

## CHARACTER OF AREA STATEMENT

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The Pleasant Home area is one of open spaces, parks, and gardens. It is a quiet and peaceful community. Its character is particularly notable, distinctive, and unique. It is well known for its tranquility and serenity. Our neighborhood's character and "personality" is an amalgam of various elements. They contribute to its salient features, and these qualities would be particularly sensitive to long-term disruption.

So what is a specific description of the area. Our area is particularly idyllic and peaceful . Full of tall Juniper, Doug Fir and Maple trees. There are few road noises to be heard because the traffic is relatively light. The whole area is a pastoral, soft, and quiet scene. It is one filled with wild and domestic animals. The fauna include birds such as the pileated woodpecker, western tanagers , cliff swallows, Kingfishers, Cooper's Hawks, Warblers and Stellar Jays. *Wild animals include raccoons, squirrels, bobcats, beaver and coyotes just to name a few. These visuals and their sounds are mesmerizing. Many of these I can view from my porch with morning coffee.*

The groves of trees are interspersed with open spaces of private gardens and many are adjacent to the myriad lovely commercial Nurseries in the area. These ornamental horticulture nurseries only increase the beauty of the area and add to its diverse fabric . The nurseries small trees accentuate the color and variety of this natural setting.

Views from our property are of majestic white-capped Mt. Hood and the surrounding rolling hills; verdant green and full of wildlife. We can look down on the headwaters of Johnson Creek which eventually flows into the Willamette River. We can walk on trails and paths in this area with never a thought of danger due to traffic or noise or congestion.

There are 15 or more schools along the proposed route for the PWB's commercial trucks as they would wind their way to the water treatment facility site. Four of our grandchildren attend two of these schools, and we regularly drive them to school for sports and other school events. Right now these schools enjoy safety for their children and parents as they drive them to and from school. There is congestion as the cars line up to drop off or pick up the school kids and as high-schoolers drive in and out of their respective schools, but one can only imagine the horrors that will undoubtedly occur if the 200+ trucks a day are allowed to travel on roads from Troutdale to Sandy as they deliver chemicals , earth, and cement to the site.

The clean flowing water from Johnson Creek will surely be compromised/polluted by all the chemicals and earth being transported to this area. On one side where the industrial plant will be located the slope drops directly towards this pristine creek. The over-flow ponds of the facility which would store harmful chemicals will no doubt flood in the winter as they typically do when heavy rain storms happen and the excess water will then flow right into Johnson Creek .

The negative influence of the industrial exploitation being proposed by the PWB's treatment facility while building this 100 acre plant would have grave and disastrous effects on our properties and to the the larger area . The execrable outcome will effect both the pastoral rural areas and also the close-by cities as well because of the huge increase in traffic from the commercial trucks. The traffic, noise, and odor impacts will devastate the charm of the area.

The Pleasant Home area is organic and dynamic and this long-established character is the reason so many of us have moved to this area. The intense devastation from the proposed facility will more than detract from the immediate and wider area. Those repellent results will cause unacceptable damage to the local character and environment and conservation quality and amenities of our area. It is very clear and quite easy to see that there is no way the PWB can minimize or mitigate the negative issues they will cause if this project is allowed to go forward. It is just too large and complex and lengthy of a project for them to realistically maintain it as a low impact project. Our degraded public and private realm would never be the same again.