Environmental Overlay Project

You're invited!

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





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.



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 Hillside + Geologic Risk Overlay.

The purpose of the Hillside and Geologic Risk Overlay (HGRO) is to ensure safe development where slopes are steep and the risk of landslides is high. The proposed code updates the existing *Hillside Physical Constraint Overlay* code sections and expands the boundaries to include the Pleasant Valley and Springwater Plan Areas (which were previously protected by Multnomah County regulations).

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



Revising the overlay boundary using the most recent statewide landslide risk data



Clearly defining when geotechnical review is required for development



Introducing fire-safety considerations with hazard tree removal

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Ensuring protections for forested hillsides

Existing homes and single-family lots	New development
 Instituting a simple review process for building single-family homes safely Requiring geotechnical issues to be taken into consideration during grading and building 	 Establishing clear and objective standards within overlay areas Providing greater predictability for developers wishing to divide land or build

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