

STAND UP FOR FANNO CREEK

There's a plan afoot to build **a bridge off the end of Wall Street** and across one of the most important floodplains on Fanno Creek. These floodplains are currently protected by provisions of Oregon's Goal Five land use policy and Tigard's own Master Plan. The city could lift those provisions if it determines that such an undertaking is in the best interests of its citizens. While there are other potential access routes into the property that would cause far less environmental damage, these are not being pursued.

But **building this bridge is clearly not in Tigard's best interests**. While it would help a landowner gain access to his property from Hall Boulevard, it would come at a terrible price to the city.

At the very minimum that price includes:

- Increased risk of even worse **flooding** in an area already plagued by floods
- Increased traffic **congestion** on overburdened Wall Street and Hall Boulevard
- Increased **safety risks** to pedestrian traffic at the library and along the Fanno Creek Trail
- Increased **environmental damage** to Tigard's invaluable natural resources
- Increased **tax and road maintenance burdens** for citizens of Tigard
- Decreased value of **Tigard's 40+ years of steady investment** in natural water quality infrastructure

This amounts to a huge and **unnecessary civic sacrifice** for the citizens of Tigard, and they will get **nothing positive in exchange** for making it. There are no plans to develop the property once the bridge is built. The owner just wants to sell it and move on. That means **no guarantees of revenue for Tigard** in either the short or long haul, or even a notion of what level of income – if any - may someday be generated from the site.

The Tigard Planning Commission will be meeting soon to make final deliberations on this bridge proposal before passing their recommendations on to the City Council.

Come to the meeting and make your presence and your concerns known.

WEAR SOMETHING GREEN!

Monday, October 18th

7:00 PM / Tigard City Hall

You won't have to speak out at this meeting if that's not your style. Just remember to wear something green. And when the moment presents itself...

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STAND UP FOR FANNO CREEK is a coalition of citizens and organizations dedicated to preserving Tigard's rapidly vanishing wetlands. For more detailed information on the issues involved visit:

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www.tualatinriverkeepers.org

www.fansoffannocreek.org

http://www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/departments/cd/long_range_planning/docs/natural_resources.pdf