

# CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT QUARTERLY

*Serving Communities With In-Active Citizen Participation Organizations (CPOs)*

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Oregon State University Extension Service supports CPOs through an intergovernmental agreement with Washington County, the sole funder of the CPO program. Extension CPO coordinators provide information on land use and livability issues, resource referrals, and work with CPO members to increase understanding of public policy and decision-making processes.

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## Managing and Maintaining Wells and Septic Systems

Have your well (or spring) tested for: Coliform bacteria.  
Pick up sample bottles and instructions between February 13 and testing dates of March 17 or 19 at one of the designated collections sites below.\*

Payment of \$23.00 must be made when picking up the bottles.  
Make checks payable to: **OSU Extension Service**

In the morning, collect a water sample and drop off your water test bottle before **10:00 am on March 17 or 19, 2009** for transport to the lab.

Results will be returned to the Washington County office of OSU Extension Service for distribution at the free April 4, 2009 "Managing and Maintaining Wells and Septic Systems" class. If you are unable to attend, your results will be mailed to you.

For more information, contact OSU Extension Service at: 503-821-1150

**\*Collection sites:**

- Ace Hardware, Forest Grove
- Petrich General Store, Scholls
- OSU Extension Service, 185<sup>th</sup>/Walker Roads
- Jim's Thriftway, Banks
- North Plains Hardware

### Free Community Education Program

Mike Gamroth, OSU Extension Service Water Quality Program will give basic information on how to care for your drinking water well and septic system. Learn to protect your family's health, your investment in your home and the safety of water resources. Free nitrate tests included. Bring a sample of water.

**Saturday, April 4, 2009 10:00 - noon**

Washington County Extension Office- 18640 NW Walker Road, Beaverton.  
Take 185<sup>th</sup> Ave. exit from Highway 26. Go 1 mile south past the corner of 185<sup>th</sup> and Walker Roads, Entrance D-1

Please pre-register so that we can prepare materials. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information and to pre-register, call OSU Extension Service, 503-821-1150.

# WASHINGTON COUNTY LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

CASE FILE TYPE	APPLICANT/LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS
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## CPO 5 Sherwood Tualatin

08-094 Type III FD-20	David King 11285 SW Tonquin Rd.	Development review for a contractors establishment in the FD-20 district.	Approved.
08-366 Type II AF5	Daniel Muro 24700 SW Labrousse Rd.	Review of a health hardship dwelling in the AF-5 District.	Application received. <del>Public hearing 2/19/09.</del> Public hearing 3/19/09, 11:00am.
08-428 Type III FD-20	Clopton Excavating, Inc. 11277 SW Clay St.	Review and modification of conditions for Casefile 01-442D for Brian Clopton Excavating, Inc.	Application received. <del>Status is pending.</del> Public hearing 3/19/09, 9:00am.

## CPO 11 Gaston, Cherry Grove

08-462 Type II EFC	Gerry Beres 2975 SW Nelson Rd.	Special use and development review for a private day-use park in the EFC District.	Application received. Public comment period 1/22/09 – 2/5/09.
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## CPO 12C Cornelius

08-350 Type II AF 5	Dennis and Pamela Medley 825 NW 334 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Review for a temporary health hardship dwelling in the AF-r district.	Approved.
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## CPO 13 Roy, Verboort, Gales Creek

09-004 Type II AF5	Keleo Creations Inc. 53875 NW Our Lane	Renewal of a home occupation permit for model airplane manufacturing.	Application received. Public comment period 2/3/09 – 2/17/09.
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## CPO 14 Banks, Buxton, Manning, Timber

08-395 Type II AF5	Randall Landers 22930 NW Fisher Rd.	Temporary health hardship permit.	Application received. Status is pending.
08-400 Type II AF20	Cassie Seed NW Scolfield Rd.	Marginal lands review of a parcel under 2 acres.	Approved.
09-006 Type II EFC	Robert and Janice Davidson At the northern terminus of NW Levi White Rd.	Review for a dwelling in the EFC District (Template test).	Application received. Public comment period 2/3/09 – 2/17/09.
09-033 Type II EFC	Robert and Bonnie Shumaker 52490 NW Cedar Canyon Rd.	Modification of conditions of approval of casefile 07-151-TH to remove/demolish an existing dwelling and convert a temporary health hardship dwelling to a primary dwelling.	Application received. Public comment period 2/3/09 – 2/17/09.
09-011 Category C AF20, AF5, RCOM	Wash. Co. Capital Project Mgmt. Intersection of NW Sellers Rd and NW Banks Rd.	Development review and flood plain alteration for reconstruction of the intersection of NW Banks Rd and NW Sellers Rd.	Application received. Public hearing 3/19/09, 10:00am.

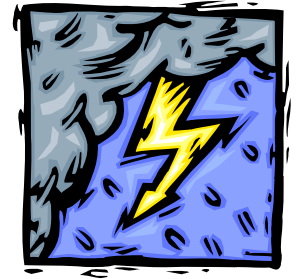
**Type II land use applications have a 14-day public comment period. No public hearing is held unless the decision is appealed. All Type III land-use hearings are held at the Washington County Public Services Building.**

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## SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Oregon Small Businesses Economically Impacted by Severe Winter Storms



Darryl Hairston, Acting Administrator of the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA), announced that the SBA is making low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans available to small businesses economically impacted by severe winter storms in Oregon that occurred from December 14, 2008 through January 4, 2009.

SBA is offering working capital loans of up to \$2 million at an interest rate of 4 percent with terms up to 30 years. "These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. These loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses affected by the severe winter storms to help overcome the temporary financial impacts they are experiencing," Judd said.

SBA will provide information on working capital loans at the Gateway Children's Center Service Building, 10317 E. Burnside St, through Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Office hours are 9:00am – 6:00pm.

Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance) Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is **November 12, 2009**.

Please see a more detailed article on the OSU Extension Service website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/breaking-news>.



### OSU Web Site Helps People Find Help When Recession Hits Home

Oregonians who are finding it hard to make ends meet during these tough economic times have a new resource at their fingertips that quickly links them to key assistance programs with the click of a mouse.

In an effort to compile useful resources in one easy-to-access place, the Oregon State University Extension Service has created a Web site, "Finding Help in Tough Times," containing links to agencies like the Federal Trade Commission and Oregon's Employment, Education and Human Services departments. These sites help people find information about filing for unemployment, finding a job, avoiding foreclosure, staying mentally and physically healthy, and applying for food stamps, nutrition programs and free or lower-priced school meals.

"The Web site highlights health and social service resources available to people in need," said Sally Bowman, a specialist with OSU Extension who was involved with creating the Web site. "It's aimed at individuals and families who need help, such as people who've had the rug pulled out from under them in bankruptcy, foreclosure or layoffs."

The site is at: [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/emergency/tough\\_times.php](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/emergency/tough_times.php).

This new Web site also links to a site provided by the Cooperative Extension System, a nationwide, noncredit educational network, that contains advice on how to weather the economic storm financially and psychologically. Articles on that site offer tips on topics that include how to manage debt, avoid eviction and foreclosure, determine one's net worth, engage in family activities on a budget, and cope with the stress and anger that may follow a job loss.



## ***Project Update***

# **Urban and Rural Reserves Planning in Washington County**

The ultimate goal of urban and rural reserves planning is finding an efficient approach to manage substantial future growth in our region. It also will provide a level of certainty regarding where growth will occur and what areas will be protected from urbanization for the next 40 – 50 years. County commissioners and staff, working in concert with our cities, stakeholder groups, and our regional partners (Metro, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties), are on track to designate urban and rural reserves by late fall 2009.

## **Near Term Goals**

Cities within Washington County will present their growth aspirations for the next 20 – 50 years to the Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee (RCC.) Requested by Metro as part of the *Making the Greatest Place* planning effort, these aspirations will assist the RCC in their discussions. By March it is anticipated that “candidate” reserve areas will be identified, which will then receive increased analysis.

## **Community Involvement**

Community awareness and engagement are crucial for these discussions. The public is invited to the RCC meetings and to Metro’s Reserves Steering Committee meetings. Multiple community-wide events will be held from late March to June. *Please check the website for agendas, locations and times.*

Project information is kept current at [www.co.washington.or.us/reserves](http://www.co.washington.or.us/reserves) and <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=26257>

You are invited to provide comments at any time: [reserves@co.washington.or.us](mailto:reserves@co.washington.or.us). You may also arrange for a speaker to meet with your organization or request additional information. More interactivity on the website is coming soon.

## **Urban and Rural Reserve Candidates**

In September 2008 a Reserves Study Area map was agreed to by the regional Reserves Steering Committee. Since then staff has been developing approaches to identify urban and rural reserve candidate areas. The approaches are based on criteria provided by Oregon’s Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Metro and the three counties are working to ensure we are coordinating efforts along the way.

As a basis for rural evaluation, staff is using a state Department of Agriculture study showing various farm land classifications, and applying those classifications to the Reserves Study Area in Washington County. Information from the state Department of Forestry and Metro’s Natural Landscape Features Inventory is also being used.

Urban reserves candidate analysis includes input from the business community regarding industrial and commercial lands, discussions with public service providers regarding the relative costs of providing infrastructure, and integration of the cities’ growth aspirations.

## **Ongoing Discussions and Refinements**

Key stakeholders are providing on-going review and comment as criteria are applied. Evolving ideas are discussed with our cities’ planning directors and with elected officials at public meetings (the RCC.) Regional public events will soon offer the greater community opportunity to review the process and provide comment. We are trying to ensure that a broad spectrum of the public has many ways to be informed and engaged.

## **Upcoming steps**

Population and employment projections are being evaluated to better estimate the number of people who may live and work here in 25, 40 or 50 years. Cities are providing growth aspirations and the cities and county also are determining existing capacity for growth within the current Urban Growth Boundary.

Another significant consideration is how *services* will be provided and funded for future growth areas. Identification of future service provision through the county, a city, or a special service district (or some combination) and the cost effectiveness of service delivery is part of the considerations.

Additional background information and upcoming meeting and public event schedules are available at [www.co.washington.or.us/reserve](http://www.co.washington.or.us/reserve).

## Soil Quality Test Available For Willamette Valley Farmers and Gardeners

Based on observation and simple tests, Willamette Valley gardeners and farmers can use a soil quality scorecard to do their own soil analysis and get results that are more thorough than traditional soil nutrient tests.

"The Soil Quality Card measures all three aspects of soil fertility – chemical, biological and physical," said Dan McGrath, Oregon State University Extension Service agent in Linn County and one of the developers of the card.

Willamette Valley farmers and a team of scientists from the OSU Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station and the Natural Resources Conservation Service developed the scorecard to measure the effectiveness of new soil conservation methods growers are using in their fields.

The scorecard is a checklist of 10 characteristics farmers identified as the most important indicators of long-term soil productivity. "It condenses years of experience and education into a concise primer on soil quality for the Willamette Valley," McGrath said.

Gardeners can use the same checklist to test the soil quality in their yards and gardens. A Soil Quality Guide also is available to help users understand their observations and score the quality of their soil.

For example, one indicator measures soil compaction. Repeated passes with heavy equipment or a garden rototiller can compact soil. To test compaction, simply push a wire flag into the soil. Does it hit hardpan and stop? Or does it pass easily below the level you have tilled? The wire flag represents the roots of your plants, and the Soil Quality Guide explains the journey roots make through the soil.

Another indicator measures soil structure. Soil that has been tilled too much can develop clods that are cemented together. When broken apart, the clods disintegrate into powder. Healthy soil has tiny pockets of air and a crumbly texture. The Soil Quality Guide helps assess if your soil is crumbly or cloddy and what difference it makes to water retention and plant growth.

Other indicators measure the abundance of soil organisms, water infiltration rate and condition of growing plants. Observations are scored and recorded on a card that can be purchased in sets of 25; results can be compared in different plots and as improvements are made.

The companion Soil Quality Card Guide explains the importance of each indicator, instructions for testing each indicator and how to improve the quality of the soil. It also outlines more in-depth tests that can be done with simple household materials.

The Willamette Valley Soil Quality Card (EM 8711) can be downloaded at no cost at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/abstract.php?seriesno=EM+8711> or ordered in sets of 25 for \$8 (plus shipping and handling).

The Guide (EM 8710) can be ordered for \$3 (plus shipping and handling) at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/abstract.php?seriesno=EM+8710> . Or, call 1-800-561-6719.

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**Interested in starting a CPO in your area?**  
*Please call us to discuss how we can make that happen.*

*For the Forest Grove, Cornelius, Roy,  
Gales Creek, Verboort areas,*

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## New OSU Washington County Extension Website

The new OSU Extension Service Washington County website is now live. The link to the CPO page is <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo> . This web address is slightly different from the previous address so if you have us bookmarked, you'll need to check it.

This should have everything the old website had plus more. Please keep in mind it's a work in progress. If you see anything that is incorrect or you can't find something you need, please email Sally Yackley at [sally.yackley@oregonstate.edu](mailto:sally.yackley@oregonstate.edu) .

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## Public Affairs Forum Topics for March 2009

### March 9, 2009

Topic: Urban/Rural Reserves and the Future Urban Growth Boundary.  
Speaker: Mike Dahlstrom, Washington County Planning Division Program Educator.



### March 16, 2009

Topic: How is the Nursery Industry doing in Oregon?  
Speaker: John Aguirre, Executive Director of the Oregon Association of Nurseries.

### March 23, 2009

Topic #1: Tigard, State of the city address  
Speaker: Tigard Mayor Craig Dirkson

Topic #2: City of Beaverton Programs  
Speaker: Beaverton Mayor Dennis Doyle

### March 30, 2009

Topic: Gang issues and the Western Washington County Gang Intervention Team  
Speakers: Julie McCloud, Washington County Crime Prevention Specialist.

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**Time:** Mondays 11:15 am - 1 pm except on major holidays.

**Location:** Beaverton Elks Club, 3500 SW 104<sup>th</sup> Ave, Beaverton. 503-646-6116 (North of Canyon Rd. Enter through back of building)

**For last minute updates and additional information about the forum, visit:** [www.washingtoncountyforum.org](http://www.washingtoncountyforum.org)

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## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, A Day for You

**Thursday, April 2, 2009**

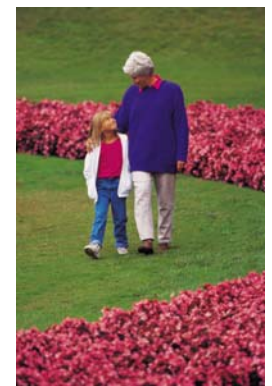
**9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Beaverton Foursquare Church**

**13565 SW Walker Rd. Beaverton OR 97005**

Share a day of fun with other grandparents. There will be community resources, interesting presentations, free lunch, prizes and complimentary massages.

There is no charge for this event but pre-registration is required. Call 503-615-4676 to save your space! Sponsored by: Washington Co. Disability, Aging & Veteran Services –Family Caregiver Support Program



If you would like a copy of *A Resource Guide for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children in Oregon 2008* or *Oregon's Legal Guide for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children 2008*, please call 503-821-1150.

## I-5 to 99W Connector Study Nearly Complete

### Three Arterial Corridor Solution Shows Promise



Since late 2005 Washington County, Metro and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have been studying ways to reduce congestion and improve access to and between OR 99W and I-5 in the southwest metropolitan area. Project staff has recommended a set of transportation system improvements called Alternative 7 – the Three Arterial Corridors Alternative. This alternative appears to be the most promising approach to address the regional and interstate travel needs of this growing area.

Major roads in the Tualatin, Sherwood, and North Wilsonville area are congested with traffic traveling within and through the area. The through and regional trips compete with growing demand for local travel in the area, impacting community livability, freight mobility, and the economies of town centers.

The I-5 to 99W Connector Project, identified in local and regional transportation plans for more than a decade and designated as a project of statewide significance by the Oregon Transportation Commission, carefully considered ways to address this problem. Washington County, Metro and ODOT jointly led and funded a comprehensive study effort to find a solution, and have engaged the cities of Sherwood, Tualatin, Wilsonville, the Federal Highway Administration and Clackamas County in the effort.

Feedback from the public and project committees on a range of six potential alternative solutions guided the creation of the new Three Arterial Corridors Alternative. Alternative 7 combines the best transportation system elements of the original six alternatives studied and adds new ideas to solve the area's ever-growing demand for travel.

This new transportation alternative has been analyzed to compare its performance and effects on the environment with the first six alternatives. Alternative 7 addresses the project's purpose by providing a network of connecting roads, transit improvements and trails to distribute trips to/from and between I-5 and OR 99W in the project area rather than focusing on a single, large "connector" expressway. It has fewer adverse effects on the area's natural resources and residential and commercial land uses than the other "build" alternatives studied, and provides the flexibility to phase improvements over time as money becomes available and the region grows. It costs less than most of the single freeway-style connector options considered earlier.

On January 28th, the Project Steering Committee (PSC) reviewed the components and analysis results of Alternative 7. Members also heard public comment and discussed what further pieces of information they would like to see prior to making a decision. They decided to take another month to discuss Alternative 7 and the findings with their respective constituencies

The I-5 to 99W Connector PSC met Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. These elected and appointed officials voted on whether to recommend that Metro include Alternative 7, the Three Arterial Corridors plan, in Metro's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP would have to be amended to include Alternative 7, which would replace the single connector corridors and four-lane expressway that are now in the plan.

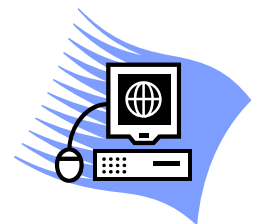
To learn more or to comment online, please visit the project website [www.i5to99w.org](http://www.i5to99w.org). For more information contact Russell Knoebel, Washington County Project Manager, 503-846-7861 or [russell\\_knoebel@co.washington.or.us](mailto:russell_knoebel@co.washington.or.us).

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### **BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE...A NEWSLETTER?**

The CPO program coordinators are looking at ways to reduce printing and postage costs and to make the program more sustainable. To do that we need your help by signing up to receive the newsletter electronically. We call this the *CPO NewsAlert*.

It's simple, just send an email to Sally Yackley [cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu](mailto:cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu) with your name, street address, zipcode and email address to make the necessary changes. You will receive an email with a link to the CPO website with your current newsletter. Thank you for helping out!





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## Oregon Small Farm News

Oregon State University Extension Faculty invite you to subscribe to the free online newsletter that concentrates on both commercial small farm entrepreneurs as well as non-commercial small acreage landowners. The focus embraces organic/biological and conventional farming systems and emphasizes three areas:

1. Small acreage stewardship – addressing enterprises, land management and soil and water quality
2. Commercial small farms- high value horticulture, livestock, poultry, and alternative crop production emphasizing organic and niche production
3. Community food systems – alternative and specialty marketing and farm direct marketing channels

The current issue covers the following topics:

- 2009 Small Farms Conference
- Farm Profile: Rainshadow Organics
- The Need for New Farmers
- Growing Farms: Successful Whole Farm Management Series
- Agricultural Labor Management Series offered in Southern Oregon
- Sustainable Livestock Production part 2
- Making Sense of Food Labeling
- USDA Funds New Organic Cropping Research at OSU
- Willamette Valley Pesticide Collection Event
- USDA Seeks Public Comment
- Calendar



Look over the newsletters at <http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/> and consider subscribing to this free and interesting publication.