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Re: Adoption of Urban and Rural Reserve

I would like to formally object to decisions made by Metro, Multnomah County, Washington County, and Clackamas County regarding Urban and Rural Reserves.

I testified at a Metro meeting in early February 2010 objecting to Area 9B being placed in a rural reserve. This area does not meet the guidelines established by SB1011 for Rural Reserve but does meet the guidelines for establishing Urban Reserve. I was very surprised when Area 9B was designated rural.

In particular, a previously "Undesignated" L-shaped portion of the land in the S.W. corner of Area 9B clearly does not meet the criteria for Rural Reserve. This land is not foundation agricultural land , and there is no productive agriculture in this area. In fact, the Department of Agriculture designated it as "conflicted" agricultural land. This area is a 10 minute walk to Bethany Village Town Center and could be easily urbanized with an extension of existing services.

A regional planning approach would help this area become a logical transition from the high density suburban uses of Bethany to the open spaces of Forest Park, while expanding the existing trail network and protecting key natural landscapes and habitats. It could also help provide the needed infrastructure links to the North Bethany area.

I do not believe that the required criteria were utilized by Metro in designating this area to become a Rural Reserve. Rather, it seems the process was highly political and did not follow the guidelines of SB1011. A more just result would be to designate the L-Shape portion of Area 9B as a Urban Reserve.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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