

MAKING A GREAT PLACE



Metro has a long history of building partnerships with local community organizations. However, Metro recognizes that communities of color traditionally have been under-represented both as grant recipients and project participants.

Partners in Nature was created in collaboration with organizations representing communities of color. Leaders identified a common goal of connecting their constituents to the land, accessing Metro-managed parks and natural areas, and working with Metro's Parks and Nature team.

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Partners in Nature: Exploring the connection between community and place.

Do you seek to explore the connection between your community and nature in the greater Portland region? Team up with Metro to explore parks and natural spaces in the area, and to co-create culturally relevant programming specifically tailored to serve the needs of your unique community. Find out whether Partners in Nature is right for you.

Is your group a good fit?

Partners address the cultural needs of a specific community of color. They may have existing programs focused on connecting people with local natural spaces — or may be exploring how to nurture a community's relationship with nature for the first time. Partners are interested in identifying common goals, and bringing together the skills, wisdom, knowledge and resources necessary to achieve them.

Next steps

Join us for an open house with the Center for Intercultural Organizing on **Tuesday, Nov 10th, 2015** from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at their offices at 700 N. Killingsworth Street. We will share stories from current partnerships and have time to answer your questions.

Submit a letter of interest describing your group and what kind of partnership you want to explore. Give us a call or send an email; we can provide guidance in completing your letter.

Partnership selection

A team of community representatives will work with Metro staff to review letters and make recommendations to Metro leadership.

Details

All formal partnerships receive Metro staff and financial support. Letters of inquiry received by Nov. 30, 2015 will receive priority. Partnerships will be announced in February 2016.

Thanks, voters!

The region's voters made Partners in Nature possible by approving a parks and natural areas levy in 2013.