# Semi-Annual Planning Department Report

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October 19, 2022

**Council Update** 

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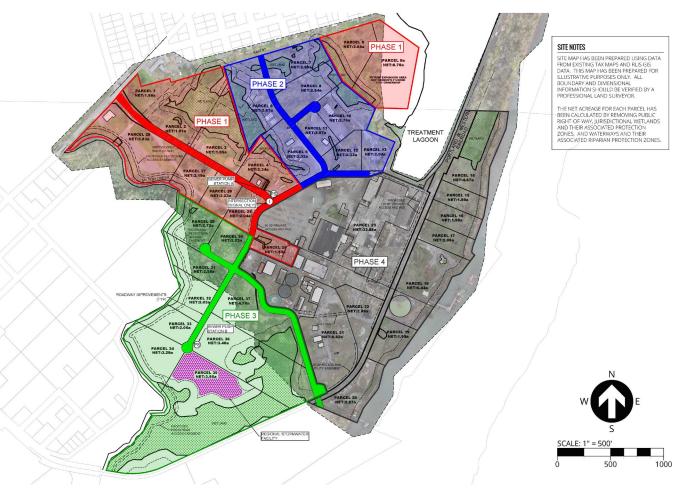
# Project Management, Etc.

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of St. Helen

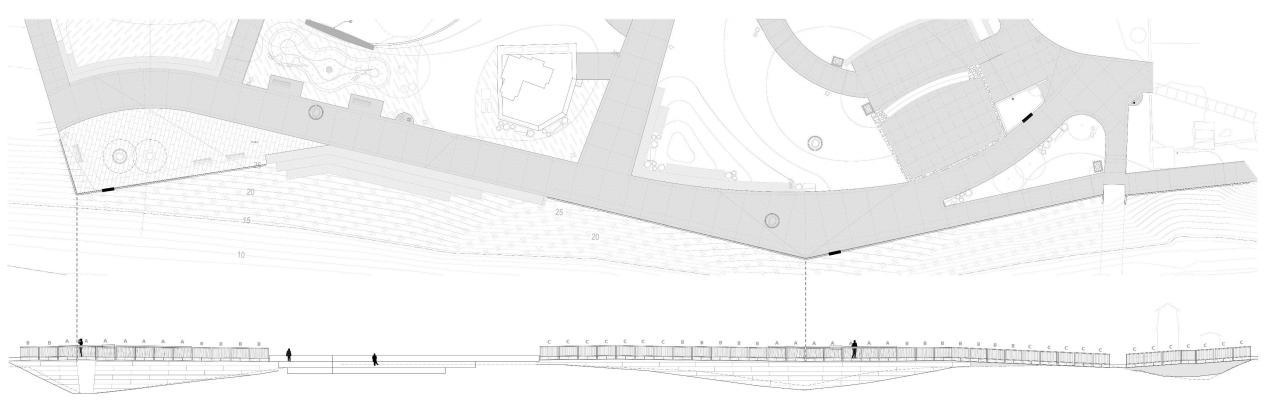
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### St. Helens Industrial Business Park



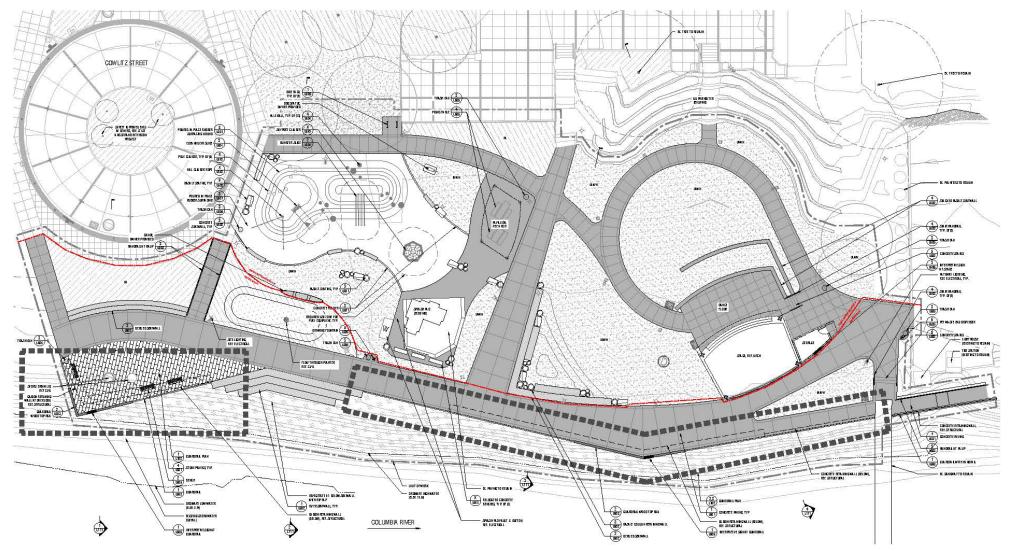
- St. Helens Industrial Business Park Parcelization & Financing Plan (Adopted January 2021)
- Assisting with Design/Engineering Phase I Infrastructure & Initiating Phase II Site Prep
  - Pre-application meeting scheduled for October 13 with PGE and Mackenzie for partitioning PGE parcel and establishing new sub-station land use
  - Multiple land use applications needed

### Riverwalk Phase I



- Moving into 90% design for Riverwalk Phase I, includes playground and park expansion area to be funded with Parks SDCs
- Met with County Commissioners to confirm connection to asphalt walkway
- Discussing NOAA/Lighthouse proximity

### Riverwalk Phase I



- Buy America Waiver Request or Compliance for OPRD Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant
- Mayer/Reed Amendment for additional services to cover this waiver and/or compliance

### Community Development Block Grant Columbia Pacific Food Bank Relocation



- Final Administrative Closeout issued by CDBG Grant Coordinator!
- Paid final retainage invoice. Project complete!

### Other Project Management Support

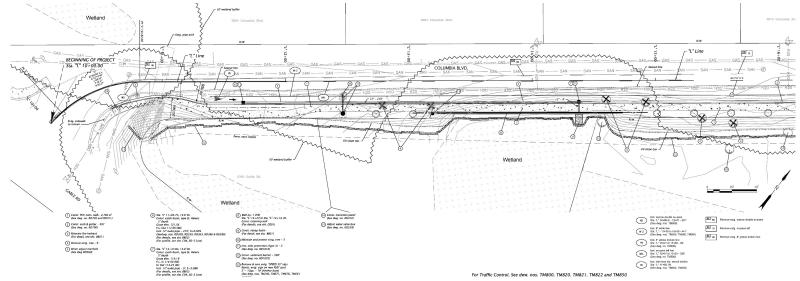
- Business Oregon Special Public Works Loan Program
  Riverfront District Public Improvements
  - Streets & Utilities Project breaking ground in November. Working with project team on community/business outreach plan to communicate construction impacts.
- Oregon State Marine Board Technical Assistance Program Grey Cliffs Park in-water facility design
  - Project is on hold until state hires Environmental Coordinator permit technician
- Oregon Parks & Recreation Local Government Grant Campbell Park Sports Courts Project
  - State closed this project out! Full reimbursement received!
  - City Engineering working on a plan to detain stormwater underground instead of above ground.
  - Parks & Recreation desires to improve park with new play equipment near sport courts

### Other Project Management Support

#### Oregon Safe Routes to School Grant

Columbia Blvd. Sidewalks from Gable to Sykes

- Engineering Dept. managing this project. Extended grant deadline to February 2024.
- 2022 project cost estimates are 3x our original budget from 2017.
- Engineering working to lower costs and locate additional local funds to cover increased costs



### Other Planning Department Support

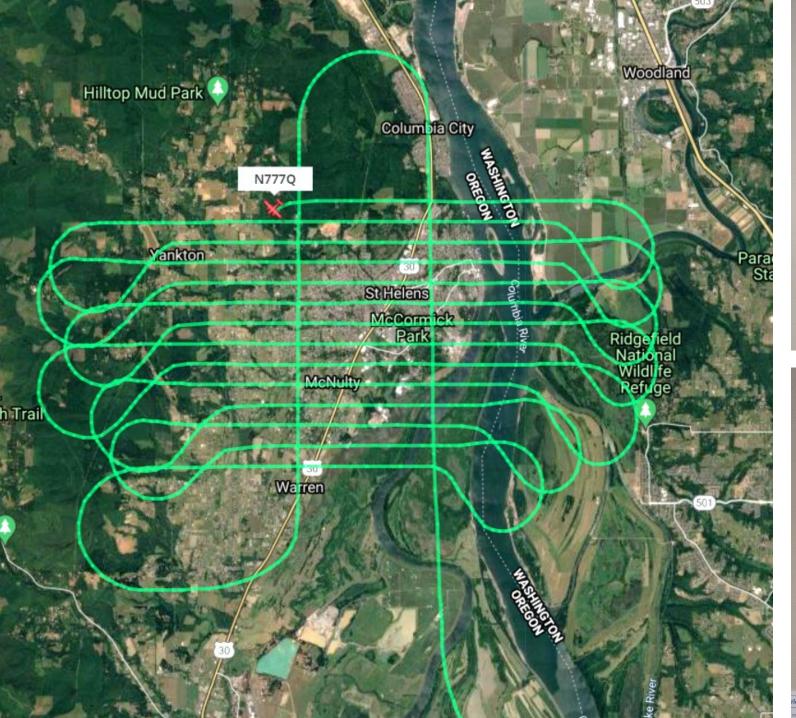
- Organized several of our PC members and myself to attend a virtual OAPA/DLCD Planning Commissioner Training
- Attended multiple Meet'n'Greets
  - St. Helens Mainstreet Alliance new Executive Director, Amara Liebelt
  - Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Executive Director, Elissa Gertler
  - State of Oregon partner tour/waterfront site visit with DEQ/OBDD, DLCD (including OBDD Special Public Works loan officer)





### Urban Renewal Agency Support

- Intergovernmental Agreement between City Council and URA in April 2022 (to cover OBDD loan expenses)
- No required URA meetings the last 6 months





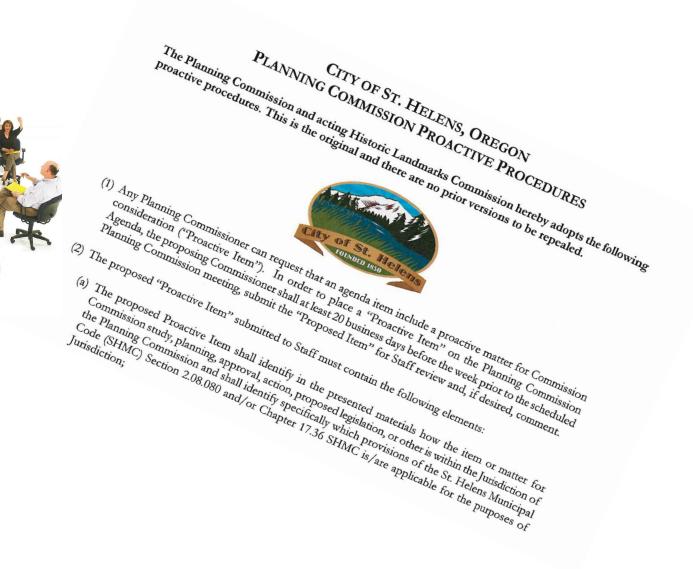




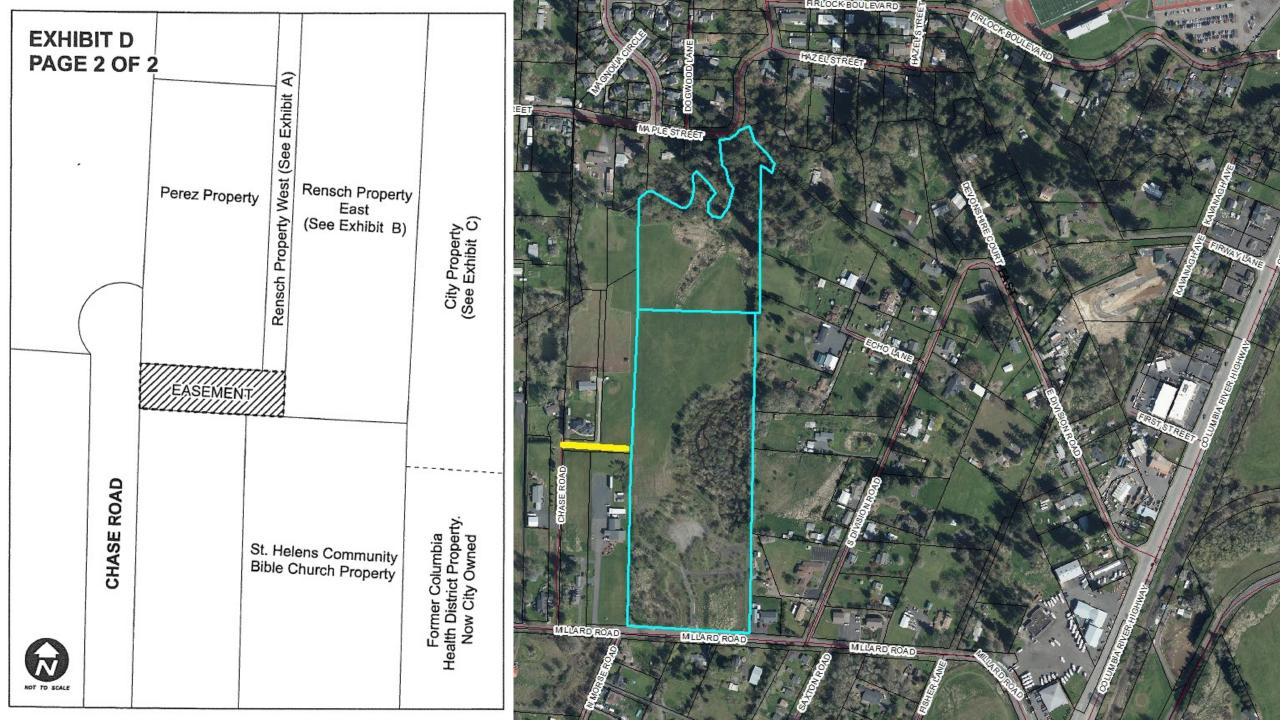
### City of St. Helens

**Planning Commission Membership Handbook** 





- Above average recruitment efforts, cont...
- Proactive initiative, cont...
- HB 3115 ←NEW!



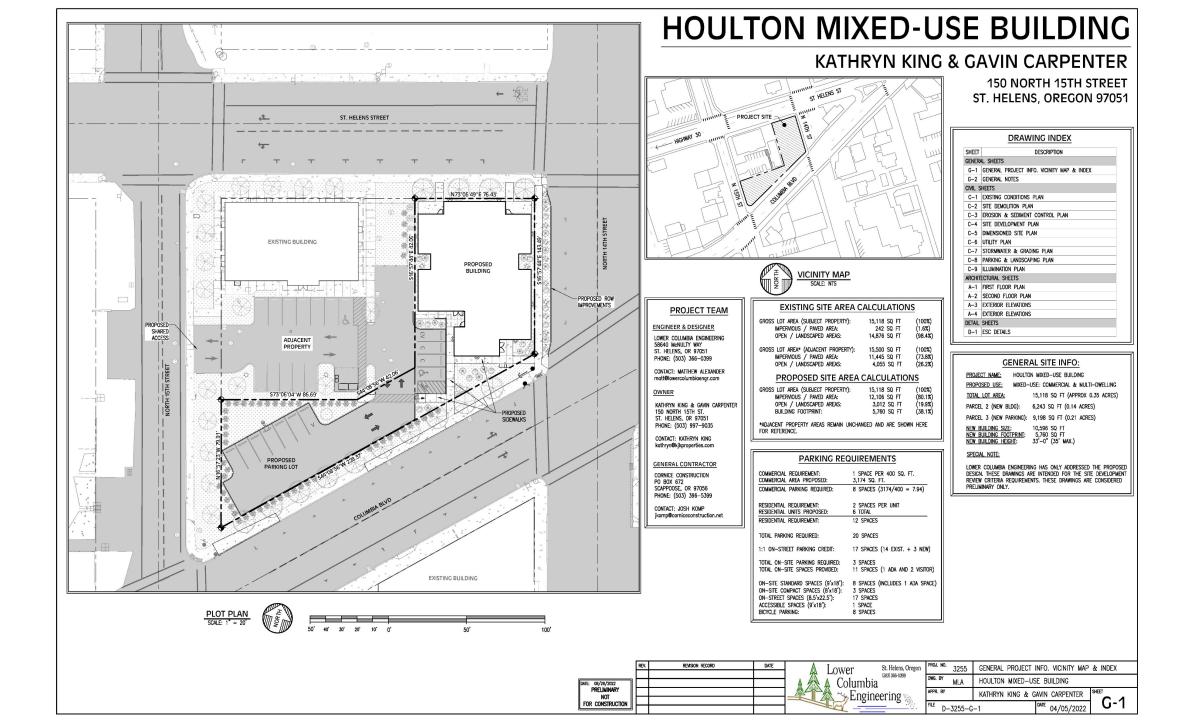
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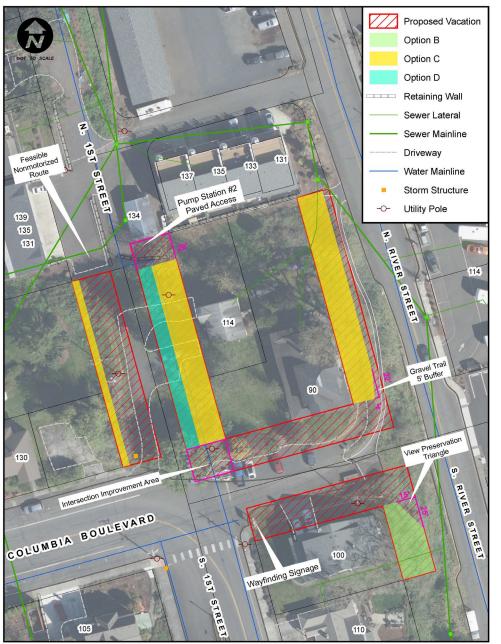
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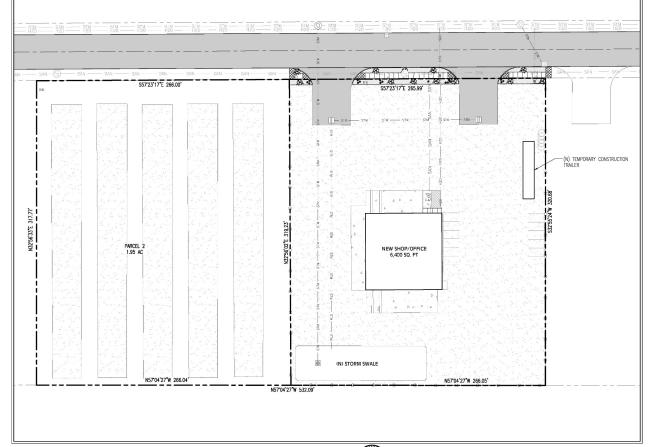
Applicants ultimately withdrew Columbia Blvd./N.1<sup>st</sup> St./N. & S. River Street Vacation application, but not before staff spent hours preparing report and presentations for:

- Planning Commission meeting
- Parks & Recreation Commission meeting
- Council meeting #1
- Council meeting #2 (Cont. Deliberations)

#### STREET VACATION (VAC.2.22) N. 1st St., N. & S. River St., and Columbia Blvd.



### Pellham – Truck Repair Shop/Office

















#### MOTEL and NEW TRAILER PARK

Motel With Six Convenient Units — Nine Monthly Units Kitchens — Showers

Thirty-two Trailer Places, Many With Patios, Lights — Showers — Sewer Connections Laundry With Dryers — Hot Water Near School, Shopping Center

# VIOLETTE'S VILLA

495 S. Columbia River Highway

Phone 821

JERRY VIOLETTE

OWNER

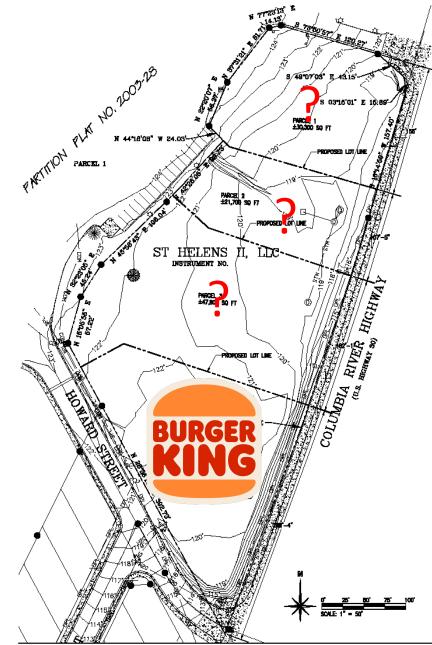
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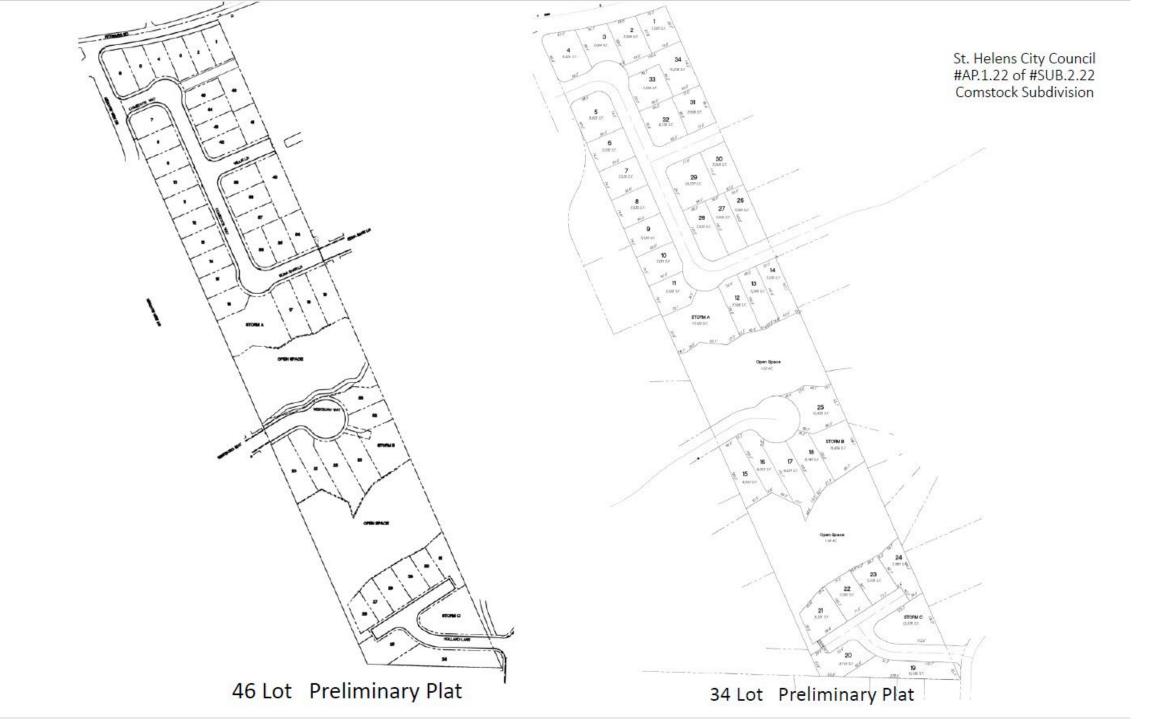










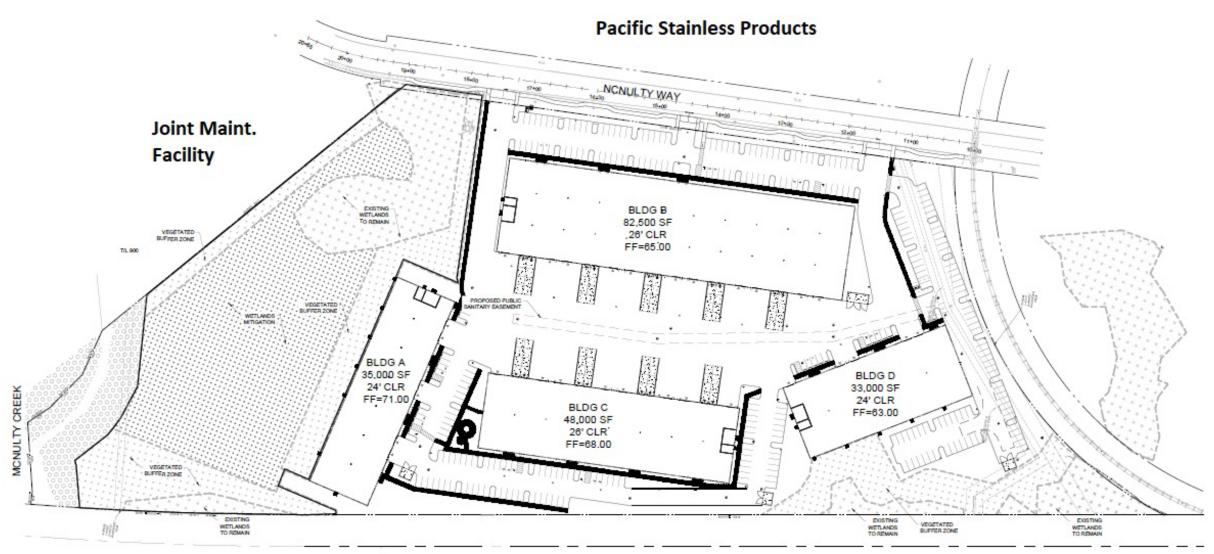


# **2022 CALENDAR**

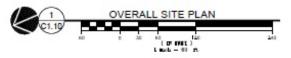
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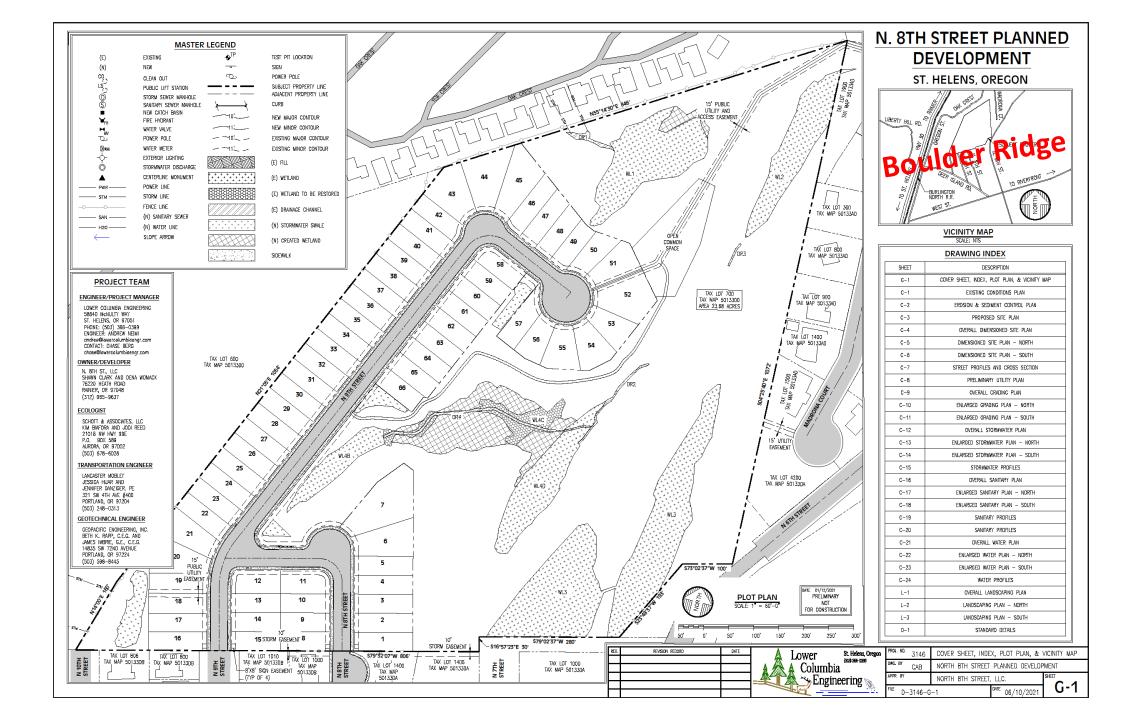
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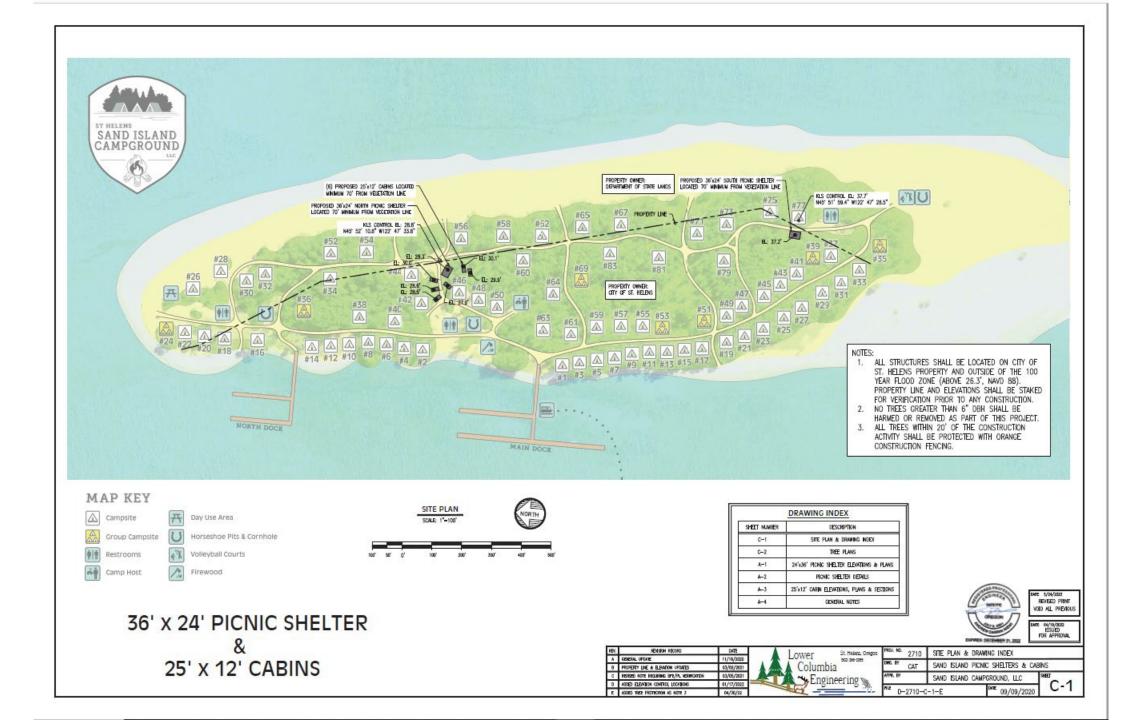
BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD





#### Figure 3. Rendering of St. Helens High School Renovations





# For Pour Information

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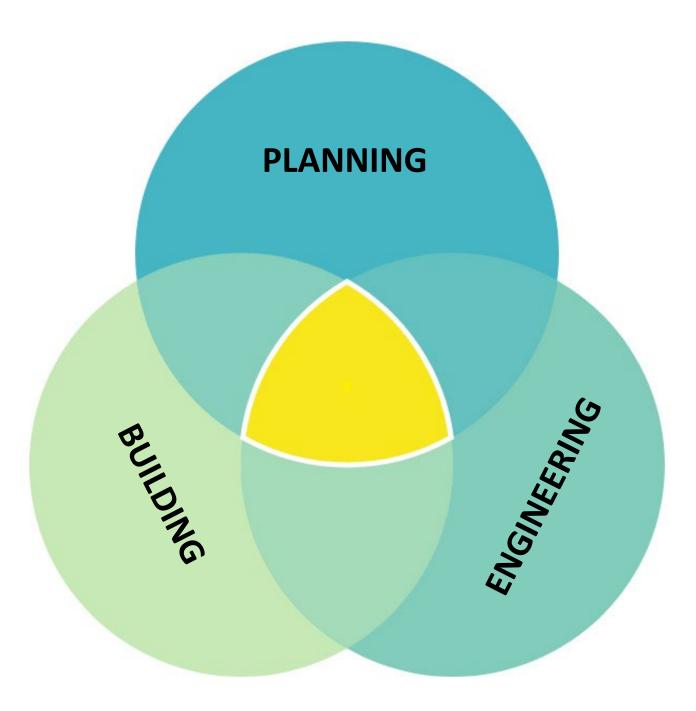
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- HB 4064 RE: Manufactured homes
- 1400 Kaster Road Enforcement
- Sanitary Sewer Fee Issue
  - Council meeting on April 6, 2022 → Moratorium or ...?
  - Meetings, meetings and more meetings
  - Comstock Decision
  - ORS 223.299(4)(b): SDC not the cost of complying with requirements or conditions imposed upon a land use decision
  - Nexus and proportionality matter!
  - May get complex over time; each decision is different in both folks involved and circumstances
  - Key players: ENGINEERING, PLANNING, AND FINANCE

## **2022 CALENDAR**

2022 CITY PLANNER BURNOUT WEEKS JAN - SEPT

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What is NOT included in the 22/23 Proposed Budget & Forecasts?

- Administration
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- Finance
- Library
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- Parks
- Recreation
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- Planning
- Police
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- Executive Assistant (\$140,000)
- on Communications Assistant increase to 1.0 FTE (\$35,000)
  - City Attorney (\$225,000)
  - Human Resources Manager (\$125,000)
    - Accountant 3 (\$140,000)
    - Youth Librarian (\$115,000) Removed in 22/23 Budget
    - Library Technician Makerspace (\$90,000) Temporary position, ends Dec 2023
    - Part-Time Shelver (\$5,000) 2 positions removed in 22/23 Budget
    - Utility Worker (\$85,000) Removed in 22/23 Budget
    - PT Sports League Coordinator (\$65,000)
      - Admin Assistant P&R (\$95,000) Temporary position, ends Dec 2024 Associate Planner (\$125,000)
        - Police Patrol (\$160,000) Multiple Positions Requested
      - Detective (\$195,000) Multiple Positions Requested
    - PT Admin Assistant (\$65,000)
  - Engineer 1 (\$125,000)
  - Engineer Intern (\$20,000)
    - Building Maintenance Utility Worker (\$95,000)



Typical ratio Planner : Population 1 : 5,000 St. Helens Trend 1 : 6,500

•	1970	6,212
•	1980 – H. Cutler	7,064
•	1990 – B. Little	7,535
•	2000 – S. Baker	10,019
•	2010 – J. Graichen	12,905
•	2020 – J.G. & J. Dimsho	13,817
•	2021	14,560?



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	PROJECT TITLE	In '22-'24 Strategic Plan?	
Eccontial	CURRENT PLANNING!!!	No	
Essential	CUSTOMER SERVICE	No	
7	Development Code residential amendments, part 2	Yes	
-	Riverwalk Project Phase I	Yes	
	Grey Cliffs In-water Facility Planning	Yes	
	Columbia Blvd. sidewalks from Gable Road to Sykes Road	Yes	
	S. River Street to N 2nd Street "micro" transportation systems plan	Yes	
7	C Development Code Amendments related to Sanitary, Storm and Water Master Plans	Yes - Long Term	
	St. Helens Industrial Business Park Phase I Infrastructure Planning & Phase II Grading Planning	Yes	6 Mo.
	Riverfront Redevelopment Request for Qualifications/Development Solicitation	Yes	
7	Riverfront Streets & Utilities Project	Yes	Grab
	Clean up Property Lines 10th/11th "bluff poperty"	Yes	Bag!!!
	Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) Update	Yes	
	Proactive Planning Commission Item - HB 3115	No	
7	Mercury TMDL Code Amendments	No	
	Records Retention Implementation/Organization	No	
	Managers Attend Professional Development Opportunities	Yes	
7	HB 4064 (2022) Code Amendments (Manf. Homes)	No	
	Planning related FAQ phamplets/videos	Yes - Long Term	
	Residential design standards (depends on if PC takes up as a "proactive item")	Yes - Long Term	
	Right-of-way street vacation policy	Yes - Long Term	Generally, next six
	Food cart/truck/trailers rules	Yes- Long Term	months less time
	Urban Rewewal Management	Yes	consuming with
Wild Card	City Owned Properties (not already listed) - Projects/Current Planning	No (placeholder for semi annual rept)	-
	Measure 109-Psilocybin Code Amendments (will voters agree with two year moratorium?)	No	current planning.
, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Update city Charter for no-vote annexations	Yes - Long Term	<i>Perhaps</i> more
	Addressing policy update	Yes - Long Term	opportunity to look
	Housing Production Strategy (related to HNA but not a land use action)	Yes - Long Term	In the bag!!!
	Locally significant wetland updates (buffer zones, etc.)	Yes - Long Term	_
	Flood code amendments related to BIOP (Endangered Species Act)	Yes - Long Term	
	Develop incentives for designation as a local historic landmark (depends if PC takes up as a "proactive item")	Yes - Long Term	
	Parks & Recreation Master Planning	Yes	
	Housing Needs Analysis Update per 2019 HB 2003	Yes - Long Term	
	Historic resources inventorying	Yes - Long Term	
	New Transportation Systems Plan	Yes - Long Term	
	Revisit UGMA with County	No	
	Millard Road Entry Sign	Yes - Long Term	