

RESOLUTION NO. 1673

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE COLUMBIA-CASCADE RIVER DISTRICT VISION

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In 2002 the Oregon Science and Technology Partnership (OSTP) applied for and received an Oregon DLCD Technical Assistance Grant to expand upon an earlier State funded feasibility study for redevelopment of the former Reynolds aluminum plant as a potential science and technology park. The City of Troutdale served as the manager of the grant. The expanded study looked at economic development and urban design opportunities for the East Columbia Corridor -- a 4½-mile long study area bounded by the Columbia River on the north, I-84 on the south, the Sandy River on the east, and approximately 170th Ave on the west. The study area falls within the jurisdictional boundaries of Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village and Gresham.

2. The OSTP and the City retained the services of an urban architecture workshop team from the University of Oregon School of Architecture to conduct the study. The East Metro Economic Alliance (EMEA), a consortium of mayors, city staff, and regional business leaders from the four East County cities, provided oversight of the study project.

3. The East Columbia Corridor study was completed in June 2003. The study analysis identified the study area as a single opportunity area because of the interrelated physical context, strategic location and natural setting these lands share even though they fall within four different municipal boundaries. The product document of the East Columbia Corridor study is the "Columbia-Cascade River District Vision". The document establishes an overall vision for how the area should be developed and offers specific goals and actions for achieving that vision.

4. The Troutdale City Council wishes to formally recognize and support the vision document.

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

Section 1. The Columbia-Cascade River District Vision, attached hereto, is accepted as a preferred guide in the future development of the area bounded by the Columbia River on the north, I-84 on the south, the Sandy River on the east, and 181st Ave on the west.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

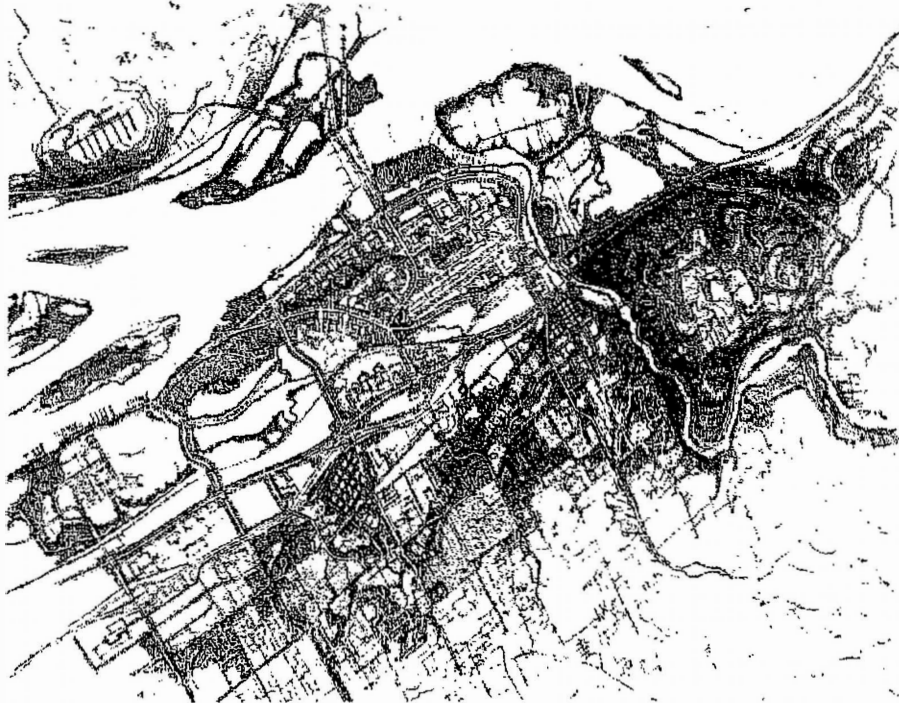

Paul Thalhofer, Mayor
November 19, 2003
Date


Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

Adopted: November 18, 2003

COLUMBIA-CASCADE RIVER DISTRICT VISION

**The Columbia-Cascade River District
is an area bounded on the north by the Columbia River
On the south by Interstate-84
On the west at approximately 170th Avenue
And on the east by the area adjoining the Sandy River.**



**A Vision Statement and Action Plan for
the economic development
of a portion of the East Metro Area
as recommended by the**

EAST METRO ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

Our Vision:

**A strong identity
and market position
for the
four cities of the
Columbia – Cascade
River District
that provides a prosperous
economic future.**

Our Process:

**To foster the development of tourism
and high-value (technology based and other) industrial businesses
by utilizing the preservation and
appropriate development of our natural resources,
encouragement of sustainable
commercial and industrial practices,
and nurturing of existing local entrepreneurs,
while recruiting new business owners
who wish to join with us in creating
a long-term mutual prosperity for all of the people of our area.**

Our Core Values and Commitments:

Cooperation:

Create an on-going collaborative process, with all our partners that builds a community filled with shared wealth and vitality.

Jobs:

Foster and attract well-paid jobs at densities that efficiently use our commercial and industrial lands by integrating our commitment to education, environmental quality and community with an emphasis on knowledge-based industry, ecologically sound tourism and a recognition that the Columbia-Cascade River District has special opportunities and options to offer based upon its substantial locational, labor and historical advantages.

Innovation:

Create a home and showcase for innovation and entrepreneurial companies whose high value products nurture a sustainable future for both people and the environment.

Lifestyle:

Continue to develop an East Metro live-work-play community where neighborhoods, businesses and the environment blend into a unique mix that leverages the best aspects of the beauty and functions of the Columbia River, Sandy River, Columbia Gorge, and Cascade Mountains for the overall benefit of the Columbia Cascade River District.

Environment:

Preserve key areas such as wetlands, along river edges and other natural amenities for both public and private open spaces, while simultaneously developing eco-friendly connections between these natural amenities and nearby neighborhoods, parks, tourism areas and business/industrial sites.

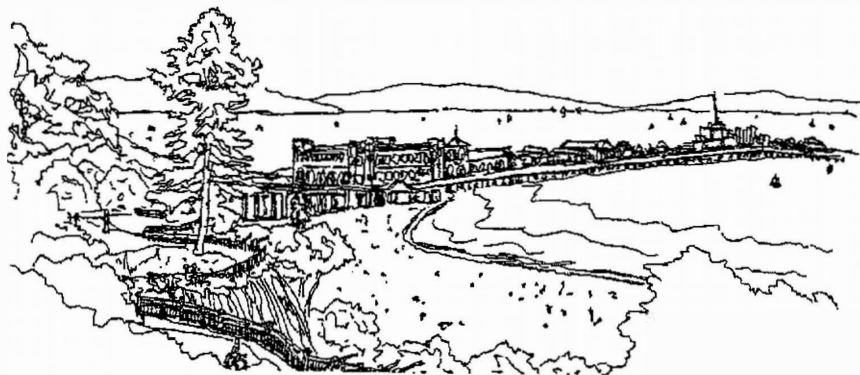
Goals & Actions to take the Vision From Dream to Reality:

Goal 1

Develop the Fairview, Gresham and Troutdale waterfront for destination uses, such as hotels and recreational activities, while preserving and enhancing, with appropriate commercial development, the extensive natural resources of the Columbia-Cascade River District.

Actions:

- 1.1 Establish a hotel and convention center along the Columbia River, such as in the vicinity of Sundial Marine, including a possible sternwheeler tourist attraction.
- 1.2 Visit Vancouver's waterfront to see if we would like to duplicate that character along the Columbia River within the River District.
- 1.3 Investigate also using the east side of the Sandy River as part of the tourism development area.
- 1.4 Use tourism attractions to justify infrastructure that can later be used to develop industrial areas such as the Oregon Science and Technology Park.
- 1.5 Recognize that Government, Lady, McGuire and Sand Islands are natural resources that may be useful to our development efforts either as viewing resources or other more active sites.



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Goal 2

Our goal is to attract high paying jobs to our area.

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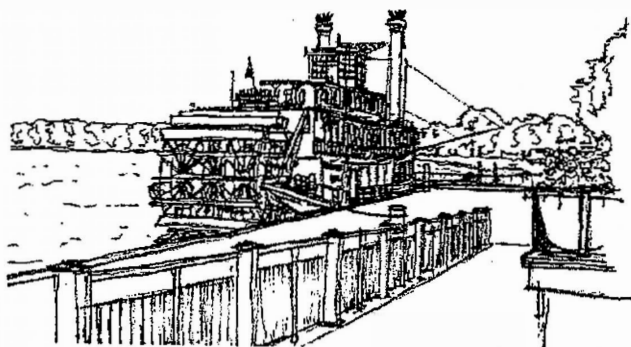
- 2.1 Warehousing and distribution centers are to be limited to the area west of 207th, except for facilities associated with the green-niche-flex industries we seek for the areas to the east.
- 2.2 Utilize educational resources, such as Mt. Hood Community College, Oregon Science and Technology Park and Center for Advanced Learning, as important resources for attracting new and retaining existing businesses.
- 2.3 It is important to our industrial recruitment efforts to be able to identify more clearly the type of green, tech-flex and niche industries we want to attract.

Goal 3

The Columbia-Cascade River District Concept and Development Plan must include the many opportunities available in the River District, such as the Oregon Science and Technology Park.

Actions:

- 3.1 Arrange for the four mayors to speak to Alcoa to express local views of how the site should develop and who should manage it.
- 3.2 Seek grant and other "seed" monies to plan and develop sites and programs by approaching funding sources such as the Oregon Transportation and Growth Management Program.
- 3.3 Create support at the regional level for our activities.
- 3.4 The Development and Concept Plan should include a market analysis to indicate what businesses are to be accommodated.
- 3.5 It is in having a proper mix of land uses that the Columbia – Cascade River District will prosper most effectively.



Goal 4

Provide adequate transportation and other infrastructure to support identified business activities.

Actions:

- 4.1 To assure adequate transportation access in and to the River District, complete a comprehensive study of possible multi-modal transportation improvements that will be needed, such as the extension of 238th north to Sundial Road.
- 4.2 The North/South Connection Study currently being guided by Gresham will help to determine which transportation routes and interchanges, such as the potential site at 257th, will be needed to support the anticipated land use changes.
- 4.3 Use the Troutdale Airport as a marketing tool to attract new business to the River District.
- 4.4 Connect new pathways in the District to the East Metro pathway system.

