

WILLAMETTE AND TUALATIN RIVER PROTECTION APPROVAL CRITERIA

- The central element of this chapter is that development on and adjacent to either river shall avoid Habitat Resource Areas (HCA) which have been identified and mapped by Metro.
- The most protected of the HCAs are High HCAs which are those areas along the shoreline, river's edge, associated wetlands and identified critical habitat areas.
- At the very least, development such as additions to existing homes shall come no closer to the river and HCAs than existing structures. Ideally additions would be kept out of HCAs entirely.
- Native vegetation and natural landforms are to be preserved.
- Boat ramps, pilings and docks are permitted as well as boat houses. Efforts to minimize their size and length shall be undertaken.
- Public access along the river's edge (typically below the ordinary low water mark) is encouraged but shall not in any way be regarded as permitting trespass on private property.

Note: The above is a summary. The full approval criteria are contained in the Staff Report and Chapter 28 of the Community Development Code.