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## PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**DATE:** January 9, 2008  
**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Bruce A. Warner, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Report Number 08-04  
Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED**

None — information only.

#### **SUMMARY**

Metro is now accepting grant applications for capital projects that re-green and re-nature neighborhoods.

### **BACKGROUND**

In November 2006 voters approved a \$227.4 million bond measure that protects natural areas throughout the region, safeguarding water quality, preserving fish and wildlife habitat, and maintaining the area's quality of life. To inspire innovative ways to enhance ecological functions and increase the presence of nature where people live and work, \$15 million of these bond funds were directed to a new capital grants program. The Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants program will fund projects that purchase land (or easements) for public ownership or fund capital improvements on publicly owned land.

Neighborhoods and community groups, nonprofit organizations, schools, cities, counties and public park providers are invited to apply for the grants.

Projects must either purchase land or make improvements to real property that result in a capital asset with a life of at least 20 years and with a total value of at least \$50,000. The applicant must also match grant funds with outside financing or in-kind services equivalent to twice the grant request.