



Metro

*Regional Investment Strategy*

# Parks and Nature bond: Outcomes and past programs

Metro Council  
work session  
Jan. 22, 2019



# January work sessions

**Jan. 15:** Outcomes

**Today:** Potential gaps  
between desired outcomes  
and past bond programs

**Jan. 29:** Options/questions  
to explore further





# Agenda for today

Outcomes review

Possible gaps

Council discussion

Policy questions

Next steps



# Discussion: Draft outcomes

*Based on Council and community input, Stakeholder table recommendations*

**Inclusive** engagement, transparency and accountability.

Advance racial **equity** through bond investments.

Protect clean **water** for people, fish and wildlife.

Protect and restore **culturally significant** plant communities.

Protect, connect and improve **habitat** for native fish and wildlife.

Take care of **what we have**.

Make parks and natural areas more **accessible** and inclusive.

Connect more **people** to the land and rivers of our region.

Invest in **trails** for biking and walking.

Support **community-led** parks and nature projects.

# Council outcomes, 1/15/19:

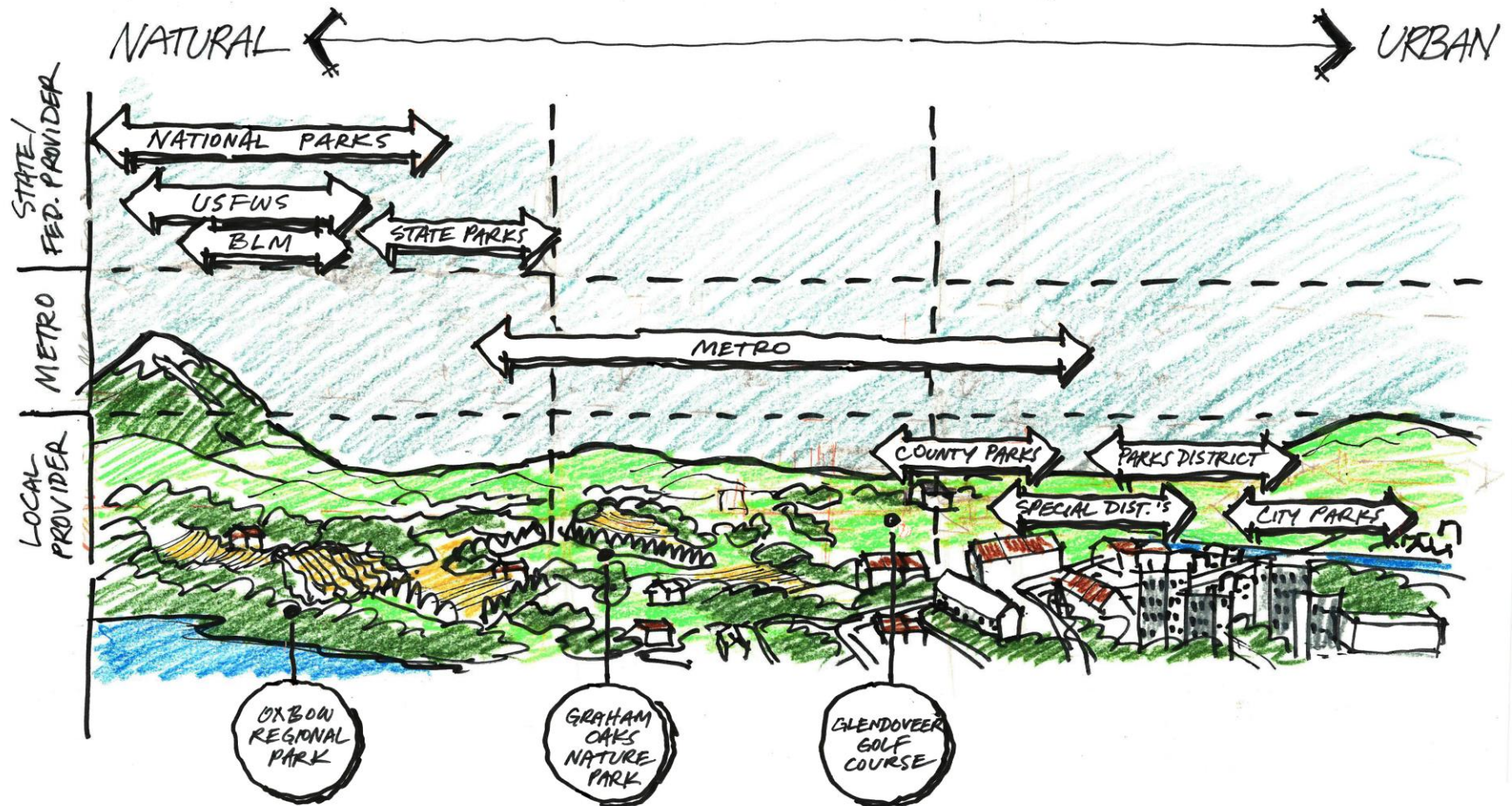
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- **Trails** – increase physical connections to nature with safe bike and pedestrian trails and pathways
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# Metro's role in the region



# Scouters Mountain





# Orenco Woods Nature Park





# Tualatin River Access



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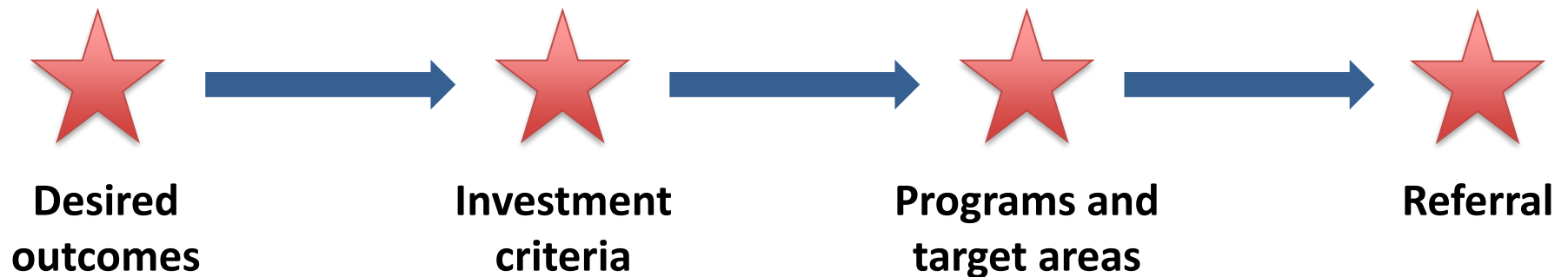
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# Council direction: Shaping the bond



## Informing Council decisions

- Stakeholder Table
- Community engagement
- Public opinion research
- Current policy
- Staff analysis

# 2006 bond criteria – Reviewing potential gaps

Land acquisition

Local share

Capital grants

\*Capital projects  
for public access,  
trails and  
restoration





# 2006 bond criteria – Land acquisition

Water quality

Habitat value

Rarity of habitat

Parcel size

Restoration potential

Connectivity for wildlife and trail systems

Scenic resources – views

Public access – nature-based recreation

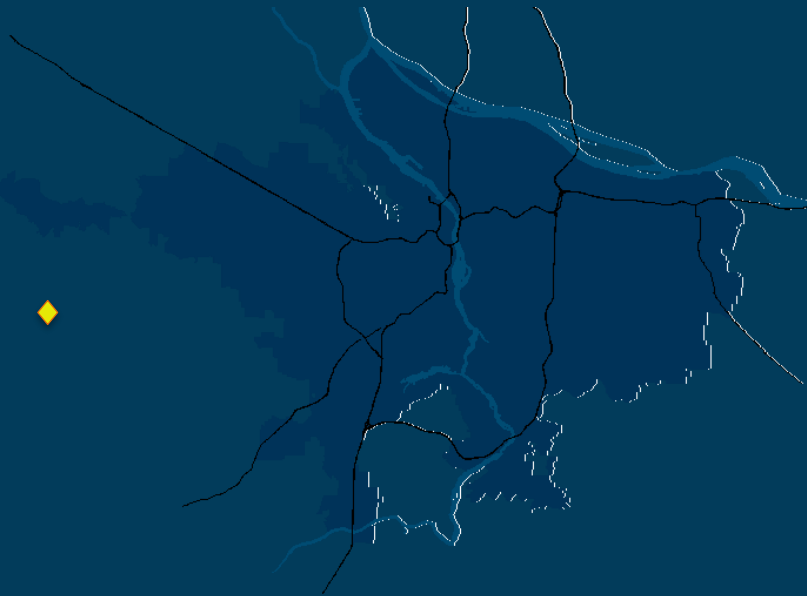
# Target Area - Chehalem

**Chehalem Ridegetop to Refuge.** The northern end of the Chehalem Mountains provides opportunities for protection of large, undeveloped tracts of forestland to protect water quality and wildlife connections from this mountain range to areas river bottomlands.



# Chehalem Ridge Natural Area

Centro Cultural  
2017 Eclipse viewing



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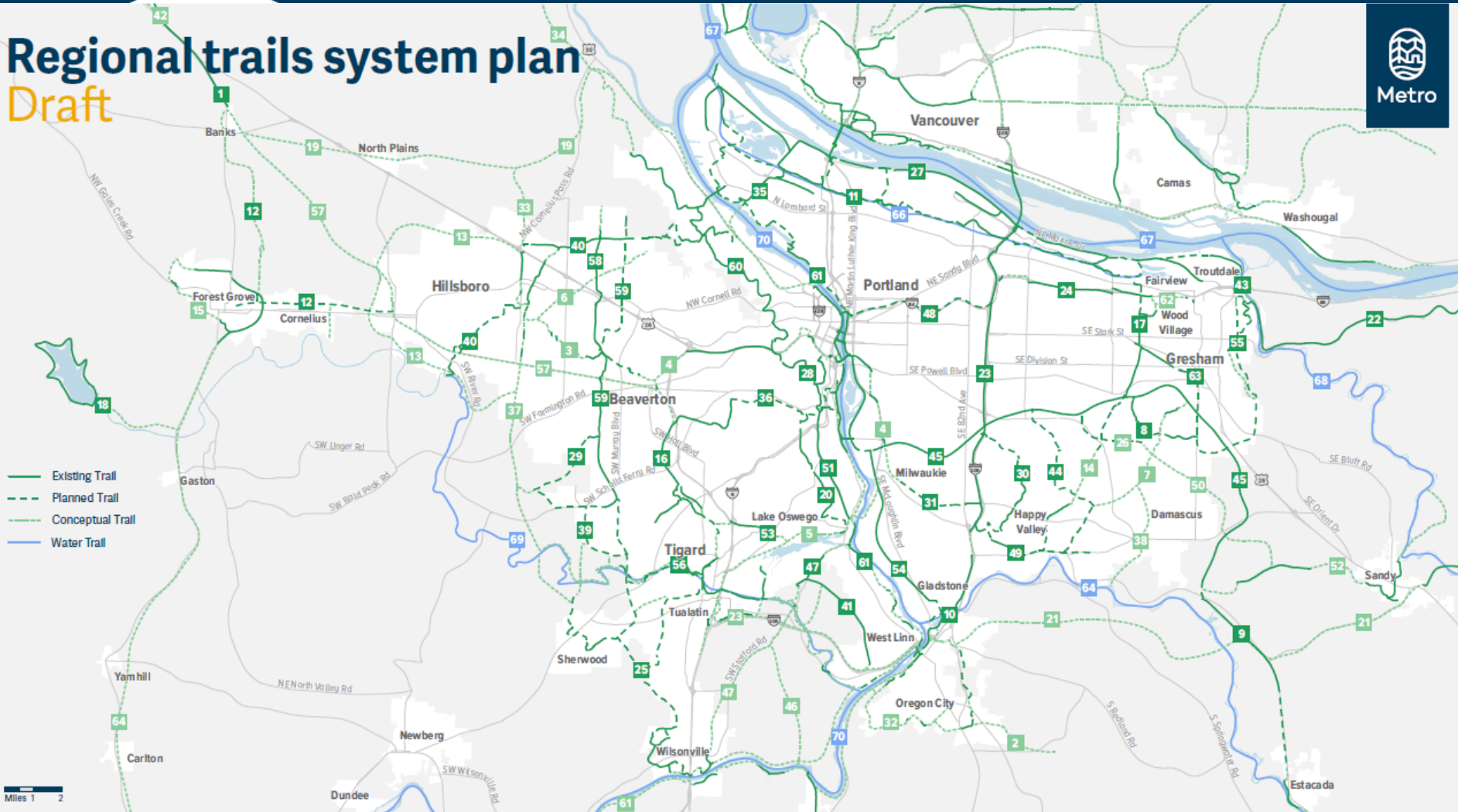
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# Regional Trails Plan - gaps

## Regional trails system plan Draft





# 2006 bond funds– Metro capital projects

Mount Talbert

**Columbia Blvd. Bridge\***

Cooper Mountain

**Fanno Creek Trail**

Graham Oaks

**Marine Drive (Columbia  
River) Trail\***

**Farmington Paddle  
Launch**

**Willamette Falls  
Riverwalk\***

**Chehalem Phase I\***

**River Island Restoration**

**Gabbert Butte Phase I\***

**Bold:** Funded by 2014 legislation (not in bond referral)

\*incomplete project

# 2006 bond criteria – local share

Acquiring natural areas or park lands

Restoring habitat

Enhancing public access to natural areas

Designing and constructing trails

Providing enhanced environmental  
educational opportunities

# 2006 bond criteria – community grants

Safeguard water quality

Protect and enhance fish  
and wildlife habitat

Promote partnerships to protect and  
enhance nature in neighborhoods

Increase function and presence of nature  
in disadvantaged neighborhoods



# Continuing the discussion: Next week

How can bond investments provide direct benefit to the people of greater Portland?

What criteria for capital investments will deliver the greatest outcomes for people and for nature?

**What questions or ideas does Council direct staff to explore further?**

