

The City of Portland and Multnomah County Seek New Members for Sustainable Development Commission

Residents of Portland and Multnomah County will have a new opportunity to help shape the region's commitment to a healthy, prosperous future, by serving on the City of Portland/Multnomah County Sustainable Development Commission (SDC).

The Sustainable Development Commission is a citizen advisory panel appointed by the Mayor of Portland and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. Applications are currently being accepted to fill the commission's 11 seats. Five seats will be appointed by Multnomah County and six seats appointed by the City of Portland. Applications will be reviewed beginning August 1, 2005 and appointees selected in early August 2005. Commissioners serve two-year terms.

Reporting directly to Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, the SDC promotes programs and policies in three main areas related to sustainable development:

- Helping the City and County identify specific resource conservation goals and environmental practices within government to reduce costs and support sustainability.
- Creating and maintaining a Sustainable Community Report Card to inform residents and businesses about community progress related to a specific set of sustainability indicators.
- Developing strategies to enhance sustainable economic development by increasing Portland's visibility as an international center for green business development and professional training on sustainability.

The City of Portland's standard "Interest Form for City Board & Commission Appointments" will be used by both the City of Portland and Multnomah County to select members and make appointments to the SDC; applicants do not need to complete a separate form to be considered for appointment by the County. To download the application form visit www.sustainableportland.org or call (503) 823-4519 for a printed copy of the form.

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