

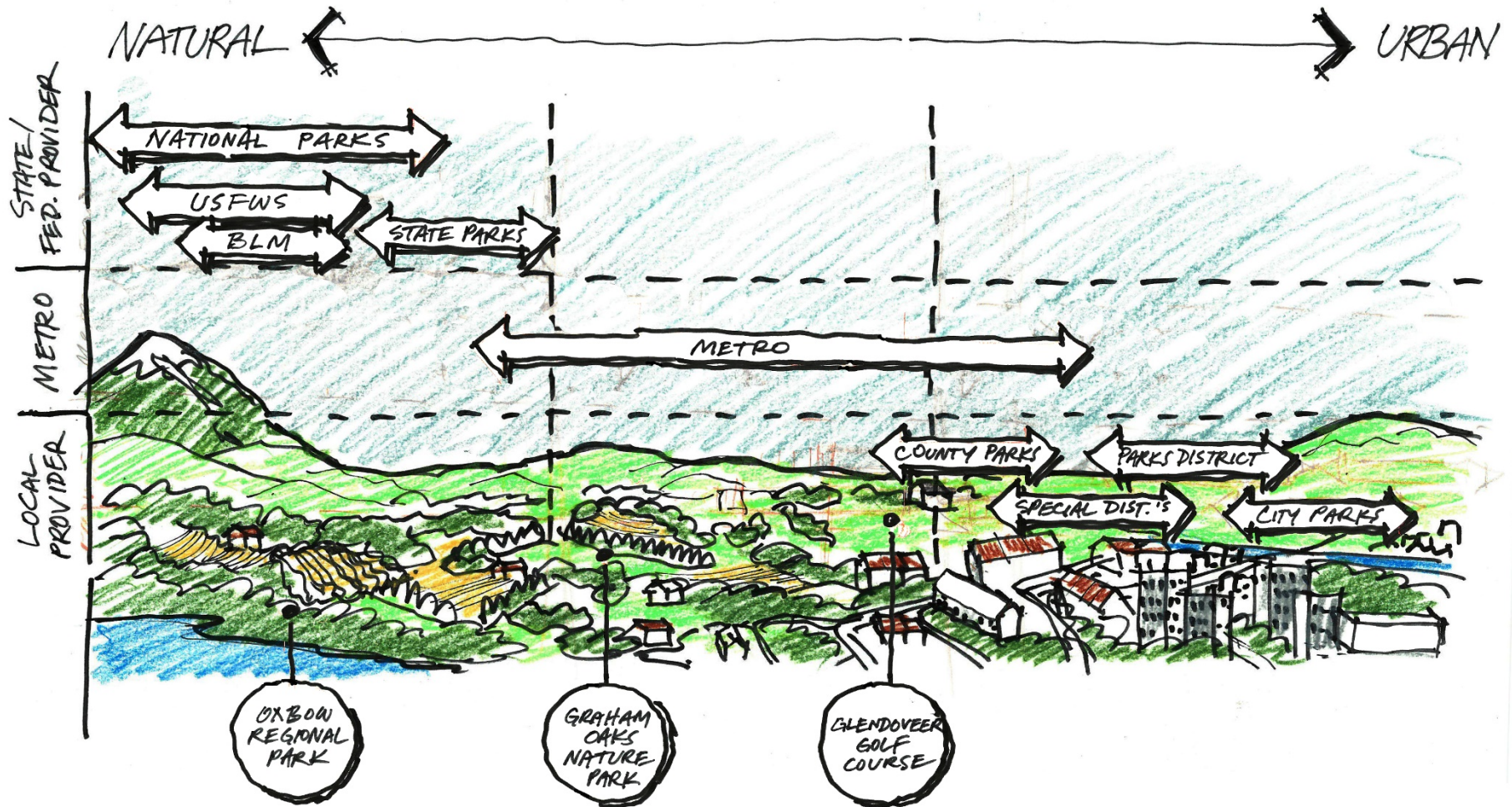


Metro

2019 parks and nature bond update

April 2021

Metro Parks and Nature's role in the region





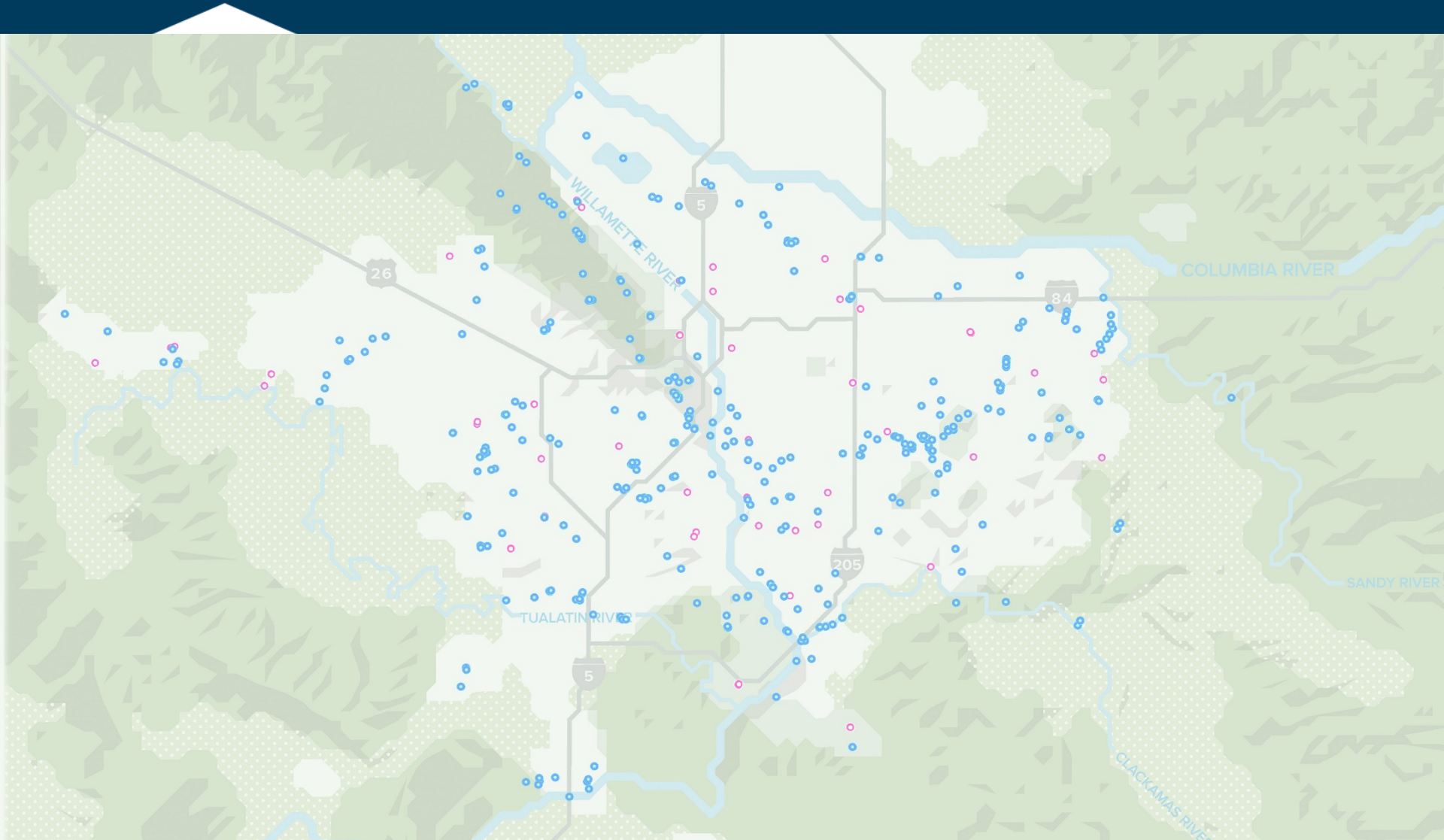
Access to nature

Three decades protecting what makes this place special

- **Natural area land acquisition (\$278 million)**
 - 14,000+ acres
 - 100 miles of streams
- **Local community investments (\$84 million)**
 - Local parks, trails and natural areas
 - Nature in Neighborhood grants
- **Metro capital projects (\$33 million)**
 - Nature parks
 - Regional trail projects
 - Fish habitat restoration



Investing in communities



Special places across the region





\$475 million to improve water quality, protect fish and wildlife and connect people to nature

1. Land acquisition and restoration
2. Metro park improvements
3. Community grants
4. Local share
5. Trails
6. Large scale community visions



Bond criteria set this
measure apart

Advance
racial equity

Prepare for climate
change

Base decisions on
meaningful engagement



Bond refinement

Determine how bond funds will be invested within each program to meet the bond criteria and values



Progress made

- ✓ Safety and accessibility at Metro sites
- ✓ Oversight committee
- ✓ Local share program launch
- ✓ Partner and stakeholder engagement



Jan-Mar 21

Apr-Jun 21

Jul-Sept 21

Oct-Dec 21

Jan-Mar 22

Apr-Jun 22

Focused community engagement: building templates and identifying data for each of the 24 target areas

Engagement, feedback

Reporting results

Focused community engagement: stakeholder review of findings from ecological assessments

Engagement, feedback

Reporting results

Community forums: feedback on priorities for each of the 24 target areas

Engagement, feedback

Community forum: report on goals and priorities for each of the 24 target areas

Reporting results

Council approval: refinement plans for 24 target areas

Decision milestone

Launch for land acquisition

Launch

Community engagement on approach to trail prioritization

Engagement, feedback

Report back on priorities for trail gap acquisitions

Reporting results

Council approval: refinement plan for trail gap acquisitions

Decision milestone

Completion of local share program handbook

Launch

Local park providers convening: tools for implementing the local share program

Engagement, feedback

Reporting results

Launch IGA negotiation/finalization process with local share partners

Launch

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Recruit and convene participatory grant-making pilot task force

Participatory grant-making pilot task force meets regularly to develop rulebook for project solicitation

Engagement, feedback

Launch solicitation for projects to be considered for funding through participatory grantmaking pilot

Launch

Launch key projects investing in public safety, accessibility and park infrastructure

Decision milestone

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Progress updates on public safety and infrastructure investment projects

Reporting results

Engagement on park improvement projects at Blue Lake, Oxbow and Graham Oaks

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Engagement on solicitation criteria for phase 1, Council directed rapid allocation

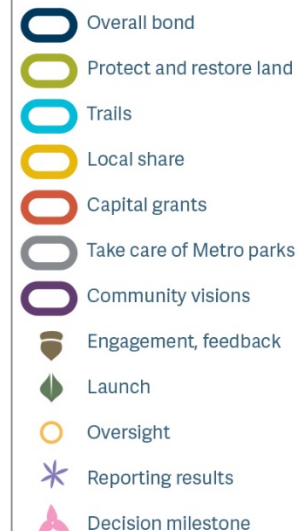
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Launch solicitation for phase 1

Launch

Council awards funds for phase 1

Decision milestone



Land acquisition and restoration

Refinement goal:
Council adopts refinement
plans for 24 target areas by
early 2022, kicking off land
acquisition



Metro park improvements

Refinement goals:

- Continue to address urgent infrastructure needs
- Work with community to prioritize second phase projects



Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

Refinement goals:

- launch participatory pilot by 2022
- Launch competitive capital grants program by 2023



Walking and biking trails

Refinement goals:

- Adopt trail gap acquisition priority list by early 2022
- Create trail grant program (timing TBD)



Large scale community visions

Refinement goals:

- Develop solicitation package for Phase 1 by fall 2021
- establish community-centered approach for Phase 2 in 2022



Local share

Refinement goals:

- Launch program this spring
- Park providers submit priority projects and sign IGAs starting summer 2021



Local share program

- \$92 million, 1/5 of total bond
- 27 park providers (cities, counties, park districts)
- Invests in local projects to meet community needs
- Projects must meet bond and program criteria

Meaningful community engagement

- Exploring options with park providers
- Adapting to each community
- Setting achievable expectations
- Doing more than currently doing
- Sharing resources, comparing experiences



Investing bond funds equitably

- Work with partners to set achievable goals
- Provide recommendations and resources
- Adapt existing programs to park/natural area projects



Climate resiliency

- Required of every project
- Evolving science and best practices
- Providing examples
- Hosting discussions and providing consultation



Focus on nature

- Land acquisition
- Habitat restoration and connectivity
- Public access improvements
- Design and construction of trails
- Environmental educational facilities



Opportunities to shape refinement

Summer 2021

- Help prioritize trail gap acquisitions
- Document conditions in 24 target areas
- Identify priority projects for local share funding (ongoing)
- Task force for participatory pilot

Fall 2021

- Identify priority trail gap and land acquisitions



Questions?



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