



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

**Meeting Date:** 4/22/2010  
**Agenda Item #:** R-6  
**Est. Start Time:** 10:00 am  
**Date Submitted:** 4/8/2010

**Agenda Title:** Briefing on Earth Day 2010 and the Multnomah County Green Team Hope Garden

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 **Amount of Time Needed:** 15 Minutes  
**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** District 3  
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## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None, briefing on Earth Day 2010 and Multnomah County's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship; celebration of the successes of the Multnomah County Green Team; kickoff of the 2010 Hope Garden project.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Earth Day was established in 1970 to bring national attention to the need for action by individuals and organizations to protect the environment, and this year marks the 40th anniversary of the first Earth Day celebration. Multnomah County has a long history of leadership on environmental stewardship, both within the community and in its internal operations. Recognizing Earth Day 2010 will allow the Board to celebrate some of the County's achievements and reaffirm its commitment to sustainability.

The Multnomah County Green Team was formed to harness the enthusiasm of County staff for the environment, and to transform that energy into actions that ensure a healthy environment, economy, and community. The Green Team is an all volunteer organization that has achieved great success with projects that educate (Sustainability Film Series, Green Bag lectures, Earth events) and protect

(Adopt-a-Road Cleanup, Re-use-a-Shoe Collections).

One of the most significant Green Team successes was the 2009 Hope Garden. Located on the fifth floor eco-roof of the Multnomah Building, the Hope Garden produced nearly 500 pounds of healthy organic vegetables that were donated to the Oregon Food Bank. The all-volunteer effort, supported by generous donations of time and materials from the community, served as both a way to help support the neediest in the community during difficult economic times and a way to inspire others to do the same. The Green Team will plant the 2010 Hope Garden the afternoon of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and anticipate the 2010 effort to be even more successful.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

The Green Team is an all volunteer effort, and all materials associated with the Hope Garden project have been graciously donated by the community. No additional Board actions are being requested at this time, therefore there is no fiscal impact of this briefing.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

Public recognition and affirmation of the County's leadership role in environmental stewardship supports a number adopted County policies on sustainability, including the 2009 Portland/Multnomah Climate Action Plan.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

The Green Team seeks to engage the community on issues of sustainability through activities like the Sustainability Film Series. Many of the policies and actions undertaken by Multnomah County that support sustainability are done collaboratively with other local governments and community groups.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:**



**Date:**