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Depave A Green Community Plaza for Hillsboro's M&M Swap Meet

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Application Questions

Pre-Application Questions

1. Project summary (one paragraph, 255 characters)

Provide a brief summary that describes your program.

Depave plans to transform the M&M Swap Meet property from grey to green by engaging community members in urban regreening activities involving pavement removal, rain garden creation, native plant installation, and related neighborhood greenspace elements.

2. Fiscal agent

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

Depave

3. Project partners

Committed partner organizations.

M&M Swap Meet Marketplace, Clean Water Services

4. Potential partners

Potential partner organizations.

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, Centro Cultural of Washington County, Oregon Human Development Corp, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Latino Business Advisory Council, Glen & Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center, Adelante Mujeres, Tualatin River Watershed Council

5. Project length

Select only one.

- One year
- Two years

6. Habitat type(s)

Select one 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.
- Other: Upstream urban watershed

7. Acres

Number of acres the project will restore or protect.

This project will retrofit an approximately five acre city parcel with green infrastructure, urban habitat and neighborhood greenspace improvements.

8. Location

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

346 SW Walnut St, Hillsboro, OR 97123

9. Social media

If applicable, what are your organization's social media addresses (e.g. twitter, instagram, facebook)?

twitter.org/depave, instagram.com/depavepdx, facebook.com/depave

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.

We're excited to present this proposal to advance Depave's cutting-edge greening work to a new area of the Portland-Vancouver region and engage the Latino community in environmental stewardship. This proposal is a collaboration between Depave, Hillsboro's M&M Swap Meet Marketplace (M&M), and Clean Water Services. M&M was established in 2000 by [REDACTED] and his family. Since beginning [REDACTED] has assisted nearly 500 people - most of them Latino and/or a recent immigrant to the region - in developing their skills into viable businesses. The M&M building serves as a physical business location, and [REDACTED] helps merchants to navigate the complicated process of starting and sustaining a business. Because of the support [REDACTED] offers, the community M&M provides, it is far more than a small business storefront; it is much more an incubator for Latino entrepreneurs and a hub of Latino culture unique to the region.

"Known as tianguis in Mexico, a swap meet is like a weekend flea market except that vendors sell mostly new items. M&M Swap Meet, an authentic Mexican swap meet, is perhaps the only one of its kind in the Portland area, said Martin Alcala Salgado, deputy consul for the Mexican Consulate in Portland...Vendors pay an average of \$250 a month to operate a booth... In this little Mexico, the vendor selection has grown to include service-oriented specialists, such as a mortgage broker, automobile window tinting and a computer repair booth that also offers Internet access and computer training." Christina Lima - the Oregonian 2003.

Depave creates vibrant community spaces out of lifeless paved places. Depave works with school groups, communities of faith, and other community-focused organizations to engage community volunteers in an exciting, hands-on experience to transform lifeless, over-paved places into thriving community resources. The investment gained through the project process at our project sites — where volunteers literally rip up pavement by hand — helps to instill a lasting connection for the stewardship of the places we improve. Volunteers in depave projects and events take part in improving their community and learn about the environmental effects of pavement on watersheds, health, and the urban environment, and thus engage with nature at the same time that they are engaging with their neighbors. Since 2008, Depave's nearly 50 local green space projects have removed over 138,000 square feet of pavement (much of it by hand!) and capture over 3 million gallons of stormwater annually.

This project comes at a unique time for both Depave and M&M. Depave has accomplished very much within Portland, and we've been seeking to expand our services to other undergreened areas of the region. This will be our first project outside Portland, west of the Willamette and will help establish relationships to enable Depave to continue expansion. M&M has steadily grown to include more space, vendors, and patrons, but the outside doesn't reflect it's vibrant inside. The vast paved and gravel lot surrounding the building is an uninviting, hot area unsuitable as a community space for people and unhealthy for urban wildlife.

The vision for improvements to M&M involves many elements that we hope to accomplish with multiple funding sources and in-kind labor/services, including:

- install rain gardens in the front gravel parking lot to solve flooding of the building
- install naturoscaping on the property frontage along Walnut Street
- make improvements with plants and natural elements to the property entrance below the sign
- engage a muralist to augment the existing murals on the building front
- improve and expand the courtyard with seating, shade, and appropriate restaurant amenities
- depave the east parking lot to add shade trees, stormwater swales, and naturoscaping
- upgrade parking as needed/required with curbs, striping, signage
- improve circulation and access by adding vehicle access along Bailey Street

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.

Kicking off with a depaving celebration to remove pavement in summer 2017, this project seeks to grow the vibrant community spirit embodied by the Swap Meet to encompass the entire site as a living, thriving urban ecological showcase. At depaving, landscaping and planting community events, volunteers will invest sweat equity - working together to reinvigorating the lifeless paved site. They will learn about the many benefits of depaving and become invested as environmental stewards.

Anticipated outcomes of the project include:

- Several big community events and several hundred volunteers engaged through educational outreach materials and hands-on work
- Pavement removal and green infrastructure to infiltrate stormwater and solve flooding of the building facility
- Native landscaping, large canopy trees, and interpretive signage
- Community investment and ownership in a completely recreated living landscape
- New partnerships that will help Depave develop additional projects and provide opportunities for local contractors and individuals to gain experience with environmental work

Pavement in urban areas contributes to non-point-source pollution, sewer system overloads, elevated stream temperatures, and urban blight. Since 2008, Depave has been working with community groups to transform over-paved places into green spaces for health, habitat, learning and play. Our hands-on approach to transforming spaces provides environmental education, builds community, and fosters citizen watershed stewardship.

The project site is within the Dairy - McKay Subwatershed of the Tualatin River Watershed. Stormwater from the property flows to Dairy Creek, which connects to the Tualatin River less than a mile south near to the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. The principles embodied within the practice of depaving — creating permeable surfaces, sustainable stormwater management, and environmental stewardship — align well with local efforts to improve water quality in the watershed through investments in innovative green infrastructure and public education. Incorporating the benefits of natural systems into urban areas — as depaving projects do — fits in with the long-term goals for the watershed as outlined in the Tualatin River Watershed Council's Action Plan.

Additionally, this depaving project supports a number of the Oregon Conservation Strategy's Urban Conservation Issues and Approaches - including:

- Addressing limited natural areas by adding naturescaping to support native pollinators and urban wildlife,
- Incorporating education and outreach opportunities close to home by involving citizens in creating a real-world example of urban natural habitat and green infrastructure that will provide a place for children and adults to engage in ongoing stewardship activities,
- Addressing the effects of paved surfaces that alter hydrology and prevent filtering of pollutants by removing pavement to reestablish stormwater infiltration on site, and
- Addressing the need for innovative restoration techniques by using a unique model for community involvement in urban greening that goes beyond the traditional suite of restoration practices using a process that engages and serves the public in urban habitat creation.

In order to achieve the vision for this space, Depave will work with [REDACTED] to connect with the M&M network of ongoing and past partner organizations, M&M business owners and patrons, as well as the region's Latino and wider Hillsboro communities. The project will be designed to: facilitate wide public involvement in as many activities as possible; utilize small/local contractors in executing built elements; disseminate knowledge of urban environmental restoration project skills; and increase awareness of watershed health.

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.

Depave's model for community engagement for greening has made the organization the world leader in community-driven pavement removal projects. Depaving projects incorporate many elements singularly provided by other local nonprofit organizations — such as tree planting or raised garden beds. Our green spaces provide a spectrum of ecological and urban environmental benefits that improve livability and build community. No other volunteer-centered organization in the region provides a full-spectrum service comparable to Depave's unique and exciting approach to urban revitalization. Since 2008, Depave has built a strong track record of harnessing volunteer energy to create vibrant community spaces out of lifeless paved places. We do this by removing pavement through an engaging, hands-on experience where community members get to take part in the improvement of wasted space in their neighborhood. Depave has undertaken over fifty greenspace projects around Portland - removing over 135,000 square feet of pavement, most of it by hand. These now permeable, native landscapes divert over 3 million gallons of polluted stormwater runoff from local watersheds annually, and provide places for people to come together in environmental stewardship. Depave has engaged almost three thousand volunteers in our inspiring work. Depave's staff, board members and it's team of core volunteer Crew Leaders are well versed at creating green spaces by guiding the constituents of our project sites and other groups of volunteers through the processes required to implement these projects

Depave: The organization currently has a two person staff (1.5 FTE) and ten board members. [REDACTED] will serve as the project manager, providing the technical expertise and guidance to implement the project. He will work with project partners and volunteers to conduct community outreach; complete site & planting designs and permitting; and coordinate depaving, landscaping, & planting work with volunteers connected to the site and from the Hillsboro community. He will also oversee any contractor work necessary to implement the project, such as excavation of compacted sub-grade.

M&M Swap Meet: [REDACTED] is the heart of this project. Since establishing the marketplace in 2000, he has worked with hundreds of people to help them establish their business through the Swap Meet. [REDACTED] will be instrumental in connecting the important work of this project to the region's Latino community. We will work with him to partner with local organizations he

Clean Water Services: Staff from our third partner, coordinated through [REDACTED] - Engineering Technician in Development Services, will provide assistance for various aspects of the project such as: developing an appropriate approach for the site design; assistance in navigating the permitting process; donating some materials e.g. native plants; and/or assistance with (typically) contracted elements e.g. backhoe operation, etc.

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.

The three main partners for this project are Depave, M&M Swap Meet, and Clean Water Services. Depave will act as project manager, M&M (Jaime Miranda) will act as convener, and CWS will provide technical and material support for some project elements.

[REDACTED] is well respected for his long-term, deep involvement in the Hillsboro and Latino communities and we expect to collaborate with many additional partners as the project progresses in order to achieve the vision for the project. These organizations include: the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, Centro Cultural of Washington County, Oregon Human Development Corporation, Loaves and Fishes / Meals on Wheel's, St. Matthew Catholic church, the Latino Business Advisory Council, Hillsboro Parks & Recreation, and the Glen & Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center. Collaborations with these and other partners will primarily involve assistance with community outreach and volunteer engagement in order to involve as many people from the community in implementing the project and attending large volunteer depaving and planting events.

We will also seek support from local environmental groups for assistance in watershed-specific expertise and volunteer engagement - including the Tualatin River Watershed Council, the Tualatin River Soil & Water Conservation District and Tualatin Riverkeepers (a former Depave project partner) and Adelante Mujeres through their joint effort - Adelante Conservación.

The property owner - [REDACTED] of Knez Building Materials Co. - is amenable to improvements to the site, and we plan to work closely with [REDACTED] and

Uploads

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.

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Attached Documents *

[Map of Project Location and Surrounding Watershed](#)



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