

The logo features a white central area with the text "Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program" in a green, sans-serif font. This central area is framed by abstract, overlapping green shapes in various shades, including light lime green, medium green, and dark forest green, which create a sense of depth and movement. The overall design is clean and modern, with a focus on the color palette of green and white.

# Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program

# OAHP Work Group Background

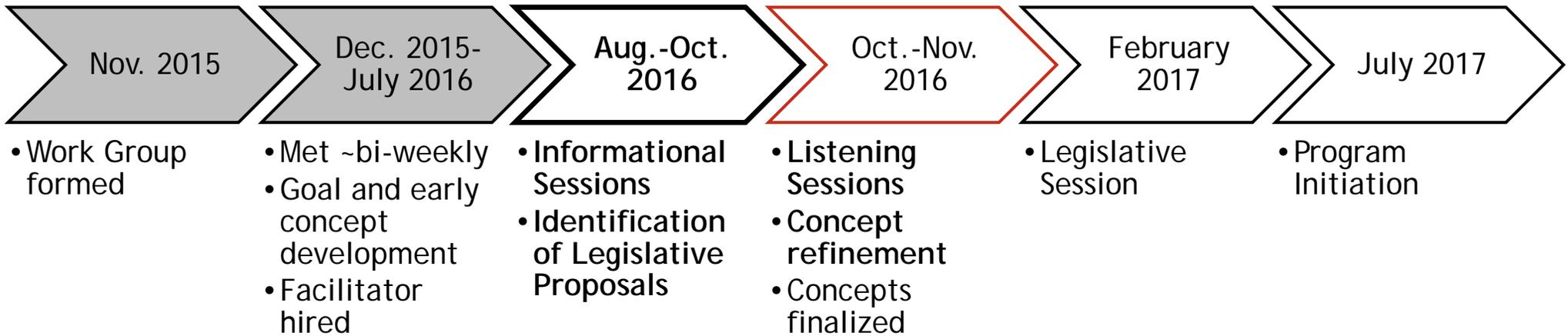
Unique coalition formed by a common desire to support agriculture and natural resource values in Oregon

- ▶ Agriculture and conservation organizations
- ▶ Bi-weekly meetings since November 2015
- ▶ Facilitator in April 2016

# Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Work Group Members

Agency / Representing	Primary Contact
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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board	Meta Loftsgaarden
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The Nature Conservancy	Amanda Rich
Farmer	Doug Krahmer
Rancher	John O'Keefe

# Timeline



# Work Group Focus

**Focus: Develop voluntary tools to keep lands in farming and ranching to support:**

- ▶ Oregon's economy;
- ▶ healthy rural communities; and
- ▶ healthy fish and wildlife and other natural resources.

# Why Focus on Working Lands?

- ▶ State's second-largest economic driver - \$5.4 billion
- ▶ Agricultural lands support valuable fish and wildlife habitat and enhance other natural resources
- ▶ Cornerstone of state's rural communities
- ▶ State's land use laws are not enough to protect farms and ranches from fragmentation

# Goals

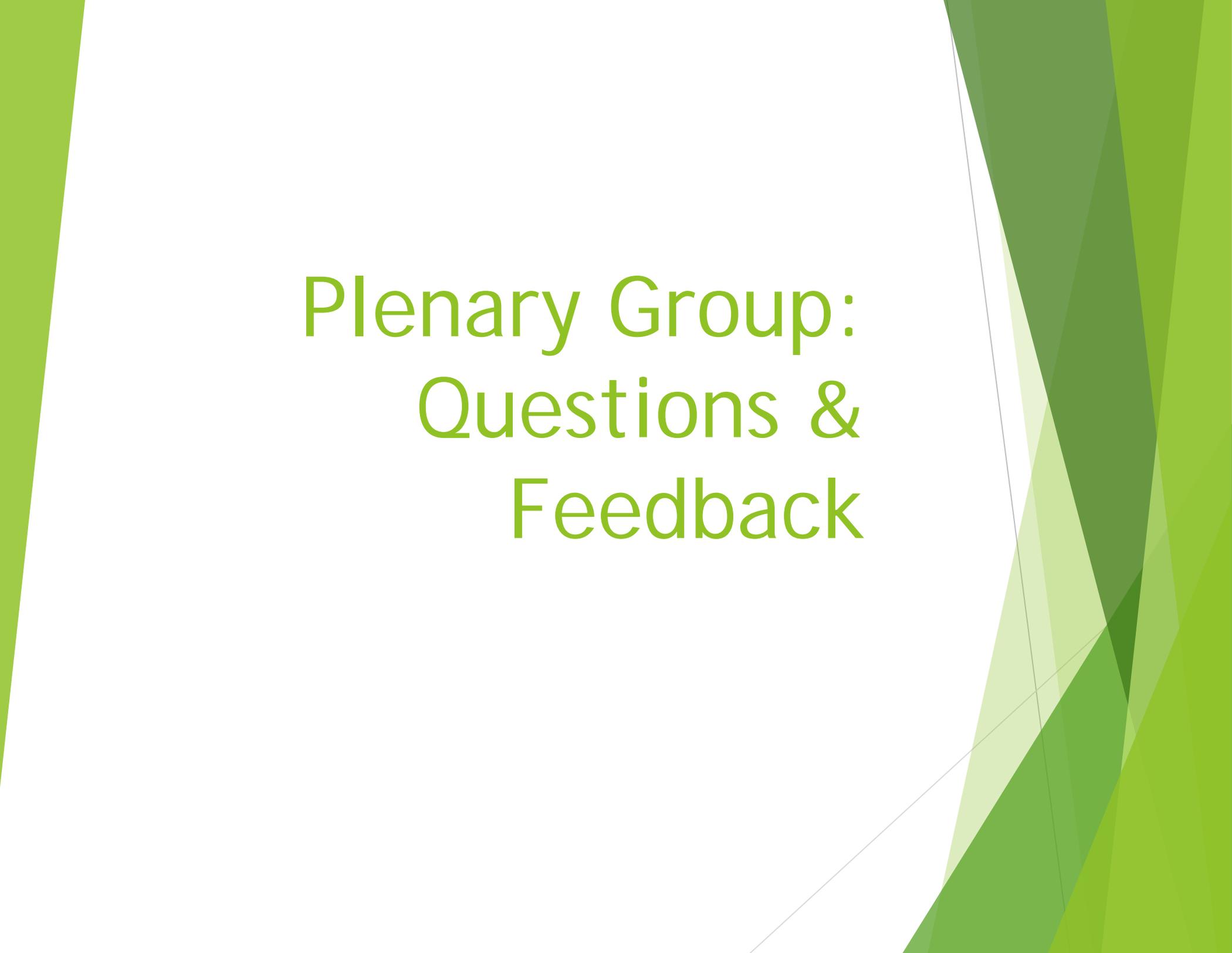
- ▶ Incentives to keep farms and ranches in production.
- ▶ Incentives to support fish, wildlife or other natural resource values.
- ▶ Flexible approaches that are tailored to individual landowners.
- ▶ Balance landowner and conservation needs.
- ▶ Leverage federal money, mostly untapped in Oregon.

## Overview of Legislative Draft (see handout for details)

1. Establishes Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund for a variety of grant programs
2. Establishes Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission to oversee investments

# Legislative Draft (see handout for details)

3. Provides funding to:
  - ▶ Assist landowners with succession planning
  - ▶ Support permanent working land conservation easements and termed conservation covenants
  - ▶ Support development and implementation of conservation management plans
  - ▶ Support the technical ability for those holding easements and agreements
4. Establishes ranking criteria for identified grant programs
5. Study tax-related and other financial barriers to farm and ranch land transfer

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# Plenary Group: Questions & Feedback

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# Breakout Group Sessions

# Report Back from Breakout Groups

# Next Steps and Summary

1. Continued Conversations
2. Fall Listening Sessions across Oregon
3. Refinement of Legislative Concepts

# Additional Feedback

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