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VIA E-MAIL

February 18, 2009

Mark Metzger, Senior Planner  
Planning and Community Development  
City of Springfield  
225 Fifth Street  
Springfield, OR 97477

Re: Urban Growth Boundary Expansion  
Wicklund Trust Property (Parcel # 17 03 15 40 00400)  
Our File No. 50068-36936

Dear Mark:

We are submitting an agronomic suitability report on behalf of the Wicklund Trust property referenced above. This parcel is located within the North Gateway Area currently being analyzed by ECONorthwest. Please make sure that ECONorthwest is aware of the report.

WILLIAM A. MONAHAN

Admitted in:  
Oregon

The Wicklund Trust Property should be given the same priority as nonresource land in your UGB expansion process, pursuant to ORS 197.298(b), for the following reasons:

- 1) The property is adjacent to the current UGB.
- 2) Agronomist Tom Thomson of Dallas, Oregon finds that the subject property is not considered high value farmland because it does not consist of predominantly high value soils as described in ORS 215.710(3) and OAR 660-033-0020(8).

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Mr. Thomson's report also finds that the Wicklund Trust Property is "hemmed in by the McKenzie River, Interstate 5 and commercial/industrial development," has been "increasingly difficult to farm due to increasing urbanization," and that "this property could easily be absorbed into the UGB of Springfield without adversely affecting the agricultural economy in the area."

The man who has been farming this property since 2005, Chad Egge, has reviewed the agronomist's report, and agrees with its conclusions. A copy of the email exchange between Mr. Egge and Earle Wicklund is enclosed.

Date Received: 2-23-09  
Planner: LP



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We will be submitting additional information about this property in the near future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JORDAN SCHRADER RAMIS PC



William A. Monahan

Enclosures

cc: Wicklund Living Trust  
Tom Thomson