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Committed to Cultural Diversity



Portland City Commissioner Mingus Mapps introduces a city maintenance project to support the houseless community, restoring the environment health of a bioswale near the Morrison Bridge in southeast Portland, part of a new program that builds community ties by offering paid skill-building opportunities to people who are unhoused.

Stewardship with Paid Work

Unhoused connected to green space maintenance

A new program for restoring street basin bioswales and other green spaces is offering paid skill-building opportunities to people who are unhoused.

The project got its start last week as part of

a two year commitment by Central Eastside businesses and introduced by Portland City Commissioner Mingus Mapps.

The work included tree plantings at the east end of the Morrison Bridge. But long

term, even more projects would get support under the mayor's proposed budget, which calls for \$5.7 million for citywide clean-up, graffiti removal, and a program to provide cleanup jobs for homeless people.

The efforts aim to create healthier green spaces to benefit the community and Willa-

mette River while offering paid stewardship and skill-building opportunities for people who are unhoused.

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Gary Hollands

Election Aims to Alter School Board

Two Black candidates in the running

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Two Black candidates are in a strong position to win election to the Portland School Board in a May 18 vote-by-mail election,

which if successful would add a third person of color to the seven member panel, a significant development for increasing the representation of minority families in Portland, and follows the election of a majority of people of color on the Portland City Council last year.

The contest for two open seats

on the Portland School Board brings Gary Hollands and Herman Greene, both esteemed leaders from the African American community, running in zones covering north and northeast Portland but elected at large. If successful, they would join Michelle DePass, the

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Herman Greene