

## I. PARTIES

The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition (Coalition) is a local grassroots organization with 145 partners that is operating as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation under IRS Code 501(c)(3). Its address is PO Box 2310, Corvallis, OR 97339.

In 2007, the Corvallis City Council established a goal that includes "...begin to develop a community-wide sustainability initiative." The Coalition was identified as the group to partner with the City on implementation of this goal.

This agreement is an update of the agreement entered into on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2008, by the following organizations (hereinafter referred to as "partners"):

- Corvallis Sustainability Coalition (hereinafter referred to as "Coalition")
- City of Corvallis (hereinafter referred to as "City")

## II. RECITALS

The partners seek to establish a cooperative partnership for the purpose of achieving a more sustainable community as described in the Corvallis 2020 Vision Statement. This agreement provides a framework for this partnership to work towards a community wide sustainability initiative, acknowledges the partners' common ground, acknowledges the partners' differences and speaks to the relationship between partners that is necessary for Corvallis to achieve its vision of community sustainability.

## III. PARTNER RELATIONSHIPS

The partners acknowledge that progress towards achieving a more sustainable community may only be achieved through collective and focused action. To further implement *Vision 2020*, the partners have worked together to develop a Sustainability Action Plan. The City previously provided financial support from public funds which the Coalition utilized in the development of the Sustainability Action Plan. The Coalition hired a professional consultant to assist them. The consultant helped gather baseline data, design the public process, facilitate the process, and write the Action Plan. This completed Action Plan is now a living document that is expected to change over time.

The partners will endeavor to ensure that any changes to the Action Plan will be:

- consistent with City Council policy;
- data-based, using best available research, indicators, benchmarks, and baselines;
- representative of the community's needs and values;

- a balance of economic, social, and environmental considerations; and
- focused and coordinated with clear priorities and measurable goals, including implementation strategies and responsibilities.

The community sustainability initiative's ongoing public process will include a series of Town Hall meetings, citizen action teams, quarterly gatherings, and partner surveys. The partners agree that the community process will be:

- transparent,
- representative,
- inclusive, and
- data-based, using best available research, indicators, benchmarks, and baselines.

#### IV. COMMUNICATIONS

The Coalition is guided by a 15-member Steering Committee whose members shall include an official representative of the City. In addition, a member of the City Council shall serve as a liaison between the Coalition and the City Council. The liaison and any alternate shall receive all communications of the Coalition Steering Committee and shall provide verbal reports on a regular basis to the entire City Council on the activities of the Coalition. The Coalition shall provide the City Council with a written report of its activities and progress on an annual basis. Reporting requirements may change if additional work products are determined. It is understood that good faith disagreements, balancing other stakeholder perspectives, changing circumstances and changing leadership may occasionally occur with both partners. It is further understood that the Coalition does not speak on behalf of the City.

#### V. DURATION AND MODIFICATION

This agreement shall be effective following signature by the participating partners. This agreement may be modified at any time by mutual consent of the partners.

*Charlie C. Tomlinson*

City of Corvallis, Charlie Tomlinson, Mayor

*Annette Mills*

Annette Mills, Facilitator, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

*February 2, 2013*

Date