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Soil Fill Policies and Ordinance Amendments

We provided input earlier this year regarding your developing policies and possible ordinance amendments about excavation soils from development sites which are deposited on farmland in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Since we last provided input, members of our organization have continued to assess this issue. We contacted an Intel spokesperson, Laura Bain, regarding the fate of any top soils from the Intel D1X excavation. She conducted research and reported back to us. According to her, all of the top soil at that location had already been scraped into landscaped berms that now constitute the southern border of the Ronler campus. This occurred about ten years ago. This was confirmed by Mr. Denny Hruby (CPO 10) at the CCI meeting on June 19, 2012. Mr. Hruby was the individual in charge of excavating the Ronler Acres campus 10 years ago and confirmed that all the topsoil from the site was mounded into the berms that circle the campus.

In another communication with Laura Bain, she indicated that the Intel D1X excavation activity went to depths of 15 to 20 feet, on average. Laura Bain is the

NW Region Community Engagement Manager and she can be reached at laura.j.bain@intel.com. d. 503-712-3099 and c. 503-804-7230.

Terry Lawler of DLUT communicated to the CPO 8 that the application to receive the Intel D1X soils at the Victory Lane site indicated in the application that no topsoil would be needed to cover the fill, due to the quality of the imported fill.

It would appear from these two reports that the Victory Lane site received substantial yardage of what must primarily have been under soils from the Intel D1X excavation. Did the Victory Lane site scrape off its top soils to provide cover for this fill?

We understand that there is no current procedure or ordinance component that would mandate a soil test of such a large fill being placed over foundation farmland.

We continue to recommend that there be a mandatory process for soil testing of the fill site, prior to receiving fill, and a mandatory post-test verification, assuring that the applicant complied with soil improvement, and did not degrade the farm soils.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent than the last.

Robert Bailey
Secretary of the Board
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cc: Dana Tims, The Oregonian
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