



TO: Members of the Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Ron Bunch, Director
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SUBJECT: Healthy Ecosystems Draft Revisions: First CAC Review on June 20, 2013

DATE: June 17, 2013

Please find appended Attachment 3a, which conveys to the CAC the results of work done to date on the Comprehensive Plan Healthy Ecosystems action area. The proposal incorporates Council's direction to make the policies as relevant as possible to land-use. Furthermore, staff has endeavored to remove redundant policies and to reword those existing, which fit more the definition of action measures.

It is important to note that these changes do not reference goals and policies that pertain to Sensitive Lands because the City Council is in the process of developing major revisions to the program. Once the direction of this program has been firmed up, these policies will be revised to provide the policy basis for Council's direction.

For the most part the Healthy Ecosystem chapters have been significantly shortened because, many of the existing Comprehensive Plan policies were also written in the vein of action measures. For example, the chapter on Oswego Lake is proposed to consist of a goal, two policies, and several related action measures. The same is true for the Willamette River Greenway chapter. It now consists of several fewer policies combined with action measures. The reason for this is that many of the policies have been implemented by new Community Development Code regulation and much more is understood about management of these resources. Furthermore, the City has had experience about the limits of land-use and what can and cannot be reasonably accomplished within the land-use arena.

The document is arranged left to right with existing Comprehensive Plan statements followed by proposed goals and policies that emphasize land use.

Staff will be available at the CAC meeting on June 20 to discuss this proposal. We value your commitment and continued involvement in the Comprehensive Plan update.

Thank you.