

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER PSC HEARINGS ON FACTUAL BASIS AND BUILDABLE LANDS ANALYSIS

APPENDIX A: PORTLAND PLAN BACKGROUND REPORT UPDATE

As part of Periodic Review, and as background for the Portland Plan, in 2009, BPS staff developed 18 Portland Plan Background Reports to establish a factual basis for future policy decisions. The reports detail existing conditions in areas ranging from economic opportunities and housing supply to urban form, watershed health and human health and safety.

In November 2009, the initial reports were posted on the Portland Plan website: www.portlandonline.com/portlandplan/backgroundreports and distributed to Multnomah County libraries in the City of Portland and the district coalition offices.

The Planning Commission reviewed, discussed and received testimony on the reports during several public hearings. The hearings were held on the following dates: January 26, 2010; February 9, 2010 and March 9, 2010, and July 13th and 27th, 2010.

Since last fall, BPS hosted over two dozen Portland Plan public workshops and presented at over 75 community meetings. Over 1,300 people attended the workshops and approximately 1,500 people attended community meetings. In addition to providing comments on what the city should focus on and invest in for the future, Portlanders commented on information in the Background Reports.

In response to comments received during public hearings, at workshops and community meetings; online and written comments; and recommendations from staff and partner agencies, Portland Plan staff recently completed revisions to six of the background reports, is completing addendums to two reports, revisions to nine reports and developing six new reports to address topics not addressed in the original Portland Plan Background Reports. Additionally, staff would like to adopt eight reports produced for other projects or by other agencies as supporting background documents.

A summary of the completed report revisions, a list of the reports to be revised and/or produced in spring 2011 and a list of the reports to incorporate by reference are provided below. A table displaying this information is also provided.

SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 2010 BACKGROUND REPORT REVISIONS

Historic Resources: Key Findings and Recommendations

The current conditions section now acknowledges that Portland residents are currently sponsoring a number of historic district proposals that can add significantly to the list of designated properties. The federal government adopted one of those proposals in late October when they approved the Irvington District as an addition to the national register. The statistics in this report do not reflect this addition.

The report also addresses new policy development projects, such as a current BPS project will bring the historic resources inventory data into GoogleMaps and a survey project now underway that will enhance understanding of the area's architectural character and historic development. It focuses on "Mid-Century" residential properties constructed in the 1940s-60s, a period of rapid development in East Portland. The survey results will be made available to the public and included in a future addendum to the Historic Resources Background Report.

Human Health and Safety

Chapter 4: Clean Environments was expanded to address noise pollution, household toxics and bioaccumulation of toxics and natural hazards. An addendum to the health report that addresses behavioral health, including mental health and addiction; gang activity; domestic violence; and the upcoming Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan will be produced in spring 2011.

Infrastructure Condition and Capacity

A new chapter (Chapter 5) on managed flood plains was added to the report; this information was provided by the Multnomah Drainage District. The sewer and stormwater sections in the Executive Summary were edited and

minor editorial changes were made to the Readers Guide. In the Bureau of Environmental Services section, the “Safe Drinking Water Act (UIC)” section was replaced and retitled, “Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program.” In addition to the changes described above, some detailed factual information was updated based on new information. A detailed list of the changes is provided at the beginning of the report.

Natural Resource Inventory

The Natural Resource Inventory was updated in response to revised data and a more recent run of the analytical model. It was also updated to reflect the Buildable Lands Inventory work and to acknowledge the adoption of the Climate Action Plan.

Urban Forestry

Additional findings from recent studies were included in the section, “Benefits of Trees” studies and additional actions were added to the section, “Integrate Trees and Urban Form.”

Watershed Health

Updates to the Watershed Health report include the following:

- incorporation of the latest information regarding Portland’s Terrestrial Ecology Enhancement Strategy (TEES), wildlife species considered to be at risk due to habitat loss and other impacts and urban hazards to wildlife, including birds;
- incorporation of information about the potential impacts of climate change, acknowledgement of the City’s adopted Climate Action Plan, descriptions of the connections between climate change and natural systems and included recent analyses conducted for the Willamette Valley, as well as acknowledgement of the potential for floodplain expansion due to climate change;
- acknowledgement of the long-range funding challenges regarding invasive species management, green street maintenance and other green infrastructure issues (i.e. the implications of the expiration of the 5-year Grey to Green program);
- acknowledgement of the habitat benefits of ecoroofs;
- identification of existing and potential watershed health issues related to development; and
- editorial changes to improve readability.

LIST OF PROPOSED SPRING 2011 BACKGROUND REPORT REVISIONS, ADDENDA AND NEW REPORTS

- Addendum: Health (mental health; crime; natural hazards update)
- Addendum: Historic Resources: Key Findings and Recommendations (updates from survey work)
- Revision: Arts and Culture (incorporation of new data)
- Revision: Economic Opportunities Analysis (response to Buildable Lands Inventory)
- Revision: Housing Affordability (incorporation of new data)
- Revision: Housing Demand and Supply Projections (incorporation of new data)
- Revision: Housing Supply (incorporation of new data)
- Revision: Public Schools (educational equity, schools as multi-use facilities, data revisions)
- Revision: Housing Affordability (metric updates, mobile home analysis, fair housing; Section 8)
- Revision: Historic Resources: Data and Maps (verification of historic resource inventory; addition of new data)
- Revision: Urban Form
- New: Complete 20-minute Neighborhoods Baseline Information
- New: Homeownership Rates
- New: Housing Unit Types
- New: Income and Wage Trends
- New: Lifelong Learning and Skill Development Opportunities
- New: Portlanders with Disabilities Study

REPORTS TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE

- Central City 2035: Subdistrict Profiles Public Review Draft – Any updates to the Central City 2035 report will be recommended through the Central City 2035 process. The Final Draft will be adopted as a Portland Plan Background Report when it is complete.
<http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=52836&a=302885>
- Climate Action Plan 2009 – Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
<http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=49989&>
- Communities of Color in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile – Communities of Color Coalition
<http://coalitioncommunitiescolor.org/docs/AN%20UNSETTLING%20PROFILE.pdf>
- Framework for Integrated Management of Watershed Health – Bureau of Environmental Services
<http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/fish/index.cfm?c=33528>
- Making the Invisible Visible – Native American Youth and Family Center
http://www.nayapdx.org/images/making%20the%20invisible%20document/MakingVisible_FINAL%20%282%29.pdf
- Next Generation Connectivity: A review of broadband internet transitions and policy from around the world – Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University
http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/newsroom/broadband_review_final
- Preparing for Climate Change in the Upper Willamette River Basin in Oregon: Co-beneficial Planning for Communities and Ecosystems – Climate Leadership Initiative for Sustainable Environment, University of Oregon and National Center for Conservation Science and Policy
http://climlead.uoregon.edu/sites/climlead.uoregon.edu/files/reports/willamette_report3.11FINAL.pdf
- State of Black Oregon – Urban League of Portland
<http://www.ulpdx.org/documents/UrbanLeague-StateofBlackOregon.pdf>

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Arts and Culture			x
Economic Development	x		
Economic Opportunities			x
Energy	x		
Economic Specialization	x		
Food Systems	x		
Historic Resources: Key Findings and Recommendations		x	
Historic Resources: Data and Maps	x		

Historic Resources: Understanding Historic Resources in Portland	x		
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Housing Affordability			x
Housing and Transportation Cost Study	x		
Housing Demand and Supply Projections			x
Housing Supply			x
Human Health and Safety		x	x
Infrastructure Condition and Capacity		x	
Natural Resource Inventory		x	
Public Schools			x
Urban Forestry		x	
Urban Form			x
Watershed Health		x	
ADDENDUM: Mental Health and Crime (Health)			x
NEW: 20-Minute Neighborhoods			x
NEW: Drainage Districts			x
NEW: Historic Resources: East Portland			x
NEW: Housing Unit Types			x
NEW: Homeownership Rates			x
NEW: Labor Market Conditions			x
NEW: Lifelong Learning and Skill Development			x
NEW: Portlanders with Disabilities			x