

Metro Greenways **2008** Community Conservation Assistance Grants

Project Profile

Project Name: ***Land and Water Legacy Program (LWLP) Conservation Plan***

Geographic Context: ***Washington County***

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Grant Amount: **\$ 24,000**

Project Goal: *Develop a plan based on a scientific, natural resource based assessment that will facilitate 1) prioritizing land for protection, 2) identifying land for restoration, and 3) evaluating parcels applying for LWLP funds.*

Project Outcome: *The project is in process. This plan and the land use assessment model will create a county-wide green infrastructure map. Working with stakeholders, the county has identified the criteria that will be used in the natural resource assessment model.*

Project Overview:

Components of this project include:

1. A countywide natural resource assessment model prioritizing remaining natural area habitats for purposes of future LWLP decisions.
2. Map of prioritized geographic areas to use in targeting future land conservation efforts.
3. List of ongoing land protection activities in the county and the implementing entity.
4. An outreach program, including strategies for landowner contacts and procedures for evaluating outreach efforts and tracking successes.
5. An evaluation tool to assist in ranking proposals submitted to the LWLP for funding.
6. A list of habitat restoration opportunities to improve the quality of natural habitats on LWLP projects and other priority areas of the county.