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Staff Report

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From: Community Development Director Tony Konkol

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SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 15-36, Supporting a Joint Grant Application with Metro and Clackamas County for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Funds to Conduct Brownfield Assessment and Remediation in the McLoughlin Investment Area

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 15-36.

BACKGROUND:

Metro, Clackamas County, Oregon City and other stakeholders are developing a proposal for EPA funds to address brownfield assessment and remediation in the McLoughlin Investment Area. Staff is preparing an application for a \$600,000 grant to be submitted on December 18th.

The primary target area for this application is the McLoughlin Investment Area along the 99E corridor. With the recent opening of the MAX Orange Line on the northern edge of the corridor and the collective investment to provide public access to the Willamette Falls site, this area is well positioned for brownfield assessment and remediation that can spur economic investment, access to jobs, improve health outcomes and provide opportunities for additional natural areas along the corridor.

In this draft concept, grant funds would be used for four main activities:

1. Conduct full site assessments on 20 sites within the study area.
2. Work with community members and potential developers to create redevelopment plans that define remediation needs and development opportunities on sites identified with contamination. EPA funds do not pay for remediation activities.
3. Build local stakeholder's capacity to understand and engage in local brownfield redevelopment activities.
4. Provide technical assistance to property owners who need guidance on how to address contaminated sites.