

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: **Accept northern portion of Ross Island from the Port of Portland (Report)**

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

- The purpose of this report is to notify Council of Parks' acquisition of the northern tip of Ross Island as a donation from the Port of Portland.
- The acquisition is authorized by Ordinance 181710 that authorizes Parks' Commissioner to close on acquisitions.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- As this is a donation, the City paid nothing for the property, but did spend approximately \$10,000 in due diligence and closing costs. These costs will be paid for with Parks' Local Share of the 2006 Metro Natural Area Bond.
- Ongoing Operations and Maintenance costs are estimated at \$5000 per year and will be requested through the FY 2016-17 Budget process.

Community impacts and community involvement:

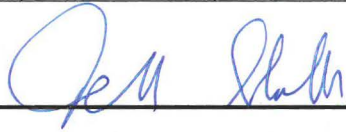
- Parks' partners in Ross Island restoration are Willamette Riverkeepers, Urban Greenspaces Institute, Audubon Society of Portland, and Bureau of Environmental Services.
- This property on Ross Island is being acquired to protect and restore the natural resource values it contains. City management will protect fish, birds and other wildlife habitat. This promotes biodiversity in the city.
- By protecting the wildlife on the island, people will have the opportunity to view wildlife from the banks of the Willamette River. For instance, from the Springwater Trail, one can see the Great Blue Heron Rookery that is on the island.
- Access to the property is restricted to Parks' staff and volunteers. It is not open to the general public.
- It is expected that representatives from the Audubon Society of Portland and the Urban Greenspaces Institute will testify.
- There is no known opposition to the acquisition.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

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



Portland Parks & Recreation Finance Manager