



Slow Food® Portland

Metro Councilors
600 NE Grand Ave.,
Portland, OR 97232-2736

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Re: Urban and Rural Reserves

Slow Food Portland participated in and followed the Urban and Rural Reserves Process closely and advocated for the central role and importance of agriculture in land use decisions involving urban growth in the metro region. Today we are writing to ask you not to support Washington County's Urban Reserve proposal.

We are particularly concerned about the proposed designation of 212 more acres of rural roads. It is critical to keep rural roads in Rural Reserves. Cut through traffic already poses significant risks to farmers in Washington County and this will make a bad situation much worse.

Secondly, prime Farmland along Hwy 26 should be Rural Reserve. This cannot be left undesignated.

Finally we ask that you do not approve the new Peterkort Urban Reserve and Multnomah County should make Foundation Farmland south of Troutdale Rural Reserve and not leave it undesignated.

Slow Food Portland is a non-profit organization with over 800 members in the tri-county area. Slow Food Portland is part of the global and national Slow Food movement that works toward a food system that is based on the principles of high quality and taste, environmental sustainability, and social justice – in essence, a food system that is good, clean and fair. Such a food system depends first and foremost on the availability of local farmland.

On behalf of the membership of Slow Food Portland, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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