

**IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION AND  
ORDER**

) Supporting the lane council of governments metropolitan regional  
) parks and open space study and transferring \$20,000 from the general  
) fund contingency into the materials and services account within the  
) general fund in FY 2000-01 for partial sponsorship of the metropolitan  
) regional parks and open space study  
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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to participate in a Metropolitan Regional Parks and Open Space Study; and

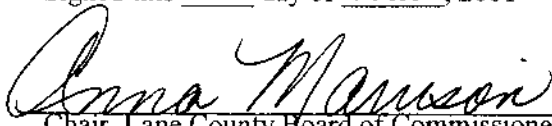
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the proposal presented by Lane Council of Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the financial resources within the general fund contingency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board having fully considered the matters discussed; now, therefore it is hereby

**ORDERED** that \$20,000 be transferred from the general fund contingency and into the materials and services account within the general fund in FY 2000-01 for Lane County's portion of the Metropolitan Regional Parks and Open Space Study.

Signed this 5th day of June, 2001

  
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Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

**IN THE MATTER OF**

Supporting the lane council of governments metropolitan regional parks and open space study and transferring \$20,000 from the general fund contingency into the materials and services account within the general fund in FY 2000-01 for partial sponsorship of the metropolitan regional parks and open space study

# METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE STUDY

## Phase I Draft Work Program and Budget

A Metropolitan Regional Parks and Open Space Study would offer an opportunity to integrate stormwater management; habitat and migration corridors for endangered and threatened species (including salmon habitat); and mitigation for urban impacts on wetlands, salmon habitat, and stormwater runoff. The study would also deal with preserving the livability of the region as it relates to growth, recreational opportunities, and green spaces.

Phase I of the study would involve:

### 1. A Comprehensive Working Vision for Parks and Open Spaces in the Metropolitan Region.

The working vision could begin creating a regional framework for: 1) dealing with the acquisition of publicly owned parks and open space areas; and 2) seek more enduring protection of open space values on private lands through donation or the purchase of land, conservation easements, or development rights from willing sellers. These private land protections could focus on areas containing values important to the public, such as continued farm use, scenic views of forested hillsides, restoration of existing sand and gravel extraction sites, protection of future aggregate resource sites, and critical habitats for plants or animals. Sites most suitable for restoration and mitigation could also be identified. The vision could identify sites on the urban fringe and link and complement those sites with open spaces inside the UGB (such as streams or wetlands, which span the UGB like the Springfield Millrace or places where urban runoff flows into a rural stream like Amazon and Cedar Creeks). The vision could identify natural areas on the fringe worthy of protection and restoration, and it could identify future recreational opportunities on the fringe for passive (like hiking and biking corridors) and active (like sports fields and golf courses) recreation.

### 2. A Proposal for Immediate and Longer Term Implementation Strategies

Strategies would deal with:

- a) Protection of private property rights,
- b) Coordination with community growth management studies (i.e., considering protection mechanisms in places that do not conflict with areas most suitable for future growth - either urban reserve or urban growth boundary expansion sites),
- c) Identification of state and federal partners and programs, which could assist with acquisition and restoration projects,
- d) Identification of state and federal funding assistance and local sources of revenues, and
- e) Recognition of the role non-profit organizations, like the McKenzie River Trust and The Nature Conservancy, can play in implementing the vision.

A short-term strategy will focus on two or three projects of immediate local interest.

**Process:** The process would involve intergovernmental coordination among the four participating local governments. It would also include coordination with state and federal agencies and several non-profit organizations. In this initial phase, the citizen involvement program would be limited.

**Oversight and Organization:** Elected officials directed that MPC be the policy oversight body and that MPC be expanded to include Willamalane Board representation for agenda items related to this study. An intergovernmental staff team could provide technical support for the study. LCOG will coordinate and manage the project.

**Phases:** Phase I would be conducted within 12 months from May 2001 to April 2002. This effort would involve intergovernmental coordination to undertake the technical background work, which would form the basis for development of a working vision. Phase I citizen involvement would include a speaker's bureau to discuss the project with a wide variety of organizations. Phase I would identify state and federal funding opportunities and identify a range of local funding options. The first phase would also include recommendations for short-term priorities and preparation for a citizen involvement program should the program extend into later phases.

**Budget:** Phase I estimated revenues from contributing partners by fiscal year of the study are:

Agency	FY 01	FY02	Total
City of Eugene	\$20,000	0	\$20,000
Lane County	\$20,000	0	\$20,000
City of Springfield	\$ 5,000	0	\$ 5,000
Willamalane P&RD	0	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<b>Total</b>	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$50,000

LCOG could carry funds over from FY01 to FY02 in executing the work program.

Tasks to be undertaken during the remaining two months of FY 01 are:

1. Establish the staff advisory team.
2. Develop the Phase I detailed work program.
3. Sign intergovernmental agreements for the Phase I study.
4. Schedule a work program briefing with MPC.
5. Begin agreement and preparation of baseline GIS layers (land use, ownership, key physical features).

The full scope of Phase I tasks and costs are:

Develop Draft Vision	\$ 7,000
Staff Technical and Policy Committees	\$ 10,000
Technical analysis and GIS	\$ 7,000
Coordination with growth management studies	\$ 2,000
Coordination with state and federal agencies	\$ 7,000
Citizen involvement	\$ 7,000
Strategy Report preparation	\$ 7,000
<u>Project management</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 50,000

Because much of the area lies outside the UGB, County parks staff would play a key role. Technical staff from Eugene, Willamalane, and Springfield would be involved. Key staff includes the park departments of Lane County, Eugene, and Willamalane, and public works staffs of Eugene and Springfield. Planning staff may also be involved. LCOG could coordinate the study. It is assumed that 18 staff meetings would be conducted at an estimated 6 hours of staff time for each (attendance, preparation and follow-up) for a total of 108 hours. Another 60 hours of technical work from each jurisdiction is assumed for the 12 month period for 168 hours total (approximately one person-month per jurisdiction). As with the budget, that can be spread over two fiscal years.

### **Phases II and III**

Phase II. Early implementation could be based on the short-term priorities and strategies resulting from Phase I.

Phase II would refine the working vision and short-term strategies and include more extensive outreach with opportunity for citizen participation. The vision and long-term strategies would result from the Phase II effort.

Phase III would involve better integration of local parks planning efforts with the vision and implementation of strategies.

Phases II and III are dependent on whether local officials wish to continue the project. And whether funding can be secured for these phases.