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Council Transmittal Memo

DATE: September 10, 2014
TO: Mayor Charles Hales and Members of City Council
FROM: Susan Anderson, Director

1. **Ordinance / Resolution Title:** Adopt the Willamette River Greenway Inventory as a supporting document for the update of the *Willamette Greenway Plan* (Ordinance)
 2. **Contact:** Debbie Bischoff, Senior Planner, River Planner
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3. **Council Date:** September 24, 2014

4. Consent Agenda Item Regular Agenda Item

Emergency Item (explain below) Non-Emergency Item

5. **Purpose of Agenda Item:** This Ordinance updates information from the *Willamette Greenway Plan* (1987). The inventory along with other data, will be used in current (River Plan/Central Reach as part of CC2035 Plan) and future river planning efforts. It does not propose any changes to plans or regulations.

6. **History of Agenda Item/Background:** Per Statewide Planning Goal 15: Willamette River Greenway, the City completed an inventory of characteristics listed in the planning goal in 1985/86, which was adopted with the *Willamette River Greenway Plan* (1987). This inventory has not been updated since plan adoption and conditions along the river have changed.

More recently, River Plan/North Reach was appealed and the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) ruled that they could not determine if the information in the legislative record satisfied the Goal 15 inventory requirements. The City must update its Goal 15 inventory if all or portions of the inventory are used to develop new code, or must adopt findings to explain why the Goal 15 inventory did not need to be updated. Going forward, staff want to have a Goal 15 inventory that is



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clearly labeled and contains the information that is specifically set forth in Goal 15.

7. **What individuals or groups are or would be supportive or opposed to this action?** Generally, property owners within the Willamette River Greenway boundary are/would be supportive of the aggregation of current information regarding their property. City staff and agencies are supportive of this updated information, which can be referred to in their work.

There may be testimony from representatives associated with the working harbor who want to see a more robust inventory and emphasis on the industrial working harbor. A more detailed inventory of lands committed to industrial use is being completed as part of the *Comprehensive Plan Update*. This inventory corresponds only to the existing conditions information listed in Statewide Planning Goal 15.

8. **How does this relate to current City policies?** This document updates the inventory completed in 1985/86 and was included in the adoption of the 1987 Willamette Greenway Plan. This plan is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan.





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Dear Mayor Hales and City Council Members:

On June 24, 2014 the Planning and Sustainability Commission voted unanimously to forward the *Proposed Willamette River Greenway Inventory* to City Council for approval, with staff continuing to refine the inventory with minor changes and corrections as identified by staff, commissioners and written public testimony.

At the hearing, staff explained that this inventory updates information from the *Willamette Greenway Plan* (1987) for the Willamette River area. The inventory will, along with other data, inform current (River Plan/Central Reach as part of CC2035 Plan) and future river planning efforts. It follows the list of inventory items in Statewide Planning Goal 15: Willamette River.

A primary reason for this inventory is that during River Plan/North Reach appeals, the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) ruled that they could not determine if the information in the legislative record satisfied the Goal 15 inventory requirement. Going forward, staff want to have a Goal 15 inventory that is clearly labeled and contains the information that is specifically set forth in Goal 15.

The Commission directed staff to continue to refine the inventory as part of the PSC's Recommended Draft that will be the basis for the final Council hearing, and with these refinements, the PSC recommends that the City Council adopt the Recommended *Willamette River Greenway Inventory* as a supporting document to the River Plan, an update to the *Willamette Greenway Plan*.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Katherine Schultz
Vice Chair
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