

July 13, 2010

Metro Policy Advisory Committee  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland OR 97232-2736

Dear Committee Members:

After careful consideration of the City's land use priorities, the City of Beaverton has decided to request that all of the urban reserve areas for the City be considered for immediate expansion of the urban growth boundary. Specifically, the City is requesting that all of the land designated in the Metro Reserves Regional Map as Area 6B and 8C be included in the list of land for potential Urban Growth Boundary expansion. It may seem too aggressive to consider all of Area 6B for inclusion in the Urban Growth Boundary. However, because of the conditions placed on this area to address the sensitive environmental concerns of Cooper Mountain, it makes sense to consider the area in its entirety rather than in a piecemeal manner.

Furthermore, there currently exists a gap in land area that will be available to accommodate the estimated need for the 20-year housing supply. The areas which are designated as Beaverton's urban reserves have been assumed to be primarily residential in character through the preliminary concept planning completed by Beaverton planning staff during the urban reserve identification process. These urban reserve areas are unique in that the preliminary planning leads the City to conclude that adequate infrastructure exists or can be reasonably accommodated to exist to serve these areas. This preliminary conclusion will be investigated much more thoroughly through formal concept planning for these areas.

I recognize that the City's request is later in the process than what would be optimal. However, this is a critical issue to the City, and I wanted to make sure that expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary made sense for the City. Bringing in all of the land will be the most efficient way for the City to complete comprehensive planning for the areas and their successful integration into the City and the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Denny Doyle  
Mayor