



September 9, 2011

Dear Milwaukie Resident,

The City of Milwaukie greatly values its streams, trees, and creekside habitat. In these ecologically sensitive areas, cities across the region have been asked to update their regulations so that construction and development activity doesn't inadvertently harm the habitat of birds, fish, and native plants and trees. With the help of a citizen advisory committee, the City has recently updated its code to protect these habitat conservation areas while still allowing homeowners to make improvements to their property.

City Council passed these code amendments at its August 16, 2011 meeting—the new rules will take effect on September 15, 2011.

You are receiving this letter because you own a property or live in a property that includes a designated natural resource or within 100 feet of one. To view a map that shows the resources on or near your property, go online to www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/planning/project-maps.

Council's approval in August capped a 3½-year-long project that involved four Planning Commission hearings, two City Council hearings, and hundreds of hours of citizen participation and feedback. We thank those who participated in making this package of amendments a better product.

The information sheet enclosed here aims to help explain, in simple terms, what these amendments mean to you as a resident and steward of a natural resource in Milwaukie. Some of the topics are straightforward, some are more complex. In any case, we hope you will contact the City's Planning Department if you would like to gain any kind of clarification or ask any questions. You can reach us by phone at (503) 786-7630 or e-mail at planning@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katherine Mangle". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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