

Home of the Fly-A-Ways R/C Club

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Safety is our most important Product!

Fall is certainly upon us and outdoor flying time is surely limited, but if you are able to go flying please drive carefully and as always watch out for the other guy or gal.

Newsletter Editor's note:

As most should know by now that Don has resigned his duties and turned in his various hats he has admirably worn for a number of years. Don, we thank you for all of your great work. Starting with this month's newsletter (even though it is coming to you a little bit later than normal there is great news to share with you. Until elections are held, I will be sending out the newsletter and would greatly appreciate any news relevant to club activities be sent to me. I look forward to providing you with the most current news from the board and your fellow club members.

Curt Boardman, Secretary and Newsletter editor

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Nominations for club officers and board members are hereby solicited.

Nominations are open for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 board members, and an alternate board member. Submit nominations to Curt Boardman, Fly-A-Ways Club Secretary, at secretary@flyaways.org

President's Soapbox

Good things take time, and that's becoming more apparent with our efforts to close on a lease for a new club site. Still, we are moving forward. The owner of the Dersham Road site took some time last month and performed a bit of due diligence on our club. We had provided him with a few references; Harlan, Jay Hoffman (the agricultural tenant at Harlan's), and the land-owners for the OMAS and Dusters club sites. He said he was going to call them. Whether he did or did not I don't know for sure, but we apparently passed his initial screening tests. The owner has agreed to continue negotiations for a club site on his property. To that end, the board has met and established parameters and set limits for our best offer on this property. I hope to be able to meet with the owner early in October to try to work out details for a lease and come to an agreement. Just as a bit of a teaser, I thought I'd include the picture we showed last month of the site we're working to lease.



We want this to be our future club site!

Also in this newsletter is a reprint of an article on expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary that was published in the Oregonian on September 9th. This article ties in well with the field search activities and helps explain why I've been so determined to pursue the site at Dersham Road. If you look closely at the map in the article, you'll see that one of the UGB expansion areas is just SW of Beaverton. In fact, the western and southern edge of that area is the Tualatin River.....meaning that our old site at the Flint Farm will soon be inside the UGB, and we would have lost it shortly anyway. The proposed UGB expansion north of Hillsboro extends west to Cornelius Pass Road. The site at Dersham Road is a few miles further to the west, well into the area recommended for rural preservation. The property at Dersham Road can be a long term flying site.

Last month Don Schultz announced his resignation as Secretary/Treasurer, newsletter editor, and webmaster. This month I'm pleased to announce Don's successors. Curt Boardman is our new club Secretary and newsletter editor. Dennis Laughlin takes over as Treasurer. Mike Carty has volunteered to be the next webmaster. Curt and Dennis move into their new positions effective immediately. Details for Mike phasing in as webmaster will be worked out in October. The board has approved appointment of Curt and Dennis as club officers until the club next holds elections. Thanks to all for stepping up and helping the club.

Keep your engines running.

Washington County officials recommend designating 34,000 acres for future development

By [Brad Schmidt, The Oregonian](#)

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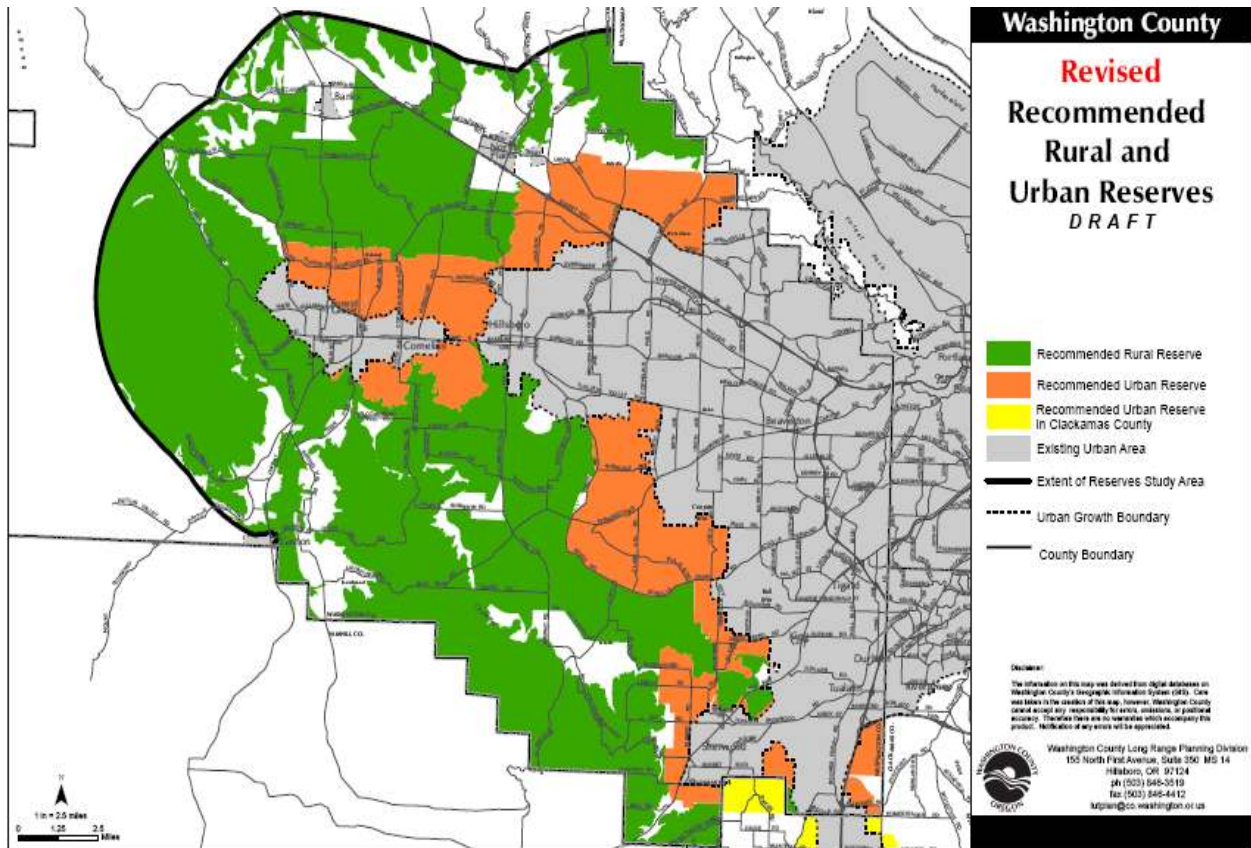
BEAVERTON -- Now the real debate begins. Elected officials from Washington County and its cities ended nearly 1 1/2 years of work Tuesday, recommending that about 34,000 acres of rural land be set aside for future homes and jobs.

The 11-2 vote, which long had been expected, sends Washington County's recommendations to regional policymakers who have the final say about how and where the Portland region grows during the next 50 years.

[In the words of Washington County's top elected official, the process now moves toward gut-checks, emotion, philosophical debate -- and politics. "And it will come into play," said Tom Brian, chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

Tuesday's decision is the first among Portland-area governments trying to figure out where an estimated 2 million additional people in the seven-county metropolitan area could live by 2060. A Washington County analysis suggests it should have enough land to accommodate about one-third of the newcomers.

Right now, the area is constrained by an invisible urban-growth boundary that separates urban development from rural farms and forests. Tuesday's recommendations will help regional policymakers decide where the boundary could be expanded to meet long-term needs. On Thursday, leaders from Multnomah and Clackamas counties will review recommendations to designate for urbanization less than 9,000 acres, nearly all of them in



Urban and Rural Reserves Staff Report

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Clackamas County. When combined with Washington County's proposal, those "urban reserves" will be reviewed by a regional steering committee. Then four elected officials who represent each of the counties and Metro, the regional government, will make the final decision. Should government leaders find it impossible to reach agreement, the process is for naught: Urban growth boundary expansions would follow current guidelines and be reviewed every five years.

Determining where growth should occur is particularly difficult in Washington County, which is regularly one of the state's strongest agricultural communities. Recommending about 34,000 acres for future urbanization would cut farm land by more

than 20 percent and result in the "dismemberment" of the local agriculture industry, the Washington County Farm Bureau wrote in a letter.

"You guys are playing with our livelihoods," Bob VanderZanden, a grass-seed farmer, told officials Tuesday. "It just feels like you're grabbing a lot more than you need."

A Farm Bureau representative and Washington County Commissioner Andy Duyck, who represents rural areas, voted against the recommendations.

Also on Tuesday, leaders from Washington County recommended almost 110,000 acres for "rural reserves" that would be untouchable to development.

Members of the group Save Helvetia expressed disappointment that their community, north of U.S. 26, was not included in those rural reserves.

Kris Schamp organized a bike ride Saturday to raise awareness. Now, Schamp said, he hopes leaders outside of Washington County help protect the area.

"We got one more chance at the regional level," he said.

-- Brad Schmidt; bradschmidt@news.oregonian.com

What's Happening with Club Operations – Dues & Elections?

When we lost the field at Harlan's, club operations went on hold.....business planning, dues, elections. After all, we didn't know if we would find a new site or if we would have to dissolve the club. All our energy has been channeled into finding a new club site. That prospect is certainly looking better. We are on the threshold of obtaining a lease for a club site on the Dersham Road property! The attorney for the landowner is in process of drafting a lease. As soon as we reach final agreement on terms and conditions for a lease, we will make a down payment on the lease and file for a land use permit with Washington County. Our lease will go into effect when the permit is issued. The permitting process will probably take 6 months.....that happens on County Time. So, if we can close on T's & C's within a month, we're looking at April – May 2010 to be able to start developing our field. Sorry folks, but that's the way it is.

Our plan has been to reinstate club operations once a new field site becomes a certainty. It will be a "certainty" when we make a down payment on a lease and apply for the land use permit. So, hopefully, within a month or so we start putting the club back in operation, starting with elections. This newsletter has an announcement soliciting nominations for all club officer and board positions. If you would like to be considered for club office you can have another member nominate you, or, you can nominate yourself (aka "volunteer"). All nominations welcome! Once we get rolling again and construct a budget for the new field, we can recommend a dues structure. Dues are voted on by all club members, **NOT** dictated by the board. At the moment the club has no expenses and we have reserves to cover a down payment for lease, costs for the land use permit, and can likely cover the first year of the lease as well. We will need to generate \$\$ for field development. So, for the moment, the club **IS NOT** collecting dues. My best estimate is that we have elections in November, initiate field development planning and establish a budget through November/December, start monthly club meetings again in January, and solicit dues starting January/February.

Good things are happening. Hang in there.

Scott E.

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