

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MACADAM RIDGE HEARING OFFICER APPEAL 2.7.18

CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT

JAN FRIEDMAN

DUE PROCESS

- ❖ 10/30 SBNA not offered adequate time to receive, respond and review 200 pages of new documents Mr. Koback submitted at the end of their application window
- Citizen oral and written testimony, 82 in total, not considered, weighted or analyzed in the Hearings Officer decision
- ❖ 100 page Hearings Officer decision did not include neighbor, citizen or expert testimony secured by SBNA in analytical decision making
- Hearings Officer decision includes "conditions" that prevent citizen input in the process

DAVE POULSON

INTIMIDATION

- ❖ PACE Engineers were secured by SBNA to provide expert review and testimony
- ❖ 10/12 PACE presented initial findings at SBNA monthly meeting with Stephen Griffith in attendance
- ❖ 10/13 Stephen Griffith sends PACE cease and desist email
- 10/27 SBNA notified by PACE they could no longer represent us as the risk of litigation was too high

From: Steve Griffith [mailto:swgrif@hotmail.com] Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 6:20 AM To: Brian Lee <bri>brianl@paceengrs.com>; Alessandra Capretti <alessandrac@paceengrs.com> Subject: Macadam Ridge presentation at SBNA</alessandrac@paceengrs.com></bri>
Brian Lee
Alessandra Capretti
Pace Engineers
5000 Meadows Road, Suite 345 Lake Oswego, OR 97035
My family owns the property in Southwest Portland that is being developed for the Macadam Ridge housing development. My grandfather acquired the property some 70 years ago. He bought the property in hopes of building homes for returning World War II veterans. Willard Griffith developed the Ruby Terrace Neighborhood in 1947. My brothers and I are now attempting to follow in his footsteps and develop an adjoining property in order to build homes for Portland families.
I attended the SBNA Meeting last night at Capitol Hill School. During that meeting you both heavily criticized the Macadam Ridge development. I am very troubled by your statements. My development partners and I have invested over \$500,000 over a period of four years to obtain entitlements on the property. We have been damaged by your actions.
1. You illegally obtained information by trespassing on our property. Our property is posted with NO TRESPASSING signs. The City of Portland staff report included maps with property lines. There is no excuse for you not seeking permission to enter the property.
2. You slandered the engineers and consultants that we hired for the Macadam Ridge development.
3. You made multiple inaccurate statements in your presentation.
I request that you cease and desist in your efforts to misrepresent our development.
Sincerely,

Stephen Griffith

David Poulson @ To: Robert Lennox

FW: Macadam Ridge presentation at SBNA



Dear Rob,

The letter from Steve Griffith poses a serious impediment to our ability to continue the services for which SBNA has contracted with us. Without providing any further elaboration, we disagree with all claims made by Mr. Griffiths.

Per our scope of services, PACE Engineers was retained to review publicly available documentation submitted for Macadam Ridge and offer our opinions regarding whether it was consistent with the development code. Moreover, we understood that through the course of the Macadam Ridge Entitlement process, SBNA was seeking professional services that could review and respond to the "engineers and consultants" that the developer has retained. It is common and reasonable for SBNA to retain these professional services to provide knowledgeable and qualified responses as would be appropriate for any type II or Type III land use process.

When PACE agreed to provide these services, it was with the understanding that we could develop an open and productive dialog with the City of Portland and with the developer in the interest of gaining an understanding of all perspectives and representing the interests of SBNA. Public comments provided by SBNA members and others, including a peer to peer exchange among professionals, should not only be freely encouraged but strongly desired by all interested parties as an important aspect of facilitating a comprehensive entitlement process.

Our services were not envisioned or estimated to be provided within the context of potential civil litigation. Mr. Griffith's email to us, and the legal terms he has incorporated in it, clearly indicates his intent to have all our statements and provided services scrutinized by his attorneys with the intent of identifying potential civil litigation opportunities. In consideration of the fact that Mr. Griffith has invested \$500,000 to become familiar with the development issues associated with this property, while PACE's review has just begun, it would be imprudent of us to continue to deliver our services without introducing our own legal counsel to provide an equivalent legal review and represent PACE Engineers in public.

Furthermore, the budgetary fees we established in our original proposal did not incorporate this legal review and representation nor is it commensurate with our originally perceived services provisions and/or liabilities. Mr Griffith's letter has in effect poisoned the well that the public and the development community normally depends upon in good faith to arrive at a thorough understanding of a proposed land use action. For this reason we are terminating the services we would have otherwise provided you. I regret that this action needs to be taken, but Mr. Griffiths letter does not provide us with any reasonable alternative.

If you wish to further discuss the above action we are taking, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely, PACE Engineers Inc.

David Poulson PE Oregon Branch Manager



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KRISTA PETERSON

SAFETY

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- Applicant's Traffic Impact Study has FLAWED reasoning
- No viable **SAFE** connection to transit
- ❖ NEGATIVE impact on adjacent neighborhoods
- Crosswalk on Taylors Ferry is absolutely necessary

CAROL LIDBERG

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LORRAINE ZUMWALT

Portland teen struck by two cars remains in critical condition

by Hillary Lake, KATU News | Thursday, February 18th 2016



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VIEW PHOTO GALLERY

3 photos



PORTLAND, Ore. — A 15-year-old <u>Portland boy who was struck by two cars</u> Wednesday evening remains hospitalized in critical condition.

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Police have identified the boy as as Timothy Baranow. The cross country section of the Wilson High School Athletics website directs users to a second website where Baranow is identified as a member of the cross country team.

Police said Baranow was running northbound across Taylors Ferry Road near the Riverview Cemetery to his home when a woman driving a Toyota 4Runner westbound struck him. The accident happened on a stretch of the road between Macadam Avenue and Boones Ferry Road just before 6 p.m.

Baranow was struck a second time by a woman driving a Toyota Rav4 driving the opposite direction. Both drivers remained on scene; police say neither was impaired by alcohol or drugs.

There's no shoulder of the road or sidewalks on this stretch of road.

"It was raining substantially," said Portland Police Lt. Ryan Lee. "While there are streetlights out here, this is sort of a relatively more rural area of the city. Visibility may have been a factor."

Several neighbors who live near the crash site told KATU News they have been worried about safety on Taylors Ferry Road for years.

"Speed is a big problem...I've seen bikers come up and down the hill, I'm a biker myself. And I have seen people with no shoulder going up and down the road. That concerns me," Amy Kennedy said.

"Our fence has been run in to five times since 1999...To walk across is something you don't want to do," Vicki Grorud explained.

PBOT Spokesman Dylan Rivera tells KATU News there have been 28 crashes on Taylors Ferry Road between McAdam Avenue and Boones Ferry Road since 2010. He said none of the accidents were fatal, and none had serious injuries. The road is not one of the city's High Crash Corridors.

Rivera said the severity of this crash is prompting PBOT to consult with police about possibly making safety improvements to the road.

"Thank God. Good. I think it's long overdue and it's a shame that it took that for them to take a look at safety," Kennedy said.

Crews from the Burlingame Fire station were the first on scene. Portland Fire Spokesaman Rich Tyler said accidents like this always hit crews hard, especially since a teenager is involved. He also had a reminder for all pedestrians using any street without a sidewalk.

"When you are looking for a place to walk, obviously your first choice is going to be a sidewalk. Sometimes there's no option in the streets around Portland to walk, and if you're going to do that, especially be aware of your surroundings and walk on the side of the road where you're facing traffic so you can see the traffic coming at you," Tyler said.

SCOTT RICHMAN

SAFETY

- City's Title Code 33.641.020 Transportation Impacts Approval Criterion
- Current deficiencies on Taylors Ferry Road cannot safely accommodate additional traffic with no safe connections to transit (route 43 stops on TFR)

SHANNON HILLER-WEBB

SW HILLS SIGNIFICANT FUNCTIONAL VALUES

- 130 plant species that include Douglas Firs, Western Red Cedars, Pacific Dogwoods
- Protected Stephens Creek and Ruby Creek critical to endangered Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Trout migration, with \$1 million investment from City of PDX
- ❖ 31 mammals and 74 nesting bird varieties Flying Squirrel, Pileated Woodpecker, Elk, Black-Tailed Deer, Mountain Beaver, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Bald Eagle
- 478 native trees 6-54 inches in diameter slated for clear cut
- ❖ 54-inch diameter Douglas Fir Tree, 200 300 years old

DAVID HENINGTON

ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ 33.430.250.A, 33.430.250.A.1.a and 33.430.250.A.1.c
- Environmental Conservation Zone is applied uniformly throughout the parcel and makes no distinction to value any one part over another
- Stephens and Ruby Creeks critical to endangered Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Trout migration
- Westside Wildlife Corridor contiguous habitat corridor from Forest Park to Lake Oswego will be compromised





WESTSIDE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

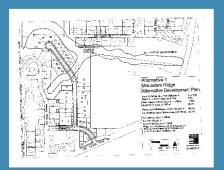
Along the east edge of RVNA, the Aquatic / Terrestrial Connectivity Area highlights potential or upgrade areas under Highway 43. Highway 43 is a major barrier for wildliff to move east to Pc Marine Park (approximately 150 feet from the RVNA boundary), and the Williamette River. Cul replacements and upgrades can provide the opportunity to increase habitat connectivity for fis mammals, replies, and amphibians to connect from RVNA to Powers Marine Park, the William River, and other bodies of water. The connectivity area was determined from areas surroundir culverts under Highway 43 leading to Powers Marine Park.

ROBERT LENNOX

SUB-DIVISION ALTERNATIVES

- **33.430.101**
- ❖ 4 plans presented for review, I2 plans submitted, HO determined 5 were usable
- ❖ 10 of 12 alternatives offer no innovation
- O plans presented analysis

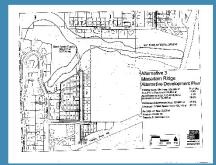
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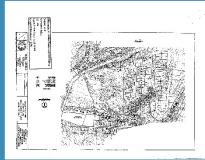
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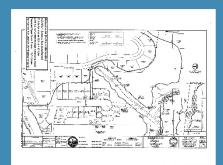
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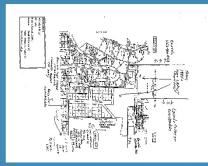
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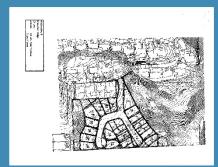
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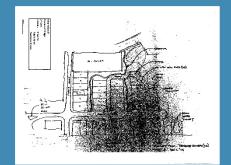
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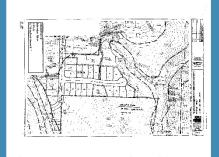
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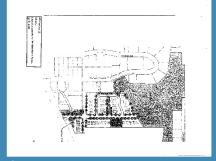
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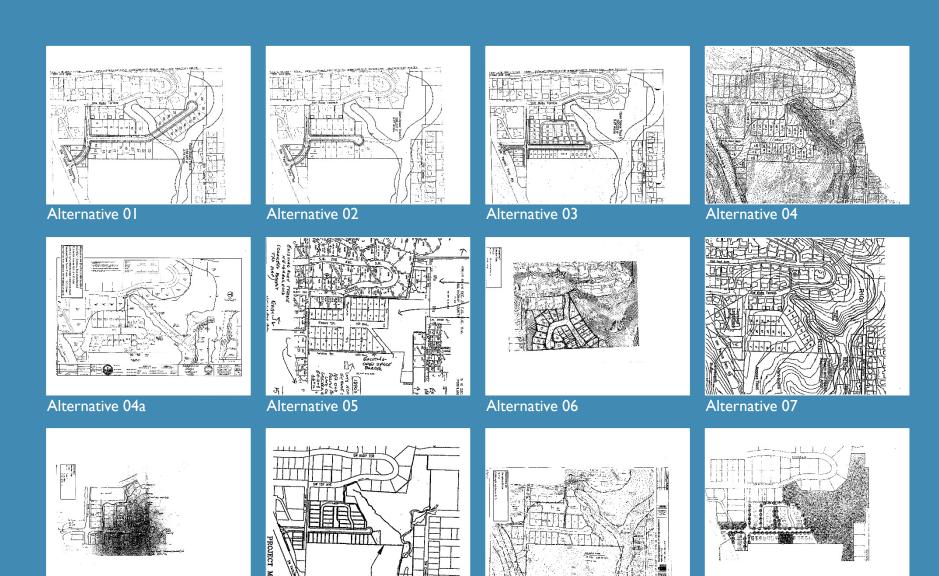


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Alternative II

SUB-DIVISION ALTERNATIVES RE-SIZED FOR COMPARISON



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SUB-DIVISION ALTERNATIVES HIGHLIGHTING LOTS IN RED, STREETS IN BLUE





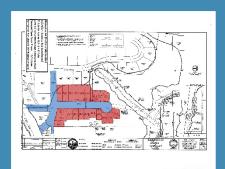
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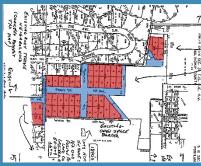
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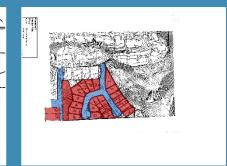
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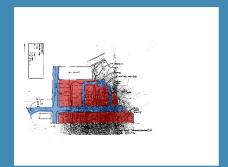
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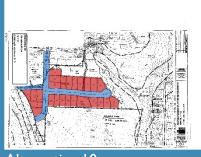
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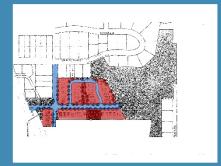
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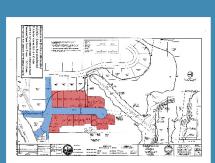


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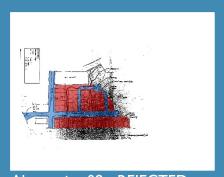
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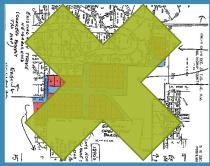
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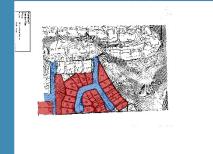
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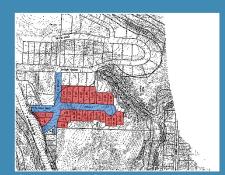
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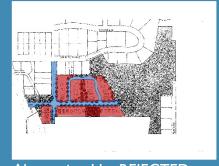
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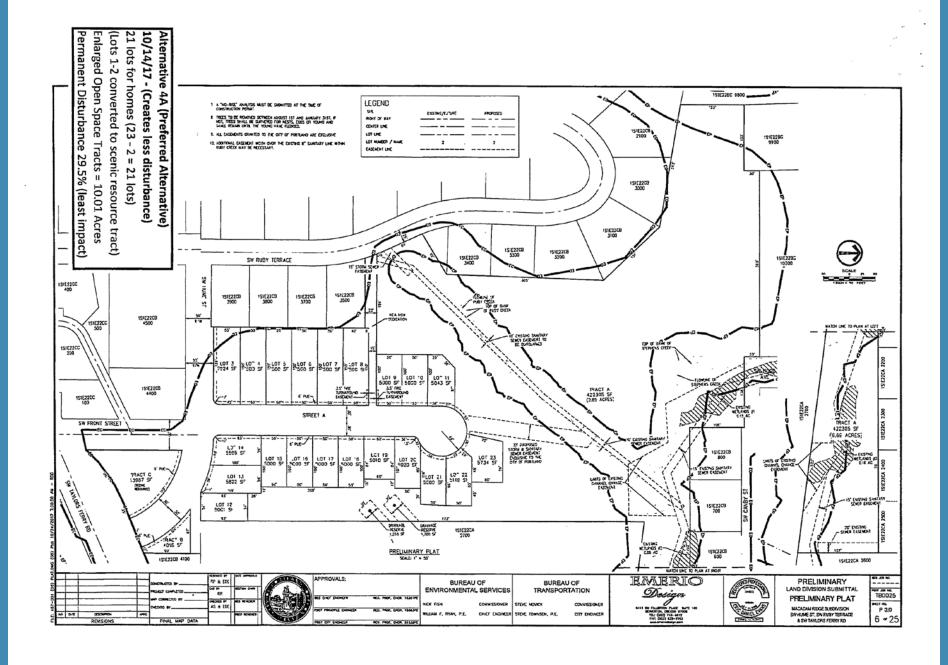
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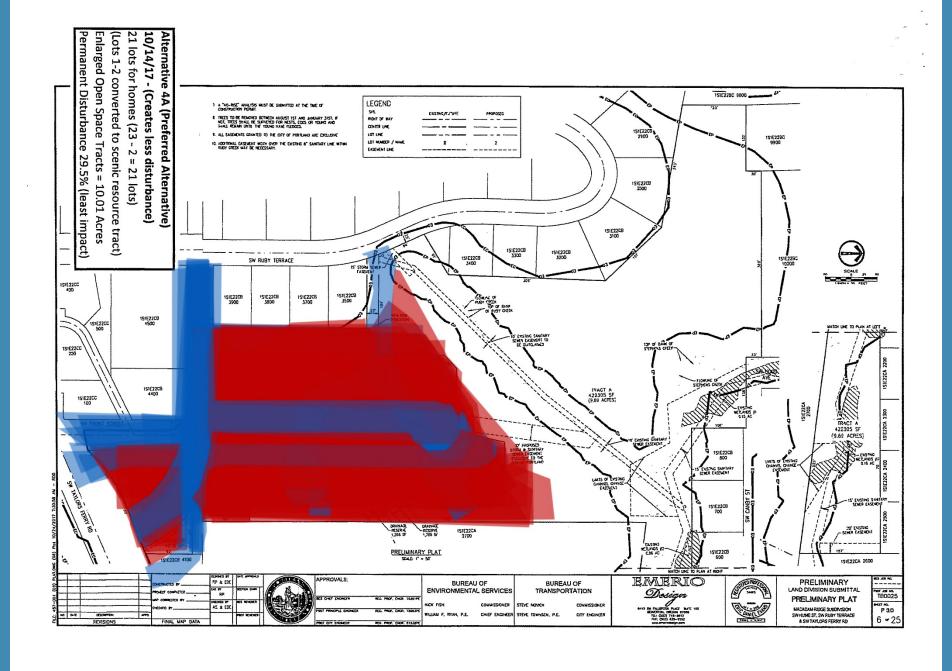


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JOHN HOLDERNESS

STEPHENS CREEK + 54" DOUGLAS FIR

- ❖ 33.430.250 and 33.630
- Stephens Creek is one of the few remaining open stream channels in Portland
- Stephens Creek and the Willamette River provides critical off-channel rearing and refuge habitat for native Endangered Species Act-listed Chinook & Coho Salmon and Steelhead Trout
- ❖ 54-inch diameter Douglas Fir tree over 200 years old
- * "trees that are healthy, native and non-nuisance species, 20" or more in diameter in tree groves are the highest priority for preservation"

MICHELLE LENNOX

FUNCTIONAL RESOURCES

"The balanced relationship between the area's geologic formations, soils and groundwater features is protected by the extensive canopy cover and root system of the forest which shelters and stabilizes the hillside slopes. Activities which disturb this fragile relationship can <u>substantially degrade</u> resource values by causing landslides, flooding, erosion and sedimentation." "...by stabilizing the soil and reducing runoff and erosion, the forest protects the community from landslides...<u>resources</u> should be understood as <u>interconnected</u> strands of a complex ecological web."

Southwest Hills Resource Preservation Plan, Chapter 7

DEEP ROOT SYSTEMS GIVE STRENGTH TO SLOPES

Live tree roots strengthen slopes. After a tree is cut down, it takes between 5 and 8 years for the roots below to lose their strength.

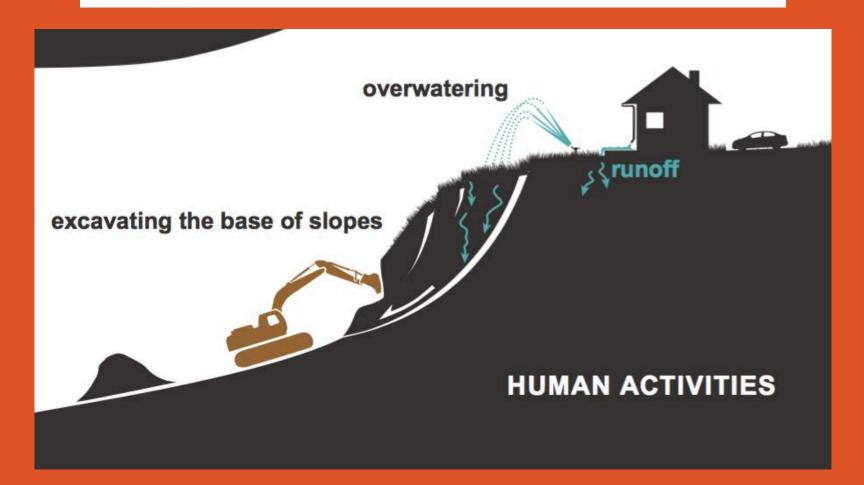
THE PRESENCE OF A PREVIOUS LANDSLIDE IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND MOST OBVIOUS RISK FACTORS

CAROL HAZZARD

- ❖ 5 of the 7 points to **avoid** reactivating a landslide will occur with the development plan outlined by Riverview Abbey
- Upland forest that stabilizes the ground overlying the landslide will be clear cut, and will be replaced with impervious surfaces that will concentrate water on the slope
- ❖ Land will be graded and cut from the bottom
- ❖ 20,000 cubic yards of infill will be added as a load to the slope
- Tons of building material will add to the load and will create impervious surfaces which will concentrate water on the slope
- Since there is no mitigation for uphill ground water, water will be concentrated even more on the slope

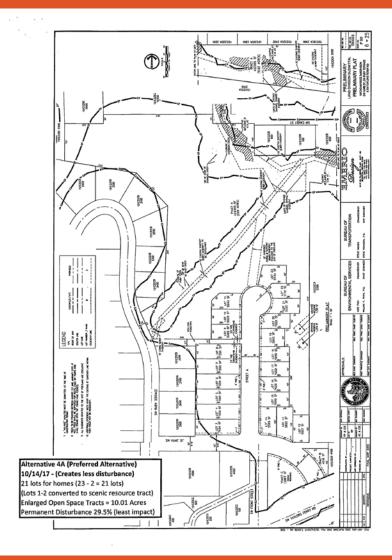
- Do not add water to steep slopes
- Avoid placing fill soil on or near steep slopes
- Avoid placing yard waste or debris on steep slopes
- Avoid excavating on or at the base of steep slopes



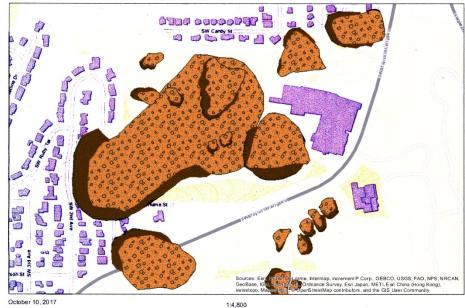


ROGER ZUMWALT

- * Riverview Abbey (large purple building) is safely outside the landslide
- Riverview Abbey is prepared to place 17 current and 21 future families in peril on the landslide
- This report proves that there has been relatively recent landslide activity with no man-made disturbing influences
- ❖ 40 known recent slides prove this ancient landslide has reactivated
- The presence of a landslide is the biggest risk for future landslides.



Map: Existing Landslide: reference Macadam Ridge Type III Land Division



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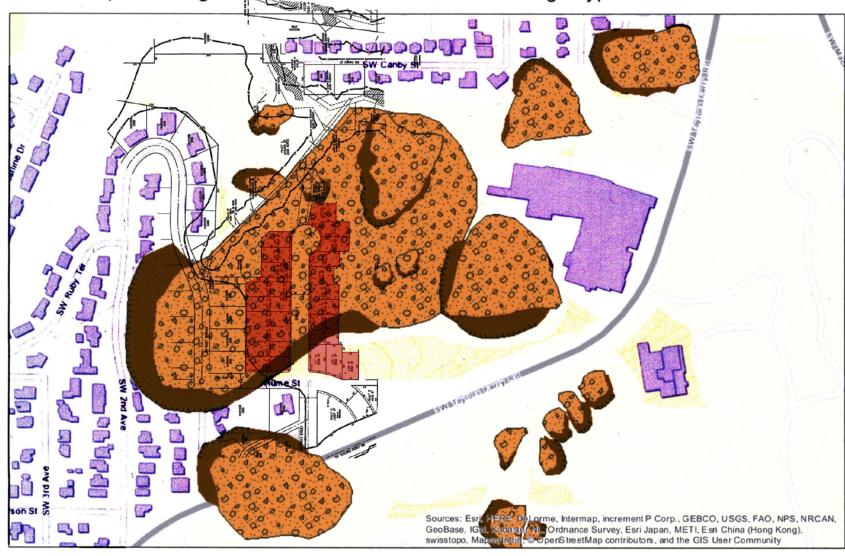
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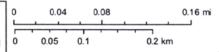


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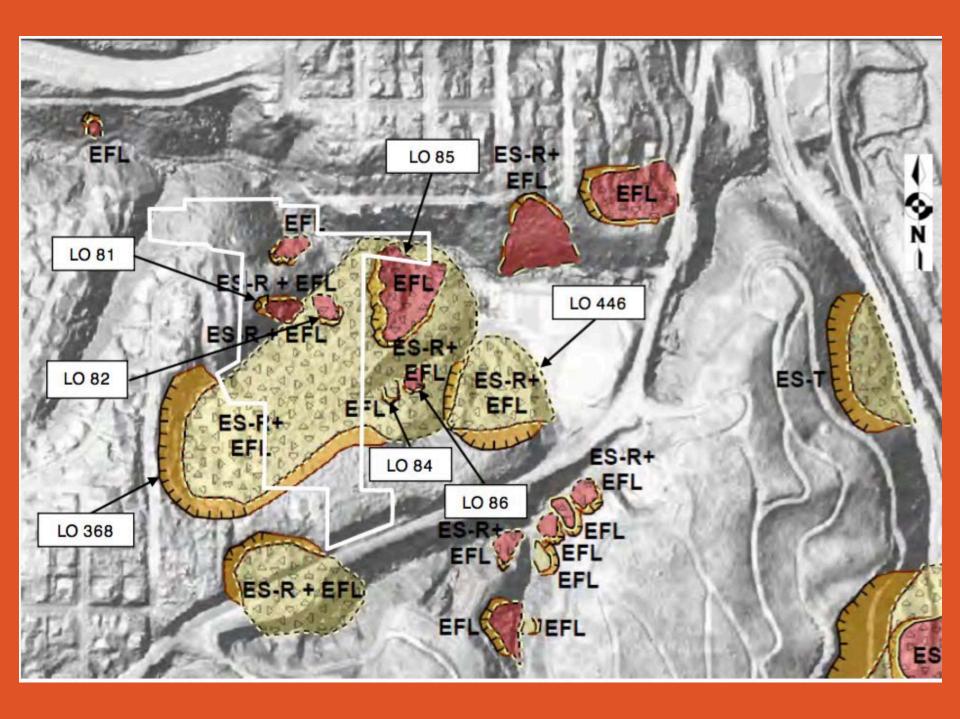
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LINDA MEIER

- 33.632.100 locate lots...on parts of the site that are suitable for development in a manner that reasonably limits the risk of a landslide affecting the site and adjacent sites
- Sub-division lies completely within a known ancient landslide
- Applicants geotech firm asserted landslide was "low [risk], assuming our design and construction recommendations are followed"
- Design recommendations were removed without further mitigation in July 2017
- Therefore have not proven low risk to build on landslide

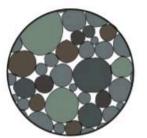
LIMITATIONS

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of Riverview Abbey Mausoleum Company and members of the design team for this specific project. The scope is limited to the specific project and location described herein, and our description of the project represents our understanding of the significant aspects of the project relevant to the referenced design and construction of foundations, roadway cuts and fills, and utilities. In the event that any changes in the location of these elements as outlined in this report are planned, we should review the changes and modify or reaffirm the conclusions and recommendations of this report in writing.

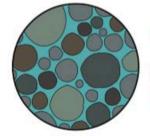
As discussed in this report, portions of the site have been modified by ancient landslide activity. In our opinion, construction of the recommended drainage improvements associated with the project will serve to improve the overall slope stability of the site. However, it must be acknowledged that there is some inherent risk associated with development in areas modified by ancient landslide activity. As discussed in our meetings with the project team, it is our opinion that the risk of future slope instability in the proposed development areas that have been modified by ancient landslide activity is low, assuming our design and construction recommendations are followed.

SETH DRYDEN

- **33.430.240.B. and 33.632.100**
- * "watershed is prone to slope failures and if the soils become saturated, they are very likely to fail." Ryan Cole Masters Thesis Stephens Creek Watershed
- * all mitigation for subsurface ground water has been withdrawn
- SWHRPP Portland Hills silt has important implications for land use and development. This silt becomes very unstable when wet, and the potential for slope failure is particularly high after winter rains have saturated the soil
- ❖ 76% of the landslides could have been reduced or prevented if humans had controlled the water

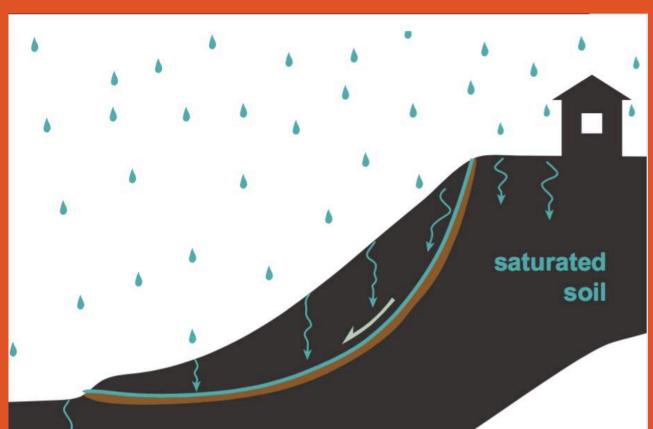


Dry soil grains touch, increasing soil strength



Wet soil grains pushed apart reducing soil strength





JIM HUSSEY

- ❖ 33.430.250.A.I, 33.430.240.B.3 and 33.632.100
- Water is one of the greatest risks to reactivating a landslide
- * Residents serious concerns for existing water problems
- Geotechnical Evaluation shows two areas with a very high water table
- Ground gets saturated quickly and stays saturated in this valuable Upland resource tract



LEE CANNON

LANDSLIDE INSURANCE

- ❖ Homeowner must provide a specific GeoTech report for their property to obtain a quote at their own expense, often \$500-2,000 with no guarantee of policy issuance
- Standard Homeowners policy do not offer Landslide Insurance, FEMA does not offer it; DIC a only path however,
- ❖ You are not eligible if they consider your home in a "high risk" area. This area is considered "severe hazard" and removing trees elevates that risk
- ❖ \$300,000 home may pay an additional \$1100/year for coverage with a high
 deductible only covering the home and not the property or driveway or the cost to
 stabilize the land once rebuilt to prevent it from happening again
- City of PDX and taxpayers have greatest risk for lawsuit

SCOTT BURNS BIO

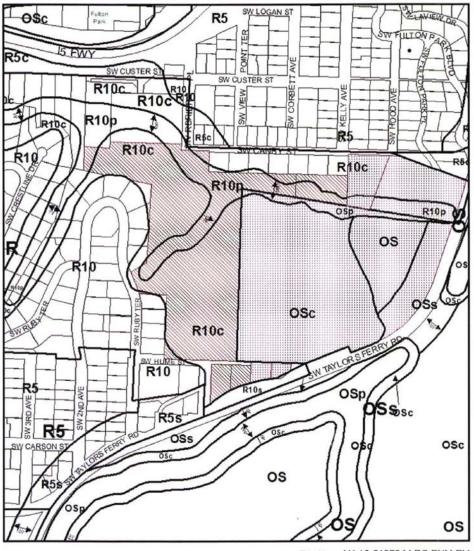
- Professor Emeritus at PSU
- Former PHD Chair of Geology
- 47 years in Geology, 35 years Landslide Specialist
- President of The International Association of Engineering Geologists
- * Foremost landslide expert **nationally**, often appearing as an expert witness in landslide lawsuits

SCOTT BURNS

MIKE ANDREWS

ZONING

- Proposed development is pursuing 14 lots below the R10 standard
- Greater the housing density, the greater the subsequent impacts to the environment, including trees and the existing land slide area
- This area is zoned R10c, not R5 or R7, and is entirely within a conservation overlay!
- ❖ Reduced side yard setback from 10' down to 5' does not promote an increases in fire safety



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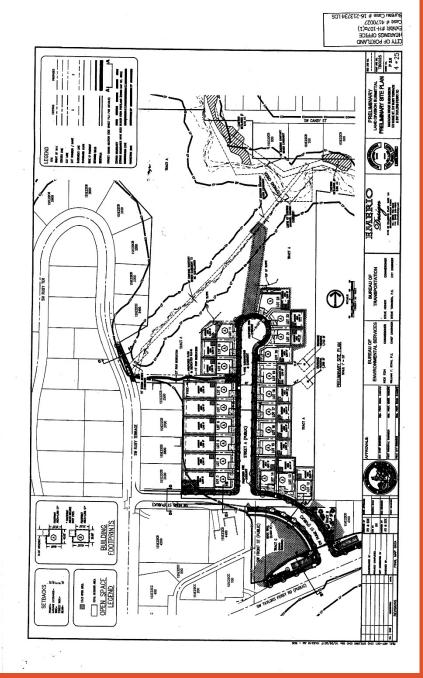
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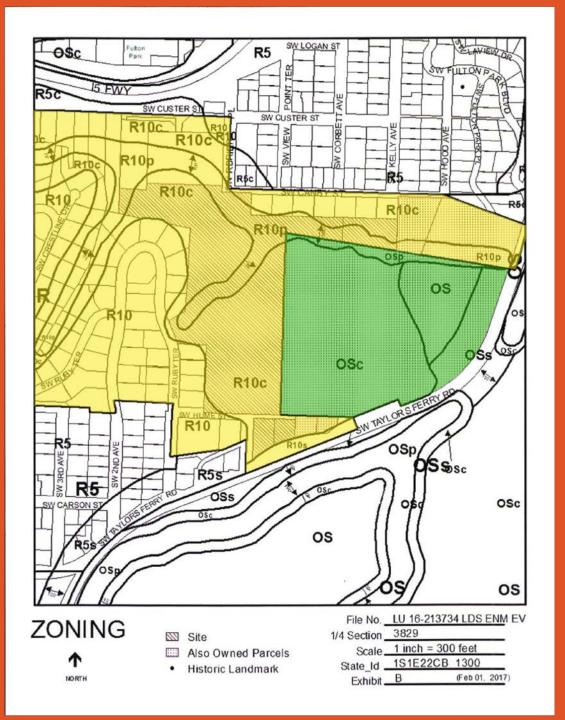
Site

Also Owned Parcels

Historic Landmark

File No. <u>LU 16-213734 LDS ENM</u> EV 1/4 Section <u>3829</u> Scale <u>1 inch = 300 feet</u>

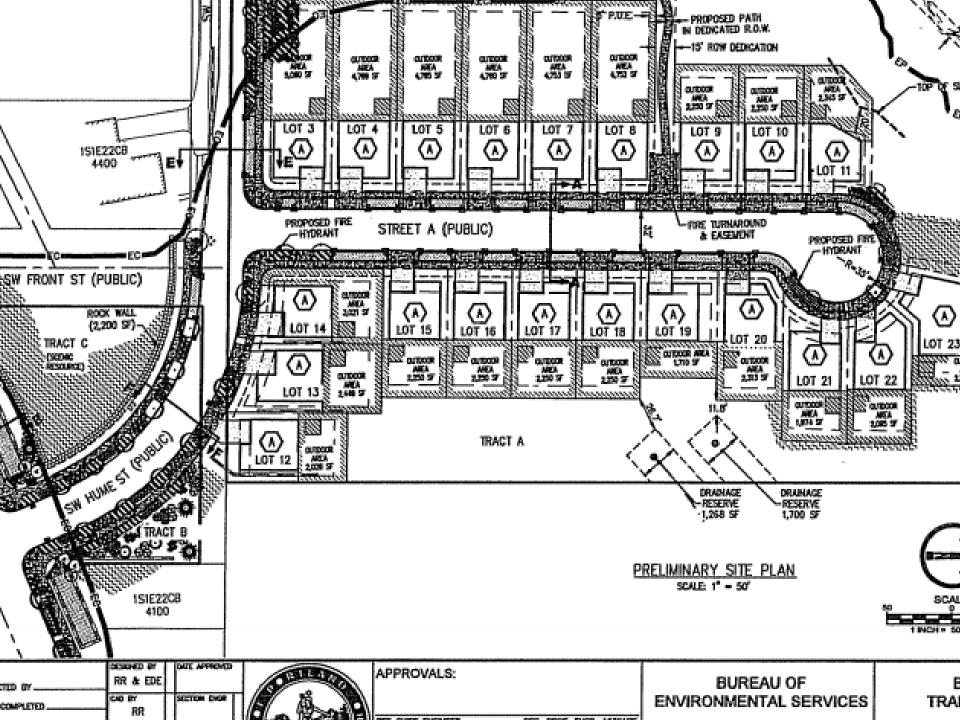




ELIANA ANDREWS

TREE CODES

- Storm water planter boxes, in lieu of planting area and street trees
- Site plan 4a, does not provide adequate quantities of street trees on 'Public Street A', per the Street Tree Standards
- Should be an additional 36 street trees
- Adequate planting space is not available to allow the home owners to plant significant trees on their property



ROBIN HARMAN

SUMMARY

10 Accepted Principles that define Smart Growth

- Mix land uses
- Take advantage of compact building design
- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
- Create walkable neighborhoods
- ❖ Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities
- Provide a variety of transportation choices
- Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective
- Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions