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To review copies of the Rural/Natural Resources Plan Element, go to

www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm

No CPO 10 Meeting in the Month of August 2009

County Invites Public to Testify on Urban and Rural Reserves

The Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee (WCRCC) is hosting a Public Hearing on **Thursday, August 20**, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hillsboro Civic Center, 150 E. Main Street in Hillsboro. The hearing is an opportunity for the public to provide testimony regarding urban and rural reserve recommendations being considered by the WCRCC. An informational open house will accompany the hearing, with staff from the county and the cities engaged in this vital long-range growth planning process.

Urban and Rural Reserves, when adopted, will determine where growth will occur over the next 40 to 50 years. Urban reserves will be areas where future Urban Growth Boundary expansions could occur, when needed. Rural Reserves will protect agricultural and forest land and vital natural features from any urbanization over the same period.

The WCRCC is considering recommendations presented in a county staff report, now available at www.co.washington.or.us/reserves. The report identifies approximately 108,800 acres for rural reserves and 33,800 acres for urban reserves. The WCRCC will deliberate on the report and consider all public comment and testimony received up through September 1. Comment and testimony can be provided at any time in writing. The Public Hearing provides a chance to give oral testimony before the committee. If you plan to provide oral or written testimony, please reference the "factors" that are available on our website at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/breaking-news>. If you would like a copy of the factors and don't have access to a computer, please call 503-821-1128.

The WCRCC, made up of elected officials and representatives of the Farm Bureau and service districts, is the county's advisory committee for Urban and Rural Reserves designation. It provides recommendations to both a regional steering committee and to the Board of County Commissioners. This process also involves Clackamas and Multnomah counties and Metro, and will culminate in agreements between each county and Metro. Metro will include the urban reserves in their future UGB decisions; the county will include rural reserves in the County Comprehensive Plan.

To learn more about the Public Hearing, download the staff report or find more information on the process, visit www.co.washington.or.us/reserves.

Comment Period Ends October 15

Public Comment Opportunity for Making the Greatest Place

On Sept. 15, Metro will open a 30-day public comment opportunity in preparation for a series of decisions the Metro Council and its regional partners will make in the coming months as part of the integrated land-use and transportation planning effort called Making the Greatest Place. **The comment period will close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 15.**

Several important decisions under this combined initiative are scheduled to be made by Dec. 17. The Metro Council will consider a resolution approving the policies, projects and investment strategies in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. In addition the Council anticipates accepting the Urban Growth Report, an analysis of the capacity of the current urban growth boundary to accommodate the region's anticipated growth in employment and housing over the next 20 years. The Metro Council will also consider agreements with Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties to establish urban and rural reserves. Under these agreements, the Metro Council, in 2010, will designate urban reserves to accommodate future urban growth over the next 40 to 50 years and the counties will designate rural reserves to protect farms, forests and natural areas from urbanization for the same period.

Comments on any of these topics may be submitted in writing at any time during the comment period by email to greatestplace@oregonmetro.gov, by mail to Greatest Place Comments, Planning and Development, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232, or online through a link on the project web page, www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace

In addition, Metro is sponsoring six open houses and four public hearings to provide opportunities to learn more and provide verbal and written comments. The times and dates for those events are listed below. All the sites have transit service. For current schedules, go to the TriMet web site, trimet.org

Open houses and public hearings

- Monday, Sept. 21, Hillsboro Civic Center, room 113A & B, 150 E. Main St., Hillsboro
Open house 2 to 4 p.m. No hearing; written comments only
- Tuesday, Sept. 22, Multnomah County Library, North Portland branch, 512 N. Killingsworth St., Portland
Open house 5 to 7:45 p.m. No hearing; written comments only
- Thursday, Sept. 24, Beaverton City Hall, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton
Open house starts at 4 p.m.; hearing starts at 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 1, Gresham Conference Center, Oregon Trail Room, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway
Open house starts at 4 p.m.; hearing starts at 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 8, Happy Valley City Hall, 16000 SE Misty Drive, Happy Valley
Open house starts at 4 p.m.; hearing starts at 5:15 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 15, Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland
Open house starts at 4 p.m.; hearing starts at 5:15 p.m.

All Metro meetings are wheelchair accessible. Listening devices for people with a hearing impairment are available in the Council Chamber upon request. Interpreter services for people with limited English or the hearing impaired are available with 48 hours advance notice. Please call Metro at 503-797-1551 or TDD 503-797-1804 to request these services.

Guidelines for preparing testimony

- Oral testimony is limited to two minutes, so prepare to present brief highlights only.
- To ensure that your comments are accurately reflected in the public record, please come prepared to submit your remarks in writing whether you testify orally or not. You may bring written material you have prepared in advance, or use Metro comment forms available at the hearing.

More information about the projects and programs

For more information about the projects and programs that are the subject of this comment opportunity, visit Metro's web site at www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace. If you have questions about how to comment or about the public open houses and hearings, call 503-797-1735.

Land Use and Development Applications Updates

Case File	Application/Location	Proposed Action	Status
08-416 Type II EFU	Andre & Kathy Meyer 235 SW Scholls Ferry Rd/State Hwy 210	Alteration/expansion of a non-conforming use (labor camp) to replace 54 existing cabins with 12 cottages and 10 RV pads and convert an existing dwelling to a berry processing facility. Also a modification of conditions VII.2 & 3 of casefile 83-036-C (to retain a health hardship.	Appealed. Hearing 6/18/09, 9:00am.
09-003 Type II AF 20	Vincent and Deborah Reyes 32585 SW Laurelview Rd	Modification of conditions of casefile 06-238-REP to convert and retain the old dwelling as an accessory structure.	Hold.
09-082 Type II EFU	Lauen Johnston 26970 SW Larson Rd.	Renewal of a temporary health hardship permit.	Approved.
09-110 Type II AF 20	Darline Felton 14395 SW Campbell Rd.	Request for a temporary health hardship permit.	Hold
09-113 Type II EFU	Harper Houf Peterson Righellis 7500 SW Minter Bridge Rd.	P/49CL00511-3 lot partition and 3 dwellings pursuant to measure 49/37CL0051.	Approved.
09-114 Type III AF 20	Joanne Corder NE Neil Rd.	Change designation from AF-20 to EFC.	Approved.
09-170 Type II EFU	Ankiom Moisan Architects No address provided	Development review and special use approval for a winery in the EFU district, "Ardiri Winery".	Application received. Public comment period 7/24/09-8/7/09.
09-195 Type II EFU	Larry and Leslie Waters No address provided.	Request for approval of a temporary health hardship renewal.	Application received. Awaiting public notice.
09-231 Type II EFU	Jeff Boswell & Loretta Flint Scholls Ferry Rd	Approval for a dwelling pursuant to Measure 49 claim, 49CL0208.	Application received. Awaiting public notice.
09-232 Type II AF 5	Frederick Morris 12350 SW Poppy Dr.	2-lot partition & dwelling in conjunction with a Measure 49 claim, 49CL0523	Application received. Awaiting public notice.
09-248 Type II AF 20	Ann and Scott Shull SW Hillsboro Hwy.	Special use and development review for a winery in the AF 20 district.	Application received. Awaiting public notice.

Type II land use applications have a 14 day public comment period. No public hearing is held unless decision is appealed.

All Type III land use hearings are held at the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building.

Mailing Address: Washington Co. DLUT, 155 N. First Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124.

<http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/LDS/index.cfm?id=4> Tel: 503-846-8761 Fax: 503-846-2908



Neighborhood Review Meetings

Note: Some of the following meetings may have already occurred. They are listed here because we want you to be aware of potential development on sites within your CPO.

- ◆ Proposal to remodel the residence at 9761 SW Hillsboro Hwy. There are two dwellings on the property. Neighborhood meeting was held August 5th, 2009.



In A Pickle About How to Preserve Food? Call The OSU Hotline: 1-800-354-7319

Want to know how to can salsa? Stumped about what kind of vinegar to use for pickling your cucumbers? Puzzled over hot packs and raw packs?

The Oregon State University Extension Service can help. Its statewide toll-free food safety and preservation hotline (1-800-354-7319) that operates each summer is now open. Trained volunteers and Extension staff will answer calls **Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through mid-October**. The volunteers have completed intensive training in food preservation and safety and have passed a certification exam.

Operators received more than 4,470 calls last summer, and half of them involved questions about canning, said Carolyn Raab, a food and nutrition specialist with OSU Extension. She said she expects more calls this year as the number of people growing and preserving their own food increases. Raab said part of the reason for this is that consumers are tightening their budgets during the economic downturn, trying to control the ingredients in their food, and aiming to eat food grown close to home. This is what county Extension faculty around the state are hearing from the public, she said.

Home canning is a science that must be done correctly. If it isn't, a life-threatening foodborne illness called botulism could result. Foods that have lower acidity (meat, seafood, poultry and nonpickled vegetables) should be processed in a large pressure canner to kill the harmful bacteria. Foods higher in acid (fruits, pickled vegetables and tomatoes) may be safely processed in a boiling-water canner. The length of time and pounds of pressure needed to process low-acid foods is influenced by the type of food, the way it's prepared, the size of the jar and the altitude.

Instructions for preserving various foods are available from the OSU Extension catalog at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog>. (Click on "nutrition and foods" and then "food preservation and storage") A printed catalog of these and other OSU Extension publications is available by calling 1-800-561-6719.

County Stripes Roads at Night

Starting Wednesday, August 5, Washington County's contractor, Specialized Pavement Markings Inc., will work nights repainting the stripes on arterial roads. Night striping is scheduled to continue through August 28, Sunday through Thursday, from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Striping at night when there is less traffic reduces delays on heavily traveled roadways.

Roads scheduled for night striping:

- Barnes Road / Burnside Street
- Cornelius Pass Road
- Cornell Road / 10th Street
- Farmington Road
- Murray Boulevard
- Scholls Ferry Road
- Tualatin-Sherwood Road
- Walker Road



County crews will stripe rural and lower traffic volume urban roads throughout the summer during daytime hours, weather permitting. Daytime striping work begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends by 4:30 p.m.

For more information about the county's road striping program, please contact Keith Lewis, Operations Superintendent, at (503) 846-7685.



Woodland Owners: Ready, Set, Go!

With the Resource Management Planning Shortcourse

A practical, step by step, hands on, guided process

Join us for this series of classes to learn about forest resource inventory techniques, management plan development, and how a plan can help you make sound decisions about your woodland. This series is specifically designed for family woodland owners, and you can leave the last session with a forest management plan that you have developed for your property! Having a written forest management plan is the gateway to many opportunities – such as access to green certification and cost-share programs – and is an important tool for communicating your objectives with professionals and with family members.

Primary instructor: Amy Grotta, OSU Extension Forester, Columbia & Washington Counties With assistance from OSU Master Woodland Managers

Dates/Times: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm: Oct. 7th, 21st, Nov. 4th, 18th, Dec. 2nd, 16th, 2009. Field Day: Saturday, Oct. 24th, 9 am – 4 pm

Course Location: Washington County Extension Office, 18640 NW Walker Rd, Beaverton

Course Fee: \$50 per family covers all materials and map sets for your property. Washington County Small Woodlands Association members receive a 50% discount.

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 25th, 2009. To register, contact Amy Grotta, (503) 397-3462 or amy.grotta@oregonstate.edu. Send registration fee to Columbia County Extension Service, c/o Vicki Krenz, 505 N. Columbia River Hwy, St. Helens, OR 97051.

- **Session 1 (10/7):** Introduction, Plan Structure, Setting Goals and Objectives
- **Session 2 (10/21):** Mapping Your Property
- **Field Day (10/24):** Inventory Techniques
- **Session 3 (11/4):** Assessing Water Resources, Riparian Areas, and Roads; Forest Practice Considerations
- **Session 4 (11/18):** Assessing Wildlife Habitat
- **Session 5 (12/2):** Cultural and Aesthetic Resources, Business and Legal Considerations, Developing an Action Plan
- **Session 6 (12/16):** Putting Your Plan to Work, Graduation

SOLV Beach Cleanup Set for September 19th



25TH Anniversary Fall Beach Cleanup, Oregon Coast.: Join SOLV to celebrate 25 years of working together to keep the Oregon coastline clean and pristine! The 25th anniversary of the SOLV Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup will take place on September 19, 2009 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For the first time ever, pre-registration is available at http://www.solv.org/programs/fall_beach_cleanup.asp#sitelist. If you are organizing a group of 20 or more or have special needs, you may also contact the appropriate Zone Captain. Their contact information is listed on the website: http://www.solv.org/programs/beach_cleanup_zone.asp. Groups of less than 20 and individuals are encouraged to register online and need not call ahead.

Sharing the Road with Farm Equipment

Over half of the 1,271 miles of roads maintained by Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation are in a rural setting. Scenic two-lane roads wind through farms, forests, nurseries and vineyards. Due to population growth, more high-speed traffic now travels on roads not designed for that kind of traffic.

Motorists traveling Washington County's rural roads may find themselves sharing the road with large, slow-moving farm equipment. Not recognizing slow moving vehicles, or simply not being aware of them until it is too late, is a leading cause of collisions.



How can you recognize farm vehicles? According to the Oregon Drivers Manual, farm machinery and equipment that travels at 25 mph or less must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear when traveling on public roads. As a motorist, you must be prepared to slow down when you see this triangular sign with a red reflectorized border and a fluorescent orange-red center. Some farm vehicles may also display flashing yellow lights.

They're so big and slow, how could you possibly rear-end a farm vehicle? Consider this: A car traveling 55 mph requires about 224 feet to stop on dry pavement, assuming average reaction time and braking. A car traveling 55 mph can close a 300-foot gap (the length of a football field) and overtake a tractor moving at 15 mph in about five seconds. If you do not begin to slow as soon as you see a farm vehicle, you might not have time to avoid a collision.

The most common accident occurs when a slow-moving farm vehicle is turning left. Although a tractor may appear to be stopping beside the road or turning right, it might actually be turning left. The farmer is swinging wide to line up with a gate or driveway; the driver behind the farmer may think the farmer is pulling over to let the driver pass. Look for gates, driveways or access roads on the left side of the road that may indicate a left turn.

How and when is it safe to pass farm equipment? It is illegal and very dangerous to pass farm equipment in a no passing zone. Pass only when the road ahead is clear and there is either a dashed yellow line on your side of the road or a dashed white line. And when passing, be extra cautious. Tractors and other farm equipment may be wider than they look from behind and may require ample space in both lanes.

ODOT's Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit reports that in the five-year period from 2003 through 2007, Oregon experienced 151 crashes involving farm equipment; 112 people were injured and 10 people died. Eight of those crashes and one death occurred on Washington County's roads. Almost two-thirds of Washington County's crashes were rear-end crashes or crashes during turning movements. Most crashes took place on a weekday, during the day, on dry pavement. The most frequent day of the week for crashes involving farm equipment in Washington County was Wednesday.



The keys to safety when sharing the road with farm equipment are **caution and patience**. A farmer understands that your trip is being delayed, so he or she will pull off the road at the first available safe location to allow you to pass. For more information, see the Oregon Farm Bureau's publication *Rural Road Safety*.

Washington County is committed to building and maintaining the best transportation system, ensuring the safety of all roadway users, and to operating the county roadway system in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner.

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 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!



From Farmer to Consumer: How to Make Direct Marketing Work

Consumers these days are eager to buy the ripest, freshest, high-quality fruits and vegetables they can find, and many farmers are stepping up to fill the demand at farmers' markets, roadside stands and U-pick operations.

Farmers who consider selling directly to the public understand that they can save money if they eliminate middlemen, but might need marketing advice to succeed. A wealth of details on how to make farmer-to-consumer marketing work is available in a series of newly revised publications from Oregon State University Extension Service.

The OSU publications help farmers evaluate their marketing needs and expectations and provide information on market alternatives.

"Self-evaluation is also a key," said Larry Burt, an OSU Extension economist and co-author of the series. "Direct market producers should enjoy meeting people who visit the farm or stand; if visitors do not feel welcome, they probably won't return.

"Although additional income is often the first reason farmers decide to become retailers, many enjoy the flexibility of owning their own business," he added.

Burt said that some farmers do not produce enough to attract processors or commercial buyers and instead use the opportunity to sell high-quality products that can vary from commercial standards in size and appearance.

Other considerations such as legal requirements, employment and zoning restrictions in starting a farmer-to-consumer business are detailed in the OSU publication series. All the publications are free of charge and can be found on the OSU Extension Service Web site.

- PNW 201-E, Farmer-to-Consumer Marketing Overview: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/pnw/pnw201-e.pdf>
- PNW 202-E, Production and Marketing Costs: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/pnw/pnw202-e.pdf>
- PNW 203-E, Merchandising, Pricing and Promotional Strategies: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/pnw/pnw203-e.pdf>
- PNW 204-E, Place of Business and Product Quality: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/pnw/pnw204-e.pdf>
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- PNW 206-E, Financial Management: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/pnw/pnw206-e.pdf>

Save the Date for the Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 10, 2009, Washington County Fair Complex- Floral Building, Cornell Road, Hillsboro.

Free parking and admission.

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| 9:00am | Urban Poultry, James Hermes, OSU Extension Poultry Specialist |
| 10:00am | Food Preservation Update, Jeanne Brandt, Extension Family and Community Health |
| 11:00 am | Edible Landscaping, Weston Miller, Metro Extension Community Horticulture |
| 12:00 pm | Integrated Pest Management for Edibles, Weston Miller, Metro Extension Community Horticulture |
| 1:00 pm | Gardening in the Pacific Northwest, A workshop for beginning gardeners, Oregon Food Bank, Learning Garden Volunteers |
| 9 am – 3 pm | OSU Master Gardeners Demo Garden. Guided tours and answers to your gardening questions |



Be sure to visit the 4-H Youth Harvest Festival and Home Orchard Society All About Fruit Show at the same time.



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Stormwater Management: One Backyard at a Time

What if each of us implemented just one of the ideas from this workshop

A **FREE** video-stream workshop will be held **Tuesday, September 15, 9:00am to 11:30 am** at OSU Extension Service, Room 1411E, 18640 NW Walker Road (corner of 185th and Walker). Enter at door marked D1.

Learn how home and business owners, developers, city engineers and mayors are trying green solutions to manage the pollution running to surface and ground waters. See ideas from Whidbey Island, Washington; Bend, Oregon; and Ketchum/Sun Valley Idaho that you may implement in your backyard or town.

Some of the questions we will answer on September 15 include:

- What is a rain garden?
- How big does it need to be?
- What plants should I include?
- Why does that house have plants growing on the roof?
- Does rainwater run off your property into the street?
- Does your neighbor's rainwater run onto your property?



This workshop should interest all gardeners, natural resource educators and students, developers, landscape companies, watershed groups, city and county engineers, planning staff, watershed groups, and caring and interested individuals.

This free workshop comes to us from the video team of Washington State University. Please call or email Sally Yackley (503.821.1128 or email: sally.yackley@oregonstate.edu) by Thursday, September 10 to reserve a space so that we may plan for handout materials and refreshments.