



CITY OF MILWAUKIE
 COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 38-2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON,
 ACKNOWLEDGING AND ADOPTING THE 2018 ELK ROCK ISLAND WORK PLAN**

WHEREAS, on April 2017 the City of Milwaukie agreed to accept transfer of ownership of Elk Rock Island from the City of Portland; and

WHEREAS, central to the transfer was the expectation that Elk Rock Island would be maintained consistent with the 2015 Management Plan for Elk Rock Natural Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie agreed to provide Portland Parks and Recreation an annual report (Work Plan) detailing actions taken to the implement the 2016 Management Plan for Elk Rock Natural Area; and

WHEREAS, the Work Plan was submitted to Portland Parks and Recreation on March 1, 2018, for review and Portland Parks and Recreation concurred with the Work Plan with no additional comments.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that:

1. The Milwaukie City Council acknowledges and adopts the 2018 Elk Rock Island Work Plan that demonstrates Milwaukie’s commitment to operate and maintain the Elk Rock Island, in partnership with North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, as a regional natural area in perpetuity.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on 6/5/18.

This resolution is effective on 6/5/18.

Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
 Jordan Ramis PC

Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

City Attorney

2018 Living Work Plan for Elk Rock Island

The intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City of Portland to transfer ownership of Elk Rock Island from the City of Portland to the City of Milwaukie that was executed in April 2017 defines Portland and Milwaukie's obligations to legally transfer ownership. To summarize, Milwaukie agrees to The City of Milwaukie is required by the IGA to provide Portland Parks and Recreation with a written report detailing actions taken and expenditures made since July 1 of the prior year to implement the 2015 Management Plan for Elk Rock Natural Area and a work plan and proposed expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.

FY 2017/2018 Actions:

The actions related to Elk Rock Island during Fiscal Year 2018 can be broken down into two groups:

1. Administrative and related to the property transfer and annexation
 - a. **October 2017:** The City of Milwaukie filed the requisite annexation petition with the City planning staff
 - b. **December 2017:** City Council adopted Ordinance 2158, which annexed Elk Rock Island into the City.
2. Planning and Assessment actions related to developing an understanding of the Elk Rock Island Natural Area Management Plan and the Desired Future Conditions (DFC).
 - a. **January 2018:** Public Works Natural Resources Assessment Walk. Public Works Staff and Staff from the City Manager's Office conducted site assessment of Elk Rock Island to:
 - i. View and develop a better understanding of the size and scale of the project,
 - ii. Identifying boundaries and property issues and concerns,
 - iii. Understanding and reviewing what may be causing the damage to the habitats and
 - iv. Developing a deeper understanding of how the goals are interrelated.
 - b. **February 2018:** Management Plan Development. During February 2018, Public Works staff developed a Management Plan for FY 2018/2019 that considers the
 - i. Biological needs of the Elk Rock Island Natural Area.
 - ii. Management needs involving the short- and long-term care and maintenance of the Elk Rock Island to:
 1. develop adequate long-term planning to ensure the health and long-term sustainability of Elk Rock Island
 2. optimize the use of limited financial and personnel resources
 3. coordinate Elk Rock Island activities across City departments, the Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

- iii. Community needs are those that relate to how the public perceives and interacts with the Elk Rock Island and the local urban forest management program.

2018/2019 Proposed Work Plan

The City of Milwaukie recognizes that Elk Rock Island is unique due to the six different types of vegetated habitats that currently exist on the island. Those habitats are described as;

- Douglas fir
- Mudflat/Emergent Marsh
- Herbaceous bald and Bluff
- Riparian Forest and Shrubland
- Oregon White Oak woodlands
- Willamette Valley Prairies

The 2016 Management Plan for Elk Rock Natural Area outlines five (5) ecological and site management goals for Elk Rock Island to maintain these habitats. The goals were developed to help organize the tasks and actions necessary to achieve the desired future conditions. The Work Plan presented below is a starting point for capturing the biological, management and community needs of Elk Rock Island.

The Work Plan incorporates key intervention actions from the September 2016 Management Plan for Elk Rock Island. The City is appropriating \$30,000 to fund the actions outlined in the tasks below. The Work Plan below addresses the proposed efforts for FY 2019 beginning July 1, 2018.

1. Protect water quality:

Protect water quality to reduce negative impacts and protect ecological and human health. The City will focus efforts on the following tasks to meet goals related to protecting water quality:

- Provide portables at the adjacent Spring Park with signage on island directing patrons to toilets.
- Continue to prohibit fueling and pesticide application with 25 ft. of vernal pools.
- Outreach and Education related to dog leash and cleanup requirements through City Website, Newsletter and social media.
- Regular foot patrol to monitor conditions, remove trash, weeds, graffiti, rules enforcement (no fires, dogs-on-leash, etc.), poison oak abatement.

Timeframe: April 2018 and ongoing

Staffing Requirements: Public Works Natural Resources (NR) Staff, City Manager's Office and NCPRD

2. Establish robust and diverse native vegetation communities:

Establish robust and diverse native vegetation communities capable of buffering future human and climate change impacts. High-quality natural areas have been protected and designated throughout the Elk Rock Island for the preservation and management of native biodiversity. Many of areas function as critical habitat for native species, including some areas that are influenced by human activities. The City will focus efforts on the following tasks to meet goals related to establishing robust and diverse native vegetation communities.

- Ranked species weed suppression: NR staff – Goal 2, High Priority
 - Herbicide spraying EDRR weeds
- Conifer removal in oak/madrone habitat: NR staff – Goals 2, 3,
 - Create brush piles, snags (Goal 3)
 - Block social trails with brush piles

Timeframe: June 2018 and ongoing

Staffing Requirements: Public Works Natural Resources Staff and seasonal help

3. Create and maintain vertical and structural complexity:

Create and maintain vertical and structural complexity (in the form of snags, downed wood, and mosaics of habitat types) within the natural areas to provide habitat for target species and to protect ecosystem integrity. The City will focus efforts on the following tasks to meet goals related to creating and maintaining vertical and structural complexity.

- Conifer removal in oak/madrone habitat: NR staff – Goals 2, 3,
 - Create brush piles, snags (Goal 3)
 - Block social trails with brush piles

Timeframe: April 2018 and ongoing

Staff Requirements: Public Works Natural Resources Staff and seasonal help

4. Identify, establish and protect healthy habitat:

Identify, establish and protect healthy habitat for target wildlife species and identified wildlife corridors. Regular foot patrol to monitor conditions, remove trash, weeds, graffiti, rules enforcement (no fires, dogs-on-leash, etc.), poison oak abatement.

Timeframe: April 2018 and ongoing

Staff Requirements: Public Works Natural Resources Staff and seasonal help

5. Public Outreach and Community Engagement:

Increase community engagement, education, stewardship and awareness to further the goals of the management plan develop a Public Outreach program that offers information on the importance and benefits of Elk Rock Island. Area residents may lack a connection to or concern about the Elk Rock native natural habitats, which could limit support for management and restoration of the area. The City will focus efforts on the following issues to meet goals related public outreach and community engagement.

- Issues: Human/dog waste, Soils/Geology, Flora/Fauna
 - Strategies
 - Website – Information central, coordination with staff/volunteers
 - City events – Information provided at events
 - Island Station Neighborhood Association – contact lists for reporting issues on island
 - Pilot articles

Timeframe: April 2018 and ongoing

Staff Requirements: Public Works Natural Resources Staff, City Manager's Office and NCPRD

Budget Impacts: Arbor Day Tree Plant and Tree Donations (\$2000 per year)

- Regular foot patrol: NR staff – 3 days per week; later coordinate with neighbor foot patrol?
 - Monitor conditions, remove trash, weeds, graffiti, rules enforcement (no fires, dogs-on-leash, etc.), poison oak abatement

In addition to these tasks the City will work to develop an intergovernmental agreement with the North Clackamas County Parks and Recreation District to provide services related to the Plan.