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LUSCHER FARM EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

LAKE OSWEGO – Luscher Farm and the City of Lake Oswego earned national recognition on June 3 at the United States Conference of Mayors City Livability Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada. Honored with an Outstanding Achievement Award, the City’s unique park property was selected for its wealth of innovative and sustainable farming programs and practices.

The awards recognize and honor mayors for exemplary leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities. An independent panel of judges, selected by The U.S. Conference of Mayors, determined the winning cities from a pool of 250 applicants based on three criteria: mayoral leadership, creativity and innovation, and broad impact on the quality of life for residents.

“We feel very honored to have received this award, said Mayor Judie Hammerstad. “Our Parks and Recreation Department has done a wonderful job at Luscher Farm. I want to congratulate our staff for their dedication both to the work at the farm and for the description of our programs to the United States Conference of Mayors.”

Located south of town at the corner of Stafford and Rosemont Roads, the 75+ acre Luscher Farm property hosts a wide variety of community gardening classes and activities. In the early 1990s, retired farmer Rudy Luscher agreed to a life estate arrangement with the City to preserve his farmstead. Today, as one of the most historically intact farms in Clackamas County, the farm is abuzz with sustainable growing activities.

There are over 150 organic community garden plots for city residents and twelve acres of farmland in cultivation. Local garden clubs support a Children’s Garden Program, a Junior Master Gardener Club and various gardening related classes for adults and children. Luscher Farm is host to the world-renowned Brewster Rogerson Clematis Collection and is recognized as a “Backyard Wildlife Habitat” site.