

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOCATING FUNDS) RESOLUTION NO. 26-5582
FROM THE 2019 METRO PARKS AND)
NATURE BOND MEASURE TO THE) Introduced by Council President Lynn
WILLAMETTE COVE NATURE PARK) Peterson
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WHEREAS, in 1992, Metro designated Willamette Cove as a greenspace of regional significance in the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan (Resolution No. 92-1637); and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Metro area voters approved an Open Spaces, Parks and Streams Bond Measure with a stated goal of acquiring land in regional target areas as identified in the Greenspaces Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Metro authorized the purchase of Willamette Cove (Resolution No. 96-2266) and approved objectives for the site, including natural resource restoration and passive recreation (Resolution Nos. 96-2340 and 96-2350); and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Metro area voters approved the Parks and Nature Bond Measure (“2019 Bond Measure”) with a stated goal to fund natural area and water quality protection and to connect people to nature close to home; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Bond Measure contained six areas including “Take care of Metro parks,” “Protect and restore land,” and “Create trails for walking and biking”; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Metro Council directed that Willamette Cove be included as a Metro parks and nature destination eligible for funding through the 2019 Bond Measure (Resolution No. 20-5149); and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Metro Council directed the COO in a budget note to reserve a \$10 million allocation for the Willamette Cove project; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, Metro Council approved the Willamette Cove Nature Park Master Plan (Resolution No. 26-5561); NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

1. Directs the Chief Operating Officer to allocate \$15.6 million of funding from the 2019 Bond Measure to ensure sufficient funding is available for the construction of a nature park at Willamette Cove.
2. Directs that funding for the nature park at Willamette Cove come from 2019 Bond Measure earnings along with other allowable bond programs.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 12th day of March 2026.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney