

# Spring 2022 parks and nature quarterly update

Covering bond activities completed and investments from January-April 2022



## BOND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMPLETED: JANUARY-APRIL 2022

### Engagement to shape land acquisition priorities

In fall 2021, Metro hosted a series of engagement sessions with over 100 Black, Indigenous, and other people of color and people with disabilities to learn about how environmental inequities affect their lives and experiences of nature which provided additional context to set priorities for bond funded land acquisition.

In January 2022, Metro hosted two follow up sessions for these individuals to report back on the feedback we heard and how it shaped our work. Additionally, Metro hosted three sessions for the broader community to share the work done to date, find out how community input has influenced the plans and to provide one last opportunity for feedback.

Participants shared their experiences and insights into what they want prioritized when buying new properties. Feedback shared in these sessions helped shape the [land acquisition roadmaps](#) as well as other bond and Parks and Nature programs and projects.

The [full report](#) on this engagement describes the attendance and the goals of these community engagement sessions in the fall 2021 and winter 2022:

- To share the work of the Parks and Nature department and the goals and progress of the Protect and Restore Land program
- To develop an environmental justice spatial analysis that was reflective of feedback and priorities shared by community members who have historically been excluded from governmental decision making
- To inform community members how their feedback influenced environmental justice data used to shape the draft target area refinement plans for bond funded land acquisition
- To invite community members to review the draft target area refinement plans

Participants shared the following:

- Enthusiasm for the project’s goals to preserve and restore more natural areas
- Enthusiasm for Metro’s plan to provide accessible and inclusive signage at different sites
- Gratitude for the opportunity to share their opinions and provide input as part of the bond refinement process. Many were also pleased that Metro followed up on their feedback from the November sessions
- Interest in Metro’s plan of action moving forward and desire to stay engaged to verify that their concerns and suggestions had been heard and implemented

In February 2022, Metro staff conducted a public survey on the draft priorities for land acquisition across the 24 target areas outlined in the bond measure and posted in five languages. The survey got over 1700 unique [responses](#).

### Engagement around Nature in Neighborhoods Capital grants pilot

From January to April 1 2022, the [Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants pilot committee](#) met eight times to share their perspectives

and experience to shape the guidebook that will launch the solicitation of projects from the community. This committee, made up of six community members, is helping design the pilot program, shape the process for a community vote on projects, and will ultimately recommend up to \$4 million in grant funding to the Metro Council. The committee is meeting regularly to help launch the solicitation process in summer 2022.

**Engagement with outcomes evaluation working group for bond funded trail grants**

From January to April 2022, Metro staff met two times with the outcomes evaluation working group, a group of community advocates focused on transportation, natural areas and trails convened in the fall 2021 by Metro staff. The purpose of the working group was to collaborate on reviewing and advising on the selection process for bond funded trail grants to local governments. The bond funded trail grants are being administered through the [Regional Flexible Funding Allocation](#) process that distributes federal transportation dollars to the region’s cities, counties and other transportation providers.

**BOND ACTIVITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMPLETED: JANUARY-APRIL 2022**

**Protect and restore land activities from January-April 1 2022**

[oregonmetro.gov/protect-and-restore-land](https://oregonmetro.gov/protect-and-restore-land)

- Council approved [refinement plans](#) for the 24 target areas.
- **Purchased** a 32 acre property in the Clackamas river target area for \$1,681,490

- Progress on plans for tribal governments to review refinement plans through 2023

**Local share activities completed from January-April 2022**

[oregonmetro.gov/localshare](https://oregonmetro.gov/localshare)

- Received three project submissions from Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District for a total of \$6,297,879 including the Heckman Lane Park and Trail Project: \$3,641,867.00, the Accessible Play Structures Project: \$942,512.00 and the Willow Creek Greenway Boardwalk Replacement: \$1,713,500.00
- Received submittal from City of Tualatin for Basalt Creek Parkland Acquisition: \$1,581,005.00

**Walking and biking trails activities completed from January-April 2022**

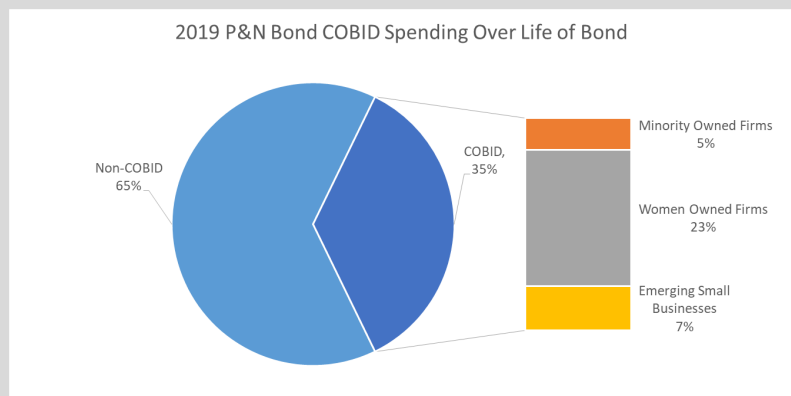
[oregonmetro.gov/regional-trails-and-greenways-system](https://oregonmetro.gov/regional-trails-and-greenways-system)

- Council approved [refinement plan](#) for trail acquisition priorities across 39 regional trails
- Received [15 applications](#) for grants to plan and build regional trails. Metro Council will approve awards in fall 2022.

**BOND SPENDING: JANUARY-APRIL 2022**

As of end of March 2022, Metro has spent \$22.5 million of bond proceeds available. As with other voter investments, administrative expenses tend to be highest in the first few years as new programs are being built. Once the programs are up and running, the administrative expenses as a percentage of total spending decrease significantly, before a small uptick in the last few years of the life of a bond measure.

**BOND SPENDING THROUGH MARCH 2022**



Bond Funding COBID Participation		
Fiscal Year	2006 bond	2019 bond
FY20	32%	1%
FY21	14%	29%
FY22 YTD	51%	50%



## BOND SPENDING THROUGH MARCH 2022

2006 Natural Areas Bond - Spend by Program Area				
	FY07 through			Percent of
	FY21	FY22 YTD	Total Spend	All 2006 Bond Spend
Land Acquisition, Due Diligence and Stabilization				
Total	156,432,555	358,918	156,791,473	56.92%
Local Share				
Total	43,751,359	(2,716)	43,748,643	15.88%
Capital Grants				
Total	16,371,476	(212)	16,371,264	5.94%
Construction				
Total	31,191,964	188,900	31,380,864	11.39%
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>247,747,354</b>	<b>544,890</b>	<b>248,292,244</b>	<b>90.13%</b>
Admin				
Total	26,492,684	688,486	27,181,170	9.87%
<b>Total Bond</b>	<b>274,240,038</b>	<b>1,233,376</b>	<b>275,473,414</b>	
Administrative Spending as a % of Total Bond Spend	9.66%	55.82%		9.87%

2019 Parks and Nature Bond - Spend by Program Area					
	FY20	FY21	FY22 YTD	Total Spend	Percent of All 2019 Bond Spend
Protect/Restore					
Total	128,960	1,870,959	5,513,251	7,513,170	33.35%
Take Care of Metro Parks					
Total	230,744	3,693,245	2,106,796	6,030,785	26.77%
Local Share					
Total	29,397	216,142	2,673,864	2,919,403	12.96%
Grants					
Total	12,847	186,475	226,504	425,826	1.89%
Trails					
Total	12,314	244,096	174,942	431,352	1.91%
Community Visions					
Total	-	3,480	77,781	81,261	0.36%
<b>Total Program Spend</b>	<b>414,262</b>	<b>6,214,397</b>	<b>10,773,138</b>	<b>17,401,797</b>	<b>77.24%</b>
Admin					
Total	812,528	1,573,851	2,741,923	5,128,302	22.76%
<b>Total Bond Spend</b>	<b>1,226,790</b>	<b>7,788,248</b>	<b>13,515,061</b>	<b>22,530,099</b>	
Administrative Spending as a % of Total Bond Spend	66.23%	20.21%	20.29%		22.76%

