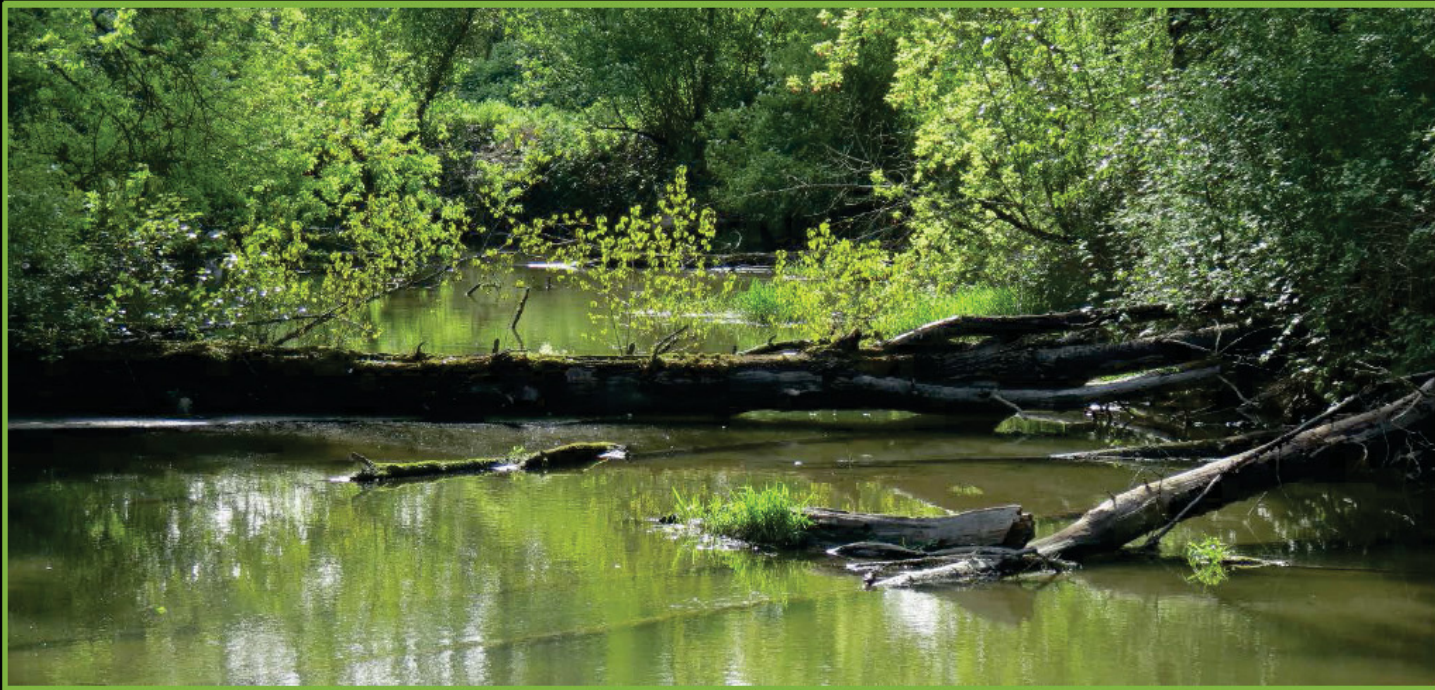




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Accept East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District \$1 Million Grant

February 11, 2015

Warren Jimenez, PP&R Assistant Director

Background

- The Trust for Public Land (TPL) facilitated a land-use application for rezoning the Colwood natural area property.
- In October 2013, City Council approved the rezoning of the northern portion to commercial/industrial.
- In March 2014, City Council approved PP&R's and BES' acquisition of the remaining 85 acres of the Colwood property.



Background

- Public ownership of the Colwood property ensures that it will remain as open space permanently, offering a green oasis in the midst of intense industrial development.
- More than one-third of the property will be restored or enhanced and managed as natural area – including permanent protection of habitat and water quality along the Columbia Slough.
- The property will offer a unique future opportunity for access to nature for Portland's residents.

Responsive to Public Need



“Cully suffers from poverty, lack of open space, and lack of food access.”

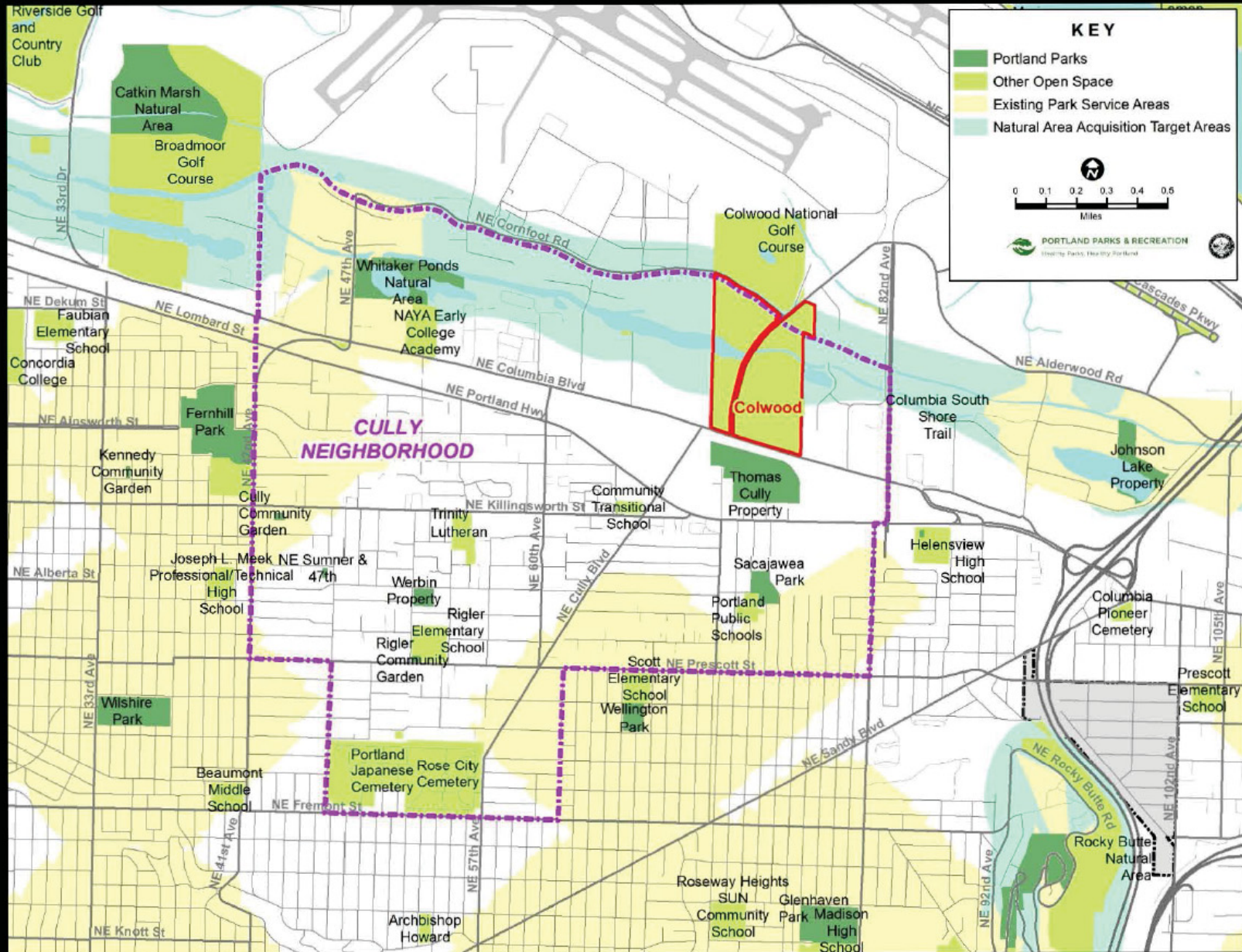
- *Regional Equity Atlas*

“The story I keep hearing from parents and kids is that that they don’t have a safe place to play.”

- *Tony DeFalco, Verde*



Investments in Cully Neighborhood



EMSWCD Priorities



- Permanently protect critical natural lands for habitat, water quality, climate, and biodiversity values.
- Permanently protect lands to increase public access to nature and open space in areas lacking such access, particularly in underserved communities.



EMSWCD Priorities



- Institute innovative community based models for the planning, design and implementation of Colwood Park.
- Prioritize neighborhood job creation and neighborhood economic development of Colwood Park.



EMSWCD Grant



- EMSWCD has awarded the City \$1 million through its Land Legacy Program.
- EMSWCD's contribution will reimburse the City for funds used to acquire the Colwood property.
- The total cost of the Colwood property acquisition = \$5 million.



Terms of Agreement

- The City will uphold commitment to protect the natural areas.
- EMSWCD will have the Right of First Refusal if the City considers conveying the natural area to another entity or entities.
- EMSWCD will have the right to participate as a direct project collaborator in any future planning of property.
- The City will publically recognize EMSWCD's contribution.

Thank You's

- EMWSCD Board of Directors, especially Bob Sallinger
- Rick McMonagle, Land Legacy Program Manager, EMWSCD
- PP&R Staff – Cynthia Castro, Zalane Nunn, Deb Lev, Eileen Argentina



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Questions?

