



Staff report on bond work in fiscal year 2023-2024

For the Natural Areas and Capital Program
Performance Oversight Committee

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To: Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee

Re: Staff report on bond activities and investments through June 2024

PURPOSE

The Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee provides independent oversight of the 2019 parks and nature bond and capital investments from Metro's parks and nature five-year local option levy, renewed by the region's voters in November 2022.

The Metro Council relies on the Oversight Committee to monitor how bond implementation activities are meeting the direction in the bond measure, to monitor financial aspects of program administration and to share with the Metro Council related concerns or recommendations to help adjust work moving forward. This report is intended to summarize information for the committee's review by providing:

1. Re-cap of bond program investments completed through June 2024
2. Status update on work to address and measure progress towards the three bond criteria, community engagement, racial equity and climate resilience
3. Reporting on financial data for the 2019 parks and nature bond and any capital investments funded by the parks and nature levy.
4. Snapshot of committee requests for information and staff responses to date

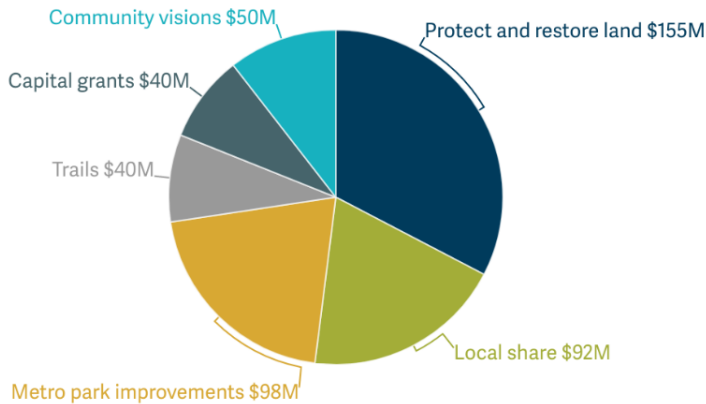
BACKGROUND ON METRO PARKS AND NATURE VOTER APPROVED INVESTMENTS

For more than two decades, voters have repeatedly trusted Metro to protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat and provide opportunities for people to connect with nature close to home through the passage of three capital bond measures and two local option levies.

The voter approved bond measures and levies are linked together to make the region's system of parks, trails and natural areas possible. The three capital bond measures (1995, 2006 and 2019) have supported the acquisition of more than 15,000 acres of priority habitat, investments in parks, trails and natural areas around the region. Metro's parks and nature operating levy, renewed by the voters in November 2022, supports restoration of fish and wildlife habitat on lands purchased with the bond measure, and invests in park operations and improvements and community education, programming and grants to projects designed by community that strengthen people's connection to nature close to home.

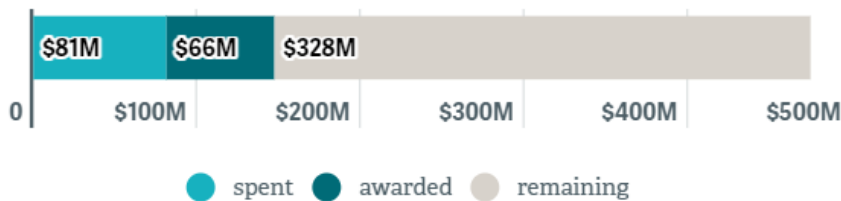
Bond programs

The bond includes six programs. The funding levels were set by the legislation.



In November 2019, voters in greater Portland approved a \$475 million bond measure to further protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat and provide opportunities for people to connect with nature close to home. The bond measure provides funding across six program areas.

2019 Parks and Nature Bond spending

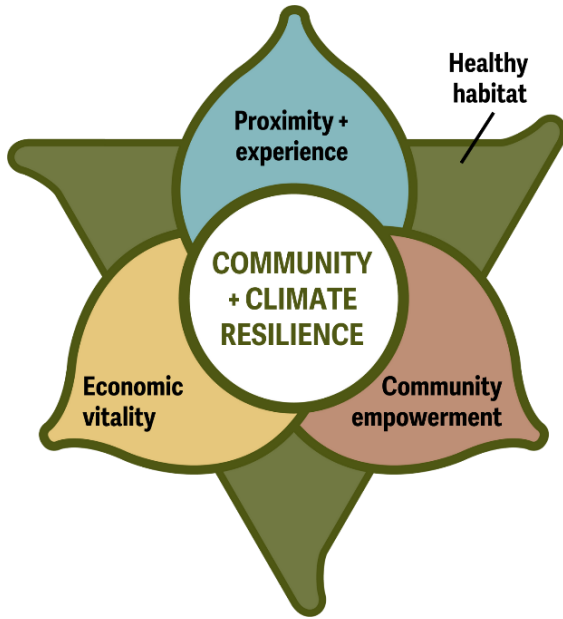


\$143 million of the \$475 million in available bond funds have been spent or awarded (as of June 2024).

OVERVIEW OF KEY THEMES RELATED TO BOND PROGRESS AS OF JUNE 2024

- All six bond programs are making meaningful investments across the region and bond spending and award is at the pace needed to achieve the majority of spend down by 2031.
 - **Bond investments are protecting and restoring priority habitat and future green space across the region.** The [protect and restore land program](#) has completed 22 land acquisitions for 824 acres, is supporting work needed to return land to stable conditions and is funding significant capital restoration projects. All of these activities are conducted in alignment with the bond criteria and reflect feedback from community on priorities for land acquisition and restoration. In addition, the bond’s [local share](#) program has awarded a total of \$5 million to date to park providers to complete three priority land acquisitions and the bond’s [capital grant program](#) invested over \$1 million to fund three different capital restoration projects.

- **Bond investments are supporting local priorities across the region.** To date, the bond's [local share](#), [capital grants](#), [trail grants](#) and [large scale community visions program](#) have awarded \$67 million to over 55 priority parks, trails and natural area projects across the region. These programs, which can only fund eligible projects that meet the bond requirements, advance racial equity, strengthen the region's climate resilience and reflect feedback from meaningful community engagement, have awarded funds to a range of project types across the region ranging from nature play to new culturally specific amenities to investments in the regional trail system. In addition, the local share program is allowing the region's park providers to update or improve the accessibility of existing parks, trails and natural areas in communities across the region.
- **Bond investments are making Metro developed parks across the region more safe, welcoming and inclusive.** The bond's [take care of Metro parks](#) program, has invested over \$34 million to complete projects that advance capital improvements at Blue Lake, Oxbow and Lone Fir, helped to complete Newell Creek Canyon and Chehalem Ridge nature parks, and continue to advance some of Metro's most recent policy commitments around accessibility, sustainability and workforce equity.
- Reporting on bond investments, awards and activities point to progress on advancing the three bond criteria of [racial equity, climate resilience and community engagement](#).
 - Metro staff continue to utilize and employ innovative community engagement approaches to bond projects such as community choice grants, the Blue Lake Park renovation project, the Lone Fir Memorial and Willamette Cove master plan and to support local park providers in doing the same.
 - Bond investments continue to support economic opportunity for contractors and workers who are women and people of color.
 - Bond funded land acquisition activities, driven largely by the bond's protect and restore land program are demonstrating alignment with key themes for strengthening the region's climate resilience through improving water quality and quantity and connectivity.
- The Natural Areas Oversight Committee and Metro staff continue to make progress on setting up strategies to report and measure bond progress on the bond criteria including an outcomes-based framework designed to articulate the impact of bond investments and activities on the region. Prompted by the [Metro Auditor's 2022 audit](#) of the 2019 parks and nature bond, which focused on whether and how Metro was prepared to increase access to nature as envisioned in the bond commitments, Metro staff have developed and begun to

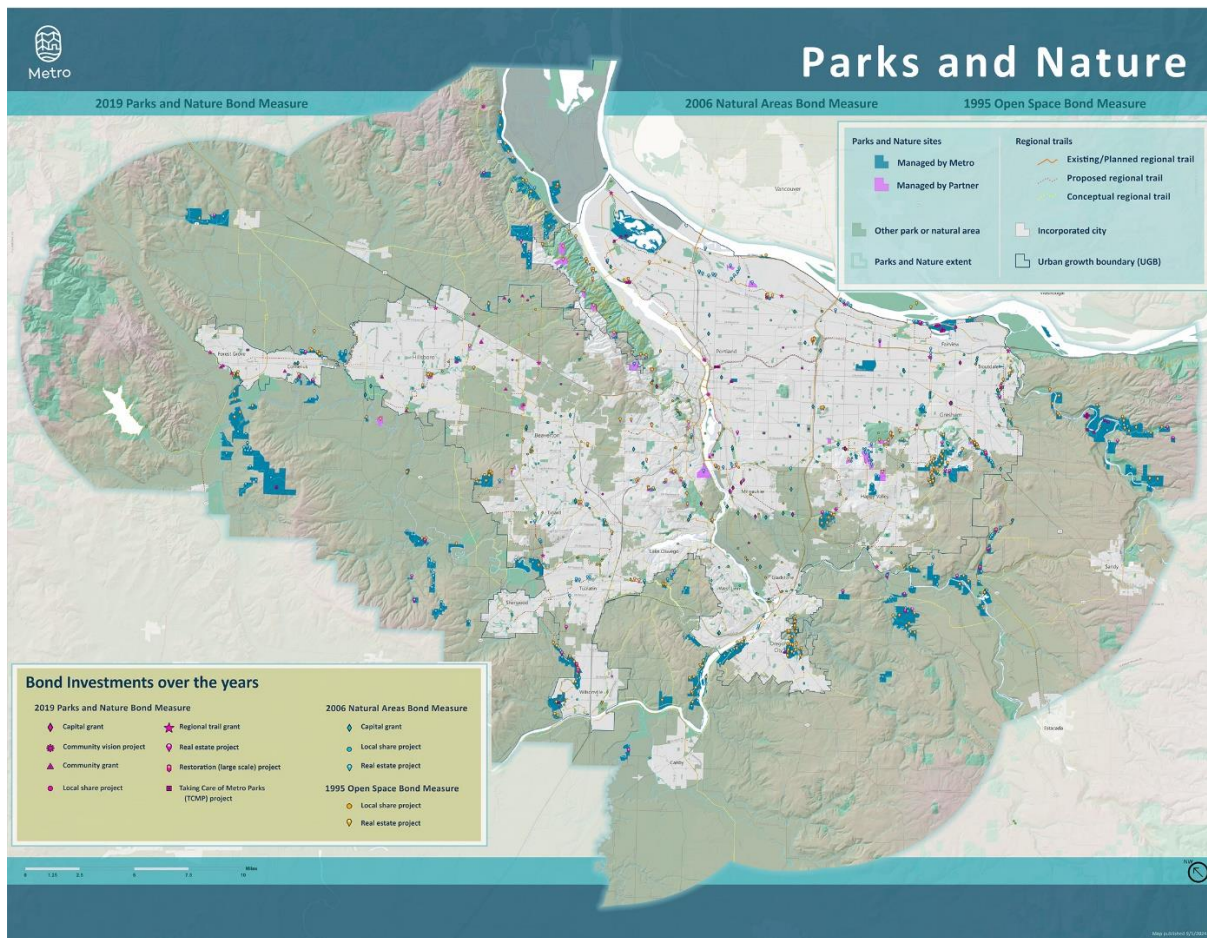


review with the oversight committee a multi-dimensional approach to access that includes the following categories—proximity and experience, community empowerment and economic vitality. Staff will continue to operationalize this framework through reporting tools and data collection protocol.

SUMMARY OF BOND INVESTMENTS MADE TO DATE AS OF JUNE 2024

The following is a snapshot of investments completed to date. More detail about the specific engagement activities across bond programs can be found in the [appendix, exhibit 4](#).

Figure 1, map of 2019 parks and nature bond investments and awards completed as June 2024 [click to enlarge](#)



	Investments made (if applicable)	Awards made (if applicable)	Notable projects from 2023-June 2024
Protect and restore land	\$32 million invested to complete 25 acquisitions for over 800 acres and 3 trail gaps where park providers will one day build regional trail connections	Not applicable	Protecting 109-acres purchase protects almost 2 miles of the Pudding River’s frontage 53 acres on the edge of Cornelius adjacent to the Tualatin River wildlife refuge
Take care of Metro parks	\$34 million invested to complete Chehalem Ridge and Newell Creek completion, complete Blue Lake Park infrastructure improvements (water line, building demo) and planning, design and engineering work to advance readiness of health, safety and accessibility projects across Metro’s portfolio of developed parks	Not applicable	Engagement at Lone Fir Cultural Heritage and Healing Garden Key infrastructure investments at Blue Lake Park Survey on Willamette Cove master plan
Local share	\$9 million invested in local priority projects	\$30 million awarded to 17 projects across 9 local agencies	New park in NW Tigard meant to serve an underserved area in the city www.oregonmetro.gov/news/metro-approves-funds-several-parks-projects-summer
Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants		Metro Council awarded over \$5 million in two grant cycles (summer 2023 and summer 2024) funding a range of community driven nature projects	List of awards from summer 2024
Nature in Neighborhoods		Metro Council awarded \$2.3 million to 15 projects	List of awards from 2024

	Investments made (if applicable)	Awards made (if applicable)	Notable projects from 2023-June 2024
community choice grants		identified and shaped by community in western Washington County	
Large scale community visions		Metro Council designated three pilot awardees in spring 2023. Opened a rolling solicitation for current round in spring 2024 (awards not yet made)	Spring 2023 pilot round awards
Walking and biking trails		Metro awarded one time competitive grants for trail planning and construction in fall 2022	2022 trail grant awards

PROTECT AND RESTORE LAND

\$155 million allocated for acquisition and restoration of priority habitat across 24 target areas

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/protect-and-restore-land>

Program description: The protect and restore land program builds on the successes of the 1995 and 2006 natural areas bond measures in protecting greater Portland’s special places, by purchasing land from willing sellers and restoring it to help preserve regional watersheds, protect some of the region’s rarest habitats, protect culturally important plants and provide opportunities to create potential future access to nature. With funding from the 1995 and 2006 natural areas bond measures, Metro has completed over 500 individual transactions resulting in over 15,000 acres of protected habitat funded. Since 2020, Metro has invested \$32 million in the protect and restore land program to manage eligible community engagement, planning, landowner outreach, land acquisition, stabilization and select capital restoration activities and other support services. These program activities have resulted in the completion of 25 transactions to add over 800 acres to the portfolio of protected habitat (22 land acquisitions, 3 trail acquisitions).

Land acquisition priorities, captured in [Council approved land acquisition road maps](#) have been shaped [by engagement](#) with communities across the region including the urban Indigenous community, BIPOC individuals, the region’s conservation and community organizations. Protect and restore land investments must meet [bond criteria and program criteria](#).

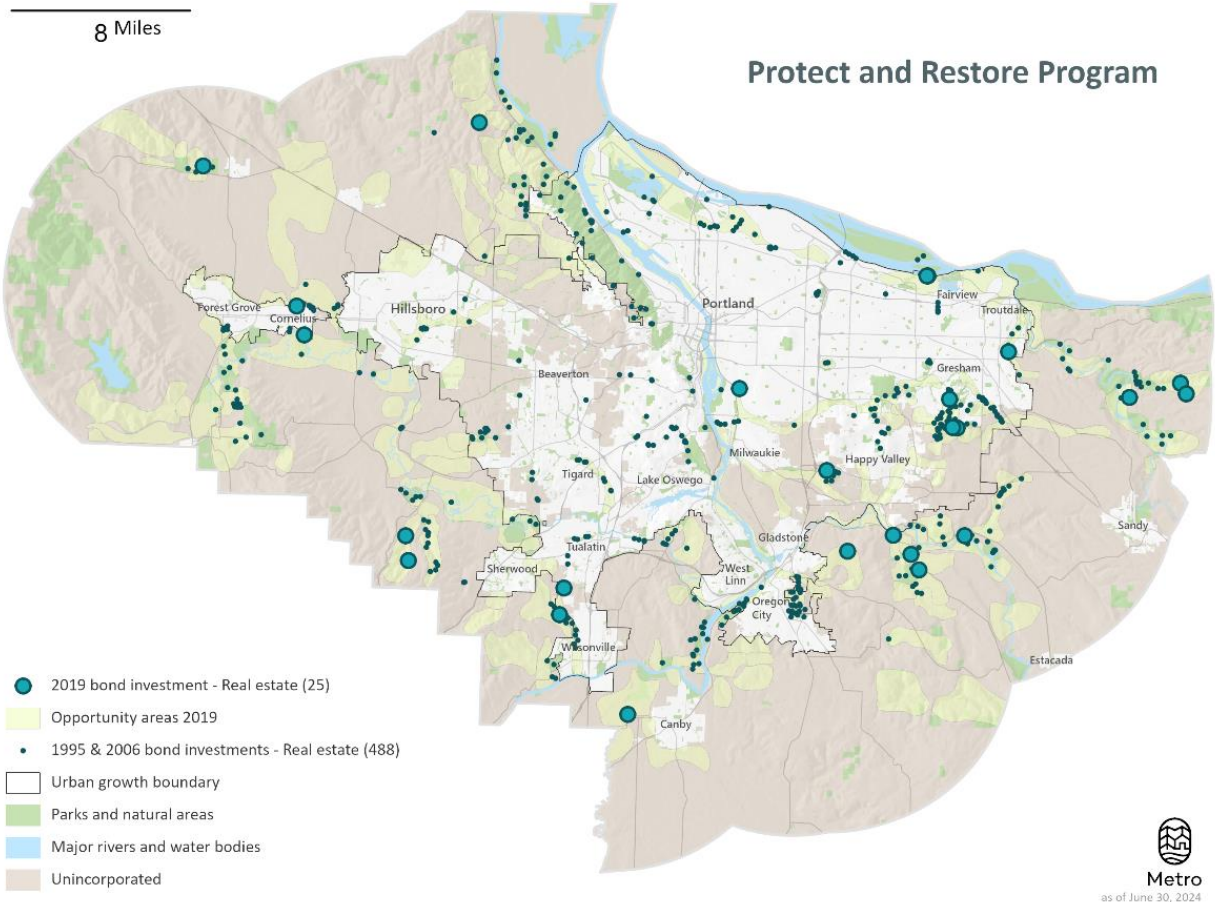
This protect and restore land program is also investing up to \$10 million of the create trails for walking and biking program to buy rights for park providers to one day build regional trail connections. Finally, bond funded pass through and competitive grant programs including local share, trail grants, large scale community visions and nature in neighborhoods capital grants fund local priorities for land acquisition and major restoration projects.

2019 parks and nature bond land acquisition, stabilization and restoration milestones completed from 2023 through June 2024

Category	Milestones completed from 2023 through summer 2024
Number of Metro-led land acquisitions	8 acquisitions
Protect and restore land dollars spent on land only	\$8.46 million
Number of Metro-led trail gap acquisitions	1
Capital restoration projects prioritized for protect and restore land funds	5 projects
Metro real estate team capacity	Hired third team member to create a complete team of three real estate negotiators and a manager
Metro outreach to landowners	Outreach to 77 landowners, 42 new
Conversations by Metro with the region’s park providers about potential acquisitions	45
New reporting tools developed to measure progress	Finalized measures of success for land acquisitions, especially related to the bond

	measure's climate resilience criteria summarizing how individual property purchases meet bond goals and criteria
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Figure 1: Parks and nature bond protect and restore program investments through June 2024



Looking ahead

The protect and restore land team continues to see the fruits of its work to reach out to landowners across the region to create a pipeline of opportunities for acquisition in alignment with the targets and goals approved by the Metro Council. With the team at full capacity, the pace of acquisition is expected to maintain or increase the level from summer 2023 to summer 2024 from summer 2024 to summer 2025, anticipating the completion of up to 10 acquisitions for at least \$7 million in purchase prices. In addition, the team anticipates continued progress on the priority capital restoration projects identified for bond funding.

Finally, the protect and restore land team has finalized framework that measures success by connecting the features of individual properties acquired to the bond’s climate resilience and protect and restore land program criteria.

Markers on progress for protect and restore land

- Number of acquisitions made in each of the 24 target areas
- Number of trail gap acquisitions completed across the region
- Dollars spent investing in stabilization to address threats to conservation values.
- Status and balance of acquisitions focusing on key habitat types
- Status and balance of acquisitions focusing on primary climate resilience strategies
- Bond and program criteria addressed by acquisitions

Bond and program criteria relevant to protect and restore land

The protect and restore land program includes four primary eligible activities

- Land acquisition
- Stabilization of Metro natural areas or the work needed for stabilization
- Capital restoration projects
- Pilot program, community-led acquisition

The land acquisition program activity of the protect and restore land program focuses on meeting criteria that are feasible to be met through land acquisition alone – focusing on actions like “protect” or “acquire,” and throughout this report these are the criteria referenced. The other criteria are important but will be met over time through other program activities.

The charts and tables below include additional details about protect and restore land investments that are largely complete and the climate resilience themes and impacts of those projects. This means that it’s focused on completed land acquisition and the stabilization investments made to date. Impacts that would come from capital restoration projects such as increased tree canopy or improved habitat will be displayed upon completion of capital restoration projects.

More resources on protect and restore land

- [Council adopted road maps for land acquisition](#)
- [Protect and restore land snapshot from last annual report](#)
- [Summary from engagement activities in 2021 and 2022 to prioritize land for acquisition](#)

Figure 2 *The reporting calendar for the oversight committee changed from annual to fiscal year as of the 2023-2024 cycle.

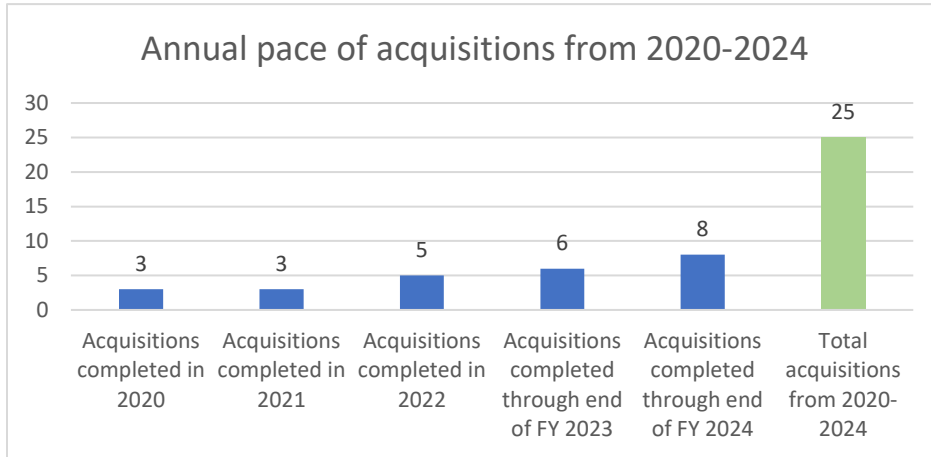


Figure 3 description: This chart displays the number and acreage of acquisitions completed through the protect and restore land program by each of the 24 target areas identified in the Council approved road maps. To date, Metro has completed acquisitions in 14 of these 24 target areas. Metro real estate negotiators pursue potential acquisitions in all 24 target areas and are both strategic and opportunistic when considering property acquisition, evaluating the qualities and conservation values of each parcel in alignment with multiple climate resilience factors, the priorities established in the Council approved road maps and the real estate strategy developed for each of the target areas, and public benefit. In addition, this is a willing seller program only purchasing properties from people who are willing to sell to Metro for an agreed upon price.

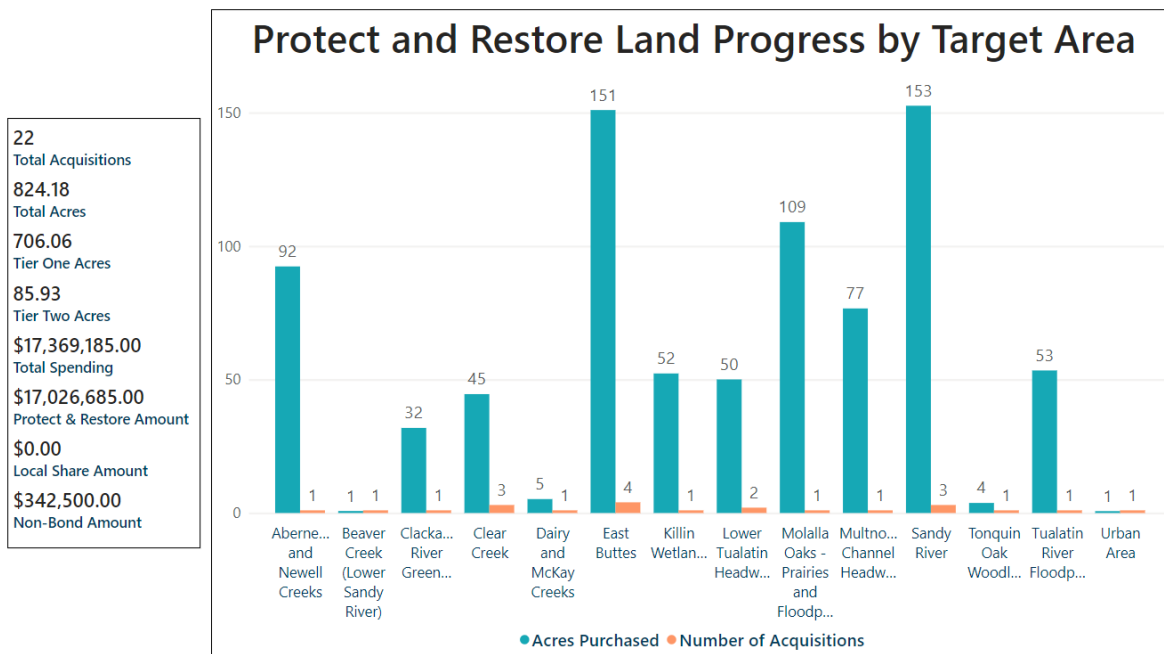
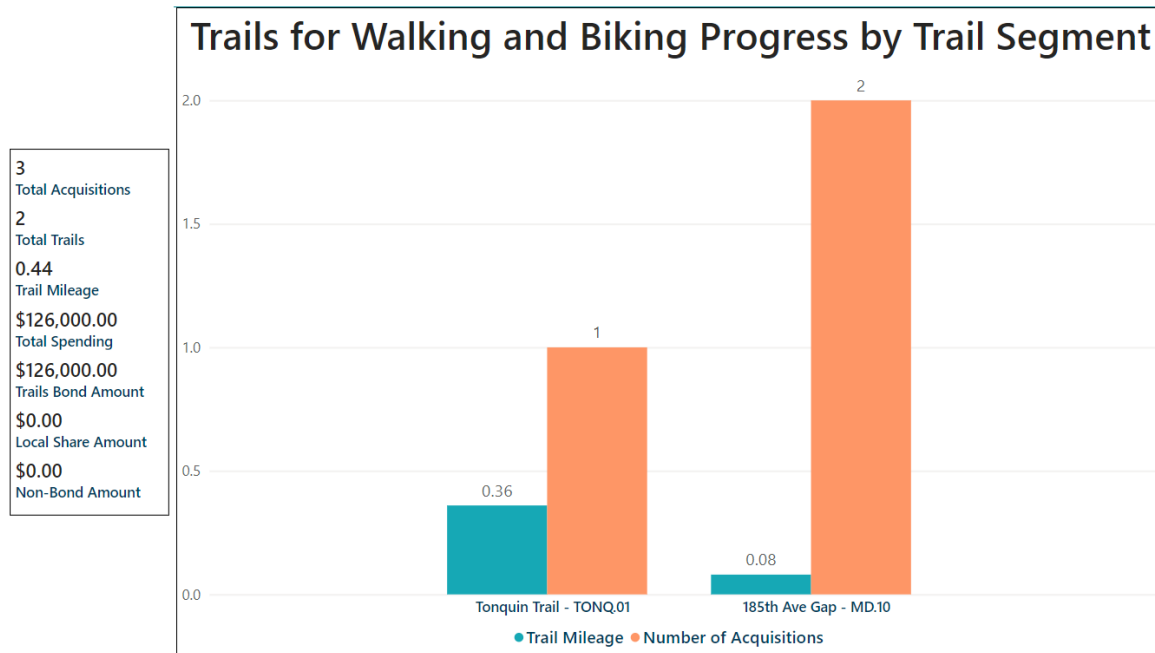


Figure 4 description: This chart displays the number and mileage of gaps in the regional trail system acquired in each of the 39 regional trail target areas identified in the Council approved road maps. Currently, Metro is focused on the 21 top gaps and has completed 3 purchases. As with the protect and restore land target areas, Metro real estate negotiators pursue potential acquisitions in all target areas and are both strategic and opportunistic when considering property acquisition to close trail gaps.



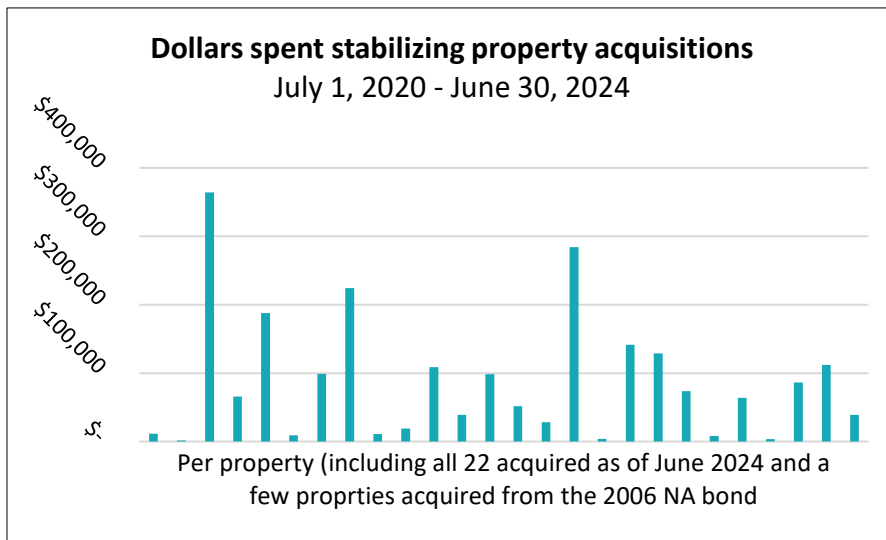
Stabilization activities

Cost of stabilization to date

Stabilization is one of the four program activities eligible for protect and restore land funds. Stabilization is the phase of management that follows acquisition. 2019 bond funds are supporting stabilization for all 22 land acquisitions made to date as well as stabilization for a few acquisitions completed with the 2006 natural areas bond measure.

During stabilization Metro uses bond funds to address threats that would otherwise compromise the values for which a new natural area is acquired. As no two properties are the same, or have the same conditions present, stabilization plans and costs will vary by property and the conditions present. Metro uses a function-based approach to identify and implement stabilization activities appropriate to each site. Function-based stabilization focuses on actions that protect high ecological function and shift currently degrading conditions to a positive trend leading to Metro to meeting the conservation objectives for which the property was purchased. Common stabilization actions include natural resource enhancement and property management and security actions. Important ecological functions addressed include key features such as soil erosion control, habitat quality and trend, temperature and flow modification of streams, and public safety.

Figure 5



Purchase price vs. market value

Metro hires an MAI certified appraiser to determine fair market value of the properties it purchases, to be sure that it is stewarding the public’s funds wisely. The Metro Council may direct staff to purchase property at any price, but through the policy established in the Natural Areas Work Plan, the Metro Council has delegated authority to staff to acquire properties for fair market value as supported by an independent appraisal (with the exception of properties purchased for less than \$50,000, which do not require an appraisal). The Chief Operating Officer may purchase a property for up to \$100,000 or 10% more than the value established by an appraisal provided certain conditions are met. Metro’s parks and nature bond executive steering committee has recommended that staff bring more negotiations to the COO to consider a purchase price within \$100,000 or 10% of the appraised value, so the percentage of properties purchased above FMV is expected to grow over time. Most properties purchased to date were at or under this assessment of fair market value, or an appraisal was not required (i.e., the purchase price was less than \$50,000). This includes all purchases funded through the protect and restore land and create trails for walking and biking programs.

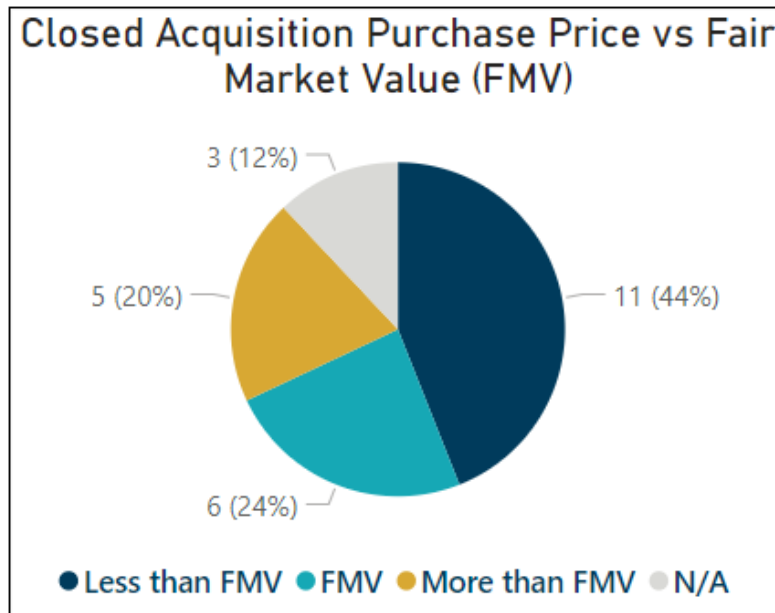
It’s important to track fair market value and remember that Metro values land acquisition far beyond just the price of the acquisition as these are opportunities to conserve land to support our region now and into future generations. We’re evaluating properties beyond the real estate value and consider the value to the public for future habitat, water quality and other values. Four properties have been purchased to date at a price above the independent appraiser’s determination of fair market value.

- East Buttes: This property, while small at 20 acres, is one of two properties that would close a gap in habitat connecting 300 acres already protected through 16 purchases spanning 3 decades.
- Clackamas River Bluffs and Greenway: This property sits at the confluence of the Clackamas River and Deep Creek and has been a priority location for Metro since the 1995 bond measure because of its conservation values and importance for native fish.
- Clear Creek: This property sits at the confluence of the Clackamas River and Clear Creek and has been a priority for Metro since the 1995 bond measure. The focus here is threat

abatement, as the seller intended to build multiple luxury homes which would have had a detrimental effect on fish and wildlife habitat and break connectivity.

- Urban (Lower Johnson Creek/Crystal Springs Creek): While the overall purchase price was greater than appraised value, Metro partnered with the City of Portland to jointly protect this property, so Metro’s contribution was far less, and the City of Portland is investing its own resources in stabilize and managing the property. Crystal Springs Creek is a salmon bearing stream in the heart of southeast Portland, and restoration of this property to its natural state will greatly benefit water quality and habitat for native fish.

Figure 6



Progress on climate resiliency

The 2019 bond measure prioritizes increasing the climate resiliency of greater Portland’s natural systems. Climate resiliency refers to the ability of a system to withstand or recover from changes induced by a changing climate. The overarching strategies for increasing the resiliency of natural areas and natural systems to climate-caused stresses are:

- Creating and managing large, healthy anchor habitat sites in all habitat types to support robust plant and animal populations.
- Improving overall habitat connectivity to allow plants and animals to move in response to changing conditions.
- Improving the ability of streams to absorb and store high flows.
- Provide cold-water refugia by protecting, connecting, and restoring headwaters, wetlands, riparian areas, floodplains and stream habitats.

The charts below display how many of the 22 properties purchased satisfied the program criteria aligned with these strategies in five primary habitat types. A property could have one or more features and/or habitat types present and may be represented multiple times.

Figure 7

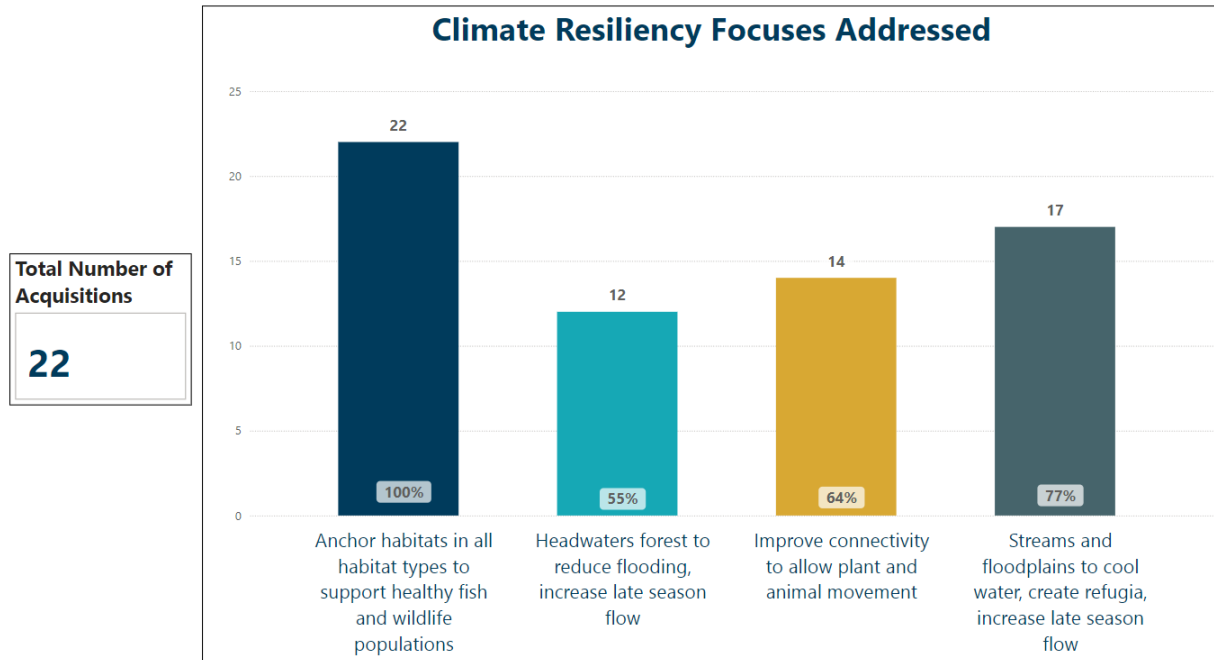


Figure 8 description: In addition to this more detailed analysis, the bond measure includes a specific requirement that all purchases funded by the bond must satisfy at least one climate resilience criterion listed in the bond measure. The two criterion that can be satisfied by property protection alone are shown in the chart below, along with the number of purchases that meet the criteria.

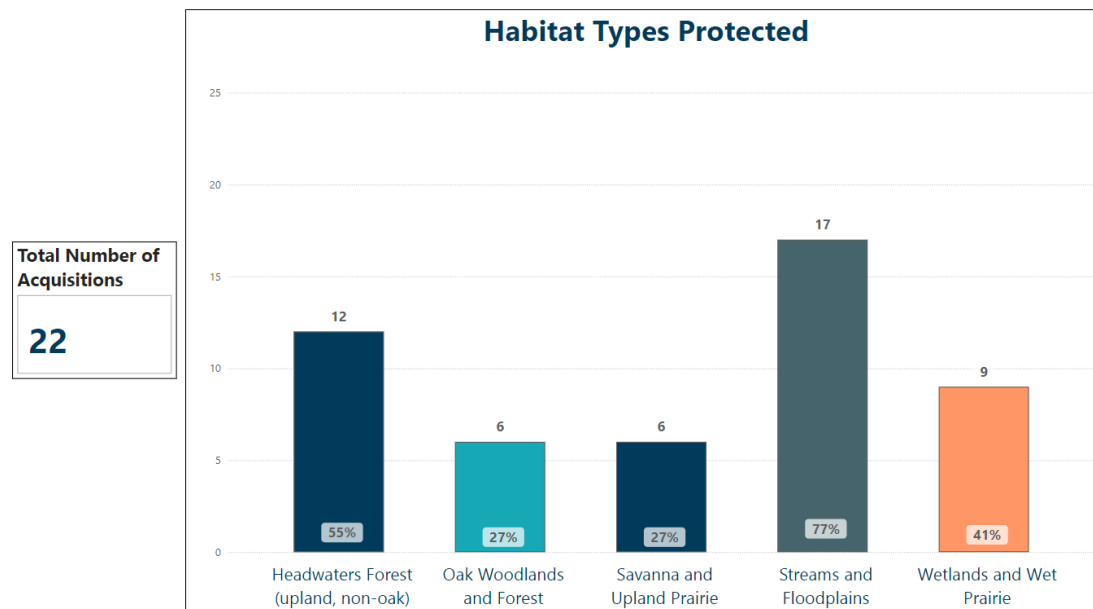


Figure 9 description: This chart only includes [criteria that the acquisition of land directly addresses](#) (only for land protection—i.e., purchasing a property doesn’t add tree canopy or use or restore it).

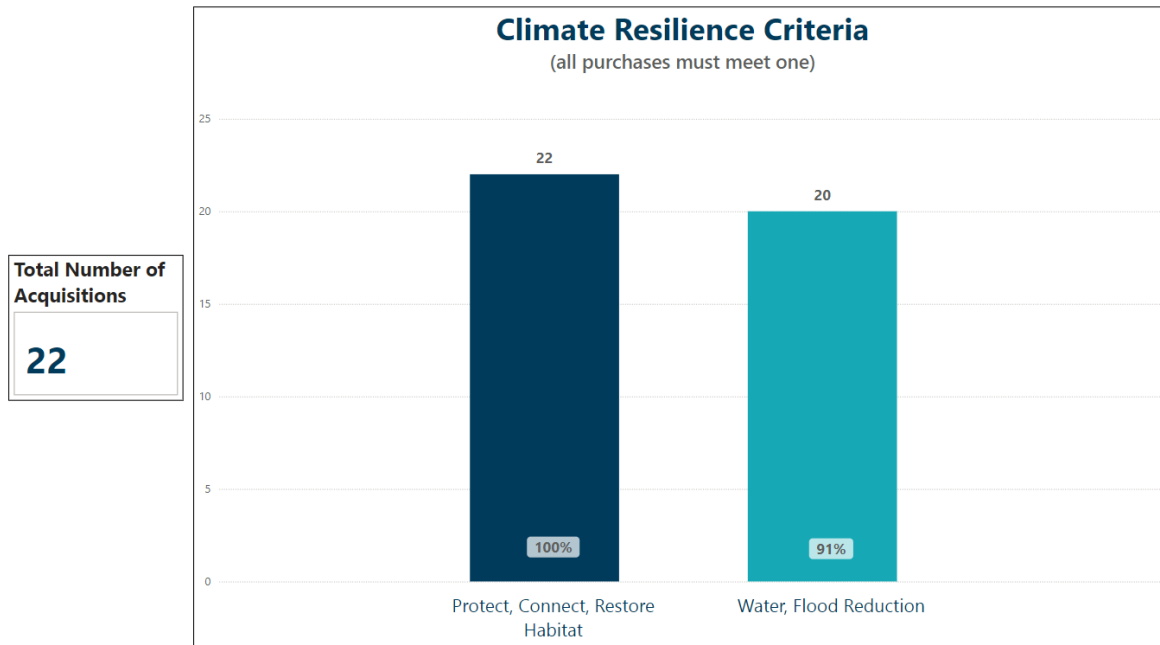


Figure 10 Description: This chart describes how the completed acquisitions align with one or more of the protect and restore land program criteria articulated in the bond measure. The reference to “urban areas” in the table below describes acquisitions closer to where people live (in or within ½ mile of the Metro urban growth boundary).

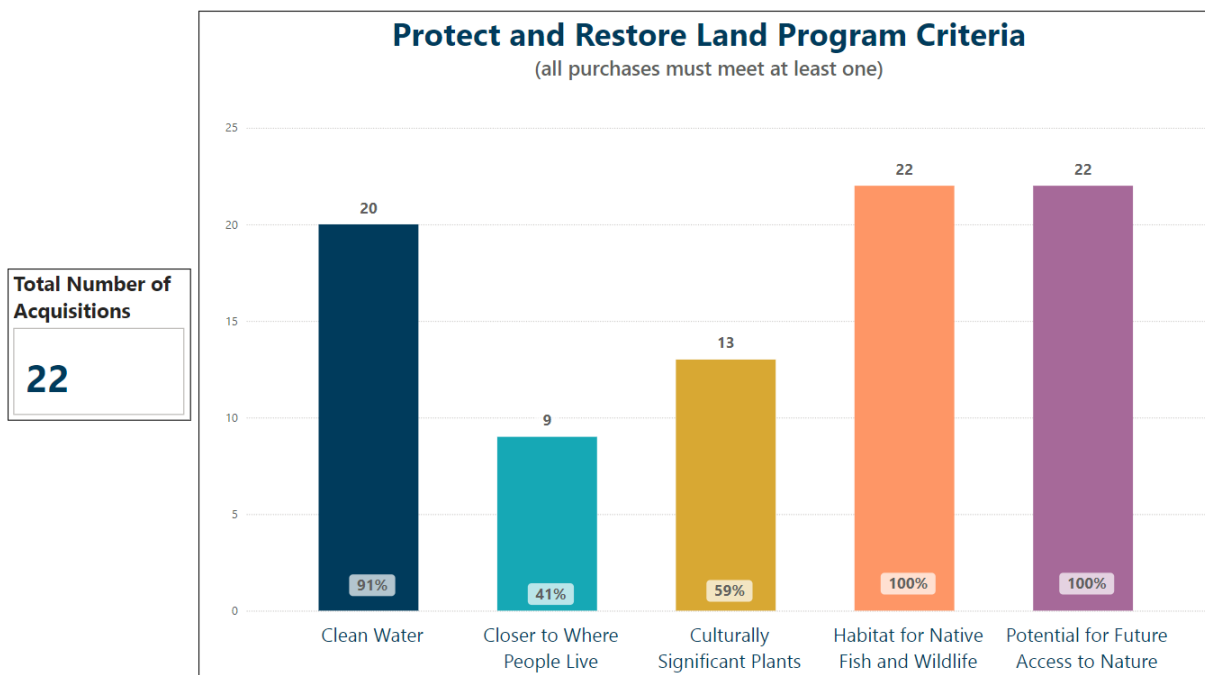
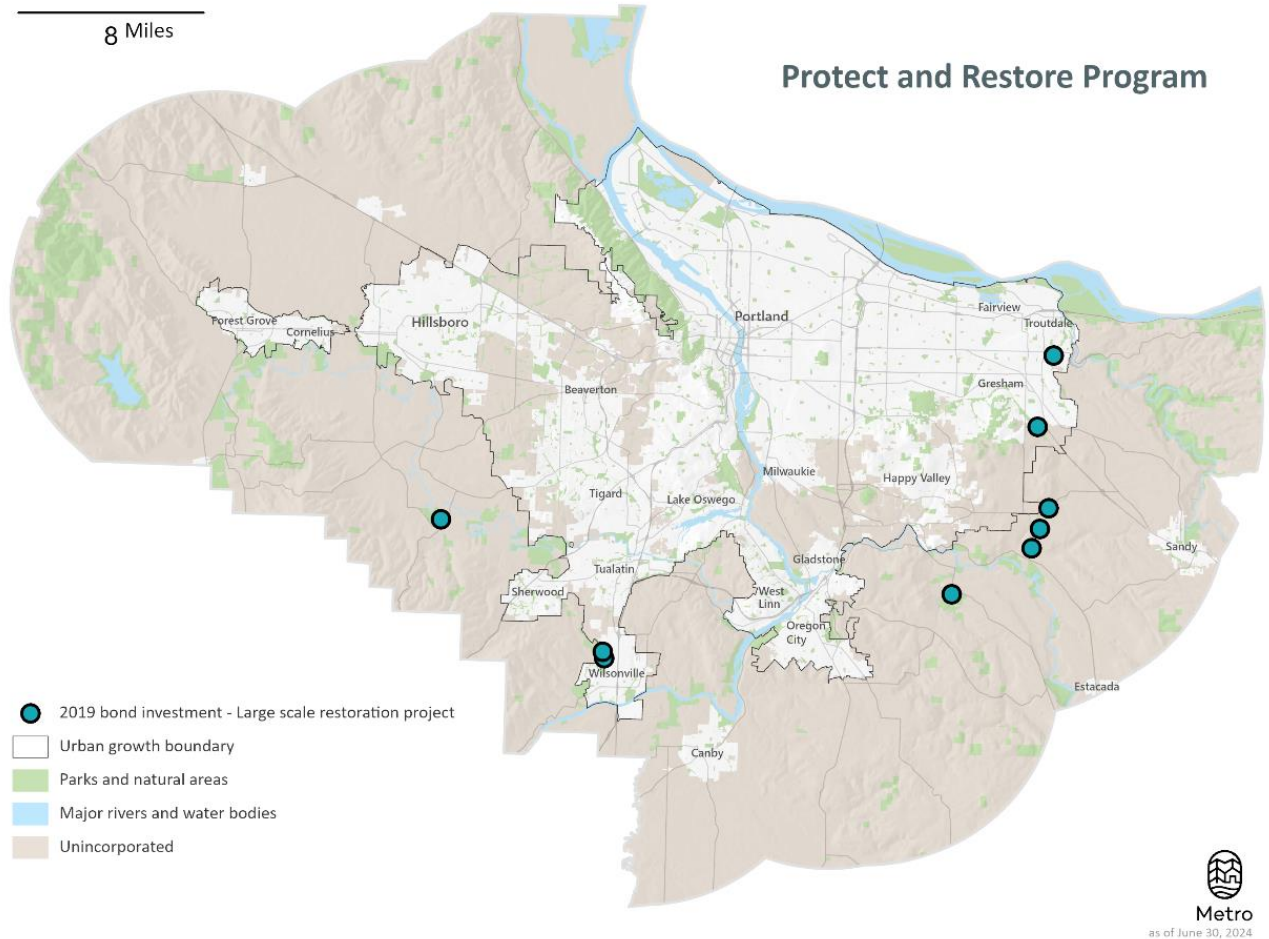


Figure 11: Map and list of capital restoration planned to be funded by the 2019 parks and nature bond

This map and table below display the location and description of capital restoration projects prioritized to be funded by the bond. Project prioritized based on alignment with bond and program criteria and feedback received from community, partners and stakeholders during bond development (pre-2019) and bond refinement (post-2020). Future fiscal years will likely identify additional capital restoration projects to be funded by the 2019 parks and nature bond funds



Project name	Description	Timing of project construction
Roberts Bridge Stream Restoration	The project is located at the Upper Johnson Creek Natural Area in Gresham, Oregon. Goals include the removal of a one-lane vehicular bridge over Johnson Creek paved asphalt driveways, including road fill and base gravel, concrete, and other debris. Restoration actions include the installation of large wood into the stream and floodplain and placement of boulders in-stream. Outcomes will include enhanced water quality, fish habitat and floodplain connectivity.	2024
Beaver Creek Stream Restoration	The project is at the South Beaver Creek Natural Area on Beaver Creek in Troutdale. Restoration includes actions that benefit water quality, fish habitat, and wildlife. This project is being developed to support broader native fish recovery efforts by the Beaver Creek and Sandy River Partnerships. These restoration actions were identified in 2015 during a feasibility study of potential projects on Metro lands along lower Beaver Creek. Restoration work includes removal of an instream weir (small dam), placement of large logs by helicopter, removal of debris from the stream, and stabilizing a stormwater outfall.	2024
Coffee Lake Wetlands Restoration	A large and highly visible wetland restoration project at the Coffee Lake Creek Wetlands Natural Area in Wilsonville. The project will improve wildlife habitat, water quality, floodplain connectivity by dewatering and re-routing two ditches, filling the ditches, grading, and lowering a large central wetland, excavating ponds of varying depths with shallow connector swales, utilizing fill to create hummocks, installation of wood features, and re-wetting the restored wetland, across 31.5 acres.	2024
Quamash Prairie McFee Creek Crossing	This project is located at the Quamash Prairie Natural Area in Washington County. The project will replace a failed culvert structure with a new structure that minimizes impact to riparian and aquatic natural resources. Project will ensure continued safe access for the Indigenous Community and Metro staff to the site.	2025
North Fork Deep Creek Restoration	The project is located at the North Fork Deep Creek Natural Area on Deep Creek and North Fork Deep Creek in Boring. Restoration work includes actions that benefit water quality, fish habitat, and wildlife. Project is being developed to support broader native fish recovery efforts by the Clackamas River Partnership. Work includes placement of large logs and brush into the stream by helicopter.	2026

List of properties acquired with the 2019 parks and nature bond as of June 2024

Target Area	Close Date	Acres	Purchase Price
Ice Age Tonquin Trail 2019 (22-5250)	06/29/2020	0.88	\$113,500.00
Sandy River 2019 (22-5250)	09/08/2020	86.76	\$350,000.00
East Buttes 2019 (22-5250)	12/08/2020	8.59	\$340,000.00
Dairy and McKay Creeks 2019 (22-5250)	02/10/2021	5.21	\$9,000.00
Killin Wetlands 2019 (22-5250)	11/24/2021	52.28	\$465,000.00
East Buttes 2019 (22-5250)	12/09/2021	117.09	\$1,422,000.00
Clackamas River Greenway 2019 (22-5250)	01/26/2022	31.88	\$1,681,485.00
Sandy River 2019 (22-5250)	05/12/2022	38.95	\$75,000.00
Lower Tualatin Headwaters 2019 (22-5250)	08/08/2022	39.95	\$1,000,000.00
Beaver Creek (Lower Sandy River) 2019 (22-5250)	10/06/2022	0.75	\$475,000.00
Tonquin Oak Woodlands 2019 (22-5250)	11/30/2022	3.77	\$110,000.00
Abernethy and Newell Creeks 2019 (22-5250)	01/26/2023	92.38	\$1,722,500.00
East Buttes 2019 (22-5250)	03/22/2023	5.30	\$0.00
Clear Creek 2019 (22-5250)	04/21/2023	24.93	\$301,200.00
East Buttes 2019 (22-5250)	04/25/2023	20.00	\$275,000.00
Urban Area 2019 (22-5250)	04/27/2023	0.70	\$685,000.00
Marine Drive Trail 2019 (22-5250)	06/30/2023	0.19	\$7,500.00
Marine Drive Trail 2019 (22-5250)	08/10/2023	0.21	\$5,000.00
Tualatin River Floodplain 2019 (22-5250)	09/08/2023	53.41	\$260,000.00
Molalla Oaks - Prairies and Floodplains 2019 (22-5250)	01/30/2024	109.00	\$1,500,000.00
Clear Creek 2019 (22-5250)	01/31/2024	0.89	\$530,000.00
Clear Creek 2019 (22-5250)	04/05/2024	18.72	\$3,448,000.00
Lower Tualatin Headwaters 2019 (22-5250)	04/10/2024	10.09	\$650,000.00
Multnomah Channel Headwaters 2019 (22-5250)	05/02/2024	76.64	\$1,350,000.00
Sandy River 2019 (22-5250)	06/28/2024	26.89	\$700,000.00
Total		825.46	\$17,475,185.00

LOCAL SHARE

\$92 million allocated to local governments for park improvement projects and locally important acquisitions, www.oregonmetro.gov/localshare

Local share program description

The local share program distributes \$92 million to 27 park providers (23 cities, 2 counties and 2 park districts) across the greater Portland region to invest in their community’s parks and nature projects including land acquisition, habitat restoration and connectivity, facilities at public parks and natural areas, local and regional trails and interpretive or environmental education facilities.

Once park providers submit a project, Metro staff review and approve it, and the two governments negotiate an agreement that governs the disbursement of local share funding. The timing of local share project submittal is determined by park providers.

The local share team is working to support park providers of all sizes to identify projects that meet bond criteria and community priorities. As of June 2024, Metro has awarded a total of \$30 million to 9 park providers to support 17 projects. Metro staff continue to have active conversations with several other park providers about priority projects for local share funds. Finally, in May 2024, Metro staff convened a few park providers to share their experiences working with the local share program with the oversight committee.

Local share program milestones completed as of June 2024

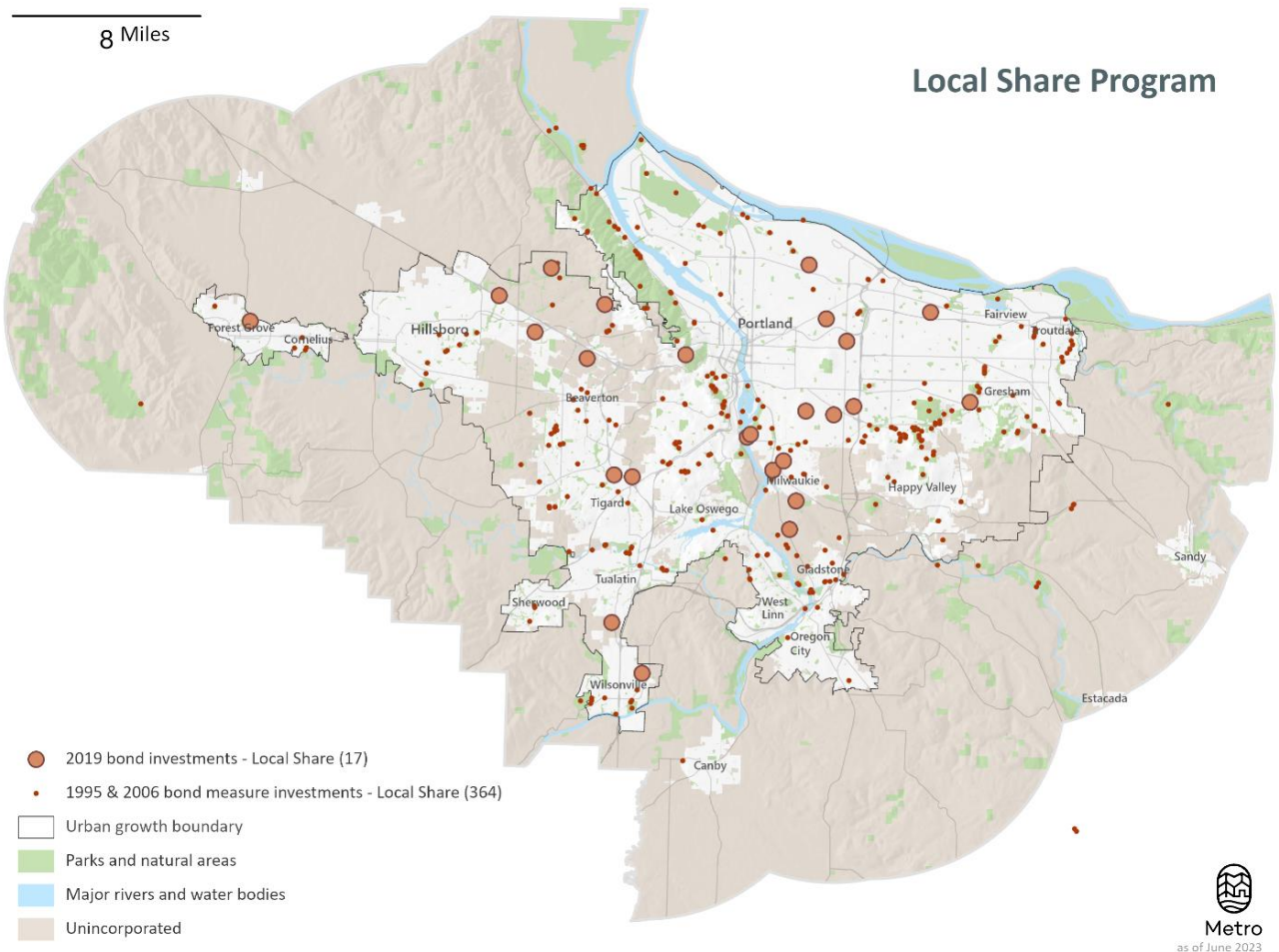
Category	Milestones completed from 2023 through summer 2024
Number of projects awarded funds ¹	12 (5 for Portland Parks and Recreation, 1 for Forest Grove, 1 for Wilsonville, 1 for North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, 1 for Milwaukie, 2 for Tigard, 1 for Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District)
Dollars awarded for local share projects	\$20.2 million
Dollars spent through completed projects	\$2.7 million
Ongoing conversations with multiple park providers to support in the project submittal process	Over 20
Number of roundtables to support learning on bond criteria	Total to date since 2021: 8 (on tribal government engagement, workforce and contract equity, anti-displacement, community engagement)

¹ Park providers can submit one or multiple projects for local share funds and some of the park providers listed in this table for 2023-2024 have been awarded funds for priority projects in previous fiscal years. See full list of local share awards as of June 2024 in appendix.

Additional local share resources

- [Local share program handbook](#)
- Local share [community engagement toolkit](#) and [planning guide](#), providing resources to park providers on utilizing meaningful engagement strategies to identify and submit projects for the bond's local share program funding
- [Presentation and discussion with select park providers at oversight committee's May 21, 2024 meeting on their experience with the local share program](#)
- [Presentation to the oversight committee on the bond's local share program](#)
- [Video explainer on the bond's local share program](#)

Figure 1, map of local share project awards as of June 2024



Looking ahead

The local share team will continue to work with the region's park providers to identify, submit and approve priority projects for bond local share funding. The team will continue to identify resources and strategies as well as findings from interviews and surveys of park providers to support the

region's park providers in identifying priority projects that address the bond criteria including roundtables, one on one meetings and site visits.

The team anticipates that the pace of local share project submittal will continue to increase. As additional park providers submit priority projects, the team will work with park providers to capture and report on progress made in addressing of bond criteria related to engagement, contracting and other areas.

Markers for progress on local share in 2024 and beyond

- Total number of park providers that have submitted a project or projects for review and percent of park providers submitted out of 27 total
- Total number of awards made to park providers after they submit projects
- Total dollars awarded and reimbursements made to priority local share projects
- Number of conversations with park providers about submitting priority projects
- Map of location and type of local share projects that have been awarded bond funds to date
- Reporting from park providers on how they're advancing bond criteria in project selection, development and activation, which will begin in summer of 2025
- Interviews and surveys of park provider staff to understand the impact of advancing local share projects and implementing bond criteria

WALKING AND BIKING TRAILS

\$40 million for building out the regional trails network, oregonmetro.gov/regional-trails-and-greenways-system

Walking and biking trails program description: Across greater Portland, a network of regional trails provide community members car-free routes to commute, bike, run and walk. Many of these trails have gaps where the trail is broken up or two or more trails don't easily connect, which means trail-goers have to use streets to complete their journeys.

The 2019 parks and nature bond includes funds (\$10 million) to fill in these gaps by purchasing properties and right of ways from willing sellers and \$20 million [in competitive grants](#) to local governments to plan, design and build regional trails. These trail grants, awarded in fall 2022, reflected community feedback collected through a public comment period and regional transportation priorities.

In addition, the priorities for trail gap acquisitions were informed by two community meetings for Black, Indigenous, and people of color to share their concerns, priorities and values on how Metro will invest in future trail projects. Participants shared [their insights](#) into what they want prioritized when we are buying new properties, things like safety, connections to work or access to nature.

Walking and biking trails milestones completed as of June 2024

- Real estate team completed 3 trail gap acquisitions and 8 overall trail real estate strategies.
- Real estate team has had 91 conversations with the region's park providers about potential trail gap acquisitions.
- In September 2022, Council approved [12 trail grant awards for \\$19.5 million](#) across the region from the Clackamas River Trail to the Gresham Fairview Trail to the Westside Trail to Marine Drive Trail, taking a huge step forward in advancing the region's goals for a more equitable and resilient transportation system.
- In fall 2022, Parks and Nature staff hosted a training for grant recipients on conducting cultural resource assessments for inadvertent discoveries during ground disturbing activities.

Walking and biking trails program milestones completed as of June 2024 (by the numbers)

Category	During 2023 through summer 2024
Number of trail grants awarded	12 (grant funding was awarded on a one-time basis)
Number of intergovernmental agreements finalized for trail grants	7 (out of 12)
Dollars for reimbursement requests made	\$227,430
Number of trail gaps acquired	3
Miles of trail gaps acquired	0.04 miles
Number of real estate strategies developed	Completed 8 trails real estate strategies; 6 are underway
Number of regional trail roundtables held	7

Looking ahead

The team has been working to finalize intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with the grant recipients for the 12 projects and has made significant progress in that goal. This is important as the finalization of the IGAs allows for grant recipients to formally submit more reimbursements for project costs. Overall, the team anticipates that the bulk of the project work funded by the bond trail grants will ramp up in the next three fiscal years (2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2025-2027), though the timing of the projects will be driven primarily by the grant recipients themselves.

Relative to trail gap acquisition, the team continues to build the tools and capacity to pursue the acquisition of easements important to strengthening the regional trail network. In general, trail gap easements are less expensive than acquisition of land and can be more time consuming and complicated as they require a willing local agency to take ownership of the easement once Metro completes the acquisition. The team expects to expend an average of \$1 million on trail gap acquisition per fiscal year through 2031.

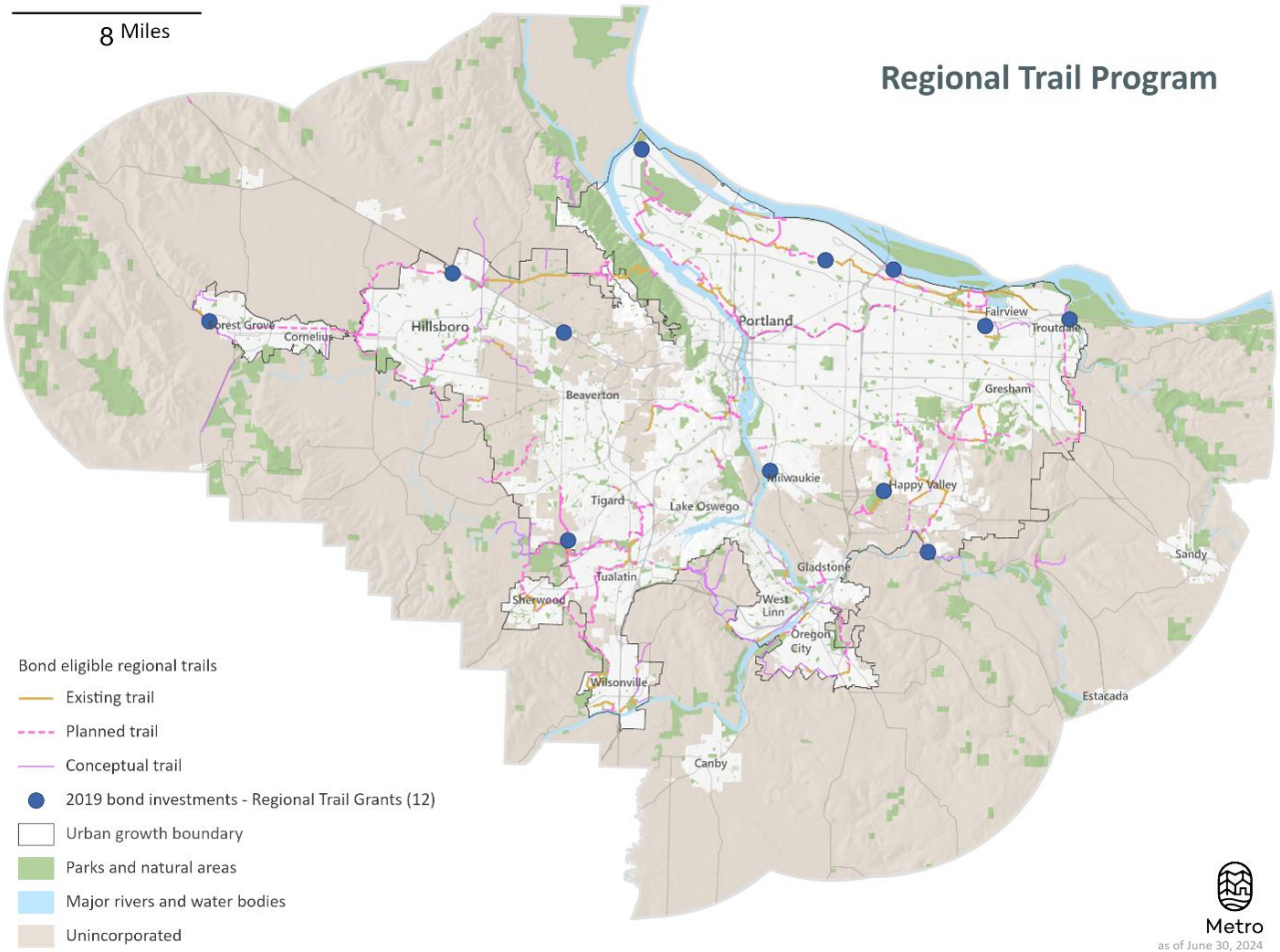
Markers to determine progress for walking and biking trails

- Number of trail gap easements completed
- Number of feet or trail miles protected with bond funds
- Number of executed intergovernmental agreements with park providers for trail projects out of 12 grant awards
- Number of trail projects at any given time progressing from one stage of project readiness to another
- Reporting from park providers on how they're advancing bond criteria through their trail projects (community engagement activities, COBID participation and other)

More resources on the walking and biking trails program activities

- [Summary of community engagement on priority factors for trail gap acquisition](#)
- [List of trail grant awards made in fall 2022](#)

Figure 1, map of walking and biking trail investments and awards as of June 2024



NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS

\$40 million to community groups, non-profits and local governments for projects that “re-green” or “re-nature” neighborhoods, <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/nature-grants>

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program description

The Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program supports community-led projects that benefit historically marginalized communities, protect, and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, support climate resilience and increase people’s experience of nature at the community scale. The capital grants program from the 2006 natural areas bond has helped support some of the region’s most beloved places and spaces including Gresham’s Nadaka Nature Park, Portland’s Cully Park, Milwaukie’s Riverfront Park, Tigard’s Bull Mountain Park and countless others. As with the capital grants program from the 2006 natural areas bond, this program will include several rounds of grant solicitations.

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants are available to fund land acquisitions, urban transformations, restoration projects and neighborhood livability. The resulting capital asset (park, property, building, habitat) must be publicly owned, however partnerships and collaboration are key to successful projects and non-government organizations can apply for funding.

This bond program also includes the Nature in Neighborhoods [community choice grants](#) program, which utilizes participatory grant-making novel participatory approach that defers decision making power to community members to propose, develop, and choose which projects to recommend for funding in their communities that benefit historically marginalized communities, protect and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, support climate resilience, and increase people’s experience of nature at the community scale.

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program milestones completed in FY 2023-2024

Category	Milestone completed from 2023 to summer 2024
Number of projects awarded Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants	12
Total dollars awarded via Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants	\$5.2 million
Number of community choice grant awards made in the pilot round	15
Dollars awarded via Nature in Neighborhoods community choice grants	\$2.3 million
Total number of votes cast during two phases of community choice grants process (preliminary and final vote)	2,000
Total meetings of community grant review committees	26 (22 total for community choice grants process and 2 for each round of Nature in Neighborhood capital grants)

Looking ahead

With two rounds of capital grants and one round of community choice grants complete, the team is continuing to evaluate lessons learned on how to increase the reach of these grant programs and build the strongest pipeline of projects to meet bond requirements and align with bond criteria.

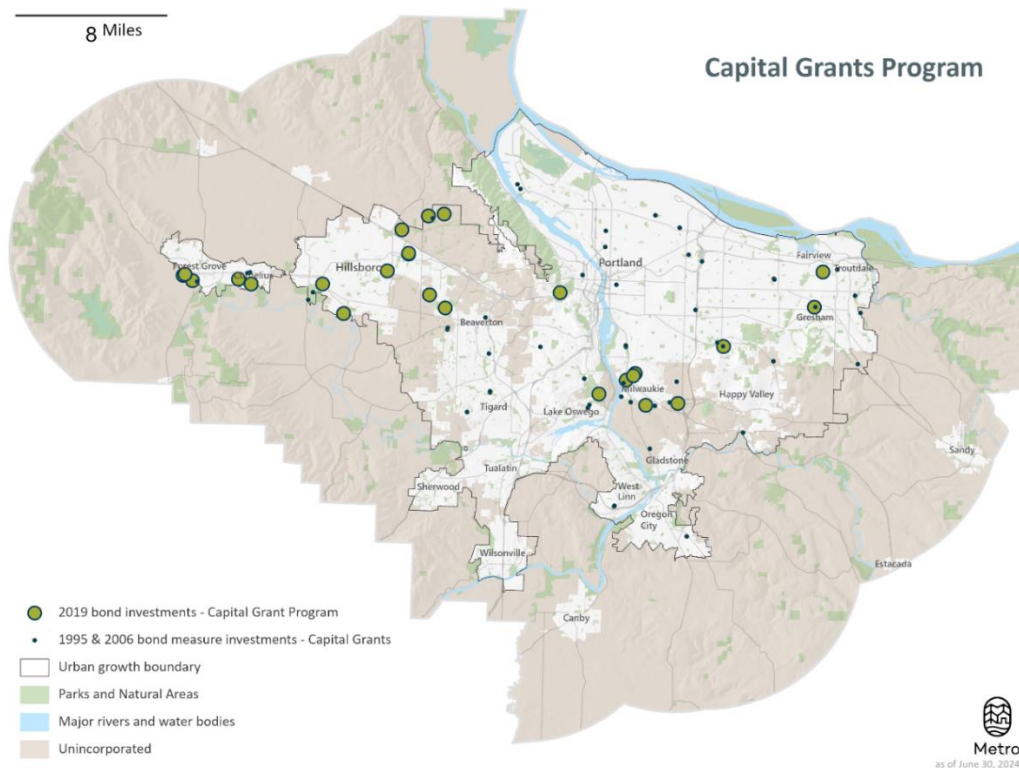
Based on Parks and Nature’s experience managing this type of program in the 2006 natural areas bond, we anticipate that it will continue to take additional time, effort and outreach to build a solid pipeline of projects that are eligible for grant funding. The team continues to plan for a third solicitation and funding round for Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants in spring/summer 2025 aiming to award up to \$5 million in funds. The team is also planning for a second round of community choice grants, kicking off in 2025 with awards in 2026.

The team will continue to work with grant recipients to finalize contracts to implement the grant awards. Each grant recipient has up to two years to execute a contract and three years to complete a grant funded project.

More resources on the Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program

- [Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants handbook](#)
- [List of Nature in Neighborhoods grant awards from 2023](#)
- [List of Nature in Neighborhoods grant awards from 2024](#)
- [List of Community Choice grants awarded in February 2024](#)

Figure 1, map of capital grants investments as of June 2024 (NOTE: map only includes 2023 capital grant awards and first round of community choice grant awards)



TAKE CARE OF METRO PARKS

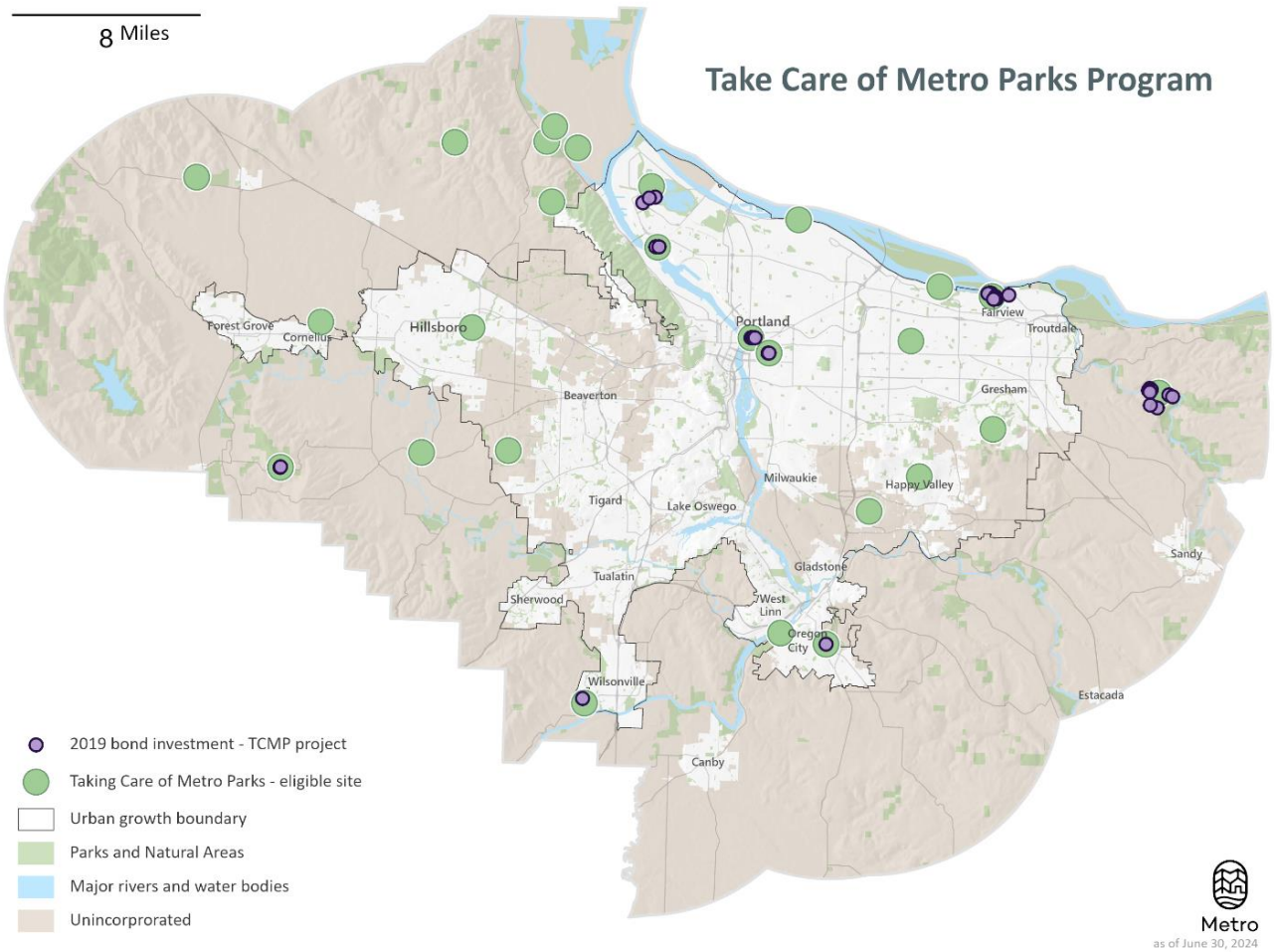
\$98 million for safety and accessibility improvements at Metro parks and facilities across the region

Take care of Metro parks program description

Metro’s regional parks, boat launches and cemeteries welcome visitors each year to enjoy nature, exercise, and cultural gatherings. The take care of Metro parks program is a promise to take care of Metro’s existing sites by addressing capital maintenance, repair and improvement needs at Metro facilities and completing nature parks with adopted master plans.

Since 2020, the take care of Metro parks program has invested over \$34 million in bond funding to complete projects that advance capital improvements at Blue Lake, Oxbow, Lone Fir, helped to complete Newell Creek Canyon and Chehalem Ridge and to advance some of Metro’s most recent policy commitments around accessibility, sustainability and workforce equity.

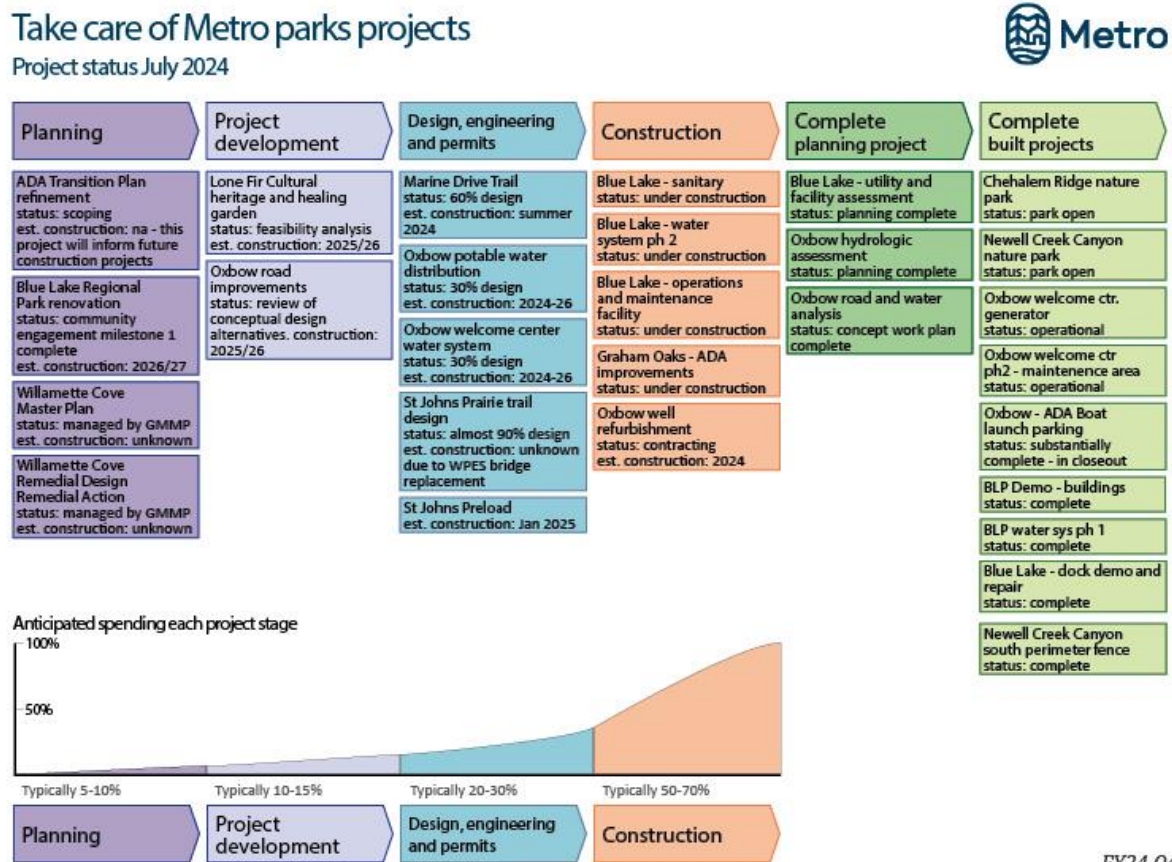
Figure 1, map of take care of Metro parks projects, as of June 2024



Take care of Metro parks program milestones completed as of June 2024

- Completed nine construction projects at Metro’s developed sites and an additional three planning projects (see diagram).
- Recently completed several health, safety and accessibility improvements at Blue Lake Park including upgrades to the water, sanitary sewer, fishing pier as well as the renovations and construction of the Parks and Nature operations facility.
- Completed engagement activities for bond funded projects at Metro sites included the Blue Lake Park renovation project, Lone Fir memorial design and the master planning effort for a potential nature park at Willamette Cove (more detail in figure 3).
- Implementing ADA accessibility improvements across Metro’s system of developed sites including an accessibility pilot at Graham Oaks Nature Park to support the removal of barriers to access in accordance with the Parks and Nature ADA Transition Plan.

Figure 2, Take care of Metro parks stages and gates



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Projects are fully or partially funded by 2019 bond.

Looking ahead

Metro anticipates that many other bond funded projects to improve health, safety and accessibility at Metro sites like Oxbow, Lone Fir and others, which are currently in design, engineering and planning phase will move into construction in this fiscal year and future fiscal years. Specifically, the team anticipates that the next set of significant construction projects including the Blue Lake Park renovation project, the Oxbow roadway and water project and Lone Fir Memorial could begin construction in 2026. The team continues to advance these projects while navigating known and unknown challenging conditions for construction projects including high costs for labor and materials and permitting requirements.

In addition, Metro continues to meaningfully engage with BIPOC community and center their voices in shaping planned projects and improvements to Metro's developed parks. Targeted engagement strategies include partner cohorts, community specific events/listening sessions and tribal engagement centering the voices of those who have typically been left out of these conversations in the past for projects including the Blue Lake Park renovation, the Lone Fir Memorial and the Willamette Cove master plan.

Markers to demonstrate progress on take care of Metro parks

- Number of projects out of priority take care of Metro parks list substantially complete
- Project status for each of the take care of Metro parks projects over time
- Number of Metro developed sites where bond funds are investing in ADA accessibility improvements
- Number and participation in engagement activities for Blue Lake Park renovation and Lone Fir Cultural Healing and Heritage Garden
- Examples of how feedback from community members has been implemented
- Number of take care of Metro parks construction projects implementing policies from Metro's public benefits program aimed at contract and workforce equity and overall sustainability.

Figure 3, List of engagement activities for take care of Metro parks projects from 2023 through June 2024

Community engagement activity from 2023-2024 related to projects at Metro’s developed sites (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used
Fall 2023	General public at kick off for Blue Lake Park renovation project (50-100 individuals) and online survey (with 120 responses)	Build awareness for the project and solicit feedback in the survey
Fall 2023	33 BIPOC community members at a focus group for Blue Lake Park renovation	Review design alternatives
Fall 2023	20 Indigenous community visits to Blue Lake Park site	Support development of 3 draft alternative concept plans
Fall 2023 through ongoing	BLP partner cohort meets monthly	Participate in project decisions for Blue Lake Park renovation
Fall 2023	Virtual meeting with 30 members of the Portland Chinese community about Lone Fir Memorial	Project updates
Winter 2023	60 BIPOC community members participating in design charrettes	Review initial design alternatives
Early 2024	75 community members at Willamette Cove field day Tribes, Indigenous community, People of Color, the disability Community and houseless community, Advocacy groups, conservation groups)	Engage key stakeholders in Willamette Cove master planning project
Spring 2024	150 responses to an online survey and 50 individuals participated in an open house to launch the survey about the design concepts for the Lone Fir Memorial.	Provide feedback on preference for two conceptual designs; helped prioritize one design
Spring 2024	Over 2200 unique responses to an online survey asking community members about the types of things they’d like to see at Willamette Cove	To inform focus for master planning efforts
Summer 2024	Online survey on Blue Lake Park renovation (open from June through September 2024), so responses not tallied	To get feedback on the design alternatives for the Blue Lake Park renovation

LARGE SCALE COMMUNITY VISIONS

\$30 million for green investments in regional transformative projects,

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/large-scale-community-visions>

Large scale community visions program description: The Metro Council created the large scale community visions program to fund regionally significant catalytic investments that re-green communities and connect parks and nature with other community assets such as transportation and affordable housing.

A Metro Council approved program handbook articulates bond and program criteria and requirements for eligible projects. Large scale community visions projects must be capital projects (including real estate acquisitions) owned by a public agency, meaning a building, facility, property or large natural area restoration and must meaningfully engage with communities of color, Indigenous communities, people with low incomes and other historically marginalized communities in planning and development.

Large scale community visions program milestones complete as of June 2024

- Metro Council designated three projects to receive large scale community visions in the pilot round in spring 2023
 - OSU/Trust for Public Land for a significant acquisition in the North Tualatin Mountains
 - OMSI/Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission for the waterfront education park
 - Albina Vision Trust for an acquisition near the Memorial Coliseum
- Metro Council approved updates to program handbook in spring 2024 to strengthen opportunities for catalytic projects to be eligible for funding
- Solicitation for the second round of funding in April 2024
- Completed conversations with approximately 40 organizations about the current open solicitation
- As of end of June 2024, five letters of interest were submitted for initial screening

Looking ahead

As of June 2024, the 2019 parks and nature bond's large scale community visions program has received five letters of intent (LOI) since solicitation for the program opened on April 15, 2024. The current total request of the five LOIs is \$34 million, which exceeds the \$10 million available in this funding cycle.

The LOIs were reviewed by an internal staff review committee composed of staff from the Parks and Nature department and the Planning and Research department. Staff reviewed the LOIs based on compliance with Council approved bond and program criteria, as well as compliance with bond requirements including the need for the resulting project to be a capital asset in public ownership. Of the five LOIs submitted, three have been invited to submit a full application.

LOI submitters that meet Council approved program criteria and bond requirements will be invited to submit a full application as early as August 2024. The Metro Council will select projects and make all large-scale community vision funding awards by end of 2024. Staff is anticipating soliciting for at least one more round of large scale community visions in the next calendar year.

Markers to determine progress on large scale community visions

- Number of letters of interest submitted
- Number of applications submitted
- Number of awards made by the Metro Council
- Outreach to solicit letters of interest for future rounds
- Reporting from large scale community visions program grant recipients on how they're advancing bond criteria in project development, advancement and activation
- Feedback from entities that submitted letters of intent and applications on the experience of participating in the pilot round

Links to more information about large scale community visions

- [Program snapshot from last annual report](#)
- [Large scale community visions program handbook](#)
- [Metro news story about pilot round awards](#)
- [Program overview video for oversight committee \(September 2023\)](#)

ADDRESSING THE BOND CRITERIA

This section provides detailed a summary of progress to date related to the three bond criteria that govern bond programs: community engagement, racial equity and climate resilience. With each of the bond criteria, it's important to both describe bond investments, activities and efforts while also giving a sense of the quality of the work and what we've learned.

This section details the following

- The work done to address the bond criteria and the quality of that work
 - [Community engagement](#)
 - [Racial equity](#)
 - [Accessibility](#)
 - [Climate resilience](#)
- [The tools that Metro is building to evaluate the impact of investments to date](#)
- More details can be found in the [appendix](#).

Bond investments and activities are meeting expectations for addressing bond criteria

- Metro led community engagement activities underway provide examples of how Metro is continuing to utilize and improve meaningful engagement strategies and tactics that center BIPOC communities in program and project decision-making.
- Bond investments continue to support economic opportunity for contractors and workers who are women and people of color.
- Bond funded land acquisition activities, driven largely by the bond's protect and restore land program are demonstrating work on key themes for strengthening the region's climate resilience through improving water quality and quantity and connectivity.
- As part of staff's work to respond to [audit of the parks and nature bond](#), staff have shared reporting tools and frameworks with the committee to help the committee evaluate Metro's work on addressing the bond criteria, including goals for multiple dimensions of access in relation to bond programs and projects.

More resources about bond related community engagement

- [Summary of community engagement during bond development](#)
- [Summary of community engagement during bond refinement](#) (see partner engagement summaries by target area)
- [Bond criteria snapshot from the last annual report](#) (see page 24)
- [Presentation to oversight committee on engagement plans for Blue Lake Park renovation](#) (February 2023, 0:55 timestamp)
- [Presentation to oversight committee on community choice grants](#) (December 2023, 1:06 timestamp)
- [Presentation to oversight committee on approach to increasing accessibility at Metro developed sites](#) (May 2024, 0:58 timestamp)
- [Presentation to oversight committee on assumptions underpinning climate resilience criteria](#) (December 2022)

- [Appendix providing more detail on community engagement activities](#)

Parks and nature bond community engagement and racial equity criteria

- Meaningfully engage with communities of color, Indigenous communities, people with low incomes and other historically marginalized communities in planning, development and selection of projects.
- Prioritize projects and needs identified by communities of color, Indigenous communities, low income and other historically marginalized groups.
- Demonstrate accountability for tracking outcomes and reporting impacts, particularly as they relate to communities of color, Indigenous communities, people with low incomes and other historically marginalized communities.
- Improve the accessibility and inclusiveness of developed parks.
- Include strategies to prevent or mitigate displacement and/or gentrification resulting from bond investments.
- Set aspirational goals for workforce diversity and use of COBID contractors and work to reduce barriers to achieving these goals; demonstrate accountability by tracking outcomes and reporting impacts.

Snapshot of meaningful engagement completed from 2023 through summer 2024²

The engagement activities completed from 2023 June 2024, for the [community choice grants pilot round](#), the [Lone Fir Memorial](#), the [Blue Lake Park renovation project](#) and the [Willamette Cove Master plan project](#) engaged over 5,000 people using multiple methods including online surveys, in person events, site visits and focused workshops and design charettes. Of this total, approximately 700 people were engaged as part of an in person or virtual engagement activity. In addition, more individuals and communities were engaged by the region’s park providers around priorities for the bond’s local share funds.

² More detailed information about engagement activities can be found in [appendix exhibit 4](#).

[Nature in Neighborhoods community choice grants pilot](#)

Description: The pilot began in the spring of 2023 with opportunities for community members to share park and conservation project ideas. More than 118 ideas were submitted online and at community events across Washington County. Through two rounds of voting, community members cast over 2,000 eligible votes to identify 15 priority projects.

<i>Community engagement strategies</i>	<i>Lessons learned</i>
<p>To make it as easy as possible for community members to participate, throughout the process, Metro staff attended community events to gather input on the projects and, eventually, help folks vote.</p> <p>Metro used an online community voting tool.</p>	<p>Utilizing a smaller than regional geography to focus on for this type of participatory grant-making (in this case a Council district) and need to have strong partnerships with both local park agencies and community organizations in the geography to ensure that we had the tools to engage community and identify projects that could be built.</p> <p>The projects that received the strongest community support and were approved by the Metro Council for funding included nature play, improvements to existing sites and projects with native planting elements.</p> <p>Final votes were 89% from the geographies in western Washington County targeted by the pilot.</p>

[Blue Lake Park renovation project](#)

Description: Completed two large engagement milestones focused on BIPOC community members and general public to solicit community feedback about the Blue Lake Park renovation project. The kickoff of the first engagement milestone in August 2023 include a public event at the park (with 50-100 participants) as well as an online survey and BIPOC focus groups that met twice during the last year to review designs. In addition, staff regularly convene a small group of community members, called the partner cohort, to participate in project meetings and discussions.

As of June 2024, met with over 90 BIPOC community members in targeted focus groups, met monthly with the partner cohort and received over 120 online survey responses (with much more anticipated by the completion of the open survey underway in summer of 2024).

Metro is also coordinating with the region’s tribal governments.

<i>Community engagement strategies used</i>	<i>Lessons learned</i>
<p>Established separate engagement pathways: 1) Focus on engaging with systemically oppressed communities, community groups, park visitors, 2) Partner agencies: Tribal governments, local governments, drainage district</p> <p>For the partner cohort, prioritized individuals from marginalized communities and those communities near to the park.</p> <p>Used existing relationships with trusted community organizations to spread the word about the survey, open house and focus group opportunities.</p> <p>Convened specific focus groups for BIPOC community members to review design concepts at important milestones in the process</p> <p>Bringing member of urban Indigenous community to the site to engage in questions about design.</p> <p>Translated all engagement materials into Spanish and used stipends for community members participating</p>	<p>Success of online open houses for people to engage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing different engagement strategies for different community members and stakeholders and being strategic and targeted about each. • Continuing to cultivate a list of community members who have participated in engagement to share upcoming engagement opportunities with. Many participants in engagement activities have also participated in a previous bond funded engagement activities.

Lone Fir Memorial

Description: Metro has invested bond funds to develop a memorial at Lone Fir that honors these unrecognized stories at the Lone Fir Cemetery and provides a space that is welcoming, educational, reflective and healing for all. Metro has been engaging with community about the developing a design for this memorial that honors Chinese immigrants buried there, as well as patients from a nearby mental hospital.

<i>Community engagement strategies used</i>	<i>Lessons learned</i>
<p>To date, the entire design has been shaped by the community, particularly members of Portland’s Chinese community, whom the project team has engaged via open houses, online surveys and interviews with community members.</p> <p>Shared opportunities about engagement with the Portland Chinese Times, Asian Reporter, Street Roots, social media, partner promotion, news outlets alerted, emails to interested parties</p> <p>Support services have been made available to community members as they process responses to learning about the site history.</p>	<p>We’ve received feedback to date that Chinese American community members are largely in support of the design and have explicitly stated they felt heard with the latest updated version of the design.</p>

[Willamette Cove master plan](#)

Description: Metro has kicked off the planning process to create a nature park at Willamette Cove, a former industrial site on the Willamette River in North Portland. Through one initial online survey in spring 2023, Metro asked community members to share their insights and opinions on what type of experience they want to see at Willamette Cove, how they would like to access the river and how Metro should balance access for people with providing space for nature. Received over 2,200 unique responses to the survey and [the summary of those responses are available here](#).

Metro held a virtual workshop and an in-person workshop in early May, while the survey was live. Each workshop had capacity for 50 participants, and 37 participated in-person and 25 attended the online session. The workshops had at a lot of the same information as the survey, but added activities that let community members place ideas for park features on maps.

In addition, Metro hosted an open field day event in fall 2023 and focused invitations on BIPOC community members, the disability community, the houseless community, advocacy groups and conservation groups.

Metro is also coordinating with the region’s tribal governments on the Willamette Cove master plan so that the plan can support the tribes’ treaty rights, especially by creating healthy habitats for salmon and lamprey.

<i>Community engagement strategies used</i>	<i>Lessons learned</i>
<p>The Willamette Cove online survey was online, in English and Spanish, and open to everyone and shared it through Metro’s social media</p> <p>Metro also shared the survey opportunity to residents near to the site through a postcard that went out to every residence in North Portland, which tallied just under 37,000 homes.</p> <p>Metro conducted specific engagement with disability community to understand priorities and needs for the site.</p> <p>Metro worked with several community-based organizations to help get the word out to the communities they serve, including the Indigenous, Black and Latine communities, the disability community, and the houseless community.</p>	<p>Pairing online surveys with in-person engagement activities, mailing of postcards and Our Big Backyard, Metro Parks and Nature’s quarterly newsletter, to maximize the reach of online surveys.</p> <p>Analysis of survey results revealed that it did a good job collecting a lot of information, the survey did not do a good job gathering information from a representative sample of either the North Portland community or the Metro region.</p> <p>Demographic questions at the survey’s end are incredibly valuable for helping us do better and take different approaches to make sure we hear from a set of people who reflect the entirety of our region.</p> <p>Survey analysis showed that people of color were underrepresented in the survey, but more successful with attendance of people of color at in person workshops.</p>

	Overall, the disability community was still underrepresented, so we have clear work to do better for this community.
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Advancing racial equity through bond investments completed from 2023 through summer 2024

Metro incorporated equity into bond funded projects by utilizing intentional strategies for how bond funded investments can benefit specific communities across the region like COBID contractors and workers of color and boost parts of the region that have historically experienced reduced investment in parks, trails and natural areas.

<i>What we did</i>	<i>How we did it</i>
A subset of bond-funded capital construction projects are tracking and making progress towards a more equitable workforce, including a construction project prioritized by park providers to receive local share funding awards.	Metro’s Construction Career Pathways project sets threshold for specific tracking and workforce equity strategies all aimed at increasing opportunities for people of color, women and apprentices in the construction industry. See about requirements here.
Tracking COBID participation through eligible bond funded projects at 23 percent.	Metro staff work to increase the participation of COBID contractors in bond funded projects through conducting outreach to COBID contractors in the state database, participating in open houses for COBID certified businesses and requiring prime contractors to work with COBID subcontractors where possible.
Incorporating racial equity lens in bond funded grants.	Bond programs that grant or allocate funding to local park providers use equity focus area designation to increase number of investments in those areas. Equity focus areas are areas in the region where the concentration of people of color, people with limited English proficiency or people with low incomes is greater than the regional average based on census tract data. The community choice grants pilot round focused on a geography in western Washington County that was evaluated for

<i>What we did</i>	<i>How we did it</i>
	<p>specific equity factors including high populations of people of color. As the team prepares to launch a second round of community choice grants, it's using an analysis of equity focus areas to help select a geography on which to focus.</p> <p>In addition, the trail grants (awarded in 2022) used proximity to equity focus areas to determine the level of match required for grant applicants (proximity to an equity focus area reduced the amount of match required).</p>

Lessons learned and areas for reflection

- Analyzing the latest COBID participation rates for eligible bond funded projects over the life of the bond (23%) as well as disaggregated participation rates for specific contractor groups allows Metro to review and identify opportunities and challenges for department and agency led efforts to maintain the COBID participation rate above the floor of 20%. In future years, Metro will explore opportunities to increase the tools (including better tracking software and the potential to survey or interview contractors about their experiences) to better understanding the dynamics of increasing the impact of bond contracts on COBID and other contractors across the region.
- The Blue Lake Park Curry building remodel include a workforce that is 12% women, 42% people of color and 23% apprentices, which exceeding the targets for workforce participation set by Metro’s Construction Career Pathways policy framework. Reporting will continue to shift as there are more bond funded projects in construction.

Activities to increase accessibility across the region from 2023 through summer 2024

Metro continues to use bond funds to address ADA barriers at its developed sites. Beyond strictly addressing ADA barriers, Metro is working to identify and prioritize investments that increase accessible amenities (unique nature experiences) at Metro sites across the region. This work has involved the following:

- Metro has completed or has projects underway to address accessibility at five of its developed sites including Chehalem Ridge, Newell Creek Canyon, Oxbow Nature Park, Blue Lake Regional Park and Graham Oaks Nature Park. Projects funded or prioritized to be funded with bond dollars are organized in three major buckets described below. On many of these projects, Metro staff are also partnering with the disability community to ensure the voice of disability community is represented in planning bond funded improvements at developed sites.

- *Capital projects*: Accessibility projects at one site that packages and addresses barriers and increases accessibility to site amenities. For example, at Oxbow, bond funds built accessible parking spots by the river, creating clear access to the water.
 - *Capital maintenance*: Targeted small improvements or enhancements to existing accessible features that don't require major design or permitting for completion. For example, bond funds supported the improvement of the overall parking experience at Glendoveer nature trail including increasing the footprint of the ADA parking spots. In addition, we're planning for similar work at the Sauvie Island boat ramp to improve overall accessibility and usability of the site.
 - *Identifying opportunities to incorporate accessibility elements in ongoing infrastructure projects to incorporate accessibility elements*. For example, Blue Lake Park infrastructure improvements completed in spring 2024 went above and beyond the percentage of accessible railing on fishing pier. In addition, work continues to identify opportunities to integrate ADA accessibility investments within the Blue Lake Park renovation project and planned improvements to Oxbow Regional Park and Farmington Paddle Launch as well as other sites.
- Metro is continuing to evaluate feasibility of planning for ADA accessibility improvements at developed sites by weighing multiple considerations including, but not limited to the following:
 - Identification of need (through site walk or community identification)
 - Opportunity for efficiencies with other planned site investments
 - Levels of usage or non-usage
 - Opportunity to advance balanced distribution of accessibility for nature experiences across the region
 - Uniqueness of the amenities on a site
 - Opportunities for public transit connection
 - Degree of complexity and project readiness
 - Bond funded pass through and competitive grant programs are also allowing park providers across the region to invest in increasing overall accessibility at local parks, trails and natural areas. The bond's local share program has approved awards to 17 projects since 2021 and over half of those projects include elements that increase accessibility at existing parks, trails and natural areas. For example, one of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's four project awards will move and replace a section of boardwalk on the Waterhouse Trail in Beaverton to bring the boardwalk up to ADA standards.
 - In addition, Metro continues to articulate and measure performance on increasing access to parks, trails and natural areas across the region, understanding that Metro's bond investments are one part of a larger system of parks and nature. This work continues is in alignment with the audit of parks and nature bond and relevant conversations about how to evaluate the bond's impact on access.

BOND CLIMATE RESILIENCE CRITERIA

List of parks and nature bond's climate resilience criteria

- Protect, connect and restore habitat to support strong populations of native plants, fish and wildlife that can adapt to a changing climate
- Protect and restore floodplains, headwaters, streams and wetlands to increase their capacity to handle stormwater to protect vulnerable communities from flooding.
- Increase tree canopy in developed areas to reduce heat island effects.
- Use low-impact development practices and green infrastructure in project design and development.
- Invest in segments of the regional trail system to expand active transportation opportunities for commuting, recreation and other travel.

Snapshot of climate resilience activities completed from 2023 through summer 2024: Bond funded land acquisition

- Completed eight land acquisitions, making a total of 22 acquisitions of priority habitat across multiple target areas in the region. Continued investment of bond funds in land acquisition, stabilization and restoration activities that address key climate resilience themes of water quality/quantity, anchor habitat and connectivity.
- Identification of five capital restoration projects.
- A significant percentage of the projects awarded through the community choice grants pilot include native planting elements, which can have an impact on the overall resiliency of a site.
- The bond's local share program has funded three priority acquisitions to protect green space in communities across the region.
- The bond's [Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program](#) has funded three capital restoration projects across the region through two rounds of grant awards with future rounds anticipated.
- Bond funded investments to improve health, safety and accessibility at Metro's developed parks are being designed and construction to align with Metro's policies aimed at increasing overall site sustainability. See more at [Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy](#)

Figure 1, 2019 parks and nature bond funded land acquisition by habitat types protected

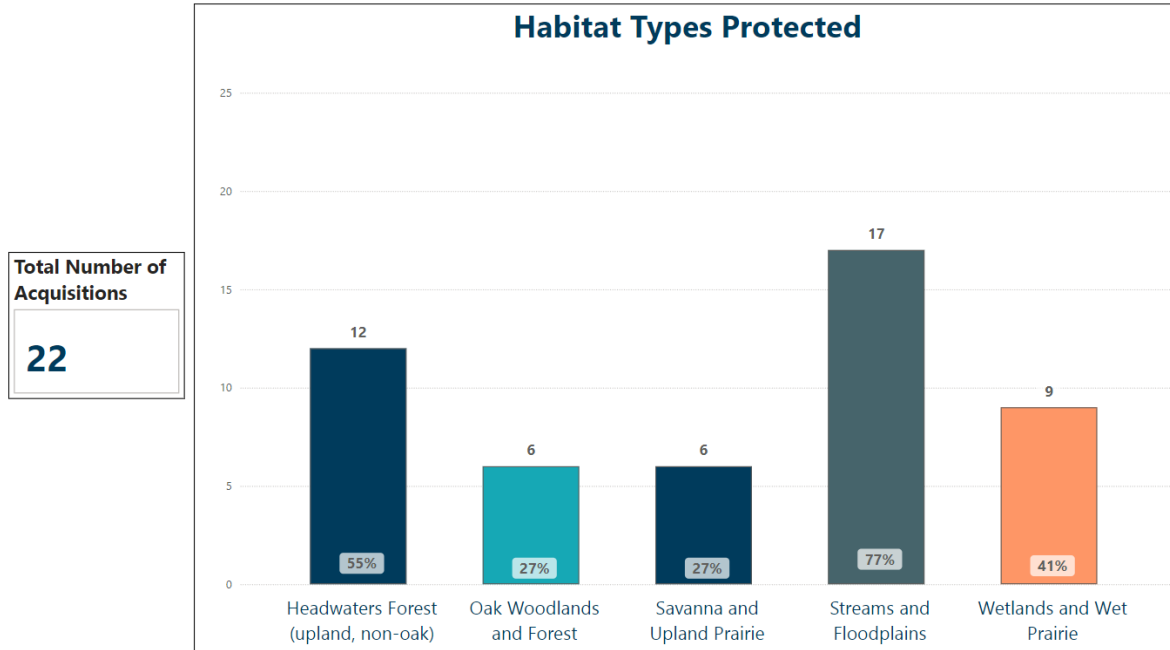
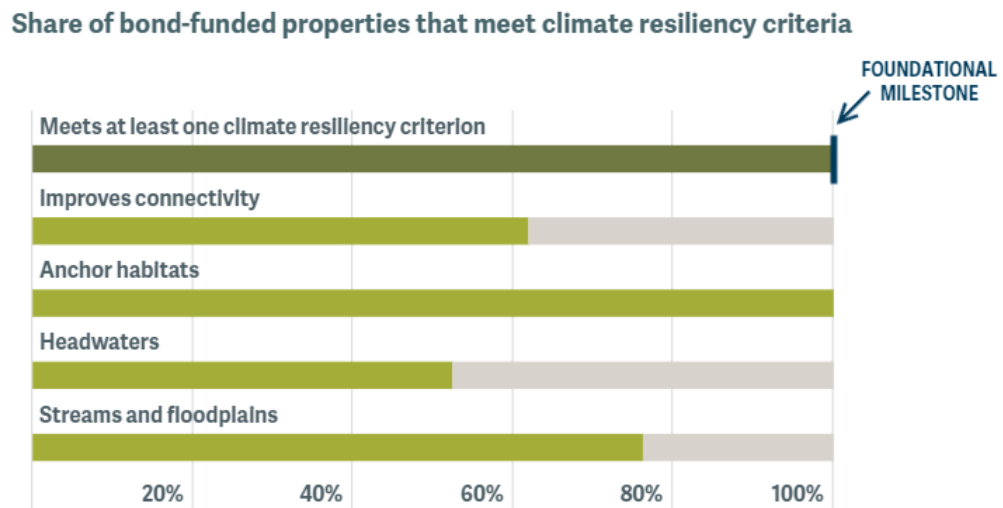


Figure 2, 2019 parks and nature bond funded land acquisitions by impact on climate resilience criteria factors



As of May 2024, 100% of the 21 properties acquired with bond funds contribute in one or more ways to preserving habitat, removing habitat barriers, adding to connectivity, or protecting large habitat patches for sensitive areas.

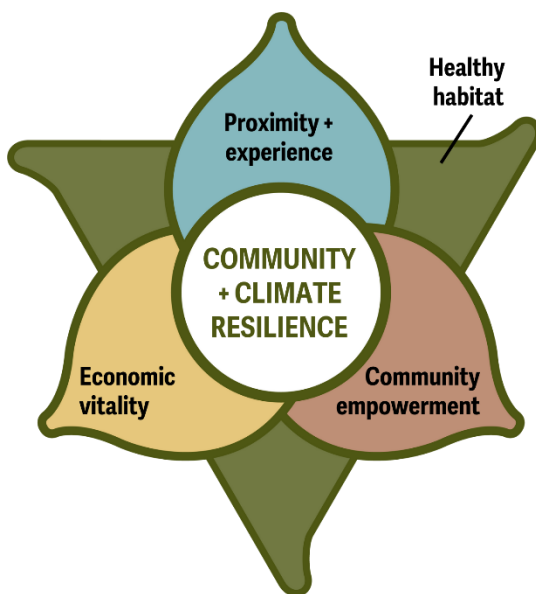
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In addition to pursuing strategies to address the three bond criteria, work is underway to complete a set of tools that allow for ongoing tracking of progress in these arenas to multiple audiences including the Metro Council, the oversight committee and the general public.

Bond evaluation outcomes framework

The three bond criteria, which reflect community feedback received during bond development, require the department to move beyond only measuring investments made to focusing on the broader impacts rippling out from bond investments. As such, Parks and Nature has developed a bond evaluation framework to articulate outcomes and impacts of bond investments on the region that will build upon and broaden current reporting efforts.

This framework links bond investments and activities to short, medium, and long-term outcomes through an established theory of change and provides a compelling approach to demonstrate how bond investments at their core strengthen healthy habitat, while improving outcomes related to three primary areas that encapsulate the three bond criteria.



- Proximity and experience
- Community empowerment
- Economic opportunity

Parks and Nature is currently developing strategies to support the utilization of this framework to report on bond progress including data collection protocol and a set of visual storytelling tools, to be published on Metro’s website, that help us assess the overall success of the bond by measuring annual performance in each of these four impact areas: healthy habitat, proximity and experience, community empowerment and economic vitality.

This framework and associated materials also provide a helpful way to respond to the findings in the 2022 audit of the parks and nature bond, which sought to determine whether Metro was prepared to increase access through bond investments.

Reporting on land and trail gap acquisitions

To date, the committee has received on a regular basis the following reporting tools to help evaluate the progress of the bond's protect and restore and create trails for walking and biking acquisition programs in meeting the bond criteria:

- [Quarterly reports](#) that summarize progress to date on all acquisitions with the 2019 bond
- [A memorandum](#) for each individual purchase, once completed, describing how the property meets bond measure criteria and goals established in the land and trail acquisition road maps adopted by the Metro Council. The memorandums to Council for each specific property purchase start with sections describing the property's regional significance and accessibility, suggested improvements that came directly from the committee. They continue with a section on the property's adherence to the bond criteria (racial equity and community engagement, climate resilience, and program-specific) and how it meets goals and objectives from the Metro Council adopted land and trail acquisition road maps.

Reporting on bond pass through and competitive grant programs

Metro is working to finalize and distribute a standardized reporting template for all local share and grant recipients to report back on how the bond funded projects have addressed bond criteria. These forms will be due in summer 2025 and each year after that for active local share and grant funded projects. [See the local share reporting form as an example here.](#)

BOND FINANCIAL REPORTING

The committee regularly reviews financial reporting for the 2019 parks and nature bond and any capital investments from the parks and nature levy. Financial data is tracked by Metro's fiscal year, which goes from July 1 through June 30 of each year.

Metro issued the first round of the \$475 million bond in April 2020 for the start of a 12-year program. At the time of the bond sale, Metro was able to take advantage of historically low interest rates and earn a return while preparing to spend in the form of a bond premium.

As of end of June 2024, Metro has spent \$80 million of bond proceeds available, representing a significant in bond dollars spent since the committee's previous report. Metro has awarded \$67 million through the local share program as well as competitive grant awards for trail planning and construction, the large scale community visions program and the Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program. For these programs, which are largely reimbursement based, spend will follow the pace of awards made.

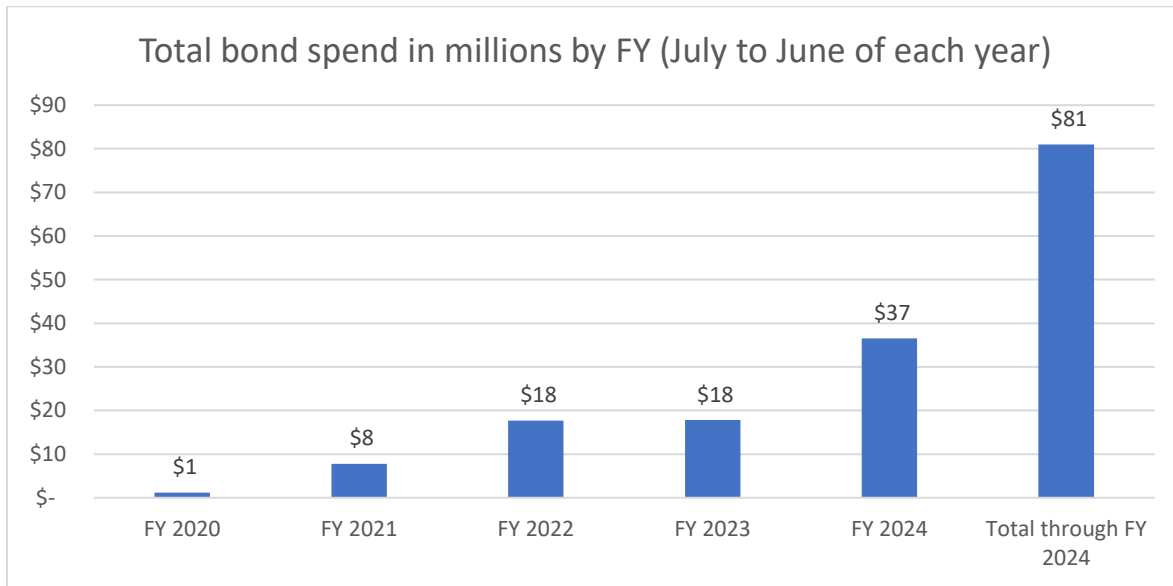
Indirect expenditures or administrative expenditures, which are expenditures that directly benefit the bond projects but aren't tracked by specific project, currently represent 17 percent of total expenditures. We will refer to this number as the bond's administrative rate. Some of these services include, but are not limited to, legal costs, financial support, technical support, and human resource support that do not correspond directly to a single project but are essential to delivering on the bond's objectives and outcomes.

The pace of bond spending through June 2024 has continued to increase.

- Continued ramp up of land acquisition activities due to building pipeline through steady landowner outreach over the last few years
- Completion of several essential infrastructure projects at Blue Lake Park

As we've anticipated, now that all the bond programs are up and running, the administrative expenditures as a percentage of total spending has decreased since 2020 and we anticipate this trend to continue as direct project spending continues to increase. Generally, administrative expenditures as a percent of total spend are high at the begin and end of a bond spend down.

Figure 1, bond spend by fiscal year



Looking ahead

In the next year, staff anticipate that the pace of spending will continue, bolstered by investments in land acquisition and planning, design and engineering for improvements at Metro’s developed sites.

In addition, in the next 1-2 years and beyond, staff anticipate that bond spending on local share, capital grants and trail grant projects will increase significantly as awarded projects commence and begin to request reimbursements.

Contract equity

Beyond reporting on the pace of bond spending, Metro also sets and tracks progress towards targets for the contractors and workers who are participating in bond funded contracts.

Specifically, Metro tracks the percentage of bond spending with minority owned, women owned and emerging small businesses that are certified with [Oregon’s Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity \(COBID\)](#) and with each type of COBID certification (minority owned, women owned and emerging small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned).

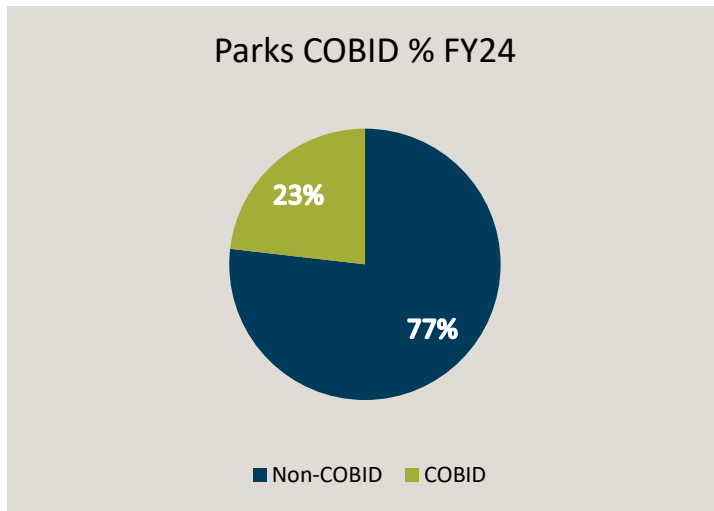
Metro’s participation reporting method removes work that cannot reasonably be performed by a COBID-certified firms from the participation rate calculation. Metro excludes the following types of contracts and payments from the calculation:

- Services provided by another public agency that do not compete with the private sector
- Services for which there is a single or limited group of businesses, none of which are COBID-certified

- Services mandated by Oregon Law (Oregon Revised Statutes) to be provided by qualified rehabilitation facilities

The COBID participation rate to date for Metro’s eligible bond funded projects is 23%, which exceeds the floor for COBID participation set for bond investments (20%) and is lower than the cumulative COBID rate included in the last annual report. Here is some additional context that may impact the COBID participation trajectory and offer areas for additional staff and committee focus this year and beyond:

Figure 2



The total spend for all bond funded contracts from FY 2023 to FY 2024 more than doubled.

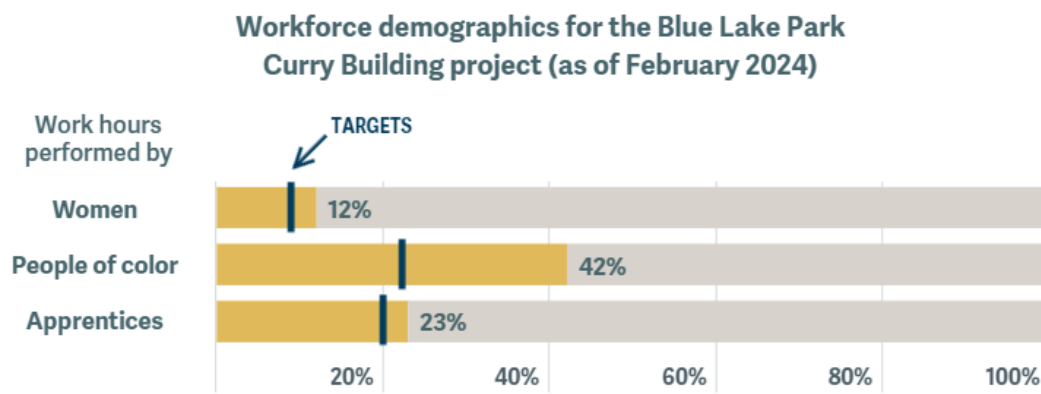
A higher percentage of the spending of the bond funded contracts includes construction contracts, which tend to be larger contracts with more sub-contractors. As an agency, Metro doesn't have agency-wide protocol for tracking COBID participation rate for sub-contractors.

Out of the 23% COBID contracting breaks out in the following categories:

Emerging small business	11%
Disadvantaged business enterprise	7%
Minority business enterprise	5%
Women business enterprise	1%

- Guidelines for tracking and making progress to workforce equity goals as established in Metro’s [Construction Careers Pathways Program](#) are dependent on the total project cost for any bond-funded capital construction projects. Currently, a subset of bond-funded capital construction projects are tracking and making progress towards a more equitable workforce, including a few construction projects prioritized by park providers to receive local share funding awards. This past year staff began to track progress toward goals for diverse workforce participation on bond funded construction projects like the Blue Lake Park Curry Building that are part of the [Regional Workforce Equity Agreement](#).
- We are in the first year of implementing the agency’s goals for workforce participation by people of color, women and apprentices in bond-funded construction projects, and have seen workforce participation in for the first Metro-led construction project with established workforce goals exceed agency targets. The current targets are: 22% of work hours performed by people of color, 9% of work hours performed by women and 20% of work hours performed by apprentices. These targets ramp up to 25% of work hours performed by people of color and 14% of work hours performed by women by FY 2027 (the target for apprentices remains at 20%).

Figure 3



As of February 2024, the workforce demographics for the Blue Lake Park Curry Building project are exceeding targets in every category.

Looking ahead

Staff will continue to track COBID participation rates to the 20% COBID participation floor across the bond for prime and sub-contractors. Staff will also explore opportunities to increase the nuance and granularity with which we’re tracking COBID participation across all large contracts for the 2019 parks and nature bond. In addition, Metro will continue to track workforce hours for women workers, workers of color and apprentices for any and all construction projects that meet the established threshold for the Construction Career Pathways project.

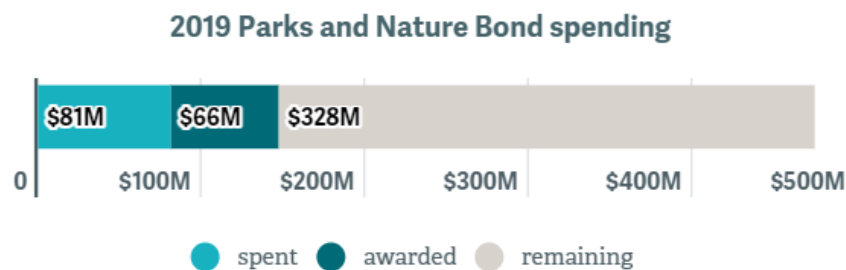
We anticipate that park providers for active local share, grant and trail projects will start reporting data on COBID firm participation and workforce participation by people of color, women and apprentices for bond-funded projects by the end of FY 2025.

2022 local option levy

Metro’s parks and nature local option levy protects clean water, restores fish and wildlife habitat at natural areas across the region and connects people with nature across 18,000 acres of parks, trails and natural areas through investments in capital projects and programs. In November 2022, the voters of the region approved a five-year renewal of the parks and nature levy.

The Natural Areas Oversight Committee is charged with reviewing any capital investments supported by the levy. In the last fiscal year (July 2023 through June 2024), the levy funded some capital restoration projects to improve the habitat at Metro natural areas across the region, which is one of the eligible bond activities within the protect and restore land program. Heading into the next fiscal year (July 2024 through June 2025), 3 capital restoration projects at high priority sites across the region are being funded with an estimated \$600,000 in levy dollars. There was also under \$200,000 in electric vehicles funded with levy dollars in last fiscal year. See list of specific levy funded expenditures [at the end of this section](#).

Figure 4, 2019 bond spend to date



\$143 million of the \$475 million in available bond funds have been spent or awarded (as of June 2024).

2019 Parks and Nature Bond - spend in millions							
		FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total Bond Spend
Protect/Restore (\$155 M)							
	Personnel	0.0	1.0	1.3	1.8	2.2	
	M&S &	0.1	0.8	5.1	5.3	8.2	
	TOTAL	0.1	1.9	6.4	7.1	10.4	\$ 25.9
Take Care of Metro Parks (\$98 M)							
	Personnel	0.0	0.6	1.3	2.0	1.3	
	M&S/Capit	0.2	3.1	2.3	2.0	16.3	
	TOTAL	0.2	3.7	3.6	4.0	17.6	\$ 29.2
Local Share (\$92 M)							
	Personnel	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	
	M&S &	-	0.0	2.5	1.6	3.7	
	TOTAL	0.0	0.2	2.7	1.9	4.0	\$ 8.79
Trails (\$40 M)							
	Personnel	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	
	M&S &	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	
	TOTAL	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	\$ 1.3
Nature in Neighborhood grants (\$40 M)							
	Personnel	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	
	M&S &	-	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5	
	TOTAL	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.0	\$ 1.9
Community Visions (\$50 M)							
	Personnel	-	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	
	M&S &	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	
	TOTAL	-	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	\$ 0.3
Administrative							
	<i>Tax-</i>	<i>\$ 0.5</i>	<i>\$ 1.5</i>	<i>\$ 3.5</i>	<i>\$ 3.6</i>	<i>\$ 3.1</i>	
	<i>Taxable</i>	<i>\$ 0.3</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 0.5</i>	<i>\$ 0.5</i>	<i>\$ 0.2</i>	
	TOTAL	\$ 0.8	\$ 1.5	\$ 4.0	\$ 4.1	\$ 3.3	\$ 13.8
	Admin %	66.2%	20.2%	23.0%	22.8%	8.8%	
	ACCUMUL	66.2%	26.5%	24.2%	23.6%	17.0%	
Total bond spend		\$ 1.2	\$ 7.8	\$ 17.7	\$ 17.8	\$ 36.5	

List of capital projects funded with levy funds in FY 2024

The oversight committee reviews any capital expenditures funded by the parks and nature operating levy. Some of the projects on the list below are also being funded with 2019 bond dollars.

Project name	Levy dollars spent on project
Fleet electrification (at Metro owned sites including Borland native plant center)	\$ 181,436.12
Fern Hill forest stream restoration	\$ 84,627.54
Lone Fir Cultural Heritage Garden	\$ 3,077.46
Lower Clear Creek restoration (phase 2)	\$ 57,108.60
North Fork Deep Creek restoration	\$43,827.81
Quamash McFee CR crossing project	\$ 1,327.50
Total	\$ 327,405

APPENDIX

Exhibit 1, parks and nature bond community engagement and racial equity criteria

Investments in all program areas must satisfy all of the following community engagement and racial equity criteria:

Meaningfully engage with communities of color, Indigenous communities, people with low incomes and other historically marginalized communities in planning, development and selection of projects.

Prioritize projects and needs identified by communities of color, Indigenous communities, low-income and other historically marginalized groups.

Demonstrate accountability for tracking outcomes and reporting impacts, particularly as they relate to communities of color, Indigenous communities, people with low incomes and other historically marginalized communities.

Improve the accessibility and inclusiveness of developed parks.

Include strategies to prevent or mitigate displacement and/or gentrification resulting from bond investments.

Set aspirational goals for workforce diversity and use of COBID contractors and work to reduce barriers to achieving these goals; demonstrate accountability by tracking outcomes and reporting impacts.

Exhibit 2, parks and nature bond climate resilience criteria

All projects funded by the bond must identify at least one climate resilience criterion that the project will satisfy from among the following:

Protect, connect and restore habitat to support strong populations of native plants, fish and wildlife that can adapt to a changing climate.

Protect and restore floodplains, headwaters, streams and wetlands to increase their capacity to handle stormwater to protect vulnerable communities from flooding.

Increase tree canopy in developed areas to reduce heat island effects.

Use low-impact development practices and green infrastructure in project design and development.

Invest in segments of the regional trail system to expand active transportation opportunities for commuting, recreation and other travel.

Exhibit 3, glossary

BIPOC: Abbreviation for Black, Indigenous, and people of color

COBID: [Oregon's Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity](#). The primary goal of certification is to level the playing field by providing certified firms a fair opportunity to compete for government contracts regardless of owner ethnicity, gender, disability or firm size.

Construction Career Pathways: Regional effort of public agencies teaming up with stakeholders from private industry, apprenticeship programs, unions and community-based organizations to provide reliable career pathways for women and Black, Indigenous, and people of color in the construction trades.

Refinement plans: Formal publicly adopted road maps outlining strategies for land acquisition that reflect Council direction, community input and give Metro staff the guidance to protect habitat and land for future trails.

Bond refinement: The work to turn the 2019 parks and nature bond measure language into programs ready to invest in parks, trails and natural areas across the region.

DETAILED REPORTING ON BOND ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO BOND CRITERIA

The following exhibits (4-9) provide a detailed look at how bond activities from 2018 through June 2024 advance the bond criteria of community engagement, racial equity and climate resilience that underpin the bond criteria and bond program snapshots sections. The following exhibits will also be utilized in reporting on evaluating bond outcomes.

Exhibit 4, detailed snapshot of community engagement activities to date across multiple bond programs from 2021 through June 2024

Category	Description of metric	Protect and restore land	Take care of Metro parks	Community choice grants	Trails
Total # engagement events	Includes anything from surveys, tabling, focus groups, design workshops	18	41	45	5
Types of engagement events	Includes anything from surveys, tabling, focus groups, design workshops	Interviews with 169 people from 60 organizations including park providers and watershed councils; 5 information sessions with over 150 attendees; 2 information sessions with 70 participants; 1700 unique responses to a survey about target areas.	Engagement for bond funded planning and improvement at Metro sites including Blue Lake Park renovation, Willamette Cove master plan, Lone Fir Memorial, Graham Oaks ADA pilot and Farmington boat launch project	9 public workshops 2 voting windows 2 introductory sessions 22 meeting of community choice grants design and review committee	2 BIPOC focused engagements; 1 follow up meeting, 1 online survey for trail gap acquisition, 1 online survey for trail grant projects

Category	Description of metric	Protect and restore land	Take care of Metro parks	Community choice grants	Trails
Total # of community members at all engagement events	Total number of individuals that participated in engagement to date	2191 102 participants in BIPOC roundtables, 169 people from 60 organizations including park providers and watershed councils; 5 information sessions with over 150 attendees; 2 information sessions with 70 participants; 1700 unique responses to a survey about target areas.	3100 2200 responses to online Willamette Cove survey, 380 responses to two online Lone Fir Memorial surveys, 120 responses to online Blue Lake Park survey, over 300 individuals participated in a range of in person and virtual engagement for multiple projects	2000 1600 votes cast through two voting periods 500 participants at community project design workshops	1600 Survey shared with individuals across the region; on Metro’s website and shared on social media; 1500 responses received
Total # events focused on marginalized communities		14 (77%)	18 (43%)	22 (48%)	3 (60%)
Total events that used stipends for community members time	One strategy to boost engagement with marginalized communities	Y for engagement with Indigenous community and BIPOC community focus groups	Yes (about 11 events)	Yes (for participants on design review committee and	Yes (for participation in BIPOC focus groups)

Category	Description of metric	Protect and restore land	Take care of Metro parks	Community choice grants	Trails
				in project design workshops)	
Total events that used translation and interpretation	Strategy to boost engagement with marginalized communities	Y	Yes (about 10 events)	Y	Y
Total events that used food at events	Strategy to boost engagement with marginalized communities	N (virtual)	Yes (at some)	Y	N (virtual)
Total events that used childcare at events	Strategy to boost engagement with marginalized communities	N	N	Y	N
Total number of conversations with park providers	Metro continues to work with park providers across the region on several bond programs	115 conversations about land acquisition			91 conversations with park providers on strategic trail gap acquisitions

Exhibit 5, summary of bond related engagement activities from 2018-2024

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
2018-2019: forums and focus groups on bond development, stakeholder table convened to advise Metro on the development of the 2019 parks and nature bond	Park providers, community organizations, conservations organizations	Feedback captured during these events and activities helped to shape focus for specific programs, the three bond criteria and focal areas in the bond measure approved by voters in 2019	Yes, participants included many who have engaged in previous Parks and Nature activities and have been invited to participate in engagement once the bond passed	No
2020-2022: engagement with urban Indigenous community members on priorities for bond funded land acquisition	Members of the urban Indigenous community, members of the Native American Community Advisory Committee and Portland Indian Leaders Roundtable	Reviewed and shaped data collected on each of the 24 target areas for the protect and restore land program; affirmed priorities for acquisition/restoration that benefitted salmon; prioritized specific geographies for acquisition	Yes, cohort of urban Indigenous community members have been engaging with Metro on multiple projects before and after	Yes, evaluation of experience of members of urban Indigenous community of participating in engagement activities around bond land acquisition (2 interviews, 13 survey responses)
2021-present: Community Choice grants program design and review	Individuals that applied to be on the Community Choice grants design and review pilot committee	To shape the community choice grants solicitation guidebook and project selection project	6 members were appointed in 2021; 4 have continued on into 2022 and an additional 5 have joined the committee	2 interviews conducted of members on their experience; future evaluation planned

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
committee meeting ongoing				
Spring 2021: BIPOC-focused engagement sessions to shape priorities for trail gap acquisition.	Focused engagement session with 100 BIPOC community members who were invited to attend through partnering with community organizations across the region	Feedback shared informed how to prioritize factors in the acquisition of future trail segments; like safety, connections to work or access to nature	Participants were invited to attend other engagement opportunities through bond refinement	No post event evaluation
Fall 2021: Report back/general community engagement sessions to shape priorities for trail gap acquisition	Individuals who participated in spring 2021	Report back on work completed to evaluate trail segments for prioritization and how feedback from the spring shaped staff work on prioritizing trail gaps	Yes, participants from the spring trail acquisition engagement events were invited	No post activity evaluation
Fall 2021-spring 2022: Performance measures working group	Representatives from the region’s park providers, community organizations and trail advocates	Worked with staff to develop the solicitation for the bond funded trails grant and evaluation framework for applications	Yes, working group members were comprised of organizations working closely with Metro	No post activity evaluation

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
2021-2022: 6 roundtables for BIPOC and people with disabilities in fall 2021 and 2 follow up sessions in winter 2022 to help shape priorities for bond funded land acquisition (protect and restore land)	BIPOC community members, people with disabilities (160 attendees between fall and winter events); consultant conducted outreach across the region to invite individuals to attend	Feedback shared helped identify priorities for land acquisition and restoration based on lived experience	Same individuals invited to participate in fall and winter focus groups; also have been invited to other engagement activities	No post activity evaluation
Winter 2022: Survey on priorities for land acquisition translated into five languages	Survey shared with individuals across the region; on Metro’s website and shared on social media; 1700 unique responses received	Feedback shared helped affirm priorities for land acquisition road maps; shared with Council as they considered and approved final target area refinement plans	Not determined, though it is likely that many individuals already engaged took the survey	No post activity evaluation
Summer 2022: Survey on priorities for trail grants translated into 5 languages	Survey shared with individuals across the region; on Metro’s website and shared on social media; 1500 responses received	Feedback shared was an input considered by the Metro Council as they reviewed and considered trail projects for grant funding	Not determined, though it is likely that many individuals already engaged took the survey	No post activity evaluation

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
Fall 2022: two engagement activities in November 2022 on Lone Fir Cultural Heritage and Healing Garden	Members of Chinese and Chinese American communities. The focus group sessions were designed and assembled with input from partners with the Oregon Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, the Chinese American Citizen's Alliance, the Lone Fir Cemetery Foundation, and a contracted engagement professional. PN staff have been connecting separately and individually with advocates for people with mental illness.	Participants shared initial thoughts about overall project concept	A small work group has recently been assembled to provide input on project issues moving forward.	No post activity evaluation
Spring 2023	Over 25 attendees participated in information sessions for the general public in	Facilitated the collection of 118 submissions for playgrounds, dog parks, wetland habitat, beaver crossings and more	Yes (information sent to list of interested parties from the bond)	Yes, included post evaluation survey in idea collection survey (96 survey responses)

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
	<p>Western Washington County to learn about community choice grants process.</p> <p>200 people participating in idea gathering activities including two community events (100 people attended), tabling at 7-8 different community events in district 4. These included: the Hillsboro Farmers' Market, the Forest Grove Farmers' Market with Adelante Mujeres and Dia de los Niños celebrations with Centro Cultural and THPRD.</p> <p>Promoted idea submission opportunities through Metro's social media, website and email blasts to organizations</p>			

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
	<p>who were contacted about the community kick off events in March and individuals and organizations who participated in previous bond refinement activities.</p> <p>Sent 50,000 copies of Metro’s Our Big Backyard publication to households in District 4 to increase awareness of the community choice grants process.</p>			
Summer 2023	Community choice grants preliminary vote (375 unique votes)	Narrow down 44 potential projects to a list of 28	Yes, outreach to community organizations and member involved in process to date	
Fall 2023	Final vote on 28 community choice grants projects (over 1600 unique votes)	Narrowed list of projects from 28 to 15 that were recommended approval to Council	Yes, outreach to community organizations and member involved in process to date	Yes, post engagement evaluation included questions (506 responses)

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
Fall 2023	General public at kick off for Blue Lake Park renovation project (50-100 individuals) and online survey (with 120 responses)	Build awareness for the project and solicit feedback in the survey		Yes, included post-engagement evaluation survey
Fall 2023	33 BIPOC community members at a focus group for Blue Lake Park renovation	Review design alternatives	Yes, reached out through the list of BIPOC community members from previous bond engagements, the Blue Lake Partner Cohort, PN EAC, CBO partners, Councilor Simpson, partners at the City of Fairview, CEST and other Metro staff	
Fall 2023	20 Indigenous community visits to Blue Lake Park site	Support development of 3 draft alternative concept plans	Yes, reached out to community members who have engaged in other bond activities	
Fall 2023 through ongoing	BLP partner cohort meeting monthly	Participate in project decisions for Blue Lake Park renovation	Yes, conducted outreach to community members (including list of BIPOC community members from previous bond engagements) to invite individuals to apply to serve on the BLP partner cohort	

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
Fall 2023	Virtual meeting with 30 members of the Portland Chinese community about Lone Fir Memorial		Portland Chinese Times, Asian Reporter, Street Roots, social media, partner promotion, news outlets alerted, emails to interested parties	
Winter 2023	60 BIPOC community members participating in design charrettes		Yes, reached out through community partners/community leaders and partner cohort members, and our Indigenous community consultant.	
Early 2024	75 community members at Willamette Cove field day Tribes, Indigenous community, People of Color, the disability community and houseless community, Advocacy groups, conservation groups)	Engage key stakeholders in Willamette Cove master planning project	Yes, reached out through Website, partner website, emails, tribes,	
February 2024	In February, Metro and the consultant team interviewed community-	Inform the project's engagement approach,		

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
	<p>based organizations representing Indigenous communities, communities of color, youth of color, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ communities, and environmental advocates including Latino Outdoors, Bird Alliance of Oregon, Verde, Nesika Wilamut, Portland, All Nations Canoe Family, ELSO, Ground Score Association, Aim 4 Access, Blueprint Foundation</p>	<p>understand community priorities and concerns, and establish relationships and partnerships for outreach and engagement.</p>		
Early spring 2024	<p>Key stakeholders for Farmington Boat Launch (Disability community, Oregon State Marine Board and Tualatin River Keepers)</p>			

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
Spring 2024	150 responses to an online survey and 50 individuals participated in an open house to launch the survey about the design concepts for the Lone Fir Memorial.	Provide feedback on preference for two conceptual designs; helped prioritize one design	Yes, many folks were involved (about half of individuals who took the evaluation survey have participated in other engagement activities)	Yes, post-engagement evaluation
Spring 2024	Community members were invited to a workshop on Willamette Cove (in person and virtual) in May 2024. A total of 62 community members participated in the workshops. All participants were compensated for their time and contributions to the project.	Project staff also facilitated two group exercises to gather feedback on project values and initial programming ideas and priorities		
Spring 2024	Over 2200 unique responses to an online survey asking community members about the types	To inform focus for master planning efforts	Yes, about 20 percent of responses to the post engagement evaluation have participated in previous Metro bond engagement activities	Yes, post-engagement evaluation

Community engagement activity (listed by date in ascending order)	Who was engaged	How feedback was used	Any continuity from previous and subsequent bond engagement activities?	Use of post-activity evaluation to determine impact
	of things they'd like to see at Willamette Cove			
Summer 2024	Online survey on Blue Lake Park renovation (open from June through September 2024), so responses not tallied yet	To get feedback on the design alternatives for the Blue Lake Park renovation	Yes, shared survey opportunity with community groups and members that have participated in previous bond engagements	

Exhibit 6, detailed snapshot of progress on community engagement and accessibility by bond program as of June 2024

	Community engagement efforts completed to date	Community engagement outcomes measured to date	Community engagement reporting efforts to come
Protect and restore land	<p>2020-2022: Several meetings with cohort of urban Indigenous community members, focusing on influence over decision points</p> <p>2021-2022: 6 affinity group roundtables, in English and Spanish, for BIPOC and people with disabilities in fall 2021 (with over 100 participants) and 2 report back sessions with Spanish translation in winter 2022 (with 60 participants)</p> <p>2022: survey on land acquisition priorities translated into 5 languages received over 1,700 responses</p>	<p>Engagement shaped the key themes and priorities for acquisition including the addition of areas inside the urban area target area like Johnson Creek and also the trail segments that will be prioritized for acquisition through our willing seller program.</p> <p>Bond evaluation outcomes project pilot data collection surveyed urban Indigenous community members on participating in engagement on land acquisition activities</p>	<p>Revised land acquisition closing memo: more thoroughly describing how each purchase meets bond criteria and priorities heard through community engagement</p> <p>Mapping of land acquisitions made to date</p>
Take care of Metro parks	<p>2022: Initial engagement around Lone Fir Cultural Heritage and Healing Garden</p> <p>Planning work for ADA improvements to Oxbow boat launch parking complete with construction beginning in 2023</p> <p>2023-2024: Community engagement milestones for the Blue Lake Park renovation project (120 survey</p>	<p>Bond evaluation outcomes project captured feedback from participants in Chehalem Ridge planning prior to 2019 now that the nature park is open (12 qualitative interviews, 14 quantitative survey)</p> <p>Survey results, findings from other community engagement activities</p> <p>Findings from surveys to evaluate experience in engagement (393 responses for the Willamette cove</p>	<p>Surveys of individuals who will engage in upcoming activities around the Blue Lake Park renovation project</p>

	Community engagement efforts completed to date	Community engagement outcomes measured to date	Community engagement reporting efforts to come
	<p>responses to date, over 150 people participated in an in person engagement activity)</p> <p>2023-ongoing: Convening Blue Lake partner cohort to participate in multiple project discussions for the Blue Lake Park</p> <p>2023-2024: Initial engagement milestones for Willamette Cove master plan (over 2200 survey responses)</p> <p>2023-2024: Engagement milestones for Lone Fir Memorial design (150 survey responses, 30 people at in person event, plus interviews with key stakeholders)</p>	<p>engagement, 18 for Blue Lake Park engagement milestone 1, 30 from the Lone Fir memorial survey)</p>	
Local share	<p>Ongoing: Metro staff continue to provide support to park providers working to engage marginalized communities in project selection, development or site activation both through roundtables and one on one conversations</p>	<p>Bond evaluation outcomes project interviewing park providers on impact of community engagement efforts to date (24 qualitative interviews, 9 quantitative survey)</p>	<p>Metro requires local share recipients to conduct community engagement as part of their projects and their annual reports will summarize efforts on engagement and accessibility. Follow up with park providers on community engagement efforts related to local share projects in future years</p>

	Community engagement efforts completed to date	Community engagement outcomes measured to date	Community engagement reporting efforts to come
Trails	<p>Fall 2021-spring 2022: Trail grant solicitation was shaped by performance metrics working group of community representatives, trail advocates, and external government partners.</p> <p>Summer 2022: Online survey (translated into 5 languages) on trail projects for funding received 1,798 project-specific comments from 1,551 unique respondents.</p>	<p>Survey responses were considered in trail grant project selection.</p> <p>Performance metrics working group membership and participation from community-based organizations helped shape grant solicitation process.</p> <p>Bond evaluation outcomes project interviewing park providers on impact of participating in trail grants program to date (24 qualitative interviews, 9 quantitative survey).</p>	<p>Metro requires grantees to conduct community engagement as part of their projects. Grantees' annual reports will summarize engagement efforts. Follow up with park providers on community engagement efforts related to trail grant projects in future years</p>
Capital grants	<p>Fall 2021: outreach to recruit community members to join the community choice grants program design and review committee (see community choice grants case study)</p> <p>Winter 2021-spring 2022: deep engagement with community choice grants program design and review committee to develop the program handbook for the community choice grants.</p> <p>Spring 2023: Launch community engagement in western Washington</p>	<p>Community choice grants program handbook reflects the values and priorities of the program design and review committee and is aligned with bond and program criteria</p> <p>Surveys of individuals participating in community choice grants process in 2023 and beyond (received)</p> <p>Projects (type, location) selected through the community choice grants in 2023</p>	

	Community engagement efforts completed to date	Community engagement outcomes measured to date	Community engagement reporting efforts to come
	<p>County for community choice grants with information sessions and idea submittal events</p> <p>Summer 2023: Convened capital grants review committee twice to review letters of intent and full applications to finalize recommended slate to the Metro Council.</p> <p>Fall 2024: Convened capital grants review committee twice to review letters of intent and full applications to finalize recommended slate to the Metro Council</p>		
Large scale community visions	<p>Fall 2022: during the solicitation period for the large scale community visions pilot involved talking to over 10 community organizations, park providers</p> <p>April 2024–summer 2024: 40 organizations at kick off for solicitation for second round</p>		<p>Projects will be required to report annually on community engagement efforts</p> <p>Feedback from applicants during the pilot round will help staff refine and adjust future solicitations</p>

Exhibit 7, snapshot of progress made on bond racial equity criteria as of June 2024

	Efforts completed to date	Outcomes measured to date	Reporting efforts to come
Protect and restore land	<p>Themes heard through community engagement with BIPOC communities in 2021 and 2022 are prioritized in land acquisition road maps that direct which parcels are acquired.</p> <p>Initial analysis conducted in 2021 and 2022</p>	<p>Description in memos to Council and the oversight committee how each land acquisition aligns with bond and program criteria and community priorities</p> <p>COBID participation rate across the bond (currently at 23 percent)</p>	<p>Exploring more fine grained COBID participation tracking and strategies to increase COBID participation for prime and sub-contractors</p>
Take care of Metro parks	<p>Incorporating Metro’s Construction Career Pathways Framework requirements for diverse workforce participation in Metro’s own projects</p>	<p>COBID participation rate across the bond.</p> <p>Progress in meeting workforce goals eligible construction projects in alignment with Metro’s Construction Careers Pathways project. First is Blue Lake Park Curry building, which is exceeding goals for workforce participation for people of color (42 % of all hours), women (12 % of all hours) and apprentices (23% of all hours)</p>	<p>Reporting on workforce participation for future bond funded construction projects</p>
Local share	<p>COBID contracting requirements and</p>	<p>Bond evaluation outcomes project interviewing and surveying park</p>	<p>Mapping of local share projects over time with other data layers (equity focal areas)</p>

	Efforts completed to date	Outcomes measured to date	Reporting efforts to come
	Construction Career Pathways Framework requirements for diverse workforce participation apply to local share projects	providers working on local share on efforts related to advancing racial equity through investments in parks, trails and natural areas	Follow up with park providers on efforts related to advancing racial equity through investments in parks, trails and natural areas in future years
Trails	Match requirements for trail grants prioritized equity focal areas ³ within a mile of the project COBID contracting requirements and Construction Career Pathways Framework requirements for diverse workforce participation apply to construction projects funded by trail grants	Bond evaluation outcomes project interviewing and surveying park providers working on trail grants on efforts related to advancing racial equity through investments in parks, trails and natural areas	Mapping of trail projects awarded across the region overlaid with equity focal areas Projects that receive funding will be asked to report on activities related to advancing racial equity Follow up with park providers on efforts related to advancing racial equity through investments in parks, trails and natural areas in future years
Nature in Neighborhoods (community choice grants)	Focus of community choice grants in neighborhoods in District 4 with marginalized	89 percent of voters came from communities of concern in western Washington county (Aloha and Elmonica)	Reporting on projects (location and type) selected through community choice grants process Surveys of community choice grant participants

³ Defined as census tracts that represent communities where the rate of Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), people with limited English proficiency (LEP), or people with low income (LI) is greater than the regional average. Additionally, the density (persons per acre) of one or more of these populations must be double the regional average.

	Efforts completed to date	Outcomes measured to date	Reporting efforts to come
and capital grants)	<p>communities using equity focus areas</p> <p>Outreach to get the word out about the community vote to select projects focused on these communities and</p>		
Large scale community visions	<p>Projects that submitted a letter of intent are required to center advancing racial equity as key to the overall project vision and concept</p>		<p>Projects that receive funding will be asked to report on activities related to advancing racial equity</p>

Exhibit 8, Example results chain of land protection and restoration to the bond’s climate resilience criteria on water quality

- Criteria: Improve water quality, improve late season flow, enhance habitat for Salmon, Steelhead, Trout and Lamprey, reduce flooding downstream

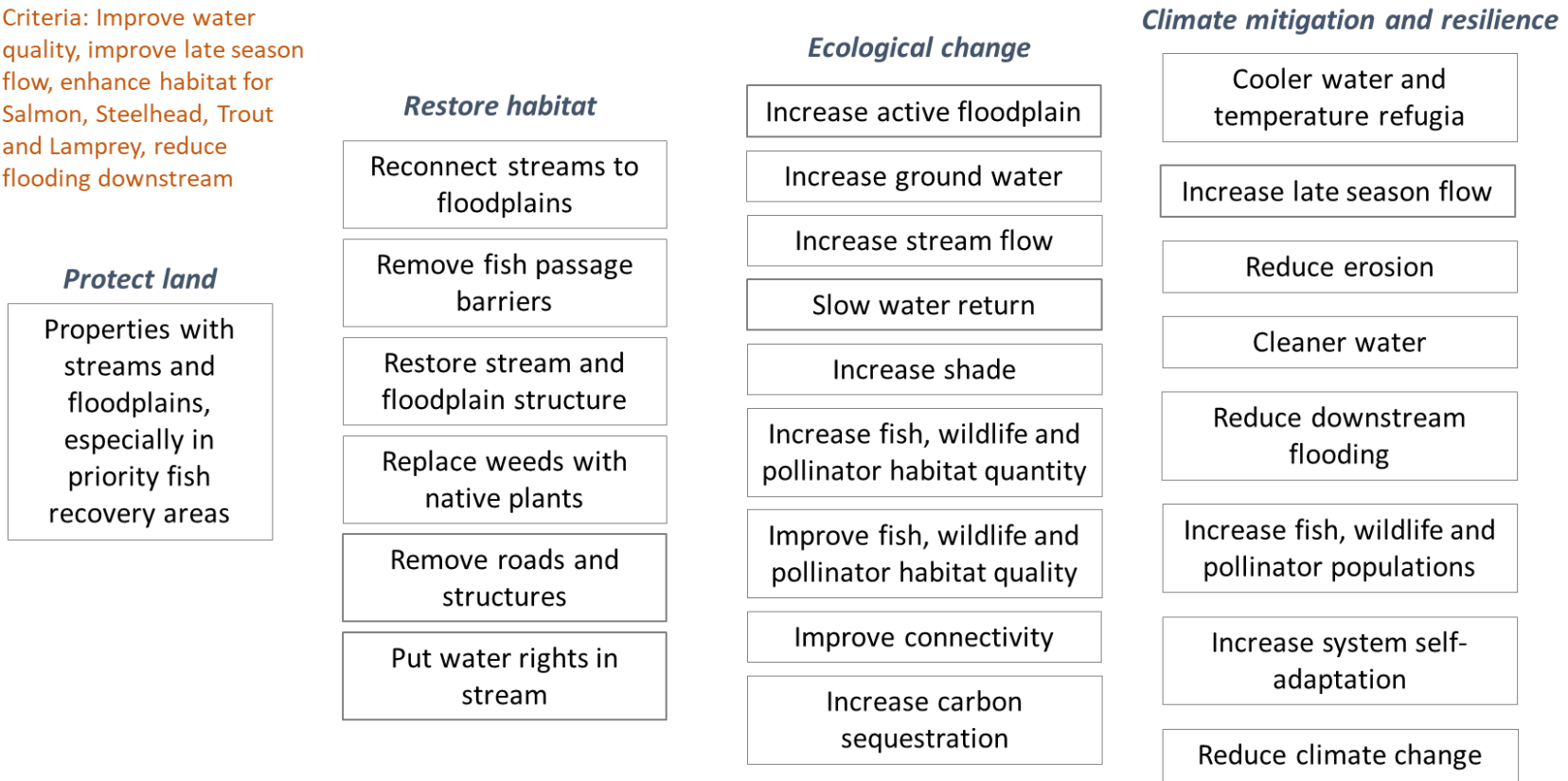


Exhibit 9, Relevant bond related climate resilience activities as of June 2024

Detailed reporting and analysis of how completed bond investments land acquisition, stabilization and capital restoration in multiple bond program areas to date relate to themes of climate resilience

Category	Description of metric	Protect and restore land	Local share	Capital grants
Total number of land acquisitions completed	Bond funds can be used for land acquisition through the protect and restore land, local share, capital grants and large scale community visions program	22	3	
# Acquisitions focused on water quantity/quality	We’re only tracking the type of acquisition for Metro led acquisitions through the Protect and Restore Land program	20		
# Acquisitions focused on anchor habitats	We’re only tracking the type of acquisition for Metro led acquisitions through the Protect and Restore Land program	22		
# Acquisitions focused on connectivity	We’re only tracking the type of acquisition for Metro led acquisitions	14		

Category	Description of metric	Protect and restore land	Local share	Capital grants
	through the protect and restore land program			
# Acquisitions targeting each of the five priority habitats	5 priority habitats include: Streams and floodplains, Wetlands and wet prairie, Savanna and upland prairie, Oak woodland and forest, Headwaters forest	1 acquisition has all 5 habitat types present. Streams and floodplains (17); Wetlands and wet prairie (9); Savanna and upland prairie (6); Oak woodland and forest (6); Headwaters forest (12)		
% of 2019 acquisitions with a completed and approved stabilization plan	Once acquired, it takes at least five years for properties to go through a restoration process to return the land to stable habitat conditions to support fish and wildlife.	82%		
% of successfully completed actions identified in approved stabilization plans	See above	43%		
\$ spent on stabilization	See above	\$2,299,981		
# trees/shrubs/pounds of seed planted across Metro sites/year	See above	65,877 Trees and Shrubs, 1,489 pounds of herbaceous seed		
Total # capital restoration projects completed or underway with bond funds	Capital restoration projects are an eligible bond funded	7		3

Category	Description of metric	Protect and restore land	Local share	Capital grants
	activity through protect and restore land, local share, and capital grants, and large scale community visions			
Total bond dollars invested on capital restoration projects	See above	\$490,204.09		
Total acres restored through bond funded capital restoration				
Total perennial stream miles protected	Miles of streams include the length of the stream, not the banks	7.8 miles (41,431 ft)		
Total miles stream bank protected	Both sides of the bank	8.8 miles		
# of properties acquired with stream/riverside habitat	Includes properties that are streams and floodplains	20 (91%)		
Total perennial stream miles protected of salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout, lamprey bearing streams		6.6 miles (34,801 ft)		
# of properties acquired with salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout, lamprey habitat		15 (68%)		
%/# Creates or expands a regional anchor site:	Metric that Metro uses to evaluate sites (yes or not)	22 (100%)		
%/# Single acquisition creates a viable anchor site (yes/no)	Metric that Metro uses to evaluate sites (yes or not)	2 (9%)		
%/# Completes anchor site (yes/no)	Metric that Metro uses to evaluate sites (yes or not)			

Category	Description of metric	Protect and restore land	Local share	Capital grants
%/# Is connected to an existing anchor site (yes/no) (builds on an existing anchor)	Metric that Metro uses to evaluate sites (yes or not)	11 are connected to an existing regional anchor site (50%); 22 create or expand a regional anchor site (100%)		
%/# Closes or contributes toward closing a gap between Metro sites and/or between other protected sites	Metric that Metro uses to evaluate sites (yes or not)	8 (36%)		
%/# Key Connector: CLOSES a gap between Metro sites and / or between other protected sites (yes/no)	Metric that Metro uses to evaluate sites (yes or not)	2 (9%)		

Exhibit 10, Reporting on how bond funded construction projects at Metro developed parks are advancing sustainable practices

The bond’s take care of Metro parks bond program funds bond funded construction projects (identified and tracked through Metro’s Parks and Nature capital improvement plan) that have to align with certain agency policies and practices around climate resilience and sustainability. At the close of FY 2024, there were 22 Parks and Nature projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. These projects range in size, scope and complexity, so not each would be eligible to complete all the agency’s sustainability policies and protocol.

Category	Description about metric	Take care of Metro parks
Number of bond funded construction projects with low carbon material requirements out of all parks and nature capital improvement plan projects	One way to track whether construction projects are using sustainable products	7 (30% of all parks and nature CIP projects)
Pounds of waste reduced at Metro developed sites - shifted to diversion rate per site	Metro only tracks waste diversion at three developed parks—Blue Lake, Oxbow and Glendoveer	Blue Lake Park - 0.2% Glendoveer - 34.5% Oxbow - 11.3%"
Number of projects in the Parks and Nature capital investment plan that are meeting one or more sustainable standards that they've agreed to.	Bond funded investments to improve health, safety and accessibility at Metro’s developed parks are being designed and construction to align with Metro’s policies aimed at increasing overall site sustainability. See more at Sustainable Buildings and Sites Policy	8 (36%). 6 of the 8 are funded with bond funds.
Number of projects in the Parks and Nature capital investment plan that have to meet clean air construction standards	See above	10 (45%)
Number of projects in the Parks and Nature capital investment plan that will meet CORE green building certification	See above	1 project that is aiming to meet CORE green building certification
Number of projects in Parks and Nature capital investment plan that include bird friendly design	See above	4 (18%)
Number of projects in the Parks and Nature capital investment plan that meet SITES certification	See above	2 SITES certification projects

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TOPICS

Exhibit 11, Overview of oversight committee discussions and requests for information from 2023 through June 2024

As part of its regular oversight and reviewing role, the Natural Areas Oversight Committee continues to raise issues for further discussion and presentation from staff. Below is a summary list of topics, issues and questions that committee members have raised over the last year and a description of how staff has responded. To date, staff have provided initial responses and information on almost all of these topics and many of the issues require ongoing updates and information from staff.

Overall bond and committee work

Question/topic/request for information	Date of request	Staff response to date
How have tribal governments been engaged in bond activities to date?	Ongoing	Staff are planning to share an update on Metro Parks and Nature
Accessibility has come up as a major concern, and there's a strong desire to make sure that parks are welcoming to all people.	Ongoing	Will Cortez, Parks and Nature's ADA accessibility manager, presented to the committee on the work he is doing across the department, and also share how we're applying disability justice lens to work.
Racial equity and accessibility as part of bond measure. Can this be reflected as a measurable?	Ongoing	See bond criteria section in staff report reflects progress on racial equity and accessibility criteria.
Provide easy to access summaries of complex information, dashboards, one-pagers.	Ongoing	Have created online dashboard and bond quarterly reporting. Creating 1-2 pagers from 2024 staff report to committee and will keep working to identify opportunities for summary documents.
How much has been invested through the three bond measures (1995 open spaces, 2006 natural areas and 2019 parks and nature bond)?	October 2023	

Land acquisition

Question/topic/request for information	Date	Staff response to date
Can we have both conservation and access? I think we can, but not everywhere. Need to make it clear that we are working towards accessibility, but it may be limited depending on the site.	October 2023	
Would like one map with acquisition investments from the 1995, 2006 and 2019 bond.	October 2023	
How can we make data dense and information dense? Provides a lot of information that people can zone in on at different levels? Mapping struggling with the balance of how much information to include vs. complexity.	October 2023	<p>The latest bond investment maps from the 2022-2023 annual report can be found here: https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/parks-and-nature-2023-regional-investments-neighborhood-benefits</p> <p>A map of Metro natural areas is also available at the bottom of this webpage https://www.oregonmetro.gov/metro-parks-and-natural-areas</p>
How much of the bond funds are available for priority habitat?	March 2024	The protect and restore land program (\$155 million) is assuming about a total of \$80 to complete land acquisitions in alignment with regional priorities.
How can the oversight committee advocate for more funds to go to regional land acquisition?	March 2024	Metro Council sets priorities through the bond measure language and any changes to the way the bond measure is structured is a policy discussion by the Metro Council. This is something that the committee can flag and advocate to the Metro Council.
How has input from tribal governments has been and is being incorporated to shape restoration priorities.	March 2024	Jonathan Soll shared how the focus on priority species (salmon, lamprey, and water as a priority habitat) in the capital restoration projects is aligned with feedback.

Bond finance

Question/topic/request for information	Date of request/question	Staff response to date
Does Metro’s COBID participation reporting just apply to contractors or sub-contractors?	Ongoing	Staff clarified that right now we have capacity only to track COBID participation for contractors, not sub-contractors.
Does Metro’s COBID reporting disaggregate by type of contractor? Explore ways for Metro and Parks and Nature to analyze and understand the COBID participation figures on a more granular basis including racial and other identity groups.	February 2023	Staff clarified that currently Metro does not have the tools to do this but could learn from what jurisdictional partners like city of Portland are doing.
Can staff provide more context around bond administrative spend and mile markers that show progress and provide context about bond spend?	February 2022 and February 2023	Staff can provide more detail about what the administrative rate captures (beyond personnel costs to cover a range of professional services and time to facilitate bond investments) and what it does not.
Information about bond spend anticipated in the future.	February 2023	Staff are working on projecting out bond spend to future fiscal years. But projections may change over time depending on global variables and unforeseen events.
Do real estate staff anticipate opportunities to accelerate pace of land acquisition with changing market conditions (intersect with land acquisition topics)? What is reasonable to expect?	February 2023	Based on previous trends in real estate market, it takes time when the market changes for it to impact how landowners think about price and selling.
What is the relationship between <u>Metro’s construction career pathways</u> project and the <u>Regional Workforce Labor Agreement</u> ?	February 2023	Regional Workforce Equity Agreement implements Metro’s Construction Career Pathways Regional Framework As one of the nation’s first multi-jurisdictional workforce agreements, it covers specified projects undertaken by Metro, Multnomah County and the City of Portland over the next five years. For Metro, all capital projects of more than \$5 million will be subject to the terms of the agreement.
Wanted committee to be more aware of audit progress	October 2023	Appreciated that feedback and have shared it back with the Metro Auditor and other staff.

Community engagement

Question/topic/request for information	Date of request/question	Status or next steps	Staff response to date
Add more detail and information about where community input had feedback on programs, and how that feedback influenced outcomes and activities to engage different audiences, and why we did some of these CE activities, and tell the story of how they link to the bond criteria	Winter 2021/Spring 2022 (year 1 report development)	Partially complete	Staff included more detail about community engagement activities and how it shaped programs in the 2021 staff report and in the 2022 staff report.
Is there a community engagement plan in place for the bond?	Winter 2021/Spring 2022 (year 1 report development)	Complete; staff provided an overview of the community engagement framework	<p>Parks and Nature bond has a community engagement framework, which informs each bond program’s community engagement plan.</p> <p>Each bond area has a different point where an impact can be made on decisions. For programs like local share, where we’re passing money over to jurisdictions, we’ve provided best practices and frameworks, while recognizing that the variety of providers we work with also means a variety of tools and capacity for doing this work.</p>
What community organizations are engaged in parks and nature bond projects?	February 2023	Partially complete: staff included information in 2022 staff report.	Staff will continue to provide case study examples of specific organizations and individuals who are helping shape bond programs and projects.
Does Parks and Nature do post-engagement event evaluation?	February 2023	Partially complete; staff included	Through the bond evaluation outcomes project, we have conducted a small pilot post-engagement effort.

		information in 2022 staff report.	In addition, post-engagement evaluation efforts are being planned for Blue Lake Park engagement activities in spring/summer of 2023
<p>Can staff provide more detail on how feedback from community engagement has been used and how individuals are being engaged from bond program to program?</p> <p>Doing so helps determine if there is effective engagement if folks involved early on are continuing to be re-engaged.</p>	February 2023	Partially complete; staff included information in 2022 staff report.	<p>Staff provided information showing continuity of individuals participating in multiple bond related engagement activities.</p> <p>Staff have not tracked what percent of individuals are engaging activity to activity yet, but that is something we can plan for the future.</p>
Bringing in the agency’s tribal liaison or just talk about where tribal engagement has approached our projects.	October 2023		
Group discussed what Metro can track on COBID participation rates across the agency (including whether Metro tracks and prioritizes contracts with culturally specific community based organizations).	March 2024		MG shared that the agency publishes a report annually on COBID participation and is continuing to strive to provide more detail about participation of sub-groups of COBID contractors (minority owned, women owned).
More context around access and how we can evaluate it for the bond based on mapping and other evaluative tools.	March 2024		

DETAILED LIST OF BOND FUNDED LOCAL SHARE AND GRANT AWARDS THROUGH JUNE 2024

The bond’s pass through and competitive grant programs (local share, capital grants, community choice grants, trail grants and large scale community visions) have awarded \$67 million to over 60 priority parks, trails and natural area projects across the region. These programs, which can only fund eligible projects that meet the bond requirements—advance racial equity, strengthen the region’s climate resilience and reflect feedback from meaningful community engagement—have awarded funds to a range of project types across the region ranging from nature play areas to new culturally specific amenities to investments in the regional trail system to investments that update or improve the accessibility of existing parks, trails and natural areas in communities across the region. The table and links below provide a detailed snapshot of the list of projects awarded bond funds as of June 2024 by program.

Local share project awards as of June 2024

Project awarded (either have executed IGA or working towards executed IGA)	Jurisdiction	Year of award (fiscal year)	Project description
Shaul Property	Gresham	FY 2021-2022	Secures for public use a privately owned 7.8-acre parcel currently slated for single-family housing subdivision development, part of area that comprises contiguous area that comprises the Fairview Creek Headwaters.
Stites Nature Park	Forest Grove	FY 2022-2023	The park is located in the northeast area of the city in a densely populated neighborhood of mixed use housing along a future public transit bus line. Stites Nature Park will be the City's first "naturehood" park.
Milwaukie Neighborhood Park	Milwaukie	FY 2023-2024	To develop three undeveloped neighborhood parks in Milwaukie: Scott, Balfour, and Bowman-Brae Parks.
Concord Community Park	North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District	FY 2023-2024	A new community park and play area on the 5.94-acre Concord property in Oak Grove by Jennings Lodge. Will be situated alongside Oak Lodge Library and Community Center, provide opportunities for nature.

Whitaker Ponds Natural Area	Portland Parks and Recreation	FY 2022-2023	Provide a new, safe, ADA-accessible boardwalk to allow the public, students, and environmental education providers access to a rare freshwater pond and nature education close to home at an ecologically rich site in a diverse urban neighborhood. It will also reduce ongoing and future maintenance needs at the site through the use of durable materials.
Bristlecone Pine Trail ADA	Portland Parks and Recreation	FY 2022-2023	The ½-mile one-way Bristlecone Pine Trail is one of three Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible trails in Hoyt Arboretum and requires surfacing and other improvements to meet new ADA standards.
Wilkes Headwaters Natural Area	Portland Parks and Recreation	FY 2022-2023	New trails to increase access to nature in east Portland.
Park Pathway Lighting Renovation	Portland Parks and Recreation	FY 2022-2023	This project will improve existing facilities by replacing light poles and fixtures at multiple locations in Portland Parks.
Rose City Golf Trails	Portland Parks and Recreation	FY 2022-2023	Improve existing trails and provide new trails at Rose City Golf Course, providing free-to-use recreation opportunities to the public and connections to nearby parks and sidewalks.
Commonwealth Bridge and Weir Replacement	Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District	FY 2023-2024	Replaces a weir, pedestrian bridge, and 50-feet of asphalt pathway, in addition to installing an Americans with Disability Act (ADA)-compliant parking space at Commonwealth Lake Park in Cedar Hills.
Accessible play structures	Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District	FY 2022-2023	Improve Bonny Slope and Rock Creek Parks by replacing aging, outdated playground equipment with, nature-play structures while improving stormwater management and pedestrian infrastructure leading to play areas.
Willow Creek Greenway Boardwalk Replacement	Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District	FY 2022-2023	replace the failing and non-ADA compliant eastern section of the Willow Creek boardwalk, making continued access to the Willow Creek Greenway natural area & THPRD's

			trail system possible for neighborhood residents and regional visitors.
Heckman Lane Park and Trail Project	Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District	FY 2022-2023	The Heckman Lane Park and Trail project will build a new park in a majority BIPOC neighborhood in North Bethany and add to the region's active transportation network by closing a gap in a hard-surface community trail.
Bagan Street	Tigard	FY 2023-2024	Provide a new 8.15 acre park to an area of Tigard that lacks a park within a 10-minute walk of its residents.
Steve Street Park	Tigard	FY 2023-2024	Provide a new 1.4 acre park to an area of Tigard that lacks a park within a 10-minute walk of its residents.
Basalt Creek Park	Tualatin	FY 2021-2022	Acquire and protect natural parkland in expansion area providing active recreation space, connections to regional and local trails, and scenic water access to an affordable housing community that would otherwise be nature deficient.
Frog Pond West acquisition	Wilsonville	FY 2022-2023	Acquire and protect natural park land within a neighborhood that is currently being developed. Acquisition will provide neighborhood connectivity as well as safe routes to future primary school.

Trail grant awards for trail planning and construction

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Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants awards for capital projects that increase the experience of nature at the neighborhood scale

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Nature in Neighborhoods community choice grant awards for capital projects identified, shaped and prioritized by the community in western Washington county

[List of grants awarded in Community Choice grants pilot round](#)

Large scale community visions designations for projects that increase access to nature for people across greater Portland or improve the resilience of the region's urban natural areas

[List of designations made during 2023 pilot round](#)