



Regional Investment Strategy: Parks and Nature

Council work session
June 26, 2018

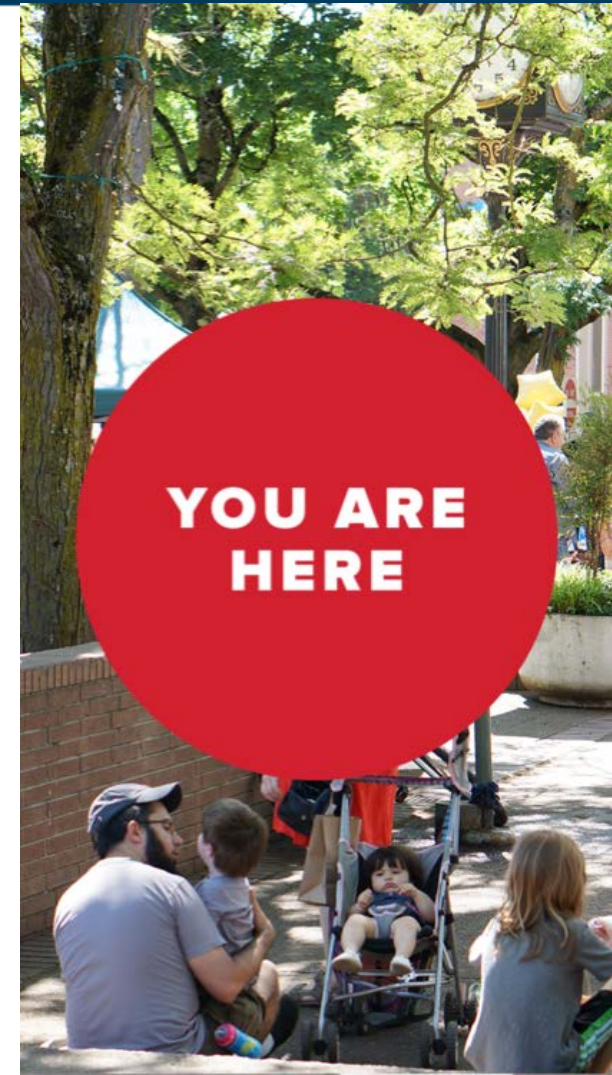


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Reminder: Where we are now.

- Metro is a good steward of the things that create regional livability
- We connect urban/rural, built/natural in one vision of a highly livable place for all
- We must do more to protect what we value, help public investments keep up – and share benefits equitably



Regional Investment Strategy

- Affordable housing bond
- Clean water, habitat and access to nature
- Safe, reliable ways to get around
- A coalition for livability and equity



Agenda for today

Staff update

Past investments

Where we're going

Schedule for action

Community
engagement plan



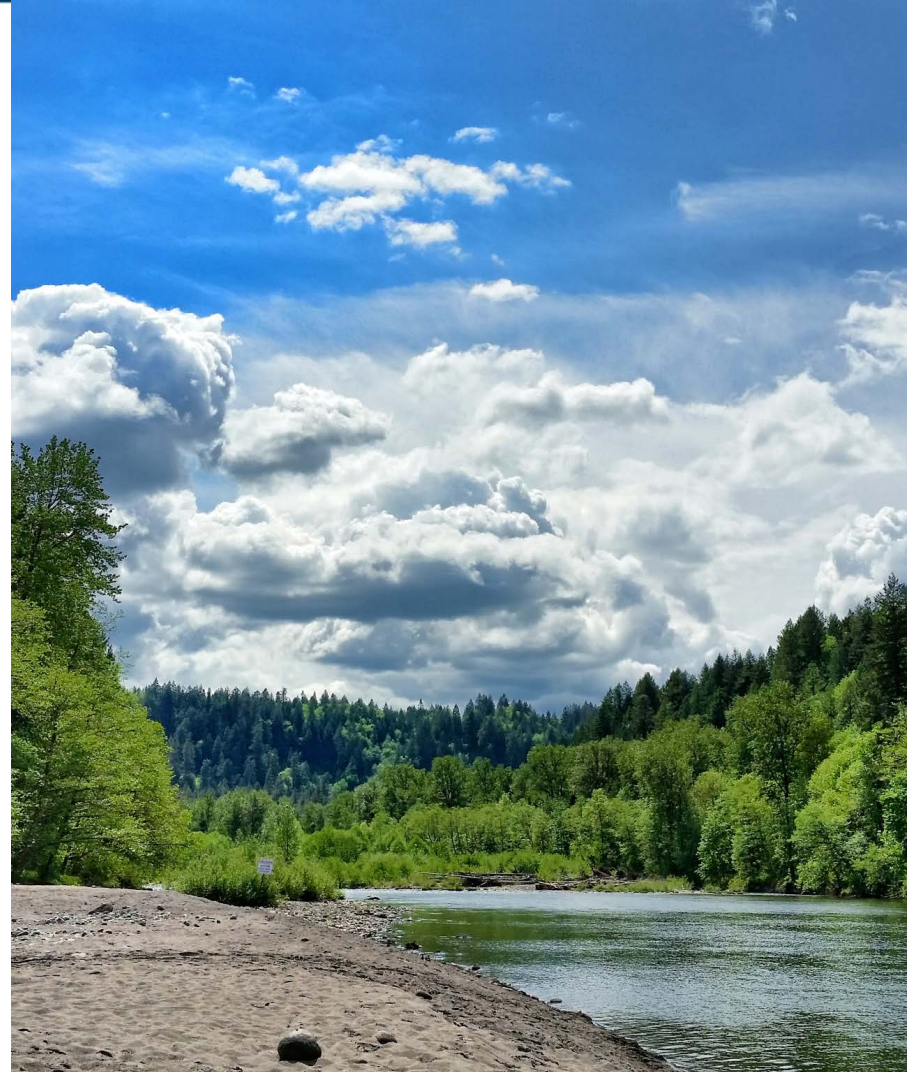
How we've invested: 1995 and 2006 bonds

1995 measure:

- Regional acquisitions
- Local share

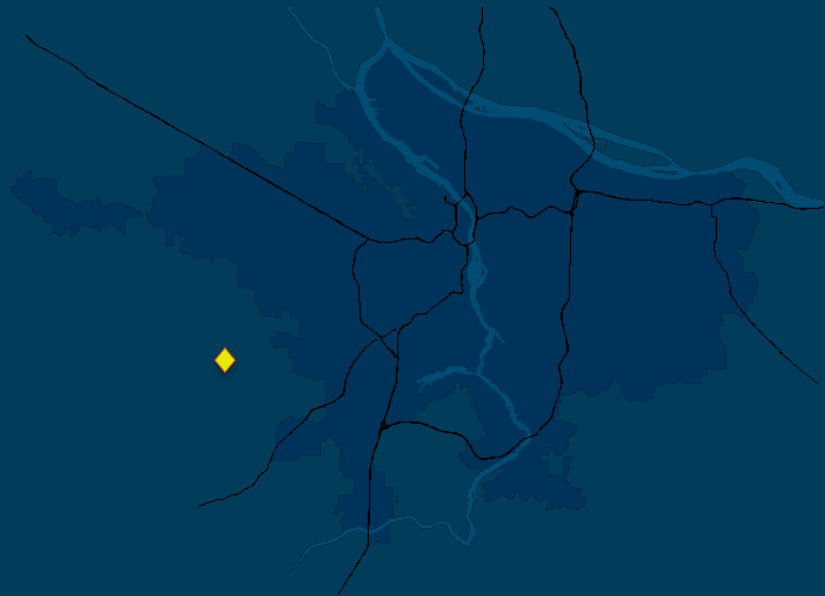
2006 measure

- Regional acquisitions
- Local share
- Large-scale capital projects
- Nature in Neighborhood grants



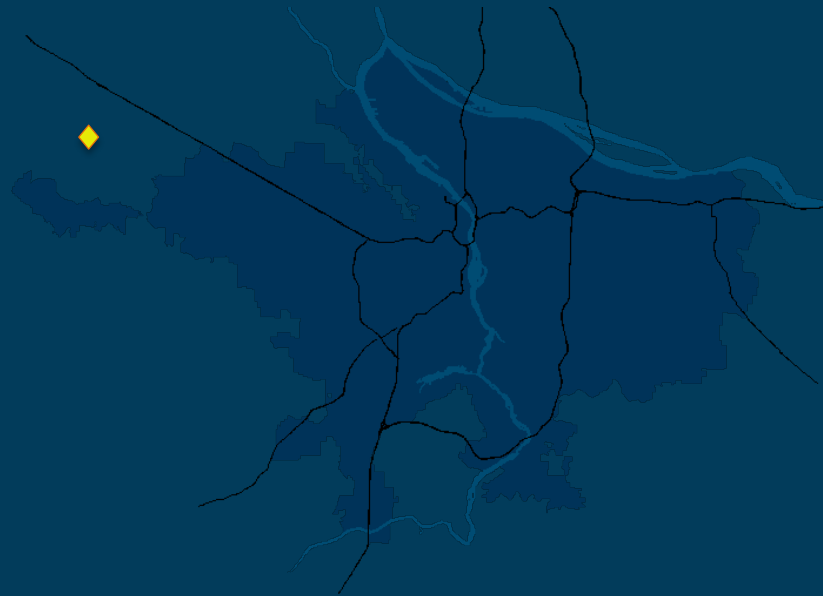
Acquisition – protecting rare habitat

Quamash Prairie Natural Area



Acquisition – securing headwaters

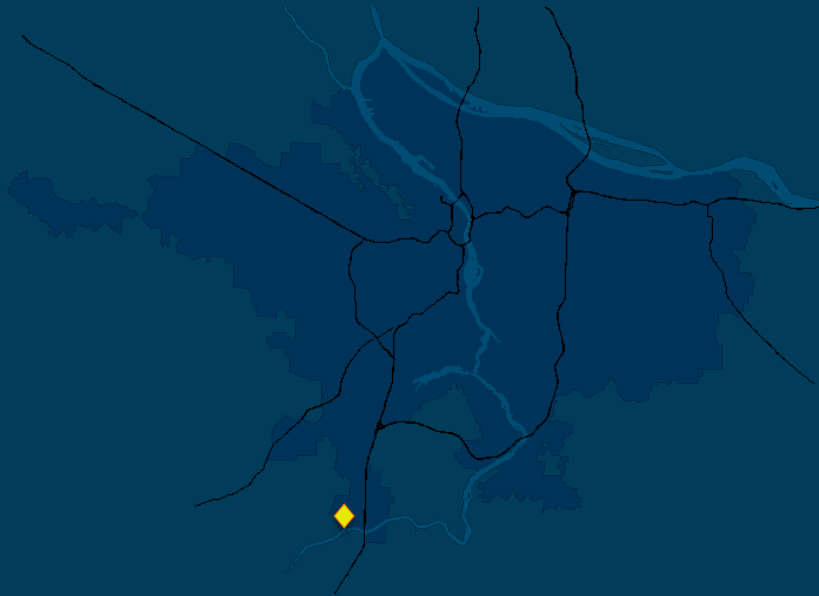
Chehalem Ridge Natural Area





Acquisition – urban streams

Corral Creek Natural Area



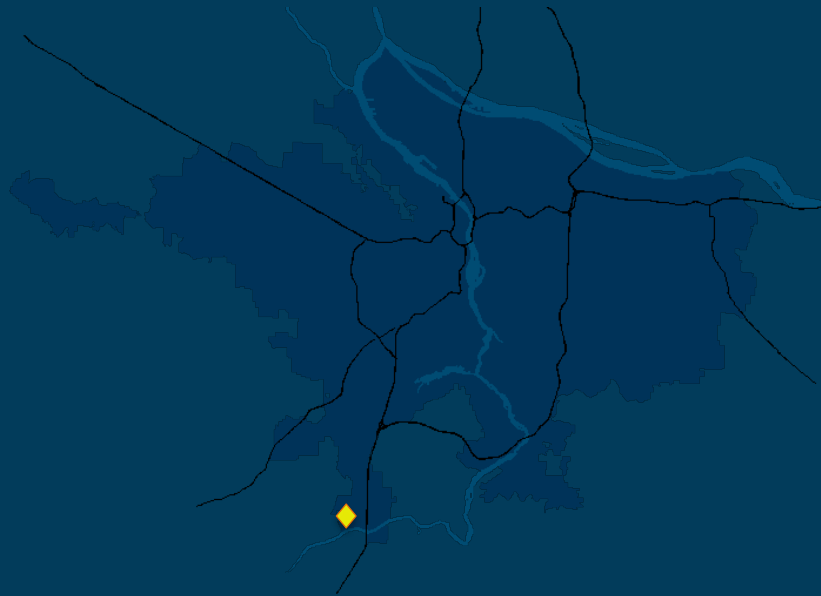
Connecting people to nature





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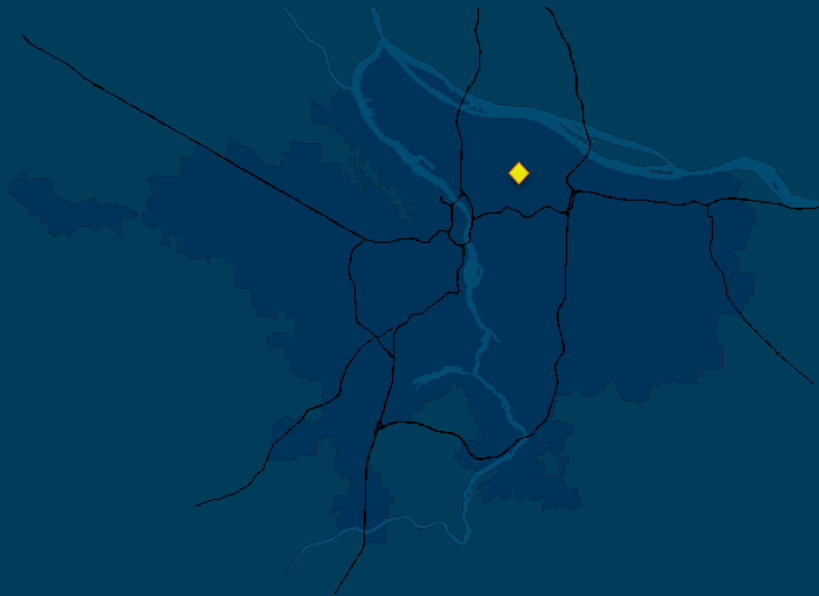
Graham Oaks Natural Area





Local park investments

Portland –
Khunamokwst Park

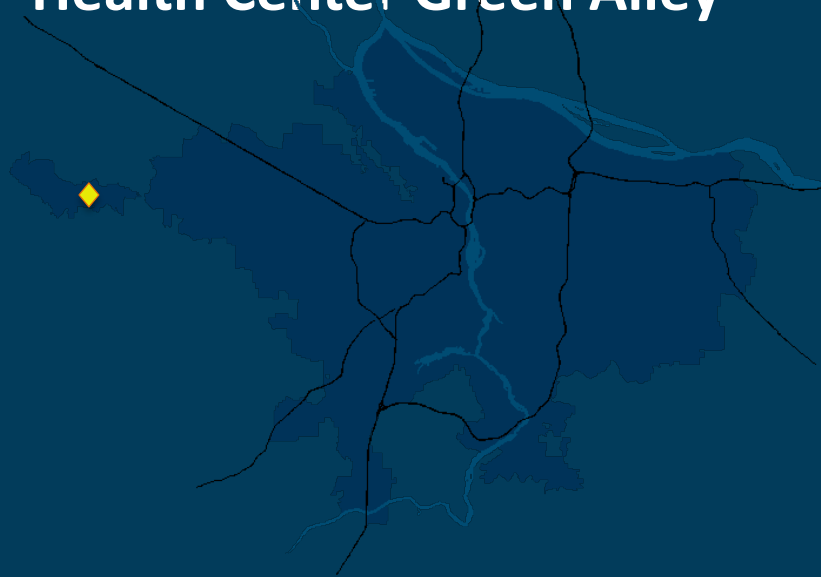




Nature in Neighborhoods grants

Cornelius –

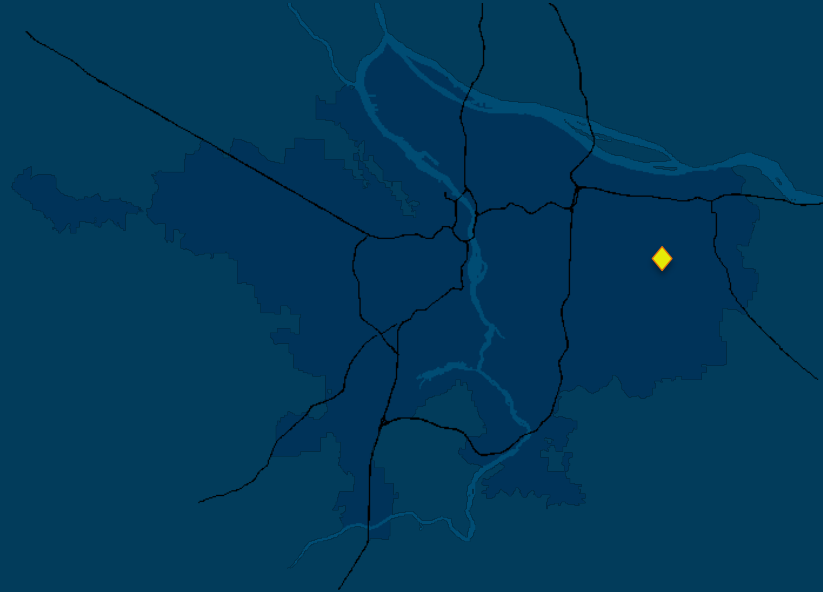
Virginia Garcia Memorial
Health Center Green Alley





Nature in Neighborhoods grants

Gresham —
Nadaka Nature Park



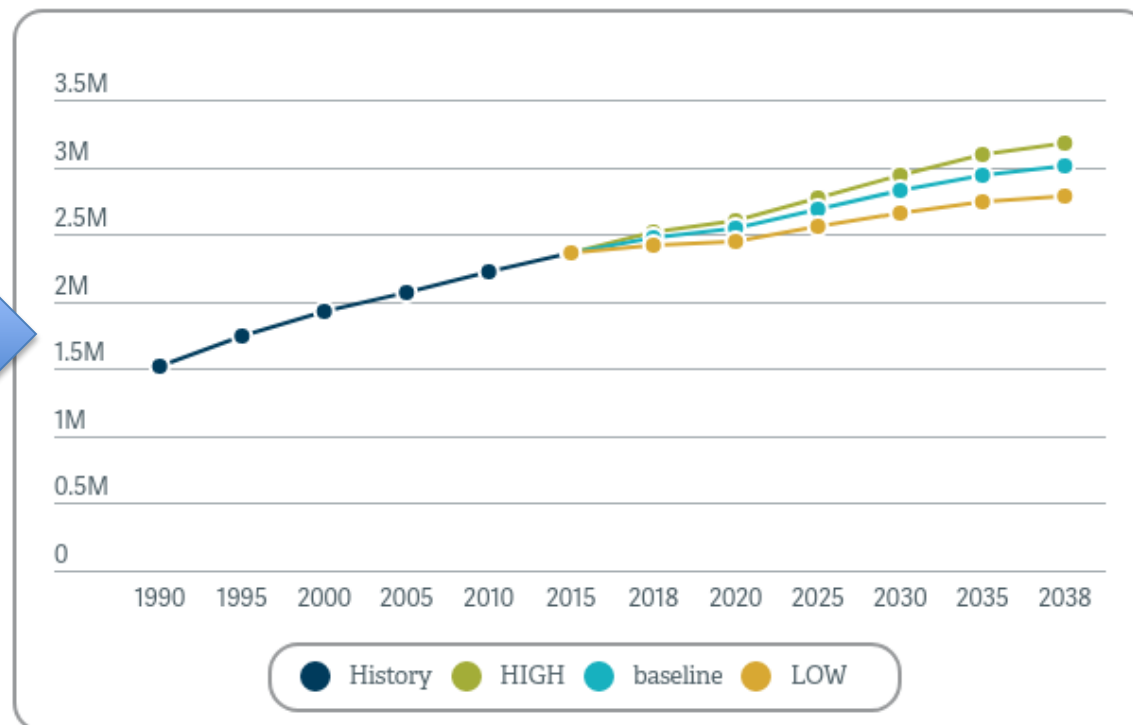
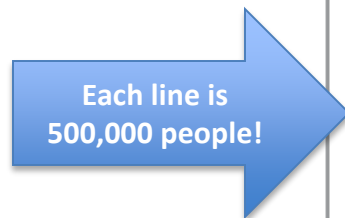
What is the need? Why now?



Preparing for growth

Population history and range projections

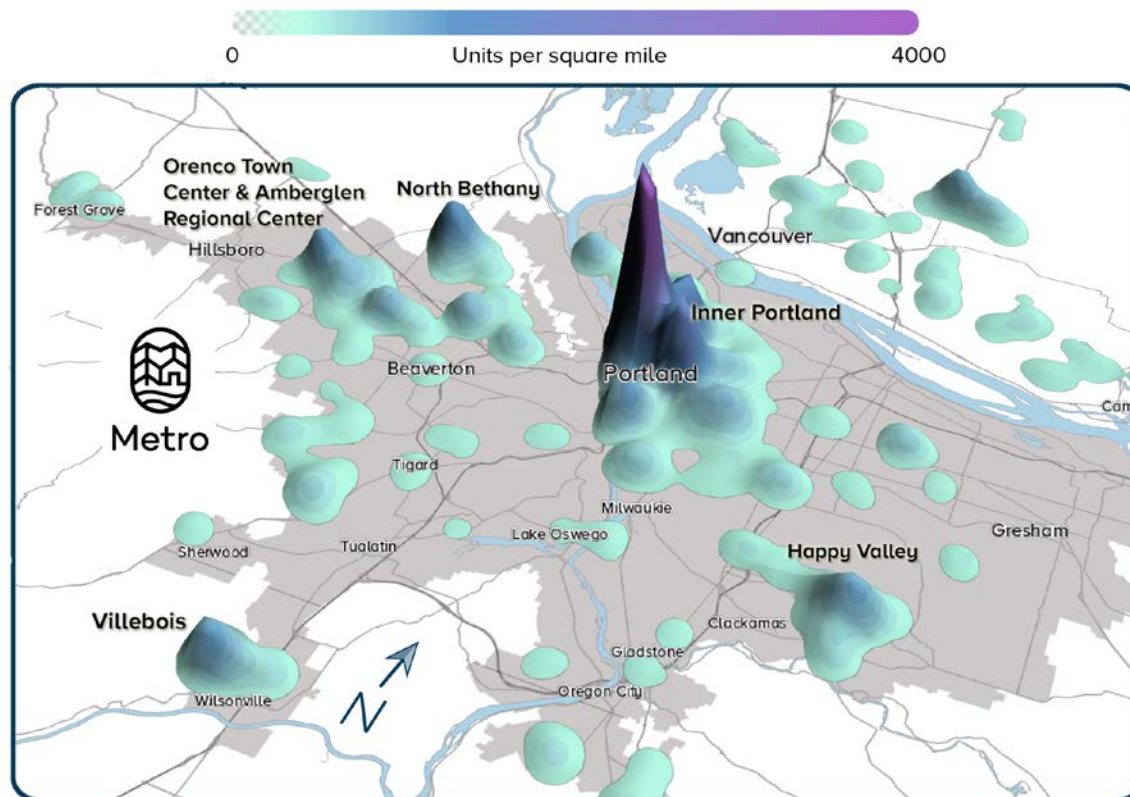
7-county Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA, 1990 - 2038



Source: 2018-38 Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA Forecast, Metro Research Center, November 2017

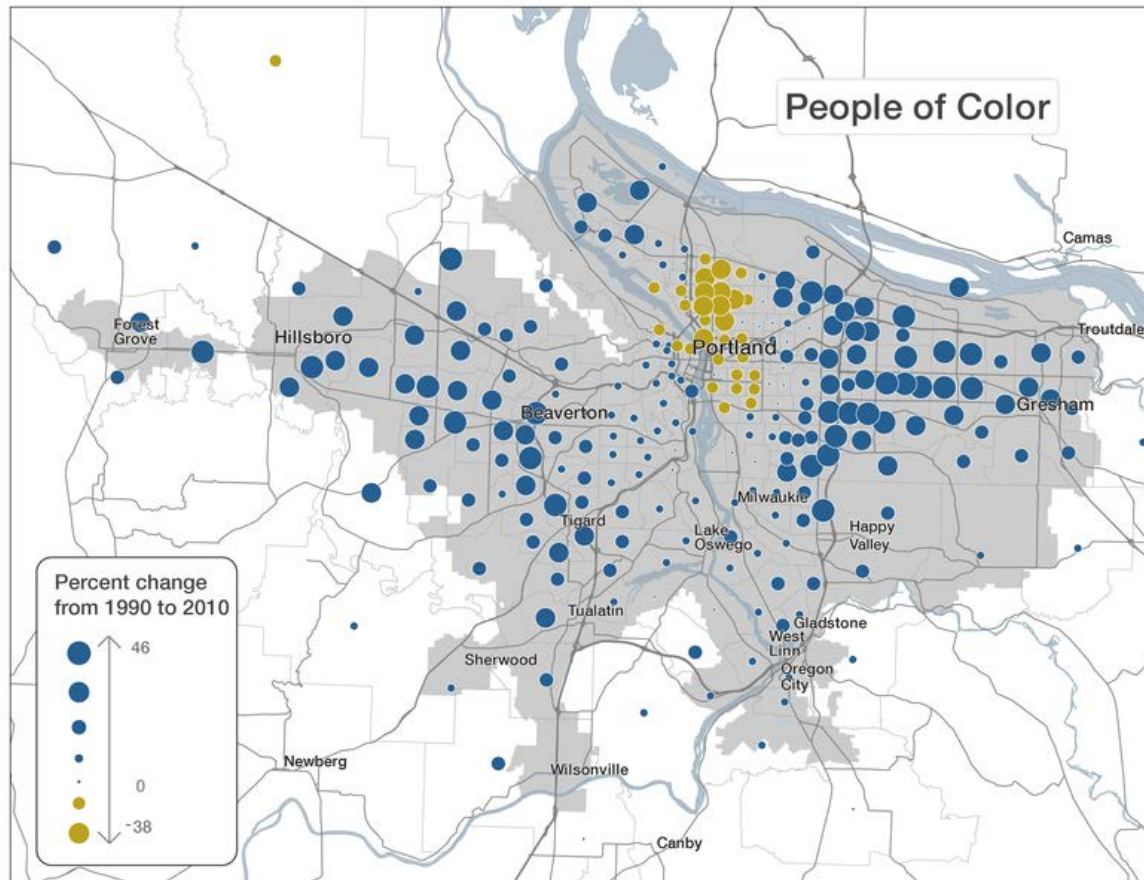
Investing strategically

Housing permits in the Portland Metro area, 2009-2017 - units per square mile

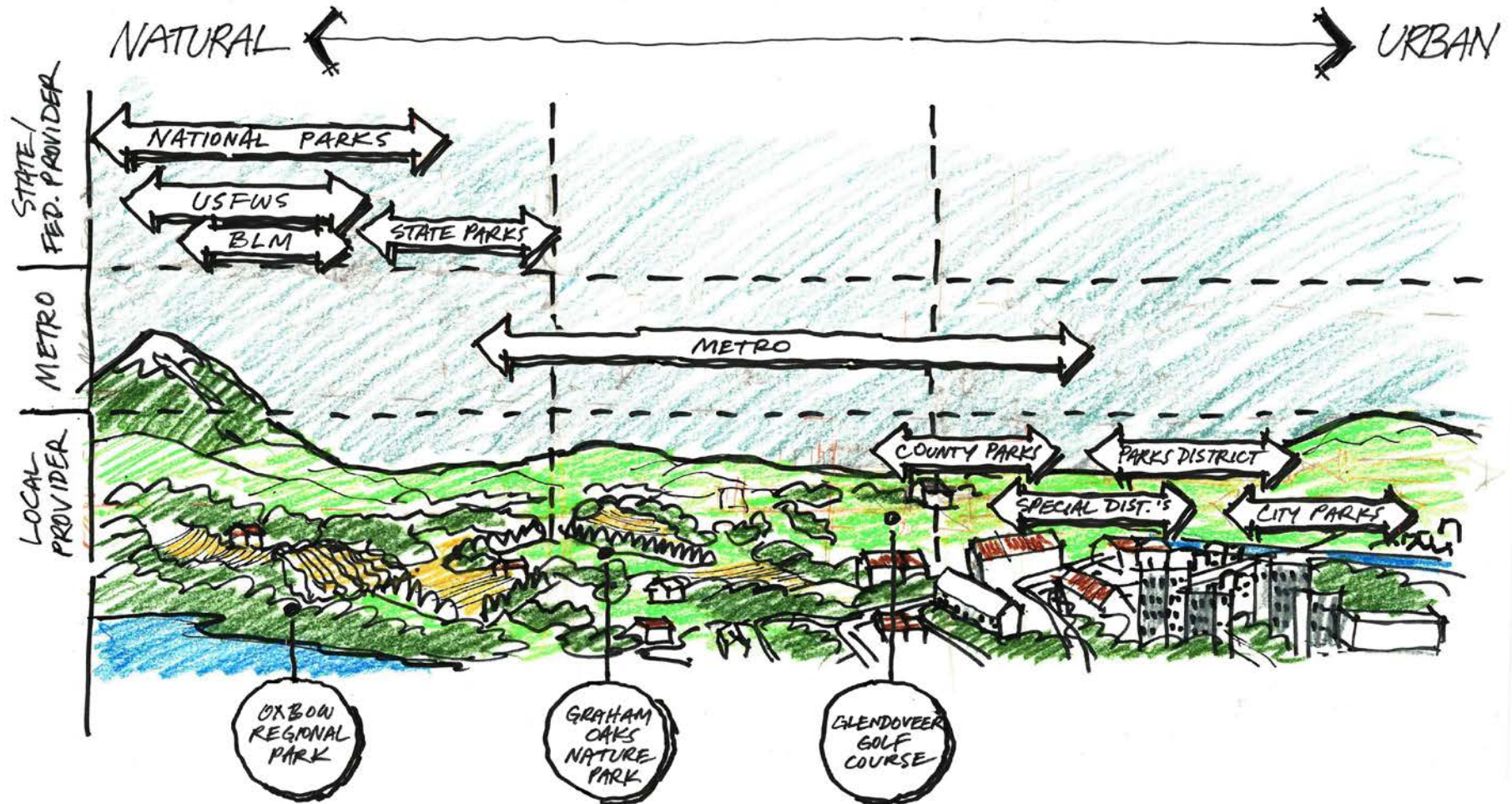


Source: Construction Monitor data report Q1 2009 - Q2 2017. Created October 2017

Serving a changing population



Metro's role in the region



Cost of inaction?

**Extreme weather
and other new
challenges to our
local ecosystem**



Cost of inaction?

And old challenges
that we are still
working to address



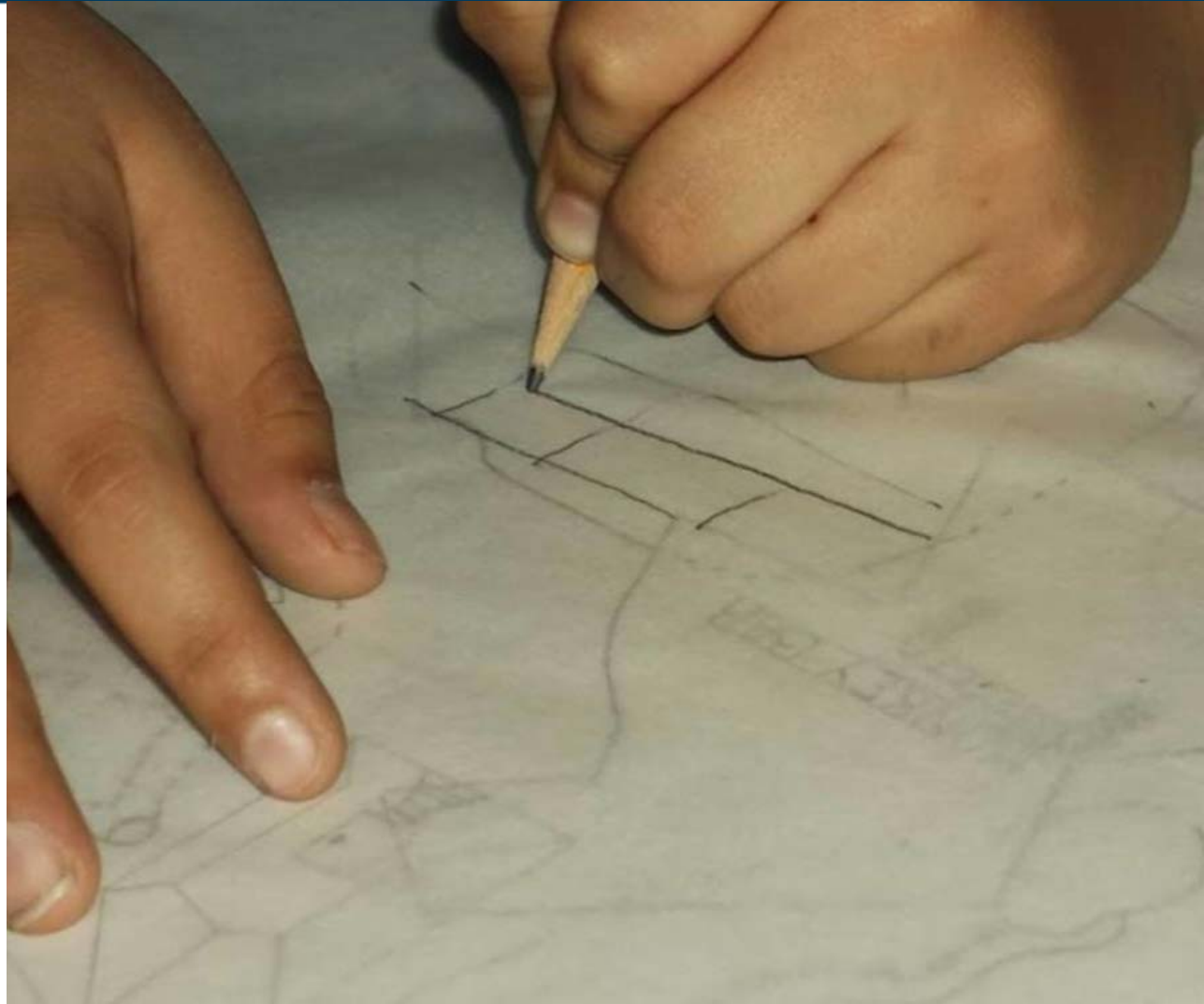
Cost of inaction?

**Missing
opportunities to
secure public
access and meet
conservation goals**

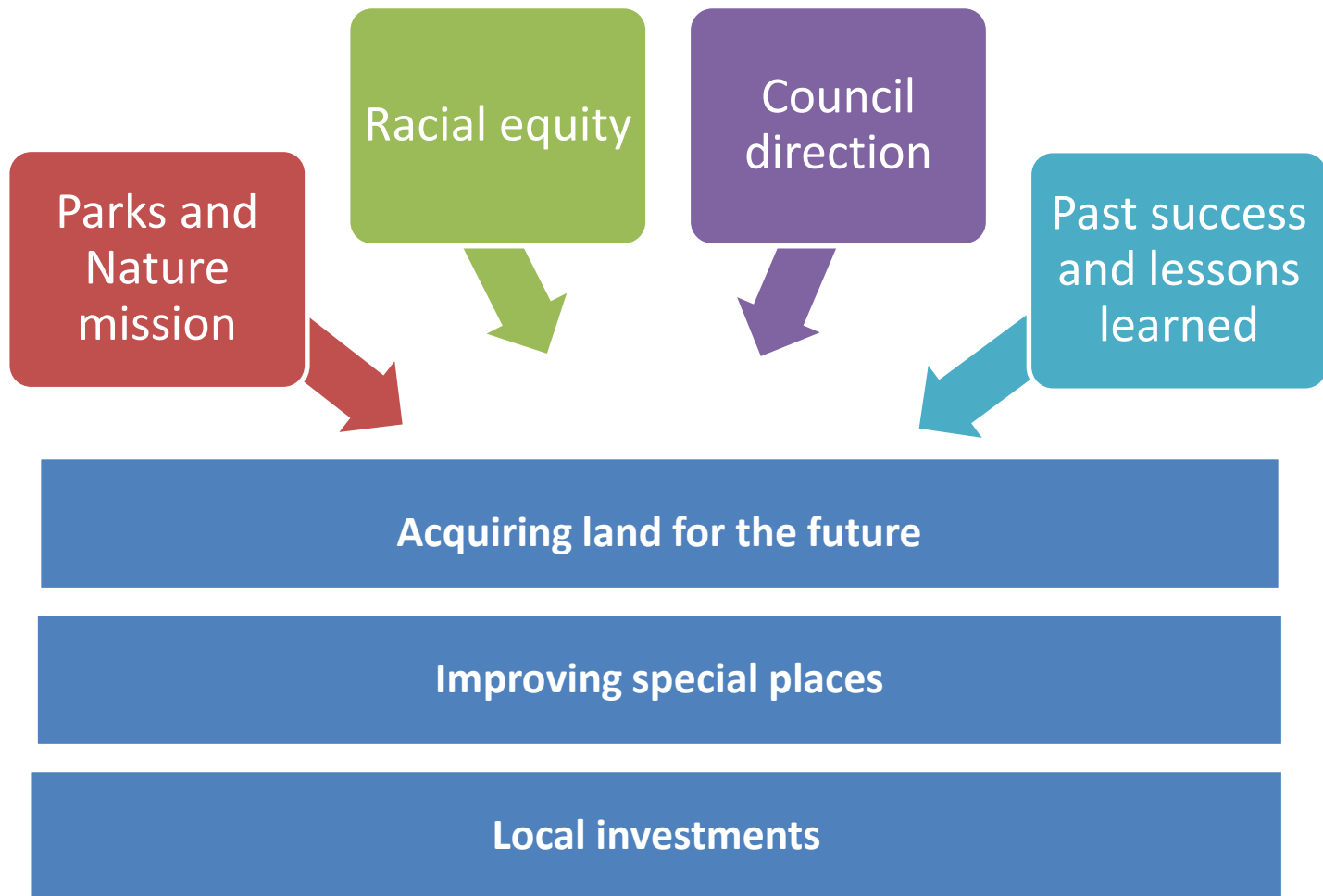


Cost of inaction?

**Losing steam on
our community
engagement and
not responding to
community needs**



Funding framework



Creating a path – work plan

Getting ready

Dec 2017
to June 2018

- Identify key questions and assumptions
- Develop public outreach plan, budget, engagement strategy
- Engage key partners
- **Council direction**
Engagement plan



Engagement and equity analysis

July to Dec 2018

- Convene Stakeholder Table
- Outreach & partnerships
- Draft framework for Council consideration
- Equity analysis and technical assessment
- Engagement report
- **Council direction**
Funding framework and project selection criteria



Project selection and potential referral

Jan to May 2019

- Develop detailed maps, funding proposals
- Local investment strategies
- Review final priorities with stakeholders, public
- Report to Council
- **Council referral decision**

Engagement goals

Respond to community needs

Elevate communities of color and build their capacity

Advance racial equity

Strengthen awareness and trust in Metro

Stronger relationships between organizations

Report back to community



Stakeholder table

Understanding of
Parks & Nature
mission

Understanding of
racial equity

Racial, ethnic,
economic diversity

Many perspectives,
new connections



Summer-fall engagement

Community
partnerships

Community
leaders forum

Online survey

Tours



The opportunity

Align with new
Council policy

Increase benefits
for more people

Respond to
community
feedback



Discussion

Does Council have questions or advice?

What information would be helpful to Councilors going forward?





Arts and events
Garbage and recycling
Land and transportation
Oregon Zoo
Parks and nature

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