

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

In the Matter of Creating a Neighborhood Greenspaces)
Concept Development Committee to Establish Greenspace) RESOLUTION
Screen Criteria in the County Tax Foreclosure Process.) 94-71

WHEREAS, the 25th anniversary of Earth Day is an appropriate time for the County to recognize that greenspaces are of significant value to our communities.

WHEREAS, many properties that come into County ownership through the tax foreclosure process may have significant environmental qualities; and

WHEREAS, these properties may provide value as a greenspace unique to a neighborhood, or may have more regional value as greenspace that is part of a flyway, a wetlands resource or wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no provision in the tax foreclosure process that considers environmental values of a property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has expressed consensus that a greenspaces screen in the county tax foreclosure process be established that recognizes a property's greenspace value and its value to long run quality of life in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That,

1. There is hereby created a Neighborhood Greenspaces Concept Development Committee.
2. The Neighborhood Greenspaces Concept Development Committee shall be made up of no more than ten members, appointed by the Chair, representing the following interests: Metro, Portland, and Gresham Parks Departments, and a representative from the NE Cities, the Department of Environmental Services, the Board of County Commissioners, the Office of Neighborhood Associations, and two representatives of organizations that advocate for environmental concerns.
3. The Committee shall recommend appropriate criteria for a "greenspaces screen" to be applied to County tax foreclosed properties. These recommendations shall be made in a timely manner so as to allow their incorporation into the restructuring of the tax foreclosure process.
4. After the development of "greenspaces screen" criteria, the Concept Committee will make recommendations as to composition and charge of a standing Citizen's Review Committee. The Citizen's Review Committee will utilize the "greenspace screen" criteria to make recommendations to Tax Title and the Board of County Commissioners about what

properties should be designated as "neighborhood greenspace". In addition, the Concept Committee will make a recommendation as to whether the Citizen's Review Committee should also review proposed acquisitions from the County's Natural Areas Fund, how to integrate county tax foreclosed properties into the Metro Greenspaces Master Plan, Metro's regional mapping system, and Portland and Gresham Parks Master Plans, the NE Cities plans and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Plans.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 1994.



By: Beverly Stein
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