

Portland, Oregon

**FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT
For Council Action Items**

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4a. To be filed (hearing date): August 10, 2011	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office and FPD Budget Analyst: July 27, 2011
6a. Financial Impact Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial impact section completed		6b. Public Involvement Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public involvement section completed	

1) Legislation Title:

*Authorize agreements with entities wishing to help fund development or maintain community gardens managed by Portland Parks & Recreation. (Ordinance)

2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:

Give the Commissioner in Charge of Parks the authority to enter into agreements with individuals or groups wishing to contribute to the development or maintenance of community gardens.

3) Which area(s) of the city are affected by this Council item? (Check all that apply—areas are based on formal neighborhood coalition boundaries)?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City-wide/Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> North |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest | <input type="checkbox"/> East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central City | | | |

FINANCIAL IMPACT**4) Revenue: Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If so, please identify the source.**

The agreements entered into under the authority of this ordinance will provide Portland Parks with funds or in-kind services needed to develop or operate community gardens. The average cost to construct a new community garden is \$35,000. In most cases, Parks encourages community partners to fundraise in order to share the cost of building a new garden. The amounts of such contributions will vary, and, in many cases, garden development funds will be given on a reimbursable basis as Parks constructs the garden.

5) Expense: What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? (Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future years. If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or match required. If there is a project estimate, please identify the level of confidence.)

While most, if not all, garden construction costs will be covered by the funds received from the groups we enter into agreements with, there will be ongoing O&M costs associated with each new garden. In some cases, Parks will enter into agreements with groups wishing to help with maintenance. Generally, Parks will make requests for O&M of new gardens through the BuMP process.

6) Staffing Requirements:

- Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation? (If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term, or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.) No positions will be affected.
- Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?

No positions will be affected.

(Complete the following section only if an amendment to the budget is proposed.)

7) Change in Appropriations (If the accompanying ordinance amends the budget please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. Include the appropriate cost elements that are to be loaded by accounting. Indicate "new" in Fund Center column if new center needs to be created. Use additional space if needed.)

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

[Proceed to Public Involvement Section — REQUIRED as of July 1, 2011]

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

8) Was public involvement included in the development of this Council item (e.g. ordinance, resolution, or report)? Please check the appropriate box below:

- YES:** Please proceed to Question #9.
 NO: Please, explain why below; and proceed to Question #10.

9) If "YES," please answer the following questions:

a) What impacts are anticipated in the community from this proposed Council item?

This item allows Parks to enter into agreements with funders and other community partners to leverage existing Parks resources and increase program offerings to the community. These agreements would allow Parks to increase education and outreach activities and build more gardens that would allow Portlanders to grow their own food. These actions would meet 2009 Climate Action Plan Objective 15 to significantly increase the consumption of local food.

b) Which community and business groups, under-represented groups, organizations, external government entities, and other interested parties were involved in this effort, and when and how were they involved?

In 2009 the Governor designated the Community Gardens Program as an Oregon Solutions project in order to identify ways to strengthen the program and increase Portlanders' access to fresh healthy food. Through the Oregon Solutions process, stakeholders representing over 30 local public and private organizations and governmental entities met to identify ways to expand and enhance the Portland Community Gardens Program. Over the course of 6 months these participants contributed ideas and helped shape recommendations to improve the program. Participants included:

- Commissioner Nick Fish
- Portland Parks & Recreation
- Friends of Portland Community Gardens
- Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
- Bureau of Environmental Services
- Water Bureau
- Multnomah County
- OSU Extension
- Greenworks
- Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Land Trust
- Oregon Food Bank
- Oregon Department of Agriculture
- MercyCorps Northwest New American Agriculture Project
- Ecotrust Food and Farms

- Depave
- Portland Public Schools
- Growing Gardens
- Janice Youth Programs - Urban Agriculture Services
- Zenger Farm
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
- Vision into Action Coalition
- East Multnomah Co Soil and Water Conservation District
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- Oregon Tilth
- Independence Gardens LLC
- Groundwork Portland

c) How did public involvement shape the outcome of this Council item?

Through the Oregon Solutions process, participants helped shape recommendations to improve the Community Gardens program. Specific findings include the need for developing strategic partnerships to obtain funding, provide education, and reach new communities not currently served by the program. This Council item allows Parks to enter into agreements with partners in order to fulfill the outcomes identified through the Oregon Solutions process Climate Action Plan 2009.

d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item?

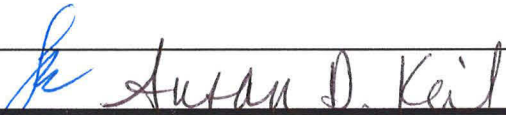
Independent agency Oregon Solutions designed and implemented the process under the guidance of Parks Commissioner Nick Fish.

e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email):

Oregon Solutions Project Managers: Project Managers: Stephanie Hallock, Stephanie.Hallock@gmail.com and Kim Travis ktravis@pdx.edu; Phone (503) 725-9092.

10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not.

Future public involvement is associated with the building of gardens that may be funded by agreements signed as a result of this ordinance.



APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Typed name and signature)