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Robert Durgan represents the largest property owner in the South Waterfront Greenway area, and he's the only person on the advisory panel who has developed next to a restored riparian zone.

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## Rice says Bush asked about Iraq after 9/11

The national security adviser alludes to comments the White House had suggested never took place

By ERIC LICHTBLAU  
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WASHINGTON — The White House acknowledged Sunday that on the day after the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush asked his top counterterrorism adviser, Richard Clarke, to find out whether Iraq was involved.

Bush wanted to know "did Iraq have anything to do with this? Were they complicit in it?" Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security adviser, recounted in an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes."

Bush was not trying to intimidate anyone to "produce information," she said. Rather, given the United States' "actively hostile relationship" with Iraq at the time, he was asking Clarke "a perfectly logical question," she said.

The conversation — which the White House suggested last week never took place — centers on perhaps the most volatile charge that Clarke has made in recent days: that the Bush White House became fixated on Iraq and Saddam Hussein at the expense of focusing on al-Qaeda's role in the attacks.

In his new book, "Against All Enemies," Clarke recounts that the president pulled him and several other aides into the White House Situation Room on the evening of Sept. 12, 2001, and instructed them "to go back over everything, everything. See if Saddam did this. See if he's linked in any way."

Clarke was incredulous, he said in the book. "But, Mr. President, al Qaeda did this," he said he responded.

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RICE  
Question was "perfectly logical"

## A greenway in common

Developers and conservationists take a new tack on the South Waterfront

By RANDY GRAGG  
THE OREGONIAN

Between a ravaged industrial shoreline and what is destined to become Portland's densest urban neighborhood, humans and animals will live in a new kind of harmony — all in a 100-foot-wide strip of land.

That's the high ambition of the South Waterfront Greenway, a 1.2-mile-long stretch of land bordering the 130 acres the city hopes will become home to 10,000 new jobs, 5,000 residents and perhaps a new biotechnology district during the next 20 years.

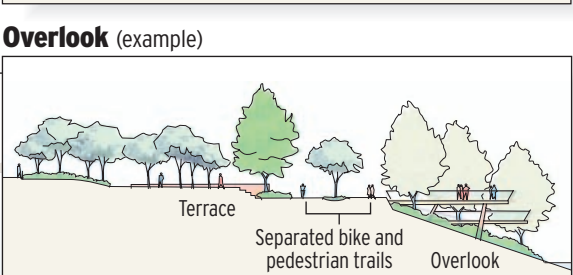
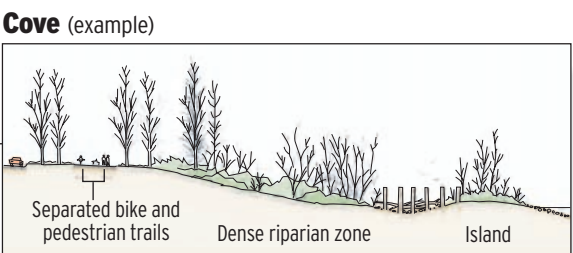
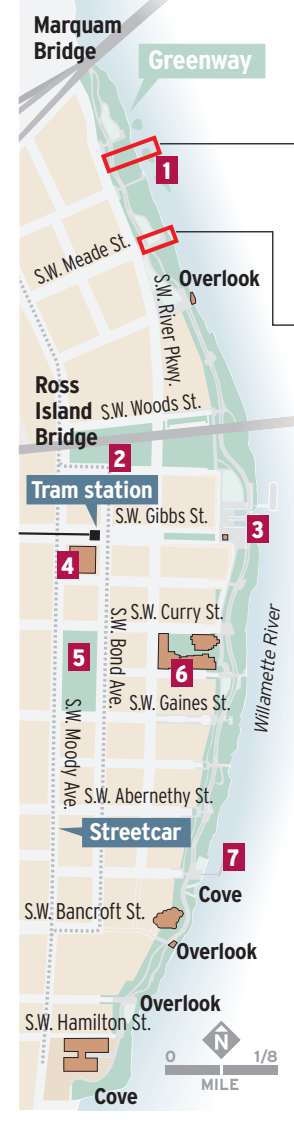
The city has tried to plan the greenway for more than a decade, making incremental progress in solving deep conflicts among property owners fearful of losing developable land, federal regulators protecting fish habitat, and environmentalists and planners debating how urban the district should be.

But now, with the first buildings rising from a \$1.9 billion deal involving the city, developers and Oregon Health & Science University, nearly all sides agree — it's time to get the greenway planned.

Next week, the Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation will publicly unveil the first draft of the greenway's development plan, an extraordinary effort to appease all sides by wedding the needs of high-rise dwellers and wildlife inside a space the width of a Portland Park Block.

"What we're trying is unprecedented," says Michael Zilis, one of the development plan's designers. "We're attempting

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**SOUTH WATERFRONT GREENWAY**  
Stretching 1.2 miles long through former industrial lands, the South Waterfront Greenway will meld together what planners hope will be the city's highest density neighborhood and an unprecedented restoration of wildlife habitat. The cutaway views above show the design with a fully mature landscape.

**Other features**  
1 Island and shallow water for prime habitat  
2 Potential 2-acre park  
3 Floating dock, preserved bargeway and major urban gathering area  
4 First OHSU building  
5 Neighborhood park  
6 First condo tower  
7 Floating dock

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## Meeting looks toward Cooper Spur compromise

Mt. Hood Meadows will tell opponents Tuesday of proposals to drop a golf course and trim development in favor of a land swap with the Forest Service

By MARK LARABEE  
THE OREGONIAN

Mt. Hood Meadows is offering to pare back

its plans to develop a destination ski resort and golf course near Cooper Spur by trading most of the land it owns there for two smaller buildable properties in Government Camp.

Everyone involved in years of debate over what's right for Mount Hood's northeastern flank has a different take on talks scheduled to begin Tuesday between Meadows and a group of Hood River residents who have taken the fight over Cooper Spur to the courthouse and

ballot box.

Meadows is proposing to trade 600 acres of its own near Cooper Spur for 120 acres of U.S. Forest Service land in Government Camp that is already zoned for residential use. If approved, the trade would protect the water source for about 2,500 Hood River Valley farms and homes, the manager of the ski area says.

Despite the agreement to open mediated

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Christopher Frankonis, better known as b!X, runs a weblog called "Portland Communique," which follows the goings-on of city government — in all its minutiae.

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### THE MONDAY PROFILE

Creator of must-read weblog

## b!X: Portland e-citizen doggedly chronicles local government

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THE OREGONIAN

The man in the floppy gray fishing hat took one last drag on his American Spirit cigarette, then ground it out on the sidewalk and pocketed the butt (still some left, and money's tight these days). Then he adjusted the press pass hanging around his neck and slipped quietly through the doors of Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

He'd already been going for eight hours straight, from City Hall to an ACLU news conference, and now to this North-

east Portland church and site of a mayoral candidates debate, and he was starting to get a little rummy, wishing he hadn't made that last espresso decaf after all. He swallowed a yawn.

Only a handful of people had shown up for the debate, and the candidates joked that they would be talking to themselves. But in a few hours, hundreds of people would know exactly what they had to say, thanks to the chain-smoking man in the floppy hat who had found his second wind at this fresh whiff of politics and was sitting in a front

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