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The industrial overlay proposal if put in place would have severe impacts to the neighborhood homes and residential farms, in both home values and quality of life for residents. It could serve no other purpose than to encourage industrial infill amongst the neighborhood homes, and to drive residential, and residential farm occupations out.

We are a small pocket community that has many long term residents that have reveled in and enjoyed their proximity to the environmentally beautiful Whitaker Slough and thriving wildlife, as well as new residents with zeal for refurbishing and conservation of this very limited inner city farm area, and public resource area. This is a close knit community that shares a feeling of sanctuary with our large lots, and intimate connection to long time influences of this area.

While there is always an expanding need for larger productive industrial area for Portland industrial growth, there is also a more urgent growing need to preserve and build sustainability of our small inner city farm communities, as well as protect residents from fruitless and unnecessary hardship.

Established multi- generational farms in this neighborhood that should be preserved, not driven out of existence. These properties are well-suited for the explosive demand for development of additional small farm sites, in particular the Cully district. It is though the network agreements to share/provide farming acreage that the small farms and residents create a whole system of food security and sustainability-driven practices, and provide employment opportunities, and community educational opportunities as well. This neighborhood, with its small farm accessibility, is a destination for local schools, elder groups, as well as many other benefiting groups and individuals.

We are striving to model a community that equally thrives and coexists with its current industrial neighbors, as well as actively participate in the protection of our specific wild life areas. It is the view point of members of the Cully Farmers Association and local small farmers that the city has provided assurance of support for small development and sustainable large-lot farming practices within our neighborhood. Property owners deserve to maintain the values of their homes, and to have their rights under current zoning maintained. Every property owner has recently been required to invest in city infrastructure costs for their homes and future home sites to public sewer along N.E. 63rd AVE. and N.E. Bryant Street. Now we are told a rezone is favorable to the city, specifically to prevent residential development within our residential zone. We are also told

that industrial development is going to be allowed, encouraged, and that even incentives will be provided towards that end. We are told permit fees to rezone to industrial will be waved to encourage what would be devaluing and destructive industrial infill.

Our homes are our primary investment and resource, and for many of us, like most people in this country, our *only* investment. We live in our homes. We should not be

subject to the threats of this proposed industrial overlay. There is no benefit to the greater city of Portland that justifies the harm to the property owners of this change.

It's also worth mentioning that the Whitaker Slough is now a public recreational area, and that has had a great deal of revenue directed to it, for both clean up from industrial abuses, and recreational development for the public good. This area would also be subjected to more devastating impacts of industrial blights and contaminating views. Wildlife is also seriously impacted, and all efforts to utilize this extremely limited and hard-fought for public resource are undermined.

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