



# City of Oregon City

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## Staff Report

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### **SUBJECT:**

Joint Work Session with Planning Commission and Natural Resources Committee (NRC)

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):**

Discussion Only

### **BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of this joint work session is to discuss issues of mutual interest between the Planning Commission and Natural Resources Committee (NRC), share details of the NRC's current work plan and priorities, and maintain good communication between the groups. City staff will facilitate the discussion.

In particular we will be discussing the following items:

- The process for addition of wetlands to the Natural Resources Overlay District; and
- The process required to update the City's Local Wetland Inventory (LWI)

Currently Oregon City is in substantial compliance with Metro Title 3 and Title 13 and Statewide Goal 5, however, the City's last wetland inventory was updated in 1999. The City's code provides a process for on-site verification and delineation of wetlands at the time of development review. The majority of inventoried wetlands, Title 3 streams and Title 13 habitat areas in the city fall under the regulations of the City's Natural Resources Overlay District which is codified under OCMC 17.49. In rare situations, such as in the case of wetland that was delineated in Canemah, wetlands may be discovered during the course of investigation or development which fall wholly outside of the overlay district. Such situations require compliance with state and federal wetland codes, but do not currently require review pursuant to OCMC 17.49.