

RESOLUTION NO. 2622

A RESOLUTION OF THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL DECLARING ITS SUPPORT OF THE \$150,000,000 BOND MEASURE TO UPGRADE LEVEES, FLOODWALLS, WATER PUMPS, AND NATURAL FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION, BROUGHT BY THE URBAN FLOOD SAFETY AND WATER QUALITY DISTRICT, MEASURE 26-243.

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Columbia Corridor Drainage System covers 22,600 acres, stretches 18 miles along the Columbia River, and the managed floodplain is currently protected from flooding by levees to ensure the continued safety of the people, businesses, and other assets of the region.
2. That the levee system protects valuable businesses and critical regional infrastructure in Troutdale stretching southward from the Columbia River across the managed floodplain.
3. That the levee system protecting the managed floodplain dates back 100 years and can no longer meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Federal levee accreditation standards without substantial capital upgrades.
4. That in addition to increased risk of loss of life, the loss of federal accreditation and being re-mapped as a high-risk flood zone would impact Troutdale with substantial decline in property values and new restrictive zoning and building codes to elevate buildings above the base flood elevation effectively preventing future development.
5. That the City has been an active member since 2014 of the Levee Ready Columbia (LRC) Partnership, to collaborate in finding a solution for the FEMA reaccreditation challenges.
6. That in 2019 the LRC was successful in persuading the Oregon Legislature to create the new the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District (UFSWQD) to consolidate the four legacy drainage districts and develop the required funding for both daily operations and the almost \$300 million of capital improvements necessary to maintain FEMA levee accreditation.

7. That the Legislature recognized that the of hundreds of thousands of households and businesses who in metro region benefit from a “dry” floodplain, and that the capital project costs should be shared by those who benefit, created the new UFSWQD with a much larger estimated \$85 billion tax base, from which to fund any voter approved General Obligation (GO) Bonds for the necessary capital improvements.

8. That if the required local match funding is raised, about \$100 million in federal investments through USACE has been authorized for the required capital projects that must be completed to maintain FEMA accreditation.

9. That time is of the essence in order to make the of capital improvements necessary to maintain FEMA accreditation, and obtain the \$100 million of authorized federal funding assistance, the UFSWQD has referred to the voters of the District a Ballot Measure requesting authorization for \$150 million of GO Bonds.

10. That it is hereby found that the capital projects necessary to maintain FEMA accreditation of the levees are in the vital public interest for the protection of the lives and property in Troutdale.

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

Section 1. That it be spread upon the record and publicly know that in consideration of the above findings the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troutdale hereby declare their support and urge the voters of the UFSWQD to approve the Ballot Measure 26-243 authorizing \$150,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds.

Section 2. Upon adoption this Resolution shall take effect.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 1 Councilor Wunn

ABSTAINED: 0



Randy Lauer, Mayor

Date: May 20, 2024



Sarah Skroch, City Recorder

Adopted: May 14, 2024