

# PLANNING COMMISSION WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

### III. INFORMATIONAL

C. SROZ Regulations and Background (Rappold) (20 minutes)



## PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 13, 2019		2019	<b>Subject</b> : Significant Resource Overlay Zone (SROZ) Training Session			
			Stat Man	•	Rappold, Natural Resources	
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Action Required			Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation			
	Motion			Approval		
	Public Hearing Date:			Denial		
	Ordinance 1st Reading Date	e:		None Forwarded		
	Ordinance 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Dat	e:	$\boxtimes$	Not Applicable		
	Resolution		Con	nments:		
	Information or Direction					
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	Council Direction					
	Consent Agenda					
Sta	Staff Recommendation: N/A					
Recommended Language for Motion: N/A						
Pro	Project / Issue Relates To: [Identify which goal(s), master plans(s) your issue relates to.]					
□Council Goals/Priorities □Add			pted	Master Plan(s)	⊠Not Applicable	

**ISSUE BEFORE COMMISSION:** A training session about the Significant Resource Overlay Zone (Section 4.139.00 of the Development Code).

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The preservation and protection of natural resources has been a hallmark of Wilsonville's development and growth. Due to the City's close proximity to the Willamette River and a variety of local native habitats, Wilsonville's natural resources support an abundant wildlife population and provide educational and recreational opportunities for community residents. Understanding regulations related to the preservation and protection of natural resources is important for the Commission as they consider changes to interrelated standards and policies.

Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals provide the foundation for Wilsonville's efforts to protect natural resources. Goal 5, which mandates the conservation of open space and the protection of natural and scenic resources, requires local jurisdictions to adopt a comprehensive plan and zoning for the protection of natural resources. In addition, Metro's Titles 3 and 13 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan require the protection of regionally significant natural resources.

In the early 1980s, the city adopted the Primary Open Space (POS) and Secondary Open Space (SOS) designations in the Wilsonville Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map to protect and preserve significant natural areas. POS was a protected resource category that did not allow any development, and SOS, which served as a buffer to POS, allowed limited development through a conditional use permit.

In 2001, the Significant Resource Overlay Zone (SROZ) replaced the POS/SOS designations. The SROZ includes locally significant wetlands, riparian corridors, and wildlife habitat areas. All identified natural resource sites were field inspected to ensure accuracy of the inventory.

SROZ adoption addressed Metro's Title 3 requirements for Water Quality Resource Areas (WQRA). Title 3 protects the functions and values of resources within the WQRA by limiting or mitigating the impact of these areas from development activities and protecting life and property from dangers associated with flooding.

In 2009, the City updated the SROZ to incorporate Metro's Title 13 Habitat Conservation Areas and Habitat-Friendly Development Practices. Title 13 is a region-wide regulatory and voluntary-based initiative to conserve, protect, and restore regionally significant habitat, and to control and prevent water pollution and improve water quality.

#### SROZ Development Code Requirements

The regulations associated with the SROZ restrict most development from impacting locally significant natural resources. The City has only approved minor encroachments, and only in cases where avoidance was not possible. Minimization of impacts and mitigation for these impacts are required for approved encroachments. Since adoption of the SROZ nearly 20 years ago, development has only impacted a few acres of land within the SROZ.

Section 4.139 of the Development Code contains the Significant Resources Overlay Zone requirements. In addition to City staff, the Development Review Board (DRB) plays a critical role in applying the SROZ requirements. When a land use application is submitted that includes

land identified within the SROZ, the process for reviewing the submittal includes the following steps:

- 1. A verification of the SROZ map based on the City's Natural Resources Inventory and additional information submitted by the applicant.
- 2. A determination of any uses or activities exempt from the SROZ regulations. Common exemptions include new roads and paths, utilities, and removal of invasive plants. These determinations can also be provided through a more informal process outside a land use case.
- 3. If the applicant is proposing impacts to the SROZ, they must provide documentation through a Significant Resource Impact Report (SRIR). Depending on the level of impact, the City requires either an abbreviated or standard SRIR. The SRIR includes a justification of the proposed impacts including avoidance and minimization options, a description of resource conditions, and the mitigation proposed.
  - Only the Area of Limited Conflicting Use (ALCU) in the SROZ may be potentially impacted. The ALCU includes wildlife habitat associated with upland forests or the edge of riparian corridors. A development proposal can impact no more than five percent of the ALCU. The ALCU does not include water resource areas.
- 4. Submission of a mitigation plan for any proposed impacts to the SROZ. Mitigation is based on area ratios associated with the existing functions at the impact and mitigation sites and the proposed functions at the mitigation site. For example, if the existing functions are rated "Low" at both the impact and mitigation sites and the proposed function at the mitigation site will be "High", the ratio is 2:1. Thus, if 5,000 square feet is impacted, 10,000 square feet needs to be enhanced at the mitigation site.

The mitigation includes a planting plan, which may include the removal of invasive species. In addition, the use of Habitat-Friendly Development Practices is required for any impact to the SROZ. These practices include minimizing impervious areas, incorporating "green" stormwater management methods, and reducing impacts to wildlife habitat. All mitigation sites must be monitored and maintained by the applicant for five years. Annual reports are submitted to document the mitigation site is satisfying the performance standards.

In addition to the steps outlined above, an applicant may request a refinement of the SROZ map. The DRB may allow an amendment of the SROZ if the land area in question is not considered a significant resource. The criteria for determining land is significant is based on finding the site area has at least one rating of "high" using the function criteria listed in the Natural Resource Function Rating Matrices (e.g., wildlife habitat and ecological integrity). These criteria, which assess habitat quality, are part of the resource inventory for the SROZ. The inventory can be updated based on more current information, such as wetland delineations or resource assessments.

Exceptions to the SROZ requirements are found within Section 4.139.10. These exceptions include unbuildable lots due to the SROZ, and a large lot exception that allows certain impacts to the SROZ. Setback reduction, density transfer, and alteration of constructed drainageways are addressed in the Special Provisions of Section 4.139.11.

**EXPECTED RESULTS**: Understanding of the City's SROZ requirements and the relationship to other City development standards.

**TIMELINE:** N/A

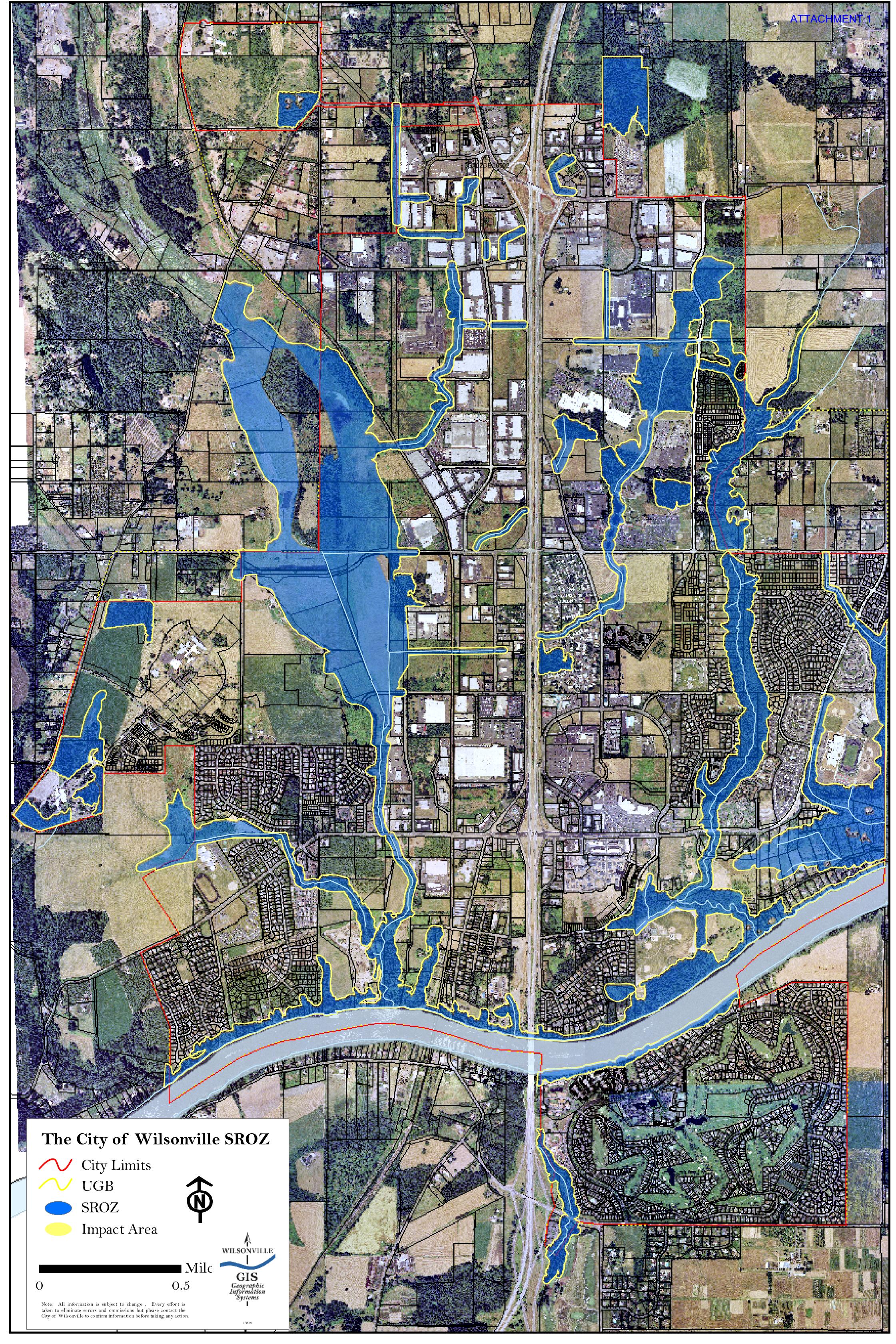
**CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS: N/A** 

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS: N/A** 

**POTENTIAL IMPACTS or BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY** (businesses, neighborhoods, protected and other groups): N/A

**ALTERNATIVES: N/A** 

- 1. SROZ Map
- 2. SROZ Portions of the Development Code



#### Section 4.139.00 Significant Resource Overlay Zone (SROZ) Ordinance

#### **Definitions:**

- 1. Area of Limited Conflicting Uses: An Area of Limited Conflicting Uses is either:
  - A. An area located between the riparian corridor boundary, riparian impact area or the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (UGMFP) Metro Title 3 Water Quality Resource Area boundary, whichever is furthest away from the wetland or stream, and the outside edge of the SROZ; or
  - B. An isolated significant wildlife habitat (upland forest) resource site.
- 2. <u>Bankful Stage</u>: The stage or elevation at which water overflows the natural banks of streams or other waters of the state and begins to inundate upland areas. In the absence of physical evidence, the two-year recurrence interval flood elevation may be used to approximate the bankful stage. [Added by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]
- 3. <u>Emergency</u>: Any human-caused or natural event or circumstances causing or threatening loss of life, injury to person or property, and includes, but is not limited to fire, explosion, flood, severe weather, drought, earthquake, volcanic activity, spills or releases of hazardous material, contamination, utility or transportation disruptions, and disease. [Added by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]
- 4. <u>Encroachment Area</u>: An area within the Area of Limited Conflicting Uses where development may be permitted.
- 5. <u>Impact Area</u>: The area adjacent to the outer boundary of a Significant Resource within which development or other alteration activities may be permitted through the review of a Significant Resource Impact Report (SRIR) or where an SRIR has been waived in accordance with this ordinance. The impact area is 25 feet wide unless otherwise specified in this ordinance or by the decision making body.
- 6. <u>Riparian Corridor</u>: Is a Goal 5 resource that includes the water areas, fish habitat, adjacent riparian areas, and wetlands within the riparian area boundary. The "riparian area" is the area adjacent to a river, lake, stream, consisting of lands that include the area of transition from aquatic ecosystem to a terrestrial ecosystem. The Riparian Corridor is diagrammatically defined in Section 4.139.00.
- 7. <u>Riparian Corridor Cross Sections</u>: Riparian corridor significance for the City of Wilsonville is based on assessment of several factors:
  - a. The presence of habitat used by species listed as threatened or endangered by the Endangered Species Act. The resource is considered significant if ESA-listed salmonid fish species utilize portions of the resource area.
  - b. The protection of ESA listed species habitat both on or off-site. The resource is considered significant if it provides functions that protect the habitat of ESA-listed species, either on- or off-site. Riparian corridors can protect water quality

- parameters such as temperature, suspended sediment and contaminants of downstream waters that are ESA-listed species habitat.
- c. The inclusion of other significant Goal 5 resource areas. Riparian corridor resources that contain significant wetlands and/or wildlife habitat are considered significant.
- d. The provision of habitat continuity for wildlife. Riparian corridor resources that provide a link or continuity for wildlife movement between significant wildlife habitat areas are considered significant.
- e. Headwater areas, including intermittent streams, can be important for fish and wildlife resources. These areas can provide good quality water, protection of water quality, insect and organic materials, and other factors for habitat areas downstream.

Generalized riparian corridor types are shown on the following pages.

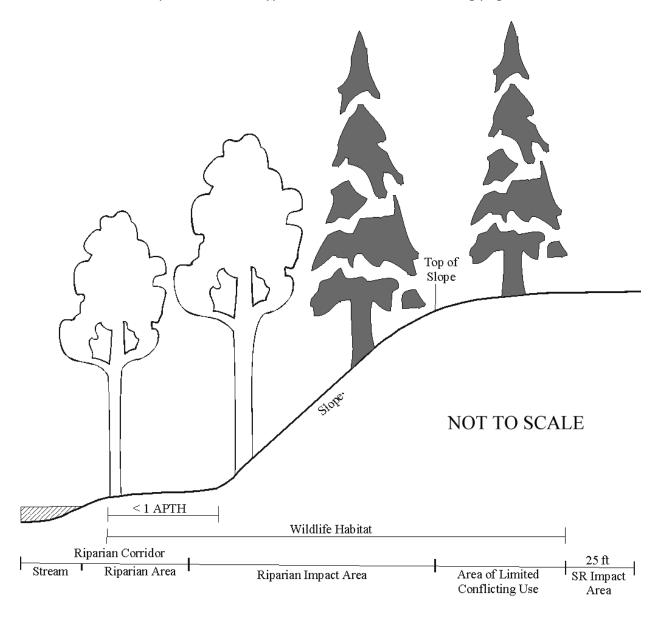


Figure NR - 1: Riparian Corridor Type NR -1 (stream-riparian ecosystem)

Riparian area adjacent to the stream is less than one APTH wide, and has an adjacent slope. The adjacent slope is designated as riparian impact area, based on the potential for activities on the slope to have direct impacts on riparian area functions.

Notes for all riparian figures: (1) The "area of limited conflicting use" and "SR Impact Area" are regulatory areas defined in the proposed City of Wilsonville Significant Resource Overlay Zone (4.139.00). The SR Impact Area is always 25 feet wide from the edge of the significant resource (SR).

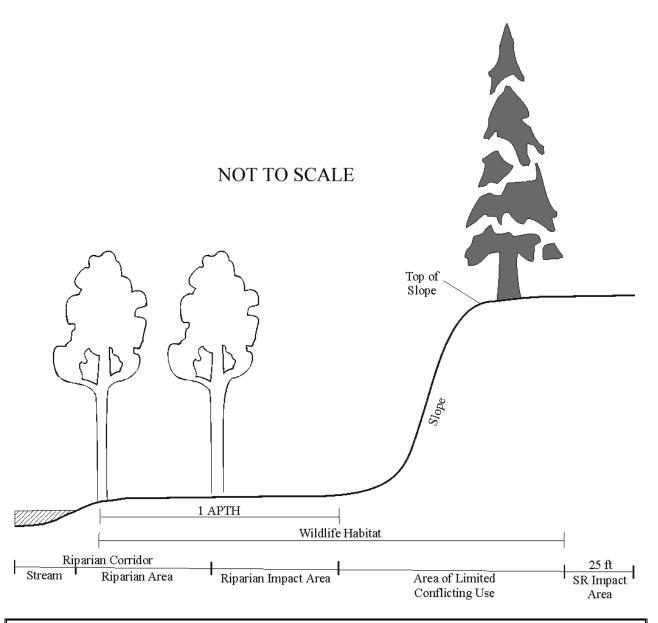


Figure NR - 2: Riparian Corridor Type NR - 2 (stream-riparian ecosystem)

Riparian area adjacent to the stream is less than the width of the streamside terrace or bench, and the base of the adjacent slope is a distance greater than one APTH from the stream bank. If the riparian area is less wide than the distance of one APTH, then the remaining APTH distance is the riparian impact area.

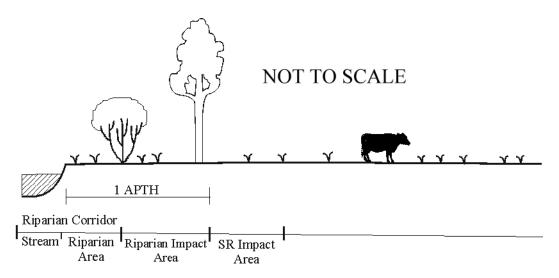


Figure NR – 3: Riparian Corridor Type NR - 3 (stream-riparian ecosystem)

Riparian area adjacent to the stream is upland, forested wetland, or a mosaic of upland and wetland, and does not have adjacent steep slopes within 200 ft. If the riparian area, including wetlands adjacent to the stream, is less wide than one APTH, the riparian impact area extends to a distance of one APTH from the top of the stream bank.

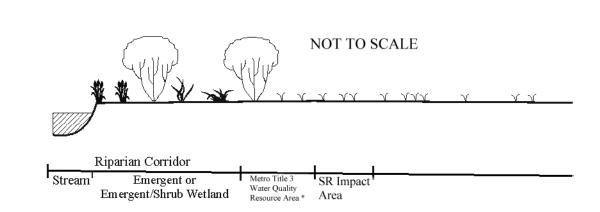
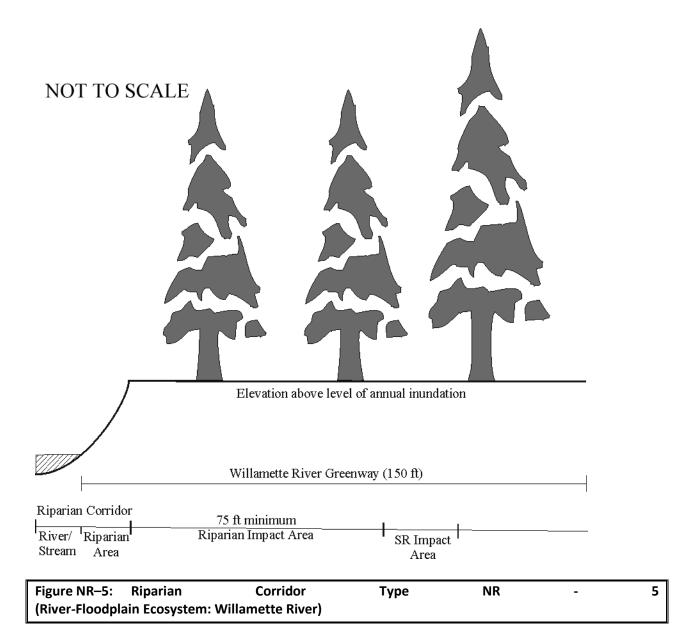


Figure NR – 4: Riparian Corridor Type NR - 4 (stream-riparian ecosystem)

Riparian area is emergent or emergent/shrub wetland, and does not have adjacent steep slopes within 200 ft. The wetland is the riparian corridor. The potential impacts of human activities adjacent to the wetland/riparian area do not warrant placing a riparian impact area on this corridor type.



Riparian area is confined to a portion of the river bank where the adjacent land is not inundated annually (i.e. not an operational floodplain). The riparian impact area is a minimum 75 feet wide from the top of the stream bank.

For any areas along the Willamette River that have an operational floodplain (i.e. flooded annually), the riparian area is the extent of the operational floodplain.

- 8. <u>Riparian Impact Area</u>: An area within which human activities could have adverse impacts on functions of adjacent riparian corridor resources.
- 9. <u>Significant Resource Impact Report (SRIR)</u>: A report that delineates specific resource boundaries and analyzes the impacts of development on significant natural resources. It outlines measures to prevent negative impacts, and also provides mitigation and enhancement plans.
- 10. <u>Significant Resource Overlay Zone (SROZ)</u>: The delineated outer boundary of a significant natural resource that includes: a significant Goal 5 natural resource, lands protected under Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan Title 3 (Water Quality Resource Areas), riparian corridors, and significant wildlife habitat.
- 11. Starting Point for Measurement: Is the edge of the defined channel (bankful stage) for streams/rivers, delineated wetland boundary, delineated spring boundary, and/or average high water for lakes or ponds, whichever offers greatest resource protection. Intermittent springs located more than 15 feet from streams/rivers or wetlands shall not serve as a starting point for measurement. [Amended by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]

Table NR – 1: Metro Water Quality Resource Area Slope Calculations

Protected Water	Slope Adjacent to	Starting Point for	Width of Vegetated
Feature Type (See	Protected Water	Measurements	Corridor (Setback)
definitions)	Feature	from Water	
		Feature	
		-Edge of bankful	
Primary Protected	<25%	stage or 2-year	50 feet
Water Features <sup>1</sup>		storm level;	
		-Delineated edge of	
		Title 3 wetland	
		-Edge of bankful	
Primary Protected	≥25% for 150 feet	stage or 2-year	200 feet
Water Features <sup>1</sup>	or more <sup>5</sup>	storm level;	
		-Delineated edge of	
		Title 3 wetland	
		Edge of bankful	Distance from
Primary Protected	l <del>-</del>	stage or 2-year	starting point of
Water Features <sup>1</sup>	150 feet <sup>5</sup>	storm level;	measurement to
		-Delineated edge of	top of ravine (break
		Title 3 wetland	in <u>&gt;</u> 25% slope) <sup>3</sup> ,
			plus 50 feet <sup>4</sup>
Secondary Protected		Edge of bankful	
Water Features <sup>2</sup>	<25%	stage or 2-year	15 feet
		storm level; -	
		Delineated edge of	

		Title 3 wetland	
Secondary Protected		Edge of bankful	
Water Features <sup>2</sup>	<u>&gt;</u> 25% <sup>5</sup>	stage or 2-year	50 feet
		storm level;	
		-Delineated edge of	
		Title 3 wetland	

[Amended by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]

#### Section 4.139.01 SROZ - Purpose

The Significant Resource Overlay Zone (SROZ) is intended to be used with any underlying base zone as shown on the City of Wilsonville Zoning Map. The purpose of the Significant Resource Overlay Zone is to implement the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan relating to natural resources, open space, environment, flood hazard, and the Willamette River Greenway. In addition, the purposes of these regulations are to achieve compliance with the requirements of the Metro Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (UGMFP) relating to Title 3 Water Quality Resource Areas, and Title 13 Habitat Conservation Areas, and that portion of Statewide Planning Goal 5 relating to significant natural resources. It is not the intent of this ordinance to prevent development where the impacts to significant resources can be minimized or mitigated. [Amended by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]

#### Section 4.139.02 Where These Regulations Apply

The regulations of this Section apply to the portion of any lot or development site, which is within a Significant Resource Overlay Zone and its associated "Impact Areas". The text provisions of the Significant Resource Overlay Zone ordinance take precedence over the Significant Resource Overlay Zone maps. The Significant Resource Overlay Zone is described by boundary lines shown on the City of Wilsonville Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map. For the purpose of implementing the provisions of this Section, the Wilsonville Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map is used to determine whether a Significant Resource Impact Report (SRIR) is required. Through the development of an SRIR, a more specific determination can be made of possible impacts on the significant resources.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Primary Protected Water Features include: all perennial streams and streams draining greater than 100 acres, Title 3 wetlands, natural lakes and spring.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Secondary Protected Water Features include intermittent streams draining 50-100 acres.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Where the protected Water Feature is confined by a ravine or gully, the top of ravine is the break in the >25% slope

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>A maximum reduction of 25 feet may be permitted in the width of vegetated corridor beyond the slope break if a geotechnical report demonstrates that slope is stable. To establish the width of the vegetated corridor, slope should be measured in 25-foot increments away from the water feature until slope is less than 25% (top of ravine).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Vegetated corridors in excess of 50-feet from primary protected features, or in excess of 15-feet from secondary protected features, apply on steep slopes only in the *uphill* direction from the protected water feature.

Unless otherwise exempted by these regulations, any development proposed to be located within the Significant Resource Overlay Zone and/or Impact Area must comply with these regulations. Where the provisions of this Section conflict with other provisions of the City of Wilsonville Planning and Land Development Ordinance, the more restrictive shall apply.

The SROZ represents the area within the outer boundary of all inventoried significant natural resources. The Significant Resource Overlay Zone includes all land identified and protected under Metro's UGMFP Title 3 Water Quality Resource Areas and Title 13 Habitat Conservation Areas, as currently configured, significant wetlands, riparian corridors, and significant wildlife habitat that is inventoried and mapped on the Wilsonville Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map. [Amended by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]

#### Section 4.139.03 Administration

- (.01) <u>Resources</u>. The text provisions of this section shall be used to determine whether applications may be approved within the Significant Resource Overlay Zone. The following maps and documents may be used as references for identifying areas subject to the requirements of this Section:
  - A. Metro's UGMFP Title 3 Water Quality Resource Area maps.
  - B. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)
  - C. The Wilsonville Local Wetland Inventory (LWI) (1998)
  - D. The Wilsonville Riparian Corridor Inventory (RCI) (1998)
  - E. Locally adopted studies or maps
  - F. City of Wilsonville slope analysis maps
  - G. Clackamas and Washington County soils surveys
  - H. Metro's UGMFP Title 13 Habitat Conservation Area Map [Added by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]
- (.02) Impact Area. The "Impact Area" is the area adjacent to the outer boundary of a Significant Resource within which development or other alteration activities may be permitted through the review of an SRIR (Significant Resource Impact Report). Where it can be clearly determined by the Planning Director that development is only in the Impact Area and there is no impact to the Significant Resource, development may be permitted without SRIR review. The impact area is 25 feet wide unless otherwise specified in this ordinance or by the decision making body. Designation of an Impact Area is required by Statewide Planning Goal 5. The primary purpose of the Impact Area is to ensure that development does not encroach into the SROZ.

- (.03) <u>Significant Resource Impact Report (SRIR)</u>. For proposed non-exempt development within the SROZ, the applicant shall submit a Significant Resource Impact Report (SRIR) as part of any application for a development permit.
- (.04) Prohibited Activities. New structures, development and construction activities shall not be permitted within the SROZ if they will negatively impact significant natural resources. Gardens, lawns, application of chemicals, uncontained areas of hazardous materials as defined by DEQ, domestic animal waste, dumping of materials of any kind, or other activities shall not be permitted within the SROZ if they will negatively impact water quality.
  - Unauthorized land clearing or grading of a site to alter site conditions is not allowed, and may result in the maximum requirement of mitigation/enhancement regardless of pre-existing conditions.
- (.05) <u>Habitat-Friendly Development Practices.</u> To the extent practicable, development and construction activities that encroach within the Significant Resource Overlay Zone and/or Impact Area shall be designed, located and constructed to:
  - A. Minimize grading, removal of native vegetation, disturbance and removal of native soils, and impervious area;
  - B. Minimize adverse hydrological impacts on water resources, such as using the practices described in Part (a) of Table NR-2, unless their use is prohibited by an applicable and required state or federal permit, such as a permit required under the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§1251 et seq., or the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§300f et seq., and including conditions or plans required by such permit;
  - C. Minimize impacts on wildlife corridors and fish passage, such as by using the practices described in Part (b) of Table NR-2; and
  - D. Consider using the practices described in Part (c) of Table NR-2. [Section 4.139.03(.05) added by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]

#### **Table NR-2: Habitat-Friendly Development Practices**

#### Part (A) Design and Construction Practices to Minimize Hydrologic Impacts

- 1. Amend disturbed soils to original or higher level of porosity to regain infiltration and stormwater storage capacity.
- 2. Use pervious paving materials for residential driveways, parking lots and walkways.
- 3. Incorporate stormwater management in road right-of ways.
- 4. Landscape with rain gardens to provide on-lot detention, filtering of rainwater and groundwater re-charge.
- 5. Use green roofs for runoff reduction, energy savings, improved air quality, and enhanced aesthetics.
- 6. Disconnect downspouts from roofs and direct the flow to vegetated infiltration/filtration areas such as rain gardens.
- 7. Retain rooftop runoff in a rain barrel for later on-lot use in lawn and garden watering.
- 8. Use multi-functional open drainage systems in lieu of more conventional curb and gutter systems.
- 9. Use bioretention cells as rain gardens in landscaped parking lot islands to reduce runoff volume and filter pollutants.
- 10. Apply a treatment train approach to provide multiple opportunities for storm water treatment and reduce the possibility of system failure.
- 11. Reduce sidewalk width and grade them such that they drain to the front yard of a residential lot or retention area.
- 12. Reduce impervious impacts of residential driveways by narrowing widths and moving access to the rear of the site.
- 13. Use shared driveways.
- 14. Reduce width of residential streets, depending on traffic and parking needs.
- 15. Reduce street length, primarily in residential areas, by encouraging clustering and using curvilinear designs.
- 16. Reduce cul-de-sac radii and use pervious vegetated islands in center to minimize impervious effects, and allow them to be utilized for truck maneuvering/loading to reduce need for wide loading areas on site.
- 16. Minimize car spaces and stall dimensions, reduce parking ratios, and use shared parking facilities and structured parking.
- 17. Minimize the number of steam crossings and place crossing perpendicular to stream channel, if possible.
- 18. Allow narrow street right-of-ways through stream corridors whenever possible to reduce adverse impacts of transportation corridors.

#### Part (B) Design and Construction Practices to Minimize Impacts on Wildlife Corridors and Fish Passage

- 1. Carefully integrate fencing into the landscape to guide animals toward animal crossings under, over, or around transportation corridors.
- 2. Use bridge crossings rather than culverts, wherever possible.
- 3. If culverts are utilized, install slab, arch or box type culverts, preferably using bottomless designs that more closely mimic stream bottom

#### habitat.

- 4. Design stream crossings for fish passage with shelves and other design features to facilitate terrestrial wildlife passage.
- 5. Extend vegetative cover through the wildlife crossing in the migratory route, along with sheltering areas.

#### Part (C) Miscellaneous Other Habitat Friendly Design and Construction Practices

- 1. Use native vegetation throughout the development.
- 2. Locate landscaping adjacent to SROZ.
- 3. Reduce light spill-off into SROZ areas from development.
- 4. Preserve and maintain existing trees and tree canopy coverage, and plant trees, where appropriate, to maximize future tree canopy coverage.

[Added by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]

Section 4.139.04 Uses and Activities Exempt from These Regulations

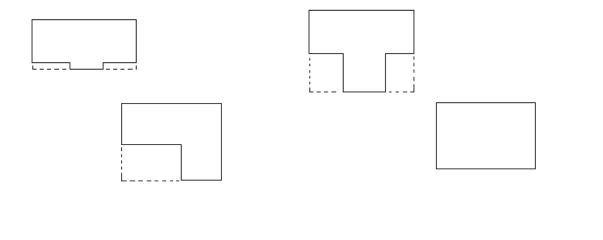
A request for exemption shall be consistent with the submittal requirements listed under Section 4.139.06(.01)(B - I), as applicable to the exempt use and activity. [Added by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]

- (.01) Emergency procedures or emergency activities undertaken which are necessary for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare. Measures to remove or abate hazards and nuisances. Areas within the SROZ that are disturbed because of emergency procedures or activities should be repaired and mitigated.
- (.02) Maintenance and repair of buildings, structures, yards, gardens or other activities or uses that were in existence prior to the effective date of these regulations.
- (.03) Alterations of buildings or accessory structures which do not increase building coverage.
- (.04) The following agricultural activities lawfully in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance:
  - A. Mowing of hay, grass or grain crops.
  - B. Tilling, disking, planting, seeding, harvesting and related activities for pasture, tree crops, commercial woodlots, food crops or business crops, provided that no additional lands within the SROZ are converted to these uses after the effective date of this ordinance.
- (.05) Operation, maintenance, and repair of irrigation and drainage ditches, constructed ponds, wastewater facilities, stormwater detention or retention facilities, and water facilities consistent with the Stormwater Master Plan or the Comprehensive Plan.
- (.06) Maintenance and repair of streets and utility services within rights-of way, easements, access drives or other previously improved areas. [Amended by Ord. 682, 9/9/10]
- (.07) Normal and routine maintenance and repair of any public improvement or public recreational area regardless of its location.
- (.08) The construction of new roads, pedestrian or bike paths into the SROZ in order to provide access to the sensitive area or across the sensitive area, provided the location of the crossing is consistent with the intent of the Wilsonville Comprehensive Plan. Roads and paths shall be constructed so as to minimize and repair disturbance to existing vegetation and slope stability.
- (.09) Maintenance and repair of existing railroad tracks and related improvements.
- (.10) The removal of invasive vegetation such as Himalayan Blackberry, English Ivy, Poison Oak, Scots (Scotch) Broom or as defined as invasive in the Metro Native Plant List.

- (.11) The planting or propagation of any plant identified as native on the Metro Native Plant List. See Wilsonville Planning Division to obtain a copy of this list.
- (.12) Grading for the purpose of enhancing the Significant Resource as approved by the City.
- (.13) Enhancement of the riparian corridor or wetlands for water quality or quantity benefits, fish, or wildlife habitat as approved by the City and other appropriate regulatory authorities.
- (.14) Flood control activities pursuant to the Stormwater Master Plan, save and except those stormwater facilities subject to Class II Administrative Review, as determined by the Planning Director, to ensure such facilities meet applicable standards under federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.
- (.15) Developments that propose a minor encroachment into the Significant Resource Overlay Zone. The purpose of this adjustment would be to allow for minor encroachments of impervious surfaces such as accessory buildings, eave overhangs, building appurtenances, building access and exiting requirements or other similar feature. The total adjustment shall not exceed 120 square feet in cumulative area.
- (.16) The expansion of an existing single family dwelling not exceeding 600 square feet in area. The expansion of an existing single family dwelling or structures that are accessory to a single family dwelling inside the SROZ, provided that the following criteria have been satisfied. An SRIR is not required to evaluate and reach a decision on the issuance of a permit to expand a single-family residence under this paragraph.
  - A. The expansion of a single family structure or improvement (including decks and patios) shall not be located any closer to the stream or wetland area than the existing structure or improvement; and
  - B. The coverage of all structures within the SROZ on the subject parcel shall not be increased by more than 600 square feet, based on the coverage in existence prior to the effective date of this ordinance; and,
  - C. The applicant must obtain the approval of an erosion and sediment control plan from the City's Building and Environmental Services Divisions; and,
  - D. No part of the expansion is located within the Metro UGMFP Title 3 Water Quality Area.
- (.17) New Single-Family Dwelling. The construction of a new single family dwelling is exempt unless the building encroaches into the Impact Area and/or the SROZ.
  - A. If the proposed building encroaches only into the Impact Area then an abbreviated SRIR may be required as specified in Section 4.139.05, unless it can be clearly determined by the Planning Director that the development proposal will have no impact on the Significant Resource. The primary purpose of the Impact Area is to insure that development does not encroach into the SROZ.

Development otherwise in compliance with the Planning and Land Development Ordinance may be authorized within the Impact Area.

- B. If the proposed building encroaches into the SROZ, then a complete or abbreviated SRIR report is required.
- (.18) Private or public service connection laterals and service utility extensions.
- (.19) A Stage II development permit or other development permits issued by the City and approved prior to the effective date of this ordinance.
- (.20) The installation of public streets and utilities specifically mapped within a municipal utility master plan, the Transportation Systems Plan or a capital improvement plan.
- (.21) Structures which are non conforming to the standards of this Section may be re-built in the event of damage due to fire or other natural hazard subject to Sections 4.189 4.192 of the Planning and Land Development Ordinance, provided that the structure is placed within the same foundation lines (See Figure NR-6.). An SRIR is not required to evaluate and reach a decision on the issuance of a permit to replace a structure subject to this paragraph.



(.22) Any impacts to resource functions from the above excepted activities, such as gravel construction pads, erosion/sediment control materials or damaged vegetation, shall be mitigated using appropriate repair or restoration/enhancement techniques.

#### Section 4.139.05 Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map Verification

Figure NR-6. Building Line Examples

The map verification requirements described in this Section shall be met at the time an applicant requests a building permit, grading permit, tree removal permit, land division approval, or other land use decision. Map verification shall not be used to dispute whether the mapped Significant Resource Overlay Zone boundary is a significant natural resource. Map refinements are subject to the requirements of Section 4.139.10(.01)(D).

- (.01) In order to confirm the location of the Significant Resource Overlay Zone, map verification shall be required or allowed as follows:
  - A. Development that is proposed to be either in the Significant Resource Overlay Zone or less than 100 feet outside of the boundary of the Significant Resource Overlay Zone, as shown on the Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map.
  - B. A lot or parcel that:
    - 1. Either contains the Significant Resource Overlay Zone, or any part of which is less than 100 feet outside the boundary of the Significant Resource Overlay Zone, as shown on the Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map; and
    - 2. Is the subject of a land use application for a partition, subdivision, or any land use application that the approval of which would authorize new development on the subject lot or parcel.
- (.02) An application for Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map Verification may be submitted even if one is not required pursuant to Section 4.139.05(.01).
- (.03) If a lot or parcel or parcel is subject to Section 4.139.05(.01), an application for Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map Verification shall be filed concurrently with the other land use applications referenced in Section 4.139.05(.01)(B)(2) unless a previously approved Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map Verification for the subject property remains valid.
- (.04) An applicant for Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map Verification shall use one or more of the following methods to verify the Significant Resource Overlay Zone boundary:
  - A. The applicant may concur with the accuracy of the Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map of the subject property;
  - B. The applicant may demonstrate a mapping error was made in the creation of the Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map;
  - C. The applicant may demonstrate that the subject property was developed lawfully prior to June 7, 2001.
- (.05) The Planning Director shall determine the location of any Significant Resource Overlay Zone on the subject property by considering information submitted by the applicant, information collected during any site visit that may be made to the subject property, information generated by Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map Verification that has occurred on adjacent properties, and any other relevant information that has been provided.
- (.06) For applications filed pursuant to Section 4.139.05(.04)(A) and (C), a Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map Verification shall be consistent with the submittal requirements listed under Section 4.139.06(.01)(B-H).
- (.07) For applications filed pursuant to Section 4.139.05(.04)(B), a Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map Verification shall be consistent with the submittal requirements

listed under Section [Section 4.139.05 added by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]

4.139.06(.02)(D)(1).

#### Section 4.139.06 Significant Resource Impact Report (SRIR) and Review Criteria

A Significant Resource Impact Report (SRIR) is a report that delineates specific resource boundaries and analyzes the impacts of development within mapped significant resource areas based upon the requirements of this Section. An SRIR is only required for non-exempt development that is located within the Significant Resource Overlay Zone and/or its associated 25 foot Impact Area.

The Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map identifies areas that have been classified as significant natural resources. The preparation of the Significant Resource Overlay Zone Map did not include specific field observations of every individual property. These maps are designed to be specific enough to determine whether further environmental review of a development proposal is necessary. If any portion of the development or alteration of the land (except those exempted by this Section) is located within the Significant Resource Overlay Zone boundary or the identified Impact Area, then an SRIR is required before any development permit can be issued. Where it can be clearly determined by the Planning Director that development is only in the Impact Area and there is no impact to the Significant Resource, development may be permitted without SRIR review.

The Planning Director may consult with a professional with appropriate expertise to evaluate an applicant's SRIR prepared under this Section or may rely on appropriate staff expertise, in order to properly evaluate the report's conclusions.

- (.01) Abbreviated SRIR Requirements. It is the intent of this subsection to provide a user-friendly process for the applicant. Only the materials necessary for the application review are required. At the discretion of the Planning Director, an abbreviated SRIR may be submitted for certain small-scale developments such as single family dwellings, additions to single family dwellings, minor additions and accessory structures. The following requirements shall be prepared and submitted as part of the abbreviated SRIR evaluation:
  - A. A Site Development Permit Application must be submitted in compliance with the Planning and Land Development Ordinance;
  - B. Outline of any existing features including, but not limited to, structures, decks, areas previously disturbed and existing utility locations\*;
  - C. Location of any wetlands or water bodies on the site and the location of the stream centerline and top-of-bank;
  - D. Within the area proposed to be disturbed, the location, size and species of all trees that are more than six (6) inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). Trees outside the area proposed to be disturbed may be individually shown or shown as drip line with an indication of species type or types;

- E. The location of the SROZ and Impact Area boundaries\*;
- F. A minimum of three slope cross-section measurements transecting the site, equally spaced at no more than 100-foot increments. The measurements should be made perpendicular to the stream\*;
- G. A map that delineates the Metro UGMFP Title 3 Water Quality Resource Area boundary (using Metro Title 3 field observed standards)\*;
- H. Current photos of site conditions shall be provided to supplement the above information\*.
- I. A narrative describing the possible and probable impacts to natural resources and a plan to mitigate for such impacts\*.
  - \*Indicates information that City Staff may have readily available to assist an applicant.
- (.02) Application Requirements for a Standard SRIR. The following requirements must be prepared and submitted as part of the SRIR evaluation for any development not included in paragraph A above:
  - A. A Site Development Permit Application must be submitted in compliance with the Planning and Land Development Ordinance.
  - B. The SRIR shall be conducted and prepared by a natural resource professional knowledgeable and qualified to complete such a report.
  - C. The qualifications of the person or persons preparing each element of the analysis shall be included with the SRIR.
  - D. The SRIR shall include the following:
    - 1. Physical Analysis. The analysis shall include, at a minimum:
      - a. Soil types;
      - b. Geology;
      - c. Hydrology of the site;
      - d. Outline of any existing features including, but not limited to, structures, decks, areas previously disturbed, and existing utility locations;
      - e. Location of any wetlands or water bodies on the site and the location of the stream centerline and top-of-bank.
      - f. Within the area proposed to be disturbed, the location, size and species of all trees that are more than six (6) inches DBH. Trees outside the area proposed to be disturbed may be individually shown or shown as drip line with an indication of species type or types;
      - g. A property survey together with topography shown by contour lines prepared at two-foot vertical intervals. Five-foot vertical intervals may be allowed for steep sloped areas. The survey shall be prepared by an Oregon Registered Land Surveyor or Civil Engineer.
      - h. The location of the SROZ and Impact Area boundaries;

- A minimum of three slope cross-section measurements transecting the site, equally spaced at no more than 100-foot increments. The measurements should be made perpendicular to the stream;
- j. A map that delineates the Metro UGMFP Title 3 Water Quality Resource Area boundary (using Metro Title 3 field observed standards);
- k. A map that delineates the Goal 5 safe harbor boundary (using the standards found within the Oregon Administrative Rule OAR 660-23(1996));
- I. The existing site significant resource conditions shall be determined and identified by a natural resource professional; and
- m. Current photos of site conditions shall be provided to supplement the above information.
- 2. The analysis shall include development recommendations including grading procedures, soil erosion control measures, slope stabilization measures, and methods of mitigating hydrologic impacts. For projects that affect possible wetlands, a copy of the Local Wetland Inventory (LWI) map pertaining to the site shall be provided. Notice of the proposal shall be given to the Oregon Division of State Lands and the Army Corp of Engineers.
- 3. Ecological Analysis. The Ecological Analysis shall include a map, using the Physical Analysis map as a base, showing the delineated boundaries and coverage of wetlands, riparian corridors, and wildlife habitat resources identified on the site.
  - a. Wetland boundaries shall be delineated using the method currently accepted by the Oregon Division of State Lands and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Riparian boundaries shall be delineated using the riparian corridor descriptions in this ordinance. Boundaries of mapped Goal 5 wildlife habitat shall be verified by field observation.
  - b. The analysis shall include an inventory that lists and describes the native and ornamental dominant and sub-dominant groundcover, shrub and tree species occurring on the site and wildlife observed during at least one site visit (specify date). The report shall also include recommended measures for minimizing the adverse impacts of the proposed development on unique and/or significant features of the ecosystem. The analysis shall include a report that discusses the ecological functions and values of the SROZ area, discussing each parameter listed below. The discussion shall be based on actual field observations and data obtained by a natural resource professional.
  - c. Wetlands (based on evaluation criteria in the Oregon Freshwater Wetlands Assessment Methodology (OFWAM), Oregon Division of State Lands)
    - i. wildlife habitat diversity
    - ii. fish habitat
    - iii. water quality protection

- iv. hydrologic control
- d. Wildlife Habitat (includes riparian corridors and upland forested areas)<sup>1</sup>
  - i. wildlife habitat diversity
  - ii. water quality protection
  - iii. ecological integrity
  - iv. connectivity
  - v. uniqueness
- e. Riparian Corridors 1

Stream-riparian ecosystems:

- i. Presence and abundance of Large Woody Debris (LWD) in and adjacent to stream
- ii. Tree/shrub canopy stream shade production (water temperature and aquatic plant growth control)
- iii. Erosion and sediment control by riparian vegetation
- iv. Water quality protection by riparian vegetation
- v. River-floodplain ecosystem (Willamette River)
- vi. Presence of functional floodplain (inundated annually)
- vii. Type and condition of functional floodplain vegetation
- viii. Use of river-floodplain by ESA-listed species
- ix. Role as wildlife corridor connecting significant wildlife habitat areas
- 4. Mitigation and Enhancement Proposal. The applicant must propose a Significant Resource mitigation and enhancement plan as part of the SRIR. The mitigation and enhancement shall increase the natural values and quality of the remaining Significant Resource lands located on the site or other location as approved by the City. The mitigation and enhancement proposal shall conform to the mitigation standards identified in this Section.
- 5. Waiver of Documentation: The Planning Director may waive the requirement that an SRIR be prepared where the required information has already been made available to the City, or may waive certain provisions where the Director determines that the information is not necessary to review the application. Such waivers may be appropriate for small-scale developments and shall be processed under Administrative Review. Where such waivers are granted by the Planning Director, the Director shall clearly indicate the reasons for doing so in the record, citing the relevant information relied upon in reaching the decision.
- (.03) SRIR Review Criteria. In addition to the normal Site Development Permit Application requirements as stated in the Planning and Land Development Ordinance, the following standards shall apply to the issuance of permits requiring an SRIR. The

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on criteria developed for the City of Wilsonville by Fishman Environmental Services, in the *Natural Resources Inventory and Goal 5/Title 3/ESA Compliance and Protection Plan: Inventory Update, 1999-2000* 

SRIR must demonstrate how these standards are met in a manner that meets the purposes of this Section.

- A. Except as specifically authorized by this code, development shall be permitted only within the Area of Limited Conflicting Use (see definition) found within the SROZ;
- B. Except as specifically authorized by this code, no development is permitted within Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan Title 3 Water Quality Resource Areas boundary;
- C. No more than five (5) percent of the Area of Limited Conflicting Use (see definition) located on a property may be impacted by a development proposal. On properties that are large enough to include Areas of Limited Conflicting Use on both sides of a waterway, no more than five (5) percent of the Area of Limited Conflicting Use on each side of the riparian corridor may be impacted by a development proposal. This condition is cumulative to any successive development proposals on the subject property such that the total impact on the property shall not exceed five (5) percent;
- D. Mitigation of the area to be impacted shall be consistent with Section 4.139.06 of this code and shall occur in accordance with the provisions of this Section;
- E. The impact on the Significant Resource is minimized by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action, by using appropriate technology or by taking affirmative steps to avoid, reduce or mitigate impacts;
- F. The impacts to the Significant Resources will be rectified by restoring, rehabilitating, or creating enhanced resource values within the "replacement area" (see definitions) on the site or, where mitigation is not practical on-site, mitigation may occur in another location approved by the City;
- G. Non-structural fill used within the SROZ area shall primarily consist of natural materials similar to the soil types found on the site;
- H. The amount of fill used shall be the minimum required to practically achieve the project purpose;
- Other than measures taken to minimize turbidity during construction, stream turbidity shall not be significantly increased by any proposed development or alteration of the site;
- J. Appropriate federal and state permits shall be obtained prior to the initiation of any activities regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Oregon Division of State Lands in any jurisdictional wetlands or water of the United States or State of Oregon, respectively.

#### Section 4.139.07 <u>Mitigation Standards</u>

The following mitigation standards apply to significant wildlife habitat resource areas for encroachments within the Area of Limited Conflicting Uses, and shall be followed by those proposing such encroachments. Wetland mitigation shall be conducted as per permit

conditions from the US Army Corps of Engineers and Oregon Division of State Lands. While impacts are generally not allowed in the riparian corridor resource area, permitted impacts shall be mitigated by: using these mitigation standards if the impacts are to wildlife habitat values; and using state and federal processes if the impacts are to wetland resources in the riparian corridor. Mitigation is not required for trees lost to a natural event such as wind or floods.

- (.01) The applicant shall review the appropriate Goal 5 Inventory Summary Sheets for wildlife habitat (i.e. upland) contained in the City of Wilsonville Natural Resource Inventory and Goal 5/Title 3/ESA Compliance and Protection Plan ("Compliance and Protection Plan"- May 2000) to determine the resource function ratings at the time the inventory was conducted.
- (.02) The applicant shall prepare a Mitigation Plan document containing the following elements:
  - A. The Mitigation Plan shall contain an assessment of the existing natural resource function ratings at the time of the proposed encroachment for the site compared to the function ratings recorded in the Compliance and Protection Plan.
  - B. The Mitigation Plan shall contain an assessment of the anticipated adverse impacts to significant wildlife habitat resources. The impact assessment shall discuss impacts by resource functions (as listed in the Compliance and Protection Plan, May 2000) for each resource type, and shall map the area of impact (square feet or acres) for each function.
  - C. The Mitigation Plan shall present a proposed mitigation action designed to replace the lost or impacted resource functions described in Subsection B, above. The mitigation plan shall be designed to replace lost or impacted functions by enhancement of existing resources on, or off the impact site, or creation of new resource areas.
  - D. For mitigation projects based on resource function enhancement, the area ratios presented in Table NR 2 shall be applied. These ratios are based on the resource function ratings at the time of the proposed action, as described in Subsection A, above. The mitigation action shall be conducted on the appropriate size area as determined by the ratios in Table NR 2.
  - E. The Mitigation Plan shall include a planting plan containing the following elements:
    - 1. Required Plants and Plant Densities. All trees, shrubs and ground cover shall be native vegetation. An applicant shall comply with Section 4.139.06(.02)(E)(1)(a) or (b), whichever results in more tree plantings, except where the disturbance area is one acre or more, the applicant shall comply with Section 4.139.06(.02)(E)(1)(b).
      - a. The mitigation requirement shall be calculated based on the number and size of trees that are removed from the site. Trees that are removed from

the site shall be replaced as shown in Table NR - 3. Conifers shall be replaced with conifers. Bare ground shall be planted or seeded with native grasses or herbs.

Table NR – 3: Tree Replacemen	t Requirements			
Size of Tree to be Removed (inches in diameter at breast height)	Number of Trees and Shrubs to be Planted			
6 to 12	2 trees and 3 shrubs			
over 12 to 18	3 trees and 6 shrubs			
over 18 to 24	5 trees and 12 shrubs			
over 24 to 30	7 trees and 18 shrubs			
over 30	10 trees and 30 shrubs			

- b. The mitigation requirement shall be calculated based on the size of the disturbance within the Significant Resource Overlay Zone. Native trees and shrubs shall be planted at a rate of five (5) trees and twenty-five (25) shrubs per every 500 square feet of disturbance area (calculated by dividing the number of square feet of disturbance area by 500, and then multiplying that result times five (5) trees and twenty-five (25) shrubs, and rounding all fractions to the nearest whole number of trees and shrubs; for example, if there will be 330 square feet of disturbance area, then 330 divided by 500 equals 0.66, and 0.66 times five equals 3.3, so three (3) trees shall be planted, and 0.66 times twenty-five (25) equals 16.5, so seventeen (17) shrubs shall be planted). Bare ground shall be planted or seeded with native grasses or herbs.
- 2. Plant Size. Replacement trees and shrubs shall be at least one-gallon in size and shall be at least twelve (12) inches in height.
- 3. Plant Spacing. Trees shall be planted between eight (8) and twelve (12) feet on center, and shrubs shall be planted between four (4) and five (5) feet on center, or clustered in single species groups of no more than four (4) plants, with each cluster planted between eight (8) and ten (10) feet on center. When planting near existing trees, the drip line of the existing tree shall be the starting point for plant spacing measurements.
- 4. Plant Diversity. Shrubs shall consist of at least two (2) different species. If five (5) trees or more are planted, then no more than fifty (50) percent of the trees may be of the same genus.
- 5. Invasive Vegetation. Invasive non-native or noxious vegetation shall be removed within the mitigation area prior to planting, and shall be removed or controlled for five (5) years following the date that the mitigation planting is completed.
- 6. Mulching and Browse Protection. Mulch shall be applied around new plantings at a minimum of three inches in depth and eighteen inches in

- diameter. Browse protection shall be installed on trees and shrubs. Mulching and browse protection shall be maintained during the two-year plant establishment period.
- 7. Tree and Shrub Survival. Trees and shrubs that die shall be replaced in kind to the extent necessary to ensure that a minimum of eighty (80) percent of the trees and shrubs initially required shall remain alive on the fifth anniversary of the date that the mitigation planting is completed. [Section 4.139.07(.02)(E.) added by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]
- (.03) Proposals for mitigation action where new natural resource functions and values are created (i.e. creating wetland or wildlife habitat where it does not presently exist) will be reviewed and may be approved by the Development Review Board or Planning Director if it is determined that the proposed action will create natural resource functions and values that are equal to or greater than those lost by the proposed impact activity.
- (.04) Mitigation actions shall be implemented prior to or at the same time as the impact activity is conducted.
- (.05) Mitigation plans shall have clearly stated goals and measurable performance standards.
- (.06) All mitigation plans shall contain a monitoring and maintenance plan to be conducted for a period of five years following mitigation implementation. The applicant shall be responsible for ongoing maintenance and management activities, and shall submit an annual report to the Planning Director documenting such activities, and reporting progress towards the mitigation goals. The report shall contain, at a minimum, photographs from established photo points, quantitative measure of success criteria, including plant survival and vigor if these are appropriate data. The Year 1 annual report shall be submitted one year following mitigation action implementation. The final annual report (Year 5 report) shall document successful satisfaction of mitigation goals, as per the stated performance standards. If the ownership of the mitigation site property changes, the new owners will have the continued responsibilities established by this section.
- (.07) The Mitigation Plan document shall be prepared by a natural resource professional.
- (.08) Prior to any site clearing, grading or construction, the SROZ area shall be staked, and fenced per approved plan. During construction, the SROZ area shall remain fenced and undisturbed except as allowed by an approved development permit.
- (.09) For any development which creates multiple parcels intended for separate ownership, the City shall require that the SROZ areas on the site be encumbered with a conservation easement or tract.
- (.10) The City may require a conservation easement over the SROZ that would prevent the owner from activities and uses inconsistent with the purpose of this Section and any easements therein. The purpose of the conservation easement is to conserve

and protect resources as well as to prohibit certain activities that are inconsistent with the purposes of this section. Such conservation easements do not exclude the installation of utilities.

- (.11) At the Planning Directors discretion, mitigation requirements may be modified based on minimization of impacts at the impact activity site. Where such modifications are granted by the Planning Director, the Director shall clearly indicate the reasons for doing so in the record, citing the relevant information relied upon in reaching the decision.
- (.12) The Director may study the possibility of a payment-in-lieu-of system for natural resource impact mitigation. This process would involve the public acquisition and management of natural resource properties partially funded by these payments.

TABLE NR – 4: NATURAL RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT MITIGATION RATIOS

Existing Function* Rating at Impact Site	Existing Function* Rating at Mitigation Site	Proposed Function* Rating at Mitigation Site	Area Ratio (Mitigation:Impact)
L	L	М	2:1
L	L	Н	1 ½ : 1
L	М	н	2:1
М	L	М	3:1
М	L	Н	2:1
М	M	Н	2 ½ : 1
Н	L	М	4:1
Н	L	Н	3:1
Н	М	Н	2 ½ : 1
Н	Н	H+	5:1

<sup>\*</sup> mitigation function (i.e water quality, ecological integrity) shall be the same as impacted function

NOTE: These mitigation ratios were created by specifically for the Natural Resources Plan by Fishman Environmental Services.

#### Examples for using Table NR - 4 - the Doe Property

The Doe property (fictitious) was rated as a significant wildlife habitat site in the 2000 Compliance and Protection Plan report with the following function ratings: wildlife habitat, L

<sup>+</sup> improve on a H rating

(low plant diversity); water quality protection, M (adjacent to the Willamette River); ecological integrity, L (a planted woodland); connectivity, M (adjacent to larger forest unit); and uniqueness, L (no sensitive species or unique natural features). In 2015, the function ratings were determined to be the same, except for wildlife habitat, which increased to M and ecological integrity, which rated M, both due to an increase in native plant species diversity and a reduction in Himalayan blackberry resulting from good stewardship practices by the Doe family. A project proposed by the Does would remove 0.2 acre of trees, shrubs and ground cover plants in the Area of Limited Conflicting Uses having an impact on wildlife habitat function. The Does propose to mitigate for the impact by enhancing another area of their property that has continuing invasive plant problems. By removing blackberry, instituting a 5-year blackberry control program, and planting/maintaining native shrubs, they will improve the mitigation site ratings for wildlife habitat and ecological integrity from L to M. Using Table NR - 2, they determine that a 3:1 ratio will be required, and they plan to enhance 0.6 acres of the mitigation site.

Calculation summary: existing function rating at impact site = M

existing function rating at mitigation site = L proposed function rating at mitigation site = M

Table NR - 4 required ration = 3:1

Impact area X = 0.2 acre X = 0.6 acre.

Note: both impacted functions are mitigated by the same action.

#### Calculation summary:

Wildlife Habitat function:

existing function rating at impact site = H existing rating at mitigation site = H

proposed function rating at mitigation site = H+

Table NR - 4 required ratio = 5:1

Impact area X = 0.04 acre X = 0.2 acre

Water Quality Protection function:

existing function rating at impact site = H

existing rating at mitigation site = M

proposed function rating at mitigation site = H

Table NR - 4 required ratio = 21/2:1

Impact area X  $2\frac{1}{2}$  = 0.04 acre X  $2\frac{1}{2}$  = 0.1 acre

#### Section 4.139.08 Activities Requiring a Class I Administrative Review Process

(.01) Class I Procedure for Amending the Significant Resource Overlay Zone Boundary. The Director may authorize an adjustment to the SROZ by a maximum of 2% (two percent) of the Area of Limited Conflicting Use. On properties that are large enough to include Areas of Limited Conflicting Use on both sides of a waterway or wetland, no more than 2% of the Area of Limited Conflicting Use on each side of the riparian corridor may be adjusted, provided the applicant demonstrates that the following standards are met:

- A. The proposed adjustment is located in an Area of Limited Conflicting Use as determined through a site assessment and SRIR;
- B. The area within the Significant Resource Overlay Zone is not reduced to less than the requirements of Metro's UGMFP Title 3 Water Quality Resource Areas for the site;
- C. The adjustment shall be located in the outermost 10% of the significant resource area as it runs near or parallel to a riparian corridor. Where no riparian corridor exists on the site, the adjustment shall be made in a manner which protects the highest resource values on the site;
- D. The conclusions of the SRIR confirm that the area where the project is proposed does not significantly contribute to the protection of the remaining Significant Resource for water quality, storm water control and wildlife habitat;
- E. The line to be adjusted has not been previously adjusted from the boundary location originally adopted as part of this Section; and
- F. The land proposed to be removed through the use of this adjustment process do not contain more than three healthy trees, as determined by an arborist, that are greater than 6 inches DBH.
- G. Any change to the SROZ boundary authorized through this Section shall be noted on the official zoning map of the City.
- (.02) Applications that do not meet all of the above criteria shall be processed as a Class II Administrative Review.

#### Section 4.139.09 Activities Requiring a Class II Administrative Review Process

- (.01) The review of any action requiring an SRIR except:
  - A. Activities and uses exempt under this Section;
  - B. Adjustments permitted as a Class I Administrative Review.
  - C. Adjustments permitted as part of a Development Review Board public hearing process.
- (.02) Single family dwelling or the expansion of a single family dwelling on lots with limited buildable land. Single family dwelling or the expansion of a single family dwelling which meet all of the following requirements:
  - A. The lot was legally created and has less than 5,000 square feet of buildable land located outside the SROZ; and
  - B. No more than one single family house is permitted on the property and no more than 3,000 square feet of land is to be developed by impervious improvements within the SROZ; and
  - C. The single-family structure shall be sited in a location, which reduces the impacts to the Significant Resources.

- D. An Abbreviated SRIR is required to be submitted.
- (.03) The expansion of an existing single family dwelling or structures that are accessory to a single-family dwelling located inside Metro's UGMFP Title 3 Water Quality Resource Areas.
  - A. The expansion of a single family structure or improvement is located no closer to the stream or wetland area than the existing structures, roadways, driveways or accessory uses and development; and
  - B. The coverage of all structures shall not be increased by more than 600 square feet, based on the coverage in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance; and
  - C. The applicant must obtain the approval of an erosion and sediment control plan from the City's Building and Environmental Services Divisions.
  - D. In determining appropriate conditions of approval, the applicant shall:
    - Demonstrate that no reasonably feasible alternative design or method of development exists that would have a lesser impact on the Water Quality Resource Area than the one proposed; and
    - If no such reasonably feasible alternative design or method of development exists, the project shall be conditioned to limit its disturbance and impact on the Water Quality Resource to the minimum extent necessary to achieve the proposed addition, alteration, restoration, replacement or rehabilitation; and
    - 3. Provide mitigation consistent with Section 4.139.06 to ensure that impacts to the functions and values of the Water Quality Resource Area will be mitigated or restored to the extent practicable.

#### Section 4.139.10 Development Review Board (DRB) Process

The following actions require review through a Development Review Board quasi-judicial process. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to require a hearing body to approve a request for a permit under this Section.

- (.01) <u>Exceptions</u>. The following exceptions may be authorized through a Development Review Board quasi-judicial review procedure.
  - A. Unbuildable Lot. For existing non-developed lots that are demonstrated to be unbuildable by the provisions of this Section, the SROZ shall be reduced or removed to assure the lot will be buildable by allowing up to 3,000 square feet of land to be developed by impervious improvements for residential use, or 5,000 square feet of impervious improvements for non-residential uses, while still providing for the maximum protection of the significant resources, if not in conflict with any other requirements of the Planning and Land Development Ordinance. This section shall not apply to lots created after the effective date of this ordinance.

- B. Large Lot Exception. An exception under this paragraph is authorized and may allow impact into wetlands, riparian corridors and wildlife habitat areas, and shall not be limited to locations solely within the Area of Limited Conflicting Use. Mitigation is required, and for wetland impacts, state and federal permit requirements shall be followed. An exception to the standards of this Section may be authorized where the following conditions apply:
  - 1. The lot is greater than one acre in size; and
  - 2. At least 85 percent of the lot is located within the SROZ based on surveyed resource and property line boundaries; and
  - 3. No more than 10 percent of the area located within the SROZ on the property may be excepted and used for development purposes; and
  - 4. Through the review of an SRIR, it is determined that a reduction of the SROZ does not reduce the values listed on the City of Wilsonville Natural Resource Function Rating Matrix for the resource site; and
  - 5. The proposal is sited in a location that avoids or minimizes impacts to the significant resource to the greatest extent possible.
  - 6. For purposes of this subsection, "lot" refers to an existing legally created lot of record as of the date of the adoption of the SROZ.
- C. Public. If the application of this Section would prohibit a development proposal by a public agency or public utility, the agency or utility may apply for an exception pursuant to this Section. The hearing body shall use the SRIR review criteria identified within this section.
- D. Map Refinement process. The applicant may propose to amend the SROZ boundary through a Development Review Board quasi-judicial zone change where more detailed information is provided, such as a state approved wetland delineation. The criteria for amending the SROZ are as follows:
  - 1. Any map refinement must be evaluated by considering the riparian corridor types contained in this ordinance.
  - 2. Other supporting documents to be considered in evaluating a proposal to refine a map include, but are not limited to:
    - a. Natural Resources Inventories (LWI/RCI);
    - b. The Economic, Social, Environmental and Energy (ESEE) Analysis;
    - c. Metro Functional Plans;
    - d. Wilsonville Comprehensive Plan;
    - e. State approved wetland delineations;
    - f. Detailed slope analysis
  - 3. An SRIR must be prepared by the applicant in conformance with the provisions of this Section.
  - 4. The Hearing Body (including City Council) may amend the Significant Resource Overlay Zone (in or out) upon making a determination that the land area in question is or is not a significant resource. The criteria for

determining that land is significant shall be based on finding that the site area has at least one rating of "high" using the function criteria listed in the Natural Resource Function Rating Matrices.

- (.02) Adding Wetlands. Except for water quality or storm water detention facilities, the City shall initiate amendments to the Significant Resource Overlay Zone maps to add wetlands when the City receives significant evidence that a wetland meets any one of the following criteria:
  - A. The wetland is fed by surface flows, sheet flows or precipitation, and has evidence of flooding during the growing season, and has 60 percent or greater vegetated cover, and is over one-half acre in size; or the wetland qualifies as having intact water quality function under the 1996 Oregon Freshwater Wetland Assessment Methodology; or
  - B. The wetland is in the Metro Title 3 Flood Management Area as corrected by the most current FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps, and has evidence of flooding during the growing season, and is five acres or more in size, and has a restricted outlet or no outlet; or the wetland qualifies as having intact hydrologic control function under the 1996 Oregon Freshwater Wetland Assessment Methodology; or
  - C. The wetland or a portion of the wetland is within a horizontal distance of less than one fourth mile from a water body which meets the Department of Environmental Quality definition of water quality limited water body in OAR Chapter 340, Division 41 (1996).
  - D. Created or restored wetlands that meet the requirements of Section 4.139.10(.02) shall be added to the Significant Resource Overlay Zone. [Added by Ord. # 674 11/16/09]
- (.03) Development of structures, additions and improvements that relate to uses other than single family residential.
- (.04) <u>Variances</u>. A variance may be taken to any of the provisions of this Section per the standards of Section 4.196 of the Planning and Land Development Ordinance.

#### Section 4.139.11 Special Provisions

- (.01) Reduced front, rear and side yard setback. Applications on properties containing the SROZ may reduce the front, rear and side yard setback for developments or additions to protect the significant resource, as approved by the Development Review Board.
- (.02) <u>Density Transfer</u>. For residential development proposals on lands which contain the SROZ, a transfer of density shall be permitted within the development proposal site. The following formula shall be used to calculate the density that shall be permitted for allowed residential use on the property:

- A. Step 1. Calculate Expected Maximum Density. The Expected Maximum Density (EMD) is calculated by multiplying the acreage of the property by the maximum density permitted in the Wilsonville Comprehensive Plan.
- B. Step 2. The density that shall be permitted on the property shall be equal to the EMD obtained in Step 1, provided:
  - 1. The density credit can only be transferred to that portion of the development site that is not located within the designated Significant Resource; and
  - 2. 50% of the maximum number of dwelling units that are within the SROZ are allowed to be transferred to the buildable portion of the proposed development site provided that the standards for outdoor living area, landscaping, building height and parking shall still be met. Applicants proposing a density transfer must demonstrate compatibility between adjacent properties as well as satisfy the setback requirements of the zone in which the development is proposed or meet Section 4.139.10 A. above; and
  - 3. The types of residential uses and other applicable standards permitted in the zone shall remain the same; and
  - 4. Land area within the Significant Resource Overlay Zone may be used to satisfy the requirements for outdoor recreation/open space area consistent with the provisions found in Section 4.113 of the Planning and Land Development Ordinance.
- (.03) Alteration of constructed drainageways. Alteration of constructed drainageways may be allowed provided that such alterations do not adversely impact stream flows, flood storage capacity and in stream water quality and provide more efficient use of the land as well as provide improved habitat value through mitigation, enhancement and/or restoration. Such alterations must be evaluated through an SRIR and approved by the City Engineer and Development Review Board.