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Keep the City from going backwards on West Hayden Island commitments

West Hayden Island

Last year, after five years of public process, the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission told the community that it would not allow the Port of Portland to annex and rezone 300 acres of West Hayden Island for industrial development unless the Port completely mitigated for impacts to the environment and the local community in a way that resulted in a net increase in ecosystem function. The Port of Portland refused to agree to these terms and withdrew its annexation application. That should have been the end of the story!

The Planning and Sustainability Bureau recently released its draft of the updated Portland Comprehensive Plan, which is the City of Portland's long range land-use plan. The draft does a complete 180 on West Hayden Island, designating 300 acres for industrial development and making it a major part of the City's industrial land strategy. It does nothing to ensure the Port will be accountable for its impacts on the community and environment. The Planning Bureau has done an end-run around five years of public process and has turned its back on the health of our communities and our environment.

We need your help to tell the Planning and Sustainability Commission that it got it right last year when it said, "no development without complete mitigation." It should keep faith with the community now by rejecting the West Hayden Island designations in the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Hearing: Tuesday, Sept. 23 | 5-9 p.m.
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Room 2500A

Key Messages

1) The Planning and Sustainability Commission made a commitment to the community that it would not recommend allowing West Hayden Island development to move forward without a binding agreement in place that the Port of Portland fully mitigate for all impacts to the environment and the community. The draft Comprehensive Plan turns its back on that commitment and does an end run on five years of public process. It breaks faith with the community and the commitments of the Planning and Sustainability Commission.

2) The Planning and Sustainability Commission should remove the section on West Hayden Island from the Comprehensive Plan and instead retain its current zoning designations or designate it as openspace. It should not be designated for industrial zoning or future industrial development.

3) The City should not convert critical natural areas or openspaces to industrial use. If the City needs more industrial land, it should focus on cleaning up its 900 acres of brownfields, intensifying use of its industrial land base, and preventing organizations like the Port of Portland from converting existing industrial lands to other uses in order to make a profit.

Please help

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