



January 16, 2013

Susan Anderson, Director  
Bureau of Planning and Sustainability  
City of Portland  
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Portland, OR 97201

Dear Susan:

This letter confirms that the City of Portland is in substantial compliance with Urban Growth Management Functional Plan Title 13: Nature in Neighborhoods. This determination of substantial compliance is based upon the city's broad natural resource protection package that includes a wide range of actions and programs from overlay zones, to plan districts, development regulations, restoration, acquisition, green streets and education/stewardship programs.

The number of diverse programs and projects the city implements is by far the most comprehensive of any of the jurisdictions in the region. The continued collaboration between the Bureaus of Planning and Sustainability, Environmental Services and Parks and Recreation is crucial to the overall success of the city's watershed health program, which will help the region meet its goals for habitat protection and restoration.

As you know, long-term efforts and partnerships are needed to sustain healthy watersheds in the region. The Intergovernmental Agreement recently executed between Metro and the City demonstrates the types of resource protection and enhancement efforts needed to support watershed health and we look forward to collaborating with the city on issues of regional concern in the future.

Sincerely,

Tim O'Brien, AICP  
Principal Regional Planner

cc: Metro Councilor Sam Chase, District No. 5  
Metro Councilor Bob Stacey, District No. 6  
Sallie Edmunds, River and Environmental Planning Manager  
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