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### **CITY HOSTS OPEN HOUSES ON NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAM**

The City of Lake Oswego is hosting two community open houses about updates to the City's Sensitive Lands Atlas. This Atlas shows the streams, wetlands, and tree groves that are included in the City's Sensitive Lands Overlay Zone, which protects resource areas.

The map update covers all land within the City's Urban Service Area (USB). One open house will focus on resources within the City and one on unincorporated lands in the USB:

Clackamas County Land within the Lake Oswego Urban Service Area  
Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 5-8PM  
Lake Oswego City Hall, 380 A Ave., Lake Oswego

City of Lake Oswego Land  
Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 5-8PM  
Lake Oswego City Hall, 380 A Ave., Lake Oswego

The purpose of the upcoming open houses is to:

- Share information from the natural resource field studies;
- Discuss City natural resource policies;
- Learn more from residents about the condition of natural resources;
- Learn about unique or special features of specific properties.

In the summer of 2007, an environmental consulting firm conducted field studies to assist with the map updates. This information, along with information from the open houses, will be used to develop recommendations for map changes. The final decision on map changes will be made following a public hearing where citizens may provide formal testimony.

The City is undertaking the map updates to correct omissions and errors in existing maps, and to simplify the annexation process for applicants. Annexation Planner Paul Espe said, "Applicants with resources on their property sometimes wait months longer than other people to complete the annexation process. A good map will make this process easier for folks."

