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January 4, 2007

Mr. Rocky Houston
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To whom it May Concern:

I am writing to endorse Clackamas County and the Boring Community Planning Organization's application for a Recreational Trails Program grant to construct the Boring Station Park Trail, which will connect the Springwater Corridor and the Cazadero Trail.

As a Metro Councilor, I represent District One whose 225,000 citizens reside in Fairview, Gresham, Happy Valley, Maywood Park, Troutdale, Wood Village, Damascus, eastern part of Portland and portions of unincorporated Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. Metro has worked for years with Clackamas County to obtain the land for the Boring Station Park Trail. I fully support this grant application because this area is underserved by parks and is in need of new trails.

Metro provided funds for the acquisition of this site with federal transportation funds and money from the 1995 Open Spaces bond measure. This trailhead and park would be a key development along the Springwater Corridor and would serve as the eastern terminus of the trail, which extends 19 miles west through unincorporated Multnomah County, Gresham, and southeast Portland. In addition, this trailhead and park would serve as an impetus to continue the development of the trail 4 miles south through Deep Creek Canyon to Barton Park. This section of the Springwater Corridor (also known as the Cazadero Trail) is owned by Oregon State Parks, and is one of the greenways listed in Metro's November 2006 Open Spaces bond measure for funding.

The development of the Boring Station Park Trail is a good example of regional interagency cooperation, with the Boring CPO, Clackamas County, and Metro working together to coordinate the efforts to build a connective trail system that will benefit people throughout Multnomah and Clackamas counties. This trail will bring trail access to an underserved area and can serve to spark trail development in surrounding areas. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact me at 503-797-1547 or Mel Huie, senior planner, Metro Parks and Greenspaces, at 503-797-1731.

Sincerely,

Rod Park

Metro Councilor, District 1

Kathryn Sofich - Re: greenspace in troutdale/mhcc

From: Kathryn Sofich
To: neiwert@verizon.net; Park, Rod
Date: 1/12/2007 11:41:38 AM
Subject: Re: greenspace in troutdale/mhcc

Hello Eric and Trish.

We have a volunteer coordinator here at Metro in our Parks department that may have some info on some volunteer opportunities. Her name is Marsha Holt-Kingsley and she can be reached at 503-797-1733 or KingsleyM@metro.dst.or.us.

Thanks for your interest.

Kathryn Sofich

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>>> Rod Park 1/8/2007 7:10:07 PM >>>

Dear Eric and Trish Neiwert,

Thank you for being interested in the natural areas in your neighborhood. Metro did purchase the habitat area in Beaver Creek. I am having our staff check on where we are at in the process and will get back with you once I have more information. I don't have a contact name but you could try thru the city of Troutdale to find the Friends of Beavercreek who have been active in restoration projects along that watershed. Actually I just remembered a person who has been on that committee. His name is Paul Rabe and his phone number is 503-667-4101. I am not sure if he is still active with them but he should be able to steer you in the right direction.

As for the trail from Troutdale to Oxbow, there is a line drawn on a map. At this point I would call it a dream but that is how all the good things we have now got started, with a dream.

I or my assistant Kathryn will be getting back with you.

Thanks again for your interest.

Rod Park
Metro Councilor District 1
503-797-1547

>>> Eric and Trish Neiwert < neiwert@verizon.net > 01/07/07 11:12 PM >>>

Dear Mr. Park,

Does Metro own the land just below MHCC (between MHCC and Troutdale

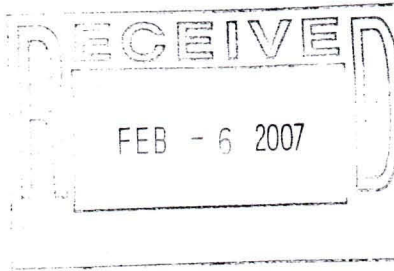
Rd)? If so, what are Metro's plans for it? If not, is Metro planning on acquiring it? It's a great natural space. It would be nice to have some trails (ideally trails that would connect the Sweetbriar area to MHCC campus) for the community to access.

Secondly, I thought I read somewhere that perhaps Metro would work on a trail connector between Troutdale and Oxbow? If not, can you tell me specifically what Metro plans are for Troutdale and the immediate area? It looked like the Sandy River Gorge and Beaver creek were in Metro's plans. We noticed some steps by Kiku park to the Beaver creek area keep getting vandalized. Any suggestions there?

Also, are there any volunteer opportunities in the Troutdale area?

Thank you for your time,
Tricia Snyder-Neiwert

Madrone Wall Preservation Committee
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www.savemadrone.org
5 February 2007



David Bragdon
Metro Council President
Metro Regional Council
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Portland, Oregon 97232

Re: 01/18/07 President Bragdon Letter – Madrone Wall

Dear Metro Council President Bragdon:

I appreciate you taking the time out of what surely is a very busy schedule to contact me with your 18 January letter and the enclosed *The Oregonian* reprint regarding Clackamas County Parks recommended spending priorities for County Parks, including Hardscrabble (a.k.a., Madrone Wall), for master parks planning.

I, along with the President of the Madrone Wall Preservation Committee (MWPC), Kellie Rice, attended the most recent Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board (PAB) meeting on 23 January. Although I will be away on travel, Kellie will be at the next PAB meeting on 20 February. These are critical meetings as they are considering funding priorities for Clackamas County Parks not only for the next fiscal year starting 1 July but also for the four subsequent years (see attached MWPC bulletin).

Like you, we were encouraged to see Hardscrabble property receive a County Parks staff recommendation for parks master planning in "Year 1" (FY2007/2008), however, were disappointed to see follow-on funding was not recommended until four years later in "Year 5" (FY2011/2012). We are advocating that the County follow through with their goal to make establishing a park at this site a priority by establishing funding for capital improvements in years immediately following a FY2007/2008 parks master planning process. We are hopeful for a favorable outcome in the next PAB meeting which will fine tune recommendations that will be passed to the Board of County Commissioners for their review in the May-June timeframe. Commissioners Schrader and Peterson have both expressed to me their support for creating a park so we are hopeful the PAB will be able to make the necessary recommendations to support this action.

On a personal note, I must say the leadership you provide to Metro has always been something of a source of inspiration for me. I am particularly grateful that the region has your leadership at this pivotal time in our collective history by continuing to be innovative and working to create and protect a natural heritage that will long outlive us all. Congratulations on the passage of BM 26-80 last fall and we look forward to more creative ideas and initiatives from you in the future!

Also, I want to add what a fine experience it has been and continues to be working with your staff in the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department. Jim Desmond, William Eadie, Janelle Geddes, Angie Kimpo, Jim Morgan, Kathie Smith, and Hillary Wilton have all been most professional and helpful in our long (nearly a decade now!) advocacy efforts to establish a park at this amazing civic treasure. Matthew Hampton and Kathryn Sofich have also been excellent and creative resources at Metro. You have a great team! I will continue to be in touch with them about possible willing-seller acquisition opportunities, particularly in the Clackamas River Bluffs and Greenway target area. We believe the already-public Madrone Wall, centrally located in this target area, will serve as an anchor for future greenspace acquisitions and help establish an eastside large regional park of greenspace lands and interconnected trails.

Sincerely,

Keith K. Daellenbach (503/691-4102, kdaellenbach@att.net)
Director, Secretary/Treasurer

enclosure: 02/04/07 MWPC bulletin

cc: Kellie Rice, President, MWPC and Regional Coordinator-Oregon, The Access Fund (volunteer positions)

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Copies: Jim Desmond - Parks
Council President David Bragdon
Matthew Hampton - Transportation
Kathryn Sofich - Council
UGB Record

Endorsing Preservation:

- Damascus City Council
- Grant Park CPO (Comm. Plan. Org.)
- Boring CPO
- Rock Creek CPO
- Eagle Creek-Barton CPO
- South Clackamas CPO
- Carver Store
- Carver Hangar
- Carver Curves Café
- Rock Garden Tavern
- Still Meadow Community
- Clackamas River Basin Council
- Damascus for Open Space
- Friends of Barton Pk. & Clack. Riv.
- Friends of Mount Hood
- Cooper Spur Wild and Free Coalition
- Oregon Natural Resources Council
- Oregon League of Conserv. Voters
- Native Plant Society of Oregon
- Sierra Club
- Audubon Society of Portland
- Friends of Forest Park
- Three Rivers Land Conservancy
- American Alpine Club
- Yvon Chouinard, Patagonia
- Fed. of Western Outdoors Clubs
- Oregon Equestrian Trails
- Outward Bound
- Mazamas
- Ptarmigans
- The Access Fund

Grants Received From:

- Mazamas
- The Access Fund
- American Alpine Club-Oregon
- Yvon Chouinard, Patagonia

The Madrone Wall Preservation Committee is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) Oregon all-volunteer public charitable organization focused on preserving and re-establishing access to the Madrone Wall of Clackamas County and to act as a parks advocacy organization for a future park at the site of this amazing civic treasure.



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Rod - Kathleen has
already responded to the
folks I spoke to you
about yesterday - letter
attached. So unless you tell
me otherwise I won't
draft a response.
-K

March 28, 2007

Frank A. DiGregorio
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Dear Mr. DiGregorio and Ms. Millemann:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the East Buttes in the Johnson Creek Watershed. As you may be aware, Metro is currently developing Refinement Plans for the Target Areas identified in the Natural Areas Bond Measure, including the East Buttes and Johnson Creek Watershed areas. This process provides you the opportunity to voice your opinions about important water quality, habitat, and natural area issues and lands. Public meetings will be held in early summer, and I encourage you to participate and share your local knowledge with us.


At the time Metro prepares to proceed with land acquisition, it will be in accordance with the priorities established in these Refinement Plans which will be adopted by the Metro Council. Important considerations will be the ecological importance of the natural area, the site's contribution to water quality, and other information gathered during the refinement process. Zoning and land use are not within the purview of Metro's Natural Areas Program.

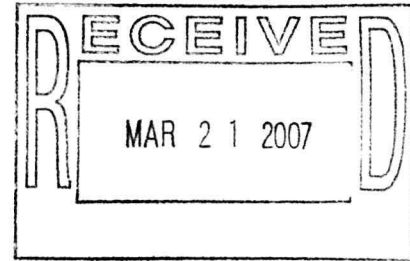
I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding Metro's Natural Areas Program and the Refinement Plans mentioned above. You can reach me at 503-797-1948.

Best regards,

Kathleen Brennan-Hunter
Natural Areas Program Director

cc: ✓ David Bragdon
✓ Rod Park
Kathryn Harrington

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Tim O'Brien – Planning
Kathleen Brennan-Hunter – Parks 
All Councilors received under separate cover



March 21, 2007

Mr. Rod Park
Metro Councilor, District #1
Metro Regional Center
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Re: (1) File #PC 06-178522
City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services
(2) East Buttes
(3) Johnson Creek and Watershed

Dear Mr. Park:

J&F Development LLC has applied for approval to modify the environmental zone boundaries of parcels of land in East Buttes, which is part of the Johnson Creek Watershed. The request would change the zoning in an area currently designated as “conservation” and “protected.” Additionally, it would reduce lot sizes from 10,000 square feet to 5,000-7,000 square feet, resulting in significantly higher density housing in an environmentally sensitive area.

The Dayspring Neighborhood and Barbara Welch Neighborhood Homeowners request the following action regarding the East Buttes proposed zoning change/development.

- (1) Deny re-zoning requests that change the zoning from “conservation” and/or “protected.”
- (2) Deny re-zoning requests that reduce the lot sizes from the current minimum 10,000 square foot designation.
- (3) Accept our two neighborhoods’ joint nomination of East Buttes and Johnson Creek Watershed as natural areas for Metro to purchase, within the parameters of Measure 26-80.

We offer the following rationale for the three requests we have listed above.

- The developer is pushing the process of rezoning the lots in East Buttes (Johnson Creek Watershed) for purposes of creating 76 high-density housing units in the Starpointe III development. “Attachment A: Notice of Pre-Application Conference”
- John Jersey of J&F Development LLC discussed his plans for East Buttes on Jan. 31, 2007 in a public meeting at the Pleasant Valley Grange. The meeting was attended by nearly 100 people from Barbara Welch and Dayspring neighborhoods who expressed opposition to the proposed zoning and lot-size changes. “Attachment B” presents a sampling of the households represented at the meeting.
- Homeowners in the Dayspring neighborhood have written letters to Portland City Commissioners, Mayor Potter, and Metro Regional Councilors. The content of these letters expressed concerns, requested that numerous studies be performed and public input solicited *prior to any decision-making*. In those letters we respectfully

requested that the City of Portland **reject the request made by J&F Development to have the environmental zone boundaries modified for the parcels of land in East Buttes.** To date we have received no responses. "Attachment C" contains copies of some of those letters.

- The Dayspring neighborhood has requested a professional assessment from Scott Burns, PhD at Portland State University, of the impact on East Buttes (and the Johnson Creek Watershed) of high-density housing development. His geology students are currently evaluating the area with a goal of a formal assessment. Meanwhile, his preliminary opinion was that the East Buttes is an area that could be in danger of mud-slides and debris flow. This would have an extremely negative impact on an environmentally sensitive area that is zoned for protection and conservation.
- Metro recently published "*Regional Target Areas: The 2006 natural areas bond measure focuses regional acquisition in target areas with high ecological value.*" This document lists the priority areas targeted to be conserved and considered for acquisition by Metro. The purpose of the identification is to "conserve a regional system that protects the very best remaining fish and wildlife habitats, lands around local rivers and streams that are important to water quality, and natural areas threatened by urban development." The first targeted area listed is East Buttes (p. 2). Johnson Creek and Watershed are listed in the document on page 5. These lands are targeted by the City of Portland and Metro as areas to be conserved not developed into high-density housing. See "Attachment D."
- In November, 2006 the voters in the Portland metropolitan region approved Measure 26-80 for purposes of acquiring and conserving natural areas, parks, and streams. In January, 2007 Metro purchased a small but very significant natural area in Sellwood at the intersection of Johnson Creek and the Springwater Corridor. The Johnson Creek Watershed and East Buttes both clearly fit the criteria for purchase within this measure. See "Attachment E."

We hope that you will give serious consideration to our requests to: deny modifications to the existing zoning of the land under consideration in East Buttes; nominate East Buttes (Johnson Creek and Watershed) for acquisition under Measure 26-80. We are anxious to initiate this process well in advance of any meetings to address zoning modifications.

We will be happy to complete any nomination forms and to discuss this matter further. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Representing Dayspring neighborhood

31 March 2007

Councilor Rod Park
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Rod willing
to meet w/
them?

Dear Councilor Park:

Last month you were gracious enough to address the Oregon Treasure Trails Society (OTTS) at our February 2007 meeting. Of primary interest was Metro's current policy of disallowing the use of metal detectors at Blue Lake and other parks under Metro control. After an informal and informative discussion, you suggested we contact the Chief Ranger at Blue Lake for a more formal dialogue concerning the possibility for present and future use of Blue Lake by our organization. To that end we have tried to set up a meeting with the Blue Lake Park Supervisor, Mr Jim Lind, but for reasons unknown have been unsuccessful.

Would it be possible for you to arrange a meeting with Mr Lind, and other interested staff members, to discuss Metro's policy concerning metal detecting. I think it would be extremely helpful if you could also be in attendance. As voiced at our February meeting, we believe that OTTS represents a sizeable and responsible group of local citizens who are pursuing a recognized and legal hobby. A hobby that unfortunately is sometimes plagued by misconceptions and erroneous information. The Oregon Treasure Trails Society representatives will be our Vice President, Mr Brian Lundquist and a long time member Capt James Cornwell, USN Retired. They may be reached at 503-249-6939 and/or 503-693-0779 respectively. I have included a Point Paper and the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics for perusal by you and your staff. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Steve Tucker
President, Oregon Treasure Trails Society
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Portland, OR 97242-0545

Encl: (2)

March 2007
METAL DETECTING POINT PAPER

Re: Blue Lake Regional Park

This document was prepared by the Oregon Treasure Trail Society of Portland, OR. It's primary purpose is to provide both general information about metal detecting and also to clarify any misconceptions concerning practices used in the pursuit of this growing and popular hobby.

Membership

The Oregon Treasure Trail Society is an organization with a membership of over 80 people (male and female). Our members come from all walks of life: business owners, law enforcement, real estate, retired military(including one Col and a Navy Capt), medical assistant, surveyor, draftsman, investor and other various professions. A few of our members make an annual trip to England where they recover old Roman, Saxon and Norman artifacts for the Castle Museum in Norwich, UK.

Basic Detecting

The recovery of metal items is accomplished by using a small hand trowel, knife, probe or combination thereof. The greatest majority of items are found at depths not over 6 to 8 inches. Many detectorists utilize electronic pin-pointers to precisely zero in on their targets. Recovery is from a small plug or trap-door flap which can then be replaced without hardly any disturbance to the lawn or soil. **Garden shovels or similar digging devices are not used!**

Benefits

Many items recovered during an outing may be considered **a hazzard to all park users.**

The following type items show up far too often:

- Broken glass bottle tops with metal lids still attached
- Drug needles & syringes
- Pot Pipes
- Ammunition - unused
- Shredded aluminum cans
- Knife blades
- Arrow shafts
- Various sharp objects

On the plus side of the ledger, we may find, and be able to return, some of the following items:

- Jewelry
- Car keys
- ID tags
- Lost items of various description

The recovery and disposing of metallic trash in park trash receptacles.

When asked by park personnel we find sprinkler heads that have ceased to function due to being plugged by sand/dirt thereby saving the need to both find and replace.

Overview

OTTS is a self policing organization. Our newer members are counseled on proper detector use and recovery methods available. We also provided continuous follow-on training and observation in the field. One of our goals is having our members develop a "pride" in their recovery methods. It is always disappointing to see an old coin with a slash mark across its surface caused by poor pin-pointing and/or recovery methods.

Conclusion

OTTS supports the preservation of our heritage and has a strict **Code of Ethics** (see attached). One cannot enjoy this hobby without have an abiding interest in our history - both local & national. As stated above, we believe that our being able to enjoy our hobby at Blue Lake can be a win win situation for both parties.

Metal Detecting Code of Ethics

I WILL respect private property and **WILL NOT** trespass without the land owners permission.

I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

I WILL NOT litter, always pack out what I take in and remove all trash dug in my search.

I WILL leave all gates and other accesses to land as found.

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I WILL abide by all laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern my search, or the area I will be in.

I WILL fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation.

I WILL report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.

I WILL Be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby. Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your hobby - you are the ambassador of a pastime we want to protect and we will be judged by how you act & respond.

Letter to the Editor
Gresham Outlook
From Metro Councilor Rod Park
May 3, 2007

I was disappointed to read Joe Horton's recent letter to the editor (4/25/07). It mischaracterizes Metro's ongoing efforts to ensure the health and beauty of Blue Lake for park visitors and local residents. Mr. Horton attempts to paint Metro officials as unresponsive when in fact Metro has been working for more than a decade to ensure the health of Blue Lake. Metro analyzes samples of lake water for bacteria weekly -- twice weekly in summer -- in order to monitor water quality. We do not typically use pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers in the park where they could enter the water. In addition, we have invested in a water spray ground for young children. While the cost was more than \$200,000, the increased public safety and enjoyment it provides has made it a wise investment, as anyone viewing the area while children are playing can attest.

In recent years, blue green algae have become a problem at the lake and, together with our neighbors, Metro has been searching to find solutions. A group of lakefront homeowners, including Mr. Horton, have a lot of confidence in a device called "SolarBee" to combat the algae problem, and which were placed at the lake on Thursday. The device uses solar power to circulate water, which might help control blue-green algal growth. Metro has found no scientific documentation that substantiates SolarBee's reported benefits other than anecdotes and the vendors' product information. However, in the interests of being a good neighbor, Metro is supporting a trial run of "SolarBee" at Blue Lake this summer. If the test proves successful, Metro and the neighbors have agreed to share in the cost. To test its effectiveness, Metro and Department of Environmental Quality biologists have proposed measures for evaluating the lake's water quality during this trial period.

Unfortunately the algae issue is only one part of the problem, as it does not address the weed growth that occurs in parts of the lake, which can be tied to nutrients entering the water. Water quality issues today are complex and unfortunately, there is no silver bullet to instantly improve the health of our rivers, lakes and streams. Metro is recommending a comprehensive approach to managing Blue Lake's water quality including weed control, managing water levels, and reducing the amount of household chemicals and fertilizers entering the lakes, as well as tackling the algal growth. We say recommend because Metro only owns half of Blue Lake and cannot, nor does it want, to dictate to the private owners of the other half, how to handle their land management practices.

It will take a combined effort by all to ensure that users of Blue Lake get to enjoy it for its overall quality and health. We will need the support of our neighbors on multiple fronts -- not just with the installation of SolarBee -- in order to keep Blue Lake's water clean and beautiful. Only by working together can this be done. I urge Blue Lake homeowners to continue working cooperatively with Metro and other county and state agencies to understand and support the work necessary to protect the public's interests.

Blue Lake and the park is a beautiful asset to our community and should be protected and enhanced for us all.

Sincerely,
Rod Park
Metro Councilor, District 1

Kathryn Sofich - seems a waste of time sending emails only to ge them rejected WHY??

From: <cshellr@comcast.net>
To: <webmaster@metro-region.org>
Date: 5/30/2007 6:12 PM
Subject: seems a waste of time sending emails only to ge them rejected WHY??

WOULD YOU EXPLAIN WHY AFTER TWO ATTEMPTS TO EMAIL ROD PARK WHO IS ON THE LIST TO BE CONTACTED FOR OUR AREA,IT COMES BACK AS UNDELIVERABLE,?? **When a very important issue is at hand, why would this happen?. Makes us wonder if metro truly is concerned about all issues involving trashing/exploiting environmentally sensitive areas here in the Portland area?? Please try to send us an answer, cos frankly this is getting to be a waste of time, & very disappointing. Homeowners in the Johnson Creek watershed environmental protection area.**

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To: sofichk@metro.dst.or.us
Date: 5/31/2007 2:53 PM
Subject: Fwd: seems a waste of time sending emails only to ge them rejected WHY??
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Kathryn,

i am going to inquire what went wrong with the email (I have a theory about a tech issue) but can you get teh in touch with Rod, thanks.

Sue

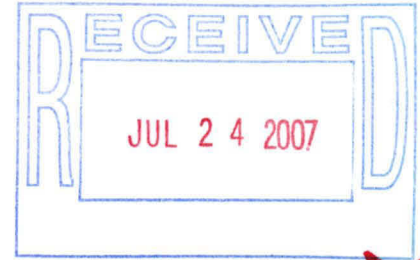
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July 23, 2007

Councilor Rod Park
Metro Council
600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Councilor Park,

I am writing to you to express my support for Howard Grabhorn and Lakeside Reclamation. I have worked closely with Howard since 2001 and have been impressed by both his recycling efforts as well as his management of the landfill. He has always demonstrated a commitment to running his operations in a responsible manner and I have never seen him compromise his standards for any reason.

I believe that Lakeside reclamation is a necessary and vital component of our community and our economy. If it were to discontinue operation for any reason I believe the impact would be significant. The amount of material bound for a landfill will not change, however the distance it needs to be hauled would increase. The number of trucks on the road would likely increase and along with it the congestion and fuel consumption. All of these costs would increase the cost of living and reduce the quality of life in our communities.

I can understand that people living next to any landfill may not enjoy the truck traffic or some of the other aspects of being near an operation of that type. However, this vocal minority does not consider the far reaching impact of closing an operation like Howard's. A decision not to renew the DEQ Permit would place an undue burden on the majority of the community in order to placate a few residents who underestimated their tolerance for having a landfill nearby.

While working with Howard I have seen firsthand the measures that he takes in order to minimize or mitigate his impact on the environment and on his neighborhood. He and his staff have implemented many rules to this end and enforce them strictly. This has undoubtedly cost him a lot of time, money, and customers.

I urge you to support Lakeside Reclamation in their permit renewal application. It is a legally permitted operation that is and will be under constant scrutiny by regulatory agencies. Please do not let the shortsighted self interest of a handful of vocal citizens undermine what is in the best interest of the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Voss

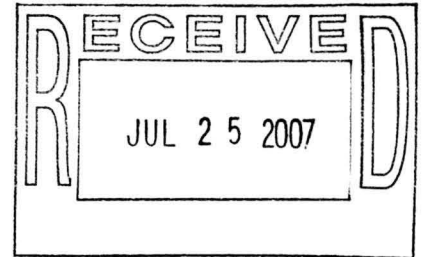


Sustainable Solutions

Original: Council Clerk
Copies: President Bragdon
All Councilors
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7-23-07

David Bragdon
Metro Council President
600 NE Grand Ave.
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Re: Lakeside Reclamation

Dear Councilor Bragdon

I am writing to you in support of Howard Grabhorn and Lakeside Reclamation.

We purchase compost from Lakeside Reclamation and utilize in a variety of ways throughout the Metro Region. We maintain a fleet of 7 blower trucks that are based in Lake Oswego.

We rely on compost from Lakeside Reclamation in projects that range from soil amending, mulching, erosion control and water detention facilities.

I urge you to support the continued operation of Lakeside Reclamation.

Sincerely,

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To:
Metro Council President David Bragdon,
Councilors Park, Newman, Hosticka, Harrington, Burkholder, Liberty
Metro Regional Center
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Att: Natural Areas Acquisition Program

Corbett, July 24, 2007



RE: Prioritizing Howard Canyon for Sandy River Natural Areas Acquisition

Dear President and Councilors,

We ask you to consider the inclusion of 600+ acres of Howard Canyon, which is inside your study area, in your land acquisition program of the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure.

Howard Canyon is one of the last large scale, undeveloped properties left in the Greater Portland Metro Region with significant natural values and recreational attractions that merit to be prioritized for Metro's acquisition program:

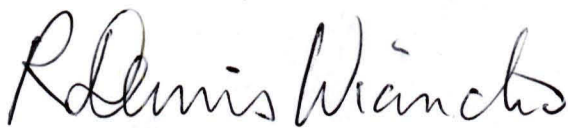
- 700+ contiguous, natural- state acres owned by one party in a canyon/valley with negligible human infrastructure development and rich in wildlife (elk, bobcat, owl, bear, cougar and many other species) and native plant species.
- The pressure to develop Howard Canyon in the near future is high: The properties comprised two Measure 37 claims, denied by Multnomah County, that sought subdivision rights for up to 204 lots.
- Howard Canyon's Howard Creek, the aggregation of numerous springs flowing from Ross Mountain, is the largest of three creeks that combine to form Big Creek, whose confluence with the Sandy River is owned and protected by Metro.
- The Howard Canyon properties share a 1 1/4 mile border with the properties of a conservation landowner (~350 acres) that encompass the bulk of Ross Mountain and connect Howard Canyon to Latourell Canyon (Geo. Joseph State Park) and other public lands in the Columbia River National Scenic Area. This landowner is partnering with the Columbia Land Trust in the conservation of his properties, and would be a willing participant with Metro in preserving the conservation and recreational values of the landscape.
- Together, these contiguous forested properties connect significant natural habitats and corridors (and potential hiking routes) between the Sandy River watershed, via Howard and Big Creek, to the Columbia Gorge, via the Latourell watershed. Further, these properties tie in, via private and public forestlands, to the watersheds of Buck Creek, Gordon Creek, and the Bull Run.

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- The joint acquisition and management of Howard Canyon by Metro and one or several land trusts and conservation agencies is a possibility. Glenn Lamb of the Columbia Land Trust has already expressed his interest, and would welcome the opportunity to talk further with the Council. (CLT: 503. 224.3601/
glamb@columbialandtrust.org)

We are aware that your main focus for the work sessions will be acquisitions in new target areas, yet we believe that a unique opportunity for contiguous natural area protection, spanning from the Columbia Gorge to the Sandy River, would be possible by prioritizing Howard Canyon for acquisition.

With kind regards,



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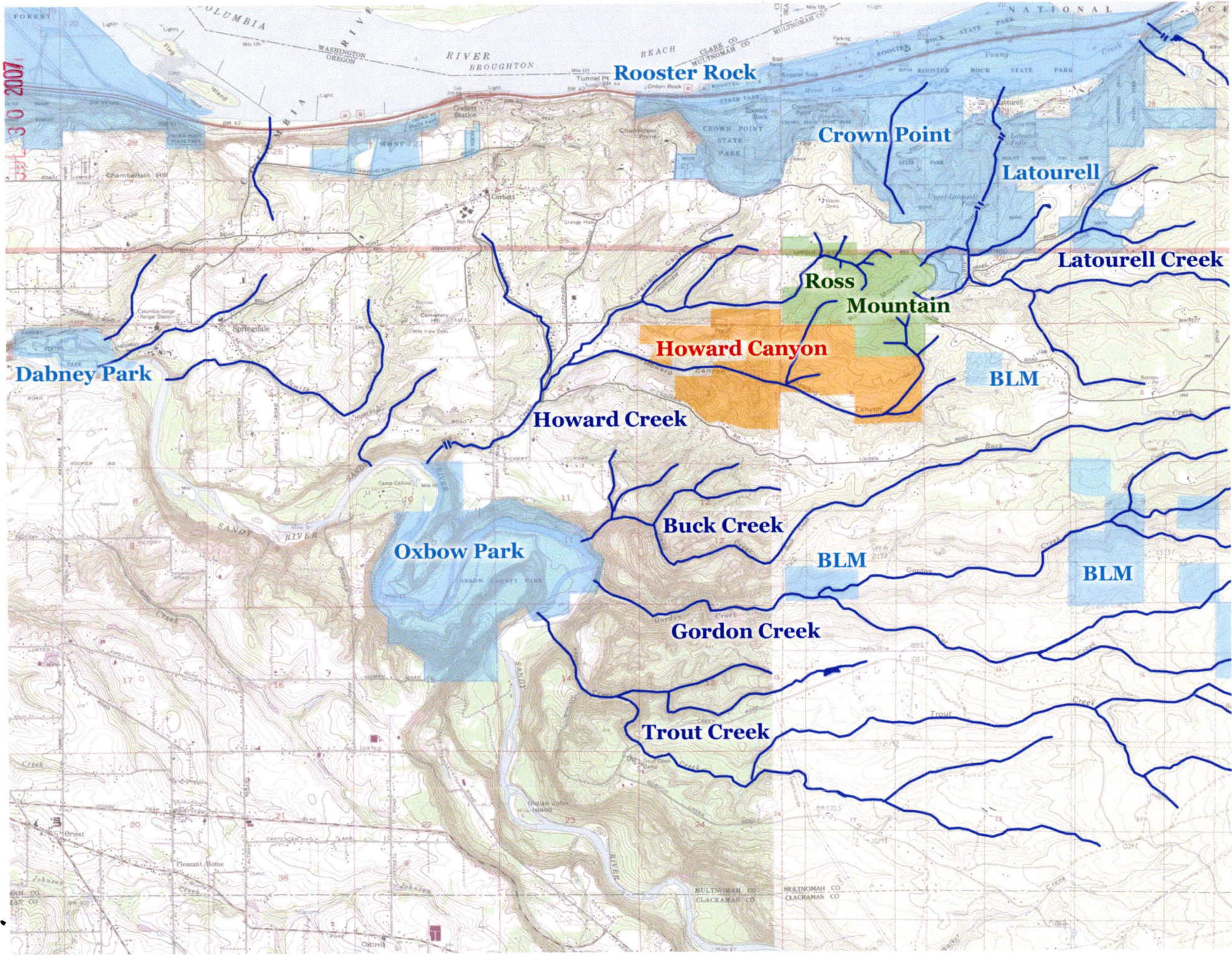
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Attached:

Maps and photographs of Howard Canyon and surrounding natural areas, from the Columbia Gorge to Sandy River

c.c.:

Jim Desmond, Director, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces
Jane Hart, Project Manager, Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces
Tom Potter, Portland Mayor
Eric Stein, Portland City Commissioner
Glenn Lamb, Director, Columbia Land Trust



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Crown Point

Latourell

Ross Mountain

Howard Canyon

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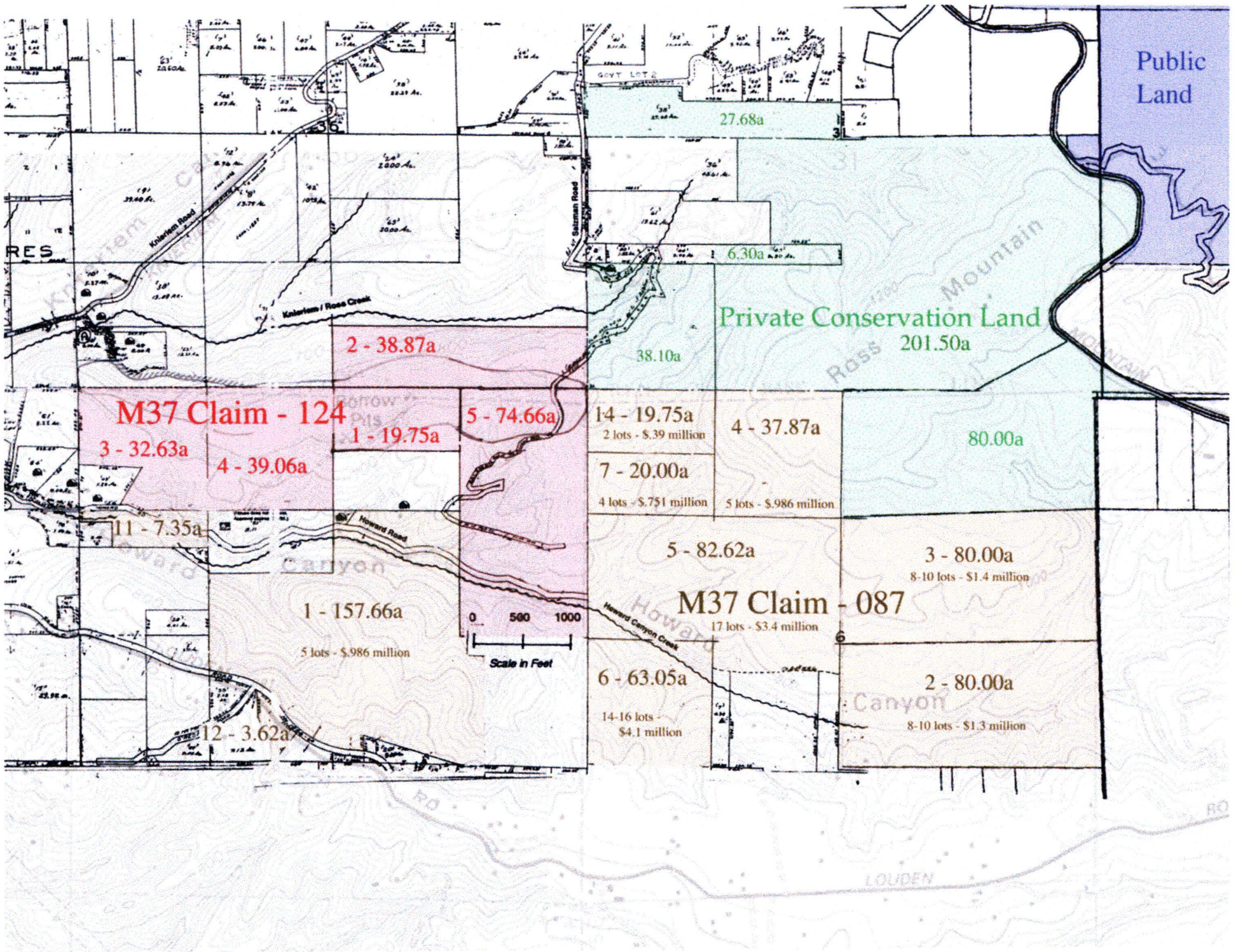
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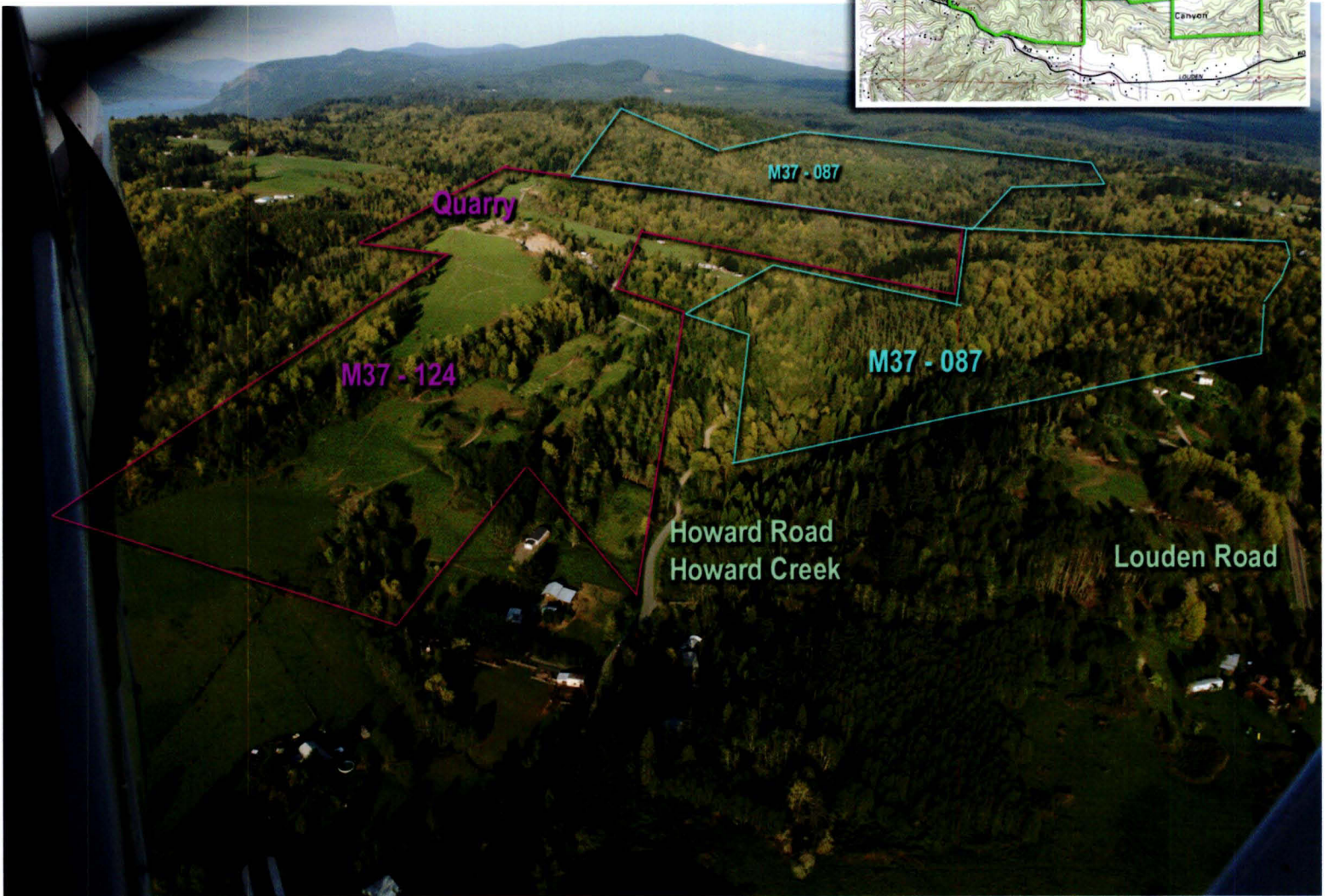
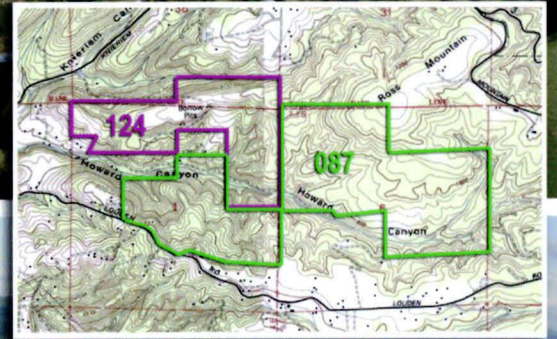
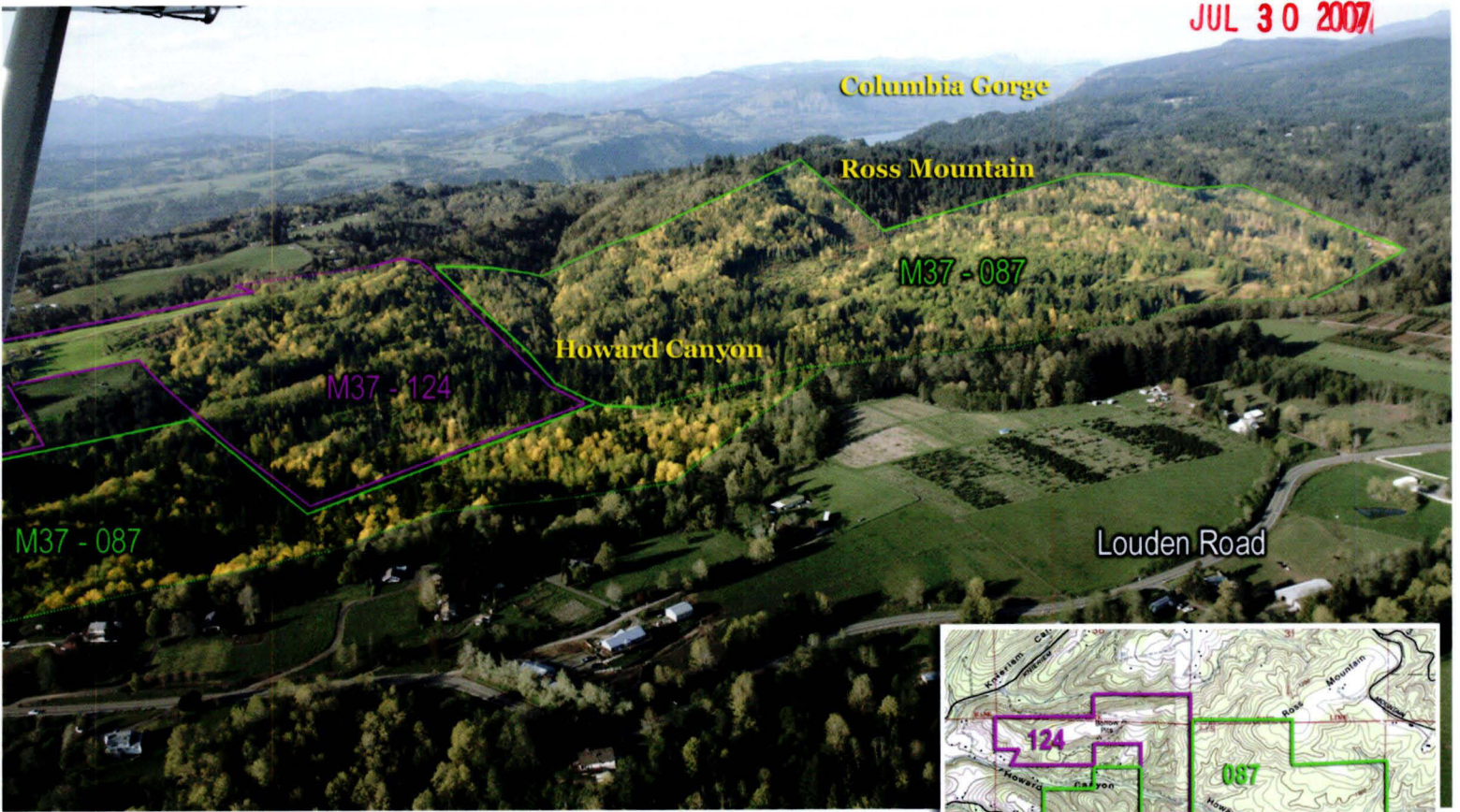
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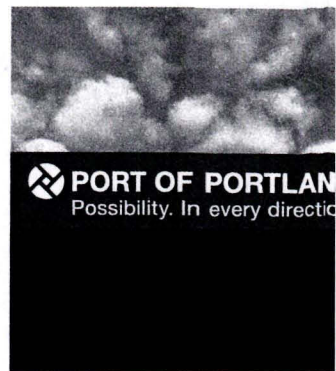
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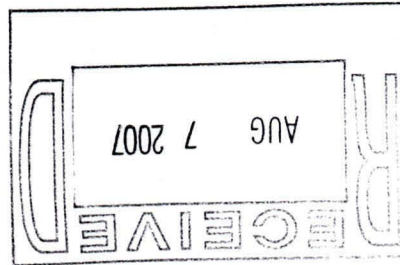
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August 3, 2007

Mr. David Bragdon
Council President
METRO
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland OR 97232



Dear Council President Bragdon:

Over the past year, the Port of Portland, Oregon State University, and METRO have been establishing a partnership to develop approximately five acres of habitat on the St. John's Landfill for three sensitive species: Streaked Horned Lark, Western Meadowlark, and Western Pond Turtle. I understand that you have been briefed on this project but I would like to outline the critical timing issues associated with it and the need for METRO funding for a portion of the project.

This project provides an opportunity to create habitat of a type that has been drastically reduced in size in the lower Columbia River Basin following the implementation of flow control mediated by upstream dams. In Multnomah County and throughout the lower Columbia Basin, these three species thrive in this habitat. The project site at the landfill is one of the last remaining parcels of publicly owned land that has the potential for permanent management of protected wildlife habitat with great potential for education of the general public.

We have a relatively small window of opportunity to create this habitat in time for the upcoming overwintering and breeding seasons, starting this fall and continuing into spring, respectively. October is the cutoff date (until rains cease in late spring/early summer 2008) for placement of dredged material on the landfill due to concern for the integrity of the landfill cover. Completing the placement phase of the project this year may have important consequences for the only remaining known breeding population of streaked horned larks in Multnomah County. This small population breeds and winters on a 113-acre parcel of similar habitat located in Rivergate, directly adjacent to the St. John's Landfill, a parcel that is being developed at this time. For these reasons, now through October of this year is the best time to undertake this project.

The Port of Portland, through its Environmental Management System, has set aside over \$60,000 for this fiscal year to provide 8200 cubic yards of clean sand from West Hayden Island, labor and equipment to load the sand and staff time to prepare a sampling and analysis plan and other support tasks. Dr. Randy Moore, of Oregon State University has attempted to secure grant funding for the remaining approximately \$90,000 for hauling and placement of the material on the landfill, but has been unable to find a funding source. That leaves METRO as the last source of funding for this project. During a meeting with Michael Hogle, Jim Watkins, Paul Vandenberg, and myself, the possibility of METRO funding the remaining \$90,000 was discussed. Possible funding

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sources were identified and your concurrence was needed to ensure that these sources would be available for this project.

The METRO staff felt that this project was consistent with the organizational goals of preserving and enhancing open space, providing stewardship for a breadth of habitat types and functions, providing learning opportunities near the 40-mile Loop Trail on the landfill site, partnering with other stakeholders where possible, and recreating and protecting a habitat type that exists in limited locations in the lark's historic range.

As you know, the streaked horned lark is a candidate species for the federal endangered species list and is listed as Critically Sensitive by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The Western Meadowlark is listed as Critically Sensitive by ODFW and is the State Bird of Oregon. There are also a number of native plants and an imperiled reptile, Western Pond Turtle, that use this nutrient-poor and disturbance-rich habitat that once occurred commonly in the region, but which has now all but disappeared since the cessation of the Columbia's scouring flows following spring snowmelt. This project would provide replacement of rapidly disappearing habitat that these species prefer which consists of sparsely vegetated sandy open areas. The depressions forming in the landfill, which must be filled per the landfill closure plan, provide opportunities to replace this habitat.

The large Port-owned parcel of land that the larks currently use to overwinter and to breed is currently being developed. The Port is not required to mitigate for this loss of habitat, only to assure that breeding activities are not disrupted once initiated (the Port has been working with Dr. Moore to satisfy this responsibility). In fact, the Port has several locations that it has created and is expanding along the Columbia River that can provide alternate habitat for this species; however, none of these are located in Portland urban centers.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter and hope that you can find a way to ensure that this project is completed in the fall of this year. The Port is ready to provide the material and labor as soon as Metro is ready to proceed.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Cheryl R. Koshuta
Chief Environmental Officer

Cc: Michael Jordan, Metro
Michael Hoglund, Metro
Marla Harrison, Port of Portland
Dr. Randy Moore, Oregon State University

8/13/07

Monday

Dear Kathleen Brennan-Hunter and Jim Desmond,

This is in reference to the White Oak Savannah in West Linn. I have included additional material which I faxed 6 days ago but which did not come to Metro as a legible and clear FAX. So I am "snail mailing" them to you.

Included are:

- ① Google Tilt map of White Oak Savannah
- ② Hydrologist's Report
- ③ Letter of Support From Audubon Society
- ④ Copy of Cover letter we faxed on 8/7/07

I will be sending 5 additional letters of support as I receive them
Please remember that this is 20 acres (not 10 as had been misstated at the Work Session for Metro Councilors that we attended a couple of weeks ago.) The cost per acre is therefore not excessive.

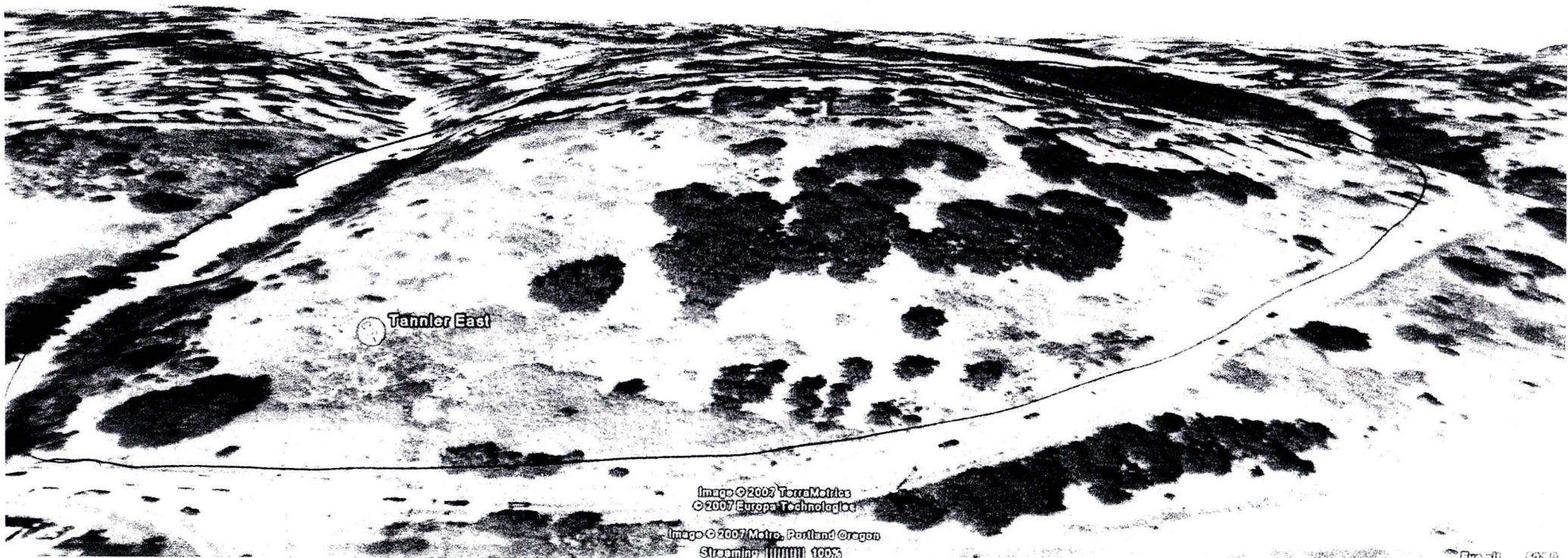
A partnership of Metro, West Linn, State Lottery,
possibly Federal land possibly private plus the
\$3500 that our community has raised from
our fund raiser could make this happen - a natural park in perpetuity.

This could be like Mt Williams.

Thank you, Roberta Schwarz

Google "Tilt" of White Oak Savannah

White Oak
Savanna



Tanner East

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Hydrologist, Planeto Azul Hydrology
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Aug. 3, 2007

Re: Evaluation of Hydrologic Values of West Linn Open Space Parcel Abutting

The parcel is bounded by Blankenship Road to the southeast and Tannler Road to the north, in West Linn, OR.

I evaluated the parcel on 7/31/07

Findings: Topography and vegetation indicate that the drainage feature on the north side of the parcel, about 100-200 feet south of Tannler Road, is intermittent headwater stream segment. This feature roughly parallels to the road, sloping toward Blankenship Road. Based on topography and vegetation, it is likely that this is an intermittent stream channel that conveys water during major rain events and wet periods.

The vegetation along the drainage feature reflects far more moist conditions than on the terraces that flank it. This vegetation includes a few types of fern, alder, and cottonwood, all of which indicate a fairly wet environment and cooler microclimate than on flanking terraces.

The topography also indicates that this feature is an intermittent channel that flows in response to rain during wetter periods. Terraces on both sides grade toward this wetter topographic depression, which is indicative of intermittent headwater stream channels. To the north, the topographic grade toward the channel has been disrupted by a roadcut that was likely done to accommodate the construction of Tannler Road at fairly consistent slope.

The channel likely flows not only in response to rain events, but likely also captures some of the increased runoff from the impervious surfaces of Tannler Road and upslope development.

It is possible that the portions of the drainage feature are a jurisdictional wetland, but such an assessment would require additional evaluation. It is also likely worth verifying that channel conveys water by evaluating conditions during wet periods and heavy winter rains.

The stream channel and adjacent vegetation provide several important hydrologic functions. They help filter sediment and other pollutants from runoff from the road and upslope development. This also helps to reduce runoff peaks and ameliorate downstream flooding during flood events. It also provides a cool moister environment for fauna and flora that need such environments.

→ In general, the parcel provides some important hydrologic functions that will not be retained if it is developed. Relatively undisturbed areas contribute far less runoff to downstream rivers than do developed areas (Booth et al., 2002; 2004). Retention of undeveloped areas, therefore, helps to ameliorate downstream flooding and consequent damage to downstream ecological features and human infrastructure. It also helps reduce the contribution of stormwater runoff to stormwater treatment and drainage systems, which are often overtaxed during major storm events. The retention of undeveloped areas that still retain some near-natural hydrologic function is one the most key needs

if streams draining urban environments are to be protected from additional damage (Booth et al., 2004).

Runoff from such relatively undisturbed areas also has far better water quality than that from developed areas. Retention of open space, therefore, helps to ameliorate water quality problems in downstream areas. Notably, the parcel is part of the lower Willamette watershed. Water quality problems are already severe in the Willamette River.

Undeveloped areas are more able to absorb and slowly release water than developed areas. This can help maintain low flows in downstream segments during droughty periods. This can provide important benefits to fish and other aquatic fauna. Because urbanization typically results in reductions in such low flows, maintenance of these low flows via the retention of undeveloped areas is an important ecological concern.

Therefore, retention of the parcel in an undeveloped open state provides numerous significant ecological and water quantity and water quality benefits relative to what will occur if the parcel is developed.

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August 8, 2007

Mayor King and City Council
City of West Linn
22500 Salamo Road
West Linn, OR 97068

Dear Mayor King and City Council,

I am writing to express Audubon Society of Portland's support for the protection of the "Tannler East Property" within the City of West Linn.

Having visited and toured the Tannler East property with neighbors, I can personally attest to the site's multiple values, both existing and potential. While invasive himalayan blackberry covers much the property, the site harbors a locally significant stand of remnant oak savannah that the City should consider a high priority for habitat protection and enhancement. West Linn's local Goal 5 inventory identifies Tannler East as part Upper Bernert Creek habitat site containing "forage, cover, and nesting habitat for a variety of wildlife including species associated with oak communities such as band tailed pigeon (a federal Species of Concern)."

The scenic views from the property are unique and significant for West Linn, Oregon City, and surrounding portions of Clackamas County, with the visual connections to and from Willamette Narrows and West Linn's historic downtown being particularly special. West Linn's Goal 5 scenic inventory identifies the views to and from the property as locally significant.

The proximity of the Tannler East property to Willamette Primary and Rosemont Ridge Middle Schools presents marvelous educational opportunities for local children. The protection of Tannler East property provides a great opportunity to link local schools, local natural area restoration, and environmental and science education.

We would strongly support the City of West Linn using its Measure 26-80 local share dollars, park SDC revenue, or any other available local funds to purchase the site. State or regional support may also be appropriate in the context of other conservation priorities. We encourage the West Linn to employ all resources and avenues within its means to secure the protection of this locally significant site.

The need to protect sites like Tannler East highlights West Linn's unfinished work in developing and implementing an effective and comprehensive urban natural resource conservation plan. Such a plan could employ the full range of land conservation tools to protect significant upland habitat identified in its local Goal 5 inventory. The January 25, 2007 letter from Commission to the City Council echoed this theme in recommending:

“The City must develop a response to the issue of upland habitat areas, and must implement Metro Title 13 requirements for lands along the Willamette and Tualatin Rivers. These are major undertakings, and it is important that the City Council direct staff to include completion of these important tasks in the Planning Department work program.”¹

We would be happy to assist the City of West Linn in this effort. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Labbe".

Jim Labbe
Urban Conservationist
Audubon Society of Portland

¹ MIS 05-43 West Linn Planning Commission Cover Letter to West Linn City Council, January 25, 2007.

To: Carl Hosticka CC: Linnea Nelson
From: Roberta Schwarz (503) 723-5015

8/7/07

of pages including cover letter: 4

Re: White Oak Savanna

Dear Councilor Hosticka,

I have included the recent hydrologist's report on the White Oak Savanna that we just received yesterday. Please note the benefits to fish and aquatic life and the other hydrologic functions listed. I believe that this is very important scientific information. Please feel free to share it with whomever you believe appropriate.

I have also included a Google "Tilt" map of the White Oak Savanna which may prove helpful.

We will have three additional letters of support within the next 7 to 10 days which I will also forward to you.

Please remember that like Mt. Williams this is a project which will potentially have many different funding sources and is a community ~~led~~ ^{led} project with 415 citizens of all ages having signed the petition to save the White Oak Savanna.

Thank you very much,

R. Schwarz

8/15/07

Hello Kathleen and Jim,

Included are the 3 most recent letters of support for the White Oak Savanna. There is one from Darlene Hooley, one from Defenders of Wildlife, and one from OSPARC. We will be getting 2 additional letters next week and I'll send them to you.

Thanks,

Roberta Schwarz

Edward and Roberta Schwarz
2206 Tannler Drive
West Linn, Oregon 97068

August 7, 2007

Roberta Schwarz
2206 Tannler Drive
West Linn, OR 97068

Dear Mrs. Schwarz:

Thank you for providing my staff with the opportunity to tour the 20 acre oak savanna property at Tannler Drive and Salamo Road in West Linn. I commend your personal efforts to raise funds to help acquire this parcel.

I understand that the West Linn City Council has included this parcel in its list of projects for local share funding for Metro regional acquisition. I support the Council's efforts to acquire the oak savanna property from a willing seller. Please follow-up with me if you decide to apply for any federal grants that would assist in the land acquisition and I would be happy to write a letter of support to that particular agency. You may find the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance helpful in your grant search:
<http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html>.

I wish you the greatest success in your endeavor to acquire the 20 acre oak savanna property in West Linn.

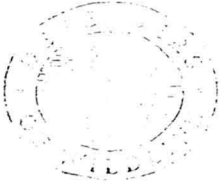
It is an honor and a privilege to serve you in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

DARLENE HOOLEY
Member of Congress

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Cc: Chris Jordan, West Linn City Manager



August 13, 2007

Mayor King and City Council
City of West Linn
22500 Salamo Road
West Linn, Oregon 97068

Dear Mayor King and Members of the City Council,

The Northwest office of Defenders of Wildlife is located in West Linn. We selected this location for our office, in part, because the city has such a unique combination of natural values and access to urban amenities. The signature habitats of the area are its forests, rivers, wetlands and oak savannas. However, these habitats are all at risk from inappropriate development. Now is the time to take action to ensure that examples of these landscapes are protected to maintain the quality of life in West Linn and ensure that its residents have an opportunity to see what kind of habitat existed here prior to human settlement.

Several members of our staff toured the Tannler East property last week. This 20-acre parcel is likely the best example of oak savanna within the city. Oak savannas are at risk throughout the Willamette Valley because they are being rapidly converted to vineyards and residential development. The Tannler site should be purchased for a natural park where residents can enjoy the beautiful old trees, watch the wildlife that frequents the property, learn about the threats and what can be done to reduce them. Although the site is infested with Himalayan blackberry, the local residents are aware of the problem and committed to the long-term management of the site.

We also urge the Council to address the broader Goal 5 issues by adopting the natural areas inventory completed several years ago, and developing a coherent strategy for the conservation of the highest priority properties.

Sincerely,

Sara Vickerman, Gina LaRocco, Rick Brown, Bruce Taylor,
Kassandra Kelly

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Metro Council
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Dear Metro Councilors,

I am writing on behalf of Environment Oregon to encourage you to protect the area known as Upper Bernert Creek in West Linn. Environment Oregon strongly supports Metro's natural areas program as a critical component of maintaining open space in the Portland metropolitan area, and we recommend that the Upper Bernert Creek area, within the Stafford target area, be selected as one of the sites Metro chooses to protect. Environment Oregon is the new home of OSPIRG's environmental work.

The Upper Bernert Creek area is an important area to protect for several reasons. It is an important and relatively rare example of white oak savanna in an urban area. This historic ecosystem has been largely eliminated from many areas due to urban and rural development in the last 150 years. The area provides habitat for many wildlife species, including the Band-tailed Pigeon, a federal species of concern.

In addition, the site includes an intermittent water channel flanked by a wetter cooler micro-climate that likely provides important benefits to the area, including flood mitigation and control of runoff pollution from neighboring development. Runoff pollution is one of the most critical threats facing the Willamette River and protection of open spaces that retain their ability to function as natural filters and sponges is a necessary strategy for cleaning up the Willamette.

In addition, open spaces such as the Upper Bernert Creek area provide an important opportunity for Oregonians to have access to open spaces and the recreational and education opportunities they provide. In the West Linn area there are few if any examples of white oak savanna, making this area a rare opportunity to protect this ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Baumann
Advocate

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