

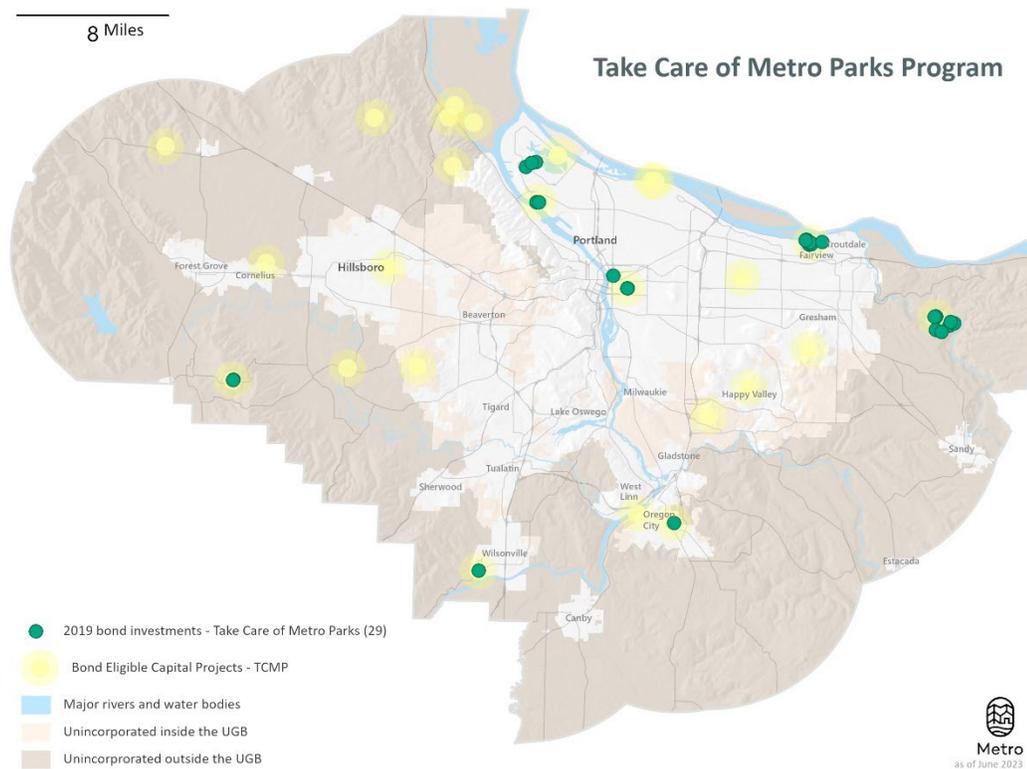
## TAKE CARE OF METRO PARKS

**\$98 million** for safety and accessibility improvements at Metro parks and facilities across the region

**Take care of Metro parks program description:** Metro’s regional parks, boat launches and cemeteries welcome visitors each year to enjoy nature, exercise, and cultural gatherings. The take care of Metro parks program funding is a promise to take care of Metro’s existing sites by addressing capital maintenance, repair and improvement needs at Metro facilities and completing nature parks with adopted master plans.

Since 2020, the take care of Metro parks program has invested over \$9 million in bond funding to complete projects that advance capital improvements at Blue Lake, Oxbow, Lone Fir, helped to complete Newell Creek Canyon and Chehalem Ridge and is pioneering some of Metro’s most recent policy commitments around accessibility, sustainability and workforce equity.

**Figure 1, map of take care of Metro parks projects, as of December 2022**

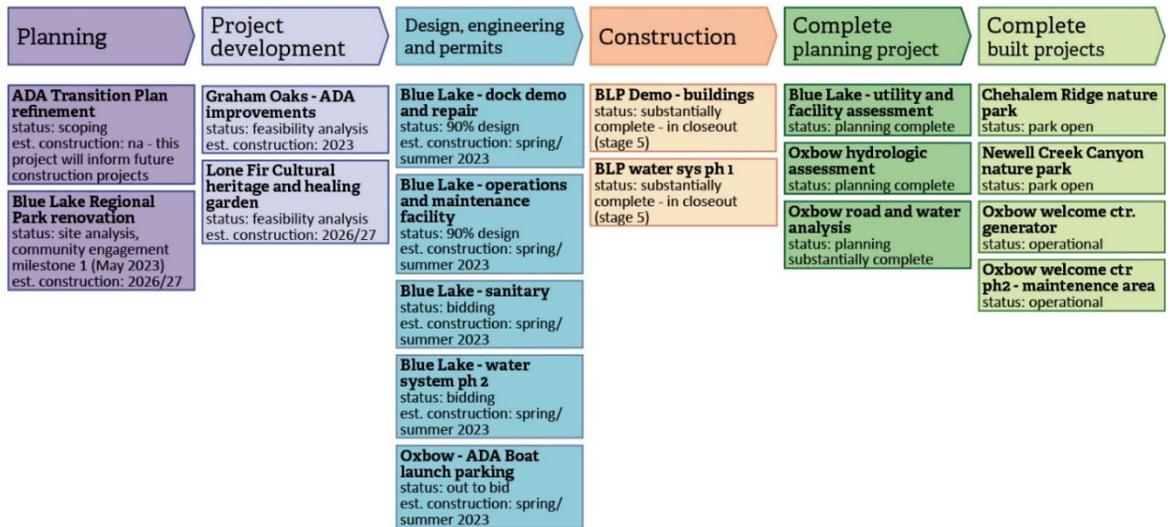


### Take care of Metro parks program milestones completed as of December 2022:

- Completed Chehalem Ridge and Newell Creek Canyon nature parks.
- Completed Oxbow Hydrologic Study, Oxbow Welcome Center Phase Two Maintenance Area Improvements, Oxbow Welcome Center Generator.
- Continued progress on addressing health, safety and accessibility improvements at Blue Lake and Oxbow.
  - At Blue Lake Regional Park, construction for the first phase of utility improvements and removal of defunct buildings was completed.
  - At Oxbow Regional Park, the Oxbow Potable Water and Road Analysis project developed a construction work plan for repair of the aging potable water system and road to correct drainage and asphalt shifting.
- Progress on implementing ADA accessibility improvements
  - Work to increase ADA parking at the Oxbow boat launch is kicking off with the creation of two accessible parking spaces.
  - Planning for ADA accessibility pilot at Graham Oaks Nature Park to support the removal of barriers to access in accordance with the Parks and Nature ADA Transition Plan.
- Launched engagement activities for the Lone Fir Cemetery Cultural Heritage and Healing Garden with members of Chinese and Chinese American communities.
- A contract for the Blue Lake Park Curry Building project became the first at Metro to implement the regional workforce agreement goals.

### Take care of Metro parks projects

Project status as of December 2022



### Looking ahead

In 2023 and beyond, improvements and activity around improvements at Blue Lake Park are ramping up. In addition, community engagement around the park renovation and master plan are beginning. 2023 will also see the completion of the ADA improvements to the Oxbow Boat Launch parking lot.

**Markers to demonstrate progress on take care of Metro parks in 2023 and beyond**

- Number of projects out of priority list substantially complete
- Project status for each of the take care of Metro parks projects over time
- Number and status of projects related to increasing accessibility across Metro's portfolio (ADA pilot at Graham Oaks Nature Park and improvements at Oxbow boat launch parking)
- Number and participation in engagement activities for Blue Lake Park renovation and Lone Fir Cultural Healing and Heritage Garden; feedback on participation from community members