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**CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO CLEANER WATER,  
RESTORED FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT,  
AND CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE**

Nature makes our region more livable. As the Portland area's population grows, it's more important than ever to **protect and restore parks, rivers, wetlands, forests and other natural areas** for the benefit of people, fish and wildlife.

This November, voters in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties will have the opportunity to **vote YES to protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and connect people with nature.**

**Without raising the tax rate, your YES vote on the Parks & Nature Levy Renewal will:**

- **RESTORE HABITAT AND MANAGE NATURAL AREAS** to preserve our region's water quality, wildlife habitat, and legacy of natural beauty for future generations.
- **INCREASE ACCESS TO NATURE** by ensuring parks and natural areas are close to home and accessible to everyone, and continuing Nature in Neighborhoods grants for community-led investments and education.
- **MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING REGIONAL PARKS** with operations and maintenance to keep parks and nature destinations safe, welcoming and accessible to all members of our community.

Thanks to voter support, Metro has built an 18,000 acre network of parks, trails and natural areas across Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Measure 26-225 continues to build on that legacy, targeting smart investments that take care of the outdoor places where everyone can gather, exercise, and play.

By renewing the levy first approved by voters in 2013, funding for our natural areas will extend through 2028, while maintaining the current tax rate of 9.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or about \$24 per year for a home assessed at \$250,000.

**Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-225.**

**Let's keep preserving and protecting the region's natural areas, now and in the future.**

Metro President Lynn Peterson  
Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick  
Metro Councilor Christine Lewis  
Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal  
Metro Councilor Juan Carlos González  
Metro Councilor Mary Nolan  
Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang  
Metro Councilor-Elect Ashton Simpson

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**Water Quality and Wildlife Advocates Agree:  
Vote YES on Measure 26-225 for  
Clean, Safe, and Healthy Water and Wildlife Habitat**

Our region is defined by an amazing network of rivers, streams and natural areas. We are home to an incredible array of fish and wildlife species from iconic salmon to more than 200 migratory bird species. Measure 26-225 restores and maintains healthy waterways and natural areas for people and wildlife—**without raising tax rates.**

Protection and restoration of our waterways and wildlife habitats is vital to ensuring clean water, clean air, protecting fish and wildlife populations and creating equitable, climate resilient landscapes.

At least 40% of the Parks and Nature levy funds are dedicated to habitat restoration and natural areas management, including **improving water quality** at Metro's parks and natural areas.

Funds from the renewed levy will protect water quality, reconnect vital floodplains, increase native plants, and control invasive species—ensuring that our streams, lakes and rivers and naturals continue to be **healthy and safe for current and future generations of Oregonians.**

There are a few of the active projects working to protect clean water and restore fish and wildlife habitat across the region at places like Chehalam Ridge Nature Park and Clear Creek and Smith and Bybee Wetlands natural areas. The natural areas levy has been essential to improving water quality and habitat at:

- Wilsonville's Coffee Lake Creek
- North Portland's Smith and Bybee Wetlands
- Clackamas County's Beaver Creek
- Beaverton's Fanno Creek
- Oregon City's Newell Creek
- Hillsboro's Tualatin River
- Cornelius' Council Creek

**Your YES vote on Measure 26-225 will ensure Metro has the necessary funds to continue improving water quality and natural habitat through 2028, all without raising taxes.**

**Join us in supporting Measure 26-225!**

Audubon Society of Portland  
Columbia Land Trust  
Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge  
Human Access Project  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Oswego Lake Watershed Council  
Portland Harbor Community Coalition  
Tualatin Riverkeepers  
Urban Greenspaces Institute  
Willamette Riverkeeper

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 Endorsements?  Yes # 10  No  
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**YES ON MEASURE 26-225:  
PROTECT AND ENHANCE OUR REGION'S  
TREASURED OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Our local natural areas have something for everyone: wildlife, scenery, and easy access to nature and recreation. They provide a beautiful and affordable place for recreation close to home.

**Metro facilities annually provide recreation opportunities for 2.5 million visitors.** As our region grows, it's crucial we keep our parks and natural areas open to every community by voting YES on Measure 26-225.

**Over the past five years, the Parks & Nature Levy funded projects that connect people to nature, including:**

- New day use areas and trails access at the new **Newell Creek Canyon Nature Park** in Oregon City, including trailheads, signs, parking areas, restrooms and more.
- New hiking trails and visitor facilities at **Killin Wetlands Natural Area** in Washington County.
- At **Oxbow Regional Park**, a new Welcome Center, new nature play areas, upgraded campground facilities, and an improved boat launch.
- Improved access roads and trails at **Blue Lake Regional Park**.
- A renovated boat launch at **Chinook Landing on the Columbia River**, leveraging state funding sources.
- Improved trails for public access and new signage at **Smith and Bybee Wetlands** to help visitors learn about nature.
- Inclusive community engagement at **East Council Creek** in Cornelius and **Gabbert Butte** in Gresham.
- Safety improvements across the **Metro park system**, including updating operations and signage to keep parks open during the pandemic, providing life jackets for water safety, and supporting rangers and other staff to keep parks welcoming to all.

**Your YES Vote on Measure 26-225** will ensure that everyone—including kids, families experiencing low incomes, and communities of color—have access to these vital resources, all without increasing the tax rate.

**Join us in voting YES!**

40 Mile Loop Land Trust  
Access Recreation  
Human Access Project  
The Intertwine Alliance  
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon  
Oregon Trails Coalition  
Oregon Walks  
The Street Trust  
Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District  
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## **Local Leaders Support Measure 26-225!**

### **Renewing the Parks and Nature Levy Benefits Multnomah County**

Renewing the Parks and Nature levy continues funding to protect and restore parks, rivers, wetlands, forests and other natural areas for the benefit of people, fish and wildlife — right here in Multnomah County.

**In Multnomah County, the Parks and Nature Levy has supported many local projects, including:**

- Improvements at **Blue Lake Regional Park in Fairview**, including improved trails and access roads, and master planning to guide future upgrades of key infrastructure.
- A new welcome center, two nature play areas and improved campsites at **Oxbow Regional Park, near Troutdale** on the Sandy River.
- Improved trails and signage for public access and education at **Smith and Bybee Wetlands in North Portland**.
- Keeping beloved nature sites safe and welcoming for visitors, including **Glendoveer in East Portland, Broughton Beach and Chinook Landing on the Columbia River, Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island, and Lone Fir Cemetery**.
- Working with the **City of Gresham** to engage communities in developing a master plan for **Gabbert Butte**.
- Restoring fish habitat along **Multnomah Channel Marsh near Sauvie Island**.
- Supporting **Wisdom of the Elders' partnership with Portland Public Schools** to provide traditional ecological knowledge education and meet the restoration needs of public lands.

This measure won't raise the tax rate. In Multnomah County, the typical homeowner currently pays about \$24 per year. That's a small price to pay to protect some of our most beautiful natural areas.

Please join local leaders in voting **YES on Measure 26-225**, to ensure future generations will enjoy the same quality of life we do.

State Senators Michael Dembrow, Akasha Lawrence Spence and Elizabeth Steiner Hayward  
State Representatives Maxine Dexter and Lisa Reynolds  
Metro Council President Lynn Peterson and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Duncan Hwang, Mary Nolan,  
and Councilor-Elect Ashton Simpson  
Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Susheela Jayapal, Jessica Vega  
Pederson, and Lori Stegmann  
Portland Commissioner Carmen Rubio  
Troutdale Mayor Randy Lauer  
Multnomah County Democrats



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**CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE:  
The Parks & Nature Levy Invests in Diverse Communities**

Measure 26-225 will **increase opportunities for people to experience nature** in parts of our region that currently have few public parks or natural areas. It will provide funding for parks, rivers, streams, and natural areas in every part of the Metro area, to benefit all local residents.

At least 15 percent of levy funding will continue to support **community-led partnerships, education and stewardship programs**, offering hands-on experiences that allow people to strengthen their relationship to the natural world while fostering the next generation of leaders.

These programs **directly support people of color and other marginalized communities**. People connect with nature in different ways and experience different barriers and opportunities to that connection.

Measure 26-225 will ensure that everyone has access to these vital resources, with **grants to local community groups**, such as:

- The **Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon's** partnership with **Friends of Trees and Portland State University** to engage East Portlanders in pursuing strategies for neighborhood greening amid hotter summers
- A partnership between **Portland Audubon, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, Backyard Habitat** and **Centro Cultural** at Centro Cultural's Cornelius campus to connect Latinx members of the community with nature.
- Partnerships to provide lower-income students and students of color with nature field trips, classroom education and opportunities to participate in habitat restoration, including **Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors'** work with partners in Lents and North Clackamas schools, and **Verde's** youth nature programs in Portland's Cully neighborhood

Metro is committed to working together with people, businesses, nonprofit organizations and public partners to create a Portland region where **all individuals and communities benefit from a healthy environment with clean air and water**.

**Equity partners from around the region agree: Vote YES on 26-225**

Adelante Mujeres  
APANO  
The Blueprint Foundation  
Coalition of Communities of Color  
East County Rising  
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon  
Latino Network  
Verde

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**Measure 26-225: For Healthier, Resilient Communities**

**"Portland Audubon strongly supports the Metro natural areas levy renewal. It is a crucial funding mechanism to protect and restore our amazing system of regional natural areas and to connect the community to nature." - Bob Sallinger, Audubon Society of Portland**

Our region's parks and natural areas are critical to people's physical, mental, and emotional health. We must continue to take care of the outdoor places where everyone can gather, exercise, and play.

But now, heat waves, wildfire, and extreme weather are threatening our region's people, water, and fish and wildlife. We must continue to invest in parks and nature to limit and adapt to the effects of climate change in our region.

**A YES vote on Measure 26-225 will provide ongoing support for Metro's funding of initiatives for cleaner water, restored fish and wildlife habitat, and amenities to encourage recreation and healthy activities—without raising existing taxes.**

**A YES vote on Measure 26-225 will fund management of Metro sites to maintain ecological health and increase their resilience to extreme weather and other impacts of climate change.**

**A YES vote on Measure 26-225 supports complex and critical conservation projects that require collaboration between local, state, federal, tribal and nonprofit partners, in particular those related to climate adaptation and resilience.**

Measure 26-225 ensures everyone in our region has access to the health benefits of nature and recreation, and builds our region's climate resilience for future generations. Please join us in voting yes.

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Columbia Land Trust  
Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge  
Humane Society of the United States  
The Intertwine Alliance  
Kaiser Permanente  
Milwaukie Parks Foundation  
The Nature Conservancy  
Neighbors for Clean Air  
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Measure # 26 225 Order # 7

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**MEASURE 26-225:  
A COST-EFFECTIVE INVESTMENT  
FOR OUR REGION'S  
QUALITY OF LIFE AND  
ECONOMIC FUTURE**

Our region is able to attract visitors, and recruit and retain high quality businesses and workers, thanks to our unparalleled quality of life. The natural beauty, scenery, and easy access to nature are frequently cited as reasons to locate in our region—growing the economy for all of us.

**A YES Vote on Measure 26-225** provides funding for parks and open spaces that make our region a more vibrant place to live, keeping our region economically competitive.

**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

This measure will help take action to plant more trees, protect cool rivers and streams for fish, restore critical wildlife habitat, and keep our communities livable. These investments save the region's taxpayers money by lowering the costs of stormwater management, flood mitigation, and climate change adaptation.

**A YES Vote on Measure 26-225** continues these smart green infrastructure investments, saving us all money in the long run and avoiding costly problems in the future.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The levy renewal provides more opportunities to enter and build careers at all levels in the parks and natural area industry. These employment opportunities increase the prosperity of historically marginalized workers and communities, and increase representation within the workforce.

**A YES Vote on Measure 26-225** will support projects in every part of the Metro area—in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah Counties—that will benefit all local residents.

**Measure 26-225 is supported by business and labor leaders, including:**

AFSCME Local 3580 and Oregon AFSCME  
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Clackamas County Business Alliance  
LIUNA Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers  
Portland Business Alliance  
Westside Economic Alliance

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## **Metro's Parks and Nature Program: Accountable to Taxpayers and Voters**

The Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee keeps Metro **accountable and transparent** in its use of capital funds from the 2018 parks and natural areas levy, which raises about \$16 million a year, and the \$475 million 2019 nature bond.

The independent committee provides **transparent oversight to ensure taxpayer funds are used responsibly**, and reports to the Metro Council annually.

"Parks and natural areas are integral to the well-being of everyone in our region. Our committee is made up of a diverse set of individuals with experience in areas of land conservation, community engagement, working lands, finance, accessibility, [and] equity."

- *Committee Co-Chair Burt Edwards, May 24, 2022 testimony to the Metro Council*

The committee's most recent findings, from an April 2022 report, include:

- "staff has conducted the primary components of the bond work reviewed by the committee—bond finance, land acquisition and community engagement—in a transparent and accountable way."
- "Metro's administrative expenditures to be acceptable in light of the very high bar for engagement set by the 2019 bond measure."

In the year ahead, the committee plans to monitor spending, and continue to review strategies for increased participation for minority, women-owned, and emerging small businesses; making parks and natural spaces accessible to all; and the impact of community engagement on investments.

**Measure 26-225 will continue independent review and oversight of levy spending.**

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Metro's Parks and Nature 2020-21 Annual Report also detailed levy spending through June 2021 compared to what was promised to voters in 2018. The report found that **all five categories of spending in the 2018 levy were in alignment with what voters approved:**

- Improving public access to natural areas: 10% of levy spending
- Regional park operations: 29% of levy spending
- Nature in Neighborhoods grants: 12% of levy spending
- Restoring natural areas for wildlife, fish and water quality: 42% of levy spending
- Nature education and volunteers: 7% of levy spending