



MEMORANDUM

CITY OF TUALATIN

DATE: December 9, 2014

TO: Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee Members

THROUGH: Paul Hennon, Community Services Director

FROM: Rich Mueller, Parks & Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: TUALATIN'S LOCAL SHARE PROJECT LIST FOR METRO'S 2006 NATURAL AREAS BOND MEASURE

The staff will present information and recommendation on the Local Share Project List for Metro's 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure.

Tualatin's local share project funds are currently designated to further the goals of the Tualatin River Greenway land acquisition within the boundaries of the Tualatin River Greenway. We will discuss including Tualatin River Greenway construction and development, in addition to land acquisition, as an eligible project for the Metro 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure funds.

Attached you will find Tualatin's local share project information from the Metro 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure.

Attachments:

(1) 2006 Tualatin Resolution Background Information



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City Council
City of Tualatin

Members of Council:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF TUALATIN'S
LOCAL SHARE PROJECT LIST FOR METRO'S PROPOSED
2006 NATURAL AREAS BOND MEASURE

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to recommend Council adoption of the attached resolution approving the City of Tualatin's Local Share Project List for Metro's proposed 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure. Tualatin's Local Share would be \$786,506.

The Metro Council is preparing a \$220 million bond measure proposal devoted to acquiring natural areas throughout the region for protecting wildlife habitat, preserving water quality, and enhancing public access to nature. The voters will consider the bond measure proposal at the November 7 election.

The bond measure would include three components:

1. \$165 million dedicated for use by Metro for acquisition of regionally significant river and stream corridors, headwaters, wildlife areas, and other natural areas and trail corridors, and
2. \$11 million set aside for an opportunity grant program whereby local neighborhood associations, no-profit organizations, cities and public parks providers, and other community groups can identify local conservation projects and apply for funds to support acquisition or restoration of important local sites, and
3. \$44 million dedicated for a "Local Legacy Program" to distribute funds to metro area cities, counties and park providers. The Local Share funds could be used for acquisition of natural areas, wildlife and trail corridors, and neighborhood parks, as well as for preservation of water quality and for capital improvement projects that include restoration or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, improvement of public access to existing natural areas, development of public use facilities, design and development of greenways,

and development of environmental education facilities such as nature centers and interpretive displays.

The \$220 million bond measure would cost property owners 18 cents for each \$1,000 of assessed value. The average metro area homeowner would pay about \$36 per year, or \$3 per month the first year. Assessed value is typically about 75% of market value.

See Attachment 2 Metro Council Resolution No. 06-3672 and Staff Report, Attachment 3 2006 Proposed Natural Areas Bond Measure Brochure and Map, and Attachment 4 Local Share Allocation.

2006 LOCAL LEGACY PROGRAM PROJECT LIST

Tualatin's Local Share of the proposed 2006 Metro Natural Areas Bond Measure would be \$786,506 and can be used

To be eligible for the proposed bond measure funds, Metro requires all Local Share recipients to submit a Project List by March 1, 2006. This will enable Metro and recipients to inform voters prior to the election on the intended use of bond funds.

The public was invited to learn more about this proposal and offer their suggestions, comments and insights to the Tualatin Park Advisory Committee (TPARK) at its meeting on February 14, 2006.

It is proposed that Tualatin's Local Legacy Program funds be dedicated to further the goals of the Tualatin River Greenway through land acquisition within the boundaries of the Tualatin River Greenway, as was done with the 1995 Greenspaces Bond Measure.

The Tualatin Park and Recreation Master Plan identifies the Tualatin River Greenway along the entire southern bank of the river within the Tualatin Urban Growth Boundary for the purposes of preserving the scenic value of the Tualatin River, enhancing water quality, preserving fish and wildlife habitat, and providing public pedestrian and bicycle access within the Tualatin River Greenway.

The future of the Tualatin River Greenway is now more promising than ever. Dedication of Local Legacy Program funds for land acquisition within the Tualatin River Greenway can be used to continue the momentum presently underway due to recent land acquisitions and construction activities. Park Development funds, grants, and other resources can be used to construct pathways and interpretive facilities, as well as enhance native vegetation for water quality and wildlife benefits once the land has been secured in public ownership.

1995 GREENSPACES BOND MEASURE

The \$135.6 million 1995 Greenspaces Bond Measure (18 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value) was passed by a region-wide vote of 64 percent YES and 36

percent NO (Tualatin passed 56% YES to 44% NO). Currently, the tax rate is about 11 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. There are 10 years remaining to pay off those bonds.

Tualatin dedicated its 1995 Metro Greenspaces Bond Measure Local Share funding of \$388,528 to acquire land within the Tualatin River Greenway. The purchased properties were located near Brown's Ferry Park and at Jurgens Park

In an excellent example of leveraging local and regional funds to protect the best of the region's limited natural resources, Metro and the City partnered in the purchase of properties expanding the Tualatin River Greenway at Brown's Ferry Park. Metro contributed \$1,640,960 of Regional Greenspaces Bond Measure funds for its share of these acquisitions. Combined, the amount of Regional and Local Share funds from the 1995 bond measure invested in land acquisition in Tualatin totaled \$2,029,488.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The TPARK recognizes that the Tualatin River Greenway provides benefits to the overall health of the river and to fish and associated wildlife, and that connecting people to our urban waterways also provides recreational benefits and opportunities to be in contact with nature.

At its meeting on February 14, 2006, the TPARK recommended Council approve the City of Tualatin's Local Legacy Program funds be dedicated to further the goals of the Tualatin River Greenway through land acquisition within the boundaries of the Tualatin River Greenway.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve attached resolution.

Sincerely,



Paul Hennon
Community Services Director

attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Metro Resolution No. 06-3672 and Staff Report
3. 2006 Proposed Natural Areas Bond Measure Brochure and Map
4. Local Share Allocation

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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2006 NATURAL AREAS BOND MEASURE

WHEREAS on February 23, 2006, the Metro Council passed a resolution for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the Metro Area a general obligation bond indebtedness in the amount of \$220 million to fund natural area acquisition and water quality protection; and

WHEREAS the proposed Natural Areas Bond Measure includes \$165 million for use by Metro for preserving natural areas and stream frontages, maintaining and improving water quality, and protection of fish and wildlife habitat, through acquisition, protection, restoration, and development of natural areas and stream frontage in Regional Target Areas; and

WHEREAS the proposed Natural Areas Bond Measure includes \$11 million set aside for an opportunity grant program whereby local neighborhood associations, non-profit organizations, cities and public parks providers, and other community groups can identify local conservation projects and apply for funds to support acquisition or restoration of important local sites; and

WHEREAS the proposed Natural Areas Bond Measure includes \$44 million dedicated for a "Local Legacy Program" to distribute funds to Metro Area cities, counties and park providers for acquisition of natural areas, wildlife and trail corridors, and neighborhood parks, as well as for preservation of water quality and for capital improvement projects that include restoration or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, improvement of public access to existing natural areas, development of public use facilities, design and development of greenways, and development of environmental education facilities such as nature centers and interpretive displays; and

WHEREAS Tualatin's Local Legacy Program allocation would be \$786,506; and

WHEREAS on February 14, 2006, after an opportunity for the public to learn and comment on the proposed bond measure and Tualatin's use of Local Legacy Program funds, the Tualatin Park Advisory Committee (TPARK) passed a motion recommending to Council that Tualatin's Local Legacy Program funds be dedicated to further the goals of the Tualatin River Greenway through land acquisition within the boundaries of the Tualatin River Greenway; and

WHEREAS Metro has requested that the Metro Area cities, counties, and park providers submit to Metro their Local Legacy Program Project List by March 1, 2006, in order to inform voters on the intended use of bond funds; and

WHEREAS Tualatin successfully participated in the 1995 Metro Greenspaces Bond Measure by dedicating its Local Share funds and by partnering with Metro on the use of regional funds for a combined total of over \$2 million to acquire land within the Tualatin River Greenway for the purposes of preserving the scenic value of the Tualatin River, enhancing water quality, preserving fish and wildlife habitat, and enhancing public access to nature; and

WHEREAS Tualatin has already or is now in the process of constructing pathways, enhancing habitat, and creating nature and cultural interpretative facilities on lands acquired with 1995 Greenspaces Bond Measure funds through the use of local park improvement bonds, park system development fees, and other grant funds.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON, that:

Section 1. The City of Tualatin approves the use of Tualatin's Local Legacy Program funds to further the goals of the Tualatin River Greenway through land acquisition within the boundaries of the Tualatin River Greenway.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2006.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
City Recorder