

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 07-3765A
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE)
BROWNFIELDS TASK FORCE, AND) Introduced by Michael Jordan, Chief
CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF ITS) Operating Office in concurrence with Council
MEMBERS) President Bragdon

WHEREAS, establishing a Brownfields Program that complements ongoing efforts by cities and counties in the region will enhance the efficient use of land, eliminate environmentally contaminated sites and generate additional tax revenues for local governments; and

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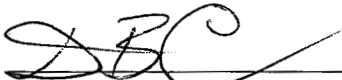
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2. Hereby appoints the persons listed in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this resolution, to be members of the Brownfields Task Force.
3. Directs the Brownfields Task Force to meet quarterly, with administrative and technical support from Metro staff, and to submit recommendations to the Council on a periodic basis as they are approved by the Task Force.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 25th day of January, 2007


David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

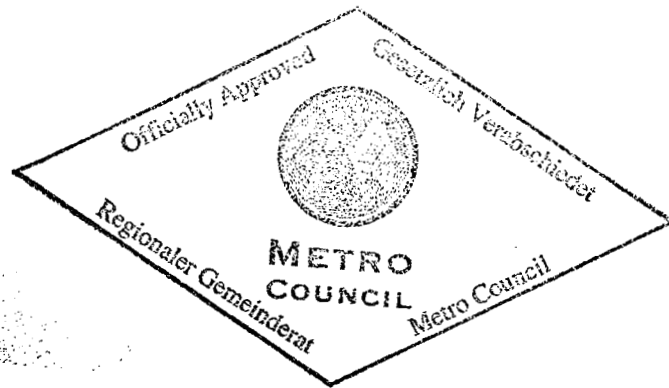


EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION NO. 07-3765A

Members of the Brownfields Task Force

1. Ms. Michele Reeves, Task Force Chair
Real Estate Broker, Windermere Commercial
2. The Honorable Catherine Arnold
Councilor, City of Beaverton
3. The Honorable Hal Busch
Councilor, City of Gladstone
4. Mr. Craig Kelley
Project Manager, Housing Development Center
5. Mr. John Haines
Executive Director, MercyCorps Northwest
6. Mr. Chuck Harman
Site Assessment Specialist/NWR Brownfields Coordinator, Oregon DEQ
7. Mr. Clark Henry
Portland Brownfield Program, Bureau of Environmental Services, City of Portland
8. Ms. Karen Homolac,
Brownfields Program and Policy Coordinator, Oregon Economic & Community
Development Department
9. Mr. Dick Loffelmacher
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Westside Economic Alliance
10. Ms. Renate Mengelberg
Business and Economic Development Team, Clackamas County
11. Mr Ramsay Weit
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Councilor, City of Milwaukie
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SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 07-3765, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BROWNFIELDS TASK FORCE, AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS

Date: January 11, 2007

Prepared by: Lisa Miles

INTRODUCTION

The Metro Council adopted Resolution No.05-3605, For the Purpose of Expressing Support for the Comprehensive Economic Strategy and Taking Action to Help Achieve the Region's Objective to Improve the Economy of the Metro Region on July 28, 2005. Resolution No. 05-3605 also outlined a short-term strategy for completing several projects that were both within the agency's core competencies and would have positive economic impacts on the region. One of the short-term items was developing a proposal to address the problem of brownfields in the region. On December 1, 2005, Metro Council adopted Resolution No.05-3644, For the Purpose of Establishing a Brownfields Program and a Brownfields Task Force.

To proceed with these economic development initiatives, staff applied for two Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield grants, and was successful in receiving a \$200,000 grant in September, 2006 to create a region-wide inventory of brownfields contaminated with petroleum, and to perform environmental assessments on select sites. In December 2006, staff submitted a second application for additional grant funds to inventory and assess brownfield sites contaminated with other hazardous substances. Program efforts will be targeted toward economically distressed parts of the region and to build on work that has already been completed by the City of Portland, Clackamas County and the City of Gresham.

The current EPA Brownfields Grant will allow Metro to complete the following work:

1. Complete a region-wide inventory of petroleum brownfields;
2. Focus site characterizations (Phase I and II assessments) in areas that are economically distressed; Phase I and II assessments are required before clean-up funding can be sought in successive grant cycles; site characterization could lead to redevelopment of sites for mixed uses and/or affordable housing;
3. Form a Brownfields Task Force (BTF) and establish a mechanism to inform and engage the public in the brownfields program
4. Develop a strategy to assess and prioritize sites, focus cleanup, convene and create partnerships to actively encourage redevelopment; and
5. Develop a bank of sites that could be used for redevelopment in centers, corridors, and possibly for affordable housing.

Resolution No. 07-3765 will appoint the Brownfields Task Force (BTF) to provide recommendations in developing and implementing the brownfield program. In recommending members for the task force, staff have carefully considered the varied expertise and perspectives that will be helpful to support the efforts of Metro's Brownfields Program. The proposed members of the BTF listed in Exhibit A of the resolution will bring a range of experience in environmental and regulatory aspects of brownfields, economic development, affordable housing, construction project management, real estate, banking/investing, local government and community development.

ANTICIPATED EFFECTS

The Brownfields Task Force will contribute valuable expertise to help to shape the work of Metro's Brownfields Program. Identifying brownfields sites throughout the region and assessing the level of contamination of select sites will lay the groundwork for possible future redevelopment of such sites, and thus support Metro's efforts to focus development and investment in existing Centers and Corridors.

LEGAL ANTECEDENTS

The appointment of the members of the Brownfields Task force is consistent with Metro Council Resolution No. 05-3644, For the Purpose of Establishing a Brownfields Program and a Brownfields Task Force.

BUDGET IMPACTS

Staff resources for this program will be provided from staff assignments that are included in the 2006/2007 budget for economic development. Grant funds will cover costs of interns; data resource center staff time to support mapping; communications efforts and consultants to complete this work.

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