

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program  
Ninth Round Grant Awards  
Grant Review Committee Recommendations to the Metro Council

Total award amount recommended: \$1,828,602.48

**Project:** Bull Mountain Park Projects  
**Grant amount:** Amends 2015 award with a \$ 60,000 increase  
**Recipient:** Friends of Bull Mountain Park  
**Partners:** Tualatin River Watershed Council, City of Tigard, and a variety of local community-based organizations

The Friends of Bull Mountain Park and Tualatin River Watershed Council were awarded a \$125,943 Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant in 2015 to engage community members in constructing improvements to the Bull Mountain Nature Park including a nature play area, a picnic pavilion, a tool shed, soft surface trails, an ADA access trail, a bathroom shelter, a water fountain, benches and signs.

**Project:** Leach Botanical Garden Improvements  
**Grant amount:** \$ 188,000  
**Recipient:** City of Portland  
**Partners:** Leach Garden Friends, Portland Development Commission

The Leach Botanical Garden project reflects the City's commitment to providing safe natural places, using programming in underserved neighborhoods, and bringing together community residents to plan for more equitable access to parks infrastructure. This project will create an engaging & welcoming place for both the region and the local community by enhancing the plant collection at the botanical garden. Metro's funding would support the creation of a Pollinator Garden.

**Project:** North Fork Johnson Creek Fish Passage  
**Grant amount:** \$ 79,746  
**Recipient:** Johnson Creek Watershed Council  
**Partners:** City of Portland, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Oregon Department of Transportation, Multnomah County and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

This project will improve fish passage by replacing or retrofitting seven culverts on the North Fork of Johnson Creek, opening up 2 miles of off-channel habitat for salmonids.

**Project:** College Creek Confluence Clean Water Retrofit  
**Grant amount:** \$486,833.33  
**Recipient:** Sandy River Basin Council  
**Partners:** Mt. Hood Community College, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, City of Gresham, Intel Laboratories and Salmon Safe

This project will launch a campus-wide stormwater retrofit of Mt. Hood Community College's 228 acres, which surrounds the confluence of two fish-bearing creeks. Partners will retrofit six acres of parking lots and a large courtyard to improve water quality, reduce temperature and pollutant runoff, and restore habitat for native fish and wildlife.

**Project:** Rock Creek Floodplain Enhancement at Portland Community College  
**Grant amount:** \$ 257,073.15  
**Recipient:** Clean Water Services  
**Partners:** Portland Community College and Tualatin Riverkeepers

The vision for the Rock Creek Floodplain Enhancement Project integrates urban, rural and ecological communities across a natural and dynamic floodplain. The approach to this restoration effort is to encourage beaver activity in order to create dams that will hold water and allow it to spread throughout the floodplain. This will be done by installing large woody debris and intentional plantings that will create anchor points for beaver activity.

**Project:** Fanno Creek Floodplain Fix  
**Grant amount:** \$ 245,700  
**Recipient:** Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District  
**Partners:** Clean Water Services, Vose Neighborhood and Friends of Trees

The project is located in the middle reach of Fanno Creek. This segment of the creek is channelized and has poor access to its floodplain, is constricted by a pair of undersized culverts, and has degraded fish and wildlife habitat due to poor hydrology and a lack of native plants. The proposed restoration will remeander the creek to allow access to its historic floodplain, replace a culvert with a bridge, add large wood, and revegetate the project area with native plants that will be followed by 20 years of active maintenance.

**Project:** SE Oak Street  
**Grant amount:** \$ 261,250  
**Recipient:** Home Forward  
**Partners:** St. Francis Parish, St. Francis Park Apartments and Oregon Tradeswomen

This project will renovate the vacated portion of SE Oak Street between SE 11<sup>th</sup> and SE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues in Southeast Portland. The project will provide an open park-like experience for the 106 affordable housing units being developed to the south and the 150-200 people served by the St. Francis parish to the north. The project will also provide a green transition between the Buckman Neighborhood to the east and the business district to the west.

**Project:** Courtyard at Cornelius Place  
**Grant amount:** \$ 100,000  
**Recipient:** City of Cornelius  
**Partners:** Bienestar, BRIDGE Housing, Blooming Nursery, BRIDGE Housing, Nielson Group and Scott Edwards Architecture.

The Cornelius Place Courtyard will be a 5000 sq. ft. space within the new library and senior affordable housing. Its central location within the heart of Cornelius, across from the elementary school and two blocks from Centro Cultural of Washington County, will increase the community's ability to access this open space with native landscaping and storm water improvements.

**Project:** Building an Inclusive Playground at Couch Park  
**Grant amount:** \$ 150,000  
**Recipient:** Harper's Playground and City of Portland  
**Partners:** Friends of Couch Park Playground

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is working with Harper's Playground to create an inclusive nature-based playground for people with all abilities at Couch Park in Northwest Portland.