

Why is the City of Wilsonville adopting this policy?

Fish and wildlife have a special place in most Oregonians' hearts. What it means to be an Oregonian is closely associated with the many beautiful landscapes found here and the species that inhabit them. The City of Wilsonville has taken steps to protect and conserve natural resources. It is important to maintain the balance between the rapid growth of developed areas and the ecologically important natural resource areas

that provide habitat for fish and wildlife. Through guidelines such as this policy and working cooperatively with landowners, the city has identified and continues to protect important natural resource areas.

What natural resources are protected under the city's development code?

A variety of natural resources are protected and conserved under the city's development code. These include streams, riparian corridors, wetlands, forests, and individual trees. It is important to maintain the long-term viability of these natural resources by reducing the impacts of development, which may include grading, filling, paving, tree or vegetation removal and the construction of buildings or other structures.

What is the Natural Resources Annexation Policy?

This policy is aimed at protecting streams, riparian corridors, wetlands, forests and individual trees.

Who is affected by this policy?

The policy encourages property owners interested in petitioning the city for annexation to preserve and protect significant natural resources and trees prior to annexation in a manner consistent with the city's development code.

Property currently within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) is subject to the provisions of the policy. For property outside the UGB, the provisions of the policy are for informational or educational purposes only.

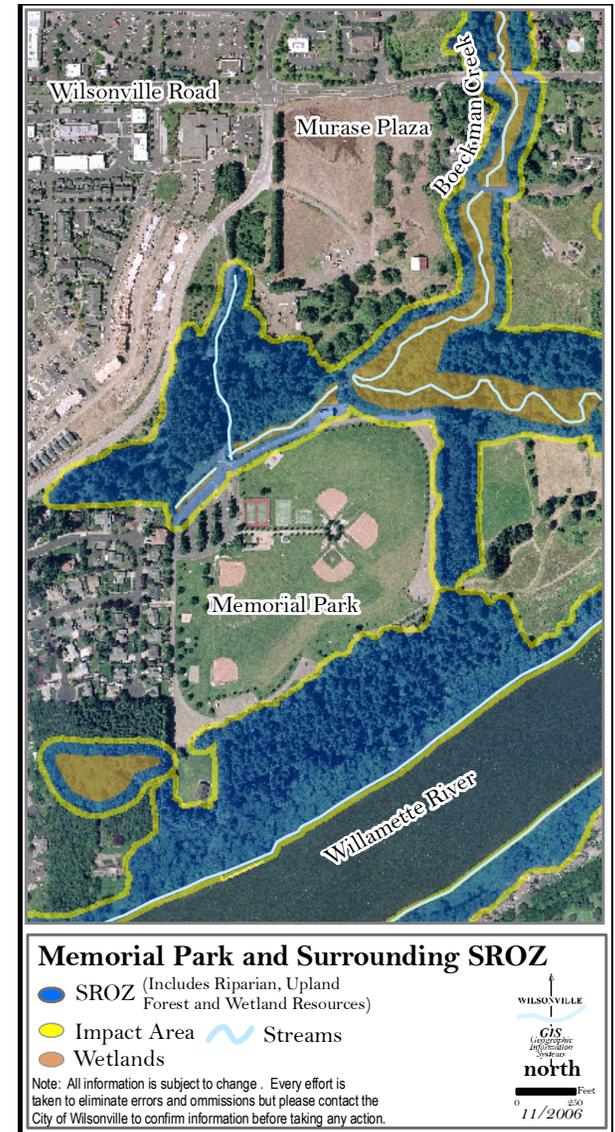


Coffee Lake Wetlands

If a property owner seeks annexation to the City of Wilsonville in the future, this policy requires the property owner to demonstrate compliance with the city's development code prior to annexation. If a property owner is not interested in seeking annexation by the city, it does not affect the use of their property.

Significant Resource Overlay Zone

The example shown below is a map depicting the city's Significant Resource Overlay Zone in the area of Memorial Park. The SROZ throughout the city protects and conserves local natural resources on public and private property.



What are the benefits of preserving and protecting natural resources?

- **Quality of life**

Natural resource areas reduce the levels of congestion, traffic and noise that may be associated with development. These spaces also provide recreational opportunities and improve the aesthetic quality of the area.

- **Sense of community**

The protection of natural resources brings people together, united in the goal of improving their community. Protection also provides neighborhood stability and buffers between developed areas.

- **Ecological**

Natural resource areas filter air and water and buffer the impacts of flooding on developed areas. This helps preserve the ecosystems and habitats of the area, in turn preserving the species that live there.

A woodpecker
in Memorial
Park



- **Economic**

Natural resource areas improve property values and attracts and retains economic investment in the form of residents and new businesses who move to the area.

How can property owners determine if they are in compliance with the city's requirements?

City staff is available to work with property owners to determine the level of natural resource protection required and the steps that a property owner would have to take prior to seeking annexation.



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Natural Resources
into the Future*



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