



Nature in Neighborhoods  
Conservation Education Grants

# Nature in Neighborhoods grants



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# Nature in Neighborhoods grants



*Funded by 2013 local option levy*

Conservation Education

Restoration and Stewardship

Trails

*Funded by 2006 natural areas bond  
measure*

Capital grants





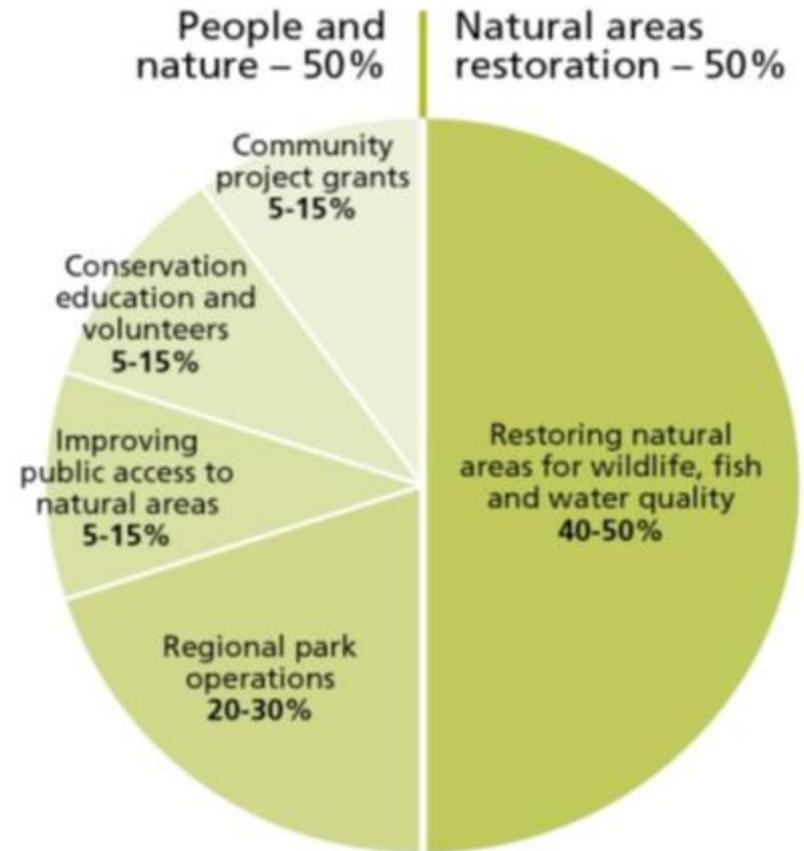
**2013 Parks and Natural Areas Levy**

# Parks and natural areas levy



## Where levy funds will go

*All percentages are approximate*



# Nature in Neighborhoods grants



Connect people to their watershed  
Preserve and restore habitat

Support conservation initiatives



Expand nature education

Connect underserved communities  
with nature and nature education



Support regional trails plan



# Conservation Education Grants



Small grants – up to \$30,000

\$700,000 awarded in 2014

\$700,000 available in 2015

\$200,000 available in 2016



# Conservation Education Grants



## Who may apply?

Non profits

Service and community-based organizations

Local governments

Park and special districts

Religious organizations

Individuals



# Conservation Education Grants

## Program

Address program goals

Three partners - minimum

Small grants - complete projects  
within 24 months



# Conservation Education Grants



## Financial

1:1 match

First year funding match must be secured at time of final application

Metro funds cannot be match

Overhead costs up to 10 percent of the total grant award



# Conservation Education Grants



## Location

Metro urban growth boundary or directly serve Metro-area residents

On public, private or Metro property

Written landowner permission at the time of full application



# Conservation Education Grants



**Purpose:** Conservation education grants support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.



# Conservation Education Grants

## Goals

### Connecting people with nature examples online:

- Centro Cultural [video](#)
- Siskiyou Field Lab [application](#)

### Environmental literacy examples online:

- Nadaka Nature Park [video](#)
- Slough School [application](#)

### Develop conservation leaders examples online:

- OakQuest [article](#) and [application](#)

# Connecting people with nature: Centro STEAM



- After school/summer program for Latino youth struggling with core academic subjects
- Enhance environmental science component of program
- Partners: Clean Water Services, Pacific University, and several school districts in Washington County
- See [video](#)



# Community partnerships: Centro STEAM

**Total Project Value: \$234,739**

Metro grant: \$100,000

Cash match: \$105,200

In-kind match: \$29,539



# Environmental literacy: Slough School



- Prepares the next generation of watershed stewards
- Hands-on ecological programming for elementary through college students
- N/NE Portland, Gresham, Fairview
- Community-based stewardship projects
- See [application](#)



# Environmental literacy: Slough School

**Total Project Value:**

**\$281,449**

Metro grant: \$66,963

Cash match: \$28,884

In-kind match: \$29,604



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# Developing Conservation Leaders: OakQuest



- Engage 50+ “citizen scientists”
- Support career training in natural resources for two Native American college-age students
- Map Oregon white oak habitat
- Fill information gap in the Regional Conservation Strategy
- OakQuest [article](#) and [application](#)



# Developing Conservation Leaders: OakQuest



**Total Project Value: \$60,579**

Metro grant: \$24,776

Cash match: \$5,538

In-kind match: \$30,284



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# 2015 evaluation criteria

- Strong partnerships
- Strategic; ties into larger framework
- Demographically and geographically, expanding opportunities
- Well-organized narratives, detailed budgets, clear goals and outcomes
- Cost/benefits per participant

# Schedule



Pre-applications due January 26

Applicant notifications February

Full application due March

Grant awards June/July

Funds available July 1, 2016



# Pre-application



Organization, program and contact information

Organizational preparedness

Program description

Location and program reach



# Pre-application evaluation

## Qualified program

- *Organization information*
- *Organizational preparedness*

## Well-crafted program

- *Program narrative*
- *Goals*
- *Partnerships*
- *Location*
- *Program reach*



# Mapping Resources

[Regional Conservation Strategy viewer](#)

[Regional Equity Atlas](#)

[MetroMap](#)

[Urban Growth Boundary tool](#)

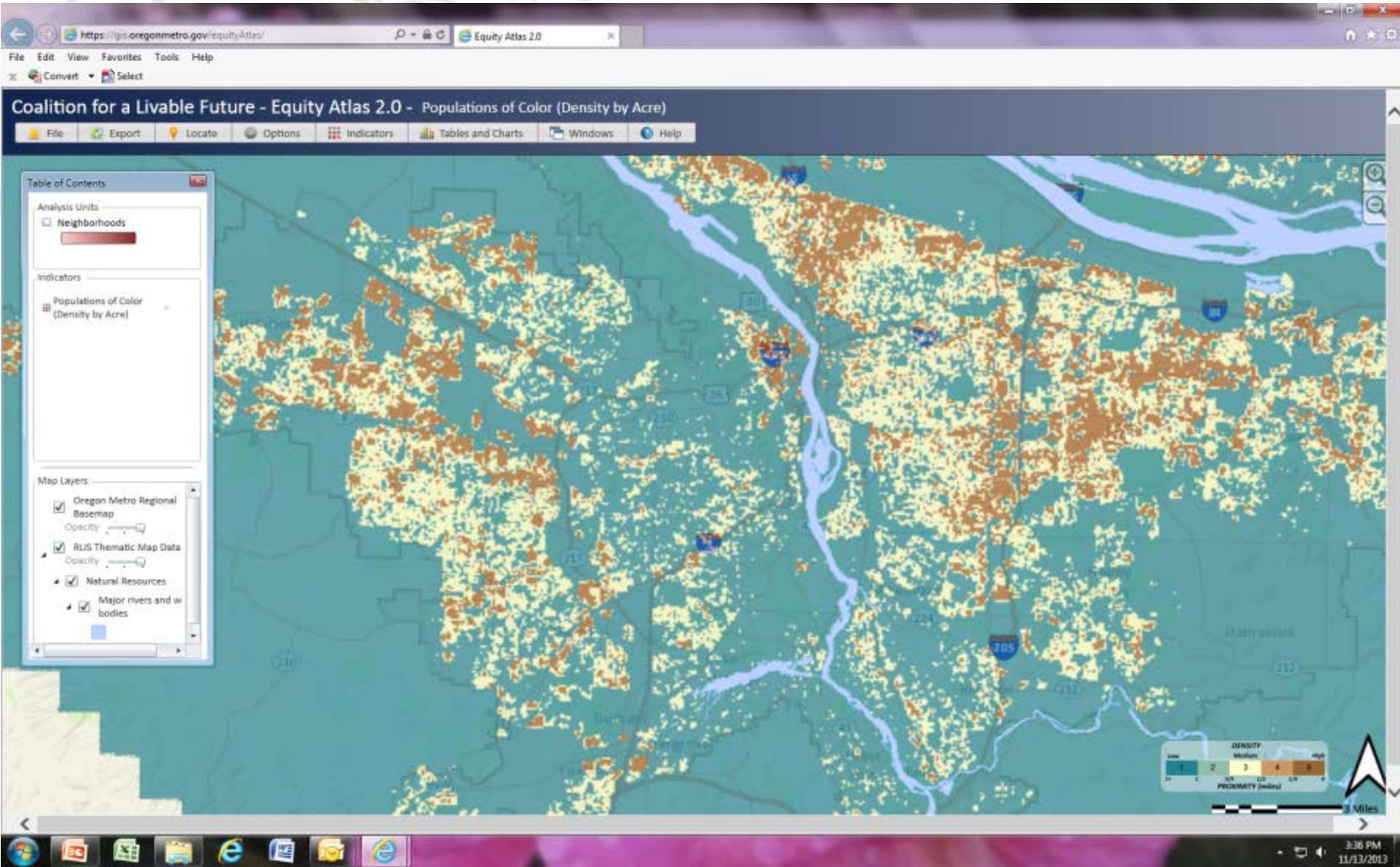
[Portland comprehensive plan app](#)

[School districts](#)



# Equity atlas

[www.gis.oregonmetro.gov/equityatlas](http://www.gis.oregonmetro.gov/equityatlas)



# Regional conservation strategy

[www.regionalconservationstrategy.org/site/viewer](http://www.regionalconservationstrategy.org/site/viewer)

The screenshot displays the 'Regional Conservation Strategy' website interface. At the top, a navigation bar contains the following links: [Welcome](#), [Viewer](#), [About](#), [FAQ](#), [Docs & Maps](#), and [Data](#). Below this is a search bar labeled 'Address: search address, hit enter'. The main content area features a map of Portland, Oregon, with various conservation layers overlaid. The layers legend on the left side of the map includes the following categories and options:

- HIGH VALUE HABITAT**
  - Regional - Highest Value
  - Regional - High Value
  - High Value
  - Regional - Full Spectrum
- RIPARIAN HABITATS**
- LAND COVER**
- BASE DATA**
  - Watershed Boundaries
  - City Jurisdiction Boundaries
  - Urban Areas
  - Parks & Natural Areas
    - Park / Natural Area
  - Public or Non-Profit Lands
  - Schools, Cemeteries, & Golf Courses

The map shows the city of Portland with various neighborhoods labeled, including Albina, Irvington, Rose Quarter, Pearl District, Kings Heights, Sylvan, Marquam Hill, and Foster-Powell. The Willamette River is visible in the center. The interface also includes a 'SELECT AN AREA:' dropdown menu, a toolbar with various map tools, and a 'GreenInfo Network' logo in the bottom right corner. The system tray at the bottom shows the date and time as 3:33 PM on 11/13/2013.

# Resources

[The Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan](#)

[The Intertwine Conservation Education Task Force](#)

[Portland Metro STEM Partnership](#)

[Diversifying the American Environmental Movement](#)

[It's Our Nature outdoor immersion series](#)



# Resources available

Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Office Hours: Jan. 19-22, 2016

2014 Awarded Projects and examples:

- Centro Cultural [video](#)
- Siskiyou Field Lab [application](#)
- Nadaka Nature Park [video](#)
- Slough School [application](#)
- OakQuest [article](#) and [application](#)



# Full application



## **Pre-application plus:**

Detailed program budget

Letter of funding match

Goals and outcomes evaluation report

Three (3) letters of support

Statement of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status

Letter of IRS determination

Letter of property permission



# Apply for the review committee!



People with experience in:

- conservation education
- volunteer coordination
- program planning
- community partnerships
- working with diverse communities

See application on website





Thank you!