



CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #1

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, October 18, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Joint City Council and Planning Commission Work Session - Our Salem project

2.a. [21-445](#) Our Salem project update.

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Natural Environment Stewardship; Safe Community;
Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse
Economy; Welcoming and Livable Community; Good Governance.

Recommendation: Information only.

Attachments: [Draft Salem Area Comprehensive Plan](#)

[Transportation and Parks Policy Ideas](#)

[Existing Zoning Map](#)

[Proposed Zoning Map.pdf](#)

[Public Comment.pdf](#)

Add - Added correct Proposed Zoning Map.

The original attachment to the staff report labeled "Proposed Zoning Map" was actually the "Existing Zoning Map," so the correct Proposed Zoning Map has been added as an attachment and the Existing Zoning Map has been renamed accordingly.

From: [E. Easterly](#)
To: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Council review of the proposed SACP updates
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 10:25:39 AM
Attachments: [Natural Policy SACP update proposals.pdf](#)

Council members,

I commend and support staff and community efforts to update the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan. The scope and thoughtful consideration of Oregon Land Use Goals have been translated for the most part into realistic Salem policies. With a couple natural resource policy modifications (see attached) I encourage you to adopt the proposed SACP.

Conversely, I take deep exception to the proposed draft Salem comp plan map. I submitted information to staff on July 1 detailing the specific flaws I found in the comp plan map. I see no attempt to address or correct those errors in the current version of the draft update to the Salem comprehensive plan map and, therefore, I challenge the current draft version of the proposed Salem Area Comprehensive Plan Map.

Respectfully,

E.M. Easterly

To: Salem Council members:
From: E.M. Easterly

October 18, 2021

Please consider the following revisions to the proposed Salem Area Comprehensive Plan (SACP) update:

Current SACP language:

GOAL: To conserve open space, protect natural, historic, cultural and scenic resources, and to protect life and property from natural disasters and hazards.

Proposed SACP language:

N 1 Environmental Protection **Goal:** Protect and enhance the quality and function of Salem's natural resources, ecosystems, and environment

Request: None: I support the updated goal language.

Current SACP policy language:

... resources shall be protected by acquisition or by plans which limit the intensity of development and promote conservation of these resources.

Proposed SACP policy language:

N 1.1 Natural resource protection: The quality and function of natural resources in the Salem Urban Area ~~should~~ [shall] be protected, including wetlands, waterways, floodplains, and critical habitat.

Request: should to shall

Current SACP policy language

No reference to trees or riparian corridors.

Proposed SACP language:

N 1.4 Riparian areas: Protections for trees and native vegetation in riparian corridors ~~should~~ [shall] be increased, and efforts to restore degraded riparian corridors should be supported.

Request: should to shall
