

# Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project



This project will adjust the location of Portland's environmental overlay zones to match locations of existing streams, wetlands, steep slopes and vegetation as required by the new Comprehensive Plan.

## Why is this work needed?

The environmental overlay zones protect natural resources that are essential for watershed health. The environmental overlay zones were applied to properties through officially adopted conservation plans around Portland starting in 1989 and completed in 2003.

Since then, the technology used to map natural resources has greatly improved. With the new Natural Resources Inventory in 2012 it became obvious that some resources that are supposed to be protected (like stream segments) are not, while other lands have regulations but no natural resources. This project will correct that.

## How will this impact you?

This project may adjust environmental overlay zones on as many as 15,000 properties in Portland. It is anticipated that the overlay zones locations on many of properties will change slightly. Some properties will have larger expansion or reductions.

If your property will be considered for remapping as part of this project, you will receive a postcard in the mail. The postcard will let you know where you can get more information about potential changes on your property.

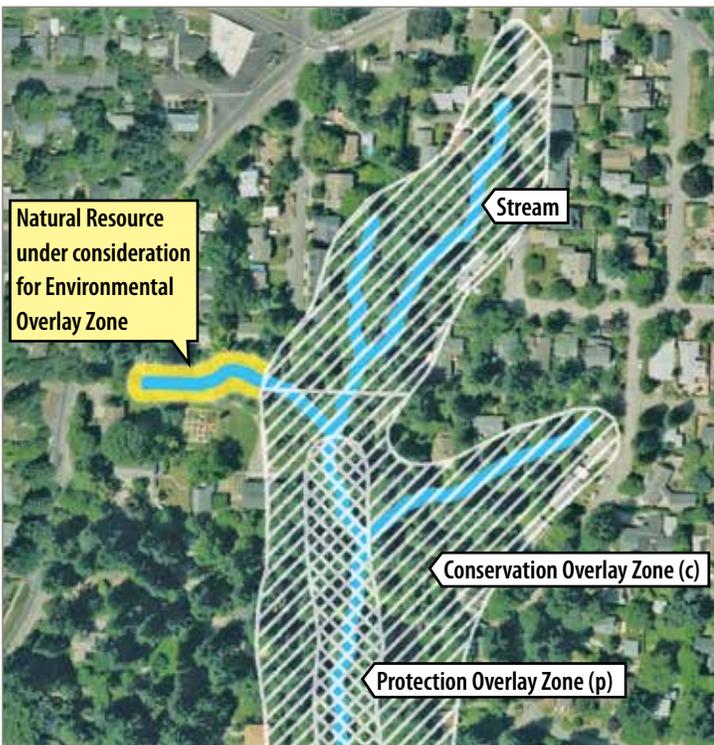
### TO LEARN MORE

Visit: [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/e-zone](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/e-zone)

- View your property on the interactive map to learn if you have environmental overlay zones or mapped natural resources on your property.
- Check the calendar of events, including opportunities to learn more and talk to staff in your community.
- Sign up to receive email updates.

Contact project staff by email or phone

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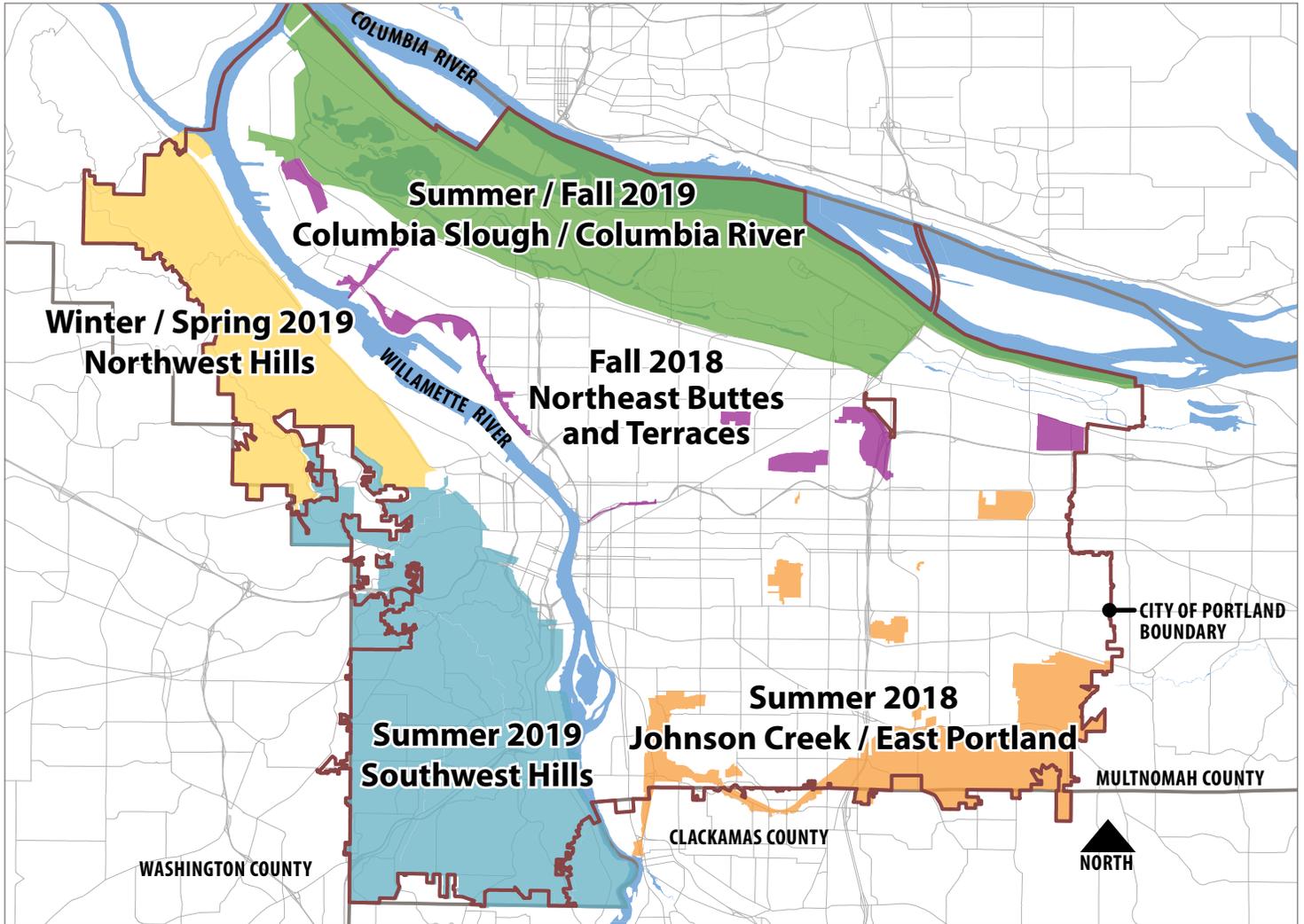


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# City staff will begin gathering information about natural resources in Summer 2018.

The E-zone Map Correction Project will start in the Johnson Creek Watershed and Outer East neighborhoods in Summer 2018 and then move to Columbia Slough and Columbia River, Northwest Hills, and Southwest Hills. For each phase of the project, staff will meet with property owners to assess the need for updates or changes to zoning designations. Any proposed changes will be based on the updated inventory of streams, wetlands, slopes and vegetation by individual parcels.



The results of that work will cumulate in a public hearings process in Fall 2020.  
Stay informed and learn more by visiting the project website at:  
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