

## NRC Priority Activities for 2019-2021 (Selected from Work Plan)

### NRC Responsibility #1. Promote Community Involvement in Natural Resources Conservation

- Communicate with Neighborhood Associations, Citizen Involvement Commission and the Business Community. NRC members will promote programs such as the heritage tree program, arbor day, etc. through presentations to other groups and boards.
- Strengthen and Encourage Participation in the Heritage Tree Program.
  - Simplify the Nomination Process – Remove Arborist Report Requirement. Amend OCMC 12.32. (look at prior code), inform comprehensive tree code update.
  - Brochures, “Wanted” Signs, \$\$\$ for incentives, Further Outreach.
- Assist and provide input on projects that improve connectivity between Rossmann landfill site, End of the Oregon Trail interpretive center, Cove and Willamette Rivers. This is tied to strategies in the adopted Comprehensive Plan (2003), the City’s adopted Waterfront Master Plan (2001) and the Downtown Community Plan (1999).

#### Unnamed Streams and other Sites

- Establish a process for naming of local geological features. NRC wishes to use the procedures established by the US Board on Geographic Names to formally name such features as unnamed stream tributaries and other sites of geologic, natural and historical interest features, such as Waterboard Park.
- This could have various benefits, including improved awareness of watersheds, enhanced tourism, etc.
- For more details visit <https://geonames.usgs.gov/>

#### Clackamette Cove Habitat Restoration

- Pursue and advance habitat projects in and around the Cove by seeking additional funding through Superfund - Lower Harbor Trust Fund – NRDA, Clackamette Cove restoration. A specific restoration strategy has been discussed with the Urban Renewal Commission in the report from Cascade Environmental Group. As this strategy becomes better refined, the NRC would advocate for Oregon City priority for a grant award at the appropriate phase of the redevelopment for the Cove Project.

### NRC Responsibility #2. Initiate Recommendations to Comprehensive Plan, Codes and Policies

- Water Resource Wetland Inventory – Staff to address as resources allow. NRC recognizes the need to update the City’s water resources, stream and wetland inventory (1999). This involves an extensive and expensive Local Wetland Inventory and Statewide Goal 5 process.

- Support coordinated strategy for invasive species management in 2019, such as encouraging City participation as a partner to the Clackamas County Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Improve public outreach / information about invasive plants.
- Consider and advise on Natural Resources Annexation Policy. Review Annexation policies with respect to Goal 5 resources and other natural resources.
- Consider and advise on NROD, Tree Protection and Upland Habitat Code Amendments as needed.

### NRC Responsibility #3: Receive Notice and Comment on Land Use Applications and Projects within City Limits and the Urban Growth Boundary

- Public Works – Upper Yard. The NRC would like to participate and provide input on discussions for future uses at the Upper Yard site, in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC).
- Review and comment on requests to reduce NROD Vegetative Corridor Width and other significant adjustments to the Overlay District standards.

### NRC Responsibility #4. Conduct Orderly Meetings that result in Good Communications

- Maintain and Update a list of Natural Resources Committee priorities and activities to share with Planning Commission and City Commission.