



**Forest Park
Conservancy**



Forest Park Conservancy, Forest Park Neighborhood Association and Bird Alliance of Oregon File a Motion to Intervene in PGE's Appeal to LUBA

On May 7th, the Portland City Council unanimously voted to overturn a Hearings Officer's approval that was previously granted to Portland General Electric (PGE) to cut 4.7 acres of trees, fill two wetlands, and irreparably impact streams and wildlife in Forest Park.

The City's reversal of the Hearings Officer's decision was a result of an appeal filed by the Forest Park Conservancy (FPC) and the Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA). That appeal centered on how PGE's Harborton proposal failed to meet 16 approval criteria of the Forest Park Natural Resource Management Plan, the ordinance that protects the cherished public resources of Forest Park from non-park related development.

The week of May 27th, FPC and FPNA received notification that PGE intends to appeal the City Council's decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

On June 12th, FPC, FPNA, and Bird Alliance of Oregon (BAO) filed a motion to intervene in the LUBA appeal in defense of the City of Portland's decision to deny PGE's project. Crag Law Center, a local non-profit environmental law firm, is representing the three groups.

From Scott Fogarty, FPC's Executive Director, "We are disappointed that PGE has chosen to challenge the City Council's decision. We will continue to stand by our responsibility to protect Forest Park under long-standing policy and to represent the voices of our community."

Since January 2025, when PGE filed their original land use application, Portlanders have submitted more than 3,000 comments and testimonies in overwhelming opposition to the proposal.

Micah Meskel, Urban Conservation Director for BAO says "We are intervening in PGE's appeal to help defend the unanimous City Council vote to protect Forest Park, and to participate as the process continues to represent the community's interest in conserving this public resource."

FPC, FPNA and BAO recognize the need for reliable energy and the need to upgrade the existing electrical grid to support the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy. These organizations stand by their position that sacrificing publicly protected land and violating long-standing public policy, which was recently upheld by a 12-0 vote of City Council, is not the right pathway to achieve that transition.

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