

Attachment D



November 2, 2018

Multnomah County Planning Commission
1600 SE 190th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97233-5910

Dear Planning Commissioners:

The East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District supports the proposed new exemption from the Minimal Impact Project Permit and Erosion and Sediment Control Permits in section 39.6215, item (K).

The proposed exemption is:

“Natural resource enhancement or restoration, but not including filling or placement of structures, pursuant to a conservation plan that is prepared by the property owner in consultation with a local soil and water conservation district or the Oregon Natural Resources Conservation Service. The conservation plan must be provided to the County before the commencement of any ground disturbing activity.”

This exemption would provide an easier path for landowners that want to voluntarily implement restoration projects, such as invasive weed control, that may require the use of motorized equipment. We appreciate your efforts to encourage this work on private properties. Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director, consulted with us to verify that we can work with landowners to develop the conservation plans. We strongly support the proposed exemption and are committed to providing conservation plans to ensure that the work does not negatively impact natural resources.

Thank you for your consideration of this exemption.

Sincerely,

Jay Udelhoven, Executive Director