

Metro Disaster Debris Projects

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2030 Regional Waste Plan Resilience & Preparedness Goals

- Goal 17:Effectively coordinate public and private partners in planning for the impact of disasters on the solid waste system.
- Goal 18:Ensure routine garbage and recycling collection, processing, transport and disposal operations can be restored quickly following a system disruption.
- Goal 19:Plan disaster debris response operations to expedite the clearance and removal of debris, making the best use of locally-based services and materials and maximizing recovery.

Two current Metro projects

- Disaster debris MOUs (memoranda of understanding) project
- Disaster debris fund project



MOUs project

 Proposed: Metro will negotiate memoranda of understandings (MOUs) with cities and counties in the region to address roles and clarify responsibilities for managing disaster generated debris.

Debris MOUs would:

- Identify and clarify roles between Metro and local government partners in preparation, response and recovery from debris-generating disasters
- Increase the readiness and resilience of greater
 Portland to be able to respond efficiently and effectively during response and recovery of a disaster.
- Help ensure debris generated from a disaster is managed in a safe, legal, equitable, cost-effective and timely manner while maintaining environmental and community safety.

MOUs may include:

- Participation in collaborative pre-disaster planning, training and exercises
- Agree on process for locating debris collection sites
- Debris site operation
- Cooperation during disaster response and recovery
- Process for information sharing, e.g. debris volume estimates
- Agreement to after action communications and follow-up post-disaster

Regional Waste Plan connection

The three resilience & preparedness goals in the 2030 Regional Waste Plan (RWP) include 15 specific actions outlined to move towards implementation. Actions advanced by this projects include:

- Goal 17, Action 1: Develop a regional solid waste emergency management response and recovery framework in partnership with local governments and community organizations that prioritizes those most vulnerable in a disaster
- Goal 19, Action 3: Develop agreements and contracts with service providers and partner jurisdictions to ensure rapid mobilization of regional and out-of-region resources during emergency response operations.



Questions or Comments?

Debris fund project

- Metro is proposing to establish a disaster debris management fund to set aside money to help pay for post-disaster debris management.
- The fund would be available to cities & counties in the region for some debris management costs.
- May also be used by Metro, e.g. for temporary debris management site costs.

Source of funds

 Metro currently collects a \$2.50 regional system fee on each ton of "clean-up waste" generated in greater Portland.

"Clean-up waste" includes: contaminated soils, street sweepings, dredge material, etc.

- This process will establish that clean-up waste fees are sent to a disaster debris fund.
- No increase in the cleanup waste fee is being proposed.

Project benefits

- Assist local governments with paying for future disaster debris management costs.
- Help meet Regional Waste Plan Goal 19.
- Increase the region's readiness to respond effectively to future debris-generating events.
- Create a "savings account" to help Metro and the region cover future disaster debris costs.

Disaster Debris Fund

Questions or Comments?



- Begin MOU negotiations with first partner
- Include cleanup fee set aside in FY 22/23 budget
- Develop grant program for disbursing funds

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