

RESOLUTION No. 37476]

Adopt the “Invasive Species Strategy 2020-2030, Portland at the Crossroads” Policy (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is the owner and steward of natural resources within City parks and natural areas, rights-of-way, watersheds, land within environmental zones and the Willamette Greenway, scenic viewpoints and corridors, and the Bull Run watershed; and

WHEREAS, a healthy balance and diversity of native species on private and publicly held lands are part of the vital fabric of an ecological system that provides clean air, clean water for drinking and streams, stormwater and flood management benefits, slope stability and erosion control, and wildlife habitat for future generations of Portlanders; and

WHEREAS, Native American communities and tribal governments value the natural balance that exists under their historic stewardship that brings forth rich fields of camas, wapato, and other food plants around the confluence of the Columbia and the Willamette Rivers, where fields of native plants still exist and are preserved and expanded to support and celebrate the Native American culture; and

WHEREAS, local natural areas are home to culturally significant foods and medicinal plants such as the Oregon grape, plants used in Native cordage and basketry such as nettles and willows, the great western red cedars that provide materials for cultural practices, and native salmon and lamprey that sustain communities and trades; and

WHEREAS, Native American communities and tribal governments require safe access to these first foods, medicinal plants and plant materials and, in so doing, respects tribal sovereignty and self-determination, as well as works to reverse the impacts of cultural genocide experienced by tribal people; and

WHEREAS, without adequate maintenance natural areas tend to devolve into substantial monocultures of invasive and colonial plant species such as Irish ivy (*Hedera hibernica*), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), clematis (*Clematis vitalba*), and Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*); and

WHEREAS, the unchecked spread of invasive species may have tremendous consequences to our system of infrastructure, parks, stormwater and wastewater conveyance, powerline disruptions, landslides, more intense and frequent wildfire, and degraded air and water quality; and

WHEREAS, climate change and an increased human population are anticipated to increase the introduction, spread, and dominance of exotic invasive species in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, cooperation among multiple partners, such as the United States Department of Agriculture, Native American communities and tribal governments, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Forestry, Western Invasives Network, Cooperative Weed Management Areas, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and watershed councils, is needed to effectively manage invasive species across multiple public jurisdictions, ownerships, ecosystems and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the updated 2016 Oregon Conservation Strategy, originally adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2006 and subsequently approved by US Fish and Wildlife Service, identifies exotic invasive species (plant and animal) control as one of the six key statewide conservation issues; and

WHEREAS, in March 2006, City Council adopted the Actions for Watershed Health and the 2005 Watershed Management Plan through Resolution 36384 which relies on invasive plant removal and revegetation to meet the goals to improve the physical habitat, water quality, and biological communities in our watershed; and

WHEREAS, in November 2005, City Council adopted Resolution 36360 directing the City to develop a 3 year work plan and 10 year goals to reduce the amount of invasive plants; to incorporate invasive plant management into City bureau management efforts; and to maintain support for cooperative weed management efforts in the region, which it did through a working group that developed the 2008 Invasive Plant Management Strategy, and through the Bull Run Water Supply Habitat Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Portlanders depend on access to high quality natural areas and green assets for health and well-being, recreational opportunities, and community livability; and

WHEREAS, City staff manage invasive species using integrated pest management protocols to reduce the use of pesticides and achieve Salmon Safe Certification; and

WHEREAS, a 2019 third party assessment found that the City has been largely successful in meeting the 10-year goals in the 2008 Invasive Plant Strategy and recommends continuation and enhancement of watershed protection through invasive species management for the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, an inter-bureau team, including the Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Parks & Recreation, the Portland Bureau of Transportation, the Bureau of Development Services, Portland Water Bureau, and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability developed the 2020-2030 Invasive Species Strategy policy in partnership with multiple community representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020-2030 Invasive Species Strategy, Portland at the Crossroads policy and appendices are binding City policy.

Adopted by the Council, JAN 22 2020
Commissioner Nick Fish

Prepared by: Dominic Maze
Date Prepared: December 5, 2019

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

By 

Deputy

Agenda No. **RESOLUTION NO. 374761**

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<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: <u>Wheeler</u></p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JAN 14 2020</u></p>
<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Wheeler <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Eudaly</p>	<p>Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u>[Signature]</u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: <u>Environmental Services</u> Bureau Head: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Prepared by: Dominic Maze Date Prepared: December 18, 2019</p> <p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p> <p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p> <p>Council Meeting Date Jan. 22, 2019</p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>9:45</u> Start time: <u>10:30 am</u></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 30 Minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
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FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
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1. Fritz	1. Fritz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. <u>VACANT</u>	2. <u>VACANT</u>	
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wheeler	Wheeler <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>