

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)  
**From:** Jeff Krueger, Lane Council of Governments  
**Date:** December 19, 2002  
**Subject:** Metropolitan Regional Parks and Open Space Study (Rivers to Ridges)

The *Metropolitan Regional Parks and Open Space Study (Rivers to Ridges)* was initiated on November 29, 2000, when the Eugene and Springfield city councils, the Lane County Board of Commissioners, and the Willamalane Park and Recreation Board met jointly and agreed by unanimous consensus to proceed with the study. On a regional basis, parks and open space planning has occurred primarily at a local level without the benefit of a broader regional perspective. There is currently no single vision for the metropolitan region as a whole.

Phase I of this two-phase project was completed in May 2002 and focused on analysis, implementation options, and vision development. Two public workshops were held under Phase I and MPC provided policy direction. Phase II of the study, which began in August 2002, is now nearing completion and has focused on citizen outreach, vision refinement, and development of implementation strategies. Attached you will find the draft *Rivers to Ridges Vision and Strategies Report*, which is the summation of this work.

Under the targeted public outreach in Phase II, approximately 25 groups have received presentations on the vision and were asked to provide feedback (see attached). This feedback, along with input from staff and elected and appointed officials, was used to refine the vision.

The results of this study will be presented to the Springfield and Eugene City Councils, the Willamalane Park and Recreation District Board, and the Lane County Board of Commissioners in early 2003 at which time they will be asked for resolutions of support.

**MPC ACTION REQUESTED:** Review and provide comments to staff regarding the study and endorse the vision as outlined in the *Rivers to Ridges Vision and Strategies* report.

**Attachments:**

- *Rivers to Ridges Vision and Strategies* report\*
- Rivers to Ridges comment form responses\*

\* *Hard copies of these attachments have been mailed to MPC members only. Attachments are available at the LCOG main desk and are posted on the LCOG web page ([www.lcog.org](http://www.lcog.org)) under meetings.*