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This binder has been prepared for your study and reference. **Urban Green** and **The Audubon Society** have made further changes to the **Majority Draft**. We request that the Board of County Commissioners:

- Instruct the Planning Department staff to use the Majority Draft (with Urban Green's and Audubon's additional changes) as the ordinance presented to the Planning Commission;
- Establish a Tree Mitigation Fund to provide revenue for implementation of the Tree Conservation Ordinance, on-going costs, public education, and urban tree canopy enhancement activities;
- Create an Urban Tree Commission to (e.g.) administrator, monitor the ordinance, monitor the canopy, and make recommendations for improving the ordinance over time. Additionally, this Commission will be tasked with addressing the "parking lot" issues, especially those omitted from the Tree Task Force/Staff list of issues dealing with the sustainability action plan, underlying assumptions, and ecological function.

Urban Green and Audubon have made further or different recommendations to the Majority Draft that strengthen the protection of the tree canopy. These changes are necessary to bring the tree ordinance into compliance with the Forest Practices Act and other public policies, and also reflect provisions of effective and viable ordinances found in Oregon and nationally throughout cities and counties. We welcome the Board's and Staff's close scrutiny of the materials provided.

This binder is divided into sections. These are:

1. **Summary of Recommended Changes to the Draft Task Force/Staff Tree Ordinance made by the Majority Draft Ordinance**
2. **Majority Draft Tree Ordinance.** This draft is an amended version of the original Task Force/Staff draft ordinance. Seven of the 12 Task Force members endorsed, by consensus, this Majority Draft. **The original Staff/Task Force Draft Ordinance is in black font. The Majority Draft language is in red font. Urban Green's changes are in green font; Audubon's added changes are in blue font.**
3. **Costs of Implementation and Net Benefits of the Tree Canopy**
4. **Urban Forestry Commission/Parking Lot issues**
5. **Compliance Measures: Oregon Department of Forestry; Measures 49 and 57**
6. **Supporting Policy Documents or Statements** for enactment of a tree ordinance that include excerpts from Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan pertaining to Natural Resources and Energy, Forest Policy; Natural Resources and Energy; Wildlife Habitats and Distinctive Resources Areas; Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals and Guidelines: Goal 5; Clackamas County Sustainability Goal and Action Plans, Oregon Department of Forestry, Forest Practices Act; National Association of Home Builders.
7. **Supportive Community Organizations** representing 5000 Clackamas County members Originally submitted to the BCC on 2-17-08
8. **Bibliography and Resources**

Respectfully Submitted,

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