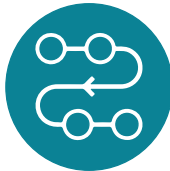


Environmental Overlay Project

You're invited!

Public work sessions (via Zoom)
Thursday, September 17
2pm and 7pm



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What is the purpose of this project?

The City is updating Gresham's natural resource protection regulations.

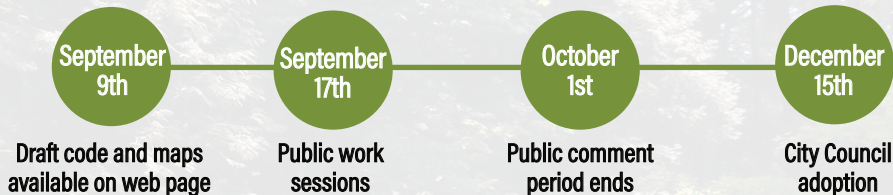
What will this project do?

- Protect Gresham's natural resources, property, public health, and public safety.
- Simplify the process for development for greater code compliance.

Why should I participate?

- Discover why Gresham's natural resources are important.
- Find out what it means to have property in an overlay.
- Learn about the proposed new code and how to follow it so we can protect the community's natural resources.

How can you get involved?



You own property in an environmental overlay.

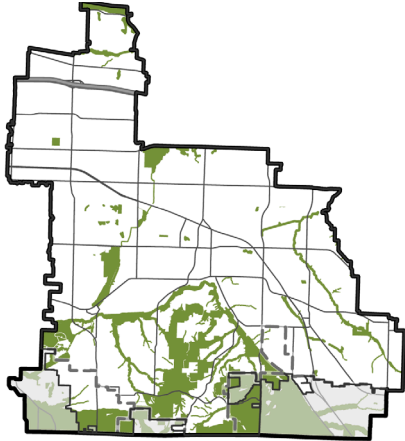
Visit GreshamOregon.gov/Overlays to find out what this means for you.

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Gresham is required to meet Federal, State, and Regional regulations for ensuring natural resources are protected and development is allowed where it will not create hazards for the community. The City's Development Code defines how these protections are implemented and addresses:

- Floodplains
- Wetlands, waterways, and habitat
- Hillsides, steep slopes, and related geological hazards

In 2018, code sections and maps related to Floodplains were updated. The City is now drafting updates to Development Code sections and associated maps. The updates aim to make the code easier to understand and implement.



Your property is in the proposed Natural Resource Overlay.

The purpose of the Natural Resource Overlay (NRO) is to ensure development is limited and appropriate in areas where there are identified wetlands, streams, and critical habitat. The proposed code updates replace the existing *Habitat Conservation Area (HCA)* in Pleasant Valley and *Environmentally Sensitive Restoration and Resource Area (ESRA)* in Pleasant Valley and Springwater Plan Areas. The code changes maintain the same level of protection but make the required standards for development clearer and easier to use, supporting greater code compliance.

Check out what we're doing to improve the code and maps.



Simplifying maps with easy-to-identify boundaries



Clearly identifying areas near wetlands and waterways that require protection



Introducing flexibility in how development might mitigate potential environmental impacts



Establishing the requirement to look for wetlands in areas they are likely to be

Existing homes and single-family lots	New development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a simple review process for single-family homes on vacant lots • Allowing for temporary disturbance areas to make building and remodeling simpler • Establishing an in-lieu fee to allow for off-site mitigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing clear and objective standards within overlay areas • Increasing availability of density transfer to avoid negative impacts to resource areas

For more information:

On September 9th, check out the new maps and codes at our website: GreshamOregon.gov/Overlays

Ask questions, provide comments, and sign up for notifications by email at: Overlays@GreshamOregon.gov