

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
for MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. PC-08-010

In the matter of recommending that the Board of Commissioners amend the Multnomah County Framework Plan and the County Plan and Zoning Map to adopt the Proposed Urban and Rural Reserves Plan for Multnomah County.

The Planning Commission of Multnomah County Finds:

- a. The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code Chapters 11.05, and 33 through 36, to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption, revision, or repeal of regulations intended to carry out all or part of a plan adopted by the Board.
- b. Multnomah County agreed to work together with Clackamas and Washington Counties and Metro in a process for designating Urban and Rural Reserves (Reserves). This represents a new approach to growth management in the Portland Metro region by identifying urban reserves where urban growth will be directed over the next 50 years, as well as rural reserves that will be off limits to growth in the same period. This long-term approach involved coordination among Metro and the counties, and coordinated public involvement to reach the consensus provided for in ORS 195.137 through 195.145 and in Oregon Administrative Rule OAR 660-027-0005 through -0080.
- c. Planning for urban and rural land uses over the long-term 50 years is in the interest of Multnomah County (the County) because this work has the potential to provide a balance that best provides for livable communities, viability and vitality of the farm and forest industries, and protection of landscape features that define the region for its residents.
- d. The policies and strategies in proposed Policy 6A incorporate the County requirements agreed to in the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Metro dated March 17, 2010. The IGA served as the preliminary decision and a prerequisite to these plan amendments as provided for in the state rules.
- e. The reserves plan was developed according to the Multnomah County Public Involvement plan that incorporated the provisions of the regional Coordinated Public Involvement Plan. These plans resulted in a broad public and stakeholder involvement effort that included a regional Reserves Steering Committee, formation of county committees to assess reserve areas and engage the public, region-wide public outreach events, and use of a number of tools including the internet, mailed notices to property owners, email meeting notifications, news releases and meeting and hearing notices, and neighborhood association meetings.

- f. The Multnomah County Reserves Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) developed suitability assessments and recommendations in public meetings between May 2008 and July 30, 2009. The CAC produced a thoughtful, well informed assessment that provided guidance to the County in arriving at conclusions about what lands should be designated as urban or rural reserve. The proposed reserves designations have been further informed by the Regional Steering Committee, and by additional public and agency input received through adoption of the IGA by the Board and Metro in February, 2010.
- g. No regulations are being proposed that further restrict the use of property and no mailed notice to individual property owners is required ("Ballot Measure 56 notice").
- h. Notice of the Planning Commission hearing was published in the Oregonian newspaper and on the Land Use Planning Program internet pages. Notification was also provided by electronic mail to individuals and stakeholders who had requested notification of proceedings and information about reserves.

The Planning Commission of Multnomah County Resolves:

- 1. The Multnomah County Framework Plan amendment to add proposed Policy 6A and the proposed Rural Reserve designation areas on the Plan and Zoning Map in Exhibit 1, are hereby recommended for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2010.

PLANNING COMMISSION
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John Ingle, Chair