



Land Legacy Committee (LLC) Meeting Agenda
East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

(September 20, 2021)

Monday, September 27, 2021, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

To be held via videoconference: (US Toll Free: 1 877 309 2073 Access Code: 788-533-901 OR log in on your computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/788533901>

AGENDA

Item #	Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Presenter	Packet
1	4:00 5 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and Call to Order• Review/revise agenda• Previous action items• Approval of July 26, 2021 minutes	Information/ Decision	Zimmer- Stucky	a) 7/26/2021 LLC Meeting Minutes
2	4:05 5 mins	Time reserved for public comment ¹	Information	Public	n/a
3	4:10 5 mins	Contextual Overview	Information	Brown	n/a
<u>Overview:</u> Staff will put this meeting's agenda into the context of previous briefings with the LLC about the Land Legacy Program, and the further briefing presentations and strategic discussions needed at future LLC meetings.					
4	4:15 45 mins	Access to Nature / Natural Resource Lands: Achievements and Strategic Considerations	Information/ Discussion	Shipkey/ Brown	a) Summary of Natural Area Projects Funded by EMSWCD
<u>Overview:</u> Staff will briefly review the role the LLP has played to date in natural area / access to nature projects and funds invested to date through the LLP, the assets and limitations the LLP has in advancing this work and identify some possible future roles for the LLP to play, for discussion at this meeting, and as EMSWCD's strategic planning efforts proceed.					
5	5:00 5 mins	Break	N/A	N/A	
6	5:05 25 mins	Strategic Planning Considerations	Information/ Discussion	Shipkey/ Brown/ Zimmer-Stucky	n/a
<u>Overview:</u> Staff will share strategic considerations for the Land Legacy Program for discussion with the LLC, and to identify priority topics to be discussed at future LLC meetings.					
7	5:30 15 mins	Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) held for discussion of real estate negotiations	Information/ Discussion	Shipkey	n/a
<u>Overview:</u> Staff will provide updates on several active land conservation projects.					

¹ Each member of the public who wishes to speak shall be given approximately 3 minutes.



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8	5:45 10 mins	Farm Access Equity Initiative	Information	Shipkey	n/a
<u>Overview:</u> Staff will provide an update on the status of EMSWCD's Farm Access Equity Initiative.					
9	5:55	Closing Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements and Reminders • Action Items • Adjourn 	Information	Zimmer- Stucky	n/a

EMSWCD Board Members, Officers and Meeting Dates:

EMSWCD Board			LLC	Year	FY21-22 Schedule	Board	LLC
Members	Positions	Officers		2021	July	12 th	26 th
Joe Rossi	Zone 1 Director		X		August	2 nd	
Laura Masterson	Zone 2 Director	Secretary	X		September	13 th	27 th
Mike Guebert	Zone 3 Director	Chair	X		October	4 th	
Jim Carlson	At-Large 1 Director	Treasurer	X		November	1 st	29 th
Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky	At-Large 2 Director	Vice Chair	Chair		December	6 th	
				2022	January	6 th	31 st
					February	7 th	
					March	7 th	28 th
					April	4 th	
					May	2 nd	23 rd
					June	6 th	

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East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District Land Legacy Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 26, 2021

4:04pm - Call to Order

Zimmer-Stucky called to order the regular meeting of the EMSWCD Land Legacy Committee at 4:04pm on Monday, July 26, 2021, via teleconference.

Introductions, Review/revise agenda, Review previous action items

Zimmer-Stucky conducted introductions for the record. The following persons were present:

Land Legacy Committee: Mike Guebert (Zone 3 Director), Jim Carlson (At-Large 1 Director), Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky (At-Large Director 2), Joe Rossi (Zone 1 Director) arrived at 4:09pm

Staff: Nancy Hamilton (Executive Director), Andrew Brown (Conservation Program Supervisor), Lindsay Nelson (Office Manager), Matt Shipkey (Land Legacy Program Manager), Julie DiLeone (Conservation Program Supervisor)

Guest: Emily Cooper arrived at 5:04pm

Shipkey noted the agenda would be revised to speak to the Farm Access Equity Initiative first; the remaining agenda items would occur in the order identified in the previously provided public agenda.

Approval of minutes

MOTION: Guebert moved to approve the March 29, 2021 LLC meeting minutes

Carlson 2nd

Motion passed (3-0, Rossi not present for the vote)

4:07pm - Time reserved for public comment

No public comment.

4:08pm - Farm Access Equity Initiative

Shipkey provided an update on the status of the Farm Access Equity Initiative and likely next steps. Questions were asked regarding the following:

- Information on the Gordon Creek Farm. Shipkey provided a summary.
- Potential relevance of the property recently acquired across from the Gordon Creek Farm.
- Board role in the selection of the Farm Access Equity Advisory Group. Brown noted that the Board had previously agreed that staff would run the Advisory Group process, including the selection of Advisory Group members.



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4:18pm - Working Farmland Protection Program

Shipkey reviewed the six current Land Legacy Program farmland protection objectives and how those objectives have been advanced via EMSWCD's interventions on the Oxbow and Mainstem farm properties. The current working farmland protection objectives include: limit farm conversion, keep farmland in production, soil and water quality protection and enhancement, habitat protection and enhancement, the affordability of farmland, and creating access to farmland for farmers. The primary tools used for this work include: purchasing working farmland easements, and purchasing farmland in fee and holding and leasing, or selling subject to an easement. LLC members shared the following input:

- Carlson asked about our property prioritization work and outreach efforts.
- Rossi commented on the importance of farm succession planning and expressed an interest in hearing more about the LLP's work. He also suggested an interest in talking more about quantifying additional values that would be protected through easements.
- Zimmer-Stucky commented on some of the work other organizations have done to quantify threats to farmland and farmland loss (e.g. American Farmland Trust).
- Guebert suggested we consider whether the boundaries of the existing farmland focal area should be revisited. He expressed an interest in discussing carbon sequestration and how to weave that into our work, and wanted to dive into the easement valuation questions.

Shipkey spoke to EMSWCD's involvement with the Oxbow farm property, purchasing the farm, leasing it to commercial nursery operations, and selling it subject to an easement in 2018.

Emily Cooper, lessee at Mainstem Farm spoke to how important EMSWCD's intervention at Mainstem has been to the future of her farm operation. She noted the importance of replicating this work for the many other folks seeking access to farmland. LLC members had the following comments:

- Guebert asked Cooper to speak to whether there were any challenges in the partnership with EMSWCD.

5:33pm - Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) held for discussion of real estate negotiations

Executive session entered at 5:33pm

Executive session ended at 5:48pm

5:48pm - Closing items: announcements, reminders and action items

LLC members decided that the next meeting would be held virtually. There was a discussion of the October Board meeting potentially being in person, with decisions about the format of future LLC meetings being decided at that time.

Action Items:

- Shipkey to share American Farmland Trust report with the LLC

5:52pm - Adjournment

Zimmer-Stucky adjourned the meeting at 5:52pm.



EMSWCD Land Legacy Program

Summary of Natural Area / Access to Nature Projects

In addition to its focus on protecting farmland, EMSWCD's Land Legacy Program aims to protect natural areas including high value natural resource lands and/or lands that provide opportunities for people to access nature.

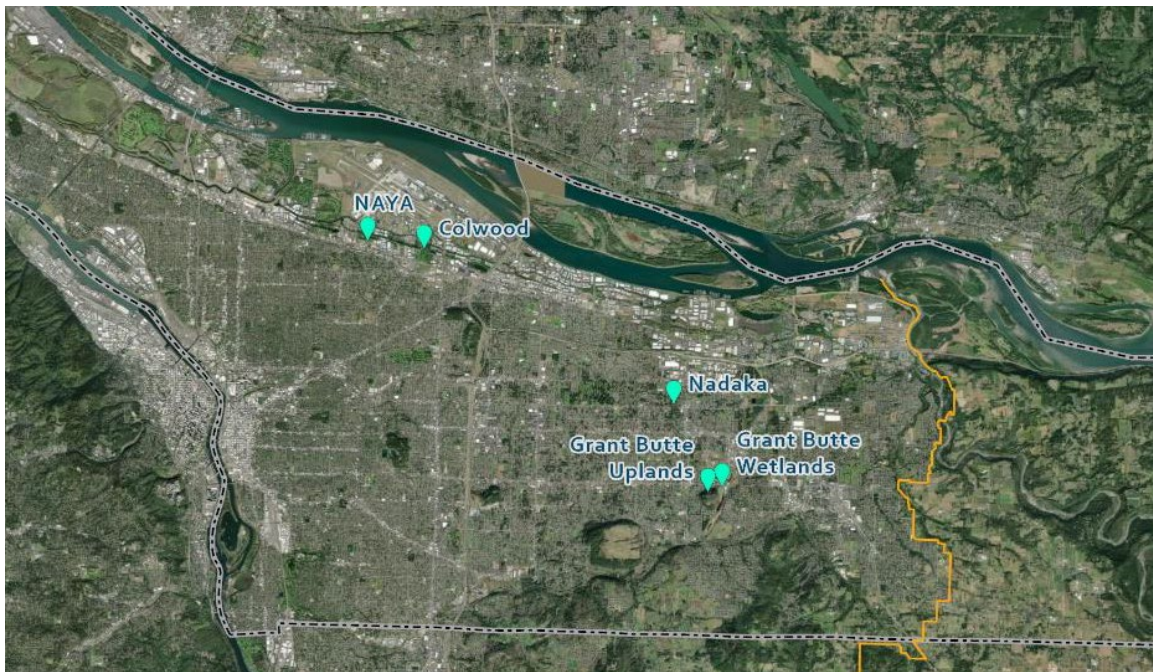
The current Land Legacy Program five-year goals and objectives pertaining to natural lands protection are:

- 3. Protect priority habitats in the district by helping partners protect areas identified in conservation-related plans.**
 - a. Fund approximately one to two natural area transactions.
- 4. Assist partners in establishing new parks and natural areas in underserved communities.**
 - a. Fund approximately one to two access to nature land transactions.

At the September 27th LLC meeting, staff will present and discuss the history and approaches to natural area / access to nature protection projects as well as present some issues for this part of the Land Legacy Program that should be considered as part of the organization's strategic planning.

Summary information on the natural area /access to nature projects EMSWCD has funded follows below. To date EMSWCD has provided funding for five projects, covering 145 acres, for \$2.885 million. In addition, the Board has already approved funding for two additional projects that have not yet closed, the Shaull property in Gresham and the project being led by the Columbia Land Trust.

Summary of natural area projects funded by EMSWCD.





Nadaka Nature Park

When: 2009
EMSWCD Funding: \$210,000
Area: 2 acres (additional to larger urban park)
Partners: City of Gresham, Trust for Public Land, others.

EMSWCD funds contributed to the purchase of an additional 2-acres of land to extend the existing urban park in an area of Gresham with limited access to quality parks and open spaces.

Key partners to this project were the City of Gresham and Trust for Public Lands. The Audubon Society, Columbia Slough Water Shed Council and many other organizations were also part of this effort.

EMSWCD's Grants Program helped fund the planning and development of the park after acquisition, and Nadaka has received several grants from EMSWCD since then to support programming at the park - either directly or through other organization that undertake restoration work, educational activities or other conservation efforts at Nadaka.





Grant Butte Wetlands

When: 2014
EMSWCD Funding: \$1,000,000
Area: 33 acres
Partners: City of Gresham, Metro

The wetlands adjacent to Grant Butte, also known as the Gantenbein Dairy property, was sold to a housing developer and was under threat of development. The wetlands form part of the headwaters of Fairview Creek and contain important habit, including important nesting populations of western painted turtles.

Metro and the City of Gresham contributed to the funding of this project, who jointly hold title to the property. The funding came from the previous Metro open space bond, with Gresham contributing \$200,000 from their local share allocation, and Metro contributing the balance of the \$2,185,000 purchase price.





Colwood Natural Area

When: 2014
EMSWCD Funding: \$1,000,000
Area: 85 acres
Partners: City of Portland, Trust for Public Land

EMSWCD partnered with the City of Portland to purchase a portion of Colwood golf course property that spanned the Columbia Slough. The City contributed \$5 million to the transaction.

The area is zoned industrial and was being sold and made available for industrial development. The purchase secured a 37-acre natural area along and adjacent the Columbia Slough as well as the portion of the golf course south of the slough. The property is owned by Portland Parks and Recreation, who have undertaken restoration work on the natural area. What remains of the golf course is operated by private concession. The property is currently awaiting a master planning process by the City to determine the long-term use and development of the site, including for public access.





Grant Butte Uplands

When: 2017
EMSWCD Funding: \$175,000
Area: 15 acres
Partners: Metro

EMSWCD assisted Metro with the purchase of 15 acres of land previously owned by the Rockwood Water Public Utility District, consolidating the remainder of the upland portion of Grant Butte into public ownership as a natural area. Metro owns these parcels, and is leading the planning and development of the whole Grant Butte site.





Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA)

When: 2019
EMSWCD Funding: \$500,000
Acres: 10 acres
Partners: NAYA

EMSWCD granted funds to NAYA in 2019 to help secure ownership of NAYA's 10-acres campus in NE Portland. The property is of cultural significance, site of an historical fishing village. The contribution from EMSWCD has leveraged additional funding as part of NAYA's [Return to Neerchokikoo](#) campaign.

EMSWCD is participating on the Canemah Project which aims to restore natural habitat and provide educational and cultural opportunities on the NAYA property. The Canemah partners include NAYA, EMSWCD, the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, The Multnomah County Drainage District, Verde, the City of Portland's Parks and Recreation Department, and Bureau of Environmental Services. EMSWCD has contributed funds to the first planning phase of the Canemah Project, through the Urban Lands Program.

