Interestingly in perusing the Port's information on WHI, online, found little, if any, mention of the fact that development had already been blocked when it was owned by PGE. It was a gamble from the start..and they knew it. It will be loss for them should you turn them down..or maybe with their other losses of late..they don't even need WHI ...Either way, you know, we all take gambles..relationships, houses..you fill in the blanks...Their eyes were open..there should not be a sense of entitlement. Maybe it's a learning opportunity.

Another point is the need for no net losses of habitat. Every time a lot is developed or subdivided, a yard made smaller, a setback, set aside..it's a habitat loss. Every large tree, taken down for development, is a loss..to Robins, Towhees, Sparrows, Wrens...we are losing the character of Portland's neighborhoods, people are voicing their grief about it...I'll mourn it, to you, for the birds..Makes it all the more important to leave places like WHI.

Lastly, if WHI is developed, this time around, it will show how Portland and it's policy makers, and I will make it distinction between them and the General Public..have changed. It will show us to no longer be the City that we once were.

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