

Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Grants

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Funded by local option levy

Conservation Education

Restoration and Stewardship

Trails

*Funded by 2006 natural areas bond
measure*

Capital grants





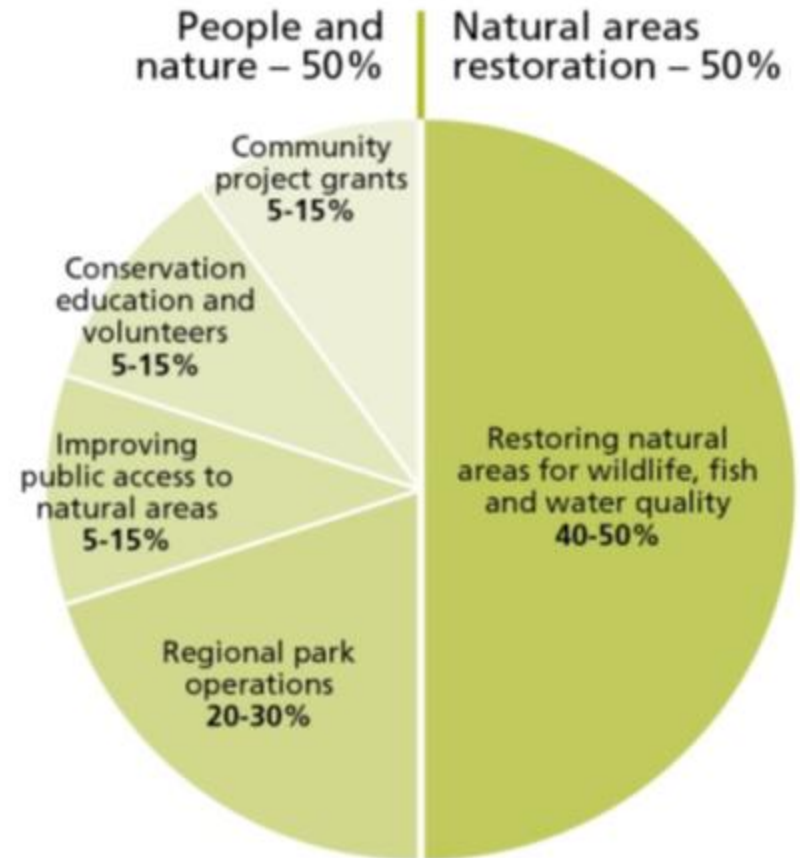
**May 2013 voter-approved
Parks and natural areas levy**

Parks and natural areas levy



Where levy funds will go

All percentages are approximate



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Connect people to their watershed
Preserve and restore habitat

Support conservation initiatives



Expand nature education

Connect underserved communities
with nature and nature education



Support regional trails plan



Restoration grants



Small grants – up to \$25,000

Large grants – up to \$100,000

\$600,000 available in 2015

\$200,000 available in 2016



Restoration grants



Who may apply?

Non profits

Service and community-based organizations

Local governments

Park and special districts

Religious organizations

Individuals



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Program

Address program goals

Three partners - minimum

Small grants - complete projects within 24 months

Larger grants – complete projects within 36 months

Maintenance – additional 24 months



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Financial

1:1 match

First year funding match must be secured at time of final application

Metro funds cannot be match

Overhead costs up to 10 percent

Maintenance costs up to 10 percent



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Location

Metro urban growth boundary or directly serve Metro-area residents

On public, private or Metro property

Projects cannot take the place of required mitigation

Written landowner permission at the time of full application



Restoration grants



Purpose: Support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.



Restoration grants goals

Community Stewardship in Developed Areas

Restoration in Natural Areas

Goal 1 Preserve and restore fish and wildlife habitat in local communities and support larger conservation initiatives

Goal 2 Increase people's awareness and engage people in learning about, protecting and managing natural areas at the community level

Community Stewardship

SOLVe – Beavercreek (Troutdale)



Goal 1: ecological benefits

- Improve water quality
- Control non-natives
- Plant trees (conifers)
- Re-establish willow
- Diverse plant community



SOLVe- Beavercreek before and after (photo points)



Stewardship in Developed Areas

SOLVe – Beavercreek (Troutdale)



Goal 2: engage people

- Partnerships
- Green Team (school based)
- Team Up (community based)
- Special events
- Trainings



Stewardship in Developed Areas

SOLVe – Beavercreek (Troutdale)

Total project value: \$88,175

Metro grant: \$25,000

Volunteer contributions: \$41,350

Volunteer hours: 2,042

In-Kind contributions: \$3,000

Matching contributions: \$18,825



Restoration in Natural Areas

The Nature Conservancy – Camassia



Goal 1: ecological benefits

- Joint management plan
- Restore 16 acres oak woodland and savannah
- Remove/manage conifers
- Remove invasive species
- Plant 900 native plants



Restoration in Natural Areas

The Nature Conservancy – Camassia



Goal 2: Engage people

- Neighbors, two local high schools, four youth crews
- 178 volunteers
- Partners: West Linn High School, Pacific Land Clearing, YESS, Clackamas County Environmental Youth Cooperative, and Multnomah Youth Cooperative.



Restoration in Natural Areas

The Nature Conservancy – Camassia

Total project value: \$91,804

Metro grant: \$25,000

Volunteer contributions: \$38,364

Volunteer hours: 1,840

Match and In-kind contributions: \$28,440



Schedule



4 p.m., April 21, 2015

Pre-applications due to Metro

May 2015 - Invitations for full applications

July 2015 - Final applications due

August 2015 - Grant awards

September 2015 - Funds available



Pre-application



Organization, program and contact information

Organizational preparedness

Project description

Location

Project reach



Pre-application evaluation

Qualified applicant and partners

- *Organizational preparedness*

Well-designed project

- *Project need, approach*
- *Goals*
- *Partnerships*
- *Location*
- *Project reach*



Pre-application form

SECTION 3: PRE-APPLICATION FORM

A. Organization, project and contact information (one page maximum)

Please complete the organization, project and contact information below using no more than one page.

Date of application	
Organization name	
Organization address	
Organization website	
Project contact Name	
Title	
Phone	
Email	

Pre-application form

Fiscal agent If different than the lead organization.	
Project partners Committed partner organizations.	
Potential partners Potential partner organizations.	
Project title	
Project summary Provide a 20-45-word summary that describes your project.	
Category Under which program category does your project best fit? (Select one only).	<input type="checkbox"/> Community stewardship in developed areas (urban or suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration in natural areas (protected or larger, intact natural areas)
Project length (Select only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> One year <input type="checkbox"/> Up to two years <input type="checkbox"/> Up to three years
Post project maintenance length (Select only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> One year <input type="checkbox"/> Up to two years



Habitat type(s)

(Select one or more)

The following priority habitat types are drawn from Federal Listings and Recovery Plans, the Oregon Conservation Strategy and the Intertwine Alliance Regional Conservation Strategy for the Greater Portland Vancouver Metropolitan Area.

- Riverine/ Instream projects: Projects that are designed to improve habitat conditions below the ordinary high water mark, such as large wood or boulder placement, side-channel reconnection and alcove enhancement.
- Riparian Habitat: Projects above the ordinary high-water mark of the stream and within up to 200' of the waterline, depending on conditions.
- Oak habitat: Projects that address Oregon white oak habitats including savanna, woodland and mixed-oak conifer forest; typically involving oak release, oak planting or invasive species control and native species enhancement.
- Prairie (wet and upland): Projects designed to enhance structure or native component of non-wetland habitats dominated by grass-like plants and forbs.
- Upland conifer/deciduous forest: Enhancement projects implemented in forests outside the floodplain or riparian zone.
- Floodplain forests and wetlands (ponds): Projects addressing any of the full range of wetland habitat types, including floodplain bottom hardwood forests.

Acres

Number of acres the project will restore or protect:

Site Location(s)

Please list the address or the closest intersection of the project(s).

Site address:
City, zip code:

Pre-application form

Estimated funding	Estimated amount requested: \$
	Estimated match funds: \$
	Estimated in-kind match: \$
	Estimated total program budget: \$

Costs and match include

- Staff time
- Volunteer time
- Materials and services
- Overhead costs



Pre-application form

B. Organizational preparedness (one page maximum)

Please review the information below and use this guidance to address your organization's preparedness and approval from the governing body and/or landowner. Delete the *italicized* text once you've reviewed it, and use the space below. Your answer should be no more than one page.

Organizational preparedness

- *Explain why your organization has the experience and capacity to conduct the project (e.g. planning, implementation, maintenance, reporting and outreach), including identification of key personnel, their roles in the project and their qualifications. If the organization does not have the appropriate internal experience and capacity to successfully fulfill the project, please describe how the organization plans to obtain it.*
- *Will the work be primarily completed by staff, contractors or volunteers? If applicable, will the project meet workforce development goals for partner organizations or programs?*
- *If applicable, a brief statement should indicate that the organization has received approval to submit the pre-application from their governing body (e.g. board, council) or management.*
- *If applicable, state whether the project has permission to use the intended property. All projects must have landowner permission at the time of full application.*
- *If applicable, state whether the required permits have been obtained for the project. If permits have not yet been attained, briefly describe the process and timeline to do so.*

C. Project description (two pages maximum)

Please review the information below and use this guidance to describe your proposed project narrative, goals and partnerships. Delete the *italicized* text once you've reviewed it, and use the space below. Your answer should be no more than two pages.

Project narrative

- *Describe the need, problem or issue that this project seeks to address. How has the need been identified? Explain why the project is important for your organization and community.*
- *Please describe the targeted species or priority habitat. (See above priority habitat types from the Federal Listings and Recovery Plans, the Oregon Conservation Strategy and the Intertwine Alliance Regional Conservation Strategy for the Greater Portland Vancouver Metropolitan Area).*
- *Provide a narrative that describes the project). If this is a phased project, please explain which of the phases is included in this application (e.g. project planning, implementation, maintenance, reporting. Describe maintenance plans or efforts after the project is completed.*
- *Describe the proposed public outreach activities and products. If applicable, please state how your project plans to engage underserved communities (i.e. low-income and communities of color).*
- *If applicable, describe how your project will help build capacity for organizations or businesses that engage, serve or employ members of underserved communities (i.e. low-income and communities of color). Will the project provide social and economic benefits to low-income and communities of color beyond the specific project scope?*
- *Describe use of proven methods and best practices within your project.*

Pre-application form

Goals

- *Describe how the project addresses the Nature in Neighborhood restoration grant's purpose, category and goals. (See page 3-4.)*
- *Explain how the project fits your organization's strategic plan or mission.*
- *Describe how the project supports the Oregon Conservation Strategy, Regional Conservation Strategy, watershed action plan, watershed assessment or other local plans or initiatives.*

Partnerships

- *Show how partnerships and collaboration with other individuals, organizations and groups in your community will be formed, strengthened and extended through this project.*
- *Describe partners that are currently committed and those you anticipate approaching and the roles of the key partners.*
- *Describe how partners will work together to sustain the project after the grant period.*



Pre-application form

D. Location and project reach (two pages maximum)

Provide a location/vicinity map that shows where the project and/or participating communities are located within the region. Please include existing stream and wildlife corridors, parks, trails and/or natural areas. See the mapping resources on page 14.

Mapping Resources:

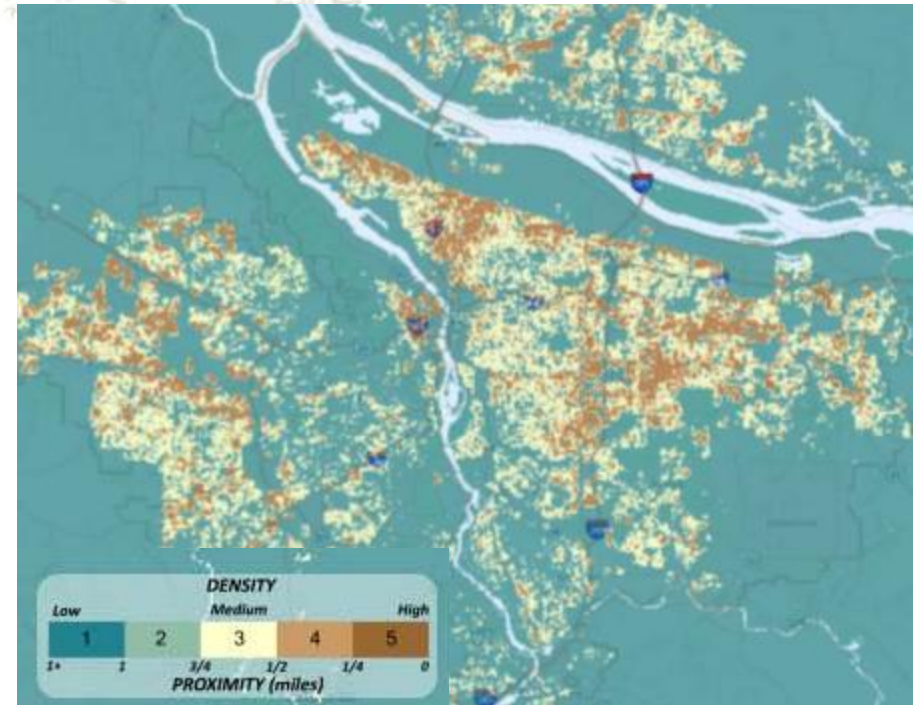
Regional conservation strategy

Oregon Watershed Restoration
Inventory

Regional Environmental
Information Network (REIN)

Regional equity atlas

Metro Map



Regional conservation strategy

www.regionalconservationstrategy.org/site/viewer

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Regional Conservation Strategy' website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.regionalconservationstrategy.org/site/viewer>. The website's header includes the logo for 'THE INTER TWINE' and the text 'Learn About High Value Habitat In Your Area REGIONAL CONSERVATION STRATEGY'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'Welcome', 'Viewer', 'About', 'FAQ', 'Docs & Maps', and 'Data'. The main content area features a map of Portland, Oregon, with various habitat areas highlighted in green and purple. A 'Layers & Legend' panel on the left side of the map lists several categories: 'HIGH VALUE HABITAT' (with sub-items 'Regional - Highest Value', 'Regional - High Value', and 'Regional - Full Spectrum'), 'RIPARIAN HABITATS', 'LAND COVER', and 'BASE DATA' (with sub-items 'Watershed Boundaries', 'City Jurisdiction Boundaries', 'Urban Areas', 'Parks & Natural Areas', 'Public or Non-Profit Lands', and 'Schools, Cemeteries, & Golf Courses'). The map itself shows the city of Portland with labels for various neighborhoods like Albina, Irvington, Rose Quarter, and Hawthorne. The Willamette River is visible in the center. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows Start button and several application icons. The system tray in the bottom right corner displays the time as 3:33 PM and the date as 11/13/2013.

Regional conservation strategy

www.regionalconservationstrategy.org/site/viewer

Learn About High Value Habitat In Your Area
REGIONAL CONSERVATION STRATEGY

Welcome Viewer About FAQ Docs & Maps Data

SELECT AN AREA: [dropdown]

Layers & Legend

- HIGH VALUE HABITAT
- Focused Area Mask
- Local - Highest Value
- Local - High Value
- Local - Full Spectrum
- Regional - Highest Value
- Regional - High Value
- Regional - Full Spectrum

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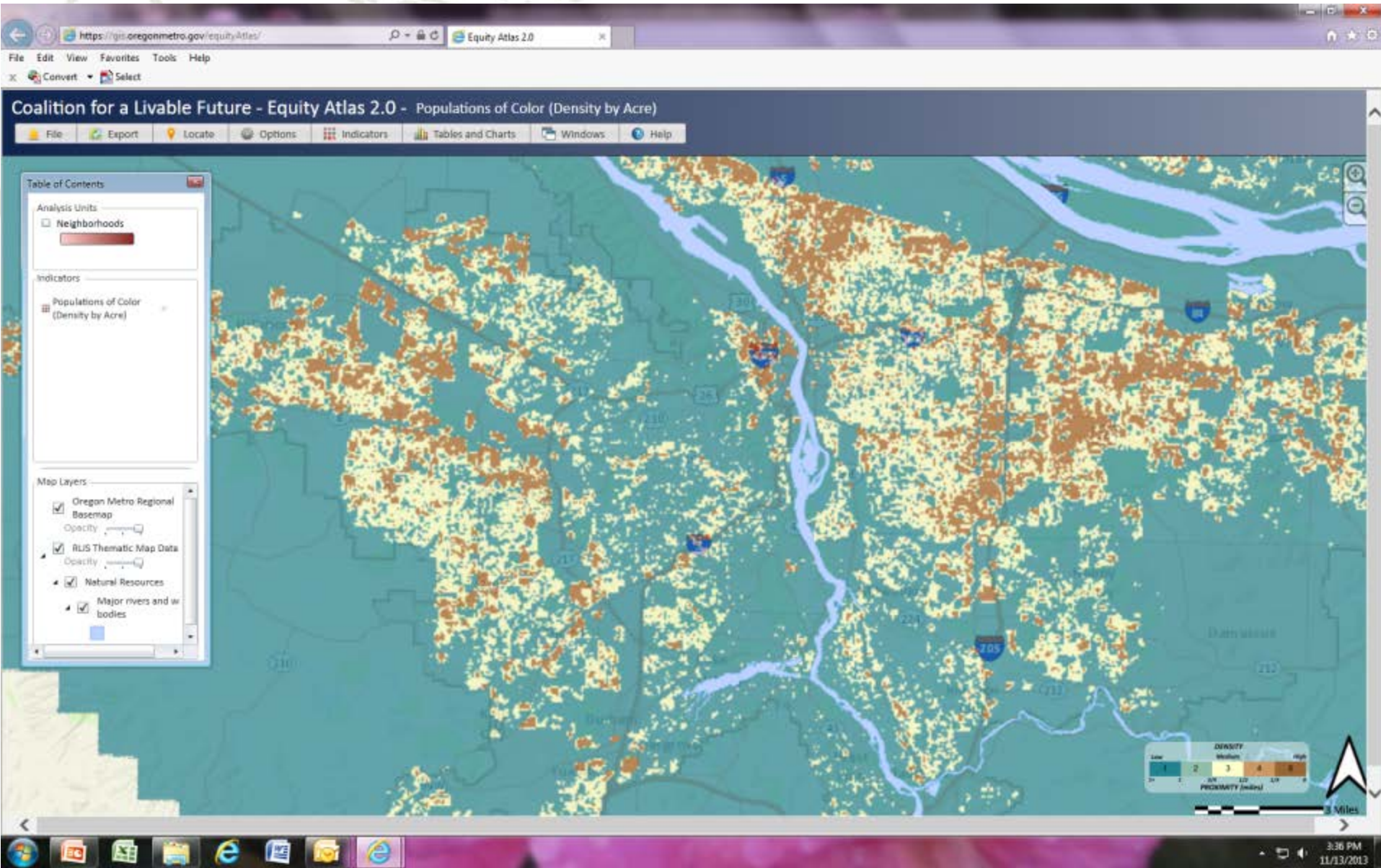
Some of the highest value habitat in the area

Restoring this area would create a bigger patch of contiguous high value habitat

GreenInfo Network 10:25 AM 12/19/2013

Equity atlas

www.gis.oregonmetro.gov/equityatlas



Resources

Oregon Conservation Strategy

Regional Conservation Strategy

Regional Biodiversity Guide

Watershed Action Plans

Early Detection and Rapid Response targets

Willamette Basin Restoration Priorities

The Intertwine



Full application



Pre-application plus:

501(c)(3) tax-exempt status statement

Permission to use property

Letters of support

Detailed project budget

Scope of work

Evaluation measures and outcomes



Apply for the review committee!



People with backgrounds in:

restoration

conservation education

grant management

volunteer coordination

program planning

community partnerships

Application review begins April 1



Restoration project planning



Thank you! Questions?



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