Metro Nature in Neighborhoods

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Добро пожаловать!
Bienvenido

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Nature in Neighborhoods Grant Program

Metro | Making a great place
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**Purpose**: support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.
Nature in Neighborhoods funding

Capital Grants
2006 voter-approved bond measure
Restoration and Education grants
2005-2013 general fund
Conservation Education and Restoration grants
2013 levy (5-year local levy)
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- Connect people to their watershed
- Preserve and restore habitat
- Support conservation initiatives
- Expand nature education
- Increase people’s connection to and experience of nature close to home
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- Diversify the conservation movement
- Connect underserved communities with nature and nature education
- Increase capacity
- Develop new conservation leaders
Metro’s Regional Outcomes

- Making a Great Place
- Vibrant Communities
- Leadership on Climate Change
- Transportation Choices
- Economic Prosperity
- Clean Air and Water
- Equity
I am from...
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Program History – 2005-2013

105 projects funded totaling $1.9 million
$8 million dollars in matching funds
or
$4 for every $1 of Metro funding
100,000+ committed volunteer hours
450+ estimated partners
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2 include job-training for at-risk youth
2 engage minority communities in Washington County
1 focuses on a low-income school and surrounding community members
3 restore private lands through partnerships with non-profits
1 tests restoration methods with citizen-science
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Capital Grants – multiple benefits

• Direct economic benefits
• Workforce development
• Intentional programming and/or education
• Community cohesiveness, health, pride of place
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**Application**: Transparent, simplified, evaluation criteria detailed

**Outreach**: Working with partners, personal touch, simplifying messages, audio recording

**Review committee**: open by application, still required active recruitment
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