



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: **Community Planning Organizations, Hamlets and Other Interested Parties**
From: Martha Fritzie, Senior Planner
Date: March 7, 2017
Subject: **Portland Metropolitan Area Urban and Rural Reserves: File ZDO-265;**
Proposed Response to Remand from Oregon Court of Appeals and the Oregon
Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC)

On Wednesday, April 12, 2017, the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to address proposed findings to respond to a remand from the Oregon Court of Appeals and LCDC regarding the Portland metropolitan area urban and rural reserves decision that was adopted by the county in 2010.

Because the actions on these proposed findings may affect your community or area of interest, we want to give you and your organization advance notice about the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes before or at the public hearing.

Public Hearing Details:

The Board of County Commissioners public hearing will begin at **6 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2017**, in the Public Services Building, Board Hearing Room (4th floor), 2051 Kaen Rd., Oregon City.

- *Testimony at the hearing:* Interested parties are invited to attend and present oral comments to the Board. Please note that:
 - speakers are generally called up in the order in which they sign in;
 - there is usually a 3-minute time limit for each speaker, and
 - speakers are also encouraged to submit their comments in writing.
- *Testimony in advance:* Typically, written correspondence received at least one week prior to the hearing is included in the packet of information sent to the Board several days before the hearing. Written testimony received within one week of the hearing is emailed to the Board or given to the Board the day of the hearing.

If necessary, the hearing may be continued to 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, at the same location, when the Board may or may not take additional public testimony.

Background Information:

Beginning nearly 10 years ago, Metro and Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties worked together and with the public and interested groups to identify urban reserve and rural reserve lands to serve the region for the next 50 years. Metro and the counties then adopted urban and rural reserve designations in 2010-2011 and submitted those designations to the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for approval. LCDC granted final approval of the revised metro-wide urban and rural reserves in early 2011. That decision was then appealed to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

In February 2014, the Oregon Court of Appeals issued a ruling that reversed and remanded, for further action, some of the reserves designations in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. With respect to Clackamas County, the Court requested additional findings related to efficiently serving the four urban reserve areas (4A, 4B, 4C and 4D) that make up the Stafford area with transportation facilities.

In February 2016, Metro adopted revised findings and submitted them to Clackamas County for consideration. The revised findings were to address the issues on remand for urban reserve areas 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D. Clackamas County has not yet made a decision on the revised findings.

In March 2017, Metro is holding public hearing(s) to consider adopting additional findings to supplement those 2016 findings. Both the 2016 findings and supplemental findings currently under review at Metro are the subject of Clackamas County File #ZDO-265. Collectively, these findings are intended to address all issues related to Clackamas County that were raised on remand by the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Current Issue:

The purpose of the current proceeding is not to revisit the regionally agreed-upon map of urban and rural reserves; Stafford was approved as urban reserve in 2010, and the remand does not change that designation. Rather, the purpose of these proceedings is to consider the set of revised findings intended to address the specific issues raised on remand by the Court.

Contact Information:

For additional information or to submit written correspondence to be considered by the Board, please contact Martha Fritzie, Senior Planner, at 503-742-4529 or mfritzie@clackamas.us. The findings proposed for adoption are available for review on the county web site at <http://www.clackamas.us/planning/reserves.html>.