

Council Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee year two report back

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Purpose/Objective:

Receive the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee year two report back. Share thoughts and questions about the report back directly with the co-chairs presenting.

Background

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 a local option levy renewed twice by the region's voters.

In early 2021, the Metro Council appointed the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee to provide independent oversight of the 2019 parks and nature bond, the remainder of funding from the 2006 natural areas bond and capital investments from Metro's parks and nature five-year local option levy. As part of this charge, the Oversight Committee reports annually to the Metro Council on how bond implementation activities are meeting the direction in the bond measure and financial aspects of program administration.

The committee's year two report back shares with the Metro Council and the region the committee's understanding of progress to date on the 2019 parks and nature bond, committee work to date and potential focal areas for the committee and Parks and Nature staff for the coming year. To develop this report back, the committee reviewed staff reporting on parks and nature bond investments, awards and activities compiled in a staff report for calendar year 2022, information shared with the committee through quarterly reporting as well as information and storytelling about bond investments and activities posted on Metro's website.

The committee presented its year one report to the Metro Council in May 2022. This year two report back, one of several methods through which the Metro communicates with the public about the impact of voter approved investments in nature, is separate from the Parks and Nature annual report, last presented to the Council in January 2023.

What packet material do you plan to include, if any?

- The Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee year two report back
- Staff report for Parks and Nature bond for calendar year 2022