Notable Initiatives

ONGOING
Community Partnerships
We provide up to 10 small-but-mighty grants ($2k) yearly to leverage parks-related organizations and host Spring and Fall “Friends & Allies Summits” featuring workshops, networking, and the US Bank-sponsored “Parks Champion Awards.”

Green Dreams Speaker Series
Conversations with thought leaders to share insights, provocations, and ideas about the past, present, and future of Portland’s parks and public spaces.

RECENT
Portlanders for Parks
PPF helped shape and led the successful November levy campaign to provide $48 million/year in operating monies for Portland Parks & Recreation to enhance parks maintenance, conserve trees, watersheds, and habitat, and remove fees as barrier to rec programs for families and seniors.

Barbara Walker Crossing
PPF developed and privately raised 60% of the $4m budget for this elegant, artist-designed bridge that provides safe passage for 100s of walkers and runners daily on the Wildwood Trail.

PAST
Thomas Cully Park
Helped transform a former landfill into a 25-acre park for that includes a Native Gathering Garden, diverse play areas, community garden plots, walking paths, and sports fields.

Dawson Park Interactive Fountain
The fountain was installed during a 2013 restoration project that preserved many amenities important to the neighborhood’s historic African American community.

Bill Naito Legacy Fountain at Waterfront Park
Located near the Burnside Bridge, the fountain honors Portland’s immigrants with a poem etched into its steps.

Holly Farm Park
Our first land acquisition, in partnership with Trust for Public Land, put a park in a neighborhood that previously had none.