



River Plan/South Reach PSC Work Session March 10, 2020



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Worksession Overview

Introduction

Discussion

- Watershed Health and Resilience
- Recreation
- Others

Next Steps



WATERSHED HEALTH AND RESILIENCE



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Trees Landward of Setback

Testimony Highlights

- Reduce tree replacement threshold to 3 inches diameter-at-breast height (dbh)

Staff Recommendation

- Maintain 6-inch dbh tree replacement threshold



Riverbank Vegetation

Testimony Highlights

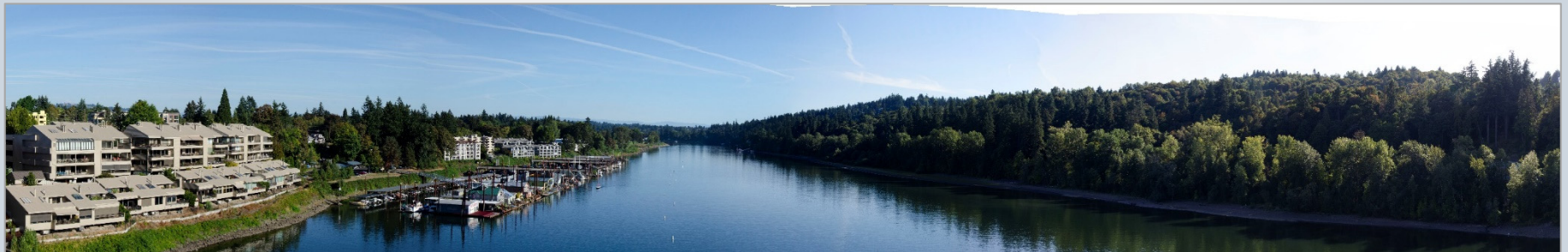
- Removal of native vegetation is a constant issue, especially on the west side
- Planting of ½-inch caliper trees allows removal when trees less than 1½-inch can be removed



Riverbank Vegetation

Staff Recommendation

- Proposed updates ensure the preservation of riverbank vegetation
- Requirement to plant ½-inch caliper trees increases species availability and survivorship, while reducing costs



Vegetation and Scenic Resources

Testimony Highlights

- There is a conflict between preserving views and limiting impacts on Greenway natural resources
- Growth of trees and other vegetation in adjacent natural areas often block views
- Scenic corridors should provide views along the full length of the corridor



Vegetation and Scenic Resources

Staff Recommendation

- Keep Proposed Draft proposals, including allowance to prune and remove vegetation within viewpoint view corridors
- City’s scenic corridor designation goal is “to preserve and enhance the scenic character along corridors, and where possible, scenic vistas from corridors.”



Enforcement

Testimony Highlights

- Enforcement has been ineffective in addressing tree and vegetation removal violations
- City follow-up period should be extended
- Penalties should be stronger, especially for repeat offenders



Enforcement

Staff Recommendation

- Add action for BPS, BES and BDS to work together to evaluate the current enforcement process and identify a more sustainable and consistent process
- Potential modifications to the violation penalties would also be evaluated



Nonconforming Development

Testimony Highlights

- Don't allow vertical redevelopment or seawall reinforcement in the river setback
- Identify programs and incentives to move nonconforming development out of the setback



Nonconforming Development

Staff Recommendation

- Maintain allowance for vertical redevelopment and seawall reinforcement
- Proposed Draft includes an action item to investigate the potential for a willing seller program for the South Reach





RECREATION



Waverley Country Club

Testimony Highlights

- Annex site into City now

Staff Recommendation

- Add new Action R5C - investigate and pursue approaches/incentives for annexation (next 5 years)



Brooklyn Riverfront Access

Testimony Highlights

- Prioritize studying and completing safe ped/bike access to Springwater trail and riverside park

PBOT and PPR responses

- Not priority, unfunded in TSP and Parks Capital Improvement Program



Parks Enforcement

Testimony Highlights

- More education and enforcement in parks, natural areas, and along trails

Staff Recommendation

- Revise Action R1H - “Identify funds to improve education about, enforcement of, and compliance with rules in City-owned parks, natural areas and trails in the South Reach.”



South Reach Boater Safety

Testimony Highlights

- Address boater safety

Staff Recommendation

- Amend Action R11C for increased funding to augment County river patrol
- Lower Willamette Rulemaking 2020



Next Steps

April 14 PSC Work Session and Decision

- River setback
- Specific properties testimony
- Ross Island
- Tribal engagement and collaboration
- Homelessness
- Macadam Character Statement

