

ACQUIRE 146 ACRES TO PRESERVE AS NATURAL AREAIF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, **PRINT** YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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Sam Adams, Mayor  
City Council  
1220 SW Fourth Avenue  
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Dear Mayor Adams and Commissioners,

I am delighted to represent the Urban Greenspaces Institute today to thank and congratulate you for moving forward with the purchase of 146 acres of natural area at the Riverview Cemetery. The Riverview Cemetery is important to SW Portland neighborhoods as a safe route to cyclists and pedestrians to the Willamette River and is an important addition to SW Portland's parks and natural areas.

Most importantly, however, this acquisition is a perfect example of interbureau and interagency cooperation that yields multiple benefits. I am proud that you, as elected officials are proceeding with this purchase in spite of the fact that some may criticize you or city bureaus for combining financial resources to purchase land that will achieve multiple benefits including:

- a). Combining the efforts of multiple parties including Portland Bureau of Environmental Services; Metro; Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation; and Oregon State Parks; and Trust for Public Land.
- b). Preventing development in an area that due to steep slopes and other constraints, would be inappropriate for development in the first place and would result in severe environmental degradation over time
- c). Acquiring highly sensitive fish and wildlife habitat that provides connectivity from Tryon Creek State Natural Area to the Willamette River
- d). Continuing to build out Portland Parks and Recreation's natural areas acquisitions, contributing to the comprehensive park system we've been working to realize the vision John C Olmsted laid out for Portland. We badly need recreational parks as well and to open up parks in east Portland, but we also need to continue adding to our natural areas portfolio
- e). Meeting the objectives of Metro's acquisition strategies, which includes as one of its target areas the Willamette River Greenway; Portland's Grey to Green Initiative as the site features important, intact headwaters with over two miles of perennial streams and a critical source of cold water for the Willamette-----a very important feature in the face of Climate Change, so this is a great Climate Adaptation purchase; Portland Parks and Recreation's acquisition strategy, which has a vision of protecting healthy connected system of natural areas and access to nature for SW Portland residents.

Sincerely,

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Director

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