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Land Use is about the human use of land. Zoning laws proceed under the assumption that property must be protected against uses for neighboring property that will be harmful to the use or enjoyment of the property. Written into Oregon's Land Use Planning Goal 1 is the requirement for public involvement as part of land use planning. Their Goal 3 protects farmland for the continued production of food and fiber plus requires counties to identify farmland, designate it as such on their comprehensive plan map. Multnomah County's website states that "the Land Use Planning Division ensures the preservation and protection of forest lands, farm and nursery production, wildlife, streams, scenic views and the Columbia River Gorge".

All these different levels are saying that in some form human use of land will be protected from impacts of surrounding lands. For any person living out in rural Multnomah and Clackamas counties anywhere remotely near the proposed water filtration plant it doesn't feel like we are being protected from this monstrous project. It feels like we've had 4 years of pressure for easements on private property, threats to home and nursery owners to take their lands, an eminent domaine process is happening right now and the continual push to get this plant built.

About 5 years ago after I first heard the word cryptosporidium I was part of a conference call with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington DC and I'm telling you now that they don't determine which method is to be used to treat cryptosporidium and they definitely don't chose the location for the treatment. This Land Use Application happened solely because PWB wanted it not because it was required. Even a 1st grader can see that this doesn't fit the character of the area, will be many times larger than the largest structure around, the noise will sound like a sonic boom compared to the quiet we experience now, wildlife will scatter probably forever, and no one

will be able to go anywhere safely on the roads yet no one will be able to stay at their home either. Looking through the Counties Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Approval Criteria there is very little from either that clearly progresses this project. The amount of mitigation that has occurred already is astounding. Twisting, turning, whittling and adding to doesn't necessarily make something fit. Somethings are just so dissimilar that they are not able to be mitigated so don't try.

This is a Land Use Hearing about the future of a piece of prime agricultural land that has been farmed continuously for years. Is this process going to protect our homes or this land for future farming? So far it doesn't seem like Multnomah County is holding to their own standards for Land Use, the same standards they expect us to follow but are acting more lenient with this applicant almost like "trying to make this project happen". I recently read on the County Land Use website that many of their application fees are increasing tomorrow, July 1st. I live very close to the land in question but not in Multnomah County and I'm wondering now, from what we are seeing, why- if for instance someone want's to build a small deck off a back bedroom, would they go into the county and pay those fees and expect that the county would protect both them and their neighbor fairly. This doesn't seem to be happening to us here. Is the system broken or possibly inequitable? It feels like it's all about mitigation, mitigation not about the codes, rules and regulations that are in place.

This hearing isn't about cryptosporidium, time or money already spent, need for clean water for years to come. This is about a 94 acre piece of farm land. This is a Land Use Hearing - this is about Compliance.