Significant Resource Overlay Zone

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Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 5

- To protect natural resources and conserve scenic and historic areas and open spaces
- Local governments required to adopt programs that protect natural resources and conserve scenic, historic, and open space resources for present and future generations

POS/SOS

- Primary and Secondary Open Space was adopted in the early 1980s
- POS protected resource category that did not allow any development
- SOS served as a buffer to POS, and allowed limited development through a conditional use permit



POS/SOS





Metro Requirements

• Title 3

- Protects the functions and values of natural resources within Water Quality Resource Areas
- Protect life and property from dangers associated with flooding

• Title 13

- Conserve, protect, and restore regionally significant wildlife habitat
- Control and prevent water pollution

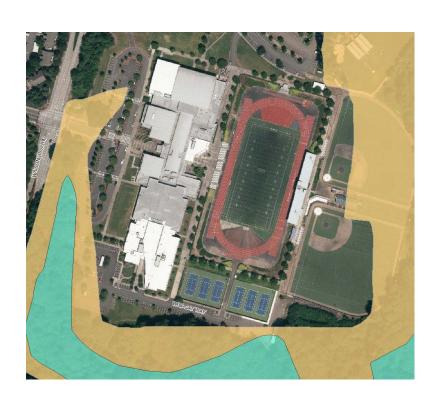
Natural Resources Inventory & Plan

- Wetlands, riparian corridors, and wildlife habitats
- All riparian corridors were considered to be "Significant" Goal 5 resources
- Significance determination for wetlands and wildlife habitat based on functional assessment criteria, such as water quality, ecological integrity, uniqueness, etc.





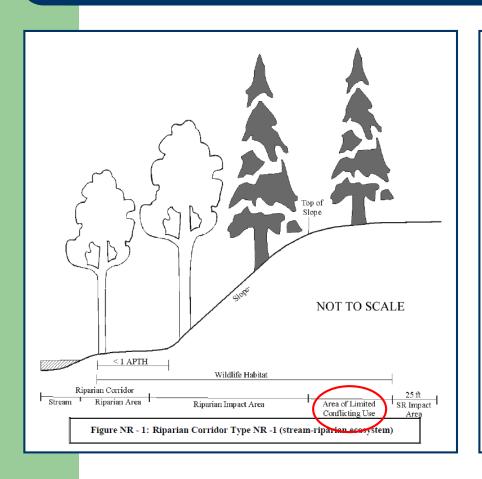
POS/SOS vs. SROZ







SROZ & Title 3



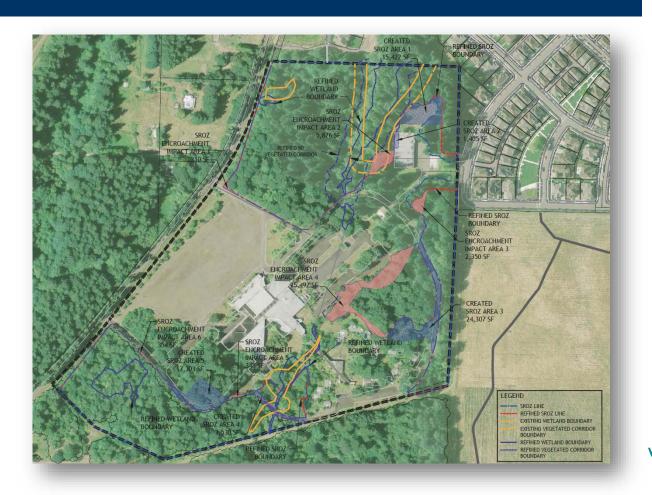
| Protected Water | Slope Adjacent to | Starting Point for | Width of Vegetated |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Feature Type (See | Protected Water | Measurements from | Corridor (Setback) |
| definitions) | Feature | Water Feature | |
| - | | -Edge of bankful | |
| Primary Protected | <25% | stage or 2-year | 50 feet |
| Water Features ¹ | | storm level; | |
| | | -Delineated edge of | |
| | | Title 3 wetland | |
| | | -Edge of bankful | |
| Primary Protected | ≥25% for 150 feet | stage or 2-year | 200 feet |
| Water Features ¹ | or more ⁵ | storm level; | |
| | | -Delineated edge of | |
| | | Title 3 wetland | |
| | | Edge of bankful | Distance from |
| Primary Protected | ≥25% for less than | stage or 2-year | starting point of |
| Water Features ¹ | 150 feet ⁵ | storm level; | measurement to top |
| | | -Delineated edge of | of ravine (break in |
| | | Title 3 wetland | $\geq 25\%$ slope) ³ , plus |
| | | | 50 feet ⁴ |
| Secondary Protected | | Edge of bankful | |
| Water Features ² | <25% | stage or 2-year | 15 feet |
| | | storm level; - | |
| | | Delineated edge of | |
| | | Title 3 wetland | |
| Secondary Protected | | Edge of bankful | |
| Water Features ² | ≥25% ⁵ | stage or 2-year | 50 feet |
| | | storm level; | |
| | | -Delineated edge of | |
| | | Title 3 wetland | |

Area of Limited Conflicting Use

- An area located between the riparian corridor boundary, riparian impact area or the Metro Title 3 Water Quality Resource Area boundary, whichever is furthest away from the wetland or stream, and the outside edge of the SROZ; or
- An isolated significant wildlife habitat (upland forest) resource site.



Map Refinement





SROZ Review Process

- Map verification
- Exempt uses or activities
- SRIR and proposed impacts
- Mitigation Plan



Exempt Uses and Activities

- Emergency procedures or activities
- Operation, maintenance and repair of buildings, structures, etc.
- Roads, and pedestrian/bicycle paths consistent with the Comprehensive Plan
- Removal of invasive species/habitat enhancement
- Minor encroachments (120 SF or less)
- Public or private service connection laterals
- Capital Improvement projects



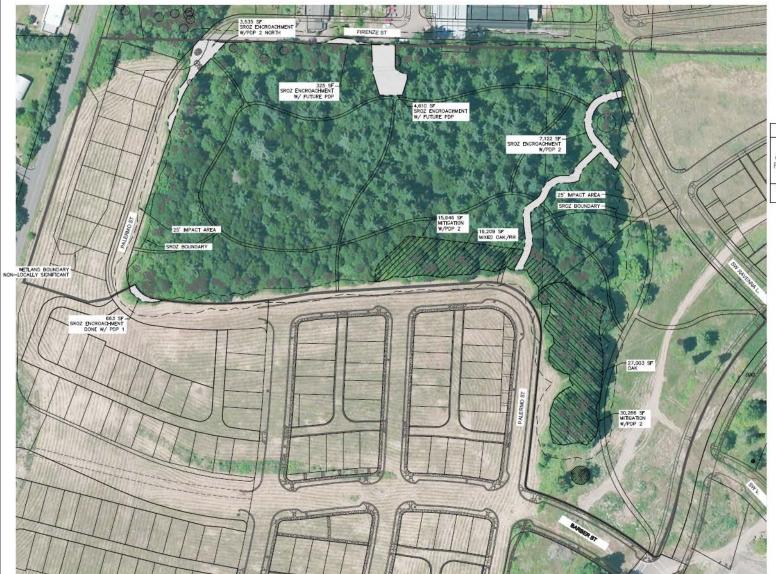
Significant Resource Impact Report

- Abbreviated SRIR
 - □ Small-scale developments (e.g., single-family dwellings, minor additions and accessory structures)
 - Most of the information provided by City staff
- Standard SRIR
 - Physical analysis
 - Ecological analysis
 - Mitigation Plan
 - □ Review Criteria



Habitat-Friendly Development Practices

- Protect and incorporate natural systems (wetlands, streams/wildlife corridors, mature forests, native vegetation) into site plans
- Design landscape elements to catch and absorb rainwater on site
- Reduce impervious surfaces that increase stormwater runoff
- Use creative lot layouts, roadway configurations and cul-de-sac designs
- Retain on-site native soil, plants and vegetation.
- Minimize soil compaction





| SROZ MITIGATION | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| AREA RATIO | IMPACT AREA | REQUIRED MITIGATION AREA | PROPOSED MITIGATION AREA | | |
| 2.5:1 | 16,255 SF | 40,638 SF | 46,212 SF | | |



Mitigation Ratios

TABLE NR - 4: NATURAL RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT MITIGATION RATIOS

| Existing Function* Rating at Impact Site | Existing Function* Rating at Mitigation Site | Proposed Function* Rating at Mitigation Site | Area Ratio (Mitigation:Impact) | |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| L | L | M | 2:1 | |
| L | L | Н | 1 ½ : 1 | |
| L | M | Н | 2:1 | |
| М | L | M | 3:1 | |
| M | L | Н | 2:1 | |
| М | M | Н | 2 ½ : 1 | |
| Н | L | М | 4:1 | |
| Н | L | Н | 3:1 | |
| Н | M | Н | 2 ½ : 1 | |
| Н | Н | H+ | 5:1 | , |



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