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Metro Receives First Open Spaces Land Donation

The Metro Council has received a donation of a 2.1-acre parcel of land in Northeast Portland.

Donated by Edmund Hayes Jr. at the urging of The Trust for Public Land, the open space will be added to the inventory of natural area lands Metro has been acquiring throughout the region since the 1995 passage of the open spaces, parks and streams bond measure.

The donated land is located in an industrial area within the Columbia Slough System at Whitaker Ponds, a relatively undeveloped open space near Columbia Boulevard and Northeast 47th Avenue. The natural area contains two ponds, wetlands,

open meadows and riparian forests in various stages of restoration. With the donation, the entire western pond is now in public ownership.

"I applaud Mr. Hayes' donation to the greenspaces program," said Metro Councilor Ed Washington, whose district includes the land. "He is truly a person committed to this region, and I appreciate his passion."

Working cooperatively, Metro, the City of Portland and Multnomah County have acquired five additional parcels of land (11.7 acres) at Whitaker Ponds.

Along with the recently donated parcel, they will form a core component of the vision out-

lined in the Whitaker Ponds Concept Master Plan.

A portion of the donated parcel will be the site of a "bioswale," a passive storm water treatment facility, which will remove storm water pollutants currently entering the western pond. This project is a joint effort by the city of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services and Metro. The bioswale will be constructed in 1998.

"Whitaker Ponds is natural area haven in an urban area," said Washington.

"The public will surely benefit from Mr. Hayes' donation." Public access to the Whitaker Ponds natural area will be developed as funds become available.



The changing face of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. See story on page 1.
(Photo by M. Washington)

Mortgage Market Challenge

Three Individuals Get Opportunity To Win
\$250,000 Towards Dream Home

Mortgage Market, Inc. of Lake Oswego is giving three lucky winners a chance at a \$250,000 dream. The company that approves the dream of home-ownership everyday is sponsoring the contest through the Portland Trailblazer's Hoop Magazine.

Three lucky winners, chosen from entries at Mortgage Market branch office, Hoop Magazine and through their website www.DreamsApproved.com, will get the opportunity to make a shot during the Blazer's game versus the Dallas Mavericks on April 3. If all three contestants

make the shot a total of \$750,000 will be given away.

To register for the contest, submit an entry at your nearest Mortgage Market branch office or on-line at www.DreamsApproved.com. Entry forms are also available in the NBA Hoop Magazine at every Blazer home game.

"I've always had a goal of being able to give away a home during a Blazer halftime promotion," said Kenn Bartley, Executive Vice President of Mortgage Market. "On April 3rd I hope to see it happen."

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