

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Parks and Recreation Department Neacoxie Corridor Acquisition

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Holvey

On February 7th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Parks and Recreation Department to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of \$450,000 for acquisition of land along the Neacoxie Corridor.

This federal opportunity is for supporting land acquisition to protect habitat for federally endangered or threatened species. The Department has a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for conservation grants related to invertebrate species, such as the Oregon silverspot butterfly. The grant would be distributed to the North Coast Land Conservancy to acquire two acres along the Neacoxie Corridor in Clatsop County. This purchase would create a network of existing properties to protect habitat suitable for the endangered butterfly. A match requirement of 25% will be fulfilled by the Conservancy and its partners.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.