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March 29, 2004

City of Eugene, Planning and Development Dept.
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RE: John Hammer Residential Property
17031722 tax lots 100 and 102
170307 tax lot 1206
Lane County, Oregon

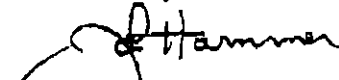
Dear Ms./Sir,

I wish to convey my opposition to inclusion of my property on the Eugene Goal 5 inventory. It appears the current Goal 5 process undertaken by the city will act as a disincentive to landowners who retain naturalized landscaping if future use of the property will be encumbered by restrictions associated with listing the property on the Goal 5 inventory.

Please modify or provide a grandfather exemption for current property owners that will not restrict the use of their property because the site has been listed on the Goal 5 inventory. Additional restrictions on land use within the city limits will reduce availability of residential zoned land for development and hasten the need for expanding residential development to outlying areas with commensurate increased costs related to infrastructure and transportation. Eugene is already faced with difficult traffic issues in the outlying areas of the community. Pushing residential development further from the city core will only serve to exacerbate this problem.

In closing, I can see no reason to punish current property owners within the city limits for maintaining a naturalized setting on their property. Restricting use of property by listing on the Goal 5 inventory will motivate future landowners to minimize natural landscaping for fear of future restriction if their land is subject to Goal 5 listing.

Sincerely,


John Hammer

Zoe--Here's a third email for the Board Packet.

Neil Bjorklund . Senior Planner

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kly017@aol.com [mailto:Kly017@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2004 6:34 PM

To: neil.h.bjorklund@ci.eugene.or.us

Subject: goal 5 inventory of riparian and upland wildlife habitat resource

To the Board of Commissioners for the March 31st, 2004 hearing.

Re: Eugene UGB Goal 5 inventory of Riparian and Upland Wildlife Habitat Resources (Eugene File Number MA 02-11)

Good afternoon. My name is Rita Herold and my home at 1200 Elkay Dr. in Eugene, Oregon is included in this Goal 5 inventory. I am opposed to being included in this proposal for several reasons.

First of all I value my home and property and I wish to be able to do whatever I want with it. It is my understanding that if it is included in this inventory not only would the waterway of 5 to 10 feet across be involved but there is a good chance that a 25 ft. set back could also be assessed and I would lose 35 feet off the back of my property. This seems very unfair and I feel discriminated against. It would ruin my back lot completely and cut down its monetary value. Would the county be willing to pay for this lot?

Secondly, this waterway or slew that runs on the back of my property is dried up 5 to 6 months of the year. My property extends to the middle of this slew.

Thirdly, the DEQ has sent out several notices to this area that the ground and water here is contaminated. This was caused by the railroad.

And fourth, what has happened to all of our acres and acres of wetlands in West Eugene? Has some of it been sold to industry and Schools? I feel it is very unfair to now be singleing out individual home owners to make up for the counties defecit in wetlands.

Sincerely,

Rita Herold

1200 Elkay Dr.

Eugene, Oregon 97404

Sent March 23, 2004

GILSTRAP Zoanne M

From: Cragun[SMTP:cragund@epud.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2004 8:54 PM
To: neil.h.bjorklund@ci.eugene.or.us
Subject: Fw: Goal 5 Inventory -- Riparian Habitat

----- Original Message -----

From: Cragun <mailto:cragund@epud.net>
To: neil.h.bjorklund@ci.eugene.or.us <mailto:neil.h.bjorklund@ci.eugene.or.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2004 6:46 PM
Subject: Goal 5 Inventory -- Riparian Habitat

March 18, 2004

Dear Mr. Bjorklund and
County Board of Commissioners,

Last year when the city was considering the issue of "Goal 5 Inventory of Riparian Habitat Resources", I responded in detail about the so-called wetland right of way behind my home at 1165 Buff Way, Eugene 97401. The drainage ditch which used to be there was placed in a culvert and covered over prior to the year 1985. In fact, the ditch is covered all the way from Coburg Road past Woodside Drive -- which would mean there no longer is an open drainage ditch behind the homes on Sharon Way, Buff Way and Woodside Drive (all west of Coburg Road). Past Woodside to the west I do not know how far the covered area extends (but probably at least to Cal Young Road).

I believe that this area of the right-of-way should be excluded from the riparian inventory because there are NO wetlands here.

Thank you for allowing me to respond.

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GILSTRAP Zoanne M

From: Tom Russell[SMTP:tomr@westernp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2004 1:36 PM
To: 'BJORKLUND Neil H'
Subject: RE: property

Neil,

My address is 4020 Hampshire Lane, Eugene, OR 97404

-----Original Message-----

From: BJORKLUND Neil H [<mailto:Neil.H.BJORKLUND@ci.eugene.or.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2004 8:24 AM
To: 'Tom Russell'
Subject: RE: property

Tom--If you were intending to submit the message below as testimony to the Lane County Board of Commissioners, please indicate the address or map and taxlot number for the property you are describing. Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Russell [<mailto:tomr@westernp.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2004 11:35 AM
To: 'neil.h.bjorklund@ci.eugene.or.us.'
Subject: property

Neil,

My lot is very small and I maintain my property behind my fence down to the bottom of the ditch, not to the middle but down to the edge of the bottom.

There are no special plants, birds or a year round water flow in my ditch, which I understand as to be the criteria of making part of my property a wet land. Water in my ditch is very rare, with the exception of a year like this in which there was, when the rain was heavy. It is already back to almost being dry.

Before I used to maintain my ditch, I would be overwhelmed with briars and weeds. This I will not let happen again. As far as letting the very bottom to remain with its grass and weeds that is fine, but not my property down to the normal bottom line.

Kindest Regards,

Tom Russell

March 19, 2004

RE: GOAL 5 INVENTORY
LOT# 1704013403701

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is William D. Olson and when I moved to this area in 1976 with my family, I believed in protecting my house from neighbor intrusion. So I purchased all the land surrounding my house. I used this land as a buffer from neighbors. Of this land, I own a piece that is being considered for Goal 5 inventory. The piece being considered has been cleared of vegetation, except for the maple trees that are being strangled by English Ivy. Of the vegetation that was cleared, all was and is considered to be a nuisance and noxious weeds by the county. This vegetation consisted of blackberry bushes, poison oak, and English Ivy. In fact the county mails me letters every year wanting this area cleared of this noxious vegetation.

This vegetation has also been cleared for fire suppression measures because of the occupied mobile home on the property and fellow neighbors properties. The largest body of land is mowed and kept to a reasonable height and portions have been tilled for gardening purposes.

The site is not mapped as a wetland. There are no streams, water, contiguous water features, rock croppings, or gravel bars. There is no indication of plants being endangered or threatened on the property. I have never have seen or have been told of threatened animals on the site. I also have never been told of any native plants within this site and being within the FEMA flood plain. Never has the site been identified to have natural resources like wildlife botany, fish, hydrology (no water at any time), or landscape architecture (blackberries, poison oak, and Ivy are no landscape architecture) in the past.

Plus the size of the land being considered for mapping is way too large. I can understand that this could have been an old river bed years ago; but the river bed seems to be only ten feet wide; not the proposed 30 - 50 feet wide by 200 feet long. The neighbor next door has cleared everything in this so called river bed including the maple trees.

Therefore this site should be found *not significant*, thus being excluded from inventory.

This testimony may not seem much to some, but to those of us who own the properties being mapped, it means a lot. Please take into account our emotions and passions towards our land before including these properties in the inventory.

William D. Olson
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