

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize a grant application to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for restoration work in Forest Park.

Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) intends to collaborate and cost-share with partners on habitat and watershed restoration and community stewardship activities in the Balch Creek Watershed within Forest Park. This work 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.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

This legislation is for approval to submit the grant application and has no financial impact. If the grant proposal is funded, it will increase the City's appropriation by up to \$270,000, and the funds would be appropriated in the FY 2019-20 budget. There is a minimum 25% cost share requirement. A contribution up to the amount of \$152,000 in match will be provided by PP&R through personnel budgets, volunteer hours 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 provided for this grant could be up to \$202,000, and total project costs up to \$472,000.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

If awarded, Forest Park visitors and the neighboring community would benefit from improved watershed function and wildlife habitat.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

N/A

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

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