

City of Sherwood, Oregon
RESOLUTION NO. 90-481

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION IN ADDRESSING PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS, FORMALIZING THIS COORDINATION AND COOPERATION THROUGH ADOPTION OF A REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 in addressing 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 Sherwood 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 parks 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 assurance that such compliance will be reached requires broader participation than the current Advisory Group, and definition of the roles of each party through approval of a formal intergovernmental agreement, 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, THE CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Intergovernmental Agreement. The City of Sherwood supports the establishment of a formal cooperative regional planning process conducted under the terms of a formal intergovernmental agreement that provides for technical and policy committees which include representatives from each City, County, and Park District within the region, and clearly specifies the roles of each of the parties in this planning process, as well as the intended and product of this effort, and which provides for formulation of recommendations on implementation measures and roles, and for consideration of adoption of the final plan by each City, County, and Park District prior to approval by Metro.

Section 2. Agreement to Participate. The City of Sherwood agrees to participate with other jurisdictions in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area in such 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, and to develop funding strategies for acquiring and managing natural areas, with the intent of establishing a regional natural areas system.

Section 3. Planning Processes. The City of Sherwood supports such a cooperative regional planning process that recognizes and abides by the local planning process as established within each jurisdiction.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon approval and adoption.

Duly passed by the City Council on December 12, 1990.

Norma Jean Oyler
Mayor Norma Oyler

Attest:

Polly Blankenbaker
Polly Blankenbaker, City Recorder