

Southeast Neighbors Natural Habitat Reporting Form

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This form has been created by Southeast Neighbors & CNP for grassroots citizen input to the South Ridgeline Habitat Study. By filling in this form, signing it, and returning it to Southeast Neighbors, you can help us document the important natural habitat areas in our neighborhood. This is crucial to ecological protection. Please copy & print this form, give it to your friends, & spread the word!

1. Location of the natural area

To fully record the habitat area, an accurate location is most important! If you can, please sketch a rough location map on the back of this form.

Nearest Street Address _____ Land ownership Public Private Unknown

Describe the Location _____

Are you an owner of (or agent for) this property?

Tax Lot Number (if possible, 13 digits) _____ GPS Coordinates (see notes online) _____

2. Natural Area Description

Please use one form for each site. Fill in what you know, and don't worry about questions you can't answer. The highest priority is to record sites that are not already protected.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birds Present (please list below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Surface Water (Temperature? _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Habitat (including bird watching sites) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream (<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mammal Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond (<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphibians/Reptiles Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Steep Slopes and/or Earthflow Evidence (note below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphibian/Reptile Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Geology and/or Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Plant Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Historic Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large or Ancient Trees (DBH _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Hiking Trail Site |

Describe the Resource _____

Water Observed? _____

Plants Observed? _____

Animals Observed? _____

3. When did you observe this natural habitat area?

Once 2 to 4 times more than 4 times Most recent date _____

Please indicate your experience related to habitat observation _____

4. Observer Coordinates — where do we find you? Your info makes the nature info real.

Name _____ Voice phone _____

Street _____ Email address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Do you have photos of this site? Please see photo delivery instructions in the online forum.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Return A.S.A.P. to Southeast Neighbors

- By Mail:** Southeast Neighbors
c/o Kevin Matthews
PO Box 1588
Eugene, OR 97440
- By Fax:** 541-345-7438 fax, 541-345-7421 vox (c/o Artifice, Inc.)
- By Email:** matthews@artifice.com (from scanned or PDF form)
- Find us on The Web:** www.SoutheastNeighbors.org

Sketch a map of the habitat area location:

Name _____ Initials _____



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Some Significant Features to Note about a Natural Site

- Are there multiple layers of vegetation ("structural diversity", e.g., trees and shrubs and herbs)? What is dominant?
- Does the site have evergreen vegetation (e.g., conifers), deciduous vegetation, or both?
- Does the site have "Old Growth"-type characteristics (e.g., snags, old trees, downed wood)? Is it savannah-like?
- Note some species of trees, shrubs, and/or other plants. Are they native? (e.g., Himalayan blackberry isn't native)
- Is the vegetation healthy-looking, taking into account the season of observation?
- Is there any surface water, still or flowing? Are wetland-indicator plants present?
- What about particular wildlife features - e.g., food sources, roosting, perching, nesting sites?
- Have you or others seen certain kinds of wildlife there that are not the most common?
- Are there some uncommon plants, combinations of plants, or habitats at this site?
- Does the site have multiple natural assets (e.g., both water and old vegetation; both a scenic view and good bird habitat; both forest and a wetland with sedges and willows)?
- Is the site near, adjacent, or connected to other wildlife, native plant, stream, wetland or scenic habitat?
- Does the site have special importance for ecological connectivity — providing a natural corridor between habitat areas?

What social factors would make this place a significant natural resource to the community?

- It has special scenic value
- It offers natural space in a neighborhood area where there is little
- It's near a school, so it can be used for educational purposes or restoration activities
- It's a favorite place of community people to walk
- Other...
- What types of human activities occur on this site now?
- What types of human uses are nearby (e.g. one house, dense houses, quiet street, busy street, back yards, lawns)?
- Is the site fairly undisturbed by human activities at the present time?
- Is the site fairly free of physical damage, e.g., from past human activities? What human alterations are visible?
- If there is some disturbance, could it be reversed, with attention to protection and restoration, or is it permanent damage? What is the potential for this site to be restored to better wildlife habitat, wetland or riparian habitat?