

City of Sherwood, Oregon

RESOLUTION 90-471

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION IN ADDRESSING REGIONAL PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS, 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 and work together 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 & 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, natural areas in the urban and urbanizing rural environment are critical ecologically to supporting diverse plant and animal communities while enhancing air and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of natural areas contributes to the overall quality of life, health and well being of the region's citizen's 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, natural areas, like many important resources, cross governmental boundaries, making it in the common interest of all jurisdictions and special districts to cooperate and coordinate in the establishment of a regional natural areas planning program to complement and enhance existing city, county and special district park programs; 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, Metropolitan Service District, with its Parks & 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 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

Now Therefore Be it Resolved by the City of Sherwood,

Section 1. That the City of Sherwood supports a cooperative regional planning process, conducted through Metro's Parks & Natural Areas Advisory Group, and a policy committee of elected officials and citizens 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.


Section 2. That the City of Sherwood 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 significant natural areas in potential conflict with development patterns, and to develop funding strategies for acquiring and managing natural areas, with the intent of establishing a regional natural areas system.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon approval and adoption.

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


Norma Jean Oyler, Mayor

Attest:


Polly Blankenbaker
City Recorder