

# Notice of District Measure Election

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Name of District Metro, a municipal government pursuant to ORS 268

Notice is hereby given on *date of election* November 7, 2006. A measure election will be held in

*name of county or counties* Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas County, Oregon.

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAPTION** *10 words*

Bonds to preserve natural areas, clean water, protect fish, wildlife

**QUESTION** *20 words*

Shall Metro preserve natural areas; protect fish, wildlife; improve water quality; issue \$227.4 million in general obligation bonds; audit spending?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY** *175 words*

Protects specific natural areas, lands near rivers and streams, wildlife and trail corridors through land acquisition and restoration. Funds specific local water quality, wildlife and park protection projects for local parks providers. Funds water quality and wildlife habitat restoration matching grant program for local communities. Requires 2 to 1 match for local community grants. Match may be met with volunteer hours. Approved bonds will:

- Preserve specified natural areas
- Protect and restore watersheds for improved water quality
- Protect streams, fish and wildlife
- Increase the presence of nature in neighborhoods

This measure directs Metro to buy and restore natural areas for the protection of water quality and preservation of fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations, establishes a citizens oversight committee and requires a yearly independent financial audit to be published in local newspapers. Bonds mature in not more than 20 years. Bond cost estimate is about 19 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value per year. The average homeowner in the region pays \$2.50-\$2.92 per month.

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 JOHN KAUFFMAN  
 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

↓ **signature**

The following authorized district official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete.



signature of authorized district official *not required to be notarized*

8/31/06  
date signed

Michael J. Jordan, Metro Chief Operating Officer  
printed name of authorized district official

title

**\$227.4 Million General Obligation Bond Measure to Fund  
Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection  
Ballot Title's Explanatory Statement - Prepared by the Metro Attorney**

With passage of the Bond Measure, voters would direct Metro to protect natural areas and lands near rivers and streams throughout the Metro area, safeguarding the quality of our water while managing the impacts of growth and maintaining the Metro area's quality of life for future generations.

The \$227.4 million general obligation bond measure would provide:

- \$168.4 million for Metro to purchase, in 27 specifically identified target areas, regionally significant river and stream corridors, headwaters, wildlife areas, other natural areas and trail corridors to hold in public trust for their protection, enhancement and restoration of habitat for fish, wildlife and water quality. The target areas emphasize protection of natural area lands now in urban areas or in areas where development is likely to occur. Other target areas are designated to protect water quality inside the urban area. Target areas include: the Tualatin River and tributaries in the Stafford, Sherwood and Forest Grove areas; the Rock Creek watershed near Bethany in Washington County; the Clackamas River and tributaries near Damascus; headwaters and buttes such as Scouter Mountain, and Johnson Creek and tributaries in Multnomah and Clackamas County.
- \$44 million to be provided to 28 cities, counties and local park providers in the Metro area, on a per capita basis for: purchase of specifically identified natural areas, wildlife and trail corridors; for restoration and enhancement of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat; and for identified neighborhood parks and capital improvement projects providing public access use and education. Identified projects include: acquisition of lands along Erickson Creek and restoration of lands along Beaverton Creek in Beaverton; greenway acquisition along Orenco, Dawson, Bronson and Rock Creeks in Hillsboro; acquisition along Johnson Creek in the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, acquisition of natural area adjacent to Forest Park, in the Tryon Creek watershed, and along Johnson Creek and the Columbia Slough in Portland; and central Beaverton park and natural area acquisition and restoration in the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District.
- \$15 million for a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program for schools, local neighborhood associations, community groups and other non-profits, cities, counties and public parks providers to provide funds to increase natural features and their ecological functions on public lands in neighborhoods, and to help ensure that every community enjoys clean water and nature as an element of its character and livability. Grants will be awarded competitively, and should be matched by the applicant with outside funding or in-kind services equivalent to twice the grant amount; and
- Establishes a citizen oversight committee and requires a yearly independent financial audit to be published in the local newspapers.

In the first year following its passage, the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure would likely cost property owners 19 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. For the average homeowner, the total annual cost is likely to be \$30-35 per year. That annual cost will likely decrease during the repayment period of the bonds, which will be no more than 20 years.

Prepared by: Metro Attorney, Daniel B. Cooper