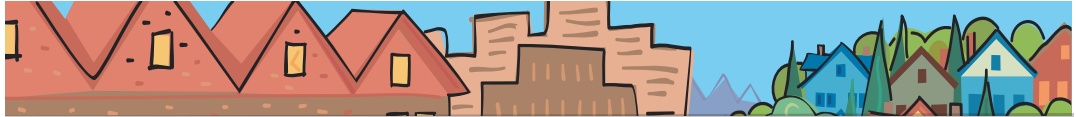


# Kathryn Harrington

## METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 NEWS



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Rock Creek, Bonny  
Slope, Bethany,  
Raleigh Hills, West  
Slope, Cedar Mill  
and Cedar Hills.**



### **Regional collaboration yields successful legislation that benefits all**

You have probably heard many reports about the state legislature's work on education and health care. You may not have heard, however, that during this legislative session, for the first time ever, Metro collaborated with local city and county government partners to develop a regional legislative agenda. It was this coordinated, unified effort that enabled us to be successful in Salem.

Metro worked closely with local governments, business leaders, agricultural interests and others to achieve passage in June of two important state bills that will enable us to better plan for growth in the years ahead.

Oregon House Bill 2051 provides Metro with a two-year extension — to 2009 — to review and consider expanding the urban growth boundary (UGB). This provides us with valuable time to reassess how we manage growth.

Oregon Senate Bill 1011 enables the creation of urban and rural reserve areas so that Metro and local governments can set aside regions outside the existing urban growth boundary that may be suitable for growth over the next 40-50 years, while protecting valuable farmland and forest lands from expansion and development. Approved by both Metro and the counties with city involvement, reserves will provide greater certainty for property owners about the future of their lands.

These two bills provide for some ambitious reforms as to how we manage growth in this region. Rather than focusing on an arbitrary 20-year land supply requirement (as current law requires), we want to make growth management decisions based on how efficiently we use land within the existing UGB and how we can promote vibrant communities. We also want to create reserve areas that provide greater predictability for how and where we will grow and what areas we will protect.

Going forward, we have a lot of work ahead of us. We need to plan for and designate urban and rural reserves. Infrastructure development and maintenance across the region and how we will pay for them must be addressed. We need to develop a performance-based system for managing growth that is tied to the types of communities we want to create, and not to arbitrary timelines and land supply requirements for housing.

This is not Metro's responsibility alone. We will continue to collaborate with local governments, the business community, farmers, land use advocates, conservationists and citizens to ensure that this region remains the greatest place to live and work. I look forward to investing my time and energy as your Metro councilor in working together with you and many partners across this region to protect our quality of life and enhance our communities for future generations. This is what regional leadership and regional government can provide when we work together.

— Kathryn Harrington

## Metro Council appoints citizen committee to review Natural Areas Program

To ensure efficient administration of its Natural Areas Program, the Metro Council has appointed a 15-member Performance Oversight Committee of citizens from the region. Chaired by Peter Krainock, Chief Executive Officer of American International Supply, Inc. (AIS) and President of American Waterworks International, the committee will serve as an outside review to help Metro protect water, fish and wildlife in the region. The committee will meet twice annually with its first meeting planned for June.

Committee members from a range of professional fields will work to ensure that expenditures from the bond measure are effective and efficient. The committee will review program performance and progress in implementing the strategies and objectives for natural area acquisition and protection.

Don Jones from Forest Grove (Metro District 4) is a member of the committee. Jones is vice president and manager of the Forest Grove branch of the Bank of the West. He also serves on the Forest Grove Parks Commission, the City Vision Committee and the Economic Task Force, as well as volunteers with the Classic Soccer Program, the Forest Grove Swim Club and the Rotary Concours d'Elegance. He previously served as president of both the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Association.

The Metro Council's 2006 Natural Areas Program funds land acquisition and improvements that protect water quality and wildlife habitat, enhance trails and wildlife corridors, and provide greater connections to nature in neighborhoods throughout the metropolitan region. For more information, call (503) 797-1741 or visit [www.metro-region.org/naturalareas](http://www.metro-region.org/naturalareas).

## Metro honored with awards for sustainability, salmon restoration

Metro has recently been honored with two important awards. For its overall commitment to sustainable actions, Metro was given an Exemplar Award in the first ever Oregon Sustainability Award

ceremony. This event, which is planned to recur annually, was hosted by the Oregon Sustainability Board and the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. Metro Councilor Rod Park accepted the award from Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski and Secretary of State Bill Bradbury last month.

The Exemplar award recognizes an organization for its comprehensive commitment to sustainability as reflected in its vision, strategy, policies and day-to-day operations. Metro won out over 12 other organizations with help from its Charter, Strategic Plan, 2003 resolution to establish a sustainable business model, Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, Green (Sustainability) Teams at each facility and agency-wide Environmental Action Team.

Metro also was given a 2007 Spirit of the Salmon Award from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) for its "tireless work in salmon restoration." Metro was one of seven organizations honored at CRITFC's 7th annual Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum Gala last month. Metro received a Partnership Award, which is given for outstanding efforts to create rich partnerships in the pursuit of salmon restoration.

Specifically, Metro was honored for its commitment to protecting healthy streams and waterways in the region, for efforts in educating the public about the importance of natural areas and environmental protection, for facilitating residents' and business' efforts to protect the environment, and for its decades-long hosting of the Salmon Festival at Oxbow Regional Park.

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## About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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