

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 661

An Ordinance in the matter of creating a 13-member Task Force to develop a bi-county, integrated recreation management plan for Sauvie Island.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. Findings

1. Sauvie Island is a unique area adjacent to Oregon's largest metropolitan area which contains prime agricultural land, long stretches of beach, undeveloped open space, lake and river shoreline, rich historical resources, wetlands, woods, wildlife resources and miles of scenic roadways.

2. Sauvie Island is primarily under the jurisdictions of Multnomah County, Columbia County, and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

3. Through land use planning, Multnomah and Columbia Counties have attempted to preserve and protect the agricultural and wildlife values of Sauvie Island.

4. The many attractive features (Section 1, Finding 1) of the Island create a major attraction for hundreds of thousands of metropolitan residents who seek quality outdoor recreation resources and opportunities close to their homes.

5. Growing recreational use of the Island's roadways and recreational resources has created a variety of conflicts with Island residents and resources. Without proper planning and management strategies, growing pressures on the Island may jeopardize its integrity as a viable farming community and wildlife area.

1        6. The Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife has developed and partially  
2 implemented a commendable plan which addresses Department-owned lands on the  
3 Island. However, additional issues need resolution.

4        7. In order to be effective, management strategies should be  
5 cooperatively developed by Multnomah and Columbia Counties with the  
6 involvement and input of a variety of agencies and special interest groups.

7        8. Through strategic planning, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the  
8 Board of County Commissioners for Multnomah County has identified the  
9 protection and preservation of Island resources and agricultural  
10 characteristics as a high priority.

11 Section 2. Task Force Established

12        (A) A Sauvie Island Task Force is hereby established to develop  
13 strategies for the management of recreational use of the Island.

14        (B) The Task Force shall consist of thirteen (13) members who shall be  
15 appointed in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Multnomah and  
16 Columbia County Charters as follows:

17            (1) To be appointed by Multnomah County Board of Commissioners:

- 18            • 1 County Commissioner – Multnomah County
- 19            • 1 Appointee at large
- 20            • 1 Representative – Sauvie Island Conservancy
- 21            • 1 Representative – West Multnomah Soil &  
22                      Water Conservation District
- 23            • 1 Representative – Oregon Historical Society
- 24            • 1 Representative – Sauvie Island Grange
- 25            • 1 Representative – West Hills & Island  
26                      Neighbors

(2) To be appointed by Columbia County Board of Commissioners:

- 1 County Commissioner – Columbia County
- 2 Appointees at large
- 1 Representative – Oregon State Parks & Recreation Dept.
- 1 Representative – Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- 1 Representative – Oregon Marine Board

(3) At least one member of the Task Force shall be directly and currently involved with a commercial agricultural operation which is located on the Island.

(4) At least one member of the Task Force shall be directly and currently involved with a non-agricultural business which is located on the Island.

### Section 3. Powers and Duties

(A) The Task Force is charged with developing strategies to manage recreation and provide education which will:

- Minimize recreational impacts on the Island, its residents, and its resources; AND
- Provide for a safe, enjoyable, educational recreation experience for Island visitors.

(B) In order to accomplish the objectives noted above, the Task Force shall consider the following:

- Increasing use of narrow roadways by recreational cyclists, sight-seers, and runners;
- Increasing use of beaches during warm weather months resulting in parking and traffic problems, insufficient sanitary facilities, garbage, and litter;

- 1 • Trespassing on private property and on restricted public lands;
- 2 • Vandalism and crime;
- 3 • Seasonal crowding at boat launch facilities;
- 4 • Lack of adequate directional signage;
- 5 • Lack of a "formal" orientation facility;
- 6 • Human impacts on wildlife habitat and historic sites; and
- 7 • Other issues as the Task Force deems appropriate and are compatible
- 8 with the Task Force charge as stated in subsection 3.1.

9 (C) The Task Force shall seek public input in the formulation of  
10 strategies and provide the public opportunity to comment on proposed  
11 strategies.

12 (D) On or before October 31, 1991, the Task Force shall present to the  
13 County Commissioners of Multnomah and Columbia Counties, a report detailing  
14 recommended strategies. This report shall include general estimates of the  
15 costs associated with implementation and suggested methods for funding an  
16 implementation program.

17 Section 4. Term

18 (A) Task Force member terms shall commence on January 1, 1991, and  
19 terminate on December 31, 1991.

20 (B) If a Task Force member resigns, then during the interim period before  
21 a new appointment is made, six (6) members shall constitute a quorum.

22 Section 5. Officers

23 The County Commissioner representing Multnomah County shall act as the  
24 Task Force Chairperson. The County Commissioner representing Columbia County  
25 shall act as Vice-Chairperson.



1 Section 6. Quorum and Voting

2 (A) Seven (7) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum for the  
3 conduct of business, except as provided under Section 4 of this Ordinance.

4 (B) Decisions will be made by a simple majority of those present and  
5 voting. However, the final proposed plan must be approved by a simple  
6 majority of the entire Task Force.

7 Section 7. Savings Clause

8 In the event any subsection, subdivision, phrase, clause, sentence, or  
9 word in this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a  
10 court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate the  
11 remainder of this ordinance, but shall be confined to the subsection,  
12 subdivision, phrase, clause, sentence, or word held invalid or  
13 unconstitutional.

14 ADOPTED this 27th day of September, 1990, being the date  
15 of its third reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah  
16 County, Oregon.



21  
22 By Gladys McCoy  
23 Gladys McCoy, Chair  
24 MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

25 REVIEWED:

26 Laurence Kressel, County Counsel  
of Multnomah County, Oregon

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