

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants

Program Design and
Review Committee

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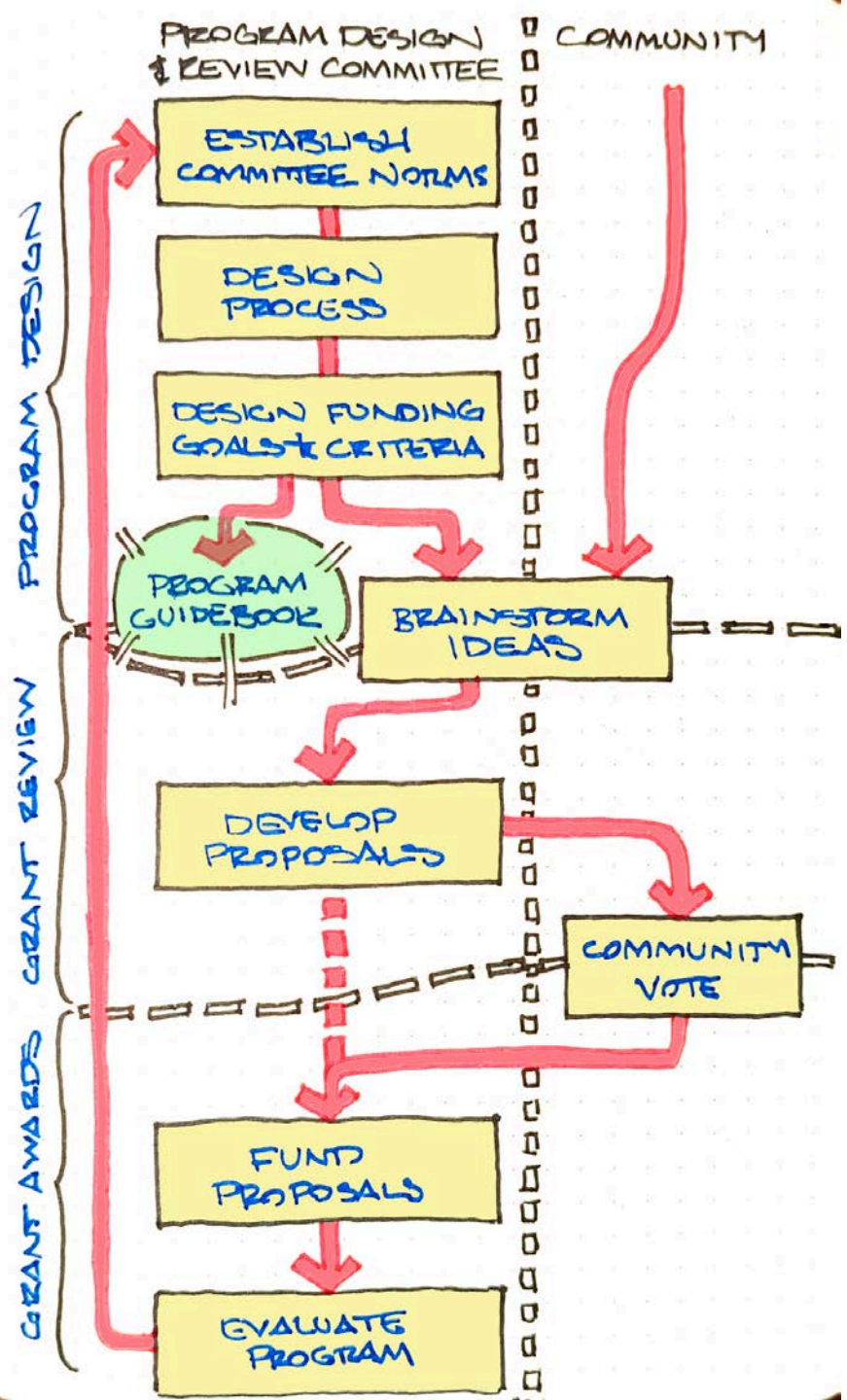


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Design process →

Brainstorm
ideas →



The Guidebook:

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2006-2016
Community led
Project Precedents



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Land acquisition

Would privately owned property in your community make the next great neighborhood natural area?

Urban transformations

Can a redevelopment project in your community go the extra step to integrate nature and habitat if more funding is available?

Restoration

Is there a degraded stream, wetland or other habitat that needs to be restored in your neighborhood?

Neighborhood livability

Can schools, parks or other public land in your neighborhood become a place for people to experience and enjoy nature?



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Common Thread: Community led

Half of projects led by the community.

- Partnerships between community-based organizations and public (non-federal) agencies
- many of the community-led projects began with an idea from either a single individual or a small group of people.
- community groups had to find government partners who were willing to work with them to make their idea a reality,.



Common Thread: Capital Projects

All of these projects are capital projects.

Capital Grants can only be used to fund capital projects.

- Partnerships between community-based organizations and public (non-federal) agencies.
- Final asset must be publically owned.
- Bond proceeds must be spent on capital costs.



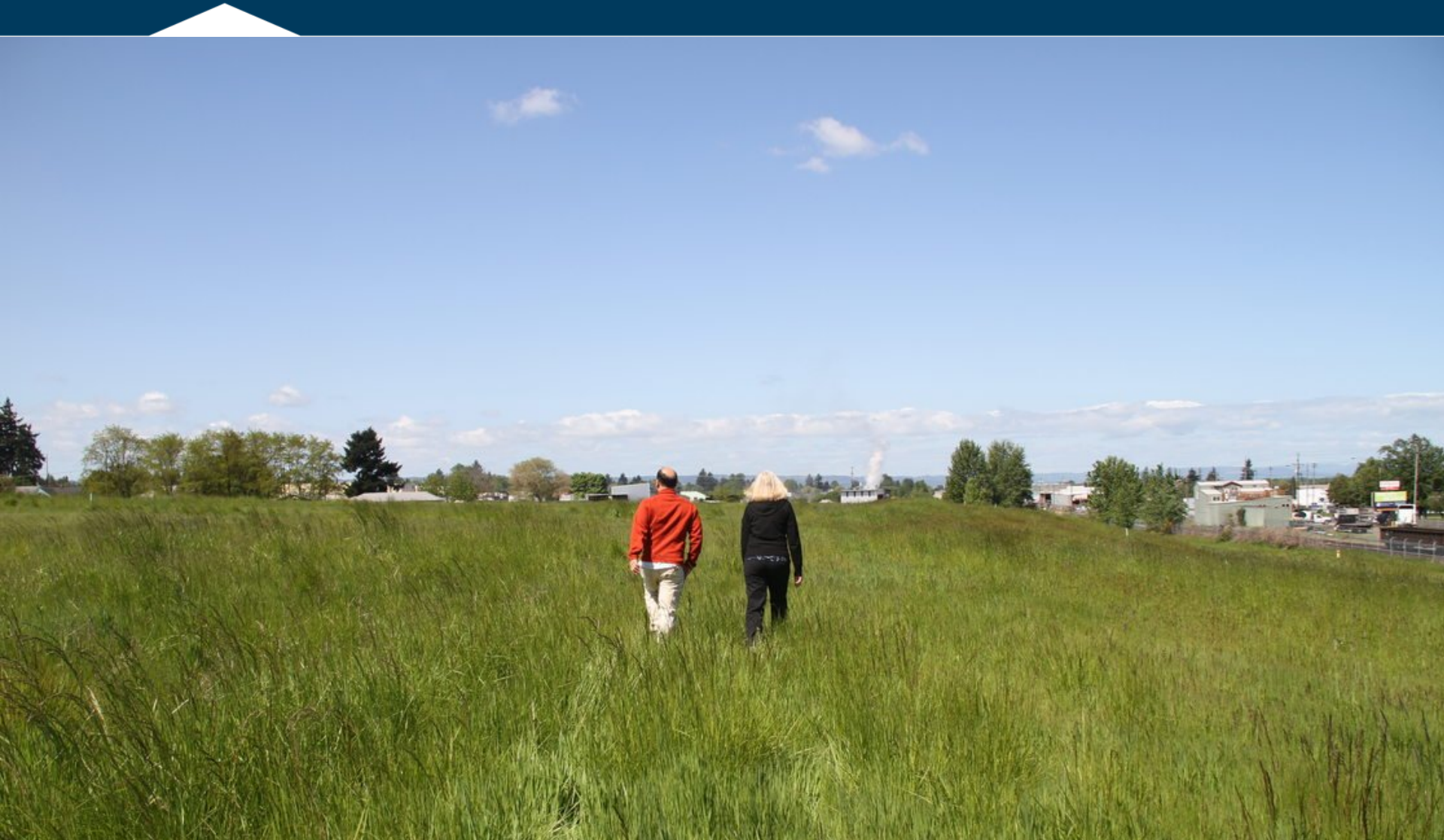
Nadaka Nature Park



White Oak Savanna



Cully Park



Gateway Green



Bull Mountain Nature Park

Friends of Bull Mtn Nature Park
and Tualatin River Watershed
Council with the City of Tigard

\$125,943 and \$60,000

Partners: Numerous school and
community groups



Virginia Garcia



Mt. Hood Community College Retrofit

Sandy River Basin Council and
Mt. Hood Community College

\$479,333

Partners: East Multnomah Soil &
Water Conservation District, City of
Gresham, Intel Labs and Salmon
Safe





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Parks and Nature Bond Community Engagement Framework

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Bond refinement community engagement criteria

Center BIPOC communities in development of bond programs and prioritization of bond investments

Increase transparency and demonstrate accountability about bond decision-making

Increase access to engagement opportunities

Nurture relationships with urban Indigenous community

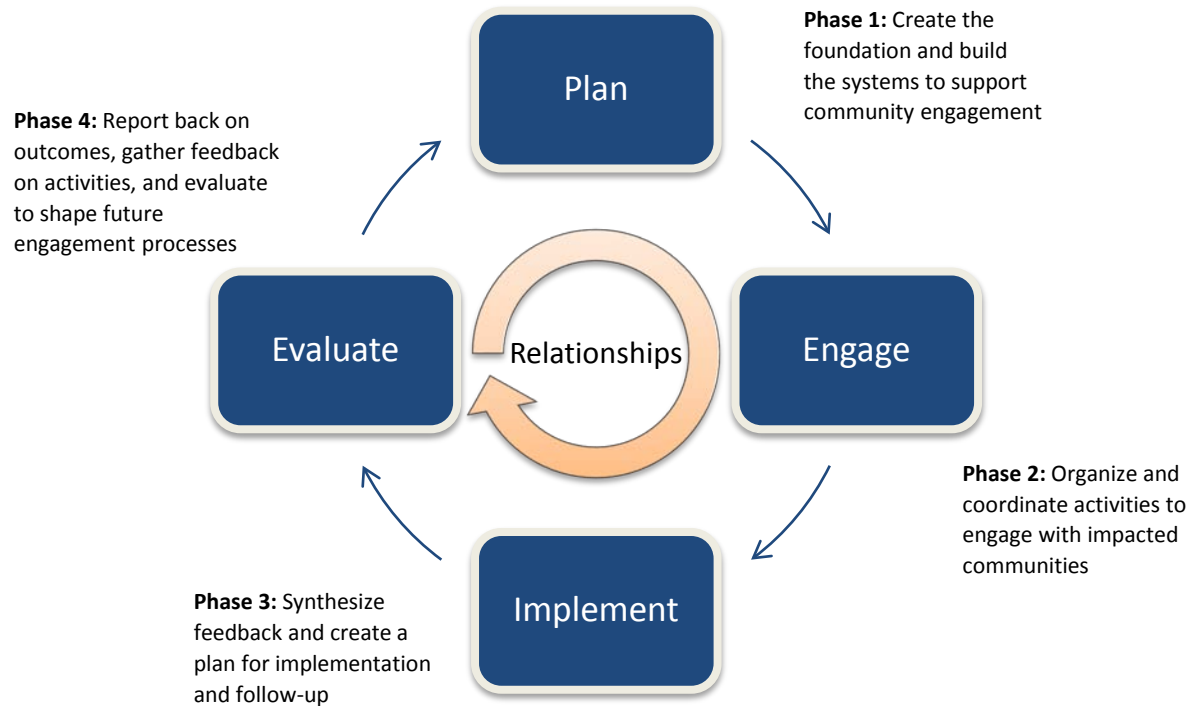
Improve accessibility and inclusiveness of developed parks

Spectrum of community engagement

Understanding the level of decision making-power that can be shared with communities



Cycle of community engagement



Engagement best practices

Grounded in racial equity

Prioritizing most impacted communities – in collaboration and engagement

Understanding and shifting decision-making power

Engagement is strategic and builds upon previous engagement

Collaborative and adaptive engagement plans

Holistic cycle of engagement

Transparency and accountability

Qualitative and quantitative evaluation

Guiding principles

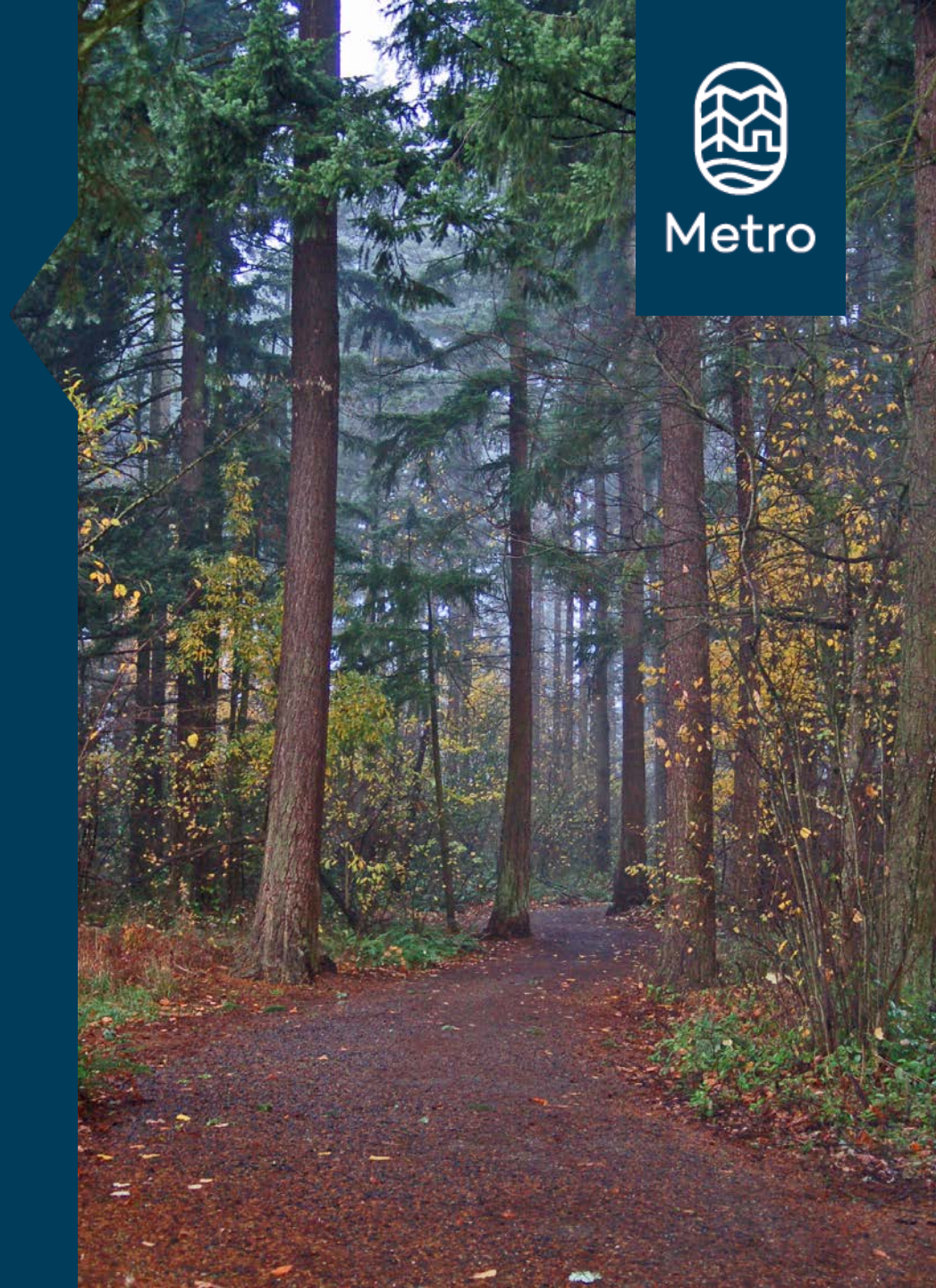
- Grounded in racial equity
- Critical groundwork before engagement
- Emphasis in collaboration and adaptability
- Transparency and accountability
- Evaluate and build on previous engagement

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Brainstorming Ideas



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Brainstorm Ideas: Important Considerations

- Projects
 - Target community? (e.g., youth, people with disabilities)
 - *Cannot be a protected class*
 - Recruitment for additional Committee members (or a sub-committee) from target community?
 - Themes

Brainstorm Ideas: Important Considerations



- Submission
 - Accessibility and Engagement
 - Balancing of in-person events and online submission
 - How are ideas submitted?
 - Who can submit ideas?

Known Unknown: Geography



Capital Grants Pilot will implement the guidebook in the Metro region.

Metro leadership may choose

- Metro-wide
- Smaller geography

Considerations

- Metro leadership decision
- Adapt guidebook to any geography



Brainstorming Ideas: A Community-Centered Event

Some ideas just to start the conversation:

- Community workshop
- Design charette
- Capital grants tour
- Virtual treasure hunt
- Design competition
- Online submission



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