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THE BASICS OF

METRO

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WHAT IS METRO?

Metro is the regional government for the Oregon portion of the Portland metropolitan area. It is the only directly elected regional government and metropolitan planning organization in the United States.

IT'S UNIQUE TO PORTLAND!

Metro works with communities, businesses and residents in the Portland Metropolitan area to create a vibrant and sustainable region for all. They are responsible for 17,000 acres of natural areas and park land, 23 cities and 3 counties.

THEY'RE ELECTED!

Metro Council consists of a president that is elected region wide, and six councilors who are elected by district every four years in nonpartisan races.

The Metro Auditor is elected region wide and is responsible for oversight of Metro's annual financial statements and for conducting performance audits.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

THEY OVERSEE & MANAGE:

- Garbage, recycling and composting
- Coordinating the growth of the cities in the region (land use)
- Regional parks
- Transportation planning
- Cemeteries
- Oregon Zoo
- Oregon Convention Center
- Portland Expo Center
- Portland's Center for the Arts

PUBLIC PROJECTS

- 2020 transportation measure
- Affordable homes for greater Portland
- Southwest corridor plan
- Nature in Neighborhoods education grant
- GLEAN
- Sponsorship to community-based organizations
- Small Business Open House

DID YOU KNOW?

Metro employs over 1,600 people including park rangers, economists, teachers, scientists, designers, planners, animal keepers, stagehands and cartographers.

DID YOU KNOW?

Metro plans to refer a measure funding homeless services to the ballot for this May. The Measure is proposing an income tax on wealthier metro-area residents.

FUN FACT!

Metro was created to reduce urban sprawl and to preserve and enhance quality of life and the environment!