



- 2007 Report Card -

To provide a unified voice for a livable and prosperous future for Clark County.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT

Critical Lands Report

In response to the critical lands ordinance, RGF members prepared a report for the Board of County Commissioners detailing the assumption that 7,000 acres of critical lands would be converted and developed in the current Urban Growth Boundary. This report was distributed to the Clark County Commissioners and the Planning Commission.

In addition, RGF members testified at the County Commissioner's meetings to lend our expertise to the various topics.

GMA Task Force

The GMA task force, comprised of RGF members, created and distributed a report detailing each jurisdiction's residential, commercial and industrial lands, broken out by constrained or not constrained, and by the residential density proposed. The intent of this information was to show the affect of the inaccurate assumptions. This report was then distributed to the county commissioners, planning commission and other decision makers.

In addition, the GMA Task Force submitted comments on the DEIS, outlining our concerns with critical lands, job density, overrides and infrastructure. Task force members continue to meet on an ad hoc basis, submitting testimony to the County Commissioners when needed.

CURRENT ISSUES COALITION

The Current Issues Coalition brings business organizations and community leaders together to discuss current issues. Through monthly meetings, this forum allows CIC attendees to gain a broader, in-depth perspective of issues facing our community through guest speakers and open discussion, creating a unified voice for businesses. This year, the CIC continued to host informative guest speakers, with topics ranging from GMA and transportation to the downtown Vancouver Plan. Below you will find a list of presentations.

- Wayne Kittelson, *Kittelson and Associates (on the result of the Columbia Corridor)*
- Betty Sue Morris, *Clark County Commissioner*
- Dean Lookingbill, *Transportation Director for the SW Washington Regional Transportation Council*
- Marc Boldt, *Clark County Commissioner*
- Larry Smith, *Vancouver City Council Member*

- Tim Leavitt, *Vancouver City Council Member*
- Jeff Hamm, *C-TRAN Executive Director*
- James Howsley, *Attorney*
- Doug Ficco, *Columbia River Crossing Project*

RGF BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2008 Strategic Plan - *An outline towards a strategic plan for a sustainable economy*

RGF board members created a Strategic Plan, outlining the goals, challenges, strategic requirements, approach and finally, the proposed action items.

Website

The new RGF website (www.responsiblegrowthforum.org) was launched, offering visitors copies of past reports, agendas and notices for upcoming meetings.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Land for Jobs Registry Task Force

Based on recommendations from the RGF Executive Board, a task force was formed to create a list of shovel ready industrial land in Clark County. Currently, Oregon has a process that allows users to determine if their land is shovel ready and upon approval, landowners can gain a permit within 12 months. RGF Task Force members have outlined a similar program to be implemented in Washington, where available industrial properties will be reviewed and classified according to the time frame necessary to develop the property.

Economic Development Matrix

RGF board members met with Identity Clark County (ICC), Columbia River Economic Council (CREDC) and the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce to develop a group strategy at tackling issues. From this meeting, an economic development matrix was created, outlining the priority issues for each group. RGF was tentatively identified as the leader in many issues pertaining to land use data, public information and local lobbying. Moving forward, RGF will continue to work with community organizations, advocating for those issues important to our members.

