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**GREENSPACES RESTORATION PROJECT  
FINAL REPORT**

**June 13, 2001**

**PROJECT NAME: EAST DELTA POND**

**FUNDING YEAR: 2000-2001**

**PARTNERS: METRO AND PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION**

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### 1. Project Description

This project was proposed and carried out by Portland Parks & Recreation's Urban Forestry Division with U.S. Fish & Wildlife funding distributed by Portland Metropolitan Parks and Greenspaces Program (METRO). It included removal of undesirable invasive plants, mostly blackberry, on approximately 400 linear feet of pond bank. Planting with native species was completed along this section with a width of about 50 feet. The pond is located on the west edge of East Delta Park adjacent to our Urban Forestry Division headquarters and the I-5 freeway.

The pond is fed by ground water, freeway runoff and drainage from East Delta Park. It acts as a flood water containment facility.

### 2. Goals and Benefits

This project offers an opportunity to restore an urban pond to a more natural condition. It is adjacent to a sports complex, so may increase public awareness of this type of project. Due to the location, the site can easily be used as an interpretive center by Portland Parks & Recreation. We are also restoring habitat for both resident and migratory birds and other animal species.

### 3. Work Tasks and Timelines

Sept.	2000	Site prep and blackberry removal
Oct.	2000	Same
Nov.	2000	Mulching of planted area
Dec.	2000	Erosion control installation
Jan.	2001	No activity
Feb.	2001	Volunteer invasive removal
Mar.	2001	No activity
Apr.	2001	Planting and volunteer invasive removal
May	2001	Planting & irrigation
June	2001	no activity

#### 4. Project Budget

METRO		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
Envirocorps Services	\$8400		
Erosion Control	\$1845		
Plant Material	\$2255		
 MATCH			
Plant Material	\$2968.50		
Mulch	\$1100		
Staff Labor			

#### 5. Workers and Volunteers

Urban Forestry staff and Northwest Service Academy ( Envirocorps ) worked together on this project. Portland Parks & Recreation Horticultural Services grew and supplied the plant material. Oregon State University's Pre Forestry Program involved middle school kids in invasive weed removal.

#### 6. What Worked and What Didn't

The area planted this year has an existing canopy of large trees. We planted mostly shrubs. It was the first portion of the project that we used erosion control on. This erosion control may make the control of blackberry regrowth difficult.

#### 7. Monitoring and Maintenance

The pond is located adjacent to our Urban Forestry Division headquarters so monitoring will be done regularly. The main focus of monitoring will be soil moisture and invasive weeds. The site will be maintained by PP&R staff, Community Service crews and volunteers.

#### 8. Next Steps

The next and last phase of the project will begin after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2001. We have developed some good relationships through this project. On the next phase we will be utilizing more volunteers. Friends of Trees will be assisting us as well as OSU Pre Forestry Program students.