

Agenda



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600 NE Grand Ave.
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Meeting: CORE Monthly Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 19th 2022
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30PM
Place: Virtual meeting via Zoom

5:30 PM **Welcome and Introductions**

5:35 PM **Committee Business**

Public Comment
Updates from Committee Members

Co-Chair Elections Next Month
Subcommittee assignments

5:45 PM **Metro Council Update**

6:00 PM **Discussion on Parks and Nature Local Option Levy**

Mychal Tetteh (Parks and Nature) (he/him), Beth Cohen (Parks and Nature) (she/her)

6:45 PM **Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan Development Proposed Values and**

Gloria Pinzón (WPES) (she/they) ; Luis Sandoval (WPES) (he/him)

7:30 PM **Adjourn**

STAFF REPORT

DISCUSSION ON PARKS AND NATURE LOCAL OPTION LEVY

Date: 5/5/2022

Department: Parks and Nature

Meeting Date: 5/19/2022

Presenter(s): Mychal Tetteh, Scotty Ellis, Beth Cohen

Length: 45 minutes

ISSUE STATEMENT

Metro's Parks and Nature mission is to protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and connect people with nature close to home. Metro's Parks and Nature department manages more than 17,000 acres of parks, trails, natural areas and historic cemeteries as part of a unique system with nature at its heart. Metro is uniquely focused on the acquisition and restoration of large-scale conservation of natural areas close to urban settings typically beyond the reach of local jurisdictions.

The [Parks and Nature System Plan](#), which describes the department's mission, strategies and priorities and the [Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan \(REDI plan\)](#) aimed at improving economic, environmental and cultural equity in alignment with Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, govern the department's work. The department's REDI Action Plan ensures that everything the department does helps advance racial equity through specific actions around connecting communities of color to resources; providing more equitable access to safe, welcoming parks, trails and natural areas; and helping people of color connect with nature in the region's parks and nature system.

At the heart of Metro's parks and nature work are the investments that voters have made. The policy direction and practical impact of these voter approved investment measures is a helpful lens to communicate about Parks and Nature's overall work. Over the last 25 years, voters have supported Metro's Parks and Nature department with three bond measures and a local option levy that work together to maximize impact. Bond dollars must be spent on work that creates capital projects, like a land acquisition or park amenities, which are only effective if they are maintained, operated and have ongoing staff support.

In November 2019, Greater Portland voters overwhelmingly approved a \$475 million Metro parks and nature bond measure to further protect water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature. The 2019 parks and nature bond builds on the legacy of natural areas bond measures approved by voters in 1995 and 2006 that enabled the acquisition of over 15,000 acres of natural areas and for the first time, prioritizes racial equity, community engagement and climate resilience.

The Parks and Nature five year local option levy, first approved by the region's voters in 2013, plays an essential role in making our region's system of parks, trails and natural areas possible. About half the levy restores habitat at Metro owned natural areas and funds regional conservation efforts across the greater Portland region. The other half of levy funding supports park operations, improves public access at Metro sites, expands nature education and volunteer programming, and provides grants for community nature projects and partnerships. The levy raises over \$16 million a year while only costing a typical taxpayer approximately \$20 a year. Voters later approved a five-year renewal of the levy in 2016, and funding is now set to run out in June 2023.

COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT

The Metro Council direction and guidance has helped shape Parks and Nature's overarching policy direction through the Parks and Nature System plan and the Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan as well as the direction captured in the 2019 Parks and Nature bond. As part of the process in 2018 and 2019 to develop a bond measure to refer to the region's voters, Parks and Nature staff updated and consulted with CORE.

Last year, the Metro Council directed staff to develop a potential levy renewal package for Council consideration at the same rate, to build off the current levy framework and categories, and to prioritize racial equity and climate resilience. A renewal of the parks and nature local option levy wouldn't increase taxes. Since then, Metro staff has been working with partners and community members to develop a potential levy renewal for the Metro Council to consider in 2022 later this year.

QUESTION(S) for CORE

At the May 19 meeting, Parks and Nature staff will provide a more detailed update on the parks and nature local option levy and recent work to develop a draft framework for potential levy renewal. Staff are hoping to preview and hear feedback on the draft desired outcomes in the framework as they relate to advancing forward each goal within the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Ongoing opportunities for community to shape Parks and Nature's work—Over the past couple of years, our department has done deep engagement with community during the development and implementation of the recent parks and nature bond, the development of various programs such as the connect with nature program, and the development of the department's racial equity and other policies. Parks and Nature staff work to build long term relationships with partners and community members to co-create education and restoration activities at Metro sites and to shape planning of Metro sites like the newly opened Chehalem Ridge Nature Park, south of Forest Grove.

In addition, the Metro Parks and Nature Equity Advisory Committee meets monthly to help shape the department's planning processes and policy formation. The committee has and will continue to ensure that parks and nature programs and projects supported by the bond and levy improve access to nature for communities of color. In the selection of the

equity advisory committee, Metro seeks representatives who have long-term connections to local communities of color, expertise and commitment to elevating the needs and aspirations of communities of color, and who have an interest in connecting their communities to the outdoors.

Articulating outcomes for Parks and Nature's work—Metro's Parks and Nature department reports annually to the Metro Council and the public on investments in the regions' parks, trails and natural areas and has experience collecting a robust set of data to quantify our work. Parks and Nature staff have been building on this reporting work to develop tools that help articulate the broader impacts of parks, trails and natural areas investments on communities across the region. Staff have recently launched a process to develop an outcomes framework to measure the impact of investments from the 2019 parks and nature bond on communities in the region.

This bond outcomes framework is being developed in parallel with a set of desired outcomes that will be part of the potential levy renewal framework. The desired outcomes statements are meant to be high level descriptions of the impacts that Metro, with its community and regional partners, is intending to make through the levy investments. The outcomes outline what the intended success of the levy will look like and act as guideposts for staff to evaluate whether the levy work is on path to reach the desired outcomes. Once approved by Council, the desired outcomes will be inserted into the Council adopted levy renewal framework and will allow for more coordinated reporting across the bond and the parks and nature local option levy.

RELEVANCE TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The work to develop and implement the 2019 parks and nature bond and the potential parks and nature levy renewal framework advances almost all of the goals of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. In addition, at the May 19 meeting, Parks and Nature staff will describe for CORE's review the work to align outcomes in the draft levy renewal framework with the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. A few relevant examples are listed below:

Goal A. Metro convenes and supports regional partners to advance racial equity.

The Parks and Nature department's distribution of grant funding and allocations to the region's park providers and conservation and community organizations enables collaboration and shared learning around advancing racial equity through parks and nature projects. For example, the 2019 parks and nature bond local share program supports the region's 27 park providers in identifying and funding priority parks, trails and natural areas projects in their communities, which will need to address the bond criteria of racial equity, community engagement and climate resilience. In addition, Metro acts as a convener of conservation partners and an anchor organization for complex restoration and climate resiliency projects, which community members.

Goal B. Metro meaningfully engages communities of color.

Meaningful engagement with communities of color over the last several years has shaped the development and implementation of the 2019 parks and nature bond and the local option levy by centering the voices of Black, Indigenous and other people of color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+ community members, immigrants and refugees and other marginalized communities by increasing access to and shifting decision-making to community.

Parks and Nature staff worked to strengthen and nurture an ongoing authentic partnership with urban Indigenous community cohort throughout the bond development and implementation process. In addition, the bond funded Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants pilot is utilizing a novel approach called participatory budgeting that gives community members a direct voice in choosing which projects in their communities to recommend up to \$4 million in funding to the Metro Council. Staff are continually reflecting on lessons learned and what we can do better.

Finally, to ensure that staff are not returning to community and asking the same questions in search for similar input, Parks and Nature staff are continually referring and incorporating the guidance we've already received.

Goal D. Metro creates safe and welcoming services, programs and destinations

Every day we're working to create safe and welcoming spaces for people to be healthy and outdoors. The overlapping crises of the last year underlined access to nature as an essential service that is crucial to their physical, mental, and emotional health. Through the last two years, Metro's parks remained open to the public and saw significantly more visitors.

Accessibility is more than just being able to physically access a site and Parks and Nature invests in community grants, partnerships and sponsorships that reduce barriers to learn about, care for and enjoy natural spaces around the region. For example, education and stewardship programs offer hands-on experiences that allow people to learn more about the natural world while also fostering the next generation of leaders. Partnerships with culturally specific organizations help break down barriers to nature that communities of color, immigrants, refugees, low-income families and others have long experienced.

Finally, Parks and Nature has an ADA transition plan and has designated funds to help invest in accessibility improvements at our sites across the region. Staff are working to partner with members of the disability community to help shape these improvements.

Goal E. Metro's resource allocation advances racial equity.

One way Metro Parks and Nature is working toward economic equity is to support minority-owned, women-owned and emerging small businesses and workers when we spend money on contract work. There is currently a 20 percent floor for COBID contracting over the life of the 2019 parks and nature bond measure and stated goals for COBID contracting as part of our current levy framework. Metro staff tracks the participation of COBID contractors in contracts funded by the bond and levy annually and is working to evaluate how to increase participation over time. In addition, the 2019 parks and nature

bond measure incorporates the requirements of Metro's Construction Career Pathways framework on bond funded projects at Metro facilities.

ATTACHMENTS

- [Parks and Nature Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan Executive Summary](#)
- [Parks and Nature levy fact sheets by county](#)
- [2019 Parks and Nature bond overview sheet](#)



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Parks and Nature overview at CORE

May 19 2022

Today, we hope to discuss with you



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Follow up on presentation from April CORE meeting

Provide a more detailed update on the parks and nature levy and potential renewal

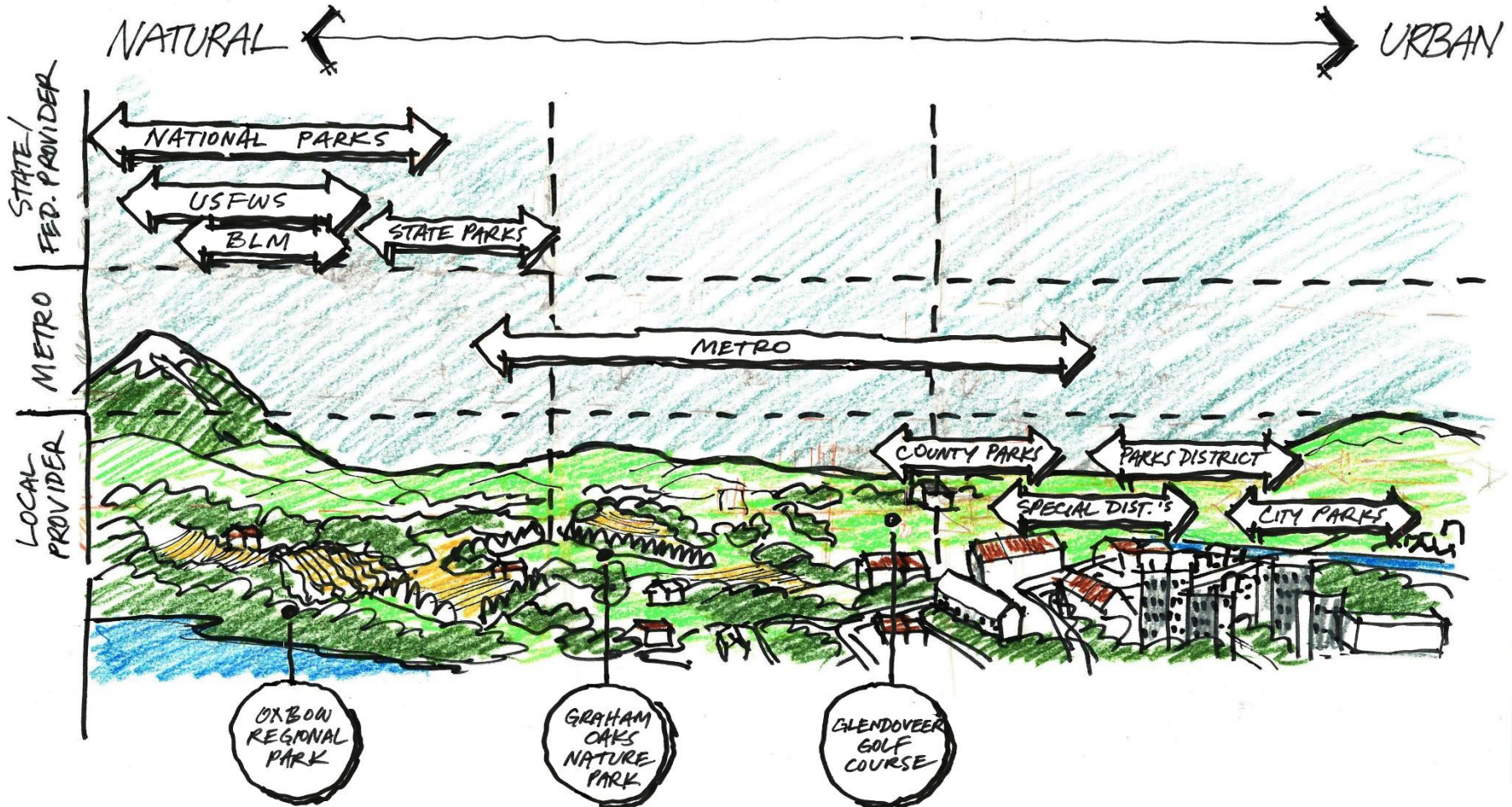
Hear your feedback on alignment with strategic plan to advance racial equity



Metro Parks and Nature's role in the region



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Unique system with nature at its heart



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Metro parks and regional trails

For more information, visit yourperfectpark.org and theintertwine.org

For additional photos and videos, please visit accessstrails.org, which provides information for visitors of varying physical abilities.



Advancing racial equity across the portfolio



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- Using meaningful engagement to shape our work at each step
- Nature for nature's sake resonates across all communities
- Reduce barriers to access at Metro parks and natural areas
- Contracting/workforce equity



Three decades protecting what makes this place special



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- **Natural area land acquisition**
 - 15,000+ acres
 - 100 miles of streams
- **Local community investments**
 - Nature in Neighborhood grants
 - Local parks, trails and natural areas
- **Metro capital projects**
 - Nature parks (Graham Oaks, Cooper Mountain)
 - Regional trail projects
 - Fish habitat restoration



Bond and levy maximize impacts for climate, accessibility and health



Parks and Nature levy



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5-year levy supports:

- Restoration and maintenance
- Park operations
- Public access improvements
- Nature education and volunteer programs
- Community grants and partnerships

More info at
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Levy impact examples



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Levy impact examples



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Levy impact examples



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Potential levy renewal

- Same cost to taxpayers
- 3 main categories of work
1) restoration, 2) operations, 3) community-led investments and education
- Prioritization of racial equity and climate resilience
- Describes work types and desired outcomes



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How community and partners have shaped this work



Leveraging what we've heard in bond development and refinement over the last year

Levy programs shaped by community input over the years

- Grants, partnerships and sponsorships
- Connect with Nature
- Community Education and Stewardship

Opportunities to help prioritize future levy funded projects in a potential renewal

Draft desired outcomes in levy framework



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- High level descriptions of impact
- Act as “guideposts”
- Specific to levy expenditures
- Coordinated with bond impacts



Questions for you



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1. Which outcomes resonate the most with you?
2. Is anything missing?
3. Do the draft desired outcomes in the framework align with each goal within the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion? Is there anything missing?

Outcomes focused on Goal A: Metro convenes and supports regional partners to advance racial equity



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Climate leadership: Collaborate with partners to plan for and make strategic decisions related to conservation priorities across the region for broader, more impactful action for climate change adaptation and resilience.

Outcomes focused on Goal B: Metro meaningfully engages communities of color



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Engagement and accountability: Serve communities through inclusive, transparent and accountable engagement.

Native plants: Protect and restore culturally significant native plants in partnership with greater Portland's Indigenous community and tribes.

Education: Work with historically marginalized educators to design collaborative and culturally relevant education that lifts up multiple ways of knowing.

Outcomes focused on Goal C: Metro hires, trains and promotes a racially diverse workforce



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Workforce equity: Increase the prosperity of historically marginalized workers and communities through levy investments.

Outcomes focused on Goal D: Metro creates safe and welcoming services, programs and destinations



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Accessibility: Ensure that Metro's parks are more accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Inclusion: Ensure that Metro park users of all backgrounds can access a variety of nature experiences to strengthen their relationship to the natural world.

Outcomes focused on Goal E: Metro's resource allocation advances racial equity



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Contractor equity: Built capacity and experience of historically marginalized contractors through projects at/with Metro.

Workforce equity: Increase the prosperity of historically marginalized workers and communities through levy investments.

Questions?



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Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan Development

Proposed Values and Outcomes (Draft 5/31/22)

Overview

The Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan, to be adopted by Metro Council, will outline future infrastructure investments and services needed to fulfill the goals in the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. The planning process will assess the region's current public, private and non-profit garbage, recycling and reuse infrastructure, identify services gaps, and present potential approaches and a plan for future system investments. Specifically, the plan will include:

1. An overview of the facility-based garbage, recycling and reuse services necessary for achieving the goals of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan,
2. The current and anticipated gaps in those services,
3. Alternative scenarios for the public, private and non-profit sectors to fill the gaps or mitigate the need to fill them over the next 20 years, and
4. An implementation plan and financing options for Metro's role in advancing the plan and building new facilities.

Values and Outcomes

The Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan will be guided by the 2030 Regional Waste Plan values and racial equity principles. Together, these six values and three equity principles make up the values framework for the Garbage and Recycling Facilities Plan. This document presents the proposed plan's desired outcomes under that framework. Since the Regional Waste Plan was created before Metro had a dedicated Tribal Policy Advisor position and did not include a value, principle or goal related to Tribal consultation, one value has been added to reflect Metro's commitment to this approach.

The proposed values and outcomes were presented to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee for review and input in March and April 2022. Their input has been incorporated into the proposed outcomes. Outcomes that relate to actions in the 2030 Regional Waste Plan and/or have the highest potential to advance racial equity goals in Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion, are noted. Each outcome is also noted as to whether it is expected to be achieved during the Garbage and Recycling Facilities Plan's planning process or the implementation phase as facilities are built out over the next 20 years.

Key assumptions to clarify the context and expectations for the plan outcomes include:

- The region's garbage and recycling system remains a hybrid system made up of a mix of public, private and non-profit providers.
- The plan will expand on the 2030 Regional Waste Plan actions specifically related to Metro's role in planning and building future facilities and infrastructure. Other actions, such as regulating or incentivizing private solid waste facilities, are outside the scope of this plan.
- The plan will clarify Metro's future role in providing facility-based services, including facilities to be built or renovated by Metro, or by Metro in cooperation with public, private and/or non-profit partners (referred to as "facility projects identified in the plan" in the outcomes below).
- The planning process may identify recommendations for how private and non-profit facilities could meet some of the identified gaps in the system and project outcomes, and these will need to be developed further outside of this plan.

Regional Waste Plan Values

1. Protect and restore the environment and promote health for all

Ensure that current and future generations enjoy clean air, water and land. Lead efforts to reduce impacts of climate change and minimize release of toxins in the environment.

	Proposed Outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	The planning process identifies the design, technology and operational best practices to implement in facility projects identified in the plan in order to minimize human health, safety and nuisance impacts to employees, customers and neighboring communities.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 12 , Actions 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 Goal 16 , Action 16.3	Planning and Implementation
B	Facility projects identified in the plan that include new construction or major renovations adhere to Metro's proposed Sustainable Buildings and Sites policy update (expected to be reviewed by Metro Council by July 2022), which includes meeting the International Living Future Institute's Core Green Building Certification standard that addresses ecological and climate change impact, access to transit, water and energy reduction, human health, responsible building materials, accessibility, equity and inclusion, biophilic design & education.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 12 , Action 12.4 Goal 7 , Action 7.1	Implementation
C	Existing facilities owned or leased by Metro meet the operations and maintenance standards in Metro's proposed Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy and reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, particulate matter, and other pollutants and toxins from on- and off-road vehicles, stationary equipment, and products and materials used onsite.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 12 , Actions 12.3, 12.4	Implementation
D	All facility projects identified in the plan develop good neighbor agreements with their host communities to lessen negative environmental and human health impacts from facility operations.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 13 , Action 13.3	Implementation

2. Conserve natural resources

Reduce the amount of energy, water and raw materials needed to make products. Manage materials to their highest and best use (reduce, reuse, recycle).

	Proposed Outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	The plan identifies high-priority materials to target for reuse, repair, recycling or composting and the infrastructure investments needed to manage those materials efficiently, at a regional scale.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 8	Planning
B	The planning process identifies opportunities for facility projects identified in the plan to provide workspace for business incubation, access to materials and other tools for supporting projects that reuse, repair and upcycle materials.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 8 , Actions 8.2, 8.5, 8.6	Planning and Implementation
C	The region's reuse and repair infrastructure is expanded to provide neighborhood scale opportunities to buy and donate reusable and repairable items throughout the region, particularly where those services are not currently available.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 8 , Actions 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal D	Implementation

D	The siting process for facility projects identified in the plan gives preference to areas where reuse, repair and recycling businesses already exist or could locate in the future for potential colocation benefits.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 8	Implementation
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3. Advance environmental literacy

Facilitate life-long environmental learning for youth and adults. Increase knowledge of natural systems, and the human impacts on them, in order to foster civic responsibility and community empowerment.

	Proposed outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	Facility projects identified in the plan provide opportunities for youth and adults to learn about the recycling and garbage system, environmental justice and the connections between products, human health and nature, through tours, displays, exhibits, viewing rooms and events.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 6 , Actions 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 Goal 9 , Actions 9.1, 9.3 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal D	Implementation
B	Environmental education and programming offered at facility projects identified in the plan are developed in partnership with community-based organizations and non-profits focused on waste prevention, reuse, repair, recycling, composting, environmental justice, sustainable materials management, and toxics reduction.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 6 , Actions 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 Goal 9 , Actions 9.1, 9.3 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goals B, D	Implementation

4. Foster economic well-being

Promote inclusive prosperity and living well for all residents of the region. Increase access to economic opportunities for all communities.

	Proposed outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	Facility projects identified in the plan offer jobs with living wages and benefits, as well as a safe work environment with on-site amenities for employees.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 3 , Action 3.2 Goal 12 , Action 12.1 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal C	Implementation
B	Facility projects identified in the plan are publicly operated to support implementation of Metro's workforce diversity and wages goals.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 3 , Action 3.5	Implementation
C	Metro implements all applicable strategies in the Construction Career Pathways Project Regional Framework to the construction, renovation and operation of facility projects identified in the plan in order to recruit, train and retain individuals who are underrepresented in the garbage and recycling industry, particularly women and people of color.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 4 , Actions 4.1, 4.2 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal C	Implementation
D	In partnership with workforce and community-based organizations, facility projects identified in the plan provide workforce development opportunities within the garbage, recycling, reuse and repair sectors for people with barriers to employment.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 4 , Action 4.5 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal C	Implementation

5. Ensure operational resilience, adaptability and sustainability

Maintain a regional system that is safe and responsive to changing conditions to ensure long-term viability. Prepare for recovery after natural disasters.

	Proposed outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	The planning process evaluates and incorporates key elements of interrelated regional transportation and land use planning projects, such as the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan.		Planning
B	The planning process identifies funding options for the plan’s final list of facility investments that align with Metro Council’s solid waste rate and fee setting criteria, such as affordability, waste reduction, consistency and predictability.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 14 , Actions 14.2, 14.3, 14.6	Planning
C	Facility projects identified in the plan are designed for highly efficient and flexible operations, such as having flat tipping floors for better screening of materials for reuse/recycling, easier cleaning and faster unloading for customers.		Planning and Implementation
D	The plan identifies the earthquake, flood, and natural hazard performance standards to implement at facility projects identified in the plan.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 18 , Actions 18.4 18.5	Planning and Implementation
E	The plan identifies the investments needed to build redundant and resilient infrastructure, equipment and services into the garbage and recycling system for enhancing disaster resilience.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 18 , Actions 18.1, 18.4	Planning and Implementation

6. Provide excellent service and equitable system access

Ensure that high-quality and good-value programs, services and facilities are equitably accessible to all.

	Proposed outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	The plan establishes direction for improvements to existing Metro owned or leased facilities, including such facilities as the Regional Illegal Dumping Deployment Center, MetroPaint, Metro South and Metro Central Transfer Stations, Metro West site.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 16 , Actions 16.6	Planning
B	The planning process considers developing retail-like facilities (such as stores and malls) that can serve both as collection points for certain recyclable and reusable materials and places where people can shop upcycled, used or repaired items and sustainable products.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 16 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal D	Planning
C	The plan outlines a preferred scenario for a future network of regional facilities to be built over the next 20 years consisting of a mix of smaller-scale facilities and large transfer stations, in order to maximize access to service, geographic equity and reductions in environmental and human health impacts.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 8 , Action 8.5 Goal 16 , Actions 16.1, 16.2	Planning and Implementation
D	When siting facilities designed to serve the general public, preference will be given to sites that are close to a major road or highway and public transit to increase accessibility for customers with or without cars.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 16 , Actions 16.1, 16.2 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal D	Implementation

E	Facility-based services that are identified in the plan are kept affordable for low-income customers through methods such as income-based sliding scale pricing or discounts.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 14 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal D	Implementation
F	Facility projects identified in the plan employ multilingual and culturally competent staff and use communication tools (flyers, signage, and wayfinding) that are simple and easy to understand by all.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 11, Action 11.1 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal D	Implementation
G	Facility projects identified in the plan are accessible and inclusive to people with disabilities.	Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal D	Implementation

Regional Waste Plan Principles

7. Community restoration

Take action to repair past harms and disproportionate impacts caused by the regional solid waste system.

	Proposed outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	The planning process evaluates the benefits and burdens of potential facility investments on historically marginalized communities, using a climate justice lens.	Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal A	Planning
B	The planning process incorporates the viewpoints and needs of historically marginalized communities as they relate to garbage and recycling facilities and services.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 1 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal B	Planning

8. Community partnerships

Develop authentic partnerships and community trust to advance the plan's vision.

	Proposed outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	The planning process is guided by a new Community Advisory Group, made up of members representing historically marginalized communities from throughout the region, who works alongside staff to review draft findings and develop plan elements, and creates leadership opportunities for members.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 1, Action 1.1 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal B	Planning
B	Metro actively involves local community based organizations in the siting, review, design and construction of facility projects identified in the plan.	Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal B	Planning and Implementation
C	If facility projects identified in the plan provide business incubator or space for the reuse, repair and upcycle of materials, Metro seeks to partner with and support projects led by people, organizations and businesses from communities of color, immigrant communities and other historically marginalized groups.	Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal E	Planning and Implementation

9. Community investment

Emphasize resource allocation to communities of color and historically marginalized communities.

	Proposed outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	Facility projects identified in the plan develop Community Benefits Agreements with their host community to ensure benefits and investments, such as Community Enhancement Grant funds, are equitably shared and help address the host community’s needs.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 13, Action 13.4 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal E	Implementation
B	Facility projects identified in the plan that are intended for residential customers provide community gathering opportunities through, for example, parks, meeting spaces and event venues.	Regional Waste Plan Goal 13 Metro Racial Equity Strategy Goal D	Implementation

New Proposed Value

10. Tribal consultation

Develop authentic relationships with sovereign Nations so that Tribal interests can be considered in Metro’s Waste Prevention and Environmental Services (WPES) projects and programs.

	Proposed outcomes	Related Policy Guidance	Outcome type
A	Tribes are sovereign nations who have interests that could be affected by development of this plan. Metro’s WPES Department seeks consultation and engagement with Tribal governments on how the plan can help advance shared priorities such as cultural and historic resource protection, environmental protection, addressing climate change and using resources sustainably.		Planning and Implementation
B	Through government-to -government engagement on this plan, Metro’s WPES Department seeks to establish new relationships, partnerships and builds trust with Tribes.		Planning and Implementation