Q. Why is everyone talking about water?

A. Local, state, and national news media are filled with stories about water, from drought and scarcity to flooding and pollution.

Oregon's east side receives very little rain, and in the summer months, the whole state is hot and dry. Groundwater levels are declining in many places; many of our water bodies have impaired water quality; and fish and their habitat are not as healthy as they used to be. Demands for all types of water use continue to change.

These challenges, along with those posed by climate change, population growth, and land-use change, highlight the urgency for a state-wide strategy that meets Oregon's water needs.

Oregon's natural resource and economic development agencies are now developing Oregon's first Integrated Water Resources Strategy and invite you to an open house in Gresham to share your concerns and priorities for Oregon's water future.

Gresham Open House

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Gresham City Hall
1333 NW Eastman Parkway
Gresham, Oregon 97030

- **Project Overview, followed by Discussions**
  Program begins at 4:00 and again at 5:30
- **Map Gallery**
  Challenges & opportunities for our water resources
- **Project Showcase**
  Local water resource partnerships and projects
- **Kids' Center**
  Water-related word find, coloring, and more

Thank you to our local open house partners!

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Lead Agencies:

Oregon Water Resources Department
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Agriculture

State of Oregon Partners:

Oregon Business Development Dept.
Department of Energy
Department of Forestry
Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries
Dept. of Housing & Comm. Services
Dept. of Human Services
Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
Department of State Lands
Department of Transportation
Parks & Recreation Department
Watershed Enhancement Board
The Governor's Office

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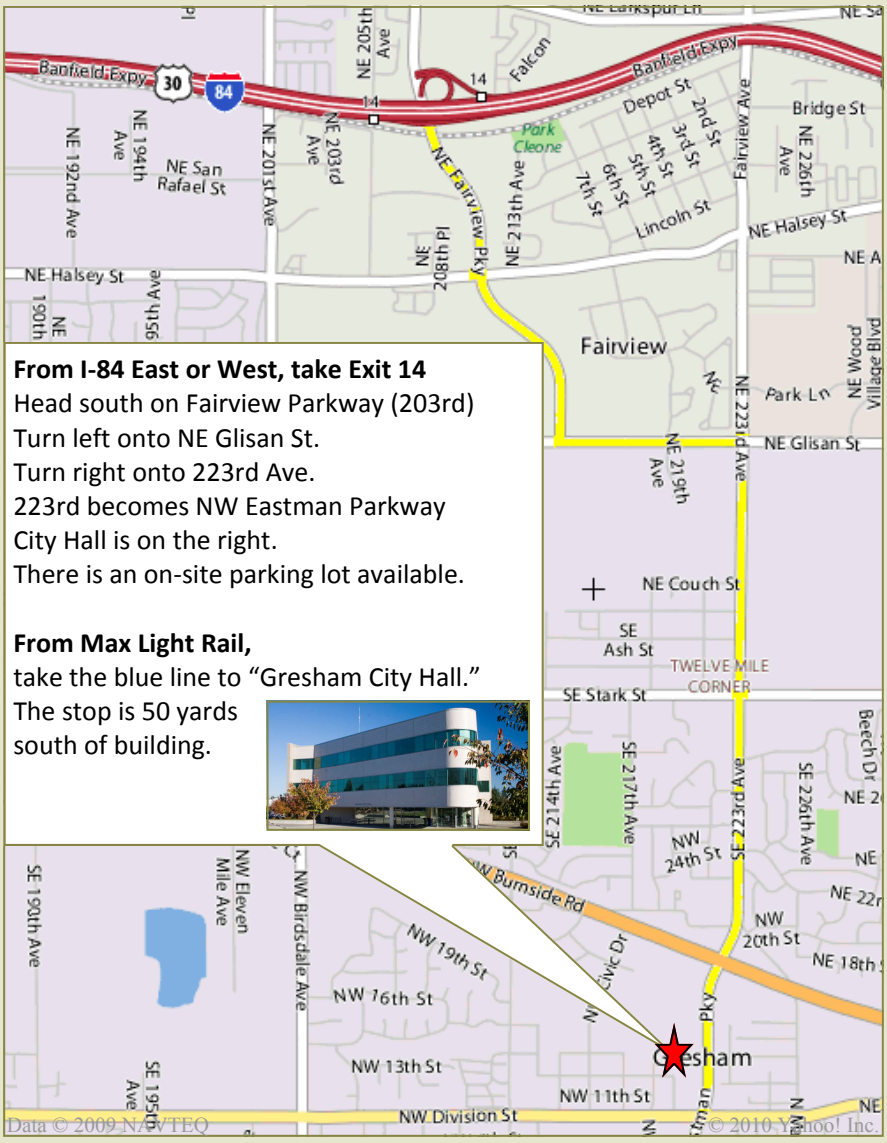
Directions to Gresham City Hall - 1333 NW Eastman Parkway



From I-84 East or West, take Exit 14
Head south on Fairview Parkway (203rd)
Turn left onto NE Glisan St.
Turn right onto 223rd Ave.
223rd becomes NW Eastman Parkway
City Hall is on the right.
There is an on-site parking lot available.

From Max Light Rail,
take the blue line to "Gresham City Hall."
The stop is 50 yards south of building.

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Association of Oregon Counties
League of Oregon Cities
Network of Oregon Watershed Councils
Oregon Association of Nurseries
oregon association of CLEAN WATER agencies
League of Women Voters® of Oregon
WaterWatch — Protecting Natural Flows in Oregon Rivers
Oregon Environmental Council — It's Your Oregon
Oregon Farm Bureau
HDR — One Company Many Solutions℠
The Freshwater Trust — Changing the course of conservation.
Oregon Cattlemen's Association
Special Districts Association of Oregon
Oregon Water Utilities Council
Oregon Water Resources Congress