

RESOLUTION NO. 866-R

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION IN ADDRESSING PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for local governments, the Metropolitan Service District (Metro), the states of Oregon and Washington, federal agencies, and the private sector to cooperate and work together to address regional parks and natural areas issues affecting the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, Metro has regularly convened a regional "Parks and Natural Areas Advisory Group" with representatives from over 30 cities, various special districts, counties, state and federal agencies, park advocate organizations, business and development interests, and citizens working in partnership to identify parks and natural areas of significance to the region and to develop strategies to effectively protect and preserve these areas; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of natural areas contributes to the overall quality of life, health and well being of the region's citizens by providing visual diversity and aesthetic benefits, opportunities to recreate in natural settings, and by serving as a critical educational resource for the future preservation of wildlife and its habitat; and

WHEREAS, natural areas further provide the region economic benefits through the attraction of businesses which value the quality environment and through increased property values for residences and commercial properties proximate to natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Troutdale has an acknowledged Comprehensive Plan which includes a Goal 5 Natural Resources component and is currently being reviewed for Periodic Review as required by Oregon Statute Law; and

WHEREAS, natural areas, like many important resources, cross governmental boundaries making them of common interest to all jurisdictions and special districts and encouraging cooperation and coordination in their management; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the region's citizens to continue to improve and strengthen cooperative bi-state efforts between Oregon and Washington to further the natural areas planning process; and

WHEREAS, Metro, with its Parks and Natural Areas Advisory Group's support and direction, is initiating a planning process to develop a regional plan for the preservation, protection and public acquisition of natural areas, open space, and land for greenways and trails; and

WHEREAS, it is important that plans developed by the Parks and Natural Areas Advisory Group, and adopted by Metro be in complete

compliance with existing City and County Comprehensive Plans and that agreement be reached regarding the preservation, protection and public acquisition of lands with each affected jurisdiction; and

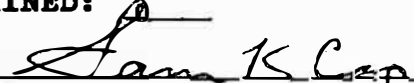
WHEREAS, it is of vital importance to develop the regional plan expeditiously as significant natural areas have been lost since 1980 and will continue to disappear if not identified for protection, preservation and potential acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THAT:

1. The City of Troutdale supports a cooperative regional planning process, conducted through Metro's Parks and Natural Areas Advisory Group, and a policy committee of elected officials to be established by Metro this spring, to develop a regional plan in cooperation with the City of Vancouver, Clark County and the Intergovernmental Resource Center of Clark County for natural areas, open space and corridors.
2. The City of Troutdale agrees to participate with other jurisdictions in the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan area in a coordinated and cooperative effort to continue the inventory of natural areas, conduct appropriate analyses to identify potential natural areas identified in local Comprehensive Plans.
3. The City of Troutdale retains jurisdictional authority in identifying and managing City owned parks and open space.
4. The City of Troutdale supports a cooperative regional planning process that recognizes and abides by the local planning process as established within each jurisdiction.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1990.

YEAS: 4
NAYS: 1 (EQUIVOCAL)
ABSTAINED: 0



Sam K. Cox, Mayor
Dated: NOVEMBER 15, 1990

ATTEST:


Valerie J. Raglione, CMC
City Recorder