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MEETING DATE: 9/10

SUBJECT: Reserves - Area 7

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AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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Matt Wellner  
Submitted



## CITY of BEAVERTON

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September 4, 2009

Charles Beasley  
Multnomah County  
1600 SE 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland OR 97233

**RE: East Bethany Area**

Dear Mr. Beasley:

During the course of the Urban and Rural Reserves review with the Multnomah County Reserves Citizens Advisory Committee, the area east of Washington County's North Bethany area was identified by local land owners and their representatives as a potential urban reserve. For the purposes of this letter, the area is referred to as East Bethany. The area has been graphically identified by maps submitted to the record by Tom Vanderzanden and/or Matt Wellner. Representatives of some land owners approached the City of Beaverton to inquire to the City's willingness to provide governance and urban services to the East Bethany area. The purpose of this letter is to inform Multnomah County that the City of Beaverton is willing to provide governance and urban services to the subject area.

The position of the Beaverton City Council is that the East Bethany area should be studied for suitability as an urban reserve. The primary reason for this recommendation is the fact that the lands in the area are not classified as "foundation" agricultural land but rather "important" or "conflicted" agricultural lands. If Multnomah County were to decide to recommend the East Bethany area as an urban reserve, the Beaverton City Council is willing to provide governance and urban services to the East Bethany area. The City would provide these services only when the City of Beaverton corporate limits are contiguous to the East Bethany area. Given the current distance of the City of Beaverton city limits from the subject area, it may be some time before the City would be in a position to provide that service. However, if a new city were established contiguous to the East Bethany area or if the City of Portland were able to demonstrate the ability to provide service to the East

Bethany area, the City of Beaverton would not object to those cities providing governance and urban services to the East Bethany area.

If you have any questions about this letter or the City's position on Urban or Rural Reserves, please feel free to contact me at 503-526-2429.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven A. Sparks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" and last name "Sparks" being clearly legible.

Steven A. Sparks, AICP  
Interim Community Development Director