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sent via email

RE: Clackamas County Rural Reserves Review

Dear Ms. Fritzie,

I attended two of the three Rural Reserves Review open houses Clackamas County hosted in late June. It is my understanding that the Board of County Commissioners will hold a work session on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to decide, based on feedback that was received at these open houses, whether or not to proceed with amending the designations of three properties identified by the County from rural reserve to undesignated. The department has a few comments regarding the County's rural reserves review process and encourages the county to maintain the rural designations of the three study areas and focus on completing the reserves process.

The presentation at the meetings implied that the reserves – both urban and rural – were open for a new look. While the local governments have the option of re-opening the analysis and decision making, it is not required by the Land Conservation and Development Commission's remand order. Rather, the order was constructed to allow Metro, Multnomah County, and Clackamas County to address very narrow and specific findings. For Clackamas County that is the Stafford Triangle area, there is not a question or concern about the rural reserves.

The overall purpose of looking at these specific properties is to ensure that there will be enough long term supply of employment land – land that would be available 20-30 years from now in Clackamas County. The identified need for long-term industrial/employment land for the county is an issue that can be resolved outside of the reserves process. The study that was done for the County included the entire county, not just the Metro UGB. The need could be absorbed both within the Metro UGB (e.g., unincorporated Damascus, Milwaukie, Wilsonville and Oregon City), as well as, outside the Metro UGB (e.g., Canby, Estacada, Sandy and Molalla). Now that Damascus is unincorporated there is potential to provide more employment lands than was originally assumed by the former city.

DLCD encourages the County to complete their findings on the specific task of the remand for Urban Reserves so that the region can move past reserves and on to focusing on development, employment land and how to fund and serve areas within the UGB.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,



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