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TO: Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

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SUBJECT: Willamette River Greenway Inventory - Goal 15 Update

On June 24, 2014, you will be holding a public hearing on the *Proposed Draft* of the **Willamette River Greenway Inventory - An Update to Portland's Statewide Planning Goal 15 Inventory**. This document describes existing conditions within the Willamette River Greenway overlay zones. It updates the inventory adopted in 1987 as part of development of the *Willamette Greenway Plan*. It does not propose any changes to plans or regulations.

You received a hard copy of the inventory at the June 10 briefing. You can also find this document online: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/490872>

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) staff prepared this inventory update to refresh information about the Willamette River area. The maps and information included in the inventory are the same elements listed in Oregon State Land Use Planning Goal 15. One of the main reasons for this inventory is that during River Plan/North Reach appeals, the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) ruled that they could not determine if the information in the legislative record satisfied the Goal 15 inventory requirement. Going forward, staff wants to have a Goal 15 inventory that is labeled as such and that contains the information that is specifically set forth in Goal 15.

Along with other data, the **Willamette River Greenway Inventory** is informing the *Central City Plan* (CC2035 Plan), which includes an update to the *Willamette Greenway Plan* and implementation regulations for the Central Reach. The CC2035 planning process is expected to conclude in 2016, to be followed by planning in the South Reach of the Willamette River and revisions to the remanded River Plan / North Reach.



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BPS staff, along with input from a PSC Commissioner and others, recognize that there are a few errors in the data presented in the inventory. One example, is the large private property owner, Ross Island Sand and Gravel, is not listed as a top land holder in the South Reach, in the property ownership section (Table 6 on Page 7). Staff proposes that the PSC provide BPS staff the opportunity to correct and update inventory as part of producing a *Recommended Draft* of the Willamette River Greenway Inventory. This draft will be forwarded to the Portland City Council for review and action at an upcoming public hearing.

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff requests that a Commissioner make the following motions for PSC action:

I move that the Portland City Council adopt the **Willamette River Greenway Inventory** as a supporting document to the River Plan, an update of the *Willamette Greenway Plan*.

I move to direct staff to continue to refine the inventory as part of producing a PSC *Recommended Draft* of the **Willamette River Greenway Inventory** that will be forwarded to the Portland City Council for a final public hearing.

