

Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Grants

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Funded by local option levy

Conservation Education

Restoration and Stewardship

Trails

*Funded by 2006 natural areas bond
measure*

Capital grants





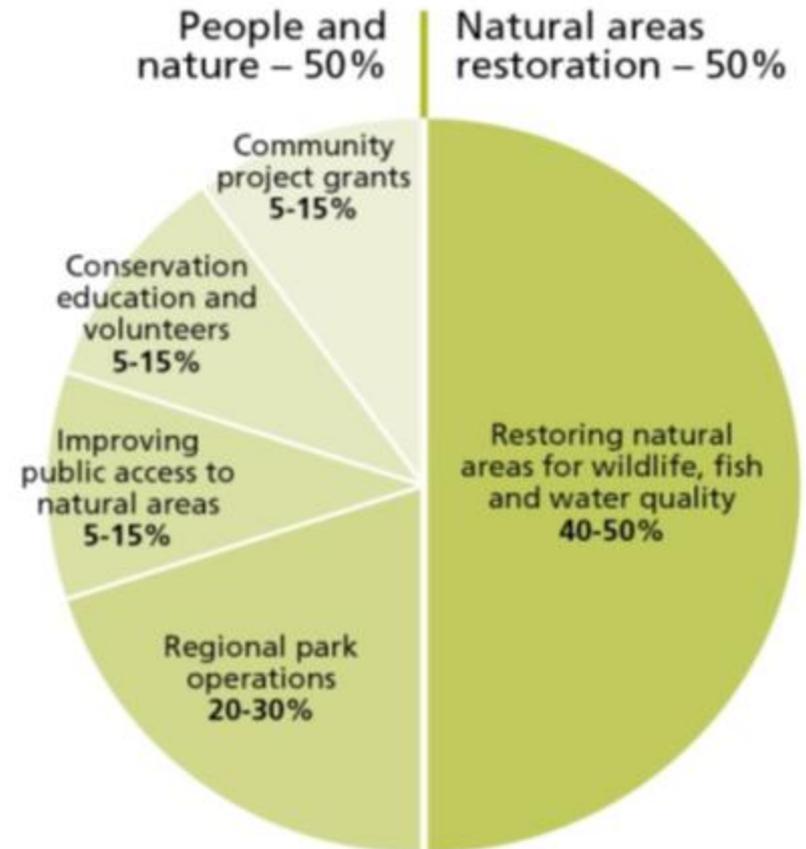
**May 2013 voter-approved
Parks and natural areas levy**

Parks and natural areas levy



Where levy funds will go

All percentages are approximate



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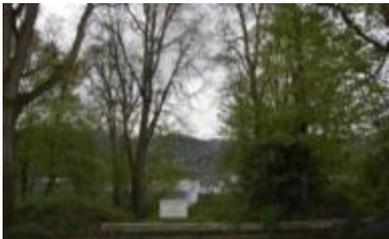
Connect people to their watershed
Preserve and restore habitat

Support conservation initiatives



Expand nature education

Connect underserved communities
with nature and nature education



Support regional trails plan



Restoration grants



Small grants – up to \$50,000

\$200,000 available in 2016



Restoration grants



Who may apply?

Non profits

Service and community-based organizations

Local governments

Park and special districts

Religious organizations

Individuals



Restoration grants



Program

Address program goals

Three partners - minimum

Small grants - complete projects within 24 months

Larger grants – complete projects within 36 months

Maintenance – additional 24 months



Restoration 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

Maintenance costs up to 10 percent



Restoration grants



Location

Metro urban growth boundary or directly serve Metro-area residents

On public, private or Metro property

Projects cannot take the place of required mitigation

Written landowner permission at the time of full application



Restoration grants



Purpose: Support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.



Restoration grants goals

Community Stewardship in Developed Areas

Restoration in Natural Areas

Goal 1 Preserve and restore fish and wildlife habitat in local communities and support larger conservation initiatives

Goal 2 Increase people's awareness and engage people in learning about, protecting and managing natural areas at the community level

Community Stewardship

SOLVe – Beaver Creek (Troutdale)



Goal 1: ecological benefits

- Improve water quality
- Control non-natives
- Plant trees (conifers)
- Re-establish willow
- Diverse plant community



SOLVe- Beavercreek before and after (photo points)



Stewardship in Developed Areas

SOLVe – Beavercreek (Troutdale)



Goal 2: engage people

- Partnerships
- Green Team (school based)
- Team Up (community based)
- Special events
- Trainings



Stewardship in Developed Areas

SOLVe – Beaver Creek (Troutdale)

Total project value: \$88,175

Metro grant: \$25,000

Volunteer contributions: \$41,350

Volunteer hours: 2,042

In-Kind contributions: \$3,000

Matching contributions: \$18,825



Restoration in Natural Areas

The Nature Conservancy – Camassia



Goal 1: ecological benefits

- Joint management plan
- Restore 16 acres oak woodland and savannah
- Remove/manage conifers
- Remove invasive species
- Plant 900 native plants



Restoration in Natural Areas

The Nature Conservancy – Camassia



Goal 2: Engage people

- Neighbors, two local high schools, four youth crews
- 178 volunteers
- Partners: West Linn High School, Pacific Land Clearing, YESS, Clackamas County Environmental Youth Cooperative, and Multnomah Youth Cooperative.



Restoration in Natural Areas

The Nature Conservancy – Camassia

Total project value: \$91,804

Metro grant: \$25,000

Volunteer contributions: \$38,364

Volunteer hours: 1,840

Match and In-kind contributions: \$28,440



Schedule



4 p.m., May 16, 2016

Pre-applications due to Metro

June 2016- Invitations for full applications

July 2016 - Final applications due

Sept./Oct. 2016 - Grant awards

Sept./Oct. 2016 - Funds available



Pre-application



Program summary

Program narrative

Goals

Organizational preparedness

Partnerships

Location and project reach



Pre-application evaluation

Qualified applicant and partners

- *Organizational preparedness*

Well-designed project

- *Project need, approach*
- *Goals*
- *Partnerships*
- *Location*
- *Project reach*





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Parks and Nature

2016 Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardships grants

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Deadline 5/16/2016

Description [\[hide this\]](#)

For nearly two decades, Metro has provided grants for habitat restoration, conservation education and other projects that connect people to nature close to home. Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods community grants has more than doubled thanks to voter approval of Metro's 5-year local option levy in 2013. The levy includes approximately \$3.7 million for grants focused in three areas: conservation education (\$1.6 million), restoration (\$1.6 million), and regional trails implementation (\$500,000). Funding for 2016 restoration grants is set at \$200,000 in total. Small grants have a maximum of \$50,000. The final round of restoration grants will be awarded in this grant cycle of 2016.

Please see the 2016 Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Grants Handbook on the [Nature in Neighborhoods website](#) for guidance and details.

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If you have questions about your grant application or program, please contact Crista Gardner, grants coordinator at

Applicant View

Application Status: Not Submitted

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Project Summary

Application Questions

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Project Summary

(answers are saved automatically when you move to another field)

Program Name

Amount Requested

Up to \$50,000

\$

Estimated Match

\$

Applicant Information

First Name

Last Name

Telephone

Email

Organization Information

(changes to this data will be reflected on all other applications for this organization)

Organization Name

Address 1

Address 2

City

State/Province

Non-US

Zip/Postal Code

Country

United States

Telephone

Application Questions

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APPLICATION HANDBOOK

Please see the 2016 Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Grants Handbook on the [2016 Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration Grants website](#) for guidance and details.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is a two-stage process including a pre-application phase and a full application phase. Potential applicants must submit a pre-application describing the proposed program and how it meets the eligibility requirements. Full applications will only be accepted from applicants who have been invited to apply. Following the review of pre-applications by the grant review committee, Metro will invite selected programs to submit a full application. The Metro Council will review and approve the final list of programs recommended for funding.

Pre-Application Questions

1. Project summary (one paragraph, 255 characters)

Provide a brief summary that describes your program.

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.

2. Fiscal agent

If different than the lead organization. If no fiscal agent, please write "not applicable".

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.

3. Project partners

Committed partner organizations.

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.

4. Potential partners

Potential partner organizations.

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.

5. Project length

Select only one.

- One year
- Two years

6. Habitat type(s)

Select one or more of the following priority habitat types from Federal Listings and Recovery Plans, the Oregon Conservation Strategy and the Intertwine Alliance Regional Conservation Strategy for the Greater Portland Vancouver Metropolitan Area.

- Riverine/ Instream projects: Projects that are designed to improve habitat conditions below the ordinary high water mark, such as large wood or boulder placement, side-channel reconnection and alcove enhancement.
- Riparian Habitat: Projects above the ordinary high water mark of the stream and within up to 200' of the waterline, depending on conditions.
- Oak habitat: Projects that address Oregon white oak habitats including savanna, woodland and mixed oak conifer forest; typically involving oak release, oak planting or invasive species control and native species enhancement.
- Prairie (wet and upland): Projects designed to enhance structure or native component of non wetland habitats dominated by grass like plants and forbs.
- Upland conifer/deciduous forest: Enhancement projects implemented in forests outside the floodplain or riparian zone.
- Floodplain forests and wetlands (ponds): Projects addressing any of the full range of wetland habitat types, including floodplain bottom hardwood forests.

7. Acres

Number of acres the project will restore or protect.

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.

8. Location

What is the location of your project? Please list the address or nearest intersection.

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.

Application questions

10. Program narrative (one page, 4000 characters)

Provide a narrative that describes the project. Explain why the project is important for your organization and community, such as how it fits your organization's strategic plan or mission.

Maximum characters: 4000. You have characters left.

11. Goals (one page, 4000 characters)

Describe how the program addresses the Nature in Neighborhood restoration grant's purpose, category and goals, including how the project supports regional and local initiatives.

Maximum characters: 4000. You have characters left.

Application questions

12. Organizational preparedness (one page, 4000 characters)

Explain why your organization and partners have the experience and capacity to conduct the project, including identification of key personnel, their roles in the program and their qualifications.

Maximum characters: 4000. You have characters left.

13. Partnerships (one page, 4000 characters)

Show how partnerships and collaboration with other individuals, organizations and groups in your community will be formed, strengthened and extended through this project.



Uploads

Project Summary

Application Questions

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Please upload the following documents.

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Documents Requested *

Location and program reach (two pages): Provide a location map that shows where the project and/or participating communities are located within the region. Please include existing stream and wildlife corridors, parks, trails and/or natural areas.

Please download and fill out the 2015 NIN restoration demographic form. The demographic information you provide on this form will not be used for the review of your grant application.

[Download template: 2016 NIN Restoration Grants - Demographic Form](#)

Required?

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Uploaded Documents *

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Upload

Required

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Pre-application form

Mapping Resources:

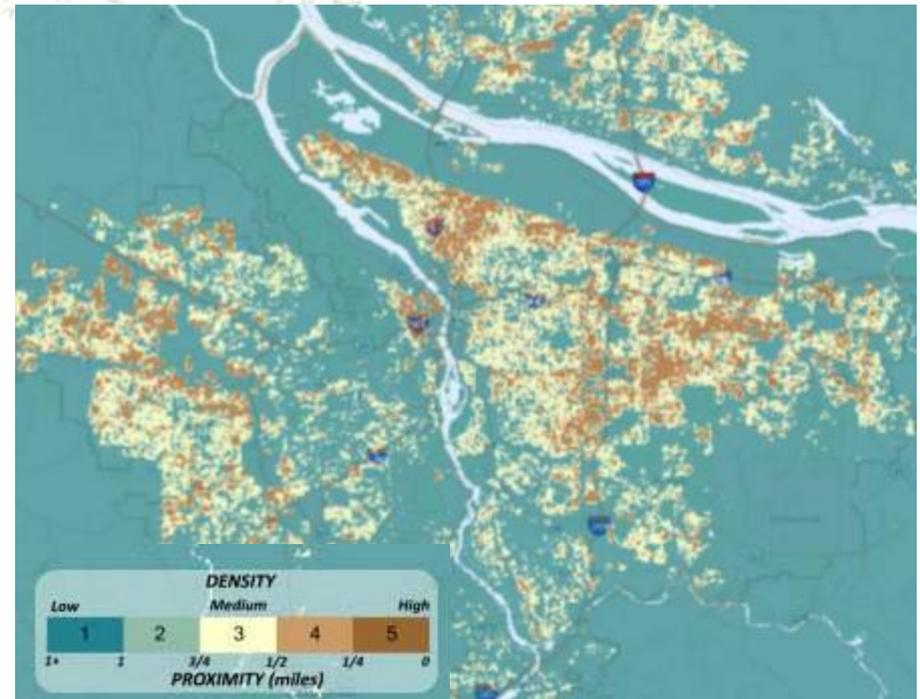
Regional conservation strategy

Oregon Watershed Restoration
Inventory

Regional Environmental
Information Network (REIN)

Regional equity atlas

Metro Map



Regional conservation strategy

www.regionalconservationstrategy.org/site/viewer

The screenshot displays the 'RCS Viewer' web application. 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 several layers overlaid. A 'Layers & Legend' panel on the left lists the following categories and their status:

- 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
 - Public or Non-Profit Lands
 - Schools, Cemeteries, & Golf Courses

The map shows various neighborhoods in Portland, including Alameda, Irvington, Rose Quarter, Pearl District, Laurelhurst, Belmont, Hawthorne, and Marquam Hill. The Willamette River is visible in the center. The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with the time 3:33 PM and date 11/13/2013.

Regional conservation strategy

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STRATEGY

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SELECT AN AREA:



Area Summary

Layers & Legend

- HIGH VALUE HABITAT

Focused Area Mask

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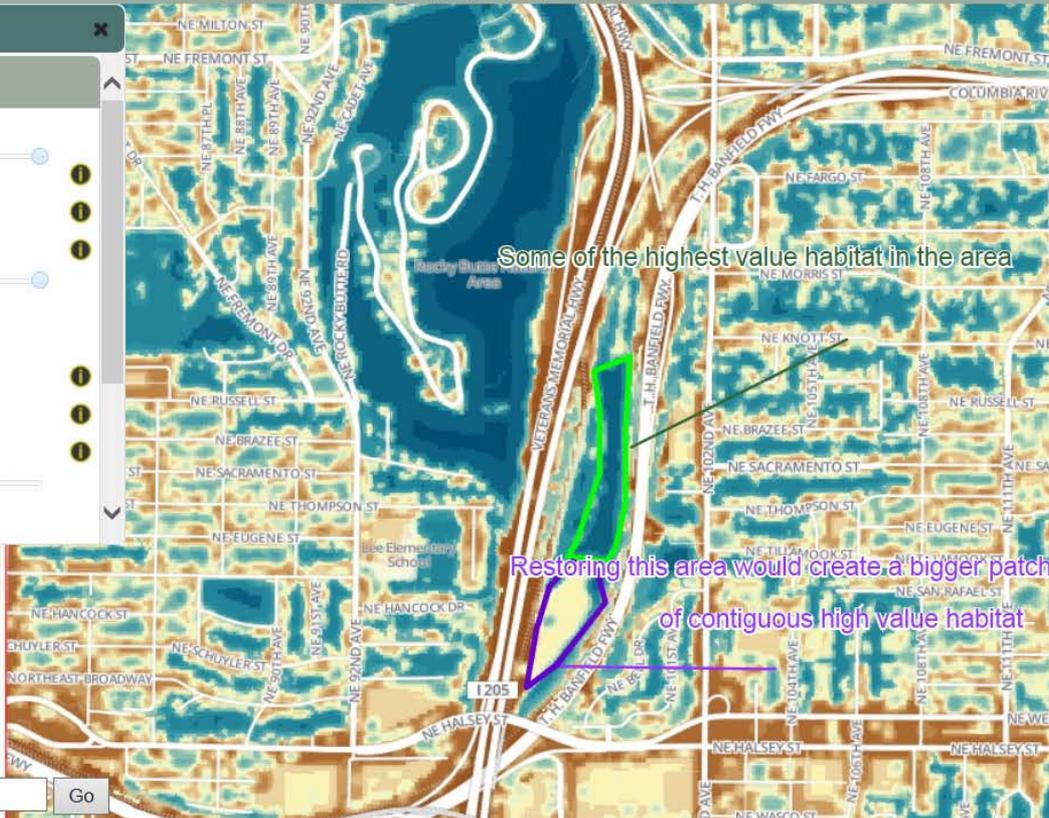
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Highest Value



terrain

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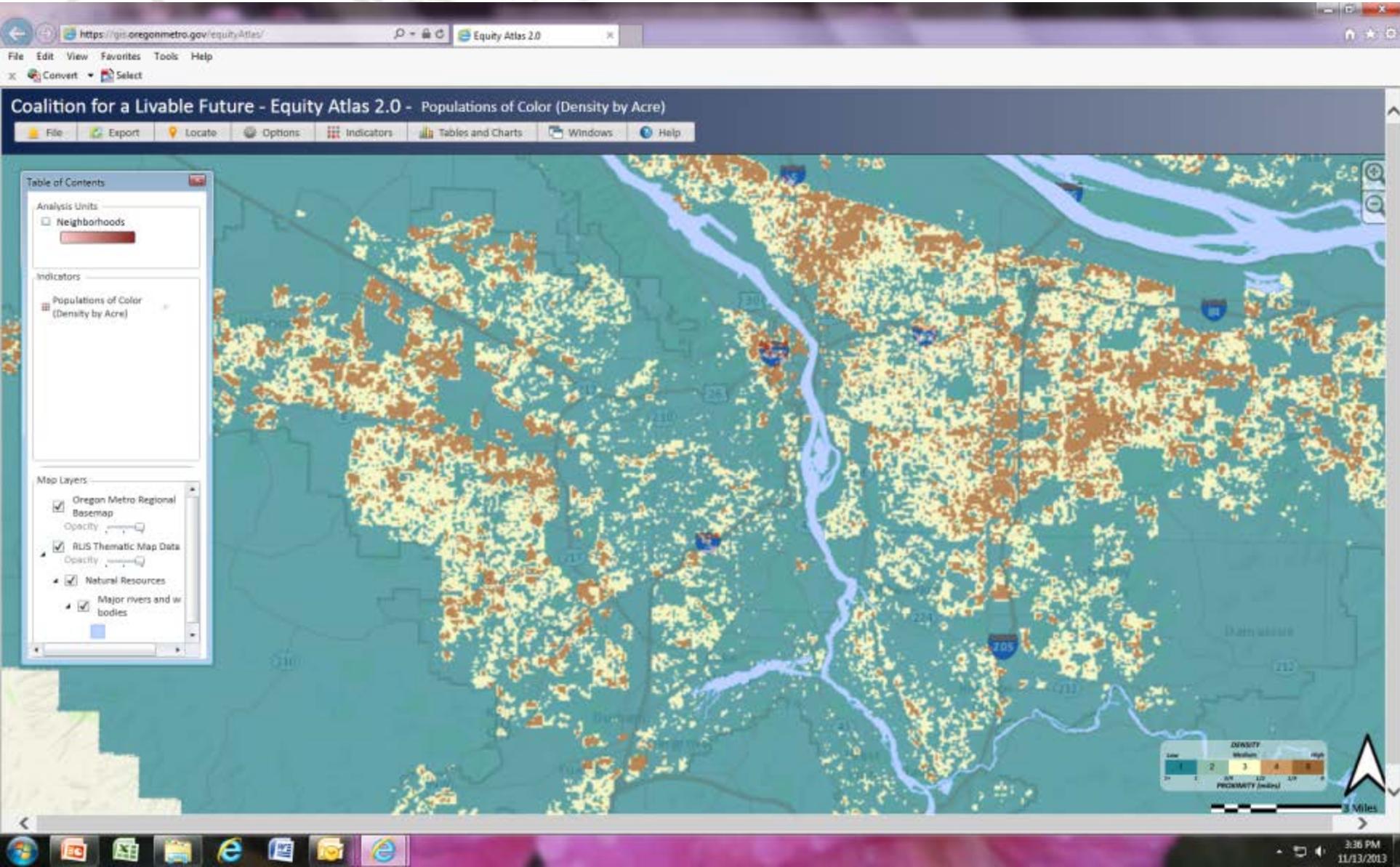
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Greeninfo Network

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12/19/2013

Equity atlas

www.gis.oregonmetro.gov/equityatlas



Resources

Oregon Conservation Strategy

Regional Conservation Strategy

Regional Biodiversity Guide

Watershed Action Plans

Early Detection and Rapid Response targets

Willamette Basin Restoration Priorities

The Intertwine



Full application



Pre-application plus:

501(c)(3) tax-exempt status statement

Permission to use property

Letters of support

Detailed project budget

Scope of work

Evaluation measures and outcomes



Apply for the review committee!



People with backgrounds in:

restoration

conservation education

grant management

volunteer coordination

program planning

community partnerships

Application review begins May 1



Restoration project planning



Thank you! Questions?



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