

BALER WAY TSP AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

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Summary:

The applicant, Washington County, proposes to amend the City of Sherwood's Transportation System Plan (TSP) to add a new street which would extend Baler Way north of Tualatin Sherwood Road into the area immediately west of Adams Avenue, known as the Adams Avenue North Concept Plan area. The primary purpose of the street extension is to develop access and street system improvements to address capacity and safety issues in the area. As shown in **Figure 1**, the Baler Way extension would be designated as a collector for the southern and eastern segments and as a local street for the northern segment. This amendment would modify Figure 8-1 (Functional Classification Map) and Figure 8-7 (Streets Where ROW Is Planned for More Than Two Lanes).

Review Type:

The proposed map amendment requires a Type V (Legislative) review before the Planning Commission and City Council. As required, a Neighborhood Meeting to present the proposal was held for which notice was provided to property owners within 1,000' of the proposed map amendment. Documentation of the meeting has been submitted with the application materials.

Background:

Washington County is currently making safety and capacity improvements for Tualatin Sherwood Road, which includes roadway widening, access management, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), and off-corridor circulation. The roadway widening and access management elements are being addressed as part of the MSTIP 3d Tualatin-Sherwood Road (Adams to Borchers) project, which is currently in design. The ITS element will be evaluated over the next year as the County implements improved traffic signal timing along Tualatin-Sherwood Road from Teton Avenue to OR 99W and along OR 99W from the Home Depot intersection to Sunset Boulevard with the possibility of using adaptive signal timing. The purpose of this TSP amendment is to address the off-corridor circulation element of the County's overall strategy for making safety and capacity improvements for Tualatin Sherwood Road.

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APPLICABLE DEVELOPMENT CODE CRITERIA

16.80.030 - Review Criteria

B. Map Amendment

An amendment to the City Zoning Map may be granted, provided that the proposal satisfies all applicable requirements of the adopted Sherwood Comprehensive Plan, the Transportation System Plan and this Code, and that:

1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the Transportation System Plan.

RESPONSE: *As is demonstrated further in this application, the amendment is consistent with the applicable goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the Transportation System Plan.*

3. The proposed amendment is timely, considering the pattern of development in the area, surrounding land uses, any changes which may have occurred in the neighborhood or community to warrant the proposed amendment, and the availability of utilities and services to serve all potential uses in the proposed zoning district.

RESPONSE: *The proposed map amendment will allow for the future development of a public transportation facility that will provide surrounding land uses with improved access and circulation. The area to be served is zoned Light Industrial, Light Industrial-PUD, Office Commercial and General Commercial zoning districts that, when built out or redeveloped, will generate up to 6,000 trips. The proposed roadway is consistent with the Adams Avenue North Concept Plan and the I-5 to 99W Connector Project, and will provide additional connectivity off of Tualatin Sherwood Road, a major arterial. The proposed roadway also aligns with and provides a continuation of SW Baler Way to the south, a designated collector. For these reasons, the proposed roadway supports the pattern of development in the area.*

The amendment is timely in that Washington County is currently making safety and capacity improvements for Tualatin Sherwood Road on the whole, of which the TSP amendment is one element. In particular, the County is presently designing improvements to Tualatin Sherwood Road to include the Baler intersection in order to reduce congestion and improve safety in conjunction with construction to begin in 2014. As the scope of the City's current TSP update does not address new roadways; Washington County has made application to do so which is both timely and consistent with the pattern of development in the area. This criterion is met.

C. Transportation Planning Rule Consistency

1. Review of plan and text amendment applications for effect on transportation facilities. Proposals shall be reviewed to determine whether it significantly affects a transportation facility, in accordance with OAR 660-12-0060 (the TPR). Review is required when a development application includes a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan or changes to land use regulations.

RESPONSE: *The proposed TSP amendment is an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan subject to review to determine whether it significantly affects a transportation facility. The attached memorandum from DKS Associates, dated September 17, 2013, provides this review in accordance with OAR 660-12-0060. This criterion is met.*

2. "Significant" means that the transportation facility would change the functional classification of an existing or planned transportation facility, change the standards implementing a functional classification, allow types of land use, allow types or levels of land use that would result in levels of travel or access that are inconsistent with the functional classification of a transportation

of travel or access that are inconsistent with the functional classification of a transportation facility, or would reduce the level of service of the facility below the minimum level identified on the Transportation System Plan.

RESPONSE: *As demonstrated in the attached memorandum from DKS Associates dated September 17, 2013, the proposed TSP amendment will not result in a significant effect to a transportation facility. This review criterion is met.*

3. Per OAR 660-12-0060, Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan or changes to land use regulations which significantly affect a transportation facility shall assure that allowed land uses are consistent with the function, capacity, and level of service of the facility identified in the Transportation System Plan. This shall be accomplished by one of the following:
 - a. Limiting allowed uses to be consistent with the planned function of the transportation facility.
 - b. Amending the Transportation System Plan to ensure that existing, improved, or new transportation facilities are adequate to support the proposed land uses.
 - c. Altering land use designations, densities or design requirements to reduce demand for automobile travel and meet travel needs through other modes.

RESPONSE: *The proposed TSP amendment does not result in a significant effect to a transportation facility; therefore, this criterion does not apply.*

APPLICABLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICIES

B. GOALS, POLICIES, AND STRATEGIES

Goal 1: Provide a supportive transportation network to the land use plan that provides opportunities for transportation choices and the use of alternative modes serving all neighborhoods and businesses.

Policy 1 – The City will ensure that public roads and streets are planned to provide safe, convenient, efficient and economic movement of persons, goods and services between and within the major land use activities. Existing rights of way shall be classified and improved and new streets built based on the type, origin, destination and volume of current and future traffic.

RESPONSE: *The proposed roadway provides needed internal circulation for several large parcels zoned Light Industrial-LI and General Commercial-GC. Per the traffic memorandum, these parcels will generate up to 6,000 trips related to the movement of goods and services within these major land use activities.*

The proposed designation for this roadway between Tualatin Sherwood Road is a collector, consistent with the purpose of collectors which is to "Provide both access and circulation within and between residential and commercial/industrial areas." (TSP Table 1. Functional Classification Definitions). This facility would specifically provide enhanced regional connectivity and connect Baler Way to the proposed northern arterial, which would provide a regional connection. The north segment of the roadway is proposed as a local street as its primary function is to serve local land uses as planned in the Adams Avenue North Concept Plan.

The justification for a collector designation for the southern segment is per Washington County's access management standards. Washington County's Community Development Code specifies that an arterial, which is the functional classification of Tualatin Sherwood Road, shall only be interested by collectors or other arterials.

Therefore, because the roadway 1) provides needed internal circulation that facilitates the safe, convenient, efficient and economic movement of persons, goods and services between and within the major land use activities; 2) is substantially consistent with the City's collector street and local street functional classification definitions; and 3) is consistent with Washington County access standards, this criterion is met.

Policy 2 – Through traffic shall be provided with routes that do not congest local streets and impact residential areas. Outside traffic destined for Sherwood business and industrial areas shall have convenient and efficient access to commercial and industrial areas without the need to use residential streets.

RESPONSE: *The proposed roadway creates additional connectivity to and within a commercial and industrial area and will not congest local streets or impact residential areas. This criterion is met.*

Policy 3 – Local traffic routes within Sherwood shall be planned to provide convenient circulation between home, school, work, recreation and shopping. Convenient access to major out-of-town routes shall be provided from all areas of the city.

RESPONSE: *This new roadway provides direct access to Tualatin Sherwood Road, a major arterial, that connects to out-of-town destinations and is consistent and compatible with to the northern arterial at Adams Avenue. The proposed alignment is also consistent with the both of the plans (I-5 to 99W Connector and Adams Avenue North Concept Plan) that were completed since the Sherwood TSP was last updated. The segment designated as a local street provides access to local land uses within the Adams Avenue North Concept Plan. This criterion is met.*

Policy 6 – The City shall work to ensure the transportation system is developed in a manner consistent with state and federal standards for the protection of air, land and water quality, including the State Implementation Plan for complying with the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.

RESPONSE: *The proposed map amendment does not preclude future compliance with these standards which are implemented by Clean Water Services (water quality) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (air quality). This review criterion is met.*

Policy 8 – The City of Sherwood shall consider infrastructure improvements with the least impact to the environment.

RESPONSE: *The proposed roadway is located within the urban growth boundary and avoids known environmental resources including wetlands (Figure 2) and riparian habitat (Figure 3) and areas designated as Refuge Sanctuary within the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge (Figure 4). This review criterion is met.*

Goal 2: Develop a transportation system that is consistent with the City's adopted comprehensive land use plan and with the adopted plans of state, local, and regional jurisdictions.

Policy 1 – The City shall implement the transportation plan based on the functional classification of streets shown in Table 8-1.

RESPONSE: *The designation for the proposed roadway is a collector street which is one of the City's functional classifications implemented by the TSP. The segment to the north is proposed as a local street per the TSP's definition. This criterion is met.*

Policy 2 – The City shall maintain a transportation plan map that shows the functional classification of all streets within the Sherwood urban growth area. Changes to the functional classification of streets must be approved through an amendment to the Sherwood Comprehensive Plan, Part 2, Chapter 6 - Transportation Element.

RESPONSE: *The proposed roadway will amend the City's Transportation System Plan which is part of the Sherwood Comprehensive Plan, Part 2, Chapter 6 - Transportation Element. This criterion is met.*

Policy 3 – The Sherwood transportation system plan shall be consistent with the city's adopted land use plan and with transportation plans and policies of other local jurisdictions, especially Washington County, Clackamas County, City of Wilsonville, and the City of Tualatin.

RESPONSE: *As demonstrated in the responses to the applicable TSP policies, the proposed amendment is consistent with the adopted TSP. The adopted TSP has been found to be consistent with the city's adopted land use plan and transportation plans and policies of other local jurisdictions. Therefore, because the proposal is consistent with the adopted TSP, this criterion is met.*

Policy 5 – The City shall adopt a street classification system that is compatible with Washington County Functional Classification System for areas inside the Washington County Urban Area Plan and with Washington County 2020 Transportation Plan (Ordinance 588).

RESPONSE: *The proposed functional classifications for the new public roadway include a collector street for the segment connecting Baler Way at Tualatin Sherwood Road to the northern arterial at Adams Avenue, and local street for the north segment. These are consistent the City's functional classifications in its adopted TSP that has been deemed to be compatible with Washington County Functional Classification System for areas inside the Washington County Urban Area Plan and with Washington County 2020 Transportation Plan. This criterion is met.*

Goal 3: Establish a clear and objective set of transportation design and development regulations that addresses all elements of the city transportation system and that promote access to and utilization of a multi-modal transportation system.

Policy 7 – The City of Sherwood will generally favor granting property access from the street with the lowest functional classification, including alleys. Additional access to arterials and collectors for single family units shall be prohibited and use access from frontage roads and local streets. Frontage roads shall be designed as local streets.

RESPONSE: *The proposed roadway will allow for commercial and industrial access onto a collector street or local street. Property-specific access to the roadway will be regulated by the City at a future design phase or a land use action and is not applicable to the proposed TSP amendment. This criterion is met.*

Policy 8: The City will adopt access control and spacing standards for all arterial and collector streets to improve safety and promote efficient through street movement. Access control measures shall be generally consistent with Washington County access guidelines to ensure consistency on city and county roads.

RESPONSE: *The proposed roadway will align with an existing signalized access at SW Baler Way. This TSP amendment does not propose to change the City's or County's adopted standards for access control or spacing for arterials or collectors. This criterion is met.*

APPLICABLE STATEWIDE PLANNING GOALS

GOAL 1 (Citizen Involvement)

RESPONSE: *The applicant, Washington County provided notification for and conducted a neighborhood meeting in compliance with the public notification requirements for a Type V land use application. Further public notice is to be provided by the City of Sherwood which includes opportunities for written and oral testimony at public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council. This criterion is met.*

GOAL 2 (Land Use Planning)

RESPONSE: *The applicant, Washington County, has addressed all applicable land use approval criteria for a TSP map amendment. The application will be reviewed by the City of Sherwood in accordance with the approval process for a Type V (Legislative) land use application. This criterion is met.*

GOAL 12 (Transportation)

RESPONSE: *Goal 12 is implemented through the Transportation Planning Rule ("TPR"). As demonstrated in the previous responses for Transportation Planning Rule Consistency under 16.80.030 - Review Criteria, the proposal is consistent with the TPR. Therefore, the proposal is consistent with Goal 12. This criterion is met.*

PROPOSED SHERWOOD TSP AMENDMENT
BALER WAY EXTENSION
FIGURE 1



HWY 99/ADAMS AVE EXTENSION
TSP AMENDMENT

**BALER WAY
EXTENSION
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ADAMS AVENUE
(CONSTRUCTION
UNDERWAY)

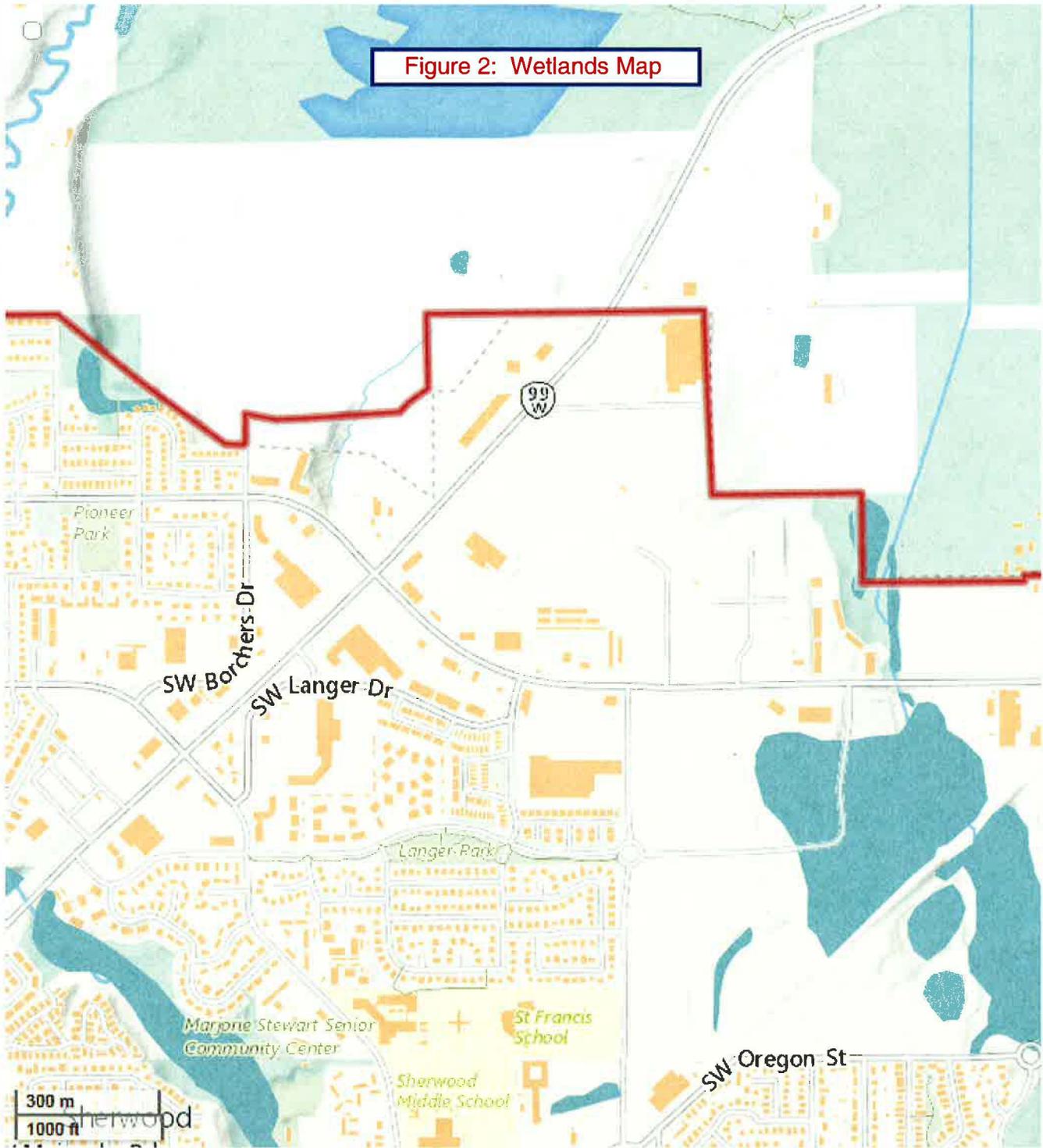
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IDENTIFIED IN THE I-5
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- PROPOSED COLLECTOR ROADWAY
- PROPOSED LOCAL ROADWAY

Figure 2: Wetlands Map

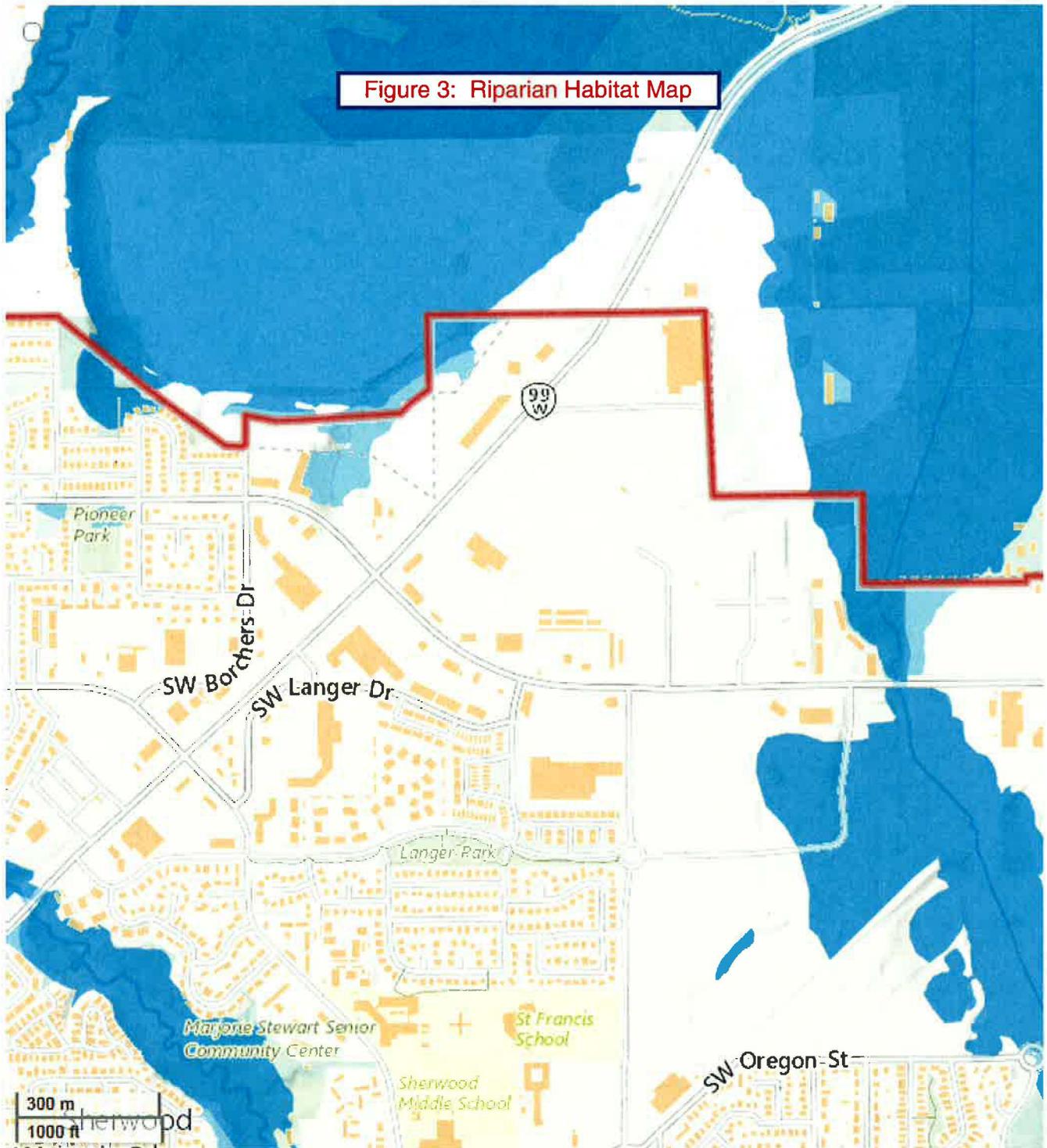


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Figure 3: Riparian Habitat Map



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Figure 4: Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

