

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$98,500 from Metro for the West Willamette Restoration Partnership Project (Ordinance)
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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The West Willamette Restoration Partnership (WWRP) was convened in 2006 to build and empower collective efforts to remove invasive species, protect natural resources, and elevate local stewardship in Portland's west side Willamette River sub-watersheds. WWRP partners, consisting of LIST PARTNERS, collaborate under a mission to conserve and enhance the forests and natural areas of southwest Portland through an active coalition of engaged volunteers, community groups, landowners, and organizations. In the nine years since inception, the WWRP has set itself apart as an exceptional example of a dynamic and successful partnership that bridges restoration and stewardship work across public and private boundaries. WWRP partners have collaborated to protect water quality, forest canopy and connect wildlife habitat through strategic management of invasive species, installation of native plants, and providing valuable stewardship and access-to-nature opportunities through lasting programs.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This legislation will result in an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to accept a \$98,500 grant. Grant funds will be appropriated in fiscal years 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018. Grant funds will be spent on personal services, contracted revegetation services, native plant materials and stewardship coordination for natural area enhancement.

This grant leverages City resources that are already dedicated to these natural areas. Total match in the amount of \$158,582 is committed by project partners. Of this match amount, \$7,200 will be provided in the form of salary and benefits in the FY 2015/2016 adopted budget and FY 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 proposed budgets of the Watershed Services, Bureau of Environmental Services. Additionally, \$48,400 will be provided in the form of salary, benefits and external services in the FY 2015/2016 adopted budget and FY 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 proposed budgets of the City Nature Division, Portland Parks & Recreation. The remaining match commitments, in the amount of \$102,982, will be provided by Columbia Land Trust, Oregon Health & Sciences University, SW Watershed Resources Center, Friends of Terwilliger and Friends of Markham Nature Park volunteers and West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

Community impacts and community involvement:

With an overarching vision, strategic plan and skilled partners, WWRP is uniquely positioned to implement watershed scale projects, build on existing efforts, and leverage resources to enhance wildlife habitat across this corridor. Project planning is collaborative and fostered by each organization's goals as they support the larger WWRP vision. The WWRP Coordinator, an experienced project manager, works closely with all partners to track the partnership's goals, coordinate project planning, maintain communications, and organize reports. Each partner is responsible for key aspects of project planning, implementation and maintenance based on their unique expertise and community connections, including:

- **The Columbia Land Trust (CLT) & Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP).** CLT's stewardship staff have experience designing and implementing over two dozen restoration projects totaling more than 1,500 acres in the region. Since 2009, the Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP) has

provided technical assistance, incentives, resources, and recognition to small lot (less than 1 acre) private property owners to restore native wildlife habitat and manage storm water in their yards.

- **The SW Watershed Resource Center (WRC).** The WRC works in concert with neighborhood associations, private landowners adjacent to public property, and other groups such as the African Youth & Community Organization to provide watershed stewardship project development.

- **Friends of Marquam Nature Park (FMNP) and Friends of Terwilliger (FoT) with support from the Homestead Neighborhood Association.** These all-volunteer community groups play an integral role in the long-term stewardship of this corridor.

- **Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU).** Trained horticulture staff works closely with WWRP to plan and implement the project providing expertise and match funding. OHSU recently completed a strategic plan to improve wildlife habitat on their property. This grant will kick-start that strategic plan.

- **West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD).** WMSWCD staff provide expertise, information and technical assistance in invasive plant management and match funding for outreach to adjacent property owners.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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

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Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount
217007	ESWS000006	521000	PUWSWMWR000000BE	Not relevant	ES000048	ES00480001	\$ 5,453
217007	ESWS000006	441100	PUWSWMWR000000BE	Not relevant	ES000048	ES00480001	\$ 5,453
217007	ESWW000026	511000	PUWSWRNA0000BE	Not relevant	ES000048	ES00480002	\$ 2,600
217007	ESWW000026	529000	PUWSWRNA0000BE	Not relevant	ES000048	ES00480002	\$12,440
217007	ESWW000026	441100	PUWSWRNA0000BE	Not relevant	ES000048	ES00480002	\$15,040