

Fuels Reduction Project Update



Project Overview

- **Response To Growing Public Concern Of Wildfire**
- **Improve Community Resilience To Wildfire**

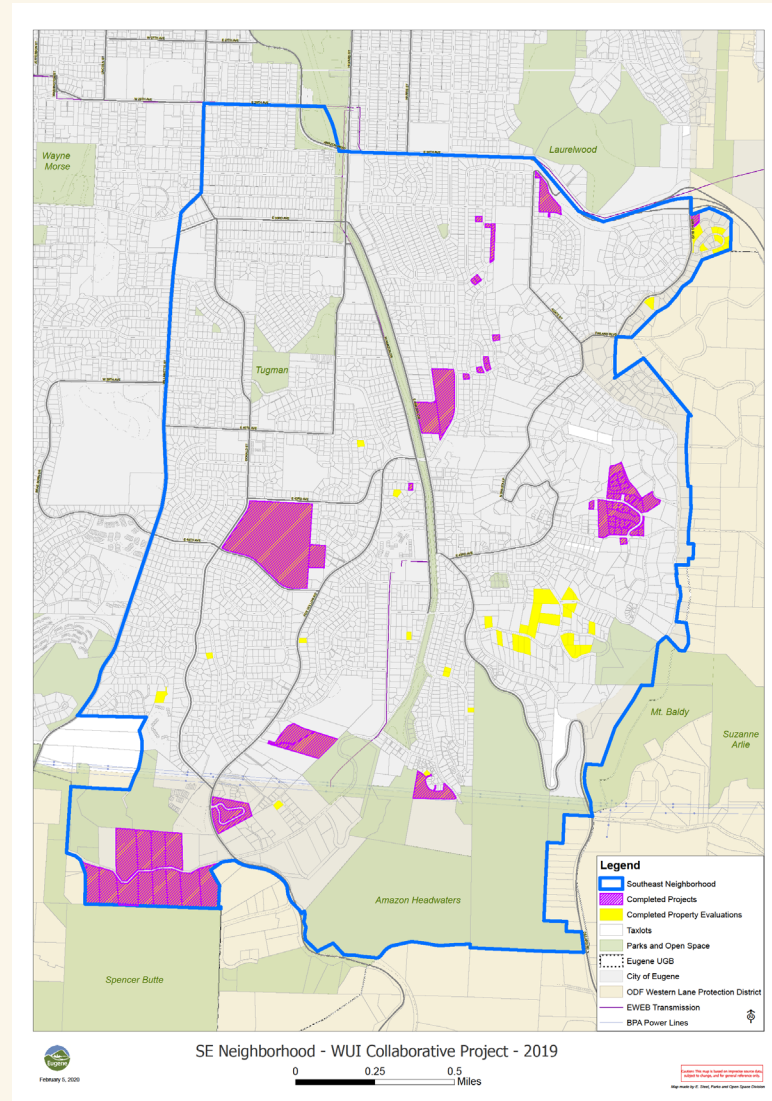
- **Community Engagement**
- **Education**
- **Fuels Reduction**
- **Workforce Development**



- **Organize Partners And Develop Collaborative**
- **Mindful Of Scale And Timeline**

Southeast Neighbors

- **Defined Neighborhood Association South of 30th/East of Willamette**
- **Existing Interest in Reducing Risk of Wildfire**
- **Leadership Group Eager to Partner**
- **Areas of Joint Protection with ODF**
- **Connections to Trails and Recreation Areas**



Key Results

- **Community Engagement**
- **Education and Empowerment**
- **Fuels Reduction on Public and Private Land**
- **Workforce Development of Young Adults**



Take Aways

- **Complex Problem - Requires Multiagency Wholistic Approach**
 - **Resource Protection – Natural & People**
 - **Recreation, Economic, Environmental & Health Impacts**
 - **Habitat Conservation & Ecological Restoration**
- **Project Challenges**
 - **Timeline**
 - **Balancing Resources**
 - **Coordinating People & Processes**



Oregon Department of Forestry

- **STATEWIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM**
 - Coordinating with partners around wildfire
 - Engage, Support and Educate
- **“EUGENE COLLABORATIVE”**



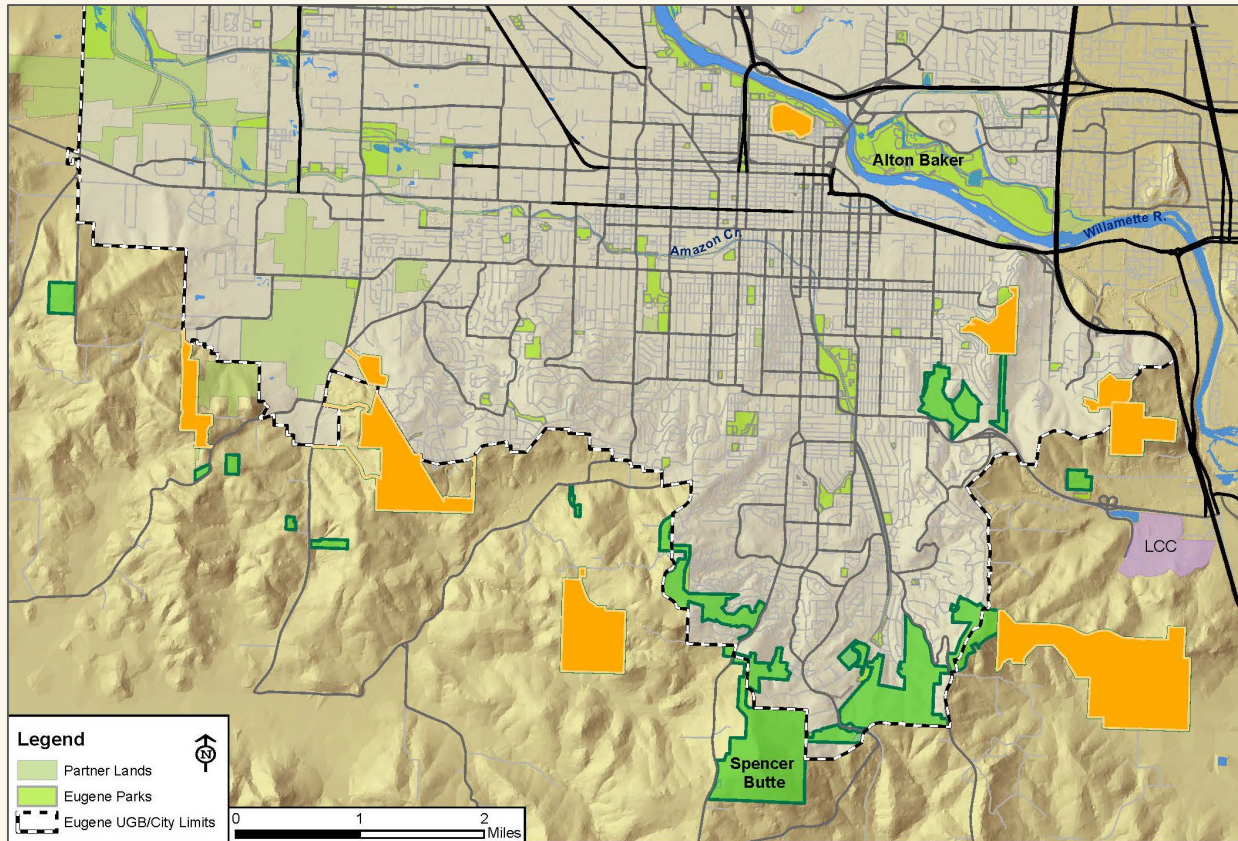
Eugene Parks and Open Space



- **Common Goals with WUI Collaborative**
- **Connections Across Departments and Organizations**
- **Brought Technical Expertise**
- **Helped Train Youth Crews**
- **Dedicated Equipment to the Project**

Eugene Parks and Open Space

- Landscape Level - BLM Community Wildfire Assistance
- Increased Resiliency - Wildfire and Climate Change



Northwest Youth Corps

- **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ALIGNED WITH EMERGING STEWARDSHIP JOBS**
- **LOCAL WORKFORCE WITH LOCAL IMPACT**
- **ONGOING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL PARTNERS**
- **ENGAGING MARGINALIZED YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**



Educational Outcomes

- **12 PARTICIPANTS AND FOUR LEADERS GAINED:**
 - USDA Chainsaw certifications, ODF fuels reduction framework and heavy-machine operations
 - Over 9,000 hours of experiential workforce development
 - Over 760 hours of formal stewardship, leadership and personal development
 - Prepared for wild fire and resource stewardship pipeline



Working Better Together

- **Communities**
 - Individual, HOA, Neighborhoods
- **Federal**
 - USFS, BLM
- **State**
 - ODF, EM
- **Local**
 - ESF, EM
- **Service Organizations**
 - Nature Conservancy
 - Watershed Councils



Questions?

