



# Making Tracks

Highlights of the Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

October 2007

## In This Issue

- Refuge and the Community

YES on Measure 47

## Web Pages of Interest

[Friends of the Refuge](#)

[Tualatin River NWR](#)

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region](#)

## Contact Us

[Friends of the Refuge](#)  
19255 SW Pacific Hwy.  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
503-625-5944 ext.227

---

## Refuge and the Community

*The Friends Board of Directors recommends a YES vote on Ballot Measure 49 in the November election*

Measure 37 has proven to be flawed legislation. It has resulted in claims to develop more than 750,000 acres of Oregon—land that largely is protected forests, prime farmland, and areas where water for drinking and irrigation is limited. The typical Measure 37 claimants have turned out to be land speculators and large subdividers. A specific claim of significance to the Refuge is the one submitted by the owner of Lakeside Reclamation Landfill. He wants to expand his landfill, which would significantly increase the pollution risk for the Tualatin River.

### The Facts on Ballot Measure 49

- Ballot Measure 49 protects the property rights of small individual landowners by immediately allowing them up to 3 houses on their property, if the law allowed it when they bought their land. And it will pass those rights on to a surviving spouse or to someone who purchases the property from the current owner—something that Measure 37 did not do. Measure 49 does not require claims to be refiled; they'll simply continue through the process.
  - Additionally, if Measure 49 passes, property owners can build up to 10 houses if they can document a financial loss equal to the value of the additional houses—as voters intended when they supported Measure 37. If property is high-value farmland, forests, or places with limited water supplies, then only up to 3 home sites may be added.
  - Ballot Measure 49 closes the loopholes and protects the places that make Oregon special, stopping the abuse of huge housing subdivisions, strip malls, and industrial development (landfills) where they simply don't belong. Following passage of Measure 49, commercial and industrial development, as well as large subdivisions, must proceed through the existing land-use planning and development processes.
-