

August 4, 2011

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RE: WRITTEN EXCEPTION TO REPORT ON LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION HEARING ON METRO URBAN AND RURAL RESERVES

This letter is being written in response to the letter I received on July 30, 2011 from DLCD office in Salem. You stated in the section VI: RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS; A. Van De Moortele Family, LLC:

*The objector provides reasons why the subject land should be designated urban reserve, but does not demonstrate why Washington County's decision to designate the area as a rural reserve violates an applicable standard. The department recommends the Commission deny this objection.*

I am the objector, Ruth Anne Van De Moortele Dean. Why am I not being told the reason my and my sister's property is being switched from the recommendation of the Metro board and Washington county to make it urban reserve. The City of Cornelius would like the farm zoned urban reserve also.

Washington County did not make a decision to designate the area as a rural reserve. It does not violate an applicable "standard" as I see it. It does seem to disregard the opinions of those most affected by it.

For some reason it is not filtering through the logic of my brain. I am requested to address laws that I am not familiar with to be able to qualify to have my opinion heard by those making decisions regarding the use of our land. LCDC made a decision about my property and one other property in the tri-county that was contrary to Metro recommendations while accepting all the other recommendations. Why? I have not been told.

I do understand that in the October 2010 hearings objections were raised about Foundation Farmlands being designated urban reserves. Someone assumed this was the truth. In fact, our farm is not "Foundation Farmland" soil but a lower grade of soil. Washington County has the information about our farm's soil that confirms this.

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