



Agenda

Meeting: Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee
 Date: Thursday, December 15
 Time: 4:00–6:00 p.m.
 Place: Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88524659670?pwd=cW10Y2VxVVoXUmNIUVFjQjAzait1Zz09>
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Purpose: Refine committee goals, roadmap and structure for 2023; discuss the bond’s climate resilience criteria and review bond updates from fall 2022

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- 4:00 p.m. Welcome and introductions
- 4:10 p.m. Discussion item: Committee road map, structures and working groups for 2023; new member recruitment
- 4:40 p.m. Informational item: Presentation on parks and nature bond climate resilience criteria and connections to the bond’s protect and restore land program
- 5:00 p.m. Discussion item: Review information available for connecting land acquisition to climate resilience criteria
- 5:40 p.m. Working groups to review fall 2022 Parks and Nature bond updates
 - PN bond land acquisition:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83380563005?pwd=K0x5eno0cnpaa1FNMkgzci8xc1hhZz09>
 Meeting ID: 833 8056 3005 / Passcode: 565206 / +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
 - PN bond finance:
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- 6:00 p.m. Adjourn

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Meeting minutes

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Committee Members:

Tana Atchley Culbertson
 Burt Edwards
 Georgena Moran
 John Ferguson
 Michelle Lin
 Martita Meier
 Tabitha Palmer DuPrau
 Cary Watters
 Vivek Shandas
 Shannon Shoul
 Erin Upton
 Owen Wozniak

Absent

Bryan Mercier
Shantae Johnson
PK Melethil

Staff:

Beth Cohen, Metro
 Chantia Clarke, Metro
 MG Devereux, Metro
 Shannon Leary, METro
 Dan Moeller, Metro
 Melanie Reinert, Metro
 Jonathan Soll, Metro
 Mychal Tetteh, Metro

Council Representatives:

Councilor Shirley Craddick, District 1
 Councilor Mary Nolan, District 5

Recording: <https://vimeo.com/781910280/9d5c7c9d55>

Committee Co-chair Burt Edwards began the meeting. Committee members, Councilors and Metro staff introduced themselves.

- Burt provided a quick overview of the agenda, shared that Co-Chair Lisa Freedman was stepping away from the committee for a time for personal reasons, and opened for any questions or general feedback from the committee before action item discussion.
 - Erin Upton expressed gratitude for Lisa’s work and leadership.

Burt moved to the first discussion items: working on the committee’s roadmap for 2023, developing working groups, choosing a new co-chair, and looking ahead to committee recruitment.

- Committee members were encouraged to share feedback on the meeting materials and bond work and program videos that were created as a committee resource in the hopes of cutting back on presentation time during meetings.

Video resource links for reference:

1. [A video explainer \(https://vimeo.com/777160179/8569d06caa\)](https://vimeo.com/777160179/8569d06caa) from Parks and Nature's science manager, Jonathan Soll walking through how Metro thinks about climate resilience and how the bond's climate resilience criteria is connected to the [bond's protect and restore land program](#)
2. [A video explainer \(https://vimeo.com/778977489/45df785455\)](https://vimeo.com/778977489/45df785455) from Parks and Nature's real estate manager, Shannon Leary, about the bond's protect and restore land program
3. [A video recording \(https://vimeo.com/777111691/448a718963\)](https://vimeo.com/777111691/448a718963) of Erin Upton (committee member and part of Dialogues in Action) walking through the entirety of the presentation from the September 27 meeting that ran out of time during that session and was offered optionally on November 16.

- MG Devereux provided some updates and reminded the committee that public testimony is accepted in writing, though none had come through for this meeting.
 - The committee was asked if there were any new intersectional/business relationships to declare, and there were no declarations.
- Councilor Shirley Craddick shared some parting comments and thanked the committee as her District 1 term is ending.
 - Metro's parks and nature bonds have succeeded with voter support three times, and restorative bond work in areas like Johnson Creek have had tangible results, such as reducing flooding over the years.
- Burt and Beth Cohen went over questions for the committee to consider:
 1. Feedback on proposed goals, strategies and approach to working groups and what topics/items are missing (*slides 8-12*)
 2. Expectations for co-chair or working groups (*slide 13*)
 3. Expectations for meetings in 2023 (*slides 13-15*)
- They shared a calendar outlining possible topics and goals for four to five projected committee meetings in 2023 (*slide 16*)

Goal 1: Deepen understanding of bond

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Goal 3: Continue evaluation of bond

Goal 4: Strengthen committee membership and leadership

- Burt asked the committee to consider the overall calendar when discussing working groups, topics and related time commitments for those.
 - Beth noted feedback on a balance between full committee items and working group items will help inform future agendas.

Burt opened committee discussion to feedback on the use of work groups.

- John Ferguson asked if the committee still planned to have three working groups and had liked having them. Smaller groups are less intimidating and allow more in-depth discussion. Group size needs to allow for a variety of viewpoints, and 5-7 people per group could be a good range.
 - Burt was supportive of continuing the three working groups.
- Owen Wozniak noted the large interest in the land acquisition working group and wondered if there was enough participation in the other two groups. If there are enough people to support all three groups, it's a great structure. The goals are good, and figuring out the right ways to evaluate the pace and appropriateness of the work on the bond to date is the committee's priority. There could be a lot of work on that in the land acquisition group, and there needs to be parity among all the groups.
- Tabitha Palmer DuPrau noted that in previous meetings there were not set members for each working group. The groups started out relatively even, but by the end, there was a migration to land acquisition. To keep the groups equal, we could have people commit to groups for the year rather than have people choose each time. This could increase parity and consistency, allowing discussions to build on the previous ones. There is some loss of spontaneity and flexibility to shift groups/topics. There may be benefit to having assigned working groups.
- Erin Upton also felt setting working group members for the year would be beneficial and suggested moving the working group breakouts earlier in the meeting agendas to allow for regrouping and sharing of discussion in the larger group. This could allow members to keep the broader engagement with all three areas.
 - Tabitha also supported the earlier timing for groups.
- Cary Watters appreciated her time in the smaller finance group and would like to have more participation there if members are interested.
- Michelle Lin noted the community engagement group was small, only one to two participants and suggested folding it into another group or getting more participants.
- Georgena Moran had some people to recommend to the committee when the time comes.
- Shannon Shoul appreciated the consistency of having the same people in the subcommittees, but raised a perspective from the previous oversight committee structure. As the topics get more granular, there could be some conflict as the committee looks to recruit new members. The committee should have a range of abilities, backgrounds and insights, and recruiting for specific working groups could lose some of the diversity of

recruiting for the broader group, so seeking balance would be important.

- Burt revisited Erin’s suggestion that working group breakouts occur earlier on meeting agendas, and Tabitha and John supported that.
- John also wanted to ensure there was more time within the groups.
 - Burt asked if the committee felt they were able to explore the issues they wanted to in the groups or if they needed to be longer.
 - Shannon and Tabitha felt timing had been sufficient for discussions. Tabitha suggested some topics might need more time than others.
- Burt asked if the current groups should remain: land acquisition, bond finance, and community engagement.
 - Tabitha requested clarification between the bond finance and land acquisition groups, and Cary explained that the finance group discussed the administrative spend levels, COBID and contract equity performance and other items distinct from land acquisition.
 - Beth also noted that the finance group would continue to discuss COBID strategies related to the workforce component of the bond as well as looking out to projected bond spending in subsequent years.
- Burt invited the Council liaisons to provide input.
 - Councilor Nolan supported a structure where the working groups had time to report back to the larger group and cross connection could occur. Also, when members stay with a topic they are engaged with, they develop their own expertise and consistent groups can develop a synergy.
 - Councilor Craddick agreed that the report back allowed for everyone to have an area of expertise and to gain a better understanding of the other topics.
- Burt asked the committee to consider the issues of assigning working group chairs and a replacement co-chair.
 - MG noted that with the engagement group’s decline in size, it might make sense to do some annual report work within that group or reduce to two groups.
 - Michelle also was interested in the level of interest in the three committees, particularly the community engagement group.
 - Tabitha asked for Metro’s perspective on the role of the community engagement group.
 - MG noted that the topics were driven originally by member interest and a goal to become familiar with the bond’s components. With refinement complete, much engagement has already occurred. The structure to continue engagement as implementation moves forward is in place, so there is opportunity for continued discussion and review. There is also discussion possible on engagement in criteria and outcome measures and how those are transparently

and effectively reported.

- Erin supported keeping the engagement group as it is a bond criteria for the committee to monitor. She offered to join that committee.
- Tabitha noted the major bond criteria and agreed that engagement speaks to some of the broader purposes of the bond beyond land acquisition or program-specific work and should be kept.
- Cary asked about the original selection process for the committee topics.
 - Beth recalled that it came out around the year-one reporting and evaluation pieces (the bond spend, land acquisition and meeting the main bond criteria). A new survey is possible if desired.
 - Burt supported a new survey to gauge interest in each topic.

Burt moved discussion to future committee recruitment.

- MG explained that the current bond committee (approved by Council for a range of 9 to 21 members) is larger than the 2006 committee to include a wider range of geographic location, interest and experience. The current roster is at 17 members. *(slide 16)* We should consider what skills, geographic areas and other areas we should look at for recruitment.
- Beth explained the terms for current members. *(slide 24)*
- Burt recommended the co-chairs be on a different term cycles.
- Beth explained that there is flexibility in the recruiting process ahead. The final appointment is made by Council. Past committee recruitments have been targeted, with committee members and Councilors identifying contacts and speaking with them directly for possible recommendation to Council. This committee recruitment process was more far-reaching, which could be replicated in future processes.
- Erin asked for clarification on new recruits' terms and the planned process to bring new members up to speed.
 - Beth explained that staff will take on the role of onboarding and making resources for new members with feedback from current members.
 - Owen suggested willing members could become subject matter area experts, such as target areas, parts of the Metro region, as another resource and to contribute to the committee as a whole. Consider for new recruits what areas of the region they are knowledgeable about and what they can bring from that perspective.
 - John agreed with Owen on the importance of area expertise.
- John asked for clarification on member terms.

- Beth explained that the bylaws allow members to serve up to three two-year terms. Reappointed one-year members will roll into another term (two-year) this winter.
- Burt requested that members email any more feedback to staff.

Burt moved discussion to climate resilience, and Jonathan Soll presented an overview
(please refer to climate slides).

Jonathan reviewed the bond criteria and related terms for the committee, discussed how interconnected investments that build climate resilience benefit humans and wildlife, and he outlined how the protect and restore land program increases resilience to climate change.

- As the topic was over time, staff noted that questions and comments were welcome on the climate resilience and on other related items on the agenda.
- Vivek Shandas observed that framing climate resilience in regards to benefits to human and ecological health weighs into a historic challenge in ecological studies when humans are separated out from the ecosystem. This framing can have ongoing implications for how we think about potential investments and ways that climate resilience and the overall protect and restore program can be operationalized.
 - Vivek appreciated the framing that acknowledged the complexity of trying to figure out where flora and fauna can move as the climate changes and allowed for refugia with an anticipatory approach to a change in climate. This hasn't been a widespread approach nationally or internationally. It is hard to know where to invest so that plants can move in that direction, red cedar which would need upland refugia, for example. Are models, data sets or systematic assessments informing the relation between the transition of habitat in a region and the specific plots of land that could potentially be purchased? Where are the connections between the science and the criteria used for purchases?
 - Jonathan agreed that separating humans and nature is an artificial and harmful construct, though it can be a useful tool to understand how different strategies can focus efforts. There is overlap, and this is a topic of ongoing discussion.
 - Data is pulled from labs at University of Washington and Oregon State exploring the likely future ranges of species. The program takes a broad strategic approach looking to have to have the most success for the most species if it focuses on protecting gradients of elevation and micro-climates and creating connectivity from urban areas into the Coast Range, the Cascades, and north-south corridors that allow species to sort out for themselves where to grow and move.
 - Jonathan and Vivek planned to connect further on this topic.
 - Shannon Leary noted that Metro looks at its past purchases and properties protected by other public agencies when determining areas to impact with this and future bond measures.
- John noted the memos on closing land purchases are very thorough and address each purchase's climate resiliency requirements, restoration and stabilization needs, and include maps that help show gaps where connections are needed (e.g. streams and forest corridors). Understanding that staff cannot disclose future purchases, could memos include discussion

of purchasing gap lands to complete corridors and connections and address resiliency needs?

- A statement of how often maintenance would be needed to control invasives and restore after flooding or storm damage could also be useful.
- Shannon L. felt these were good ideas and noted that the memo formats are always being tweaked, including the most recent changes based on this committee's feedback. The memos are the program's primary method of communication with Council on how the goals, criteria and Council direction are being met.
- Dan also appreciated the ongoing feedback on the memo content and credited Shannon L. and her team for their assembly.
- Owen appreciated the memos. He noted that climate resilience considerations have given Metro new reasons to do the work but hasn't pointed Metro to whole new places to do the work. Protect and restore seems to be about building on and connecting the target areas, mostly carried on from the previous bond measure and identified in the previous greenspace master plan. These identified areas haven't dramatically changed with the climate resilience lens. Has it changed, and how is climate resiliency influencing the thinking within the target areas?
 - Jonathan explained that the bond measure must also be considered as a whole beyond the protect and restore land program regarding climate resilience. The programs have interlocking strategies to address different aspects of life in the region, nature and climate resilience. One program can't provide all the strategies for climate resilience.
 - Within the protect and restore program, climate resilience was baked into the program from the beginning with core concepts of anchor habitat, connectivity and protecting water quality are part of that. Staff are acknowledging that these strategies are the right ones to continue. Water and aquatic species are more of a focus than ever based on feedback from Indigenous communities, tribes and conservation biologists. There are shifts in the program, but it's mostly evolutionary change rather than revolutionary change.
 - Target area changes include the addition of a connectivity element to the Coast Range at the Killin Wetlands. The target area existed before, but now has an explicit goal to tie it into the regional habitats to further climate resilience goals. This process is also present in many other parts of the 2019 measure.
 - MG shared that the process to define the refinement plan is also revolutionary in that the outreach to stakeholders was exponentially increased. Voices not previously listened to or present were centered in this process. From an overall strategy standpoint, though the target areas appear similar to before, the results are much more representative of the communities Metro seeks to serve.
- Vivek asked in chat: Does Metro have any information about when (what situations) the bond measure has been used to support Local Share? I've checked with a few cities and they don't seem to know of any examples.

- Beth explained that the local share program can include land acquisition, major restoration and trails projects, and the program continues on from the 2006 bond, which had several notable examples such as Dirksen Park and Springwater Corridor work with City of Portland. Staff haven't covered the program in depth with the Committee yet and can provide more updates on submission status and projects.
- MG suggested the [local share program handbook](#) as a resource to show how projects will need to address bond criteria. Many projects are centered on protecting biodiversity and using nature to enhance education, habitat in urban areas.
- Cary shared her City of Portland knowledge of the Cornfoot Trail path and North Portland Greenway working with bond funding.
- Shannon S. noted there was a whole perspective and individual transaction perspective, but there is not a list of critical acquisitions for climate resilience (which are most important and being prioritized/expedited).
 - MG appreciated the feedback and felt the team could work to present that information differently. Because this is a willing seller property acquisition program, sharing some information could unintentionally create the impression that Metro has a deal on a property or is working specifically on an area when there may not be a willing seller or there are other factors present. The impact to asking prices is also a consideration.
 - Dan noted that outside of the bond refinement plans and priority area setting, some information needs to be held confidential during the pursuit of purchases. Negotiations are confidential during the process.
 - Shannon S. shared in chat: Don't want to be a broken record as I know I've raised this question multiple times before, but is there a way for us to see in metric reporting which properties or acquisitions would be critical or high priority based on this work? Rather than looking at individual deals and the whole portfolio, seeing the pieces and knowing that we're able to support and to confirm that we're tackling the most important projects first seems to be important work.
 - We don't need to see individual properties and their tiers/priorities. But knowing what % or what pace we're on for the different tiers might be a good metric for us to report on to council and to the public.
 - Shannon L. shared that showing progress by target area is a metric developed based on feedback from the committee and is included in the quarterly reports. Staff can add to that with the tiers within the target areas. During bond refinement, the program built on previous community engagement work with a deep dive into more engagement and ecological work. The [reports](#) and [engagement reports](#) may be useful resources to review.
 - Erin brought up a slide regarding communication and storytelling of bond work. A simplified infographic of the information Jonathan shared in the circle graphics could be valuable.
 - Erin also sought context of how the bond is connecting with regional partners for bigger impacts on climate resilience on a large scale. She was interested in the connection points and partnerships between Metro's bond

work and other regional stakeholder work.

- Sharon L. confirmed that 169 people from 16 different agencies were able to participate during the information gathering phase of the refinement processes, and there is a long-term commitment to regional partnerships.
- Jonathan explained that while individual properties are challenging to numerically score on climate resilience, looking at the results chain that could grow from acquiring a particular property and its connections to the region, ability to cool stream water, improve habitat, etc, creates a bigger picture of how the property could be a beneficial acquisition from a climate resilience standpoint.
- PK Melethil sent in questions prior to the meeting (*email shared below notes/chat*).
 - MG noted that PK touched on how to get the right representation of how individual properties represent achievement of climate resilience goals. Is there anything missing from that analysis that we could also report back on?
 - Tabitha asked if a property was not tier 1 or tier 2 but had a willing seller, would the program be able to purchase and bring up to tier 1 or tier 2 and make it better habitat or more climate resilient than before. Is this part of the evaluation with limited property available to buy? If we can't find ideal property, can we take secondary property to improve?
- Burt invited the committee to comment and send feedback on previous discussion and questions by email.

Burt brought up the previous suggestion of holding working group meetings between regular committee meetings, noting that if a quorum was present, those would need to be recorded as public sessions.

- A show of hands (nine) and chat responses indicated consensus support from the committee.
- Staff will send out a survey on topics, group assignments, and scheduling.
- Beth suggested 1-1.5 hour sessions in between full group meetings with set recurrences.
- Burt welcomed discussion on co-chair responsibilities with interested members.
- The committee expressed support for in-person meetings when possible.

Burt concluded the meeting.

The working group breakout rooms were not held due to time constraints.

Meeting chat:

- 15:51:26 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To All Panelists:
we can hear you Burt
- 15:51:27 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To All Panelists:
i'm sorry
- 15:53:03 From Burt Edwards, he/him/his To All Panelists:
Hmm I can't hear you can you say something?
- 16:08:07 From Jonathan Soll (He/Him) Metro To All Panelists:
Melanie - I don't see an everyone option.
- 16:09:07 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To All Panelists:
Should be a drop down when you click the hosts and panelists next to to? Weird
- 16:12:03 From Georgena Moran - Access Recreation (she/her) To All Panelists:
I don't see everyone in the drop-down
- 16:12:20 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:
I think it's because we don't currently have any non-members in the audience...
- 16:12:23 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To All Panelists:
thanks for checking...for now the option is just for hosts and panelists
- 16:17:18 From Owen Wozniak To Everyone:
Thank you for your leadership, Councilor Craddick!
- 16:18:14 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:
Yes, thank you, Councilor Craddick!
- 16:19:01 From Tana Atchley Culbertson To All Panelists:
Sorry, it seems like my microphone wasn't connecting. I'm calling in from Forest Grove.
Happy to be here.
- 16:19:17 From Tana Atchley Culbertson To All Panelists:
Yes
- 16:26:00 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To All Panelists:
here are the questions posed
- 16:26:03 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To All Panelists:
Feedback on proposed goals, strategies and approach to working groups and what
topics/items are missing (slides 8-12)
Expectations for co-chair or working group chairs (slide 13)
Expectations for meetings in 2023 (slides 13-15)
- 16:27:40 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To All Panelists:
the three ones we've used have been--bond finance, land acquisition and community
engagement. there is an opportunity to adjust topics or focal areas

- 16:34:51 From Erin Upton (she/her) To All Panelists:
I haven't felt that we've run out of time in the past.
- 16:36:07 From Tana Atchley Culbertson To All Panelists:
I think the timing has felt sufficient for the breakout groups.
- 16:36:36 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:
Agreed! ^^
- 16:39:08 From Georgena Moran - Access Recreation (she/her) To All Panelists:
Unstable Internet. Going off camera to e
- 16:40:16 From Owen Wozniak To Everyone:
I would really appreciate having committee chairs. That said, I don't have bandwidth to volunteer.... 😞
- 16:48:09 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:
finance, land acquisition, land conservation, environmental issues, working lands, tribal sovereignty and issues relevant to the disability community and the urban Indigenous community
- 17:05:17 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:
any edits/mistakes to the slide are on me, sorry jonathan!
- 17:34:29 From Vivek Shandas (he/his) To All Panelists:
Does Metro have any information about when (what situations) the bond measure has been used to support Local Share? I've checked with a few cities and they don't seem to know of any examples.
- 17:37:33 From Jonathan Soll (He/Him) Metro To Everyone:
The bond provides \$92 million straight to local jurisdictions to invest on capital projects
- 17:37:46 From Shannon Leary (she/her), Metro Parks and Nature To Everyone:
There has been a Local Share component in all three bond measures. In 1995 \$25 million was allocated to local park providers, in 2006 \$44m was allocated, and in 2019 \$92 million allocated.
- 17:38:11 From Shannon (she/her) Shoul To All Panelists:
Don't want to be a broken record as I know I've raised this question multiple times before, but is there a way for us to see in metric reporting which properties or acquisitions would be critical or high priority based on this work? Rather than looking at individual deals and the whole portfolio, seeing the pieces and knowing that we're able to support and to confirm that we're tackling the most important projects first seems to be important work.
- 17:39:39 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To All Panelists:
in case it's helpful, here's a link to where the local share program page is on the website, <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/local-share>
- 17:41:20 From Shannon (she/her) Shoul To All Panelists:
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- 17:42:02 From Shannon (she/her) Shoul To All Panelists:
We don't need to see individual properties and their tiers/priorities. But knowing what % or what pace we're on for the different tiers might be a good metric for us to report on to council and to the public.
- 17:45:23 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:
I was curious if it would make sense to hold working group meetings in between these larger meetings? We would lose that opportunity to report back immediately thereafter, but I'm putting it out there for our consideration...
- 17:45:47 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:
It would also allow for folks to engage with more than one (if interest exists)
- 17:46:12 From Burt Edwards, he/him/his To Everyone:
That's a good idea Cary. Thoughts from others?
- 17:46:46 From Tabitha Palmer-DuPrau To All Panelists:
I think that is a good idea - I really like it
- 17:47:53 From Tabitha Palmer-DuPrau To All Panelists:
it would give the board more time to talk about the topics
- 17:48:03 From Vivek Shandas (he/his) To All Panelists:
+1 to Cary's suggestion from me.
- 17:48:27 From Erin Upton (she/her) To All Panelists:
I agree with Cary's suggestion too
- 17:52:56 From Owen Wozniak To Everyone:
I would support an interim work group meeting as well.
- 17:53:53 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:
Looks like 9 hands raised.
- 17:54:26 From Vivek Shandas (he/his) To All Panelists:
Gotta run...thanks Burt and Metro staff!
- 17:56:46 From Beth Cohen (she/her) To Everyone:
we can include those questions on the survey as well too
- 17:56:56 From Mychal Tetteh (he/him) To Everyone:
Thanks for your leadership today Burt!
- 17:57:05 From Melanie Reinert (she/her) To Everyone:
Thanks everyone
- 17:57:06 From Cary Watters (she/her) To Everyone:
Yes, thanks Burt, and all!
- 17:57:13 From Tana Atchley Culbertson To All Panelists:
Thank you! Looking forward to next year!

From: PK Melethil
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 12:30 PM
To: Parks and Nature Bond <ParksandNatureBond@oregonmetro.gov>; MG Devereux <MG.Devereux@oregonmetro.gov>; Beth Cohen <Beth.Cohen@oregonmetro.gov>; Melanie Reinert <Melanie.Reinert@oregonmetro.gov>
Subject: [External sender]Re: Oversight committee: A message from your Co-Chair and meeting preparation

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Hello

As noted earlier, Thursdays are busy and I regret that prior commitments prevent me for joining you at the meeting today. However, I have provided some feedback below.

RE [Fall 2022 Parks and Nature quarterly update](#)

[Covering bond activities and investments from July through October 2022](#)

COMMENT Nice work, some editorial comments/questions (below).

BOND REPORTING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES COMPLETED, p1 of 7

These are meant to serve as a compliment ([complement?](#)) to the storytelling that we have been doing to highlight specific projects and bond wide progress.

RE Cost of stabilization to date chart, p5 of 7

Please include some detail (in the chart or as a separate sidebar) on what the terms in the legend refer mean. e.g., G54025, G02147.

Suggested changes

Function-based stabilization focuses on actions that protect high ecological function and shift

currently **ly** degrading conditions to a positive trend leading to Metro **(te)** meeting the conservation objectives for which the property was purchased.

P 6 of 7

These data points are tough for those competing in the active market and present a unique challenge for Metro, **who** **which** often wants to buy property off-market.

RE Recruiting New Oversight Committee Members

Question: How many more committee members are needed to meet the minimum set, i.e., 9 per working group? ~10-12?

Question: How many of the current committee members have been able to attend, or otherwise review (recordings), the meetings held in 2021, 2022? Please provide details.

RE Climate resilience and land acquisition slides

COMMENT Good introductory presentations.

Re Focus for today: protect and restore land and climate resilience

How does the current information on land acquisition address bond climate resilience criteria?

What is missing?

How can we better communicate connections between land acquisition and climate resilience?

One way is to add more information for the public is to provide details on specifics, in the form of a graphic or chart.

Time will be on the horizontal axis and parameters of relevance for review on the vertical axis (as many as conveniently viewable, per chart)

More specifically (some ideas)-

1. Which land acquisition(s) met which resilience criterion (criteria)?
2. How did each acquisition add to Metro's portfolio goals, on a % basis, with regard to the anticipated/ targeted completion of work on the 2019 Bond Measure?

COMMENT #2 above may also serve to define a

Set of metrics that Oversight Committee can review on an annual basis to evaluate the outcomes of how/whether the bond's investments are addressing the bond's climate resilience criteria (excerpted from deck2, slide 9 of 19)

Slide 15 is a good start but can we also show quantitative aspects of the evolution of Metro's acquisitions, with regard to relevant Bond objectives, over time?

COMMENT RE Science tells us that specific actions can have ripple impacts in the region, but it's hard to isolate, measure and quantify Metro's specific impact on regional climate resilience (excerpted from deck2, slide 13 of 19)

Please identify, and define to the extent possible, what ripple impacts in the region are anticipated.

I realize the ripple effects will be better understood with time. Scientists, as we all know, are in the prediction business, given the right data.

Stretch a bit. Help the public understand how Metro is hoping to make our neighborhoods more livable for all creatures and more resilient, in the face of climate change.

For example, ...

Will trails for humans add to wildlife connectivity corridors?

Will acquiring land with streams add to opportunities for wildlife to get a drink of water in urban environments?

Will added green spaces offer people communal outdoor shelter opportunities, in case of a catastrophic event which damages urban buildings?

RE deck 3, slide 6. What are the units? Millions, I presume, based on slide 7.

RE deck 3, slide 16. PK Melethil Environmental Scientist, private practitioner

At the August (8/5/22) 1 on 1 meeting with MG I asked that Metro recognize my contributions as a TCM Physician rather than private practitioner(?). No changes yet.

What does the continued use of that nondescript term tell us? Metro's limited awareness of Whole Systems of Medicine (see NIH for more info) that are not Western?

Hope the feedback helps.

Keep up the good work on conservation.

Regards,

PK



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Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee

December 15, 2022

Committee structure and road map | What we're hoping to hear from you



Agenda item	Slides to review before the meeting	Questions for your feedback
Discussion on proposed committee structure and road map for 2023	Slides 6-15	Feedback on proposed goals, strategies, approach to working groups and committee road map for 2023?

Today's agenda



- 4:00 p.m. Welcome and introductions
- 4:10 p.m. *Discussion item:* Committee road map, structures and working groups for 2023, new member recruitment
- 4:40 p.m. *Informational item:* Presentation on PN bond climate resilience criteria and connections to land acquisition
- 5:00 p.m. *Discussion item:* information available for connecting land acquisition to climate resilience criteria
- 5:40 p.m. *Informational item:* Review latest PN bond updates
- 6:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee business reminders



Public testimony received

Reminders to reply only to

parksandnaturebond@oregonmetro.gov

on committee business

Other member updates to share?



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Proposed
committee
goals,
structures and
road map for
2023



Questions for committee discussion



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3. Expectations for meetings in 2023 (slides 13-15)

Where we'd like to be in 2023 with committee structures



Committee leadership opportunities spread across multiple committee members

Committee members know how to engage at each committee meeting and how each meeting connects with each other and committee goals

There is space at each meeting for committee members to engage with each other, discuss and provide guidance to staff

Proposed: goals for committee focus in 2023



1. GOAL 1: Build understanding of the bond and the broader context of committees at Metro
2. GOAL 2: Continue evaluation of bond work to date with a focus on tools that make sense of progress on bond criteria
3. GOAL 3: Continue to build committee membership and leadership structures with a focus on committee sustainability

Proposed: strategies to meet goal 1



GOAL 1: Build understanding of the bond and the broader context of committees at Metro

- ✓ Continue deep dive on each of the six bond program areas
- ✓ Opportunities to connect with other Metro oversight and advisory committees
- ✓ Continue connecting with Metro Council liaisons
- ✓ Optional tours and site visits

Proposed: strategies to meet goal 2



GOAL 2: Continue evaluation of bond work to date with a focus on tools that make sense of progress on bond criteria

- ✓ Year 2 report development (starting in spring 2023)
- ✓ Review/shaping bond evaluation outcomes work
- ✓ Review/shaping climate resilience metrics/tools

Proposed: strategies to meet goal 3



GOAL 3: Continue to build committee membership and leadership structures

- ✓ Targeted recruitment of new committee members
- ✓ Co-chair identification
- ✓ Working groups chairs

Proposed: approach to working groups for 2023



Working groups organized around goals for 2023

1. Year 2 report development
2. Ongoing review of evaluative tools
3. Bond finance
4. Other

Use half of each meeting for working group time

Use the other half of each meeting for bond programs deep dive

Proposed: approach to committee leadership in 2023



Identify second co-chair with staggered term in early 2023 to work with Burt on the following items

- Shaping meeting agendas with Metro staff
- Managing committee discussion and flow in meetings
- Presenting committee's annual report back to Council

Identify chairs of working groups in early 2023 to help lead the following work

- Provide responses to relevant topics/questions from staff in between meetings
- Facilitate opportunities for working groups to connect outside of full committee meetings as needed
- Help manage working group discussions and report back

Proposed: meeting plan for 2023



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Use half the time at each full committee meeting to do a deep dive on one bond program area

Focus committee meetings on discussion items, asking committee members to review meeting slides and video explainers beforehand

Explore hybrid meetings in 2023 with in-person options if safe to do so

Reminder: Committee functions



Receive information and updates

- These items could be presentation based and could involve a pre-taped brief video explainer beforehand with questions



Help shape audit and evaluative tools

- These items could involve staff posing specific questions for committee feedback to shape tools and would involve a presentation of the tools with facilitated conversations at the meeting and answers for staff at the meeting.



Reporting/recommendations for the Metro Council.

- These items would involve committee reviewing existing information and reporting and actively building recommendations or items for Metro Council awareness

Proposed: Meeting topics and activities for 2023



GOAL 1:
Deepen understanding of bond



GOAL 1:
Deepen understanding of Metro



GOAL 2:
Continue evaluation of bond



GOAL 3:
Strengthen committee membership and leadership



	Dec. 2022	Feb. 2023	April 2023	May/June 2023	Sept. 2023
Climate resilience/protect and restore land  	Large scale community visions 	Capital grants 	Local share  	Take care of Metro parks  	
		Connect with Council liaisons	Site visit/tour opportunity	Connect with other Metro committees	Site visit/tour opportunity
		Develop process for year 2  	Review staff report for year 2 	Develop year 2 report 	Present year 2 report 
Plan for targeted recruitment in 2023	Co-chair identified; working group time	First meeting with new members	Working group time		

Questions for committee discussion



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2. Expectations for co-chair or working group chairs (slide 13)
3. Expectations for meetings in 2023 (slides 13-15)



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Committee membership and recruitment



Committee member recruitment | What we're hoping to hear from you today



Agenda item	Slides to review before the meeting	Questions for your feedback
Discussion on committee member recruitment	Slides 19-25	<p>How many additional members should we aim to add (committee size can range from 9-21)?</p> <p>What background is needed for targeted recruitment based on existing membership and bylaws?</p> <p>Interest in helping staff with this effort in early 2023</p>

Questions for committee discussion



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1. How many additional members should we aim to add (committee size can range from 9-21)?
2. What background is needed for targeted recruitment based on existing membership and bylaws?
3. Interest in helping staff with this effort in 2023

Where we'd like to be in 2023 with committee membership



Continue with current committee members serving second terms as able to

Opportunity to fill gaps in experience related to bond with new members

Have committee members engaged and advising on new member recruitment

Parameters for committee membership from committee bylaws



The Committee will be composed of no fewer than nine and no more than twenty-one members, all appointed by the Metro Council President subject to Council confirmation. The Metro Council President will designate at least one member to serve as Chairperson of the Committee or may elect to designate two members to serve as co-chairpersons. Committee members will bring a commitment to racial equity values and will include members with technical expertise and lived experience in areas including, but not limited to:

finance, land acquisition, land conservation, environmental issues, working lands, tribal sovereignty and issues relevant to the disability community and the urban Indigenous community

Parameters for committee membership



Committee members can serve up to 3 terms

At the time of the Council's Feb. 2021 appointment of committee members, individuals were randomly assigned an initial term of 1 or 2 years so committee turnover wouldn't happen all at the same time

Half the committee assigned a 1-year term were re-appointed by the Council in February 2022

Membership status



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First	Last	Initial term start	Randomly assigned initial one year term (re-appointed in Feb 2022)	Randomly assigned initial 2 year term (up for re-appointment in Feb 2023)
Tana	Atchley Culbertson	2021, March		X
Burt	Edwards	2021, March		X
John	Ferguson	2021, March	X	
Lisa	Freedman	2021, March		X
Shantae	Johnson	2021, March	X	
Michelle	Lin	2021, March	X	
Martita	Meier	2021, March		X
P.K.	Melethil	2021, March	X	
Bryan	Mercier	2021, March		X
Georgena	Moran	2021, March		X
Tabitha	Palmer DuPrau	2021, March	X	
Vivek	Shandas	2021, March	X	
Shannon	Shoul	2021, March	X	
Erin	Upton	2021, March	X	
Cary	Watters	2021, March		X
Owen	Wozniak	2021, March		X

Proposed: phased recruitment process



By end of December 2022

- Generate ideas for recruitment from committee members/partners/Councilors

By end of January 2023

- Identify committee members to serve on recruitment working group
- Initial contacts made with a few individuals to gauge interest

By end of February 2023

- Council re-appoints existing members for next term and any new members identified
- Review plan for recruitment with oversight committee

By end of March/April 2023

- Working group recommendation for broader recruitment to kick off in summer/fall 2023

Questions for committee discussion



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1. How many additional members should we aim to add (committee size can range from 9-21)?
2. What expertise, background, representation is needed for targeted recruitment based on existing membership and initial Council direction?
3. Interest in helping staff with this effort in 2023

Wrap up and next steps



For committee attention post-meeting

- Post meeting survey on topics for next meeting
- Winter 2023 quarterly report and dashboard refresh

Upcoming activities (optional)

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Climate resilience and land acquisition | What we're hoping to hear from you

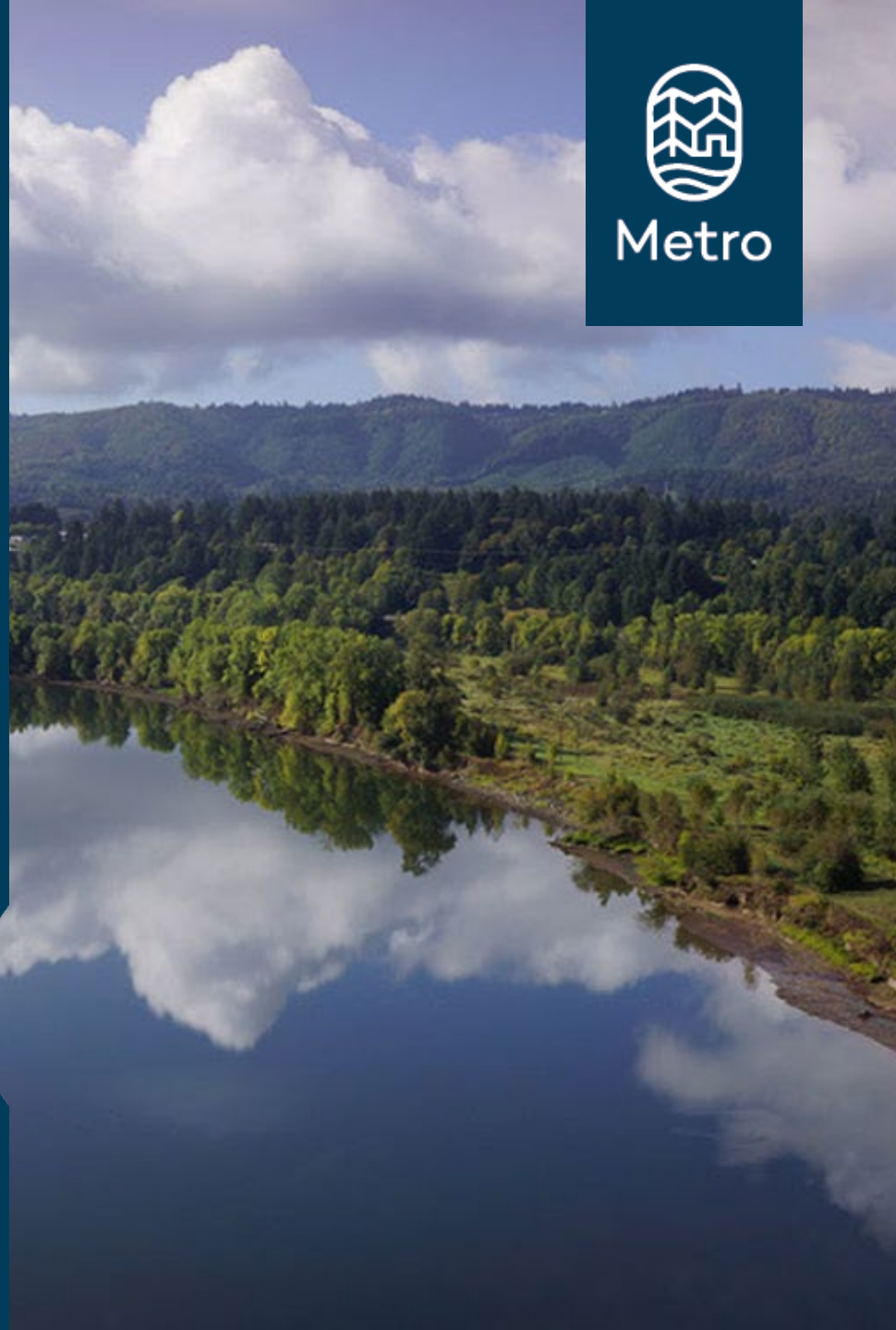


Agenda item	Slides to review before the meeting	Questions for your feedback
Climate resilience overview	Slides 4-7 , video at link	Questions about the overview; was the information presented clearly in the slides and videos?
Discussion on connecting land acquisition activities to climate resilience criteria	Slides 8-18	How does the current information on land acquisition address bond climate resilience criteria? What is missing? How can we better communicate connections between land acquisition and climate resilience?

Climate resilience overview



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Reminder—video library resources



Link to brief video explainer on climate resilience

<https://vimeo.com/777160179/8569d06caa>

Link to brief video explainer on the PN bond's protect and restore

<https://vimeo.com/778977489/45df785455>

Reminder—Bond climate resilience criteria



- Protect, connect and restore habitat to support strong populations of native plants, fish and wildlife that can adapt to a changing climate.
- Protect and restore floodplains, headwaters, streams and wetlands to increase their capacity to handle stormwater to protect vulnerable communities from flooding.
- Increase tree canopy in developed areas to reduce heat island effects.
- Use low-impact development practices and green infrastructure in project design and development.
- Invest in segments of the regional trail system to expand active transportation opportunities for commuting, recreation and other travel.

What we mean when we say climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience



Closely related, but different concepts, making the best of a bad situation

Mitigation: Actions taken to reduce the actual occurrence or degree of climate change by addressing the causes of climate change, principally carbon emissions.

Adaptation: Measures taken to reduce the harmful impacts of climate change or take advantage of any beneficial opportunities through adjustments in natural or human systems.

Resilience: The capability to anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from significant threats with minimum damage to social well-being, the economy, and the environment.

Interconnected investments that build climate resilience benefit humans and wildlife

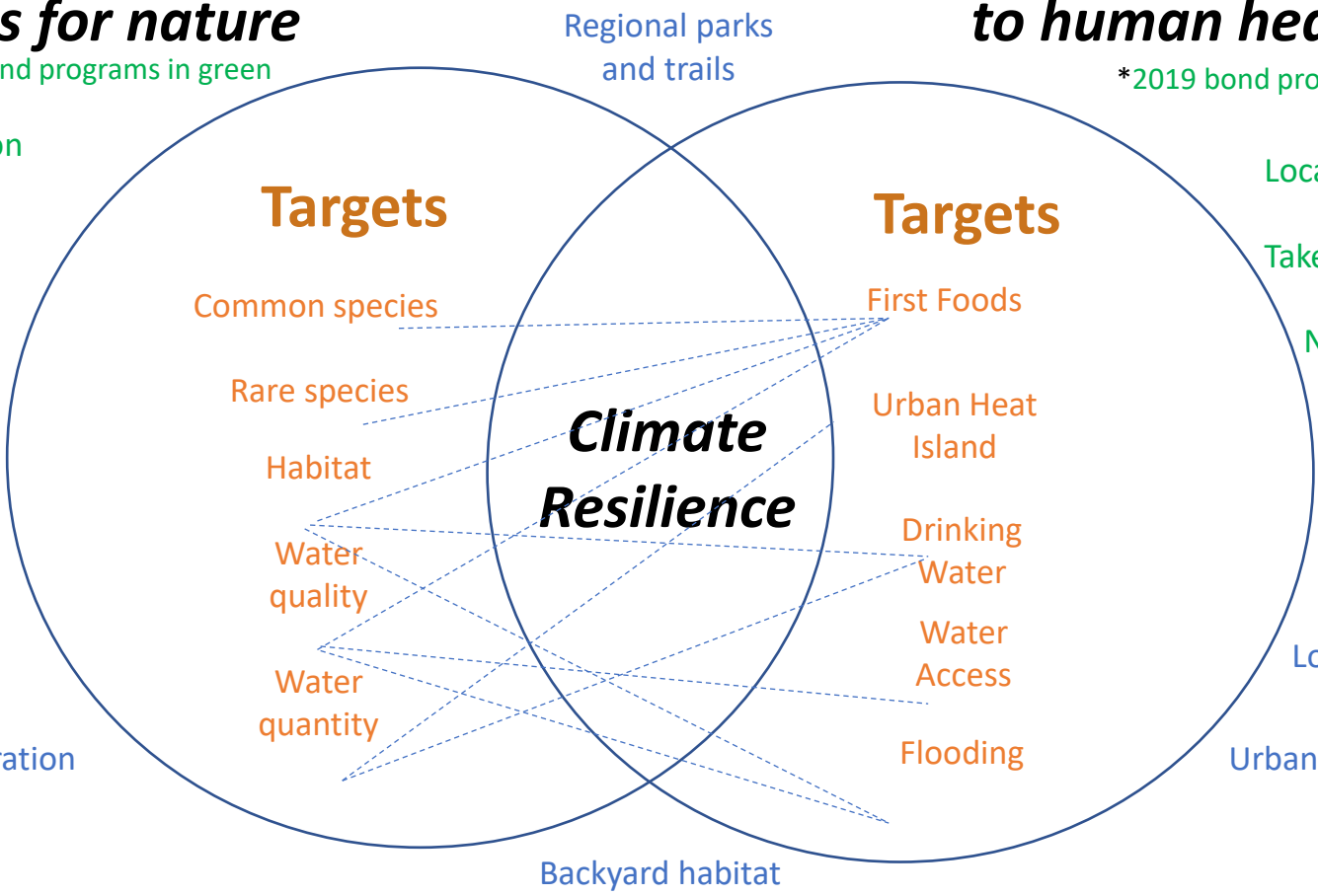


Strategies with primary benefits for nature

- Land acquisition
- Investment on private land
- Sustainable agric.
- Connectivity
- Anchor sites
- Habitat restoration

Strategies with primary benefits to human health

- Local Share
- Take care of Metro Parks
- NIN capital grants
- Community visions
- Local Trails
- Local Parks
- Urban tree canopy

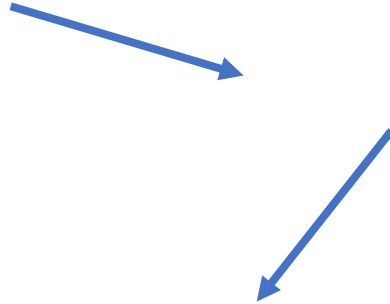


How Protect and Restore Land Program Increases Ecosystem Resilience to Climate Change



Models predict changes to the climate including

- Warmer drier “summers”
- Less snow, more rain in winter
- Stronger storms
- More unpredictability
- Surprises



Changing climate causes changes to the ecosystem

- Less and warmer streamflow, especially late season
- More drought, heat and wildfires
- More flooding in winter and spring
- Range shifts for native and non-native species

Resilience comes from limiting the impact of expected (and unexpected) changes

Green boxes are actions directly tied to the Protect and Restore bond program

Protect-restore anchor habitats to support healthy fish and wildlife populations

Improve connectivity to allow plant and animal movement

Protect-restore streams and floodplains to cool water, create refugia, increase late season flow

Protect-restore headwaters to reduce flooding, increase late season flow

Manage for fire and drought resistant forests

Discussion item:
Connecting land
acquisition to
bond's climate
resilience
criteria



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Where we'd like to get



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Set of metrics that Oversight Committee can review on an annual basis to evaluate the outcomes of how/whether the bond's investments are addressing the bond's climate resilience criteria **so that the committee can**

- Help confirm to the public that bond funded investments are meeting climate resilience criteria to date
- Know what information to ask staff for on a quarterly and annual basis
- Provide annual recommendations to the Metro Council on continuing or adjusting focus and priorities for land acquisition

Focus for today: protect and restore land and climate resilience



ALL six bond program areas need to demonstrate addressing bond climate resilience criteria

Protect and restore land's acquisition activities represent significant investment with benefits to regional climate resilience

Focusing on land acquisition today provides a good baseline for future discussions on other bond programs and climate resilience

Questions for committee discussion



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1. Is the link between the current information available for each bond funded land acquisition and the bond climate resilience criteria clear enough?
2. What would help better communicate to the public connections between bond funded land acquisition and impacts to regional climate resilience?
3. Who or what else would you like to hear on this topic?
4. Is there Committee interest in discussing these metrics more with staff through committee working groups?

What we already have and what we need to get there



- ✓ Mechanism for tracking how individual property acquisitions align with bond's climate resilience criteria (slides 14-15)
- ✓ Understanding of the connections between Metro's acquisition and restoration work and broader strategies for building resilience (slides 16-18)
- ❑ Storytelling and communications tools to explain these connections and impact to the general public
- ❑ Broader context of Metro's role in region and state; what other organizations/entities are doing

Challenges and opportunities



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1. Lots of context needed to clearly communicate about the connections between land acquisition and climate resilience
2. Science tells us that specific actions can have ripple impacts in the region, but it's hard to isolate, measure and quantify Metro's specific impact on regional climate resilience
3. Changing climate will continue to cause unpredictable outcomes in the region; we may need to adjust our strategies to ensure they stay relevant in a changing climate

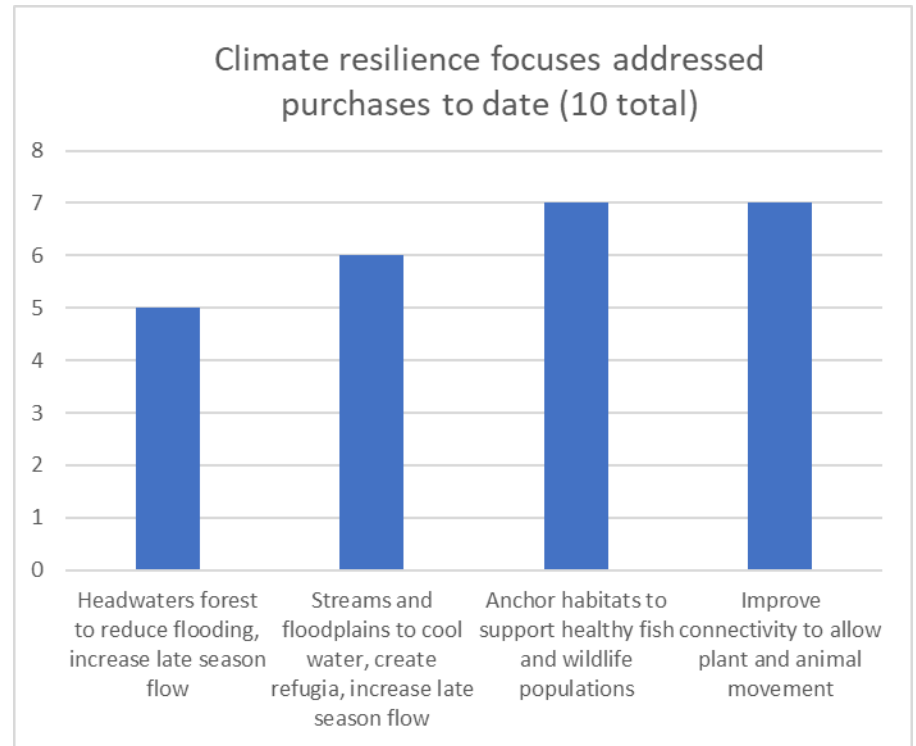
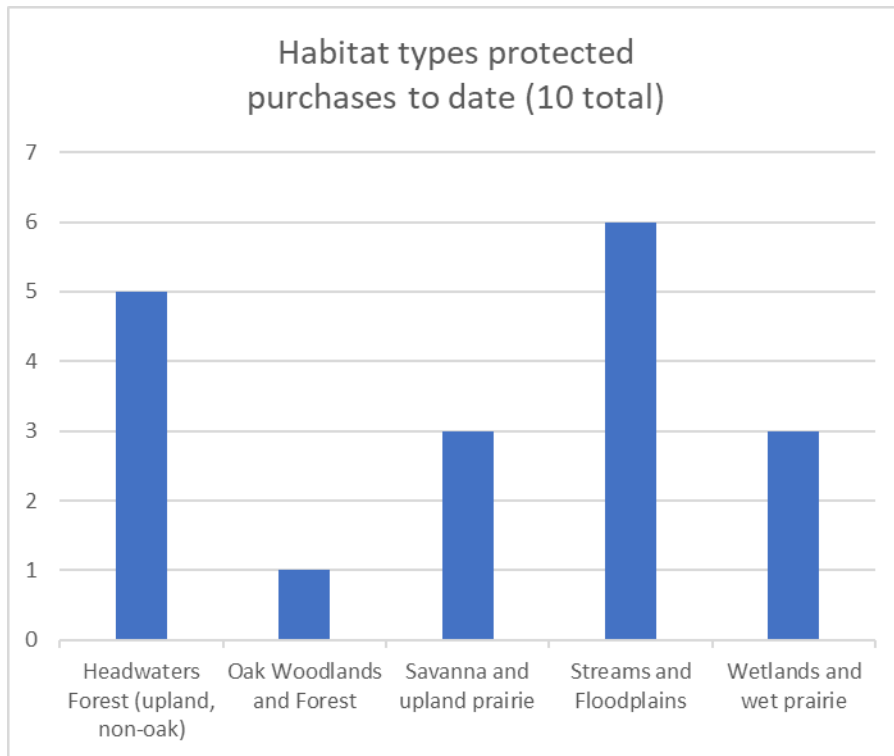
How staff prioritizes which properties to acquire



The following considerations help staff prioritize which properties to acquire and will be included in the closing memo for each acquisition

Habitat types	Landscape features	Additional Features
Streams and floodplains	Contributes to or creates a regional anchor site	Multiple priority habitats present
Wetlands and wet prairie	Contributes to habitat connectivity or is a key connector	Partnership
Savanna and upland prairie	Removes barrier to effective management	Addresses a priority heard through engagement
Oak woodland and forest		In or adjacent to an equity focal area
Headwaters forest (upland, non-oak)		

Analysis of characteristics of land acquisitions to date



Moving from effort to outcome



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Outcome statement for protect and restore land
(driven by climate resilience criteria)

Protected lands establish the basis for improved habitat for prioritized plants and animals, improved hydrologic function and water quality and improved habitat connectivity and climate resiliency

Land Protection + Restoration = Climate Resiliency

Water-related criteria



- Criteria: Improve water quality, improve late season flow, enhance habitat for Salmon, Steelhead, Trout and Lamprey, reduce flooding downstream

Protect land

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Questions for committee discussion



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1. Is the link between the current information available for each bond funded land acquisition and the bond climate resilience criteria clear enough?
2. What tools would better communicate to the public connections between bond funded land acquisition and impacts to regional climate resilience?
3. Who or what else would you like to hear on this topic?
4. Is there Committee interest in discussing these metrics more with staff through committee working groups?

Informational item: Fall 2022 bond updates



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Reminders and resources on bond reporting



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- [Fall 2022 quarterly update](#)
- Latest public facing dashboard can be found here, <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/parks-and-nature-bond-measure/bond-progress>

July-October 2022 bond updates



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- Council approval of 12 trail projects for bond funding
- City of Tualatin completion of \$1.5 million acquisition with local share funds
- Two acquisitions, one in Washington county and one by Beaver creek
- Solicitation of letters of intent for large scale community visions and four letters received
- Near completion of water line project phase 1 at Blue Lake Park

Anticipated winter 2023 bond milestones



Launch of capital grants pilot idea
generating phase

Review of community visions letters of
intent

Submission of local share projects
(ongoing) including 3 from Portland Parks
and Recreation

Land acquisitions (ongoing)

Bond finance reporting



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Total bond funds spent as of October 31, 2022



2019 Parks and Nature Bond Total spend

Total program spend	\$25.1
Total admin spend	\$ 7.6
Total Bond spend	\$32.7
Total bond funds awarded, not spent	\$24.8
Total bond spend/awarded	\$57.5

Bond spend since 2020



Bond spend as October 31, 2022: \$32.7 million

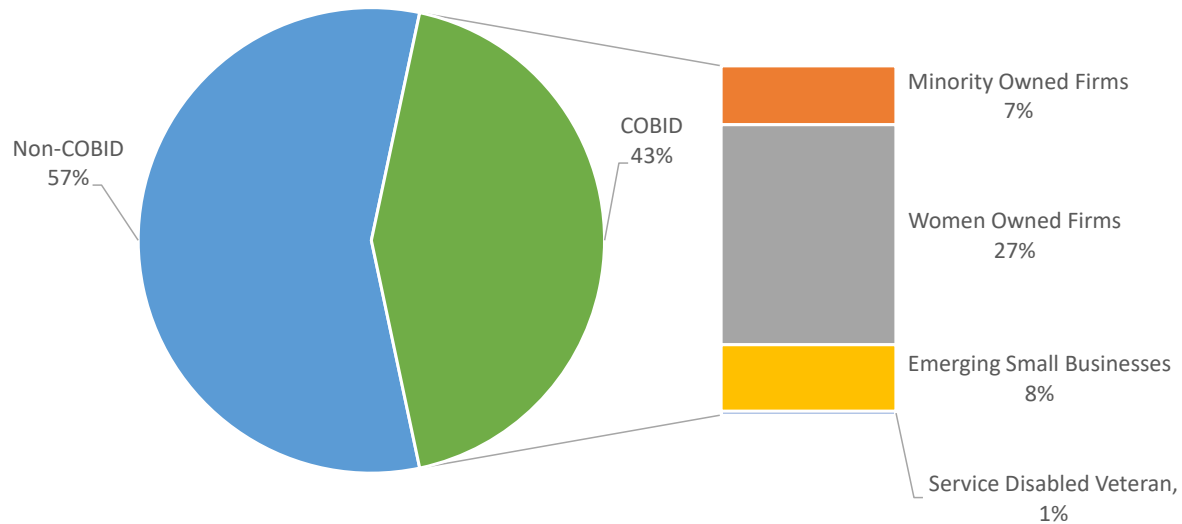
Bond dollars awarded through local share to date in addition (i.e. not included in the table below): \$24.8

	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23 YTD	Total
Program spend	414,262	6,214,397	13,599,053	4,924,923	25,152,635
Administration	812,528	1,573,851	4,071,612	1,156,232	7,614,223
Total spend	1,226,790	7,788,248	17,670,665	6,081,155	32,766,858

COBID spending over the life of the bond



2019 P&N Bond COBID Spending Over Life of Bond



	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	Total
Non-COBID	451,503	1,548,008	1,800,603	376,791	4,176,905
Minority Owned Firms	-	36,091	493,320	10,693	540,104
Women Owned Firms	3,475	495,565	1,175,758	338,387	2,013,185
Emerging Small Businesses	-	105,007	455,496	48,121	608,624
Service Disabled Veteran	-	-	34,048	-	34,048
	454,977.00	2,184,670.35	3,959,226.12	773,992.37	7,372,866

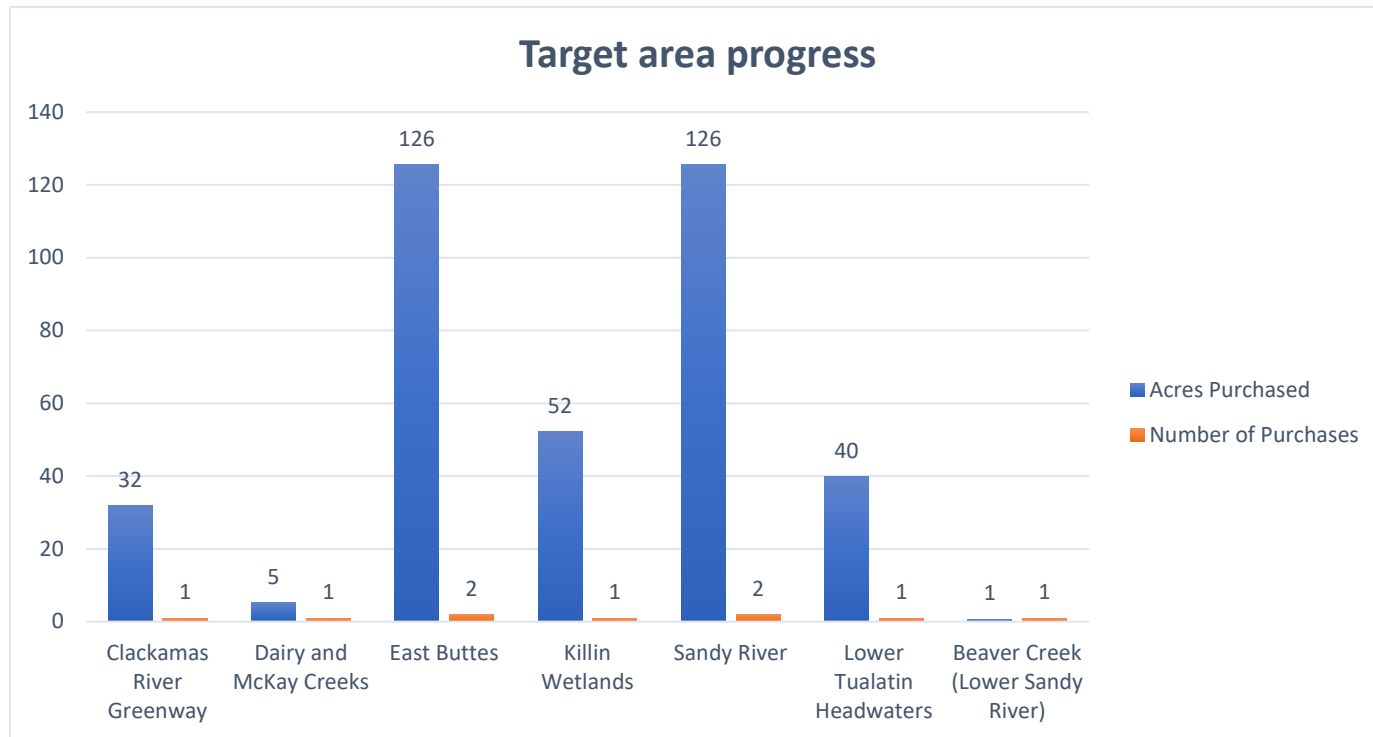
Land acquisition reporting



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Land acquisitions to date since summer 2020



Reminders land acquisition reporting



Program level reporting

- Acquisitions by target area
- Stabilization costs to date
- Purchase price vs. market value constraints



Supplement
to quarterly
report

Property level reporting

- Regional significance
- Racial equity
- Accessibility
- Summary of bond criteria met and description of key property features



Closing
memorandum
(revised)

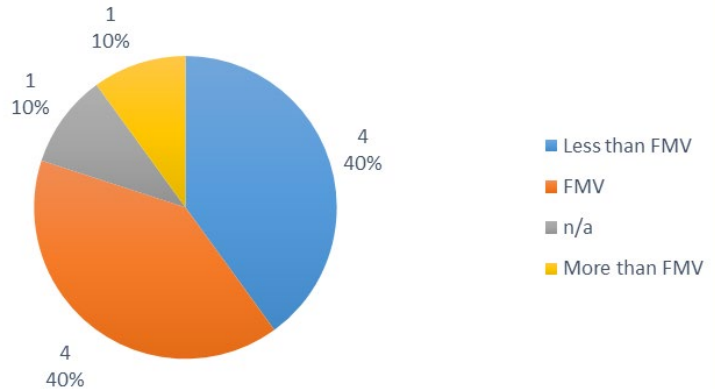
Reminders— land acquisition program level reporting



What is this chart?

The Metro Council may direct staff to purchase property at any price, but through the policy established in the Natural Areas Work Plan, the Metro Council has delegated authority to staff to acquire properties for fair market value as supported by an independent appraisal.

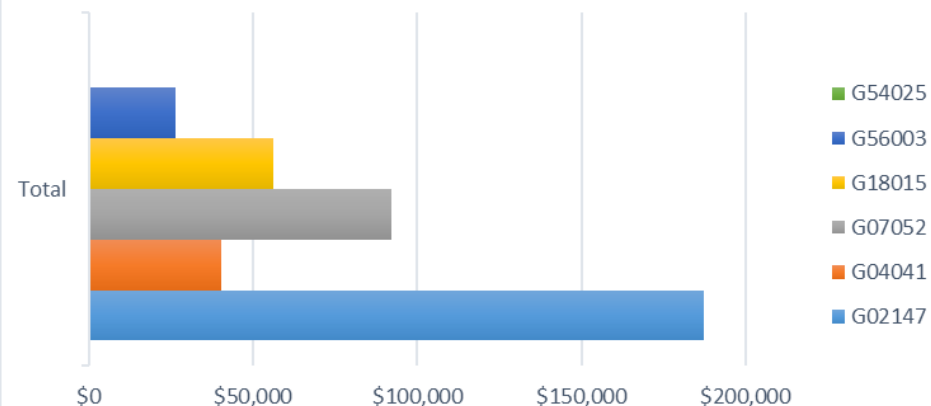
Property purchase price as compared to fair market value (FMV)



What is this chart?

Stabilization is one of the four program activities eligible for Protect and Restore Land funds. Stabilization is the phase of management that follows acquisition. During stabilization Metro uses bond funds to address threats that would otherwise compromise the values for which a new natural area is acquired. As no two properties are the same or have the same conditions present, stabilization plans and costs will vary by property and the conditions present.

Dollars spent stabilizing property acquisitions



Reminders— land acquisition property level reporting



Regional significance

Accessibility

Racial equity

Date: September 16, 2022
To: Lynn Peterson, Council President
From: Dan Moeller, Conservation Program Director
Re: Parks and Nature land acquisition

Target area: Lower Tualatin Headwaters	Date of closing: August 8, 2022
File number: 54.025	Purchase price: \$1,000,000
Seller: Jonathan and Debra Pearce	City: Unincorporated Washington County
Ownership type: Fee simple	Partner: N/A
Acreage: 39.95	Stream frontage: 3,160 LF (both sides)

Below please find a summary of a recent Parks and Nature land acquisition, which will contribute to protecting fish and wildlife habitat, improving water quality, and connecting people to nature close to home in the greater Portland region.

Regional Significance

As part of the Lower Tualatin Headwaters target area, this property includes main stem and headwater areas of Heaton Creek and is a regionally significant natural area due to its fish and wildlife habitat and contribution to water quality in the Tualatin River. Springs and forested headwaters on this property help provide cold, clean water and increased summer base flow downstream. This property is the first property in the Heaton Creek watershed to be purchased for conservation by Metro or any other conservation organization, and it will provide a meaningful anchor for future conservation investment in this part of the Lower Tualatin Headwaters target area.

Accessibility

All Metro natural areas are open to the public. This property is in a remote part of Washington County and is not accessible by public transportation or regional trails. Steep slopes and erodible soils make access difficult and could affect water quality. The property connects to large adjacent areas of intact forested habitat with relatively low levels of human disturbance.

This acquisition is important to the region because it meets the criteria established in the parks and nature bond measure approved by voters in November 2019 and supports the refinement plan goals and objectives for this target area as adopted by the Metro Council in April 2022:

Racial Equity and Community Engagement Criteria

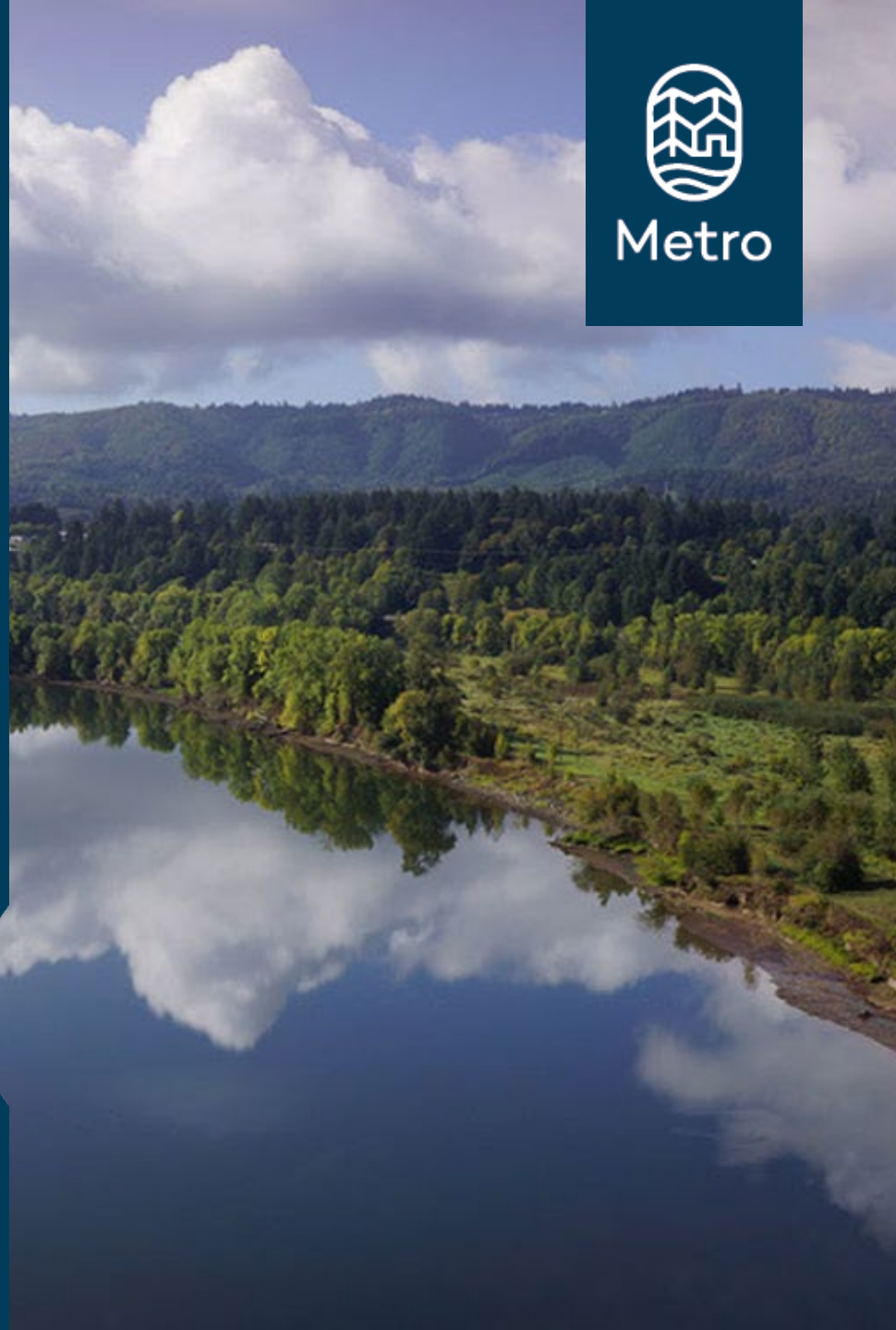
- Prioritize projects and needs identified by communities of color, Indigenous communities, low-income and other historically marginalized groups.

Protecting this property conserves culturally significant native plants while also permanently protecting important spawning and rearing habitat for culturally important native fish such as Coho Salmon, Steelhead and Pacific lamprey, important species identified by Tribal Nations and

Reference slides





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Carrying forward what we heard at the September meeting



Comment/question	How we'll address	when
How are bond investments advancing climate resilience?	Tool that helps connect land acquisition to climate resilience criteria	Discussion at December meeting 
Can we project bond spend by year?	Discuss in finance working group	discuss at December meeting 
How do we know who is benefitting from jobs/contracts from bond funded projects?	Look at COBID reporting in quarterly report as a start	
How does the Natural Areas oversight committee intersect with other Metro oversight and advisory committees?	Part of meeting plan for 2023	

Committee members



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Burt Edwards
Lisa Freedman
Bryan Mercier
Georgena Moran
Cary Watters
Owen Wozniak
John Ferguson
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Former US Forest Service Executive and Budgeting Director
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Accessibility specialist, ACCESS recreation
Contract equity manager, Portland Bureau of Transportation
Land Transactions Program Manager, the Land Trust Alliance
Former geotechnical engineer
Owner, Mudbone Grown LLC
Strategist, Oregon Food Bank
Digital Strategist and Project manager
Environmental Scientist, private practitioner
Underwriting Counsel, Fidelity National Title Group
Professor, Portland State University
Director, Procurement Sustainability, Nike
Environmental social scientist and landscape architect

Council liaisons



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Councilor Shirley Craddick, District 1: includes Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, portions of East Portland and the unincorporated communities of Damascus and Boring

Councilor Mary Nolan, District 5: includes Northwest and North Portland, portions of Southwest and Northeast Portland, plus the city of Maywood Park and part of Washington County.

Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, District 3: includes portions of Washington and Clackamas counties and the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville

Staff team



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Parks and Nature leadership: Jon Blasher, MG Devereux, Dan Moeller, Mychal Tetteh

Background information, staff support: Beth Cohen

Meeting logistics, administrative support: Melanie Reinert

Office of Metro Attorney: Michelle Bellia

Parks and Nature finance manager: Chantia Clark

Group agreements



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- In discussions, challenge ideas rather than individuals.
- Approach different opinions with curiosity, seek to understand.
- Keep the needs and concerns of the local community and the larger region at the forefront of the work.
- Keep focus on the objectives of the meetings; work with facilitator to note additional topics for discussion.
- Keep multi-tasking to a minimum

Group agreements



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- Notify committee chairperson and Metro staff of any media inquiries and refer requests for official statements or viewpoints to Metro. Committee members will not speak to media on behalf of the committee or Metro, but rather only on their own behalf.
- Share questions they have with the full committee so everyone can benefit from the answers
- **Members in working groups commit to capturing discussions to transparently share the results with the larger group.**

Land acquisition at-a-glance



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Money allocated in bond

Total of \$155, plus \$10 million from trails program for trail gap acquisition

Governing documents

- Council approved refinement plans with acquisition priorities for land and trail gaps
- Natural areas work plan sets parameters for acquisition protocol
- Closing memo for each completed purchase to Metro Council and oversight committee demonstrates alignment with bond criteria

Progress to date

- Deep engagement to identify priorities for land acquisition
- \$10 million spent to acquire 10 properties
- Acquisition of over 380 acres and 1 trail gap
- Hired two real estate specialists
- Outreach to 57 landowners since July 2022
- \$40,000 spent on stabilization to date

Trail grants program at-a-glance



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Money allocated in bond: \$40 million for walking and biking trails. \$20 million for grants to trail planning and construction projects, \$10 for trail gap acquisition

Key documents

- [Council approved resolution approving slate of grants](#)
- [Trail grants handbook](#)
- [Report from summer 2022 public comment](#)
- IGA with local agency partners

Progress to date: one cycle of trail grants awarded to 12 projects for \$19.5 million in September 2022; working to support grant recipients in advancing projects

Key risks, issues for awareness

- Basis of intergovernmental agreement with grant recipients from local share IGA
- Grant program is reimbursement based, with up to 30% available up front
- Incorporating policy priorities into requirements for grantees like cultural resource assessments for ground disturbing activities and workforce equity goals

Local share program at-a-glance



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Money allocated in bond: \$92 million to 27 park providers

Key documents

- [Local share handbook](#)
- Council approved local share IGA template (approved by resolution)
- [Local share webpage with resources for identifying and submitting projects](#)
- Zoom grants portal

Progress to date: five projects awarded \$9.3 million in funds; \$4 spent on acquisition; 3 projects submitted from Portland Park and Recreation; ongoing meetings with park providers and have hosted 7 roundtables on bond criteria

Key risks, issues for awareness

- Allocations based on a population, assessed value formula, range from \$200,000 to over \$30 million for PPR
- Park providers have ten years to identify and submit projects for funding;
- Program is largely reimbursement based with the allowance up to 30 percent awarded up front. For acquisitions, full dollar amount is awarded up front.

Capital grants pilot program at-a-glance



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Money allocated in bond: not specified, but around \$4 million

Key documents

- Pilot [guidebook](#) and [guidebook brief](#)
- [RFP for community engagement services](#) for idea collection and community vote phases

Progress to date: Convened a committee to build the program handbook and guide idea collection; affirmed geographic focus for pilot on district 4; met with 5 park providers in district 4 about partnering on pilot; hired community engagement team for idea collection

Key risks, issues for awareness:

- Bond funds can't support needed project development work to ensure project ideas selected by community can advance; money coming from PN general fund
- Project(s) selected will need to be in public ownership (park provider in district 4)
- The capital grants pilot first will help conduct idea collection and engagement around potential projects that could be eligible for the capital grants standard program

Capital grants standard program at-a-glance



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Money allocated in bond: \$40 million

Key documents: Capital grants handbook (to be developed/finalized)

Progress to date: The work and engagement over the last year to build the guidebook for the capital grants pilot will form the foundation of the capital grants standard guidebook

Key risks, issues for awareness:

- This program in the 2006 natural areas bond funded 8 rounds of grants including projects like Cully Park, Gateway Green, Nadaka nature park in Gresham, Milwaukie riverfront park
- Projects must involve partnership of a park provider and community organizations and funded projects must result in a capital asset in public ownership
- Traditionally it has taken time, staff support and building relationships with grant recipients to identify projects that will result in a capital asset and are ready for funding
- Part of the focus on the capital grants pilot first is to help conduct idea collection and engagement around potential projects that could be eligible for the capital grants standard program

Take care of Metro parks program at-a-glance



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Money allocated in bond: \$98 million

Key documents

- [PN Capital Improvement Plan](#)

Progress to date

- \$8.4 spent to date
- 2019 bond funds helped complete Chehalem Ridge and Newell Creek Completed Blue Lake Park utilities and facilities plan
- 6 projects underway at BLP including water line phase 1 and building demo complete, Oxbow road and water analysis in design/engineering

Key risks, issues for awareness

- About \$10 for investing in ADA transition plan including pilot at Graham Oaks
- \$4 million allocated to Lone Fir Cultural Heritage and Healing Garden

Community visions program at-a-glance



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Money allocated in bond: \$50 million, \$20 million earmarked for Willamette falls legacy project

Key documents

- [Council approved pilot program handbook](#)
- [Website with active notice of funding availability](#)

Progress to date: 10 conversations with potential partners around notice of funding availability for initial round

4 letters of interest submitted by end of October

Key risks, issues for awareness

- New program for Metro Parks and Nature

Bond administration/criteria alignment at-a-glance



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Key documents

- [Bond measure language](#)
- [Oversight committee bylaws](#)
- [Climate resilience intention](#) guidance document
- [Anti-displacement information and resources](#)
- [Evaluation framework to articulate impact of bond investments](#)
- [Bond dashboard](#) (updated quarterly)