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**South Ridgeline Study  
Public Involvement Workshops**

# **Summary Results**

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**INTRODUCTION**

In March and April 2007 the City of Eugene Planning and Development Department sponsored six workshops pursuant to completion of the South Ridgeline Habitat Study that evaluated approximately 2,700 acres of undeveloped upland habitat near the ridgeline of the South Hills. The purpose of the workshops was to:

- Provide information to the public about the Study and about plant and wildlife habitat in the ridgeline area;
- Provide a forum for Eugene residents to hear and share views about additional habitat conservation in that area;
- Obtain a sample of public opinion, in order to ascertain:
  - The degree of support for conservation of additional habitat in the South Ridgeline area.
  - Residents' interests and concerns about additional conservation in that area.
  - Conservation costs and methods that would be most, and least, acceptable.

A goal of the six meetings was to provide an opportunity for participation from a broad range of residents/stakeholders. Four meetings were conducted in neighborhoods within the Study area; one meeting was held for interested parties from the general public, and one meeting was held to provide a forum for business and development interests.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>March 8</b>	<b>Churchill Neighbors</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Southeast Neighbors</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Crest Drive Neighbors</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>General Public</b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Laurel Hill/Fairmount Neighbors</b>
<b>April 26</b>	<b>Business/Development</b>

The six workshops were moderated by an independent facilitator. The following report contains a summary of responses to the following five key questions posed to workshop participants:

- 1. Do you support any additional conservation of habitat on undeveloped land in the Study area?**
- 2. What are the most important interests and/or concerns that contribute to your view of habitat conservation in the Study area?**
- 3. If additional habitat IS conserved in the Study area, what costs of conservation would be most, and least, acceptable?**
- 4. Which approaches to conservation in the Study area could you support?**
- 5. Which conservation measure, or mix of measures, would work best?**

**ABOUT THIS REPORT**

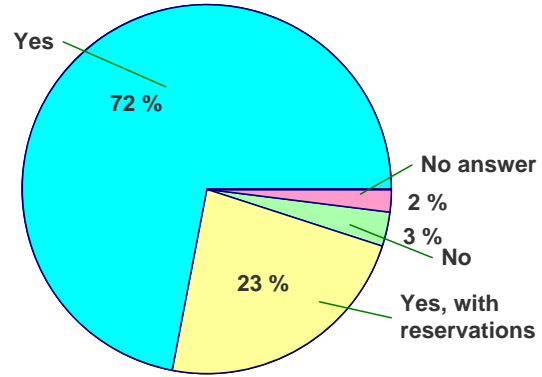
The following report provides aggregate data and summary conclusions from the six workshops. An addendum with the results illustrated on a per-workshop basis has been submitted as a separate addendum. Additional detail about participant responses to the workshop questions is included in the addendum.

Data included in this report was compiled and the report was prepared by the workshop facilitator.

**Question #1**

**Do you support any additional conservation of habitat on undeveloped land in the Study area?**

Support for additional conservation in the Study area was significant among workshop participants, the majority of whom reside in neighborhoods within or adjacent to the Study area. (See the graph to the right). Among the small percentage of participants who self-identified as owners of potentially affected properties or as residential housing developers, "yes (support) with reservations" was the most frequently-contributed response.



**Level of support for additional habitat conservation in the Study area**

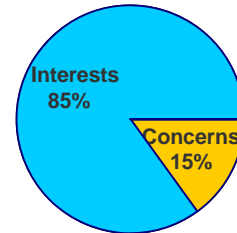
**Question #2**

**What are the most important interests and/or concerns that contribute to your view of habitat conservation in the Study area?**

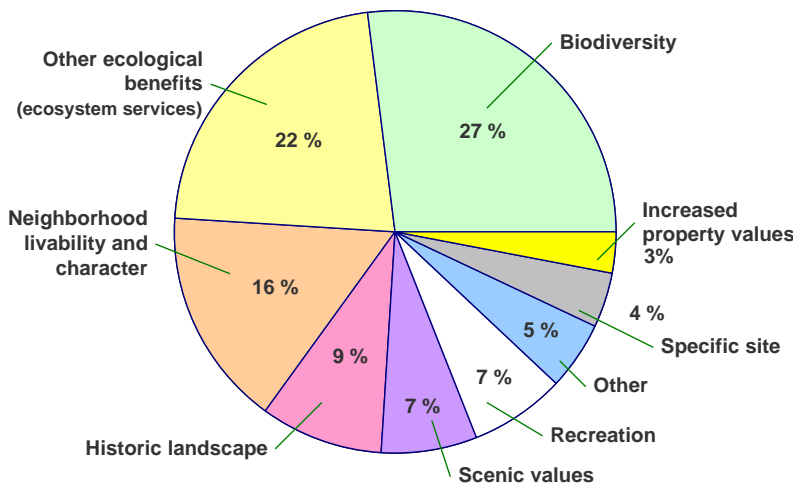
Reasons for being interested in and supportive of additional habitat conservation outnumbered concerns by a ratio of 4-to-1.

Most frequently-noted interests included preservation of biodiversity, preservation of other ecological benefits such as stormwater quality and stream stability (also called "ecosystem services"), and preservation of neighborhood character and livability.

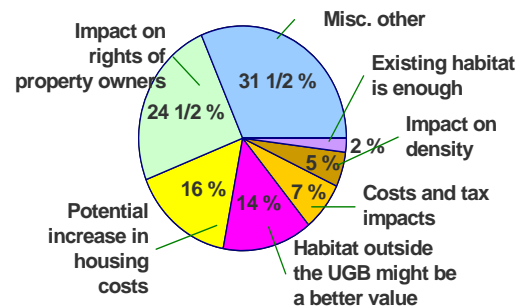
Potential impacts on the rights of property owners was the most frequently-noted concern. A wide range of "other" concerns were also noted. These are listed in the All Results table that is attached as an addendum to this report.



**Ratio of interests vs. concerns**



**INTERESTS in conservation in the Study area**  
Total interests identified: 248



**CONCERNS about conservation in the Study area**  
Total concerns identified: 57

