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Urban and Rural Reserve Specialist
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Re: Adoption of Urban and Rural Reserves

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

I participated in the decision-making process by submitting written testimony to both Metro and Multnomah County, and was very surprised about the results for Area 9B. The essence of my of my objection is that this area does not meet the guidelines established by SB1011 for Rural Reserves, but does meet the guidelines for establishing Urban Reserves.

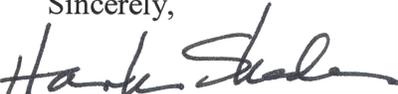
In particular, a previously "Undesignated" L-shaped portion of the land in the S.W. corner of Area 9B clearly does not meet the criteria for Rural Reserves. This land is not foundation agricultural land; it has been designated as "conflicted" agricultural land by the Department of Agriculture. Indeed, there is no productive agriculture in this area. In addition, this area is a 10-minute walk to the 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 space 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.

In summary, 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 designate the L-shaped portion of Area 9B as an Urban Reserve, and preserve foundation agricultural land where it exists.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Hank Skade

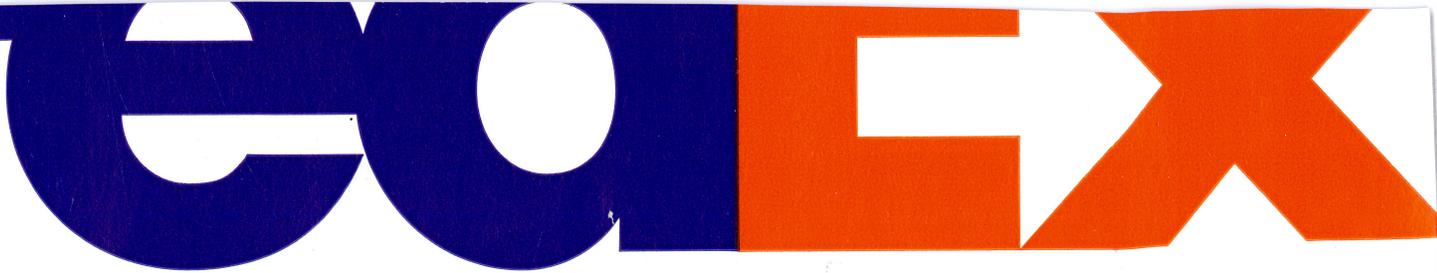
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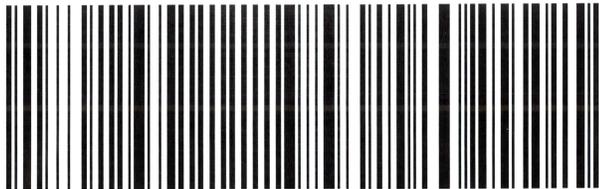
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