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September 26, 2011

Mayor Adams and Portland City Council
Portland City Hall
1121 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Subject: Retirement of the Natural Resources Management Plan for Smith and Bybee Lakes

Dear Mayor Adams and City Commissioners:

On September 13, 2011, the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission held a hearing on two items: the retirement of the Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) for Smith and Bybee Lakes, and the addition to the Zoning Code of three maps accidentally omitted from the Airport Futures project.

The Smith and Bybee Lakes NRMP project repeals the NRMP adopted in 1990 so that an application for a new type of management plan, called a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan (CNRP), can be submitted. The management plan is the only proposed change--there are no changes to the environmental overlay zones for the Smith and Bybee area.

While there was no testimony at the hearing, staff related public concern with the gap of time between repeal of the NRMP and approval of the new CNRP. Although the area would be protected by the environmental overlay zone, we recommend delaying the repeal of the NRMP until the new CNRP is in place. We also agreed that the CNRP should not have to meet approval criteria in the NRMP; the NRMP will be repealed once the CNRP is approved. We recommend amending the Zoning Code to delete that requirement.

In April 2011, you adopted the Airport Futures Plan, which included an update to the City's natural resources program for Portland International Airport and the area surrounding the airport. After the adoption, Planning and Sustainability staff realized several of the maps in the Zoning Code had not been included in the materials before Council. Our Commission had reviewed and approved the maps. We recommend that these maps be added to the Code now. They show where natural resource inventories are complete and do not change any regulations.

The Planning and Sustainability Commission unanimously recommends that City Council:

- Adopt the ordinance;
- Adopt the memo titled *Retirement of the Natural Resources Management Plan for Smith and Bybee Lakes Project: Recommended Draft*;
- Amend the Zoning Code as shown in memo Attachment A;
- Amend the Official Zoning Maps, shown in memo Attachment B; and
- Adopt the memo as further findings and legislative intent.



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We commend the project team for their quick and diligent work and thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,



Andre' Baugh
Chair

