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**Grantee**

Oregon DEQ  
700 NE Multnomah St  
Portland, OR 97232  
Attention: Amanda Wozab

**Grantor**

Michael and Carol Kost  
C&M Northwest Properties/ M&M  
Construction Services, Inc.  
643 N Argyle Ave  
Portland, Oregon 97217

**EASEMENT AND EQUITABLE SERVITUDES**

This grant of Easement and acceptance of Equitable Servitudes (“EES”) is made on January 21, 2026 between Michael and Carol Kost (“**Grantor**”) and the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ” or “Grantee”).

**RECITALS**

A. Grantor is the owner of certain real property located at 643 N Argyle Ave, Portland, OR 97217 in Multnomah County, Oregon in Multnomah County. The property of particular interest for this EES includes the assessed Lots 5 through 13 of Block 5 “Swinton” area, which spans Tax Lots 1700 and 1900 (the “**Property**”). This location is more particularly described in Exhibit A to this EES. The Property is a subarea of the location referenced under the name “RB Recycling, Inc.” (8501 N Borthwick St., Portland, OR 97203), ECSI #4157 in the files of DEQ’s Cleanup Program at Northwest Region office, which is located at 700 NE Multnomah St, Portland, Oregon, and telephone (503) 229-5263. Interested parties may contact the Northwest Region office to review a detailed description of the risks from contamination remaining at the Property, as described in the final *Independent Cleanup Program Final Report* prepared by EVREN Northwest, Inc. on June 16, 2025.

B. On December 13, 2023, Grantor entered into an independent cleanup pathway agreement (“Agreement”) with DEQ, under which Grantor agreed to implement the selected remedial action, including the required institutional controls.

C. This EES is intended to further the implementation of the selected remedial action and protect human health and the environment.

D. Nothing in this EES constitutes an admission by Grantor of any liability for the contamination described in the EES.

## 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "Acceptable risk level" has the meaning set forth in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 465.315 and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-122-0115.
- 1.2 "Beneficial use" has the meaning set forth in OAR 340-122-0115.
- 1.3 "DEQ" means the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and its employees, agents, and authorized representatives. "DEQ" also means any successor or assign of DEQ under the laws of Oregon, including but not limited to any entity or instrumentality of the State of Oregon authorized to perform any of the functions or to exercise any of the powers currently performed or exercised by DEQ.
- 1.4 "Engineering control" has the meaning set forth in OAR 340-122-0115
- 1.5 "Hazardous substance" has the meaning set forth in ORS 465.200
- 1.6 "Owner" means any person or entity, including Grantor, who at any time owns, occupies, or acquires any right, title, or interest in or to any portion of the Property or a vendee's interest of record to any portion of the Property, including any successor, heir, assign or holder of title or a vendee's interest of record to any portion of the Property, but excluding any entity or person who holds such interest solely for the security for the payment of an obligation and does not possess or control use of the Property.
- 1.7 "Remedial Action" has the meaning set forth in ORS 465.200 and OAR 340-122-0115.

## 2. GENERAL DECLARATION

2.1 Grantor, in consideration of Grantee's issuance of a Partial and Conditional No Further Action letter, grants to DEQ an easement for access and accepts the equitable servitudes described in this instrument and, in so doing, declares that the Property is now subject to and must in future be conveyed, transferred, leased, encumbered, occupied, built upon, or otherwise used or improved, in whole or in part, subject to this EES.

2.2 Each condition and restriction set forth in this EES touches and concerns the Property and the equitable servitudes granted in Section 3 and easement granted in Section 4 below, runs with the land for all purposes, is binding upon all current and future owners of the Property as set forth in this EES, and inures to the benefit of the State of Oregon. Grantor further conveys to DEQ the perpetual right to enforce the conditions and restrictions set forth in this EES.

## 3. EQUITABLE SERVITUDES (REQUIRED ACTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE)

**3.1 Groundwater Use Restrictions.** Owner may not extract through wells or by other means or use the shallow groundwater at the Property for consumption or other beneficial use. This prohibition does not apply to extraction of groundwater associated with groundwater treatment or monitoring activities approved by DEQ or to temporary dewatering activities related to construction, development, or the installation of sewer or utilities at the Property. Owner must conduct a waste determination on any groundwater that is extracted during such monitoring, treatment, or dewatering activities and handle, store and manage wastewater according to applicable laws.

**3.2 Cap Engineering Control.** Except upon prior written approval from DEQ, Owner may not conduct or allow operations or conditions on the Property or use of the Property in any way that might penetrate the thin-layer (6-inch or thicker) gravel and pavement engineered cap at the Property or jeopardize the cap's protective function as an engineering control that prevents exposure to contaminated soil, including without limitation any excavation, drilling, scraping, or uncontrolled erosion. Owner will maintain the cap in accordance with the Contaminated Media Management Plan (CMMP), as approved in writing by DEQ and as described in the Soil Cap Inspection Form (CMMP Appendix C). Owner will maintain records of inspections according to the CMMP. If pavement and the 6-inch gravel layer are removed, underlying soils will be managed according to the CMMP, and an equally or more protective cap will be constructed and maintained according to the CMMP. Soil removal will not be conducted without DEQ notification and approval.

**3.3 Vapor Mitigation Control.** Owner will notify DEQ prior to construction of any occupied spaces on the Property. Engineering plans will be provided to DEQ for review and written approval prior to construction. DEQ may require that vapor mitigation controls be incorporated into designs to prevent the intrusion of vapors into occupied spaces. Vapor mitigation controls, if constructed, will be maintained in perpetuity or until such a time that DEQ deems the controls to no longer be necessary. Owner will be responsible for inspecting and maintaining vapor mitigation controls, and will monitor indoor air quality periodically to ensure that mitigation controls are adequately functioning.

**3.4 Use of the Property.** Owner may not occupy or allow other parties to occupy the Property unless the controls listed in this Section 3 are maintained.

#### **4. EASEMENT (RIGHT OF ENTRY)**

During reasonable hours and subject to reasonable security requirements, DEQ may enter upon and inspect any portion of the Property to determine whether the requirements of this EES have been or are being complied with. Except when necessary to address an imminent threat to human health or the environment, DEQ will use its best efforts to notify the Owner 72 hours before DEQ entry to the Property. DEQ may enter upon the Property at any time to abate, mitigate, or cure at the expense of the Owner the violation of any condition or restriction contained in this EES, provided DEQ first gives written notice of the violation to Owner describing what is necessary to correct the violation and Owner fails to cure the violation within the time specified in such notice. Any such entry by DEQ to evaluate compliance or to abate, mitigate, or cure a violation may not be deemed a trespass.

#### **5. RELEASE OF RESTRICTIONS**

5.1. Owner may request release of any or all of the conditions or restrictions contained in this EES by submitting such request to the DEQ in writing with evidence that the conditions or restrictions are no longer necessary to protect human health and the environment. The decision to release any or all of the conditions or restrictions in this EES will be within the sole discretion of DEQ.

5.2. Upon a determination pursuant to Subsection 5.1, DEQ will, as appropriate, execute and deliver to Owner a release of specific conditions or restrictions, or a release of this EES in its entirety.

## 6. GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1. **Notice of Transfer/Change of Use.** Owner must notify DEQ within 10 days after the effective date of any conveyance, grant, gift, or other transfer, in whole or in part, of Owner's interest in or occupancy of the Property. Such notice must include the full name and address of the Party to whom Owner has transferred an interest or right of occupancy. In addition, Owner must notify DEQ a minimum of 10 days before the effective date of any change in use of the Property that might expose human or ecological receptors to hazardous substances. Such notice must include complete details of any planned development activities or change in use. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owner may not commence any development inconsistent with the conditions or restrictions in Section 3 without prior written approval from DEQ as provided in Subsection 3 of this EES or removal of the condition or restriction as provided in Subsection 5.1. This subsection does not apply to the grant or conveyance of a security interest in the Property.

6.2. **Zoning Changes.** Owner must notify DEQ no less than 30 days before Owner's petitioning for or filing of any document initiating a rezoning of the Property that would change the base zone of the Property under the Multnomah County zoning code or any successor code. As of the date of this EES, the base zone of the Property is Low Density Residential-5 (LDR-5).

6.3. **Cost Recovery.** Owner will pay DEQ's costs for review and oversight of implementation of and compliance with the provisions in this EES, including but not limited to periodic review and tracking of actions required by this EES. This EES constitutes the binding agreement by the Owner to reimburse DEQ for all such eligible review and oversight costs. DEQ will establish a cost recovery account for tracking and invoicing DEQ project costs. DEQ will provide the Owner with a monthly statement and direct labor summary. DEQ costs will include direct and indirect costs. Direct costs include site-specific expenses and legal costs. Indirect costs are those general management and support costs of the State of Oregon and DEQ allocable to DEQ oversight of this EES and not charged as direct site-specific costs. Indirect charges are based on actual costs and are applied as a percentage of direct personal services costs.

6.4. **Reference in Deed.** A reference to this EES, including its location in the public records, must be recited in any deed conveying the Property or any portion of the Property. Each condition and restriction contained in this EES runs with the land so burdened until such time as the condition or restriction is removed by written certification from DEQ, recorded in the deed records of the County in which the Property is located, certifying that the condition or restriction is no longer required to protect human health or the environment.

6.5. **Effect of Recording.** Upon the recording of this EES, all future Owners are conclusively deemed to have consented and agreed to every condition and restriction contained in this EES, whether or not any reference to this EES is contained in an instrument by which such person or entity occupies or acquires an interest in the Property.

6.6. **Enforcement and Remedies.** Upon any violation of any condition or restriction contained in this EES, the State of Oregon, in addition to the remedies described in Section 4, may enforce this EES or seek available legal or equitable remedies to enforce this EES, including civil penalties as set forth in ORS 465.900.

6.7. IN WITNESS WHEREOF Grantor and Grantee have executed this EES as of the date and year first set forth above.

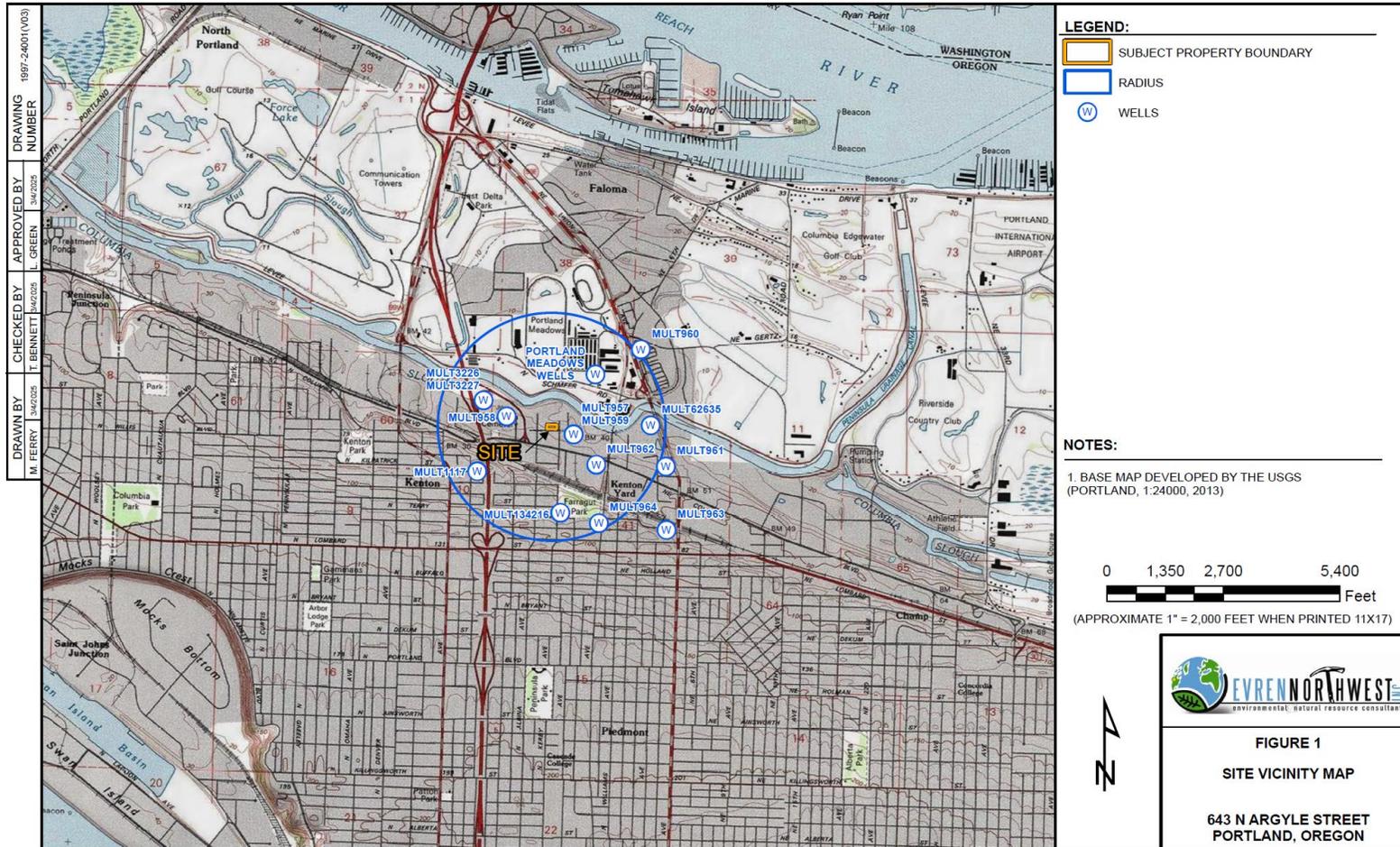


# EXHIBIT A

## Legal Description of the Property

The Property is comprised of 0.55 acres located at Multnomah County Tax Map 1N1E10BD LOTS 5-13 BLOCK 5, SWINTON.

The following images show the Property and its boundary.



Source: *Independent Cleanup Program Final Report*, EVREN Northwest, Inc. (2025).



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