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Greetings, thank you for this forum.

I am Aesha Lorenz Al-Saeed here to give a statement about our property at 5920 SW Patton Road, 97221. My grandfather Max Lorenz of Lorenz Brothers Construction purchased it from Shaver Transportation about 70 years ago as a rental income property. At that time it was approximately 5 acres I believe. In the 70's my father sold half of it, leaving the remainder as one parcel. Several of my offspring are interested in living there. At one time I agreed with the rest of the family that it would ruin the natural environment to develop it. However every year I see that there are more people requiring housing in Portland. Prayer led me to reconsider more density of development. Instead of one home, and adding a few more, it could actually be possible to build 5 or 6 additional homes besides renewing the original if we make use of the concrete foundations of several outbuildings already on the property, which are slightly on the end of the environmental zone. Tearing out the existing foundations is more invasive and environmentally destructive.

I would like to clarify that we have never experienced erosion or landslides on our property. Water runoff goes down to the creek and we use natural methods of pulling non native ivy and mechanically pushing blackberries. I am interested in maintaining as much as possible of the natural vegetation for stability of the earth as much as possible and support of the ecosystems and creatures that make up that. Our land is a haven for racoons, moles squirrels, cats, dogs, field mice, rabbits and birds. These are creatures that naturally like to roam, and are an intrinsic part of a truly natural environment. Some like cats keep down species that may otherwise populate too extensively.

Often times natural creatures in semi-rural developments have not been provided for or considered, and I would like to pioneer this in a planned unit development with perhaps a tree house or two, and some nesting boxes up high.

The name of my PUD would be "Lorenz Peace of Patton" spelled as P E A C E which is what we need be mindful to cultivate within ourselves and the environment in which we live. For that I would need or request the R-10 zoning which is currently in place to remain so, instead of being changed to R-20 which is being proposed.