

1 Opinion by Sherton.

2 **NATURE OF THE DECISION**

3 Petitioners appeal an order of the board of county
4 commissioners determining that the two lots constituting
5 phase 1 of a 15-lot subdivision comply with three conditions
6 imposed by a previous county decision granting preliminary
7 subdivision plat approval.

8 **MOTION TO INTERVENE**

9 Paul Brenneke, the applicant below, moves to intervene
10 in this proceeding on the side of respondent. There is no
11 opposition to the motion, and it is allowed.

12 **FACTS**

13 The subject 15.78 acre parcel is owned by intervenor
14 and consists of an open field sloping to the southeast, with
15 no structures or improvements. Access is from Viewmont
16 Drive, a county road adjoining the subject parcel to the
17 south. The subject parcel is designated Very Low Density
18 Residential on the Yamhill County Comprehensive Plan map and
19 is zoned Very Low Density Residential (VLDR-1).¹

20 Adjoining properties to the west, north and east are
21 also zoned VLDR-1. The property to the west is in rural
22 residential use. The property to the north is timbered and
23 vacant. The property to the east is a vineyard owned by

¹The subject parcel and the adjoining VLDR-1 zoned properties are part of an area for which the county has adopted an exception to Statewide Planning Goal 3 (Agricultural Lands), on the basis of commitment to rural residential use.

1 petitioners. The property across Viewmont Drive to the
2 south is within the city limits of the City of Dundee and is
3 zoned for residential use.

4 In December of 1991, intervenor filed an application
5 for preliminary plat approval for a 15-lot subdivision on
6 the subject parcel. Each lot was proposed to be
7 approximately one acre in size. The proposal included a
8 request to develop the subdivision in two phases. Phase 1
9 consists of two lots adjoining Viewmont Drive, and Phase 2
10 consists of the remaining 13 lots.

11 The county planning commission granted preliminary plat
12 approval. Petitioners appealed the planning commission's
13 decision to the board of commissioners. On June 10, 1992,
14 the board of commissioners issued an order granting
15 preliminary plat approval (1992 decision), subject to 15
16 conditions. Four of those conditions are at issue in this
17 appeal. Condition 14 provides that "[f]inal plat approval
18 may occur in the two phases noted in the application."
19 Record 135. Conditions 8, 10 and 11, discussed in detail
20 infra, essentially defer determinations of compliance with
21 three subdivision standards in Yamhill County Land Division
22 Ordinance (YCLDO) Chapter 6 (General Design Standards)
23 concerning drainage (YCLDO 6.030(6)), water supply
24 (YCLDO 6.090) and sewage disposal (YCLDO 6.100). Conditions
25 8, 10 and 11 also require the board of commissioners to hold
26 a public hearing before making determinations of compliance

1 with these standards.

2 On August 5, 1992, intervenor's attorney sent the
3 county a letter stating that intervenor "is prepared to
4 proceed with final [plat] review of Phase 1 of the proposed
5 development."² Record 130. The letter requests that the
6 board of commissioners schedule a public hearing, in order
7 to make the determinations of compliance with
8 YCLDO 6.030(6), 6.090 and 6.100 required by Conditions 8, 10
9 and 11 of the June 10, 1992 order. On April 21, 1993, after
10 holding public hearings, the board of commissioners issued
11 the challenged order determining that Conditions 8, 10 and
12 11 are satisfied with regard to the two lots comprising
13 Phase 1 of the proposed subdivision.³

14 **FOURTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR**

15 On January 27, 1993, the board of commissioners held a
16 public hearing on intervenor's request for a determination
17 that Phase 1 of the proposed subdivision complies with
18 Conditions 8, 10 and 11 of the 1992 decision. The board of
19 commissioners scheduled a subsequent hearing for March 10,
20 1993. Petitioner Bower requested that the hearing be

²We note, however, that no application for Phase 1 final plat approval appears in the record, and that the challenged decision does not grant final plat approval for Phase 1 of the proposed subdivision.

³A central issue in this case, discussed in detail under the sixth assignment of error, infra, is whether under the June 10, 1992 order, compliance with Conditions 8, 10 and 11 may be determined separately with regard to the two lots in Phase 1 or, rather, must be determined for the entire 15-lot proposed subdivision.

1 rescheduled to March 24, 1993, because petitioner Perry was
2 scheduled to have surgery on March 10. Petitioner Bower
3 also informed the county that after March 24, he would be
4 out of the country until April 12, 1993. After ascertaining
5 that intervenor's attorneys were not available on March 24,
6 but would be available on March 17, the county rescheduled
7 the hearing for March 17, 1993.

8 Petitioners contend this Board should reverse the
9 county's decision under ORS 197.835(7)(a)(E), as being
10 unconstitutional, because the county violated petitioners'
11 "due process rights" by failing to grant their request to
12 reschedule the final hearing to March 24, 1993. Petition
13 for Review 28. Petitioners argue the county's refusal
14 prejudiced their right to present argument, and rebut
15 intervenor's evidence, at the final county hearing.

16 This Board has stated on numerous occasions that it
17 will not consider claims of constitutional violations where
18 the parties raising such claims do not supply legal argument
19 in support of those claims. Joyce v. Multnomah County, 23
20 Or LUBA 116, 118, aff'd 114 Or App 244 (1992); Van Sant v.
21 Yamhill County, 17 Or LUBA 563, 566 (1989); Chemeketa
22 Industries Corp. v. City of Salem, 14 Or LUBA 159, 165-66
23 (1985); Mobile Crushing Company v. Lane County, 11 Or LUBA
24 173, 182 (1984). Accordingly, we decline to consider
25 petitioners' undeveloped claim of denial of due process.

26 The fourth assignment of error is denied.

1 **THIRD ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR**

2 Petitioners contend the county violated state and local
3 law by improperly placing the burden of proof on
4 petitioners, the opponents of the subdivision, rather than
5 on intervenor, the applicant. Fasano v. Washington Co.
6 Comm., 264 Or 574, 507 P2d 23 (1973).

7 Petitioners' argument under this assignment of error
8 refers primarily to events that occurred during the prior
9 county proceedings leading to the 1992 preliminary plat
10 approval decision. No party appealed the county's 1992
11 preliminary plat decision. The county's 1992 decision, and
12 any errors that allegedly occurred in the proceedings
13 leading to that decision, are not before us in this appeal.
14 Rodriguez v. Marion County, ___ Or LUBA ___ (LUBA No.
15 93-077, October 4, 1993), slip op 10. Petitioners cite
16 nothing establishing the county improperly shifted the
17 burden of proof regarding compliance with Conditions 8, 10
18 and 11 to petitioners during the proceedings leading to the
19 county decision challenged in this appeal.

20 The third assignment of error is denied.

21 **FIFTH AND SIXTH ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR**

22 In these assignments of error, petitioners challenge
23 the county's decision with regard to allowing the proposed
24 subdivision to be approved in two phases.

25 **A. Phased Final Plat Approval**

26 Petitioners contend the county violated the state

1 subdivision statute and the YCLDO when it allowed final plat
2 approval for the proposed subdivision to proceed in two
3 phases, the first of which includes only two lots.

4 There is no dispute that Condition 14 of the 1992
5 decision purports to allow the county to separately grant
6 final plat approval for the two-lot Phase 1 and the 13-lot
7 Phase 2.⁴ Record 135. The 1992 decision is a final land
8 use decision that was not appealed to this Board.
9 Petitioners may not challenge, in this appeal,
10 determinations that were made in the 1992 decision. Headley
11 v. Jackson County, 19 Or LUBA 109, 115 (1990).

12 This subassignment of error is denied.

13 **B. Phased Determinations of Compliance with**
14 **Conditions 8, 10 and 11**

15 Petitioners contend the county erred by interpreting
16 the 1992 decision to allow determination of the compliance
17 of Phase 1 of the proposed subdivision with Conditions 8, 10
18 and 11, and to grant final plat approval for Phase 1,
19 without determining that the entire subdivision, including
20 Phase 2, satisfies Conditions 8, 10 and 11. Petitioners
21 argue the 1992 decision requires the county to find that all
22 lots in all phases of the subdivision satisfy
23 YCLDO 6.030(6), 6.090 and 6.100 with regard to drainage,
24 water supply and sewage disposal, before allowing the

⁴Condition 14 provides that "[f]inal plat approval may occur in the two phases noted in the application." Record 135.

1 development of Phase 1.

2 Conditions 8, 10 and 11 are worded identically, except
3 in their references to three different YCLDO sections:

4 "Prior to the final plat approvals for Phase 1 and
5 for Phase 2 of the proposed subdivision, the Board
6 [of Commissioners] shall conduct a public hearing
7 to determine whether the application complies with
8 [YCLDO 6.090/6.100/6.030(6)]. No final plat
9 approval shall be granted until the applicant
10 first demonstrates that each lot within each phase
11 of the proposed subdivision [has met the
12 requirements of YCLDO 6.090/6.100/6.030(6)]."
13 Record 134-35.

14 In the challenged decision, the county interpreted
15 Conditions 8, 10, 11 and 14 as follows:

16 "[Condition] 14 states: 'Final plat approval may
17 occur in the two phases noted in the application.'
18 In addition, condition[s] 8, 10 and 11 contain
19 express recognition that final plat approval,
20 including compliance with these and other
21 conditions of preliminary [plat] approval, may
22 occur in the phases noted above, thereby
23 establishing an intent that any analysis of
24 compliance with each of the conditions of
25 preliminary [plat] approval will necessarily be
26 undertaken on the basis of individual phases
27 rather than the entire plat as a whole. While
28 condition[s] 8, 10 and 11 state that no final plat
29 approval will be granted absent a demonstration of
30 compliance for each lot in each phase, there is no
31 indication from this language that both phases and
32 all lots therein must be the subject of such a
33 determination of compliance as a condition
34 precedent to determining compliance for Phase 1.

35 "For the above reasons, it is the determination of
36 the Board [of Commissioners] that the intent and
37 purpose of the above-referenced language contained
38 in condition[s] 8, 10, 11 and 14 is to allow the
39 applicant to proceed with obtaining final plat
40 approval on a phased basis rather than on the

1 basis of the entire subdivision. Since final plat
2 approval may be granted on a phased basis pursuant
3 to condition 14 and such approval is contingent on
4 a determination of compliance with individual
5 conditions 8, 10 and 11, it would be inconsistent
6 with the repeated acknowledgment of phased final
7 plat approval to require compliance [with
8 conditions 8, 10 and 11] for each lot within the
9 entire subdivision as a condition of Phase 1
10 approval * * *. While * * * conditions 8, 10 and
11 11 * * * require a demonstration of compliance
12 with these same conditions for each lot within
13 each phase presented for final plat approval,
14 * * * the express language contained in these
15 conditions and condition 14 allows the applicant
16 to defer a determination of compliance with these
17 conditions for all lots contained within Phase 2
18 until such time as final plat approval for this
19 latter phase is sought by the applicant."
20 (Emphasis added.) Record 4-5.

21 Intervenor argues that because the 1992 decision
22 specifically approves granting final plat approval in two
23 phases, it is consistent for the county to interpret
24 conditions 8, 10 and 11 to allow intervenor to obtain a
25 determination of compliance with those conditions, and final
26 plat approval, for Phase 1 alone, rather than the entire
27 subdivision. Intervenor argues that under Clark v. Jackson
28 County, 313 Or 508, 836 P2d 710 (1992), this Board must
29 defer to the county's interpretation of its 1992 decision.

30 Under ORS 197.835(7)(a)(D), we are authorized to
31 reverse or remand the county's decision if it "improperly
32 construed the applicable law." The Oregon Supreme Court
33 addressed the scope of our review under ORS 197.835(7)(a)(D)
34 in Clark v. Jackson County, supra. In that case, the
35 applicable law in question was a county zoning ordinance.

1 The court held this Board is required to defer to a local
2 government's interpretation of its own ordinance, unless
3 that interpretation is contrary to the express words, policy
4 or context of the local enactment. Clark v. Jackson County,
5 313 Or at 514-15. Subsequent court of appeals decisions
6 have made it clear that under Clark v. Jackson County, we
7 must defer to a local government's interpretation of its own
8 enactment, unless that interpretation is "clearly wrong."
9 Goose Hollow Foothills League v. City of Portland, 117 Or
10 App 211, 217, 843 P2d 992 (1992); West v. Clackamas County,
11 116 Or App 89, 93, 840 P2d 1354 (1992).

12 Under this subassignment, we must determine whether the
13 county improperly construed its 1992 decision as allowing it
14 to determine the compliance of Phase 1 of the proposed
15 subdivision with Conditions 8, 10 and 11, and to grant final
16 plat approval for Phase 1, without also determining that the
17 entire subdivision satisfies Conditions 8, 10 and 11.
18 Petitioners do not dispute intervenor's contention that the
19 ruling of Clark v. Jackson County, with regard to our scope
20 of review under ORS 197.835(7)(a)(D), applies where the
21 "applicable law" is a prior local government order in a
22 quasi-judicial proceeding, as opposed to a local government
23 ordinance, and we do not see that it makes a difference.
24 The rationale of Clark v. Jackson County applies wherever
25 the "applicable law" interpreted by the challenged decision
26 was adopted by the local government that made the challenged

1 decision.

2 We agree with intervenor that the county's
3 interpretation of Conditions 8, 10 and 11 of its 1992
4 decision is not clearly wrong. There is nothing in the
5 wording of those conditions that prohibits the county from
6 determining compliance with those conditions for the lots in
7 Phase 1 separately from determining compliance for the lots
8 in Phase 2. A closer question is whether those conditions
9 allow the county to grant final plat approval for Phase 1
10 before having determined that both Phase 1 and Phase 2
11 comply with YCLDO 6.030(6), 6.090 and 6.100.⁵ We defer to
12 the county's interpretation that its 1992 decision allows it
13 to grant final plat approval for a phase of the proposed
14 subdivision, so long as each lot in the phase of the
15 subdivision for which final plat approval is sought has been
16 found to comply with YCLDO 6.030(6), 6.090 and 6.100.⁶

⁵Although the county did not actually grant final plat approval for Phase 1 as part of the challenged decision, the decision includes a determination that the 1992 decision allows it to do so in the future, without first determining that Phase 2 satisfies Conditions 8, 10 and 11 of the 1992 decision.

⁶We note the county's interpretation is not inconsistent with YCLDO 6.030(6), 6.090 or 6.100. Nothing in the YCLDO requires that these standards be satisfied for every lot in a proposed subdivision, at the time of preliminary plat approval. YCLDO 6.090 provides that a final plat of a subdivision cannot be approved unless certain assurances are provided that there is an adequate water supply for "each and every parcel depicted on the final plat." Because the 1992 decision authorized final plat approval in two phases, YCLDO 6.090 can be interpreted to require only that the lots shown on each phase of the final plat be shown to have an adequate water supply, prior to final plat approval for that phase. YCLDO 6.100 contains similar wording with regard to sewage disposal for the lots shown on the final plat. YCLDO 6.030(6) (Lot Drainage) includes no reference

1 This subassignment of error is denied.

2 The fifth and sixth assignments of error are denied.

3 **FIRST, SECOND AND SEVENTH ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR**

4 In these assignments of error, petitioners challenge
5 the county's determinations of compliance with conditions 8,
6 10 and 11 of the 1992 decision.⁷

7 **A. Water Supply (Condition 8)**

8 Condition 8 requires that each lot in Phase 1 "has a
9 quality and quantity of water to support the proposed use of
10 the land and demonstrates compliance with [YCLDO] 6.090[(1),
11 (2) or (3)]." Record 134. YCLDO 6.090 requires the lots in
12 Phase 1 to have "an adequate quantity and quality of water
13 to support the proposed use of the land."
14 YCLDO 6.090(1)-(3) require this to be shown by (1) a
15 certification by a municipal, public utility or community
16 water supply system, (2) a bond, contract or other assurance
17 by the subdivider, or (3) a water well report for each well
18 provided within the subdivision.

19 The challenged decision finds the proposed use of the
20 land is one single family dwelling on each of the two lots

identifying the stage of the subdivision approval process at which it must be satisfied.

⁷Some of petitioners' arguments depend on their contention that the county must determine compliance with Conditions 8, 10 and 11 with regard to the entire subdivision. We reject this contention under the preceding assignments of error and do not address these arguments further here. Petitioners' arguments applicable to the county's determination of compliance with Conditions 8, 10 and 11 for the two lots in Phase 1 are addressed below.

1 in Phase 1. Record 8. It finds compliance with YCLDO 6.090
2 and Condition 8 based on reports concerning a single
3 existing well that is proposed to serve the two lots.
4 Petitioners challenge the county's interpretation of
5 YCLDO 6.090 and the evidentiary support for the county's
6 determination of compliance.

7 **1. Interpretation**

8 Petitioners contend the challenged decision erroneously
9 interprets YCLDO 6.090 not to require consideration of
10 impacts on adjacent properties that will result from
11 providing water to the proposed development.⁸ Petitioners
12 argue this interpretation of YCLDO 6.090 is inconsistent
13 with the interpretation of YCLDO 6.090 expressed by the
14 county in its 1992 decision. Petitioners further argue that
15 they would be prejudiced by the county changing its
16 interpretation, because they relied on the interpretation
17 expressed in the 1992 decision when they decided not to
18 appeal that decision.

19 The challenged decision interprets YCLDO 6.090 in this
20 regard as follows:

⁸Petitioners also argue the challenged decision erroneously states that adverse impacts to the water supply of adjoining properties were addressed in the 1992 decision, under YCLDO standards other than YCLDO 6.090. However, we determine below that the county correctly interpreted YCLDO 6.090 not to require consideration of impacts on adjoining properties. Therefore, even if the statement in the challenged decision that such impacts were addressed in the 1992 decision is incorrect, that would not provide a basis for reversal or remand. The only issue before us is whether the county improperly construed or applied YCLDO 6.090 in the challenged decision.

1 "* * * Condition 8, which implements [YCLDO
2 6.090,] requires the applicant to demonstrate that
3 each lot has a quality and quantity of water to
4 support the proposed use of the land. * * *

5 "[YCLDO 6.090 does] not require a demonstration
6 that the provision of an adequate quality and
7 quantity of water to the proposed dwellings on
8 these two lots shall not result in the limitation
9 of the [supply or] quality of water to other uses
10 within the vicinity of the lots or otherwise will
11 not adversely affect such off-site uses or
12 activities. * * *" Record 8.

13 "[YCLDO 6.090] requires only that the applicant
14 demonstrate the availability of a water source of
15 sufficient quality and quantity to serve two
16 single family dwellings and does not require an
17 assessment of impacts on surrounding properties,
18 if any, stemming from such service. * * *"
19 Record 10.

20 The county's interpretation of YCLDO 6.090 is
21 consistent with its words, context and policy. Clark v.
22 Jackson County, supra. The language of YCLDO 6.090
23 addresses only the adequacy of water supply to the subject
24 subdivision lots, not impacts on other properties.
25 Additionally, we do not believe there is any inconsistency
26 between the county's interpretations of YCLDO 6.090 in the
27 challenged decision and in the 1992 decision. The 1992
28 decision also states YCLDO 6.090 requires the subject
29 subdivision lots "to have an adequate quantity and quality
30 of water to support the proposed use." Record 138. The
31 1992 decision goes on to summarize evidence submitted by the
32 applicant and opponents, but does not interpret YCLDO 6.090
33 with regard to whether it requires consideration of impacts

1 on the water supplies of adjacent properties.⁹

2 This subassignment of error is denied.

3 **2. Evidentiary Support**

4 Petitioners challenge the adequacy of the evidentiary
5 support for the county's determination of compliance with
6 YCLDO 6.090. Petitioners argue there is no evidence in the
7 record to refute a conclusion in a report by CH2M Hill that
8 the subject site has the same geologic characteristics as
9 another site where the Water Resources Department has
10 imposed strict restrictions on ground water development.
11 Petitioners also argue the record is replete with unrefuted
12 evidence concerning existing water problems in the area of
13 the proposed development.¹⁰

14 Intervenor argues the record contains reports by a
15 hydrologist and geological engineer and well tests which
16 show that the existing well proposed to serve the two lots

⁹In the 1992 decision, after stating that other persons testified they had difficulties in "recharging" their wells in summer months, the county observed that "it was not established that their water came from the same source as the water which is proposed to service the subdivision." Record 139. However, this observation does not establish the county interpreted YCLDO 6.090 to require consideration of off-site impacts. If it were established that the other persons' water came from the same source as that of the proposed subdivision, then their testimony would have been relevant to whether that source of water is adequate to serve the proposed subdivision itself.

¹⁰Petitioners also argue there is no evidence in the record to rebut the evidence concerning adverse impacts on the water supplies of adjoining properties. However, as explained under the preceding subassignment of error, the county correctly interpreted YCLDO 6.090 not to require consideration of potential impacts on adjoining properties.

1 in Phase 1 yields enough water to serve two single family
2 dwellings, that the water is of adequate quality and that
3 contamination of the well's water from sewage or other
4 activities in the well's recharge area is unlikely.

5 Substantial evidence is evidence a reasonable person
6 would rely on in reaching a decision. City of Portland v.
7 Bureau of Labor and Ind., 298 Or 104, 119, 690 P2d 475
8 (1984); Bay v. State Board of Education, 233 Or 601, 605,
9 378 P2d 558 (1963); Van Gordon v. Oregon State Board of
10 Dental Examiners, 63 Or App 561, 567, 666 P2d 276 (1983).
11 Where we conclude a reasonable person could reach the
12 decision made by the local government, in view of all the
13 evidence in the record, we defer to the local government's
14 choice between conflicting evidence. Younger v. City of
15 Portland, 305 Or 356, 360, 752 P2d 262 (1988); Angel v. City
16 of Portland, 22 Or LUBA 649, 659, aff'd 113 Or App 169
17 (1992); Douglas v. Multnomah County, 18 Or LUBA 607, 617
18 (1990).

19 We have reviewed the evidence in the record cited by
20 the parties. We agree with intervenor that based on this
21 evidence, a reasonable person could conclude the existing
22 well proposed to serve the two lots of Phase 1 will provide
23 a quantity and quality of water adequate to serve the
24 proposed use of those lots, as required by YCLDO 6.090.

25 This subassignment of error is denied.

1 **B. Sewage Disposal (Condition 10)**

2 Condition 10 requires compliance with YCLDO 6.100,
3 through a demonstration that each lot "either [has] an
4 approved subsurface septic site evaluation or [will] be
5 connected to a sewage treatment facility approved by the
6 State Department of Environmental Quality." Record 134.
7 The decision finds compliance with YCLDO 6.100 and
8 Condition 10 based on intervenor's submittal of septic site
9 evaluation reports, approved by the county sanitarian, for
10 each of the two lots in Phase 1 of the proposed subdivision.

11 Petitioners contend the county's determination of
12 compliance with YCLDO 6.100 is not supported by substantial
13 evidence because there is no evidence in the record refuting
14 statements in a CH2M Hill report that the slow permeability
15 of soils on the subject property results in "potentially
16 severe limitations for sewage disposal by septic tank[s] and
17 leach fields."¹¹ (Emphasis added.) Record 270.

18 The CH2M Hill report also states that a "site-specific
19 evaluation of the proposed subdivision will be required to
20 adequately evaluate the feasibility of using private septic
21 systems." Id. The septic site evaluation reports submitted
22 by intervenor, approved by the County Sanitarian, indicate

¹¹Petitioners also argue there is no evidence in the record to refute reasonable concerns raised below regarding contamination of existing water sources on nearby properties by septic systems on the subject property. However, for the same reasons we explained previously with regard to YCLDO 6.090, the county correctly interpreted YCLDO 6.100 not to require consideration of potential impacts on adjoining properties.

1 that a site specific evaluation of the two lots in Phase 1
2 of the subdivision was performed. Record 108-17. Based on
3 these approved reports, a reasonable person could conclude
4 the two lots in Phase 1 satisfy the requirements of
5 YCLDO 6.100 and Condition 10.

6 This subassignment of error is denied.

7 **C. Drainage (Condition 11)**

8 Condition 11 requires compliance with YCLDO 6.030(6),
9 which provides:

10 "Lot Drainage. Lots shall be laid out to provide
11 positive drainage away from all buildings.
12 Individual lot drainage shall be coordinated with
13 the general stream drainage pattern for the area.
14 Drainage shall be designed to avoid unnecessary
15 concentration of storm drainage water from each
16 lot to other lots or parcels. Drainage systems
17 shall be designed and constructed to the
18 specifications that may hereafter be adopted by
19 Board [of Commissioners] order * * *."

20 On December 11, 1992, intervenor submitted a map
21 entitled Preliminary Drainage Ditch Plan to Serve Proposed
22 Subdivision (Drainage Plan), and an accompanying report,
23 prepared by a registered professional engineer.
24 Record 81-85, 101. The Drainage Plan shows a proposed
25 drainage ditch running from approximately where the two lots
26 of Phase 1 of the proposed subdivision adjoin, along the
27 north side of Viewmont Drive, to an existing 18 inch
28 drainage pipe on the edge of an existing subdivision which
29 is located south of Viewmont Drive and to the east of the
30 proposed subdivision. The Drainage Plan also indicates the

1 size and grade of the proposed drainage ditch.

2 The county found the Drainage Plan satisfies
3 YCLDO 6.030(6) and Condition 11 with regard to the two lots
4 of Phase 1:

5 * * * The applicant has submitted a report
6 prepared by Burton Engineering and Survey Company
7 to demonstrate compliance with [Condition 11].
8 This report * * * indicates that the accompanying
9 drainage ditch plan and calculations upon which
10 ditch capacity is based are designed to
11 accommodate the storm drainage requirements
12 associated with development of two single family
13 dwellings [in] Phase 1. According to * * * the
14 written and diagrammatic material submitted by
15 [Burton Engineering], a new drainage ditch
16 conforming with the design plans will be
17 constructed along the north side of Viewmont Drive
18 to connect to an existing 18 inch storm drainage
19 facility installed along the east perimeter of the
20 Abbie Court subdivision.

21 * * * * *

22 * * * Based upon the testimony and evidence in
23 the record that the drainage ditch plan provided
24 by Burton Engineering is designed to accommodate
25 additional stormwater runoff from the two lots [in
26 Phase 1, and] in the absence of any direct
27 evidence or testimony that these specific
28 objectives are not accomplished by this plan, the
29 Board [of Commissioners] concludes that the
30 requirements of [YCLDO] 6.030(6) and Condition 11
31 have been met. * * *" (Emphasis added.) Record
32 11-12.

33 As we understand it, petitioners do not contend the
34 measures proposed in the Drainage Plan are insufficient to
35 satisfy YCLDO 6.030(6) with regard to the two lots in
36 Phase 1. Rather, petitioners contend the county erred in
37 not imposing a condition of approval specifically requiring

1 that the drainage ditch shown on the Drainage Plan be
2 constructed prior to final plat approval. Petitioners argue
3 that absent such a condition, there is no assurance the
4 proposed drainage ditch will be built. See Neste Resins
5 Corp. v. City of Eugene, 23 Or LUBA 55, 67 (1992) (if a
6 limitation is necessary to assure that the approved
7 development will comply with applicable standards, more than
8 an expression of current intentions by the applicant is
9 required).

10 Intervenor argues it is required to construct the
11 proposed drainage ditch prior to final plat approval under
12 YCLDO 11.030(1), which provides:

13 "The County Engineer shall review the [final]
14 subdivision plat and accompanying material to
15 ensure that:

16 "A. All improvements required by this ordinance
17 * * * have been completed and approved, or

18 "B. A performance agreement or improvement
19 agreement has been submitted to the County
20 Engineer pursuant to [YCLDO 1300] and
21 approved by the Yamhill County Board of
22 Commissioners."

23 The above quoted portions of the county's decision
24 clearly indicate the county relied on the Preliminary
25 Drainage Ditch Plan submitted by intervenor in determining
26 that Phase 1 of the proposed subdivision complies with
27 YCLDO 6.030(6) and Condition 11. In these circumstances,
28 the Preliminary Drainage Ditch Plan effectively became part
29 of the preliminary subdivision plat approved by county

1 order, and it was not necessary for the county to impose
2 compliance with the Drainage Plan as a separate condition of
3 approval.¹² See Friends of the Metolius v. Jefferson
4 County, ___ Or LUBA ___ (LUBA No. 93-002, June 8, 1993),
5 slip op 13, aff'd ___ Or App ___ (September 22, 1993) (where
6 conditional use proposal included site, landscaping and
7 building design plans, county approval is not required to be
8 specifically conditioned on compliance with those plans).
9 As part of the approved preliminary plat, the proposed
10 drainage ditch must be constructed, or a performance
11 agreement to construct it must be approved, prior to final
12 plat approval for Phase 1. YCLDO 11.010; 11.030(1).

13 This subassignment of error is denied.

14 **D. Road Condition**

15 Petitioners argue the record clearly shows the surface
16 condition of Viewmont Drive is inadequate for current
17 traffic. Petitioners contend the county erred by not
18 including a condition requiring improvements to Viewmont
19 Drive in the challenged decision.

20 In the challenged decision, the county found that
21 Conditions 8, 10 and 11 of the 1992 decision do not require
22 intervenor to improve existing surface conditions on
23 Viewmont Drive. Record 12.

¹²We note that under YCLDO 5.010(1)(N), the subdivision preliminary plat is required to include "[e]xisting and proposed drainage patterns showing the direction and volume of surface water flow in sufficient detail to determine the effect of the drainage."

1 The 1992 decision resolved all issues related to
2 preliminary plat approval other than determining compliance
3 with YCLDO 6.030(6), 6.090 and 6.100, as required by
4 Conditions 8, 10 and 11. None of these sections relates to
5 traffic impacts or the condition of Viewmont Drive.
6 Accordingly, this issue was not before the county below and
7 is not properly before us.

8 This subassignment of error is denied.

9 The first, second and seventh assignments of error are
10 denied.

11 The county's decision is affirmed.