Involvement</b>	Ron Klein/ John Donovan	3:35 – 3:50 pm	(15 min.)
6	<b>Next Steps</b>	Charlie Ciecko	3:50 – 4:00 pm	(10 min.)
7	<b>Adjourn</b>		4:00 pm	

For more information, call Mel Huie at Metro (797-1731).

Metro Open Spaces Acquisition Division  
Local Share Expenditures as of February 17, 1999

Local Park	Project	Council District	Proj #	Draws	Allocation Per 95-2215	Attach A Totals	Balance Remaining
<b>Clackamas County</b>	<b>219200-53301</b>						
904588	Barton Park Improvements	o/s	53300	64,013		700,000	635,987
	Springwater Corridor Acquisition	o/s	53310			120,000	120,000
	Clackamas River Acquisition	o/s	53320			300,000	300,000
	Damascas Area Acquisition	2	53330			606,235	606,235
	Clackamas River, Carver, Acquisitions	o/s	54300	128,147		150,000	21,853
				192,160	1,876,235	1,876,235	1,684,075
<b>NCP&amp;RD</b>	<b>219211-53341</b>						
904589	Kellogg Creek Acquisition	7	53340			127,000	127,000
	Boardman Slough Acquisition	7	53350	4,140		65,000	60,860
	Mt. Talbert Acquisition	2,6	53360	280,000		280,000	0
	Portland Traction Co. Acquisition	7,2	53370			571,025	571,025
				284,140	1,043,025	1,043,025	758,885
<b>Gladstone</b>	<b>219212-53381</b>						
904590 REDUCED	Meldrum Bar Park Improvements	2	53380	23,511		23,511	(0)
NEW	PTC / Abemathy Lane Trail Construction	2	53385			60,000	60,000
reduced	Cross Park Improvements	2	53390	2,640		11,034	8,394
	Glen Echo Park Acq & Improvements	2	53400			25,000	25,000
NEW	Land Acqu. at Valley View Rd.	2	53396	37,313		37,313	0
				63,463	156,857	156,857	93,394
<b>Happy Valley</b>	<b>219213-53405</b>						
904591	Mt. Scott Creek Trail Improvements	2	53410			17,500	17,500
	Scott View Nature Park Improvements	2	53420			17,805	17,805
Amended 1/17/96				0	35,305	35,305	35,305
<b>Lake Oswego</b>	<b>219214-54311</b>						
904592	South Shore Natural Area Acquisition	2	54310	697,166		697,166	0
<b>FULLY DRAWN</b>				697,166	697,166	697,166	
<b>Milwaukie</b>	<b>219215-53491</b>						
904593							
DELETED	Milwaukie Waterfront Acquisition	7,2	53490	deleted 2/5/98		0	
NEW	Minthorn North Addition	7,2	53492			85,000	85,000
NEW	Johnson Creek/Springwater Corridor	7,2	53493			130,000	130,000
NEW	Ardenwald to Springwater Access Easement	7,2	53494			5,000	5,000
NEW	Furnberg Park Wetland Enhancement	7,2	53495			80,000	80,000
NEW	Roswell Wetland Enhancement	7,2	53496	1,190		5,000	3,810
NEW	Willow Place Wetland Enhancement	7,2	53497	500		5,000	4,500
	Kellogg Lake Acquisition	7,2	53500	21,451		39,020	17,569
				23,141	349,020	349,020	325,879
<b>Oregon City</b>	<b>219216-53551</b>						
904594	High Rocks River Bank Acquisition	2	53550			40,000	40,000
	Barclay Hills Park Improvements	2	53560			50,000	50,000
	Clackamette Park Improvements	2	53570	41,322		41,322	0
	Singer Creek and Holmes Lane Acquisition	2	54320			60,000	60,000
	River Access Trail Clackamette Park, Cap Im	2	54330	52,000		52,000	0
	Atkinson Park Natural Area Acquisition	2	54340			25,000	25,000
DELETED	Park Place Park Soft Trail Cap Improve.	2	elim			0	0
DELETED	High Rocks River Access Trail, Acquisition	2	elim			0	0
	Clackamette Park Fishing Dock Improvemen	2	53580			0	0
				93,322	268,322	268,322	175,000
<b>Rivergrove</b>	<b>219217-53591</b>						
904595	Tualatin River Boat Ramp Improvements	2	53590	5,673		5,673	0
<b>FULLY DRAWN</b>				5,673	5,673	5,673	0
<b>West Linn</b>	<b>219218-53601</b>						
904596	Burnside Park Addition Acquisition	2	53600			333,385	333,385
	Not broken out			0	333,385	333,385	333,385
<b>Wilsonville</b>	<b>219219-53611</b>						
904597	Memorial Park Access Trail Improvements	3	53610	96,135		96,135	0
	Restoration Projects at City Schools	3	53620	2,877		19,225	16,348
Add 22,131 11/98	Wilsonville City Trail System Improvements	3	53630	75,966		75,966	0
Deleted, infeas. 1/1/	Gordons Run Improvements	3	0			0	0
	Memorial Park Trail Improvements	3	53650	4,805		4,805	0
Deleted, infeas. 11/9	Design & Construct Pic Shelter at Memorial	3	53640	2,869		2,869	(0)
Add 1/1/97	Wetland Restoration at Wilsonville Park	3	53645	11,049		19,222	8,173
				193,701	218,222	218,222	24,521

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<b>Multnomah County 219220-53901</b>							
904598	Whitaker Ponds Acquisition	5	53900	75,496		300,000	224,504
	Hogan Cedars Acquisition	1	53910	200,886		300,000	99,114
	Tryon Creek Acquisition	7	54010	208,393		300,000	91,607
	FOFP Ancient Forest Improvements	5	54020	549		150,000	149,451
	Howell Territorial Park Improvements	o/s-5	54030	22,295		275,000	252,705
	Oxbow Park Improvements	o/s	54040	43,420		1,250,000	1,206,580
	Burlington Bottom Improvements	o/s-5	54050	24,945		200,000	175,055
	M. James Glisan Boat Ramp Improvements	5	54060	0		90,000	90,000
	Sauvie Island Boat Ramp Improvements	o/s-5	54070	2,143		50,000	47,857
	Blue Lake Park Improvements	1	54080	16,689		205,000	188,311
	Springwater Corridor Trail Improvements	1,6,7	54090	20,489		250,000	229,511
Added	Contingency		54350	0		31,545	31,545
				615,305	3,401,545	3,401,545	2,786,240
<b>Fairview 219221-54101</b>							
904602	Fairview Creek Restoration & Improvements	1	54100	32,259		169,109	136,850
				32,259	169,109	169,109	136,850
<b>Gresham 219222-54111</b>							
904600	Springwater Corridor Trail Improvements	1	54110	3,097		588,178	585,082
	Fairview Creek Restoration & Improvements	1	54120	335		288,148	287,813
	Butler Creek Trail Improvements	1	54130	89,508		172,889	83,381
	Kelly Creek Greenway Acquisition	1	54140	3,174		90,000	86,826
	Kelly Creek Greenway Improvements	1	54150			25,259	25,259
				96,113	1,164,474	1,164,474	1,068,361
<b>Portland 219223-54161</b>							
904599	Terwilliger/Marquam Acquisition	7	54160	1,405,980		1,500,000	94,020
	Columbia Slough/Johnson Creek Acqs.	1,6,5	54170	1,427,431		2,000,000	572,569
	Southwest Portland Acquisitions	7	54180	497,176		1,230,868	733,692
	Hoyt Arb/Leach Gdns/Crystal Spgs Acqs	7/6,1/7	54190	630,407		1,000,000	369,593
	Trail Acquisitions and Improvements	1,6,5,7	54200	523,974		1,250,000	726,026
	Forest Pk/Powell Bte/Oaks Btm Impvmnts	5/1/07	54210	185,364		500,000	314,636
				4,670,333	7,480,868	7,480,868	2,810,635
<b>Troutdale 219224-54221</b>							
904601	Beaver Creek Greenway Acquisition	1	54220			102,327	102,327
Increased	Beaver Creek Trail Improvements	1	54230	25,000		115,000	90,000
Reduced	Beaver Creek Restoration Projects	1	54240	16,410		40,000	23,590
				41,410	257,327	257,327	215,917
<b>Wood Village 219225-54251</b>							
904603	Wood Village Park Acq & Improvements	1	54250	169,109		169,109	0
FULLY DRAWN				169,109	169,109	169,109	0
<b>Washington County 219230-53661</b>							
904604	Henry Hagg Lake Improvements	o/s	53660	180,319		180,319	0
	Bethany/Reedville/Cedar Mill/ Bull Mtn Acqs	3/4	53670	768,730		768,730	0
FULLY DRAWN				949,049	949,049	949,049	0
<b>THP&amp;RD 219231-53681</b>							
904605	Johnson Creek (Bvrtn) Acquisition	3	53680	718,649		718,649	0
	Koll Center Acquisition & Improvements	3	53690			149,700	149,700
	Cedar Mill Creek Acquisition	3	53700	878,562		878,562	0
	Fanno Creek Greenway Improvements	3	53710			169,660	169,660
	Golf Creek Corridor Acquisition	3	53720			399,200	399,200
		165815					
				1,597,211	2,315,771	2,315,771	718,560
<b>Beaverton 219232-53731</b>							
904606	Johnson Creek Acquisition #1	3	53730	551,398		551,398	0
	Johnson Creek Acquisition #2	3	53740	450,000		450,000	0
	Stonegate Woods Acquisition	3	53750	164,993		164,993	(0)
	Forest Glen Park Improvements	3	53760	9,421		9,421	0
	New Project to be determined					13	13
new	Fanno Creek North-South Multi-use Path	3	54510			76,300	76,300
new	Land Acquisition in Area One Cooper Mtn	3	54500	733		120,529	119,796
				1,176,545	1,372,654	1,372,654	196,109

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<b>Comelius 219233-54361</b>							
904607	12 and Baseline Nature Park Acquisition	4	54360	120,057		147,186	27,129
	Comelius Acquisition	4	53770				
				120,057	147,186	147,186	27,129
<b>Durham 219234-53781</b>							
904608	Durham City Park Trail Improvements	3	53780	28,538		28,538	0
<b>FULLY DRAWN</b>				28,538	28,538	28,538	0
<b>Forest Grove 219235-53791</b>							
904609	David Hill Forest Park Acquisition	4	53790			243,954	243,954
	Gales Creek Linear Park Acquisition	4	53800			33,318	33,318
	Fernhill Wetlands Improvements	4	53810			43,954	43,954
				0	321,226	321,226	321,226
<b>Hillsboro 219236-53821</b>							
904610	Noble Woods Park Improvements	4	53820	250,000		250,000	0
	Rood Bridge Road Park Improvements	4	53830	650,000		650,000	0
<b>FULLY DRAWN</b>				89,745		89,745	0
	Rock Creek Greenway Acquisition	4	53840				
				989,745	989,745	989,745	0
<b>Sherwood 219237-53851</b>							
904611	Cedar Creek Greenway Acquisition	3	53850			0	0
	Cedar Creek Greenway Trail Improvements	3	53860	103,705		103,705	0
				103,705	103,705	103,705	0
<b>Tigard 219238-53871</b>							
904612	Fanno/Summer Creek Greenway Imprvmnts	3	53870				
	Park Acquisition	3	53880				
	Fern Street Project Acquisition	3	54400	125,000		125,000	0
DELETED	Cook Park Addition	3	54410	deleted 2/10/98		0	
DECREASED	Bull Mountain Area Addition	3	54420	17,950		279,000	261,050
DELETED	Bond St & 82nd Ave Proj Add	3	54430	deleted 2/10/98		0	
DELETED	Fanno Creek Trail Hall-Durham	3	54440	deleted 2/10/98		0	
DELETED	Fanno Creek Trail Main -Tiedmon	3	54450	deleted 2/10/98		0	
NEW	Fanno Creek Trail Land Acquisitions	3	54460	29,014		279,000	249,986
NEW	Tualatin River Land Acquisitions	3	54470			25,000	25,000
NEW	Pedestrian / Bike Bridge / over Tualatin River	3	54480			49,954	49,954
				171,964	757,954	757,954	685,990
<b>Tualatin 219239-53891</b>							
904613	Tualatin River Greenway Acquisition	3	53890	377,445		388,528	11,083
				377,445	388,528	388,528	11,083
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>12,691,554</b>	<b>24,999,998</b>	<b>24,999,998</b>	<b>12,308,444</b>

## CHANGE IN STATUS OF NATURAL AREAS (1989 to 1997)

**Goal:** To compare digital ortho photos from the original natural area inventory in 1989 to digital 1997 ortho photos to determine the number of acres of natural areas remaining in 1997.

**Methods:** In 1989, a natural area inventory and analysis was initiated for the Portland, Oregon – Vancouver Metropolitan Area. Color infrared aerial photographs were used in conjunction with field visits to determine natural areas and to classify land cover types for natural areas. Approximately 131,167 acres of natural areas were inventoried in 1989, these lands included areas outside and inside the urban growth boundary. All streams and wetlands were mapped. Riparian areas greater than 1 acre and upland areas greater than 10 acres were also mapped. In 1998, Metro Parks and Greenspaces conducted a visual change detection analysis by overlaying digital ortho photos (1989 and 1997) to determine the number of acres of “natural areas” that were developed or changed since the 1989 inventory.

**Results:** The table below lists the number of acres that have been developed or changed since 1989. The term “Developed” is defined as irreversible impact (i.e., paved surface), “Changed” could be defined as reversible impact such as areas that have changed from one land cover to another (for example-clear cut areas to saplings or secondary growth to clear cuts).

Land Cover	Acres in 1989 inventory	Natural Areas Developed (1989-1997)	Natural Areas Changed (1989-1997)
Forest (closed, open, scattered)	109,021	6,252.9	7,987
Meadow	10,488	643	96
Rock	9	0	0
Scrub/Shrub (closed, open and scattered)	7,350	225	289
Other	4,297	31.75	446.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131,167 acres</b>	<b>7,209 acres</b>	<b>8,847 acres</b>

As the table indicates 5.4 % (7,209 acres) of areas depicted as natural areas have been lost and 6.7 % (8,847 acres) of natural areas have been changed to another land cover. In total, 12.1 % of natural areas have changed their status within the natural area boundary.

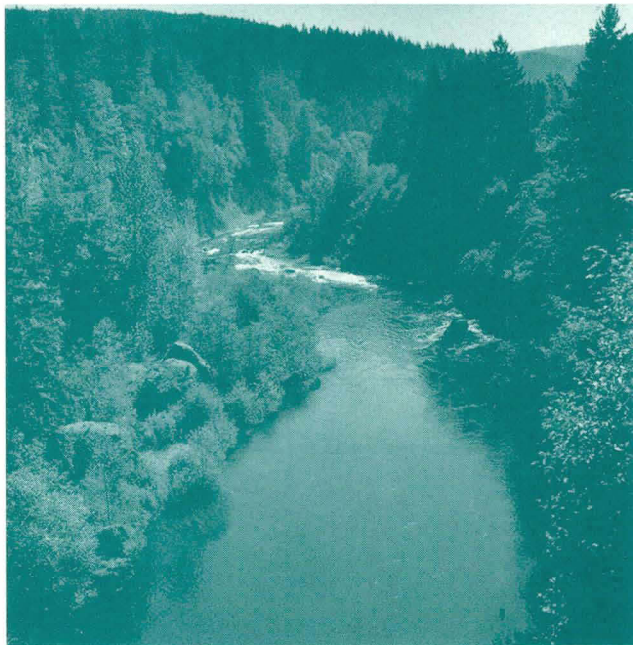
# Metro Natural Resources Strategy

*Working toward a better environment  
for fish, wildlife and people*

**C**aring for the world around us is important because we want to keep our communities livable. In the Portland metropolitan region, people have told us that protecting the environment is one of their highest priorities. Natural resources such as parks and open spaces, healthy streams and rivers and clean air and water not only help define the overall character of the region but – just as important – provide direct benefits to fish, wildlife and people.

Residents and local governments are working together with Metro to assure that our natural environment remains a vital part of our communities – not only in our neighborhoods, but for the region as a whole. At Metro, specific standards have been or will be adopted to:

- improve water quality and reduce flooding
- assure adequate park lands and recreation services
- protect fish and wildlife habitat



*Sandy River at Oxbow Regional Park*

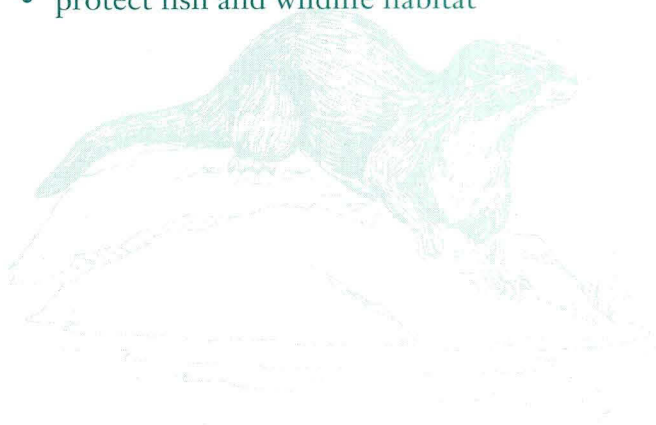
## **Protecting the region's natural resources three ways**

Metro is working on three projects that will help meet these objectives. First, Metro is working with cities and counties in the region to implement local standards to carry out the Stream and Floodplain Protection Plan. This plan was approved by Metro Council in 1998 to provide regionwide protection measures for water quality and floodplain management.

Second, Metro is working with local park providers, natural resource experts and residents to draft a parks and natural areas protection plan. This plan will identify a cooperative regional system of parks, natural areas, greenways and trails for fish, wildlife and people. The plan will result in an updated inventory of parks and natural areas in the region; identify a regional natural areas system; set protection and management standards for regionally significant natural areas; identify levels of recreational park service; and describe a financial strategy to implement the plan.

Third, Metro began work with local governments and citizens to prepare a Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan by identifying and assessing regional resources to protect fish and wildlife habitat in the Portland metropolitan area. This project will be done by Metro following guidelines in Oregon's program for land-use planning.

The core of the Oregon program is a set of 19 statewide goals, mandatory standards that apply to all cities and counties in Oregon. The goal that addresses fish and wildlife habitat is Goal 5. Metro will conduct an analysis of Goal 5 regional resources related to fish and wildlife



habitats. A parks and natural areas inventory will serve as a basis for this analysis. The Goal 5 regional habitat areas will be mapped and protection measures identified. Metro will work with the cities and counties in the region to coordinate the Goal 5 planning process.



*Clean water, streamside vegetation and spawning habitat are needed to support healthy salmon populations*

The trillium illustration (Figure 1) shows how these projects make up a comprehensive approach to protecting the region's natural resources. The projects are founded in Oregon land-use goals, Metro's Regional Framework Plan and local government land-use plans. Park providers, planners, policy-makers and residents work on various committees in support of these projects.

## **Metro's track record for natural resource protection**

In 1992, voters of the region approved a home-rule charter that identifies Metro's most important service as ". . . planning and policy making to preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment . . ." The charter recognizes the important connection between sound management of our natural resources and a livable community. The charter also mandated the development and adoption of a Regional Framework Plan. The plan, adopted in 1997, sets policy direction for protection of parks, natural areas, greenways, water quality, water supply and an efficient urban form and transportation system for the metropolitan region.

The policy directives identified in the Regional Framework Plan for the protection and management of metropolitan natural resources are carried out through specific functional plans. A functional plan establishes policies and standards that apply to all 24 cities and three counties within the Metro boundary. It includes recommendations and/or requirements for local governments to meet.

The Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan, adopted in 1992, served as a first step toward identifying a regional system of parks, natural areas, greenways and trails for fish, wildlife and people. It was fundamental to the

development of a land acquisition strategy approved by Metro area voters in 1995 for protection of 14 of the key nature resource areas the master plan identified.

Voters also approved a number of funding measures to support important acquisition and capital improvement projects. For example, the citizens of the

region approved the 1995 open spaces, parks and streams bond measure for \$135.6 million. The funds are now being used for natural area and greenway acquisitions around the region and nearly 90 local park improvement projects or land acquisitions. As of October 1998, Metro has acquired nearly 3,800 acres of new natural areas toward its goal of purchasing 6,000 acres.

The Stream and Floodplain Protection Plan, adopted in June 1998, is an example of a functional plan that contains specific requirements to protect vegetated corridors along rivers, streams and wetlands. The plan also addresses ways to control soil erosion and reduce flooding within the 100-year floodplain. Together these provisions help to enhance the region's water resources and manage land use in floodplains.

The Regional Transportation Plan is another functional plan that addresses how Metro will work with cities, counties, Tri-Met, Oregon Department of Transportation and Port of Portland to establish an efficient regional transportation system. Metro's goal is to provide a range of transportation choices that results in a strong economy and improved air quality. For example, the plan calls for a 350-mile regional trail and greenway system that links natural areas and provides access to nature. To date, about 140 miles of trails in the system are complete.

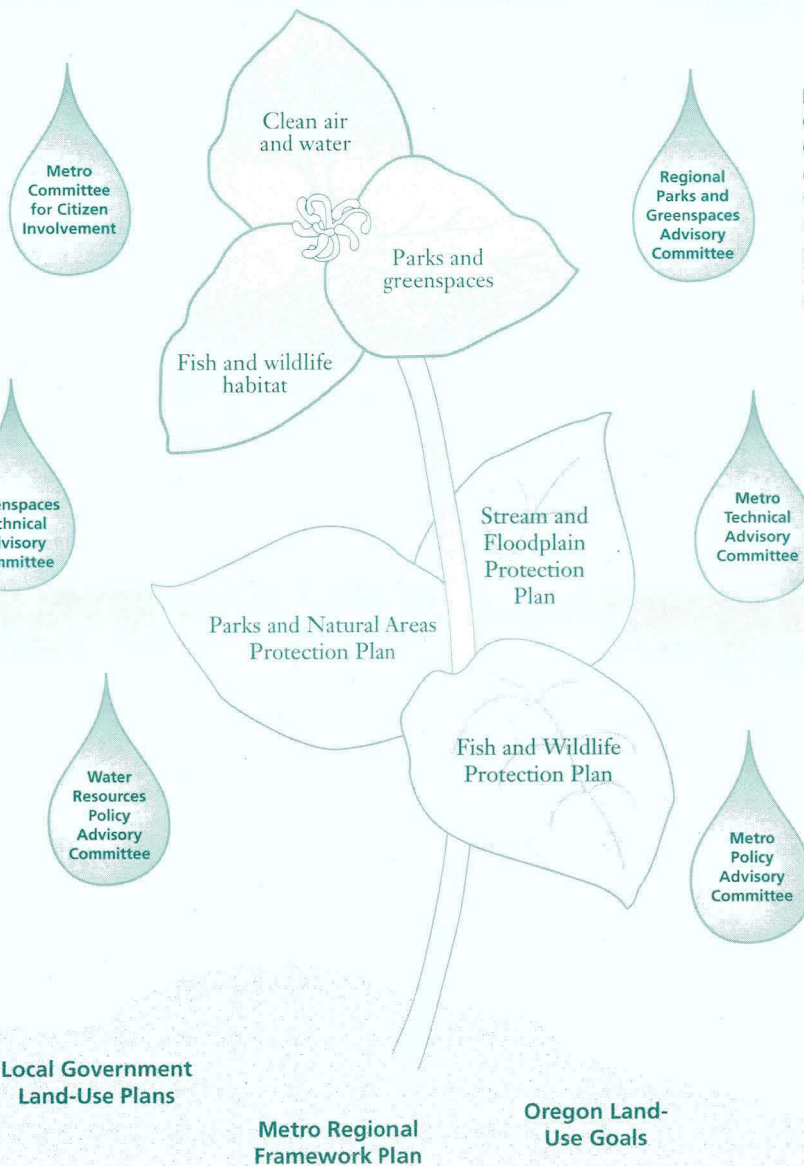
When approved by Metro Council, the parks and natural areas protection plan will address the protection and management of parks, natural areas, local park facilities and services. Local governments throughout the region will work together to establish criteria for park and recreation service standards that will be adopted by local park providers.

# Protecting the Region's Natural Resources

**Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement** – 27-member citizen committee to advise and recommend actions to Metro on matters pertaining to citizen involvement.

**Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee** – Local government park providers and park professionals serving to coordinate, support and advise on natural resource and park matters.

**Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee** – 38-member committee of water and sewer district representatives, environmental groups, federal and state natural resources agencies, business and residents advising the Metro Council on water resource matters.



**Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee** – 11-member citizen committee serving to advise and comment on the policies, plans and programs of the Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department.

**Metro Technical Advisory Committee** – 24-member committee of planning specialists, citizens and business representatives that provide detailed, technical support for shaping land-use policies.

**Metro Policy Advisory Committee** – 21-member committee of elected officials and citizens to advise Metro Council on the Regional Framework Plan and other Metro services.

*Figure 1 Protection of the region's air and water resources, parks, natural areas and fish and wildlife habitat depends on planning and a commitment from government, business and residents.*



## Putting plans into action for the region's natural resources

Protecting and enhancing our region's parks, natural areas, greenways and air and water resources are ambitious efforts that will require long-term commitments by local governments, business and residents using a variety of resource protection strategies such as land acquisition, policies and regulations and citizen involvement.

Land acquisition for new parks, expansion of existing parks or providing natural open space for habitat or scenic purposes are important tools for creating livable communities. Voters have approved bond measures to acquire land and build or improve parks and park services in many local communities and at the regional level. Grants, property donations and partnerships also provide opportunities for natural resource protection.

Development and implementation of functional plans such as the Stream and Floodplain Protection Plan and the Parks and Natural Areas Protection Plan will help assure that clean air and water, parks and natural areas are a viable part of the metropolitan region. Metro will work with cities and counties within the Portland metropolitan region to amend their local land-use plans and adopt ordinances to support the provisions of the protection plans.

Citizen involvement is crucial to any successful effort to protect and manage the region's natural resources. People can work to understand how land use choices affect our parks, natural areas, air and water by attending public meetings or a workshop, joining a neighborhood or "friends" group and reading about land-use issues. People also can serve on a watershed council, Metro citizen advisory committee or volunteer in the many habitat enhancement projects throughout the region.



*Volunteers involved in natural area enhancement at Canemah Bluff*

## For more information

Metro offers many opportunities to discover and learn about metropolitan natural areas. Metro GreenScene contains park news, volunteer opportunities and dozens of outdoor activities such as hikes, canoe trips, wildlife watching and classes. The best way to

understand and appreciate the value of metropolitan natural areas is to experience them.

Metro's Growth Management Services Department also publishes newsletters to update interested readers.

Metro's web site at [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org) contains an abundance of information about the agency and the work that Metro, local governments and residents are doing to protect and manage our natural resources. For more information or copies of recent newsletters, call the **growth management hotline** at (503) 797-1888 or **Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department** at (503) 797-1850.

## About Metro

Metro serves 1.3 million people who live in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and the 24 cities in the Portland metropolitan area. Metro provides transportation and land-use planning services and oversees regional garbage disposal, and recycling and waste reduction programs. Metro also manages regional parks and greenspaces, the Oregon Zoo (formerly the Metro Washington Park Zoo), Oregon Convention Center, Civic Stadium, Civic Auditorium, Portland Center for the Performing Arts and the Portland Metropolitan Exposition (Expo) Center.



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**Level of Service Standards (LOS)  
A Subcommittee of the  
Greenspaces Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC)**

Meeting Summary  
February 16, 1999

In Attendance: Steve Bosak, Diane Kean Campbell, Charlene Richards, Valerie Lantz, Scott Talbot, Veronica Smith, Heather Nelson Kent, Mel Huie

**1. January 19, 1999 Meeting Summary**

Reviewed and approved after the spelling of Kean (not Dean) Campbell was corrected.

**2. Green Infrastructure**

A short discussion was held on the need to elevate parks, trails and open space needs to the level of traditional public infrastructure such as water and sewer lines, streets, and schools. Governments require developers to set aside land and or easements for roads, and water & sewer lines, so why not also include parks and open spaces? The use of eminent domain is also used for traditional infrastructure, so why not also for parks?

Parks and open space needs to moved up to the level of importance as traditional infrastructure in local comprehensive plans, master plans and capital improvement plans.

There is a unique opportunity to plan for future parks, open spaces, trails and the protection of stream and riparian corridors in the urban reserve areas. These future urban areas cannot be developed until master plans for public services are developed and approved. Park facilities planning is crucial in these areas. Minimum standards and guidelines need to be developed for the urban reserve areas.

Work with public agencies and private developers is crucial in reserving and dedicating land and riparian corridors for future public ownership, and if the land remains in private ownership, protection of the resource from development.

**3. Glossary**

Discussion was held on various terms that will be included in the LOS report and the glossary. Terms that need better defining include: station communities, natural park area, natural resource area, natural area, and trails. Some parks have both active recreational areas and natural areas. How should these parks be defined?

**4. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) LOS Guidelines**

Service standards that are developed need to be advisory. They need to be voluntary guidelines, not mandatory requirements. A "tool box" of standards, including minimum standards, and guidelines should be developed for the local jurisdictions by this subcommittee. Rather than just having the traditional minimum standards of park acres per 1,000 resident population, the LOS subcommittee should look into other standards.

Local jurisdictions should consider partnerships with other public and private agencies in developing shared park and recreational facilities. Better coordination with school facilities would be helpful in providing parks and recreational services.

How can equity be achieved in location and provision of park services? How can geographic equity be achieved? How does public accessibility to facilities and locations come into the equation? How can uniformity of service be achieved?

**5. Partnerships and Shared Facilities**

Local park departments need to work in cooperation with other public and private agencies in developing new and utilizing existing park and recreational standards, programs and facilities. Consortiums of public and private agencies should look into the potential of shared facilities. Expensive facilities such as swim centers, interpretive and nature centers, multi-purpose recreational facilities, ball and softball complexes could possibly be cost shared.

**Other Items:**

- An Outreach Plan and potential schedule on LOS briefings for Local Jurisdictions and Park Advisory Boards will be developed by Julee Conway and Mel Huie. The plan will be developed this spring.
- The LOS Report with appendices will be developed by the subcommittee during spring/summer. GTAC review of the report is needed.
- Next Meeting will be held March 16, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Metro, Rm. 375.

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