## ORDINANCE NO. 189449

\*Authorize application to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for a grant up to the amount of \$270,000 for restoration work in Forest Park (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) was created in 1987 as the Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board, later becoming OWEB in 1999. Its Restoration Grant program is authorized by legislation passed in 2017 (ORS 541.890 through 541.972). It is funded by the State Lottery via the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund. Through this program, OWEB is authorized to support projects that protect or restore watershed functions and native fish and wildlife habitat.
- 2. Forest Park is a 5,200-acre urban forest located in the City of Portland. Roughly 580 park acres fall within the Balch Creek Watershed, which includes a fish-bearing stream system and a diversity of upland and riparian forest habitat. This ecologically significant resource is seriously impacted by non-native weeds; primarily invasive species of ivy and holly. Long-term monitoring has confirmed the need for significant restoration action to prevent the permanent degradation or loss of native plant communities and wildlife habitat in this area. Forest Park lacks dedicated funding to accomplish this work and relies heavily on partners and grants.
- 3. Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) proposes to request funding from OWEB to help complete the restoration of the Balch Creek Watershed. This project area is currently the highest restoration priority within the Renew Forest Park initiative. This work would be accomplished through collaboration, cost sharing and community stewardship events with multiple partners, including the Forest Park Conservancy (FPC) and Metro. The project will complete a multi-phased restoration plan launched in 2015 to restore high-value riparian and upland habitats by controlling invasive plant species and re-establishing native vegetation. These activities contribute to goals stated in the Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan, PP&R's Renew Forest Park, and PP&R's five-year strategic plan.
- 4. The total cost of the proposed project is up to \$472,000, running from FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, and FY 2022-23.
- 5. A contribution up to the amount of \$152,000 in match will be provided by PP&R through personnel budgets and plant material during the life of the project. In addition, the Forest Park Conservancy has pledged \$50,000 in cash match, pending the success of a 2019 application to Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods restoration grant for complementary work in the Balch Creek Watershed. The total match that could be provided for this grant is up to \$202,000.

## NOW THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Mayor is hereby authorized to make an application to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for a Restoration Grant up to the amount of \$270,000.
- b. The Mayor is authorized to provide such information and assurances as are required for the grant period.
- c. The Office of Management & Finance Grants Management Division is authorized to perform administrative matters related to the grant agreement or amendments, and all requests for reimbursement from the grantor, and to submit required online grant documents on the Mayor's behalf.
- d. Portland Parks & Recreation is authorized to perform all other administrative matters in relation to the grant application including the application submission online.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because of grant application deadlines; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: APR 1 0 2019

Commissioner Nick Fish Prepared by: Becca Shively Date Prepared: February 6, 2019

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