

RESOLUTION NO. 293

A RESOLUTION OUTLINING THE PARTNERSHIP CREATED WITH THE CITY OF AURORA, SMALL TOWN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (STEP) OF THE RENSSELAERVILLE INSTITUTE (TRI) AND THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ); AND THE COMMITMENT OF ALL PARTIES TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPECTIVE INTENTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

WHEREAS the City of Aurora has contracted with an engineering firm to conduct a Wastewater Facilities Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has signed State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement R11860 with the intent to fund the Wastewater Facilities Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora agrees to the principles of the partnership with the Small Towns Environment Program (STEP) of The Rensselaerville Institute (TRI) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) contained in the Step Resolution document (attachment "A"); and

WHEREAS, the information contained in Attachment "A" is not a contract or other form of legally binding document; now therefore,

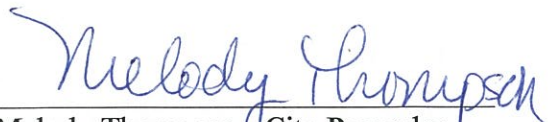
BE IT RESOLVED that the Aurora City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign Attachment "A" of the Step Resolution document as presented.

ADOPTED by the Aurora City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof on Tuesday, January 30, 1996.



Richard Harrison - Mayor

ATTEST:



Melody Thompson City Recorder

STEP-Oregon Resolution

STEP-Oregon is a partnership created to help small communities solve their environmental needs by using local resources - especially volunteerism - to the fullest possible extent. The City of Aurora (Aurora) joins the Small Towns Environment Program (STEP) of The Rensselaerville Institute (TRI) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in this partnership, and through this Resolution all parties commit their full faith and effort to successfully achieve the results herein described.

This Resolution is not a contract or other form of legally binding document. However, this document does serve to formally recognize the commitment of all parties to carry out their respective intentions and responsibilities. We believe that participation in the STEP-Oregon program will provide an opportunity for Aurora and the State of Oregon to develop a partnership that will address the city's environmental needs at a significantly reduced cost. It is our goal to make this a useful and rewarding experience for Aurora, TRI, and the DEQ.

Aurora recognizes that the environmental need to be addressed through the STEP-Oregon Program is a sewer system for the city. Aurora further recognizes that the STEP-Oregon Program does not relieve the city of compliance with federal, state, and local environmental requirements. Instead, STEP-Oregon will provide a process through which Aurora can inform and involve its citizens in the sewer project, prioritize and implement the different steps of the project, and coordinate a long-term strategy for achieving and maintaining the goals of the project. All parties recognize that the intent of this Resolution is contingent upon the ongoing desire of the citizens of Aurora for a sewer system to safeguard their health and welfare, to protect groundwater quality, and to preserve Aurora's quality of life for future generations.

TRI and the DEQ commit to provide Aurora with technical assistance and guidance throughout the project. DEQ support and resources for the STEP-Oregon demonstration project include:

- Full and explicit support from the Director of the DEQ and senior management.
- Coordination with the League of Oregon Cities; Oregon Health Division; Oregon Economic Development Department and other funding agencies; and other interested parties to provide information and updates on the status of the STEP-Oregon project.
- Designation of and support for appropriate field staff to serve as the STEP-Oregon demonstration project team.

- Collaboration with project team staff on all key activities, including:
 1. Attending meetings.
 2. Providing technical assistance, training, and support.
 3. Developing benchmarks to evaluate the progress of the project.
 4. Assessing impacts.

In arriving at an acceptable timeline for the sewer project, Aurora, TRI, and the DEQ recognize that the timeline must be compatible with the limited resources available to Aurora. The DEQ and TRI will assist Aurora in identifying potential funding sources to finance the work needed to complete the project. Through participation in the STEP-Oregon project, Aurora will be able to significantly reduce conventional project costs.

Aurora, TRI, and the DEQ commit to work cooperatively with each other in undertaking the steps necessary for successful completion of this project. Aurora commits to a public participation program in the community to direct effort and attention to the proposed sewer project and address potential threats to public health and the environment.

The results expected upon completion of the STEP-Oregon Program include:

- Evidence that Aurora has actively sought public participation and input into appropriate phases of the project. The citizens of Aurora should be effectively informed of the issues, have input into prioritizing the steps of the project, support the project outcome, and accept an active role in the implementation of the sewer project.
- Aurora's assurance that the environment of the State of Oregon is reasonably protected during the term of the STEP-Oregon project such that there is no permanent, long-term damage to an ecological resource and that there is no significant risk to the public health of Oregon's citizens.

The Aurora City Council further commits to providing periodic updates to TRI and the DEQ, and at least three meetings with TRI and DEQ staff:


1. A "kick-off" meeting to review the project goals and work plan.
2. A meeting to review Aurora's progress and public survey results, and to discuss public participation.
3. A meeting to review the facilities plan, public input and participation, and overall progress of the sewer project.

The DEQ will assign a staff person to be the Project Manager and this person will be responsible for working with TRI, the DEQ, City Staff, City Engineers, and funding organizations to meet the goals of the project. The City Council will appoint at least one person from the Council or a designee as Aurora's liaison with the DEQ and TRI. This person will work directly with TRI and the DEQ Project Manager on the project and provide status reports to the Council on a regular basis.

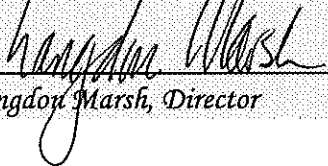
Signatures

By signing this STEP-Oregon Resolution, all parties acknowledge their full understanding and approval of the content of this document.

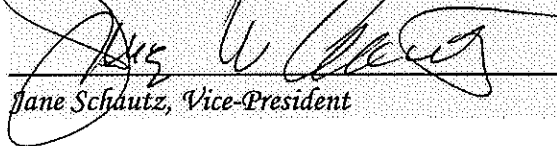
For the City of Aurora


Richard Harrison, Mayor of Aurora 20 FEB 96
Date

For the State of Oregon, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)


Langdon Marsh, Director 2-15-96
Date

For The Rensselaerville Institute (TRI)


Jane Schautz, Vice-President 21 FEB 96
Date