



CITY OF ST. HELENS PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
**M E M O R A N D U M**

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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Jacob A. Graichen, AICP, City Planner  
**RE:** Initiation of public right-of-way vacation by motion related to the N. 11/12<sup>th</sup> Street Bluff Property  
**DATE:** January 6, 2023

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At your January 18, 2023 regular session staff is requesting that the council initiate vacation of certain right-of-way by motion. The motion would be:

**“To initiate public right-of-way vacation proceedings pursuant to ORS 271.130 to vacate undeveloped portions of the N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Wyeth Street rights of way as described in the memo from the City Planner to the City Council dated January 6, 2023.”**

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This does not effectuate the vacation. Rather this is an option a local government has, to initiate a vacation without a petition and consent of property owners (i.e., the “normal” method) under ORS 271.080. Public notice and a public hearing are still required and would be done after an approved motion to initiate. This does not circumvent a public process.

In addition to a right-of-way vacation, staff also proposes to **dedicate right-of-way** where the N. 11/N. 12 Street “S” curve cuts through the subject property. We don’t need a motion for this yet but wanted to at least inform the council of a right-of-way dedication staff will present at a future meeting.

We’ll make sure the Planning Commission has a chance to review too.

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**At your regular session, someone please make the motion noted above in blue and vote per your normal procedures. If the motion passes, staff can continue this effort.**

The draft legal description of the area proposed to be vacated is on the following page and exhibits depicting the proposal are attached.

## RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION AREA LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land located in the N ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 4, Township 4 N., Range 1 W., Willamette Meridian, Columbia County, Oregon, more specifically described as follows:

Beginning at a point, which is the Southeast corner of Lot 19, Block 95 of the St. Helens Subdivision, St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon;

Thence, Northwesterly along the East line of said Lot 19 to a point that is 1 foot from the Southeast corner of said Lot 19 and the **True Point of Beginning**;

Thence, Northwesterly along the East line of said Lot 19 and continuing along the East line of Lots 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, and 12, Block 95 of said St. Helens Subdivision to the Northeast corner of said Lot 12;

Thence, Southwesterly along the North line of said Lot 12 to a point that is 17 feet from the Northeast corner of said Lot 12;

Thence, Northeasterly to a point along the right-of-way centerline of N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Franklin Street) that is 1 foot Southeast from where the original right-of-way centerlines of Wyeth Street and N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Franklin Street) intersect;

Thence, Northeasterly and parallel to the original right-of-way centerline of Wyeth Street to a point on the East line of the N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Franklin Street) right-of-way, said East right-of-way line resulting from the vacation of a portion of Wyeth Street by City of St. Helens Ordinance No. 2839, as recorded June 8, 2001 under Columbia County Clerk Fee No. 01-06033, Records of Columbia County, Oregon;

Thence, Southeasterly along the West line of the vacated portion of the Wyeth Street right-of-way vacated by City of St. Helens Ordinance No. 2839, as recorded June 8, 2001 under Columbia County Clerk Fee No. 01-06033, Records of Columbia County, Oregon, and continuing along the West line of Lots 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, and 4, Block 92 of said St. Helens Subdivision to a point that is 25 feet Southeast from the Northwest corner of said Lot 4;

Thence, Southwesterly to the **True Point of Beginning**.



# N. 11th/12th Street Bluff Property

City Ownership

St. Helens  
Middle School

N. 11TH STREET

N. 12TH STREET

Source: City of St. Helens. Aerial photo April 2022. jag/Jan. '22



NOT TO SCALE



# N. 11th/12th Street Bluff Property

Zoning

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N. 11TH STREET

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PD Overlay

R5

St. Helens Middle School

PD Overlay

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N. 12TH STREET

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# N. 11th/12th Street Bluff Property

ROW Dedication  
ROW Vacation  
& City Utilities

Blue: Water  
Green: Sanitary  
Orange: Storm

Red: Proposed ROW Dedication

Purple: Proposed ROW Vacation

St. Helens  
Middle School

N. 11TH STREET

N. 12TH STREET



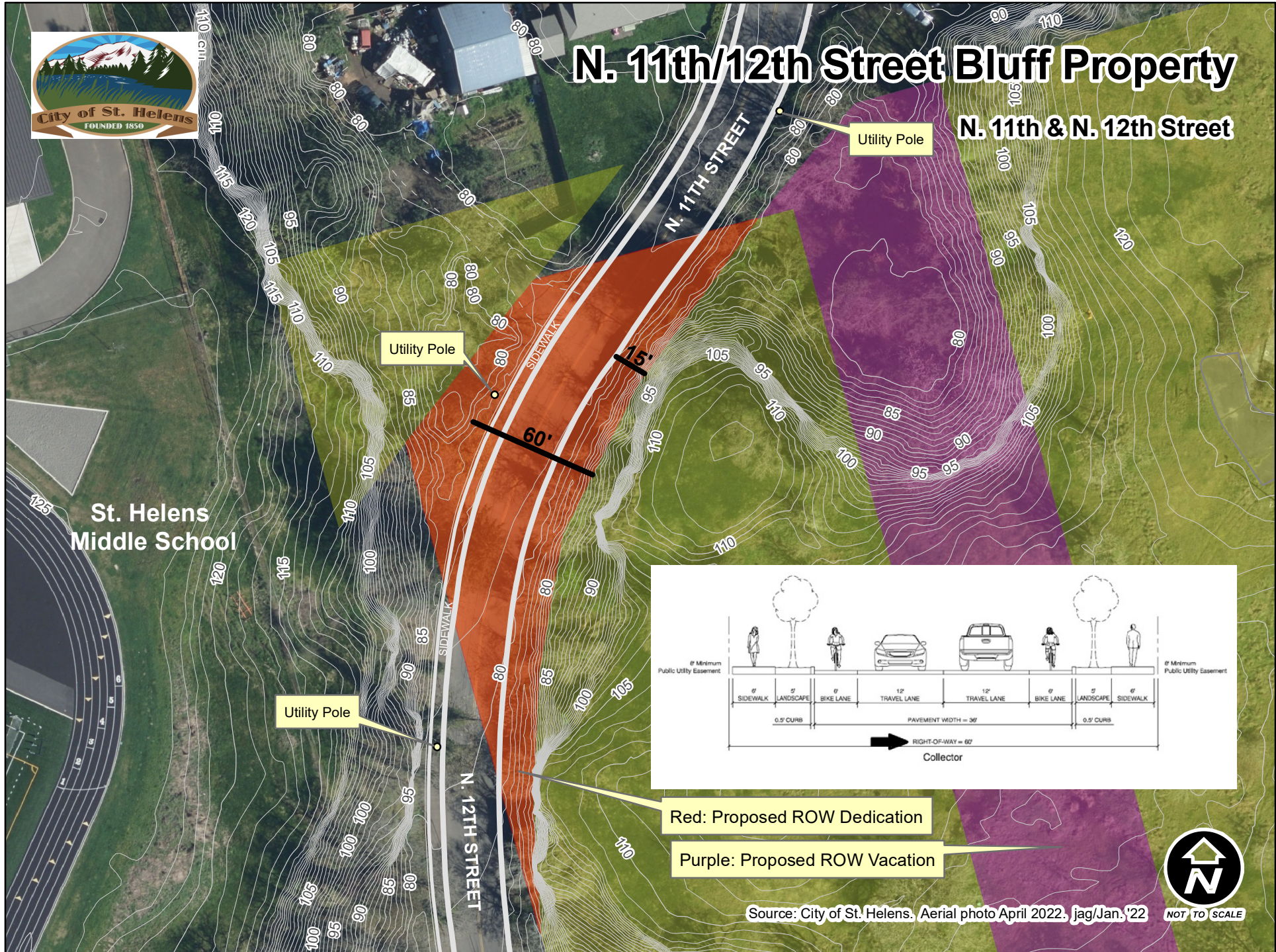
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# N. 11th/12th Street Bluff Property

N. 11th & N. 12th Street



Red: Proposed ROW Dedication

Purple: Proposed ROW Vacation

