

Dear Planning and Sustainability Commission members,

My name is Meg Ruby. I am a citizen of Portland. I am writing to urge you continue to stand up for our fair green city, so that we may continue to be a healthy place for people and wildlife. Specifically, I write in support of the Audubon Strategy for Addressing Industrial Land Demand. Here is a link to that plan audubonportland.org/files/urban/11-point-plan/

-It is unnecessary and completely unacceptable in the name of identifying more industrial land to destroy critical natural areas and 'openspace' on West Hayden Island and along the Columbia Slough.

-The city has already identified and can clean up existing 'brownfields' and can maximize the use of existing industrial lands. This is a much more green and sustainable solution

-In no way is the destruction of 'openspace' and natural areas even remotely necessary.

-It is not acceptable and I ask you not to restrict the city's ability to place environmental regulations on riverside industrial lands – these are some of our most important and degraded fish and wildlife habitat;

- The city should focus on cleaning up its more than 900 acres of contaminated 'brownfields', intensifying use of its existing industrial land-base, and preventing industrial landowners from converting their land to other uses.

In closing, I ask the Planning and Sustainability commission to review and restore natural resource policies that were removed or weakened from the January 2013 Draft.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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