

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 96-2415 FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPPOSING THE SITING OF AN INMATE INTAKE CENTER, A MEDIUM SECURITY WOMEN'S PRISON, A MEN'S MEDIUM SECURITY COMPLEX OR ANY OTHER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ON THE DAMMASCH STATE HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, Oregon voters in 1994 approved Ballot Measure 11, which mandates or increases prison sentences for many types of crime; and

WHEREAS, the state has determined a need for an additional 17,000 prison beds to accommodate the projected growth in prison population; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to House Bill 2214, the Oregon Department of Corrections has adopted mandatory and desirable siting criteria for these new facilities; and

WHEREAS, one of the mandatory siting criteria states that a proposed site for a facility must have "infrastructure available either on-site or such that they can be provided and maintained cost-effectively;" and

WHEREAS, one of the mandatory siting criteria states that a proposed site for a facility must be "served by road or highway system capable of supporting the planned facility. New roadway construction or roadway improvements (if required) must be able to be constructed at a reasonable cost and be ready at the time the facility is scheduled to be opened;" and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria states that a proposed site for a facility has "200-300 acres with 300 acres the preferred size;" and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria states that a proposed site for a facility be "square or nearly so;" and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria states that a proposed site for a facility have "natural buffers from surrounding lands uses such as lakes, rivers or ridges;" and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria states that a proposed site for a facility "not be adjacent to a developed single-family or multi-family residential area, unless the parcel is buffered;" and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria states that a proposed site for a facility have "buildings that can be remodeled for utilization in new construction;" and

WHEREAS, one of the desirable siting criteria states that a proposed site for a facility is "perceived as beneficial by local jurisdiction and local community;" and

WHEREAS the 1992 Greenspaces Master Plan identifies a future regional trail that connects the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge to the Willamette River near Wilsonville

and passes through the Tonquin Geologic Area and the Dammasch State Hospital property before joining the Willamette Greenway Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville, Metro, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Division of State Lands, Housing and Community Services Division, Department of Administrative Services, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Division, and Department of Transportation have been working together to create a transportation efficient land use plan for the Dammasch property; and

WHEREAS, the recommended land use plan is a residential mixed-use community with a village center that accommodates a concentration of shops, services, employment facilities and civic uses and activities that support the region's growth management policies embodied in the adopted 2040 Growth Concept and the goals expressed in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the participating entities; and

WHEREAS, this land use plan represents a unique opportunity for the City of Wilsonville to offer housing and jobs in a land use pattern that minimizes auto trips, maximizes the potential for non-auto modes of transportation, meets the community's population and employment targets, and helps to build community and a sense of place as the City of Wilsonville grows; and

WHEREAS, by its very nature, a correctional facility is a land use which is isolated and buffered from the community. A town center or village center functions best when it is well-connected to the surrounding neighborhoods and has good internal circulation; and

WHEREAS, location of the correctional facility in the Wilsonville town center area would function to further isolate the land uses, force local trips onto the regional transportation facility I-5 and require reexamination of how the City of Wilsonville will meet the regional growth management goals; and

WHEREAS, there is much flexibility in siting correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, there is little flexibility in where and how the region accommodates new households and jobs. New households and jobs must be accommodated inside of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Metro is working with local governments to improve the efficiency of how land is developed inside the UGB through increases in density and changes in the land use pattern which focuses on centers and corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council, having considered all relevant and available information, finds that:

1. Based on the Department of Correction's criteria, the Dammasch State Hospital property is not an appropriate site for an inmate intake center, a medium-security women's prison, a men's medium security complex or any other correctional facility for the following reasons:

A. The site does not have the necessary infrastructure, including water, sanitary sewer collection and treatment, surface drainage and storm water collection and disposal or electricity, natural gas and/or oil or propane and telecommunications, and the cost to provide and maintain this infrastructure would not be cost-effective;

B. Twice in the last four years, the city of Wilsonville has had to implement mandatory water rationing schemes to cope with peak season water demand. Municipal water supply and associated infrastructure cannot be extended to meet the demands of a new correctional facility. A new water treatment center would have to be built to accommodate the increase in demand;

C. Existing roads are not capable of accommodating existing transportation needs and cannot service needs of the proposed facility. In fact, a "public facilities strategy," adopted by the Wilsonville City Council halts all new development applications in the area of the city south of Wilsonville Road until these infrastructure problems can be addressed.

D. The proposed site, 190-acres in size, is less than the minimum desired criteria.

E. The Dammasch State Hospital property is not square in shape.

F. The proposed site does not contain any natural buffers that would qualify under the stated criteria.

G. A single-family residential neighborhood exists along the southern perimeter of the proposed site. There is not a buffer, natural or otherwise, between either of this neighborhood and the proposed site.


H. The proposed site is not viewed by local government, regional government or the general community as beneficial, and in fact, is vigorously opposed.

2. Selection of the Dammasch State Hospital property would undermine basic land-use and environmental protection principals which are critical to the quality of life for all Oregonians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

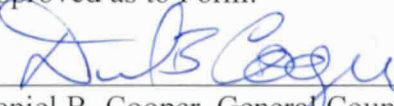
The Metro Council strongly opposes and strenuously objects to the siting of an inmate intake center, a medium security women's prison, a men's medium security complex or any other correctional facility on the Dammasch State Hospital property and urges the Governor and prison siting committee to remove this site from the list of potential locations for new correctional facilities.

ADOPTED by the Metro council on this 7th day of November, 1996.



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

Staff Report

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Date: October 23, 1996

Presented by:

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PROPOSED ACTION

Resolution No. 96-2415 requests that the Metro Council oppose and object to the siting of an inmate intake center, a medium security women's prison or any other correctional facility on the Dammasch State Hospital property and urges the Governor and prison siting committee to immediately remove this site from the list of potential locations for new correctional facilities.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

For the reasons set forth in resolution no. 96-2415, the Dammasch State Hospital property is not a suitable site for an inmate intake center, a medium security women's prison or any other correctional facility.

Executive Officer's Recommendation

The Executive Officer recommends passage of Resolution No. 96-2415.