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To: Hales, Mayor
Subject: Green Thumb Open Space

Dear Mayor Hales,

My name is John lott and I live at 4632 SE 79th Ave in Portland. I volunteer regularly with the Portland Fruit Tree Project and have so over the past 5 years renovating and reestablishing the orchard that is part of the Green Thumb site at 57th and Duke. The site, as you may well know, is partially owned by the City of Portland and Portland Public Schools. The Green Thumb site, which I believe is close to 14 acres, host countless volunteer organizations and educational groups that provide essential learning in gardening, entrepreneurial urban agriculture, and adds a hub of activity to the heart of Woodstock.

It has recently come to my attention that the Green Thumb site, as part of the City's Comprehensive plan, is to be zoned for low density housing. I would urge you and all the council members **please re-designate and re-zone the Green Thumb site from Low Density Multi-Family Residential with an Alternative Design Density Overlay (R2A) to Open Space (OS) as part of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.** Having the Green Thumb site open to the public and available for multiple recreational use not only by city entities but by agencies such as local nonprofits, public state colleges, and county programs such as alternative community services provides a much needed green, interactive space for changing the urban experience. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter,

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