

Natural Resources Committee Advisory Recommendation

The Natural Resources Committee (NRC) of the City of Oregon City, pursuant to Article III of the adopted NRC bylaws set forth in Resolution No. 04-29 of the City Commission, does hereby make the following recommended action.

Recommended Action:

On December 12, 2018, the NRC heard a presentation from John Van Staveren of Pacific Habitat Services on the Natural Resource Overlay District report that is part of the proposed early grading request for Phase II of the Cove Development (Planning Files GLUA-18-00040 (General Land Use Application), GEO-18-0005 (Geologic Hazards), FP-18-00001(Floodplain), MAS-18-00005(Master Plan), MAS-18-00006 (Master Plan), SUB-18-00003(Subdivision), NROD-18-00013 (Natural Resources Overlay District).

The NRC understands that in 2008 the Planning Commission approved a request to reduce the vegetated corridor width for the Cove from two-hundred feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark of the cove (the original delineation under City code) to fifty feet (the current delineation created by the Planning Commission in 2009) as part of the original Master Plan approval CP 08-01.

Native plant species are required and proposed to be planted part of the mitigation for disturbances to the fifty-foot vegetated corridor and the NRC supports this proposal.

As a means to further enhance the habitat along the cove, we would like to recommend that the applicant also use native species as much as possible for landscaped areas beyond the required vegetative corridor within the original delineation.

Action Recommended to:

- City Commission
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

The above action was recommended by a Consensus Decision / Majority Vote of a quorum of the Natural Resource Committee at the regular meeting of January 9, 2019.

NRC Chair

NRC Vice-Chair