Vegetation Unit Summaries for West Portland Park Natural Area (WP)

Report date: 7/29/2009 '*' = non-native invasive species

Visit data as of: 7/29/2009

Unit WP*001

Size: 2.80 Acres

NVCS Class: Woodland

NVCS Subclass: Mixed evergreen-deciduous woodland

NVCS Group: Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold-deciduous woodland

NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.002 North Pacific Maritime Wet-Mesic Douglas-fir-

Western Hemlock Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Middle 3rd **Slope:** Gentle (10 to 20%)

Aspect: Southeast

Notes:

Visit date: 6/18/2003

Ecological Health: Poor. **% Tree canopy:** 60%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

Informal trails in east end of unit associated with residence.

Management Note:

Eco Note:

Invasives very heavy on west end.

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing

Water.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives, Informal Trails.

Visit Species:

	COVER CLASS	DOMINANT	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Acer macrophyllum (bigleaf maple)	20% to 50%	Y	10-20"	Y	
Hedera helix (English ivy)	20% to 50%	Y			
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)	20% to 50%	Y			
Rubus discolor (Himalayan blackberry)	20% to 50%	Y			
Acer circinatum (vine maple)	10% to 20%	Y			
Thuja plicata (western red cedar)	10% to 20%		10-20"	Y	
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	1% to 10%		20-30"		
Clematis vitalba (clematis)	1% to 10%				
Corylus avellana (common filbert)	1% to 10%				
Corylus cornuta (western beaked hazelnut)	1% to 10%				
Ilex aquafolium (English holly)	1% to 10%				
Oemleria cerasiformis (Indian-plum)	1% to 10%				
Symphoricarpos albus (snowberry)	1% to 10%				
Prunus laurocerasus (English laurel)	trace				

Unit WP*002

Size: 1.76 Acres

NVCS Class: Forest

NVCS Subclass: Mixed evergreen-deciduous forest

NVCS Group: Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold-deciduous forest

NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.844 Oregonian-Vancouverian Maritime Western Hemlock

Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Middle 3rd

Slope: Gentle (5 to 10%)

Aspect: East Notes:

Visit date: 6/17/2003

Ecological Health: Good. **% Tree canopy:** 75%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

Management Note:

ILAQ patches could be easily removed before getting out of hand.

Eco Note:

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing

Water.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives.

Visit Species:

	COVER CLASS	DOMINANT	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	20% to 50%	Y	20-30"		
Acer macrophyllum (bigleaf maple)	20% to 50%	Y	10-20"	Y	
Acer circinatum (vine maple)	20% to 50%	Y			
Vancouveria hexandra (white inside-out-flower)	10% to 20%	Y			
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)	10% to 20%				
Berberis nervosa (Oregon grape)	1% to 10%				
Ilex aquafolium (English holly)	1% to 10%				
Oemleria cerasiformis (Indian-plum)	1% to 10%				
Rubus parviflorus (thimbleberry)	1% to 10%				
Rubus ursinus (trailing blackberry)	1% to 10%				
Corylus avellana (common filbert)	trace				
Corylus cornuta (western beaked hazelnut)	trace				
Lonicera ciliosa (western orange honeysuckle)	trace				

Unit WP*003

Size: 1.45 Acres
NVCS Class: Forest

NVCS Subclass: Deciduous forest NVCS Group: Cold-deciduous forest NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.846 North Pacific Broadleaf Mesic Seral Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Middle 3rd

Slope: Steep (20 to 30%)

Aspect: Southeast

Notes:

Visit date: 6/17/2003

Ecological Health: Poor.

% Tree canopy: 70%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

Management Note:

Remove knotweed from NE edge of unit - associated with nearby residence.

Eco Note:

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing

Primary Management concerns: Invasives, Domestic Animals, Informal Trails. **Visit Species:**

COVER CLASS	DOMINANI.	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
20% to 50%	Y	10-20"	Y	
20% to 50%	Y			
20% to 50%	Y			
10% to 20%		5-10"	Y	
10% to 20%				
1% to 10%				
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Unit WP*004

Size: 3.66 Acres **NVCS Class:** Forest

NVCS Subclass: Mixed evergreen-deciduous forest

NVCS Group: Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold-deciduous forest

NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.002 North Pacific Maritime Wet-Mesic Douglas-fir-

Western Hemlock Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Middle 3rd

Slope: Steep (20 to 30%)

Aspect: Southeast

Notes:

Visit date: 6/16/2003

Ecological Health: Fair. % Tree canopy: 75%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

Management Note:

ILAQ and PRLA need to be eradicated now while it would be fairly easy before they become unmanageable.

Eco Note:

Good diversity in all layers with few invasives.

Wetland indicators: Streams, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing Water.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives, Litter, Utility Infrastructure, Informal Trails.

Visit Species:

COVER CLASS DOMINANT DBH REGENERATING PLANTED 10-20" 20% to 50% Y

Acer circinatum (vine maple)	20% to 50%	Y			
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)	20% to 50%	Y			
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	10% to 20%	Y	20-30"		
Alnus rubra (red alder)	10% to 20%		10-20"	Y	
Berberis nervosa (Oregon grape)	10% to 20%				
Rubus discolor (Himalayan blackberry)	10% to 20%				
Vancouveria hexandra (white inside-out-flower)	10% to 20%				
Geum macrophyllum (largeleaf avens)	1% to 10%				
Hedera helix (English ivy)	1% to 10%				
Ilex aquafolium (English holly)	1% to 10%				
Rubus parviflorus (thimbleberry)	1% to 10%				
Sambucus racemosa (red elderberry)	1% to 10%				
Symphoricarpos albus (snowberry)	1% to 10%				
Thuja plicata (western red cedar)	trace		0-5"		Y
Crataegus monogyna (European hawthorn)	trace				
Prunus laurocerasus (English laurel)	trace				

Unit WP*005

Size: 1.25 Acres

NVCS Class: Woodland

NVCS Subclass: Mixed evergreen-deciduous woodland

NVCS Group: Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold-deciduous woodland

NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.869 North Pacific Lowland Riparian Forest and Shrubland

Landform: Side-hill, Middle 3rd

Slope: Gentle (10 to 20%)

Aspect: East Notes:

Visit date: 6/16/2003

Ecological Health: Poor. **% Tree canopy:** 50%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

Management Note:

Restoration plantings should be checked and vegetation cleared around them.

Eco Note:

RUDI2 is heavy in spots throughout unit. Removal could be easily accomplished.

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing Water.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives, Litter, Utility Infrastructure, Informal Trails.

Visit Species:

	COVER CLASS	DOMINANT	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Rubus discolor (Himalayan blackberry)	50% to 75%	Y			
Alnus rubra (red alder)	20% to 50%	Y	20-30"	Y	
Acer circinatum (vine maple)	20% to 50%	Y			
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	10% to 20%	Y	20-30"		
Geum macrophyllum (largeleaf avens)	1% to 10%				
Hydrophyllum tenuipes (Pacific waterleaf)	1% to 10%				
Rubus parviflorus (thimbleberry)	1% to 10%				
Rubus spectabilis (salmonberry)	1% to 10%				
Urtica dioica (stinging nettle)	1% to 10%				
Athyrium filix-femina (ladyfern)	trace				
Cornus sericea ssp. sericea (red-osier dogwood)	trace				
Crataegus monogyna (European hawthorn)	trace				
Hedera helix (English ivy)	trace				

Unit WP*006

Size: 1.75 Acres

NVCS Class: Forest

NVCS Subclass: Mixed evergreen-deciduous forest

NVCS Group: Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold-deciduous forest

NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.002 North Pacific Maritime Wet-Mesic Douglas-fir-

Western Hemlock Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Upper 3rd **Slope:** Steep (20 to 30%)

Aspect: Northeast

Notes:

Visit date: 6/18/2003

Ecological Health: Poor. **% Tree canopy:** 65%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

Two young bucks with branched antlers spotted within unit, near southern end.

Management Note:

Eco Note:

RUDI2, PRLA, HEHE all present in plot. Disturbed area dominated by RUDI2.

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing

Water.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives, Homeless Camp, Informal Trails.

Visit Species:

	COVER CLASS	DOMINANT	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Acer macrophyllum (bigleaf maple)	20% to 50%	Y	10-20"		
Acer circinatum (vine maple)	20% to 50%	Y			
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)	20% to 50%	Y			
Thuja plicata (western red cedar)	10% to 20%		20-30"	Y	
Hedera helix (English ivy)	10% to 20%				
Rubus discolor (Himalayan blackberry)	10% to 20%				
Hydrophyllum tenuipes (Pacific waterleaf)	1% to 10%				
Oemleria cerasiformis (Indian-plum)	1% to 10%				
Rubus spectabilis (salmonberry)	1% to 10%				
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	trace		>30"		
Tsuga heterophylla (western hemlock)	trace		10-20"		
Sorbus aucuparia (European mountain ash)	trace		0-5"		
Ilex aquafolium (English holly)	trace				
Prunus laurocerasus (English laurel)	trace				

Unit WP*007

Size: 2.40 Acres

NVCS Class: Woodland

NVCS Subclass: Mixed evergreen-deciduous woodland

NVCS Group: Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold-deciduous woodland

NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.844 Oregonian-Vancouverian Maritime Western Hemlock

Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Lower 3rd

Slope: Gentle (5 to 10%)

Aspect: East

Notes:

Visit date: 6/18/2003

Ecological Health: Fair. **% Tree canopy:** 45%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

Management Note:

Eco Note:

Southern side of creek has severe RUDI2 patches consisting of only RUDI2 and RUUR.

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing Water.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives, Domestic Animals.

Visit Species:

	COVER CLASS	DOMINANT.	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Rubus discolor (Himalayan blackberry)	50% to 75%	Y			
Acer macrophyllum (bigleaf maple)	10% to 20%	Y	10-20"		
Rubus ursinus (trailing blackberry)	10% to 20%				
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	1% to 10%	Y	20-30"		
Alnus rubra (red alder)	1% to 10%		5-10"		
Acer circinatum (vine maple)	1% to 10%				
Berberis nervosa (Oregon grape)	1% to 10%				
Corylus avellana (common filbert)	1% to 10%				
Corylus cornuta (western beaked hazelnut)	1% to 10%				
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)	1% to 10%				
Rubus spectabilis (salmonberry)	1% to 10%				
Ilex aquafolium (English holly)	trace				
Monotropa uniflora (indianpipe)	trace				
Rosa gymnocarpa (dwarf wood rose)	trace				
Vancouveria hexandra (white inside-out-flower)	trace				

Unit WP*008

Size: 0.95 Acres NVCS Class: Forest

NVCS Subclass: Mixed evergreen-deciduous forest

NVCS Group: Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold-deciduous forest

NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.002 North Pacific Maritime Wet-Mesic Douglas-fir-

Western Hemlock Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Middle 3rd

Slope: Steep (20 to 30%)

Aspect: North

Notes:

Visit date: 6/17/2003

Ecological Health: Good. **% Tree canopy:** 80%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

Management Note:

Invasives spotty, could be removed easily with minimal effort

Eco Note:

Unit is in good shape. Diversity in structural layers, good downed wood. Another survey going on within unit (bird survey?)

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing Water.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives.

Visit Species:

	COVER CLASS	DOMINAN'I.	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)	50% to 75%	Y			
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	20% to 50%	Y	20-30"		
Acer macrophyllum (bigleaf maple)	20% to 50%	Y	10-20"	Y	
Acer circinatum (vine maple)	20% to 50%	Y			
Hydrophyllum tenuipes (Pacific waterleaf)	10% to 20%	Y			
Berberis nervosa (Oregon grape)	10% to 20%				
Ilex aquafolium (English holly)	1% to 10%				
Rubus ursinus (trailing blackberry)	1% to 10%				
Sambucus racemosa (red elderberry)	1% to 10%				
Vancouveria hexandra (white inside-out-flower)	1% to 10%				
Thuja plicata (western red cedar)	trace		0-5"	Y	

Unit WP*009

Size: 1.24 Acres

NVCS Class: Woodland

NVCS Subclass: Deciduous woodland NVCS Group: Cold-deciduous woodland NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.846 North Pacific Broadleaf Mesic Seral Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Upper 3rd

Slope: Steep (20 to 30%)

Aspect: North

Notes:

Visit date: 6/17/2003

Ecological Health: Poor. **% Tree canopy:** 50%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

Management Note:

Serious RUDI and RUUR patches that need to be removed along with the PRLA near the east end of the unit.

Eco Note:

Much downed wood throughout the unit

Wetland indicators: Streams, Hydrophilic Vegetation, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing

Water.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives.

Visit Species:

	COVER CLASS	DOMINANT	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Acer circinatum (vine maple)	50% to 75%	Y			
Alnus rubra (red alder)	20% to 50%	Y	10-20"	Y	
Rubus discolor (Himalayan blackberry)	20% to 50%	Y			
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	10% to 20%		10-20"		
Hydrophyllum tenuipes (Pacific waterleaf)	10% to 20%				
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)	10% to 20%				
Sambucus racemosa (red elderberry)	10% to 20%				
Athyrium filix-femina (ladyfern)	1% to 10%				
Hedera helix (English ivy)	1% to 10%				
Rubus parviflorus (thimbleberry)	1% to 10%				
Rubus ursinus (trailing blackberry)	1% to 10%				
Prunus laurocerasus (English laurel)	trace				

Unit WP*010

Size: 0.68 Acres

NVCS Class: Woodland

NVCS Subclass: Mixed evergreen-deciduous woodland

NVCS Group: Mixed needle-leaved evergreen - cold-deciduous woodland

NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.845 North Pacific Dry Douglas-fir Forest and Woodland

Landform: Side-hill, Upper 3rd **Slope:** Steep (20 to 30%)

Aspect: North

Notes:

Visit date: 6/17/2003

Ecological Health: Fair. **% Tree canopy:** 60%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

invasive species within the unit are few but the unit is surrounded by invasives

Management Note:

Eco Note:

Wetland indicators: Hydrophilic Vegetation. Primary Management concerns: Invasives.

Visit Species:

•	COVER CLASS	DOMINANT	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	50% to 75%	Y	20-30"		
Acer circinatum (vine maple)	50% to 75%	Y			
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)	20% to 50%	Y			
Acer macrophyllum (bigleaf maple)	1% to 10%		10-20"		
Berberis nervosa (Oregon grape)	1% to 10%				
Corylus cornuta (western beaked hazelnut)	1% to 10%				
Geranium robertianum (herb-Robert)	1% to 10%				
Hydrophyllum tenuipes (Pacific waterleaf)	1% to 10%				
Ilex aquafolium (English holly)	1% to 10%				
Rubus discolor (Himalayan blackberry)	1% to 10%				

Unit WP*011

Size: 0.79 Acres NVCS Class: Forest

NVCS Subclass: Evergreen forest

NVCS Group: Temperate needle-leaved evergreen forest

NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.002 North Pacific Maritime Wet-Mesic Douglas-fir-

Western Hemlock Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Middle 3rd

Slope: Gentle (10 to 20%)

Aspect: Northeast

Notes:

Visit date: 6/16/2003

Ecological Health: Good. **% Tree canopy:** 65%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

Management Note:

May want to use preventative measures and remove any patches of RUDI2.

Wetland indicators: Streams, Saturated Soils, Standing Flowing Water.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives, Domestic Animals.

Visit Species:

	COVER CLASS	DOMINANT	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)	50% to 75%	Y	20-30"		
Acer circinatum (vine maple)	50% to 75%	Y			
Polystichum munitum (sword fern)	10% to 20%				
Acer macrophyllum (bigleaf maple)	1% to 10%		0-5"	Y	
Berberis nervosa (Oregon grape)	1% to 10%				
Geum macrophyllum (largeleaf avens)	1% to 10%				
Hydrophyllum tenuipes (Pacific waterleaf)	1% to 10%				
Rubus laciniatus (evergreen blackberry)	1% to 10%				
Rubus spectabilis (salmonberry)	1% to 10%				
Sambucus racemosa (red elderberry)	1% to 10%				
Galium aparine (cleavers)	trace				

Unit WP*012

Size: 3.25 Acres NVCS Class: Forest

NVCS Subclass: Deciduous forest NVCS Group: Cold-deciduous forest NVCS SubGroup: Natural / Semi-natural

NVCS Ecological System: CES204.846 North Pacific Broadleaf Mesic Seral Forest

Landform: Side-hill, Upper 3rd

Slope: Gentle (5 to 10%)

Aspect: North

Notes:

Visit date: 6/18/2003

Ecological Health: Poor. **% Tree canopy:** 65%

% Non-Native Cover: not recorded

General Note:

Management Note:

Eco Note:

RUDI2 heavy in unit . Also PRLA invasion from residential area on southwest corner of WP012

Wetland indicators: Hydrophilic Vegetation.

Primary Management concerns: Invasives, Domestic Animals.

Visit Species:

		COVER CLASS	DOMINANT	DBH	REGENERATING	PLANTED
Rubus discolor (Himalayan blac	kberry)	50% to 75%	Y			
Acer macrophyllum (bigleaf map	le)	20% to 50%	Y	10-20"		
Acer circinatum (vine maple)		20% to 50%	Y			
Berberis nervosa (Oregon grape	:)	10% to 20%				
Polystichum munitum (sword fer	n)	10% to 20%				
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas	fir)	1% to 10%		20-30"		
Hydrophyllum tenuipes (Pacific	waterleaf)	1% to 10%				
Oemleria cerasiformis (Indian-	plum)	1% to 10%				
Rubus ursinus (trailing blackb	erry)	1% to 10%				
Prunus laurocerasus (English l	aurel)	trace				