

**Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) Briefing/Work Session
October 9, 2012
City of Portland - Metro Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA): Intent to Continue
Watershed Health-Related Efforts and Collaboration Post Title 13 Compliance**

Staff recommends that the PSC:

- Endorse the draft IGA and ordinance with the suggested amendments,
 - Forward draft IGA and ordinance to the City Council for approval, and
 - Authorize staff to make minor changes to compliance request report (e.g., additional reference to underlying City plans, policies and principles, upcoming efforts).
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Recap:

1. On July 24, 2012 the PSC held a public hearing on the City's draft request for Metro determination of substantial compliance with Title 13, Nature in Neighborhoods.
2. City staff described existing regulations and non-regulatory programs that form the basis for the request. Metro noted that City programs are among the strongest programs in the region.
3. Six people testified. Most supported the City's compliance with Title 13; however there was concern that recent legal challenges and budget cuts are limiting City efforts. Most testifiers also supported establishing a voluntary IGA and provided some specific suggestions.
4. The PSC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request for determination Title 13 compliance. The PSC supported establishing the IGA and asked to review the draft.

Materials for consideration:

1. **Draft IGA**
 - a. Follows the draft outline that the PSC discussed on July 24
 - b. Includes components requested by the PSC and the public such as:
 - Updating existing plans and regulations for the Columbia Corridor
 - Tentative timelines for planning projects
 - More topics for City and Metro collaboration (e.g., ecosystem services, habitat-friendly design, climate mitigation/adaptation, coordination with the Intertwine Alliance)
 - c. Reflects additional comments from BES, Portland Parks, Metro and the City Attorney
2. **Draft ordinance** - presents context and authorizes:
 - a. BPS director to submit the Title 13 compliance determination to Metro, and
 - b. Directors of BPS, BES and Parks to enter into the IGA with Metro.
3. **Amendments to draft IGA and ordinance** - reflect discussion w/PSC leadership on 10/5/12

Next: Staff will submit the draft ordinance, request for determination of substantial compliance, and IGA to City Council (hearing likely in November), followed by submittal to Metro.