

## RESOLUTION No. 36920

Reaffirm the City's commitment to watershed health under the *Portland Watershed Management Plan* (Resolution)

WHEREAS, Portland strives to be a model of sustainable urban development and stormwater management, with healthy urban watersheds, streams and rivers for people, fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, working for healthy urban watersheds supports other city goals and objectives, including mitigating and adapting to climate change; providing access to nature, clean air and clean water for all residents; protecting Portland's rich natural resource and cultural heritage; fostering economic development and supporting public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2006, the City Council adopted *Actions for Watershed Health, the 2005 Portland Watershed Management Plan* as binding city policy (Resolution No. 36384), based on the scientific foundation of the *Framework for Integrated Management of Watershed Health (2005)* and previous watershed planning and analysis efforts; and

WHEREAS, the *Portland Watershed Management Plan* promotes an integrated, watershed-based approach to address the City's related obligations under regional, state and federal environmental laws including, but not limited to, the Clean Water Act (CWA), Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, AKA Superfund), the Endangered Species Act and Title 13 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (Metro); and

WHEREAS, the *Portland Watershed Management Plan* is a critical component of the City's stormwater management program and provides an essential building block for the City's compliance with its state-issued NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) discharge permit; and

WHEREAS, the *Portland Watershed Management Plan* outlines the City's four watershed health goals of improving hydrology, physical habitat, water quality and biological communities, through six key strategies; and

WHEREAS, the *Portland Watershed Management Plan* is a guide for all City bureaus to advance and integrate projects, plans and activities in ways that will protect and improve the quality of Portland's urban watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the City and countless partners have dedicated considerable effort and resources to watershed health related projects, programs and policies since 2006, as documented in annual reports for the *Portland Watershed Management Plan* and various related programs; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed the *Terrestrial Ecology and Enhancement Strategy* (TEES) as a technical implementation document for the *Portland Watershed Management Plan* that establishes a common body of information and sets watershed priorities for the conservation and restoration of terrestrial plant and animal species and habitats in Portland, to help achieve the watershed health goals and objectives in the *Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the City is implementing a new citywide watershed health monitoring approach called the Portland Area Watershed Monitoring and Assessment Program (PAWMAP) that will allow for consistent tracking and reporting of watershed conditions over time towards watershed health targets; and

WHEREAS, continued progress towards watershed health in Portland relies on continued strong policy leadership, inter-bureau coordination, scientific research and monitoring, collaboration with community groups and residents, partnership and coordination with other state, local and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, as the goals and strategies adopted in the *Portland Watershed Management Plan* remain relevant and support numerous other City plans such as the Climate Action Plan, Urban Forestry Management Plan and the Portland Plan, the City has created a *5-Year Implementation Strategy* to guide watershed plan efforts in 2012-2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council reaffirms Portland's commitment to improving urban watershed health to attain the goals and objectives of the *Portland Watershed Management Plan*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Environmental Services, as custodian of the *Portland Watershed Management Plan*, will continue to lead implementation as related to the bureau's mission, update background documents to the plan as needed, and work with other bureaus to promote best practices and innovative approaches to improving Portland's watershed health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City bureaus, in carrying out their respective missions, shall consider water and watershed protection and restoration in policy making, planning, project design, and implementing actions, and seek opportunities wherever feasible to assure such protection and restoration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the watershed health goals and objectives will inform the City's policies, plans and projects, recognizing that both protecting and restoring Portland's natural resources and incorporating watershed functions into the built environment is needed to maintain essential infrastructure for managing stormwater, support biodiversity, bolster climate resiliency, protect public health and safety, and preserve and enhance neighborhood livability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City will include watershed health policies and goals in the update to the City's *Comprehensive Plan* to inform how the city grows and develops.

Adopted by the Council, MAY 02 2012

Dan Saltzman  
Commissioner of Public Affairs

Sara Culp  
April 16, 2012

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
Auditor of the City of Portland  
By



Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY  
Commissioner/Auditor:

*Saltzman*

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## COMMISSIONER APPROVAL

Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams

Position 1/Utilities - Fritz

Position 2/Works - Fish

Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman

Position 4/Safety - Leonard

## BUREAU APPROVAL

Bureau:

Bureau Head:

*DM for DM*

Prepared by: Sara Culp

Date Prepared: April 16, 2012

*ECW*  
Financial Impact & Public  
Involvement Statement

Completed ☒ Amends Budget ☐

Portland Policy Document

If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.

Yes ☐ No ☒Council Meeting Date  
May 2, 2012

City Attorney Approval

LaVonne Griffin-Valade  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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ACTION TAKEN:

## AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN ☒

Start time: 9:45

Total amount of time needed: 30 min.  
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT ☐REGULAR ☐

Total amount of time needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

## FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA

COMMISSIONERS VOTED  
AS FOLLOWS:

		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	✓	
Adams	Adams	✓	