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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project, Recommended Draft**

Dear Portland City Council Members, I'm writing to ask you to adopt the Updated Environmental Zone Mapping that is needed to replace the existing inaccurate maps and allow the City to meet its own natural resource protection policies. This will ensure Portland's long-standing natural resource protections will be applied correctly and as intended. Given the climate crisis, we know that flooding, landslides, and wildfires are becoming more frequent and intense. The updated Ezone maps will help mitigate the climate crisis by better protecting its streams, floodplains, wetlands, and forest/woodlands, which in turn sequester carbon, mitigate flooding and landslides impacts, and help cool and purify air and water, and provide habitat for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife. Please honor the huge investment that the city has made in updating the ezone maps and implement them in place of the outdated maps currently in place. Thank you, ~Chris Dodge

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