# FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT For Council Action Items

(Deliver original to Financial Planning Division. Retain copy.) 1. Name of Initiator 2. Telephone No. 3. Bureau/Office/Dept. **BES/Business Services** Andi Gresh x 3-7623 4a. To be filed (hearing date): 4b. Calendar (Check One) 5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office Regular Consent 4/5ths and FPD Budget Analyst: July 13, 2012  $\boxtimes$ June 28, 2012 6a. Financial Impact Section: 6b. Public Involvement Section: Financial impact section completed Public involvement section completed 1) Legislation Title: \*Accept a grant in the amount of \$381,000 from Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program for Baltimore Woods Connectivity Corridor Phase II Project (Ordinance) 2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation: Authorizes the City to accept grant funding that will allow the City to leverage Gray to Green (G2G) land acquisition funding that is appropriated to this Baltimore Woods Connectivity Corridor Phase II Project. 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)? ☐ City-wide/Regional □ Northeast ☐ Northwest ⊠ North ☐ Central Northeast ☐ Southeast ☐ Southwest ☐ East ☐ 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. Passing the ordinance gives BES the opportunity to accept \$381,000 in grant funding from Metro for land acquisition and restoration costs. 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.) The grant from Metro requires match totaling \$769,250. BES match in the amount of \$634,500 will be provided in the form of salary, benefits, land acquisition, and services in FY 2012/13 through FY2014/15 proposed budgets of the Bureau of Environmental Services. Matching funds are available in the Sewer System Operating Fund, Bureau of Environmental Services, WBS elements E10397, E10410, E10420 and E10421 (primary is E08905). Portland Parks is providing \$100,000 from the Park SDC program towards land acquisition costs in FY2012/2013; Columbia Land Trust is providing \$6,250 in in-kind services; and the Friends

of Baltimore Woods are providing \$20,000 in cash and \$8,500 in in-kind services and volunteer hours.

### 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
- Will positions be created or eliminated in *future years* as a result of this legislation? No

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

7) <u>Change in Appropriations</u> (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.)

\*\*\*\*Grant funds will not be budgeted until FY 13/14.

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

Baltimore Woods Connectivity Corridor is a 30 acre strip of woods and green space running between the residential and industrial areas of the neighborhood near the Willamette River and St. John. The Corridor serves as a natural buffer, made up of Oregon white oak and a mix of native and non-native plants. The Corridor also includes a section of proposed trail that would link Cathedral and Pier Parks, part of the proposed North Portland Willamette Greenway and 40-Mile Loop trails. The Friends of Baltimore Woods (FOBW) have been actively seeking to protect the corridor from development and enhance the neighborhood, which is adjacent to a planned regional bike/hike trail (Willamette Greenway). This grant is for the implementation of Phase II of that protection strategy and will complete the acquisition of this important wildlife and public amenity protection corridor.

BES and PP&R have hosted informational events about property stabilization, short term and long term management activities. BES and PP&R in coordination with the Friends of Baltimore Woods hosted informational events about oak and prairie ecology, fire management (this event also included Portland Fire) and encouraging adjacent land owners to participate in the Back Yard Habitat Program. 2 events were hosted in 2010, 3 in 2011, and 3 are planned for 2012.

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?

This project will primarily benefit the St. Johns and Cathedral Park neighborhoods. The Baltimore Woods corridor was conceived of by the Friends of Baltimore Woods, a subcommittee of the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association, more than 10 years ago. During that time the FOBW have partnered and coordinated their efforts with several other community groups to accomplish their ambitious goals. Community groups that are partnering in the acquisition and restoration of the Baltimore Woods Corridor include:

### Friends of Baltimore Woods

Primary Friends Group

# Three Rivers Land Conservancy/Columbia Land Trust

Non-Profit supporting acquisition efforts

# Metro Nature in Neighborhoods and Metro Greenspaces Acquisition program

Metro has supported the project with a previous grant for acquisition and in purchasing a large 6 acre parcel that will be the location of the NP Greenway trail.

### **SOLVe**

SOLVe has been involved for the last 3 years in coordinating volunteer efforts to achieve restoration of the corridor

### Depave

Depave will be coordinating volunteer efforts to depave a 1.5 acre parking lot, a key first step to renaturing the Oregon White Oak savanna natural area that will anchor the corridor.

East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District

The Soil and Water Conservation District has supported the project by providing grants to support the restoration efforts

# Portland Backyard Habitat Program

A specially designed Baltimore Woods Backyard Habitat Program developed by Columbia Land Trust, Portland Audubon Society, and BES was implemented in the fall of 2009. 24 Baltimore landowners have signed up for restoration on their properties to build oak woodland habitat.

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

Public involvement has been key to the success of this project. The Friends of Baltimore Woods completed a feasibility study in 2010 to outline the steps to completion of the corridor strategy. This Council item is the last phase of the acquisition of the corridor.

- d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item? Public involvement has been designed and implemented primarily by SOLV and the Friends of Baltimore Woods. Friends of Baltimore Woods are the lead coordinators for all public involvement. BES and PP&R are in direct communication with adjacent landowners concerning property management issues.
- e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email): Primary City Contact: Mary Bushman, Environmental Specialist, BES, 503-823-2073, mary.bushman@portlandoregon.gov.
- 10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not.

Public involvement is anticipated to involve additional informational events, hosted by BES and PP&R. Additionally, staff will provide periodic updates to the community about property stabilization, and short term and long term management activities. FOBW will continue to be involved as volunteers to help with stewardship of the properties.

APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Typed name and signature)

City Council Agenda Item Staff Supplemental Report 185488

TO:

Commissioner Dan Saltzman

THROUGH: Matt Grumm or Amy Trieu

FROM:

Andi Gresh

DATE:

June 28, 2012

RE:

\*Accept a grant in the amount of \$381,000 from Metro's Nature in

Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program for Baltimore Woods Connectivity

Corridor Phase II Project (Ordinance)

Requested Council Hearing Date:

July 13, 2012.

#### I. RECOMMENDATION

City Council should pass this ordinance to authorize accepting a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital grant in the amount of \$381,000 from Metro for Baltimore Woods Connectivity Corridor Phase II Project.

#### II. BACKGROUND

This grant is a joint effort between the Columbia Land Trust (CLT), the Friends of Baltimore Woods (FOBW), SOLVe, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES). The purpose of this project is to acquire four key parcels (totaling 1.94 acres) within the Baltimore Woods Connectivity Corridor. This will be a fee simple land acquisition with the ultimate landowner being the City of Portland.

The Gray to Green Initiative (G2G) identified Baltimore Woods as a priority land acquisition target for the City of Portland's. G2G is a five-year program to accelerate existing efforts to restore urban watershed health and protect rivers and streams. The G2G program is providing funds for land acquisition for three of the four properties (Knode, Larner and Jorgenson). PP&R is providing funds for land acquisition of the fourth property (Gunderson) which is adjacent to Cathedral Park.

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The future use of these properties will vary. The Gunderson property will be incorporated into Cathedral Park and managed by PP&R. The Larner/Jorgenson properties will become part of the large 6710 property owned and managed by BES. The Knode property will also be owned and managed by BES as part of the larger Corridor.

### III. FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$381,000 in new grant revenue is available. The grant from Metro requires match totaling \$769,250. BES match in the amount of \$634,500 will be provided in the form of salary, benefits, land acquisition, and services in FY 2012/13 through FY2014/15 proposed budgets of the Bureau of Environmental Services. Matching funds are available in the Sewer System Operating Fund, Bureau of Environmental Services, WBS elements E10397, E10410, E10420 and E10421 (primary is E08905). Portland Parks is providing \$100,000 from the Park SDC program towards land acquisition costs in FY2012/2013; Columbia Land Trust is providing \$6,250 in in-kind services; and the Friends of Baltimore Woods are providing \$20,000 in cash and \$8,500 in in-kind services and volunteer hours.

### **LEGAL ISSUES**

None anticipated

### IV. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

None anticipated

### V. LINK TO CURRENT CITY POLICIES

The enhancement work to be performed at the Baltimore Woods Connectivity Corridor Project is consistent with the City's policies as put forth in the Endangered Species Program, the Clean River Plan, City of Portland's Sustainable Principles, and the River Renaissance effort.

### VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Columbia Land Trust	Negotiate land acquisitions and assist with restoration management
SOLVe	Site restoration activities and volunteer event coordination
Friends of Baltimore Woods	Volunteer base for work parties, long-term stewardship assistance
Friends of Cathedral Park	Partner on restoration and outreach efforts
Depave	Volunteer coordination to depave a parking lot
npGreenway	Partner on restoration and outreach efforts

### VII. OTHER GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

Metro	Funding partner
Portland Parks	Fund matching partner (land acquisition), land owner and land manager
Office of Healthy Working Rivers	Funding contributed to Depave
East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District	Funding partner through grants to SOLVe

### IX. FINANCIAL IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMY

IF APPLICABLE, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ESTIMATED NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED BY THIS ACTION IF THIS ACTION IS CONTRACT-RELATED, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON M/W/ESB PARTICIPATION (NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE)

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Χ.	IF THIS IS A CONTRACT, DOES CONTRACTOR HAVE A CURRENT BUSINESS
	LICENSE?WHAT IS THEIR BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER? IS
	THEIR ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY CURRENT? IF NOT, HOW MUCH IS
	OWING?