

**Please vote YES to ensure that the Portland Water Bureau can better use its infrastructure sites to increase community health, environmental health, and equitable access to nature in our neighborhoods.**

Measure 26-219 would allow the Portland Water Bureau to better use its properties located outside of the Bull Run Watershed for secondary uses that benefit the local community such as parks, community gardens, play areas, and natural resource restoration. Water Bureau properties that house water towers and pump stations often contain significant amounts of unused land and are located in residential areas. Historically these sites have been fenced and unavailable to the public, but measure 26-219 would amend the City Charter to formally allow the Water Bureau to invest rates to maintain and improve them for public use and ensure they are safe and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This common sense measure codifies a highly successful program and gives the Portland Water Bureau the ability to expand and improve it with public input and upon City Council approval. Picnic tables, community gardens, park benches, play equipment, nature-scaped areas, and other amenities will remain in place and accessible to communities instead of fenced-off, mostly empty lots. It will green our city, give our children a safe place to play, build community, and increase the accessibility to greenspaces in underserved neighborhoods.

Please vote **YES on 26-219** to ensure that the Portland Water Bureau can use and improve its infrastructure sites to increase community health, environmental health, and equitable access to nature in our neighborhoods!

**Join these leading conservation and grassroots community organizations in voting Yes on 26-219!**

Audubon Society of Portland  
Access Recreation  
Columbia Riverkeeper  
Depave  
East Portland Parks Coalition  
Friends of Hazelwood Hydropark  
Human Access Project  
Onward Oregon  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Portland Harbor Community Coalition  
Portland Parks Foundation  
Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter  
The Humane Society of the United States  
Urban Greenspaces Institute