

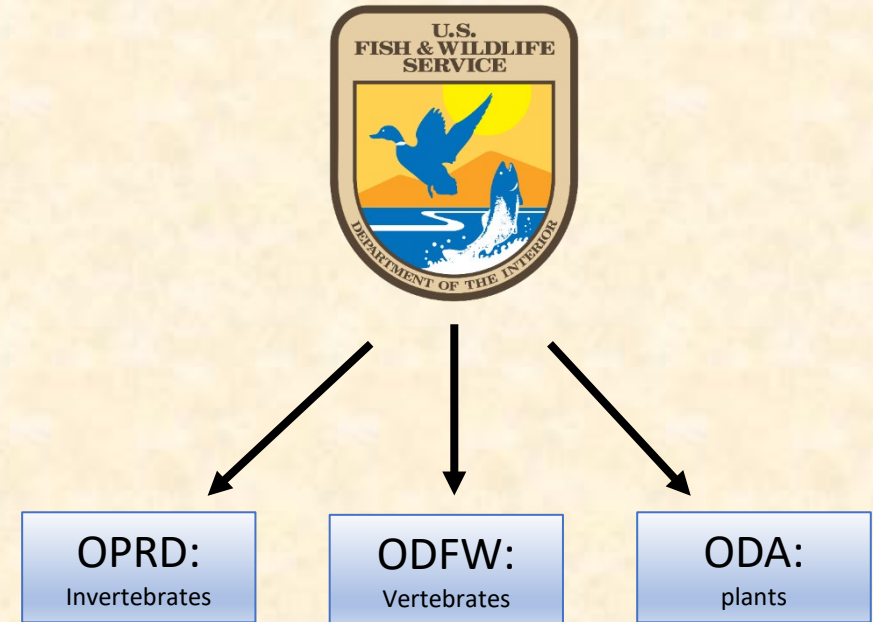
# USFWS Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Grant Application: Neacoxie Corridor



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# Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund ...AKA “Section 6 Grants”

- ❖ US Fish and Wildlife Service federal grant funds designated for endangered species work and property acquisitions
- ❖ CESCOF funds are reserved for state agencies having formal cooperative agreements with the USFWS for administration of the program. In Oregon:
  - Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has the state agreement for invertebrate species conservation
  - Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has the cooperative agreement for vertebrate wildlife
  - Oregon Department of Agriculture has the cooperative agreement for plants
- ❖ State agencies can “pass through” grant funds to 3<sup>rd</sup> party partners through subgrants.





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4 varieties of CESCOF/Section 6 grants:

- “Traditional”: project-based grants
- “Non-traditional” acquisitions and planning; split into 3 subcategories:
  - Recovery land acquisitions
  - Habitat Conservation Planning (HCP) assistance
  - Habitat Conservation Plan land acquisitions



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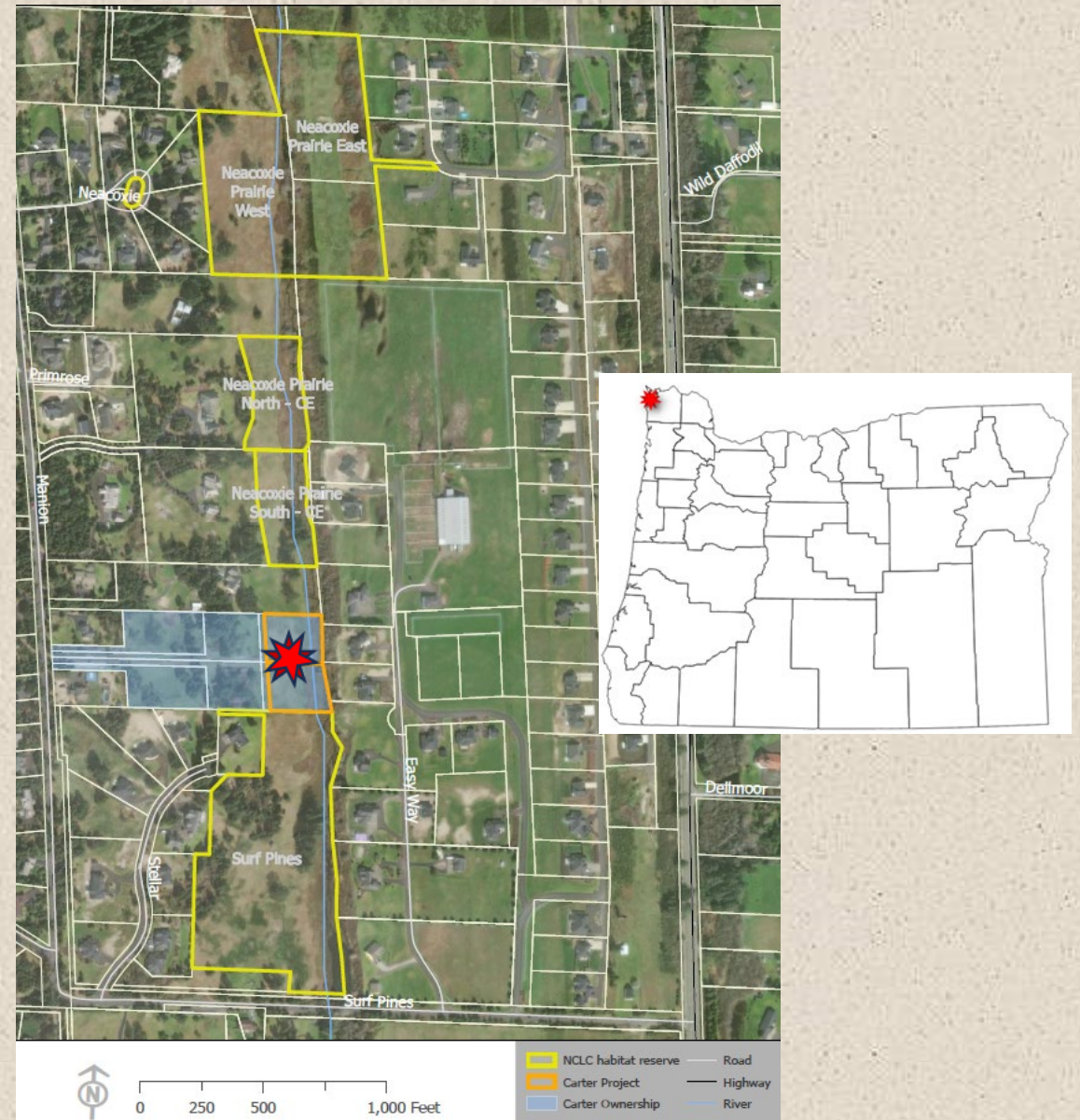
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- Every year the three Oregon agencies with cooperative agreements apply for “traditional” project-based funds.
- There are opportunities for “non-traditional” funds every year as well, but most years no applications are submitted, and grant funds are under-allocated nationwide.
- In the 12 years that Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has been under cooperative agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, only 3 other non-traditional applications have been submitted by the agency. All have been pass-throughs.
- USFWS normally advises prospective applicants they are coordinating with to reach out to OPRD to apply for “non-traditional” pass-through funding since USFWS can’t directly award funding to non-cooperating state agencies.



# 2024 Grant Application: Neacoxie land purchase

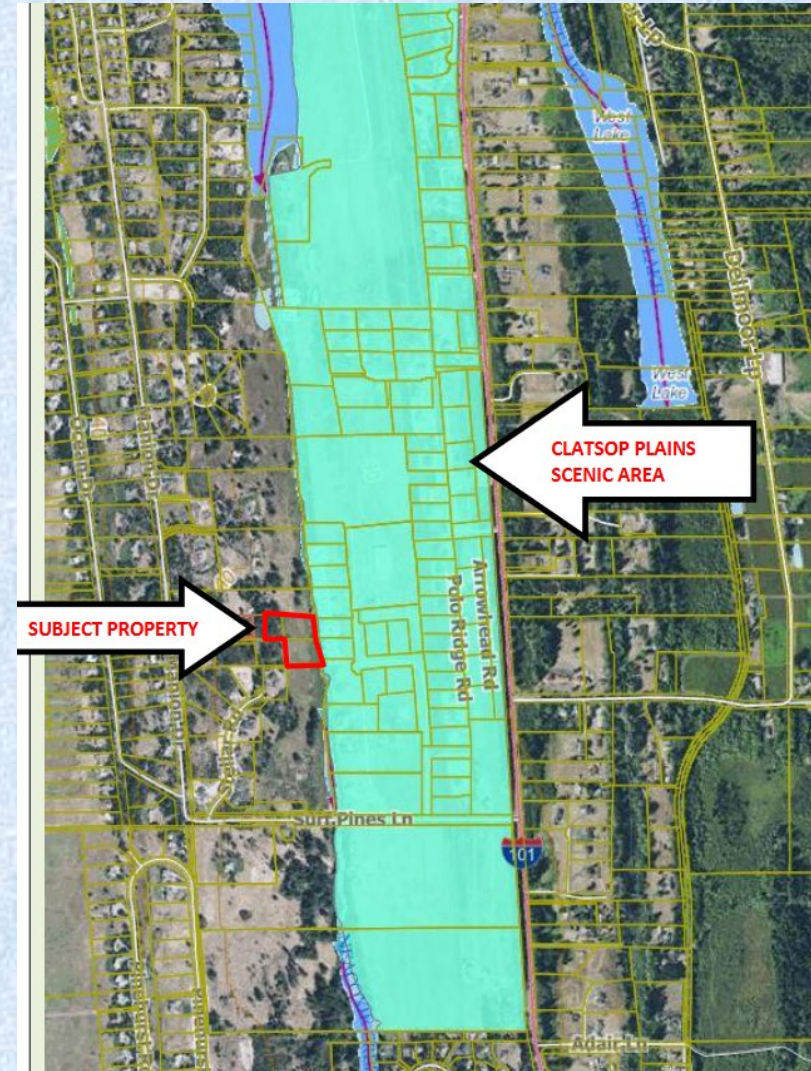
- 2 acres of undeveloped land
- Strategically located between other existing North Coast Land Conservancy parcels currently being managed for silverspot habitat
- Provides habitat connectivity and much needed acreage
- Potentially subdividable land provides the opportunity for acquisition of bare land without houses, structures, etc.
- The acquisition would be adjacent to a scenic area zoning overlay and a wetland overlay.
- There is no official appraisal available yet, but comparable properties for sale in the area suggest a potential future value of up to \$450K by the time grant real estate transaction process could be completed.
- NCLC has been actively communicating with the current landowners regarding the potential purchase.





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- The establishment of the Neacoxie Corridor for Oregon Silverspot Butterfly has been under discussion since the 1990s
- Negotiating management agreements and or purchasing conservation easements on other key properties are under consideration for increasing the habitat value of the Neacoxie Corridor complex.
- NCLC has not noted any controversy around this potential acquisition for Oregon Silverspot Butterfly





# Photos





























**Questions?**

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